

Dick and Barbara Lippert of Oakton with service dogs in training, overnight guest, Libby, and their current pup, Gerta.

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Project Sticker Shock Raises Alcohol Awareness

Twenty-two students from James Madison High School and community members met Saturday morning, Jan. 31, at the Vienna Community Center to participate in Project Sticker Shock. The program, begun in 2003, is designed to help serve as a reminder to parents and all adults that it is illegal to purchase and provide alcohol to underage persons.

The event began with a press conference. Speakers included Vienna Mayor Jane Seaman, County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter-Mill) and Officer Bill

Murray with the Town of Vienna Police Department. Greg Olson, SGA Class of 2009 president, encouraged his fellow students to continue to be leaders in getting the message out to adults that alcohol use by young people under 21 is illegal and unsafe.

The students then formed three groups accompanied by a local Vienna or Fairfax County police officer and an adult chaperone that went into local businesses to place palm-size red "stop sign" shaped stickers onto beer and wine cooler packages. The sticker, geared to the adult community,

bears the message that it is illegal for an adult to purchase or provide alcohol to minors. By participating in this project, students throughout the state are taking a proactive stand against underage drinking and its related problems.

The program was cosponsored by the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, the James Madison High SADD, SGA and PTSA, Town of Vienna and Fairfax County police departments, Town of Vienna, Fairfax Countywide Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking and FCPS Safe and Drug Free Youth Office.

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Michele, Curtis and Betsy Khol with the family's four service dogs.



Elgin is the second service dog that Madison High School student, Curtis Khol, has raised.



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In 2008, JP Vinter signs his autograph for Childhelp Fashion Show and Luncheon co-chair, Bootsie Humenansky of Great Falls.

Guide Dogs In Training

Local families raise puppies for the blind.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The candidate failed training school; she was too active. But her innate talent, industriousness and perseverance caught the eye of an alternate agency. Joy went on to an illustrious career with a Prince George's

"You start with a puppy and then you get to see them graduate. All the hard work, time and energy pays off."

— Betsy Khol, pup raiser/college student

County arson squad, where she earned a letter of commendation for her work with a serial arsonist investigation. Joy is a Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) service dog, raised and trained by an Oakton couple, Barbara and Dick Lippert. "We never got an unteachable dog," Barbara Lippert said. "Pups that do not qualify as GEB service dogs are picked up by other agencies. Raisers always have the opportunity to get back a dog that does not qualify as a working dog."

On command, the Lipperts' puppy Gerta, and their "guest" pup, Libby, came racing out of their crates into the living room. Gerta, a 9-month-old black lab, is the Lipperts' sixth dog. Visitor Libby, a golden retriever of 11

months, bounded into the room with Gerta's soft bed hanging from her mouth.

"The reason we started doing this in the first place goes back to about 2001," Barbara Lippert said. "I met a woman with a dog wearing the blue training jacket. She told me about the program and we filed it away in the back of our minds."

"Dick wanted to travel when he retired so we did not want to commit to having a dog."

INSTEAD, they have committed to six dogs ... so far.

Foster families get a puppy from Guiding Eyes for the Blind when the pup is approximately 7 to 8 weeks old. The dog lives as a family member, with more privileges than most dogs will ever have. The Americans with Disabilities Act provides that no service dog can be turned away when working. The dog is an extension of the life of a disabled person.

Part of the socialization process a pup raiser engages in is bringing the puppy to any place a person would normally go, said Oakton foster parent, Michele Khol. Khol's son, Curtis, a senior at Madison High School, and her daughter, Betsy, have each taken on the responsibility and commitment of raising a pup.

"Raising these puppies is not for everyone," Michele Khol said. "But raising them becomes part of who you are."

Service dogs in training will go on trains, planes, buses and in cars. They go to the fireworks on the National Mall, to movie theatres, to restaurants, parks and petting zoos. The dogs are bred for confidence and calmness, Dick Lippert said. The hunting instinct is bred out. A graduate of the GEB program will not be distracted from doing his job. When the training jacket is on, the dog goes to work. As a working service dog, the dog recognizes his harness as his signal

Guiding Eyes For the Blind

For information on the nonprofit organization or to become a "pup raiser," go to <http://www.guidingeyes.org> For information on GEB's autism program, see http://www.guidingeyes.org/site/PageServer?pagename=stu_autism.

he is working.

"It's a perfect life for a dog," Barbara Lippert said. "What does a dog want more than to be with his person 24 hours a day, every day? They never get left home."

By the time that the pups leave foster care for training at the GEB facility in New York state, they will have mastered basic commands: take it, not yours, sit, down, stand, stay, heel, come, close, over, paw, give and close. A service dog sits or lies at the feet of his person and when on public transportation, sits facing forward.

RAISING A SERVICE DOG is a family affair. Training time is wasted if the dog is left on his own and family members pitch in to support the dog's training and welfare. While Curtis Khol is in class at Madison or practicing track and field, his mother Michele takes over Elgin's care and socialization.

"First thing in the morning when I get up, I feed the dogs. I take them out before I go to school," said Curtis Khol, an Eagle Scout. "Sometimes, I bring my dogs to classes with me. The principals and teachers are happy to allow my dogs in the schoolrooms."

"The dogs are jacketed to show they are working service dogs. Even kids who don't know me will come up and ask if I'm the pup raiser."

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Show of Support

Childhelp holds benefit fashion show and luncheon.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Washington Area Chapter of Childhelp, a nonprofit dedicating its resources to the treatment and prevention of child abuse, holds its 4th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Reston Hyatt Regency. WJLA TV News anchor, Cynne Simpson, will emcee the fashion show featuring more than 26 models, from moms to teens, "tweens" and children. "Healing the Hearts of Children" is this year's theme.

"This is a party with a purpose," said event co-chair, Bootsie Humenansky of Great Falls. "We did try to make it a lot of fun. It's an opportunity for people to throw off the winter blues, to introduce spring fashions and trends," Humenansky said. "It's a good girls' day out."

For members, sponsors, friends, tennis teams and book clubs, it's a chance to socialize for a good cause, Humenansky said. The luncheon menu features butternut squash soup, spice-rubbed chicken breast on a bed of saffron-herb orzo with broccolini and thyme bordelaise and key lime pie.

Most of the models are from the McLean/Great Falls area and several of the teens and preteens are members of WINGS, a Childhelp mother/daughter service-oriented group.

"This year will be the most fun," Humenansky said. "We're trying to grow every year." Title sponsor, Booz Allen Hamilton, has been "very, very helpful" to

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Freedom in Creation founder, Andrew E. Briggs of Vienna, describes the story behind the images at the Vienna Arts Society exhibit of "Child Artists, Child Soldiers No More."



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In Koro Abili, northern Uganda, a freed child soldier helps bring water to the community. Using their own hands, the children help build wells.

Child Soldiers No More

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Andrew Briggs did not enter college immediately after graduation from Vienna's James Madison High School in 1998. He took time off to do church-related humanitarian work, first in Bolivia and then in Kenya, volunteering with a medical team. He studied in Costa Rica and Spain and did a semester-at-sea through the University of Virginia, where he visited 12 countries. And after college graduation, in 2004, Briggs took a turn that led him away from personal creature comforts to a land of child soldiers and young girls given to guerilla commanders. It led him to Koro Abili in northern Uganda and to therapeutic artistic expression for rescued abducted children who are now "child artists, child soldiers no more."

"All of those experiences abroad helped me develop a world view and a philosophy of social responsibility," Andrew Briggs, founder, Freedom in Creation, said. Briggs said his travel experiences, including visits to Dachau exploring anti-Semitism, "impacted and defined" his philosophy.

In 2006, Briggs visited Uganda with a friend who works with children who have suffered great trauma. Briggs' vision was to work with children kidnapped by the Lord's Resistance Army and rescued from captivity, using artistic expression as therapy.

At the Vienna Arts Society gallery on Pleasant Street, artwork designed by the freed children, depicting their plight, hangs in a special showing. In return, Vienna children are creating artwork that Briggs will bring back to Koro Abili in an exchange program.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Andrew E. Briggs developed an art program that gives rescued child soldiers in Uganda an outlet for their expression of the pains they experienced.

"The purpose of the art program is to celebrate the kids, to celebrate freedom and their artistic voices," Briggs said. The drawings, paintings and photographs express the horror of these children's experiences, but, also, hope and optimism.

There's a photographic image, labeled "commonality before differences;" a drawing of soldiers strapped with weapons titled "Kill or Be Killed," and then, suddenly, a happy face of a teenage boy pops out from among the photographs.

From his visits to Koro Abili, Briggs developed relationships and friendships with the people of

the community, he said. The therapeutic art program grew, as did the mission to provide fresh drinking water to the people there. The rescued children play a vital role in the construction of wells. Using their own hands, the children "bring" drinking water to their villages by helping to build wells.

"The people in this community are my friends, they know me," Briggs said. "The relationship is one of friendship and solidarity."

WHAT FREEDOM IN CREATION has done is to have created a program in which catharsis

Vienna man bridges captivity and freedom with art program.

and therapy find an outlet through artwork. The art pieces move around the U.S. and Europe in a traveling exhibition.

"We've exhibited their art in Germany and Spain," Briggs said. "We're just now launching our public identity.

"I'd like for it to blossom and help the people in Uganda while providing help through therapeutic art and fresh drinking water."

Briggs' colleague and longtime friend, Joe Boulter, works with Freedom in Creation as a board member and vice president. Boulter and Briggs graduated from Madison High School together in 1998. Boulter is completing his MBA at Vanderbilt University after doing international finance-related risk management with Catholic Relief Services in Uganda, Sudan, Liberia and elsewhere.

For 23 years, the civil war ravaging Uganda has taken toll on the children from the villages, particularly those who have been abducted and used as child soldiers, sex slaves and laborers. Briggs said it is estimated that as many as 65,000 children have been abducted to be used by the oppressor army.

"These exhibits raise money and we educate the international community about the global village and role of the arts in humanitarianism.

"Before we identify ourselves nationally as Americans, we must identify ourselves as kin, as part of the human family," Briggs said.

See www.freedomincreation.org for more information about therapy through art and child soldiers in Uganda.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Connolly Keynotes Town Hall Meeting

Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11th) will be the keynote speaker at a Feb. 18 town hall meeting focusing on global warming and steps to address its impacts as well as the importance of clean energy investments. The meeting, free and open to the public, will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Fairfax City Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2514.

Newly-elected Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova will describe the county's efforts and plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Other speakers include Dale Medearis, senior environmental planner within Environmental and Planning Services, Northern Virginia Regional Commission, and Kent Baake, founder, Continuum Energy Solutions.

International Night At Marshall High

George C. Marshall High School is celebrating International Night, Feb. 19, from 6-9 p.m. Parent and student volunteers display booths from different countries. This year, there are booths from 26 countries where information and artifacts from these countries are displayed. A wide selection and variety of food from different parts of the world is also available.

This year's special attraction is the "Ethnic Attire Cultural Pageant" by Marshall faculty and staff. The faculty members will walk the ramp showing traditional dress from nine different countries.

Darwin's Birthday At Meadowlark

Celebrate natural history milestones including Charles Darwin and his idea of natural selection Sunday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna. The event will feature exhibits, activities, a living history actor and a brief program. Live music by dulcimer virtuoso, Jody Marshall, and refreshments, including a birthday cake for Mr. Darwin, will add to the festivities.

Reservations can be made by calling 703-528-5406 or 703-255-3631. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 12 and younger.

Childhelp to Hold Benefit

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the chapter, she said.

Last year, guests said they wished they had more time to mingle and browse the boutique vendors. For 2009, the event opens an hour earlier, at 10 a.m. Jewelry, accessories, beauty products, home fashions, children's books and hand-painted glassware are featured among the 20-plus vendor boutique. There is both a silent and a live auction, as well as a raffle.

Kathylee Forrester, who created therapeutic stuffed bears, will be recognized with a "Champion for Children" award at the luncheon. Forrester is an adult survivor of childhood abuse; her father was the perpetrator. Born of her personal terror, Forrester became an advocate of stronger laws to protect children. She has designed Patches the bear to help children express their emotions. Forrester donated 300 bears to the national organization and to the Childhelp Children's Center of Virginia.

"We're raising money through this luncheon to support the Childhelp programs in the Greater Washington area, including our shelter on Waples Mill Road," said publicity co-chair, Denise Balzano. Last year, the fashion show and luncheon netted the Greater Washington Chapter of Childhelp more than

\$35,000 for distribution to the Fairfax shelter and the residential treatment facility outside Culpeper.

EACH DAY IN AMERICA, more than four children die as a result of child abuse in the home.

Childhelp is one of the oldest and largest national nonprofits dedicated to the treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect. The organization provides a broad continuum of child abuse prevention and treatment programs that directly serve children and their families, including The Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD), residential treatment villages, children's advocacy centers, abuse prevention training for children and adults, as well as group homes and foster care.

Where & When

The Greater Washington Chapter of Childhelp Fashion Show and Luncheon is Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Reston Hyatt Regency, Reston Town Center. Tickets are \$75. Call Bootsie Humenansky at 703-444-3839 or e-mail her at bootsieh@aol.com to buy tickets or to reserve a seat. Payment in advance is by check or cash. The schedule: 10 a.m.-noon, boutique sales and silent auction; noon, lunch served and presentation of award to Kathylee Forrester; 12:30 p.m., one-hour fashion show begins; boutique sales continue until 3 p.m.

"IT'S A GOOD TIME to renew friendships, socialize and get a better look at all the vendors and silent auction items," said Humenansky. "And have a mimosa."

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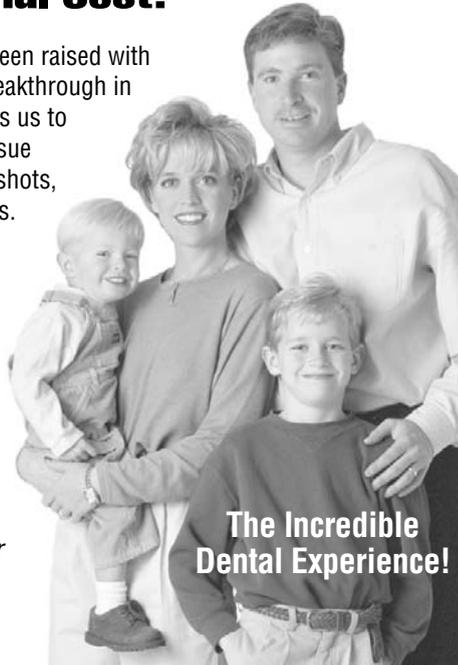
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OPINION

No to Gatehouse II

Almost \$100 million for second school HQ building is pre-meltdown thinking.

Superintendent of Schools Jack Dale and other Fairfax County Public school administrators persist in pressing for the purchase of a new, additional building next to its current headquarters.

School Board members and Board of Supervisors members should push back against this proposal.

So far, proponents of buying the 275,000-square-foot building next door to the 210,000 square foot existing headquarters say that this is the only way they can vacate 15 properties.

Vacating those buildings will save millions of dollars they say by terminating leases and avoiding renovations; plus some are needed for new schools. These savings lead proponents to call this program "self funded."

But now that we are in a different economy, local government will have to learn to think differently about such problems.

Leaders will have to find a way to vacate 15 buildings without spending nearly \$100 million, thereby reaping the savings without going into debt for part two of a school Taj Mahal.

There are some 600 employees in Gatehouse I, and plans to move some 700 more to

Gatehouse II. That's nearly half a million square feet of top quality office space for administration. There will be no teachers or students in these buildings.

We should note that this proposal comes from good intentions. We hear that camaraderie, synergy and communication have all improved from having a critical mass of administration and services located in a single place. It's a benefit Dale, Dean Tisdadt and others rightly would like to expand.

But administrators of the Fairfax County Public School system do not need office space fit for a top-flight law firm. Space inside Gatehouse I could be reconfigured so that almost all employees had their own cubicles — not offices. A few small conference rooms could make room for private conversations and phone calls as needed.

Many employees already telecommute, or could, on some days, and others spend most of their time in a variety of schools. These employees should share space; a cart for their files and a laptop should enable them to use modular space, greatly increasing the number of workers who could be accommodated in-

side the existing building.

FCPS also purchased three acres next to Gatehouse I where the original proposal was to build Gatehouse II. Now the proposal is to purchase an adjacent existing building.

Instead, the schools should install modulars (trailers) on the three acres to accommodate any employees who need to vacate the 15 buildings but don't fit inside a reconfigured Gatehouse I.

There are also problems with the process being used in this decision. There have been no public hearings on the subject. And the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider this next week. When we modernize or build schools here, voters get to weigh in by means of a referendum, and Fairfax voters have overwhelming supported school projects. Why don't voters have a say on this, which has been in the works for years?

This way, the schools can save \$100 million twice.

Don't just take our word for it, read the school system's arguments in favor of buying Gatehouse II at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/office.htm>.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Quick Fix

To the Editor:

On Feb. 16, the governor informed the General Assembly about the latest decline in tax revenues in January 2009, which will add another \$800 million to the state deficit (which is now \$3.7 billion).

This broad-based deterioration is caused by declining revenue in three specific tax categories: payroll withholding tax, individual estimated income tax and retail sales tax. Each one is important as a barometer for economic activity. The sharp decline for each in January indicates that a state recession could last years, not months. Here are the details:

❖ **Payroll Withholding:** Payroll withholding contracted 16 percent in the second half of this January (compared to December). Why the collapse? Probably because employers kept workers on through the Christmas holiday, then let them go in January with two weeks of severance. That would explain the sudden drop starting Jan. 15. Fewer payroll withholdings means less state revenue. Fewer jobs means less money for consumers to spend. Meanwhile, unemployment claims will rise in 2009 which places ex-

tra stress on surviving businesses.

❖ **Estimated income tax payments:** Self-employed Virginians pay income tax via quarterly assessments based on projected income. The projections are reconciled to actual income at the end of the year. When estimated tax payments start dropping it's an indication that small business owners are either (i) showing lower-than-expected profits or (ii) predicting that their income will drop in the coming year. Each is happening. Based on the January data, the self-employed are projected to pay 18 percent less in taxes in 2009 than originally projected. That is huge. In fact, that alone is causing a \$560 million additional hole in the budget.

❖ **Retail Sales Tax:** Although declining retail sales gets the most attention, it actually has the least impact on the state budget. In the holiday shopping season of December-January, Virginia sales receipts declined 9 percent. While a critical indicator of our recession, the total impact on the budget through June 30, 2010 from declining retail sales is only \$100 million. This is because our state income tax, not sales tax, is the primary revenue driver for the Virginia budget. Regardless, the drop in retail sales reflects an underly-

ing lack of confidence from consumers which is inextricably tied to the above income statistics.

My purpose in reciting these most-recent statistics is not to alarm anyone. Virginia is still a stable economy with one of the lowest unemployment rates in the U.S. We have a great portfolio of business leaders and technology innovators who create opportunities. Our citizens wake up early and work hard. Nobody in this economy is asking for "extra sleep time."

However, the economic situation we face today will last beyond the short-term future, beyond the next election cycle. It cannot be "fixed" by any stimulus package, no matter how large or well-intended.

The only real solution is for Virginians to rebuild, revitalize and retrofit our state economy with a focus on "next-generation" technologies that maximize employment in long-term sustainable jobs. It won't be easy. And in light of January's economic figures, it's not going to be quick. But it's the challenge we must overcome together. In the meantime, all our public servants, whether in Richmond or in Fairfax, must react accordingly in setting their budgets.

We have two more weeks in Richmond before our planned ad-

journalment on March 1. You can continue to reach us in Richmond at www.fairfaxsenator.com or 804-698-7534. Or review my Assembly blog at www.oxroadsouth.com for the latest information. Let us know how we can represent you better.

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An Open Letter To Chairman Bulova

Dear Chairman Bulova:

I thought this cat was dead. Why do we have to continually consider, especially in secret this very bad idea called Gatehouse II?

Citizens are becoming fed up. The big elephant in the room over the last several months has been exotic Wall Street conglomerates who turned out to be not so exotic and not so good at management decisions. Among those bad decisions were mortgage schemes in which no early-year interest payments were required of some subprime borrowers. Subsequently, as we now know, these not so exotic organizations have re-

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Activities reported by the Vienna police department through Feb. 13.

ARREST

Beulah Road at Creek Crossing Road, N.E. Feb. 6, 5:58 p.m. Officer Mangan responded for a suspicious person call. After arriving he located a 25 year old male of Saint Roman Drive in Vienna and placed him under arrest for Drunk in Public. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

600 Block Spring St., S.E. Feb. 7, 8:38 a.m. MPO Borja responded to the listed location for one dog attacking another dog. A Pit-Bull was attacking a black Labrador Retriever. After her arrival it was learned that a citizen had employed the use of a baseball bat in an attempt to persuade the Pit Bull to release the victim dog. After several applications, he was successful. The victim dog had several puncture wounds around its neck area and was transported to Pender Veterinary Clinic for treatment. Contact was then made with the caretaker of the Pit Bull on Park St., S.E. It was learned that the pit bull had jumped its fence to attack the Labrador. The caretaker of the Pit Bull, a 61 year old female of the 700 Block of Park St. in Vienna was issued a summons for Dog at Large. The dog was also quarantined for a ten day period. The Labrador is expected to fully recover. ACO Harrington will follow up on this case.

200 Block Locust St., S.W. Feb. 7, 12:01 p.m. On Feb. 7 while on routine patrol Officer Maiorana of the Vienna Police Department heard a gun shot coming from the yard of a citizen near Courthouse Road and Locust Streets,

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PEOPLE

Three generations of the Holdaways complete Endurance Trail Race: from left, Chris, Cameron, Jeff and Grant Holdaway.



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Vienna Family Completes 'Ultra Race'

Three generations of the Holdaways run Endurance Trail Race in Texas.

The Holdaway family of Vienna likes to run — a lot. This past weekend, Jeff Holdaway and his entire family flew to Huntsville, Texas, for the Rocky Raccoon 100-Mile and 50-Mile Endurance Trail Run. They were joined by Jeff's father, Grant Holdaway, 77, of Vineyard, Utah, and his sister Wendy Holdaway, 53, from Mexico City. Jeff Holdaway, 50, a Vienna resident and associate general counsel for Marriott International, ran the 100-mile race along with his sis-

ter. His two oldest sons, Chris, 17, and Cameron, 15, both students at James Madison High School, ran their first 50-mile race with their grandfather. Youngest son, Matt, 12 and a sixth-grader at Wolftap Elementary won the 1-mile Fun Run the day before. Keeping it all in the family, his wife, Karen Bybee, and Matt Holdaway helped pace and crew throughout the day.

Jeff Holdaway and his father Grant started running 100-mile races almost 12 years ago. Jeff Holdaway has completed 24 100-

mile races, including nine finishes at the Rocky Raccoon 100; however, this was the first "ultra run" for sons Chris and Cameron. Both boys run cross country and indoor track for their school, but prior to the Rocky Raccoon 50, the longest race they had run was the Army 10-Miler.

Completion times: 100-mile race: Jeff Holdaway (21:13:47), second masters male finisher; Wendy Holdaway (28:13:40), third masters female finisher. 50-mile race: Chris Holdaway (10:20:26), first 17-and-under finisher, age group record; Cameron Holdaway (11:23:24), 2nd 17-and-under Finisher; Grant Holdaway (14:04:48), second 70-plus finisher, age group record.

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CRIME

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SW. He then observed an individual with a shotgun in his hands. The individual was identified as a 65 year old male of Locust Street in Vienna. The suspect shot a hawk out of his tree because it was preying on squirrels in his yard. He was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Discharging a Firearm in a Public Place and Cruelty to Animals; both misdemeanors. He was released by the Magistrate on his personal recognizance.

Maple Ave. at Follin Lane, S.E. Feb. 7, 9:52 p.m. Officer Wilkerson observed a vehicle travelling above the posted speed limit and conducted a traffic stop. After interacting with the driver, she detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 62 year old male of Center Ridge Drive in Oakton, performed several field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. The suspect was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. He refused to submit to the analysis and was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There he was formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal to Submit to Breath Test.

Niblick Drive at Wolftrap Road, S.E. Feb. 8, 12:16 a.m. Officer Wilkerson observed a vehicle travelling in excess of the posted speed limit and conducted a traffic stop. After interacting with the driver, Officer Wilkerson detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 21 year old female of Narragansett Place in Vienna, performed several field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. She was transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of her breath. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated- 2nd Offense within 5 Years.

Maple Ave. at Lewis St., N.W. Feb. 8, 1:32 a.m. PFC Simon located a disabled vehicle sitting on Maple Ave. with a shredded front tire. As PFC Simon approached the vehicle, the driver attempted to drive away but was stopped a short distance away. After interacting with the driver, PFC Simon detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 21 year old male of Blackstone Terrace in Vienna, performed several field sobriety tests. He was then arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. After the analysis, he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated and held on a \$1000.00 bond.

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 18

Sonya Kitchell, Residency and Naia Kete.

Acoustic/indie. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

C. J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band.

General admission dance. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Miss Belle's Sing-Along.

10:30 a.m. Enjoy old favorites and original songs. Birth-5 with adult. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

PJs and Popcorn. 7 p.m. Come and watch a movie in your pajamas. Age 1-5 with adult. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Recital Series. 1 p.m., St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The "Third Wednesday at One" recital series presents organist Jonathan Laird. Free. 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 19

Young Dubliners.

Rock and Irish music. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Mae, Shirock and The Daylights.

Rock. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

V.I.P. Vienna. 10 a.m. Support group for adults with vision loss. Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Chapter 227 of Vietnam Veterans of America.

7:30 p.m. All veterans, friends and general public are invited to attend the chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. The public is invited, and admission is free. Len Ignatowski, 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

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.

Cyber Summit. 7 p.m., Vinson Hall Auditorium, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The Safe Community Coalition will host its third annual Cyber Summit. The theme of this year's program is Internet & Digital Technology: Teaching Our Children about Cyber-Safety, Cyber-Ethics, & Cyber-Security. Free and open to all. Visit www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

FRIDAY/FEB. 20

'A Raisin in the Sun.' 7 p.m. at James Lee Community Theatre, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church.

Angela Hansberry's 1959 play about a family's experiences in Washington Park. For tickets, contact Nomikka Hunter at 703-324-555. Admission \$5. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec.

Luke Brindley. Acoustic/rock. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Jonathan Edwards, folk singer. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$24. 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.

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.

Game On, 6 p.m. Runescape, DDR, Wii, Rock Band, pizza and soda at the library. Age 10-18. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

L.A. Theatre Works and "The Great Tennesse Monkey Trial," 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Tickets are \$19-\$38. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Chris Ayer. 7:30 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Singer/songwriter Chris Ayer will perform his original music. Tickets: \$15/person, \$12/McLean residents. Call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Pig Farm. 8 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. 1st Stage presents "Pig Farm," a comedy by Greg Kotis, playwright of "Urinetown." Tickets: \$25/adults, \$15/students; call 1-800-838-3006 or visit www.1stStageSpringHill.org.

"Making Connections Arts Marathon," a 24-hour festival of theater, art, music, film and dance activities starting 8 a.m. at George Mason University's Fine Arts Building, Performing Arts Building and the Johnson Center, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Free. 703-993-8898. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa for a schedule of specific events.

SATURDAY/FEB. 21

Second City National Touring Company. Improv. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Luke Brindley. Acoustic/rock. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

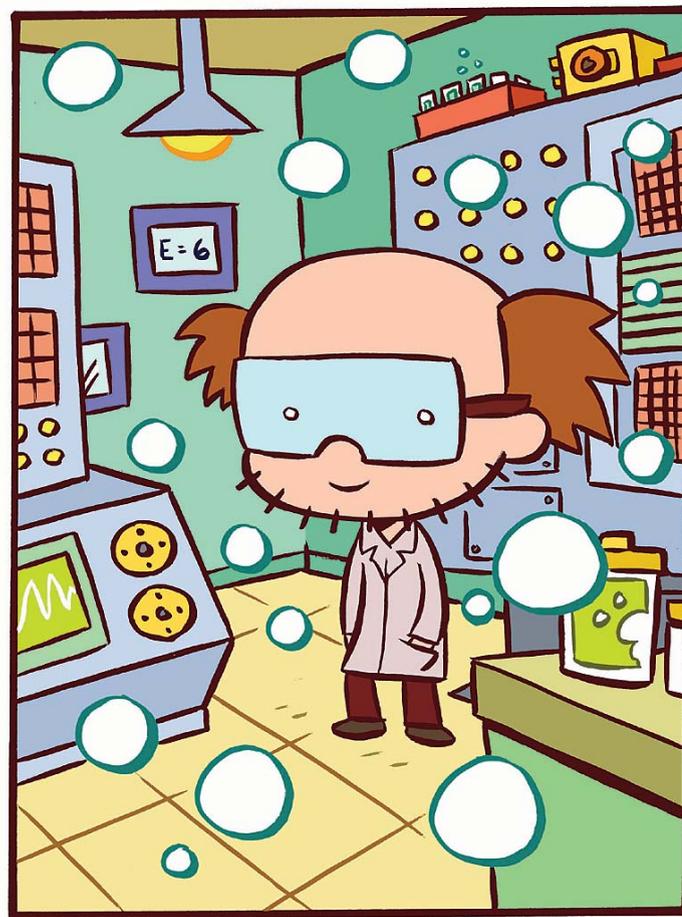
Robbert Bobbert and the Bubble Machine, powerpop for little boys and girls. 11 a.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Building a Garden. 10 a.m., Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Horticulturist Lorie Short will demonstrate how to build a trough. Recipes, forms, curing processes and texturing techniques will also be discussed. Free. Reservations required. 703-255-3631.

Childhelp Fashion Show. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Spring clothing collections for ladies, teens, and children, silent and live auctions, raffle and boutique sales. Proceeds benefit Childhelp's child abuse treatment and prevention programs. Admission \$75. 703-444-3839 or bootsie@aol.com.

Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra, 8 p.m. at the George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$19-\$38. Age 12 and under, half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

The Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association, 7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Dancing lessons begin at 7:30 p.m. with open dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. \$12 per person. 703-860-4941 or www.nvcwda.org.



Robbert Bobbert and the Bubble Machine brings powerpop for little boys and girls to Jammin' Java in Vienna on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Sports Cards and Comic Books. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. The Sports Card and Comic Book Show will be held. Admission: \$3/person. Call 301-990-4929.

Pig Farm. 4 and 8 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy by Greg Kotis, playwright of "Urinetown." \$25 adults, \$15 students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1stStageSpringHill.org.

"Congress on Your Corner" with Congressman Gerry Connolly, 1-3 p.m. at the Oakton Library's Meeting Room No. 1 at 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Connolly will be available to meet one-on-one with area residents about legislative and community issues. He will be accompanied by constituent service representatives from his congressional staff who will be prepared to assist residents on matters involving federal agencies. 703-256-3071.º

SUNDAY/FEB. 22

'Pianofortissimo' featuring The Silver-Garburg Piano Duo, with the Amadeus Chamber Players. Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, Carnival of the Animals by Saint-Saens and more. St. Luke Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Admission \$25, including post-concert refreshments and a chance to meet the performers. Age 17 and under free. 703-759-5334 or www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Second City National Touring Company. Improv. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

An Evening with Fred Eaglesmith. Roots rock. 7:30 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Celtic Concerts, 4,6, and 8 p.m., The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Al Petteway and Amy White perform Appalachian musical translations of Scotch-Irish traditions with guitar, mandolin and Celtic harp. \$15. 703-759-3309.

Charles Darwin's Birthday. 2-4 p.m., Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750

Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Learn about the life of Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution during a birthday party complete with cake and celebration. \$5 per person. Reservations required, call 703-255-3631 ext. 0.

Pig Farm. 2 and 6 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy by Greg Kotis, playwright of "Urinetown." \$25 adults, \$15 students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1stStageSpringHill.org.

Local Matinee with Thomas and Black Bird Lewis, 2 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Belly Dancing. 11 a.m., The Alay'nya Studio, 1437 Emerson Ave., McLean, will hold a class for women wishing to join ongoing Beginner's belly dance classes. \$75. 703-268-6959.º

Freedom in Creation Benefit. 2 p.m., The Conscious Bean, 10123 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. A benefit for Freedom in Creation, a community led arts-based psychosocial, education and water development program aimed at empowering children of war-affected Northern Uganda. Art will be on display and a concert by the Brother Ponies of Leesburg will be held. 571-237-3886.

MONDAY/FEB. 23

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.

Game On Afternoon Edition, 3:30 p.m. Test your prowess at the Wii Mario Kart Tournament. Prizes and snacks provided. Age 6-16. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

TUESDAY/FEB. 24

Great Decisions Seminar, 2 p.m. Roundtable discussion of U.S. foreign policy. Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Good Night Sleep Tight, 7 p.m. Bedtime stories and songs. Age 2-4 with adult. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-

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Victory Red, Ringleader, Tami D'mar and Rana Mansour, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 25

Ian McLagan and the Bump Band. 7:30 p.m. \$17 advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Dinosaurs on Parade, 10:30 a.m. Have fun hearing about huge animals from long ago. Age 3-5 with adult. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

THURSDAY/FEBRUARY 26

George Winston, folk pianist. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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

Book Discussion Group, 1 p.m. Call for title. Adults. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

Griffin House and Charlie Mars. Rock/folk. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

The Common Threat, Along Those Lines, The Hard Lessons and Fall Back Plan, 10 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/FEB. 27

George Winston, folk pianist. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Red Molly. Folk/bluegrass. 7 p.m. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.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.

Antique Show and Sale. 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Dealers will display and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles. Admission is \$4.50. 703-255-6360.

Mardi Gras Party. 5-7 p.m., Club Phoenix Teen Center, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to celebrate Mardi Gras. Enjoy food and games and receive Mardi Gras beads in exchange for bringing canned goods for local families in need. Free. Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Pig Farm. 8 p.m., 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy by Greg Kotis, playwright of "Urinetown." Tickets: \$25 adults, \$15 students. 1-800-838-3006 or www.1stStageSpringHill.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 28

Aztec Two-Step. Acoustic duo. 7 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

George Winston, folk pianist. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Planting Gardens. 10:30 a.m.,

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Folk singer Jonathan Edwards will perform on Friday, Feb. 20 at The Barns at Wolf Trap.

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Oakton Church of the Brethren,

10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna, provides an Ash Wednesday Service, **Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m.** entitled: "Seven Who Met Jesus." The service focuses on those who met Jesus and were changed by the experience. The service is free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** will be holding its quarterly "Lunch N' Life" **March 9, 12 p.m.** at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. The program will feature special guest speaker Linwood Holton, former Governor of Virginia from 1970 to 1974. Gov. Holton will share life experiences, stories and anecdotes from his recently published

memoir "Opportunity Time." Cost: \$8. Reservations and payment for lunch required in advance; call 703-281-0538 or e-mail office@scov.org.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, is hosting its semi-annual consignment sale of baby, child and maternity items Friday, **March 20, 7-9 p.m.** and Saturday, **March 21, 8-11 a.m.** 703-356-3567.

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NOTICE is hereby given that an election to select persons to serve on the McLean Community Center Governing Board, as authorized in a Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on February 8, 1984, will be held on McLean Day, at the Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia:

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Said election will select individuals to serve on the Governing Board in the following numbers and categories:

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Two (2) youth residents of Small District No. 1 of Dranesville District being fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age to serve one (1) year terms. One resident shall be elected from the area served by McLean High School, and one resident shall be elected from the area served by Langley High School. The areas served shall be prescribed in the current edition of Approved Boundaries, Fairfax Public Schools.

All residents seeking nomination to the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center shall file a petition to be received **on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27, 2009**, at:

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Nominees shall be required to obtain the signatures of ten (10) residents of the Small District No. 1. All petitions will be certified on **Friday, March 27, 2009**, by the Election Committee, and names of nominees will subsequently be published in newspapers having general circulation in the Dranesville District.

Candidate photos will be taken at the Center on Saturday, March 28, 2009, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

All residents of Small District No. 1 of Dranesville are eligible to vote for candidates in their respective category: adult and youth.

- Adult: Any resident who is eighteen (18) years of age or older on the day of election; and
- Youth: Any resident who is fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age on the day of election.

Verification of age and residence shall be determined from drivers license, student identification card, birth certificate, or other satisfactory evidence.

The complete results of said election will be reported by the Election Committee to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at their next regular meeting following the election, and said Board of Supervisors, after determining that it is in the public interest, shall appoint those persons receiving the greatest number of votes in their respective categories (adults and youth) to the McLean Community Center Governing Board. Said certification for this election shall be effective upon action by the Board of Supervisors.

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SCHOOLS

'Curriculum Showcase Night' at Marshall High

George C. Marshall High School held its first "Curriculum Showcase Night," Feb. 11. Parents and students were invited to tour the school and browse through its classrooms, where teachers, instructors and student volunteers had set up presentations of the various courses and programs offered.

Turnout was average, with a mix of current students hoping to determine which classes to take the following year and prospective transfer students deciding whether they want to attend Marshall in the fall. Parents and students alike said they appreciated the opportunity to evaluate the school's programs — with several saying they were impressed that a public school would put on such an event. Principal Jay Pearson said they hope to undertake similar presentations in the future.

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SCHOOL NOTES

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Jr. of Oakton.

The following students were **Thoreau Middle School** Regional Scholastic Art Award winners: Grant Hofmann: Gold Key, drawing, "The Mind's Window," Brendan Logue: Gold Key, sculpture, "Anticipant Troll," Simran Singh: Gold Key, drawing, "Black and White," Luc LeFrancois: Silver Key, painting, "Mailbox Lane." Logue and Singh also won two and one Cer-

tificates of Merit, respectively.

Mudit Mathur of Vienna has been named to the fall honors list at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mathur is majoring in mechanical engineering.

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

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Oakton Families Raise Guide Dogs

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Dick and Barbara Lippert hand out "treat" rewards to Libby and Gerta for good work.

"It's not something most high-school kids would want to do because it's such a big time commitment. You have to give up a lot of social activities," he said.

Curtis Khol will talk with any teen who is interesting in learning more about raising a service dog, he said.

Curt Khol, Michele's husband, occasionally takes a pup to work with him at the Pentagon.

It was a 13-year-old Betsy Khol who introduced her family to fostering a service dog. At a Girl Scout summer camp, Betsy Khol heard a presentation by an Oakton resident who had authored a book on raising a service dog. Betsy Khol was hooked.

Betsy Khol brought Buster, a 16-month-old black lab, to school with her this year at Rochester Institute of Technology. It took the Khols four months to go through the process of authorization; Buster is RIT's first service dog in training. He lives in a dorm room with Betsy and her roommate, who, said Betsy Khol, is happy to have a dog there.

At the Khols' house, humans stash treats in their pockets for rewarding their trainees' positive behavior. The family's newest addition, 8-week-old pup, Faraday, wriggles and squirms, but has role models to look up to in the Khol home. Elgin, at 16 months, is Curtis' second service dog in training. Eagle, 5 years old, is living out his retirement as the Khols' family pet. Betsy Khol raised Eagle but it didn't work out with his blind companion, so Betsy was offered Eagle back. "He's a very sweet dog," Michele Khol said. "He's a teacher to the pups."

FOSTERING A SERVICE DOG started out as Barbara Lippert's project but soon Dick Lippert became as much into it as Barbara is. Dick, said his wife, always loved dogs and is good with them. When he was in high school, Dick Lippert had a dog walking business because he had no dog of his own.

Gerta goes to work with Dick Lippert once a week. Soon, Gerta will take her vacation with a puppy sitter as Libby is doing now at the Lippert home.

"It's hard when the pups you raised go off to training school but you think of the people they'll be helping," said Barbara Lippert. "It's like when kids go off to college. On one hand, you miss them terribly. But, on the other hand, you know they're right where they should be and you feel proud that all the work you did is paying off."

"You shed some tears when they graduate," said Dick Lippert, "but you know you'll get another pup that you'll start through the process."

The Lipperts' previous pup, Chanel No. 5 — the Lippert's fifth service dog — made it into the Guiding Eyes for the Blind "elite" breeding program. Chanel was in the top 4 percent of puppies to "pass on their superior traits to future generations of guide dogs," said the official congratulatory letter. The Lipperts are in line to take in one of Chanel's pups, the Lipperts' seventh foster pup.

"It's an ongoing relationship if the blind person desires," said Barbara Lippert. The Lipperts have maintained a friendship with A.J., a young blind man now engaged, who graduated with a Lippert pup a couple of years ago.

Barbara Lippert makes scrapbooks dedicated to each pup she and Dick have raised. The photos are captioned with a description inspired by the moment, written from the pup's point of view. "Goodbye" shows the Lipperts with their service dog at graduation.

She volunteers to drive the region's van to New York state occasionally to bring the socialized puppies up for their guide dog training. "I get to bring back new puppies, which is always fun, especially when one is for me," she said.

Dick Lippert is the "crate" man for the region; he stores them in his home. Barbara Lippert calls herself "Mrs. Crateman" because much of the work is left to her during the day.

"What I get out of this," said Dick Lippert, "is the satisfaction of knowing a blind person will gain a tremendous amount of freedom and independence from having one of these guide dogs."

"And there's the enjoyment of working with these dogs who are really good dogs. Each one is like a project and you have the satisfaction of seeing the results of the project when they go off and graduate."

Barbara Lippert said she gets all the same things out of this that her husband does and more. "I was bored when I wasn't working anymore so the dogs get me into the outside world. They have put me back in touch with my neighbors."

GEB GIVES the service dogs to blind people at no charge. The organization has developed a service dog program for autistic children called "Healing Autism." GEB has a broad reach; it has sent service dogs off to the Connecticut State Police and other law enforcement agencies in the eastern U.S. and Canada.

"It takes a unique type of person to do this," said Michele Khol. "Everyone who does this does it for the love of dogs and a commitment to help blind people and autistic children."

Betsy Khol said the experience of letting her first pup go into training was the hardest. After the first graduation, she said, you see that you're involved with a worthy organization and after the first time, "it's not that hard."

"You start with a puppy and then you get to see them graduate," said Betsy Khol. "All the hard work, time and energy pays off."

"The dogs are not really yours. That mentality makes it easier to let go. Your goal is to have them work for somebody else, somebody who needs them to be independent."

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Schools Float Second HQ Building Proposal

Supervisors will discuss project at Feb. 23 meeting.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools has revived a proposal to purchase a second building for its central office staff after initial efforts to acquire the property stalled last fall.

According to school staff, the new office building would allow the school system to consolidate many of its central administration functions on one Merrifield campus and could result in cost savings.

But following a closed door meeting in September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors rejected the school system's first plan for building acquisition. Several said they were skeptical that the \$110 million purchase was fiscally prudent, particularly in the current economic downturn and as the county faced a projected \$650 million budget deficit.

"The deal that was presented before I felt very strongly was something we should not do. I thought they were paying too much for the building," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

On Feb. 23, school officials will return to the supervisors with a new, cheaper plan to purchase the property at 8111 Gatehouse Road. In a matter of months, the cost of the project has gone from \$110.1 million to \$94.5 million and the savings estimate associated with the project has grown from \$22.2 million to \$62.2 million over the next 30 years, they said.

ACCORDING to the school system, these additional savings were realized primarily because the owner agreed to drop the price of the building from \$52 million to \$45 million. Officials have also agreed to scale back their renovation plans for the building from \$58.1 million to \$49.5 million by eliminating plans to acquire new furniture, add parking and improve traffic flow on the site at this time.

The school system had also identified one more leased building, the Instructional Center Support Systems warehouse, which could be vacated if the school system moved into the new Gatehouse property. The rent on the warehouse is currently about \$502,000 annually and could go toward covering the cost of the building purchase instead, said officials.

Since school officials brought forward the proposal this fall, the number of positions that would be eliminated as a result of the move has also increased from 18 to 28. By



The school system is coming back with a proposal to purchase this building for administrative purposes.

cutting 10 more jobs, the school system would gain an extra \$2 million annually in cost savings, according to documents explaining the merits of the building purchase.

YET SEVERAL PEOPLE, including at least two supervisors, are still skeptical of the plan. They question the merits of the school system's business case and wonder whether purchasing administrative offices during the county's worst financial crisis in history is politically palpable.

Many argued that too much of the discussion about the building's purchase has taken place out of the public eye in "back rooms." Some critics said that the school board should have conducted more outreach to the public on the project.

"I would think spending \$100 million would be something that they would want the community to respond to. I don't see why they can't take this out to the community before making a decision on it," said Michelle Menapace, president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D) said she is attempting to make the dialogue over the building purchase more transparent. Instead of having conversations about the project behind closed doors, the supervisors and school officials will discuss the new building acquisition proposal in public Feb. 23.

"I think it is appropriate and long overdue for us to have that discussion out front," said Bulova, who added that holding a public hearing on the project did not seem necessary.

The supervisors are unlikely to vote on the proposal directly after hearing the school system's presentation next week and would probably make a final decision about the building at a later meeting. In the mean-

time, Bulova said the school system has set up meetings with community stakeholders to brief them on the revised building purchase plan.

"I encouraged presentations to be made to as many community organizations and groups as possible," said Bulova.

FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt added that many major county organizations, including the local federation of civic associations and chamber of commerce, had endorsed the previous plan.

"These are not groups that were going to support anything we put in front of them," he said.

STILL, THERE are some groups and supervisors who said it is not likely that they will be talked into supporting the purchase of a building for central administrators under any circumstances.

"I don't understand why anybody would think it was a good thing to do," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

Herrity questions much of the school system's analysis of the cost savings the project would achieve.

Some of the cost savings show up because the building purchase has only been compared to one other option — the construction of a new administrative building, said Herrity. According to the Springfield supervisor, the financial picture, and savings, could change drastically if the building purchase was compared to other scenarios — such as maintaining the status quo.

The school officials' numbers also assume that the school system would have to continue leasing office space for the same price it currently does if officials did not have the opportunity to move into the newly purchased building. But many of the school system's leases are up for renewal next year and it is likely officials could negotiate better rates at that time, said Herrity.

And though the price of the building has come down, Herrity added that it is still too high. The property's present owners paid \$45 million for the building in 2006 and the school system should not be paying the

exact same price in 2009, when the commercial real estate market is in decline, he said.

"Their financial model is off. They are making the numbers work to justify what they want to do," said Herrity of the current proposal.

Scott Chronister, who helps lead the Fairfax Coalition of Advocates for Public Schools (Fairfax CAPS), agrees with Herrity. He is concerned that many of the cuts to bring the project's cost down will reappear in future years.

Chronister said he anticipates the traffic changes that were originally planned as part of the project will be completed at a future date and that the school system will eventually purchase new furniture for building, even if they took out those expenses in their recent proposal.

"We are going to pay for those traffic changes as a result of [the project.] They are just taking it off the books and not reflecting it in the project right now so they can show some additional savings," said Chronister.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM had predicted its first administrative building, Gatehouse I, would save them over \$20 million. Instead, the building ended up reducing costs by \$10 million, in part because they were unable to eliminate as many positions as they had originally planned.

"The first cost savings weren't what they said they were going to be," said Herrity.

Tistadt said the school system is likely to "realize" most of the costs savings that they had originally slated for the first administrative building project when they purchase the second office building.

At the request of Herrity and other supervisors, the school system will also present "status quo" and "lease" options along with the building purchase and building construction scenarios next week, he said.

But the school system also has pressing facility needs that would make the purchase of second administrative building advantageous, said Tistadt. The school system intends to convert many of the smaller office buildings where central office workers are currently housed into schools sites to deal with the county's growing student population, he said.

Some of the supervisors still think the administrative building purchase will be a tough sell to the public in a year when county residents are being asked to make large sacrifices in other areas of the budget.

"I think [the project] is a concept that has come at the completely wrong time. The perception of this matters. When you are increasing class sizes and cutting police services, I don't see how you can agree to purchase a new office building for administrators," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

"I just don't know that this is the right time to invest \$100 million in an administrative building. It definitely sends a wrong signal," said Foust.

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Defense Continues to Lead Madison Boys

Warhawks confident going into Liberty tournament.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Madison High boys basketball team has, for the most part, won behind its outstanding, suffocating team defense this season. And with the regular season having just been completed, the Warhawks are playing about as well in that facet of the game as it can.

That bodes well for Madison's chances at this week's Liberty District tournament. The Warhawks (13-7 overall, 9-5 district) were scheduled to play a first-round home game against Stone Bridge on Tuesday night, Feb. 17. Madison is the eight-team tournament's No. 4 seed, while Stone Bridge is No. 5. The two teams split during the regular season.

Wednesday's district semifinals and Friday night's finals will take place at South Lakes High School in Reston.

"We're playing our best basketball at tournament time," said Madison coach Chris Kuhblank, whose team closed out the regular season last week with home wins over Jefferson, 54-18, on Feb. 10, and Woodson, 50-36, on Feb. 13. "I feel pretty good."

Holding Jefferson to 18 points was remarkable, despite the fact that the Colonials finished last in the district standings.

"I've never seen that happen before," said Kuhblank, whose team led Jefferson 30-10 at halftime. "We just pressured their guards

and didn't let them run their offense."

Nearly as impressive was holding first-place Woodson to 36 points last Friday night.

Madison led the Northern Region this season in fewest points allowed per game with 45.45. Langley, also a member of the Liberty, finished second at 46.5.

"We're most proud of our defense," said Kuhblank. "We're playing our game — playing defense and working hard. We're doing things the right way by dictating the tempo and running our offense until we get a good shot. I don't think [our guys] are ready to end the season yet."

MADISON SENIOR GUARD Omi Ogolo was named the Liberty District Defensive Player of the Year in voting by the district coaches last weekend. It marked the fourth straight year in which a Madison player has earned the honor. Prior winners of the award were former Madison players Drew Smerdinski (2008), Robert Schenck (2007) and Warren Edney (2006).

Two Madison players — Ogolo and senior post Will Clarkson — both earned First Team All-District honors. Ogolo averaged 12 points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals a game for Madison during the season. Meanwhile, Clarkson was his team's leading scorer with 18.5 points per game and also averaged six rebounds. Like Ogolo, he made the district's all-defensive team.

Madison junior front-court player Trevor Swinley (seven points, four boards per game) earned Honorable Mention All-District recognition.

Clarkson, the team's outstanding post player, shot an incredible 62 percent from

the field over the season. Kuhblank said the sharpshooting Clarkson was selective in his shots. Many of his points came on medium-range jump shots away from the basket.

"That [shooting percentage] is unheard of because he shoots jump shots," said Kuhblank. "His shots are not all dunks and layups. We run an offense to get him good shots and he doesn't shoot ill-advised shots. He can shoot the ball."

Clarkson, in his team's win over Woodson, scored 19 points with 11 rebounds. He also blocked three shots and drew four charges. For the season, Clarkson has drawn 24 charges.

MADISON'S FIRST-ROUND district tournament game versus Stone Bridge, played Tuesday night after press time, was a must-win scenario for both teams. First-round district tournament winners, along with moving on to the semifinals, automatically advance to next week's 16-team region tournament. Last year, Madison made it all the way to the region semifinals before losing to Langley at the Patriot Center.

One thing Madison had going for it heading into the first-round game against Stone Bridge was that the Warhawks have been perfect at home this season with a 10-0 record. Kuhblank and his players are certainly a confident bunch on their home floor. That has been the case during the coach's six years at



Madison senior Gavin Hilburn takes a shot during a recent district game at Langley.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

the helm of the program as Madison has gone 60-6 at home during that stretch.

"Our crowd gets involved," said Kuhblank. "We will fill the gym."

SPORTS NOTES

The Oakton High boys swim and dive team captured the Northern Region title last weekend at Oak Marr Recreation Center. The Cougars finished with 232 points, besting second place Robinson (230.5) and third place Madison (205).

Meanwhile, the Oakton girls finished sixth overall in a field of 25 teams. Robinson was the girls' team champion. Madison High was eighth overall.

The Oakton High boys' 200-medley relay team of Michael Hallock, KJ Park, Zach Smith and Chris Megaw finished first, ahead of Langley. Also, the Cougars' 400-free relay team of Bradley Phillips, Park, Kevin Cho and Hallock took first.

Oakton's Michael Hallock won both the 100-free and 100-back events. Also for the Cougars, Bradley Phillips won the 200-free and finished second in the 500-free, and KJ Park won the 100-breaststroke and was third in the 200-IM.

For the Madison boys, Sean Fletcher won both the 200-IM and 100-fly races. Also, Robbie Parker was first in the 50-free and third in the 100-free. The Warhawk boys' 200-free relay team of Fletcher, David Fallavollita, Adam Pennington and Parker won.

Marshall's Cyrus Hashemi was second in the 200-free and third in the 500-free.

For the Oakton girls, Kaitlin



On Feb. 4, Marshall High's Amanda Crider signed her National Letter of Intent to play women's field hockey at the University of Virginia.

Pawlowicz won both the 200-IM and 100-fly races. From Madison High, Kelly Lloyd finished fourth in the 1-meter diving and Becky Shaak was fourth in the 500-free.

The Northern Region wrestling tournament took place at Fairfax High last weekend. There, Oakton's Chris Butters finished second overall in the 125-weight division. Butters reached the finals before losing to Raymond Borja of

Hayfield, 6-1.

Marshall High's Andrew Embree also was a second place finisher. He lost to Annandale's Victor N jomo in the 215 title match.

Madison's Albert Schultz finished third at 112 weight class. Other local place finishers included Oakton's Ethan Doyle (fifth at 140) and Oakton's Matt Patinos (fifth at 160).

The state AAA wrestling championships will be held this weekend in Salem.

The Madison High girls swim and dive team captured first place at last weekend's Liberty District Championships. The postseason meet took place at Wakefield Park in Annandale. The Warhawks scored 394 points for first place, finishing ahead of second-place Langley (350) and third-place McLean (335).

On the boys side, Langley finished first with 400 points, finishing ahead of second-place Madison (380.5) and third-place Woodson (371). Jefferson was fourth and McLean fifth in the eight-team field.

In recent dual meet competition, the Madison boys defeated Stone Bridge, 246-63. Single-event winners for Madison were Adam Pennington, Justin Dutta, David Fallavollita, Robbie Parker, Sean Fletcher, Steven LeDuc, Austin

Chute and Patrick Reed. Ryan Fox competed in diving.

Also, the Madison girls defeated Stone Bridge, 207-102. Single-event winners for the Warhawks were Bev Dobrenz, Becky Shaak, Katarina O'Reilly, Devin Youngblood, Liz Bertollett, Lindsay Mottola and Kelly Lloyd (diving).

Marshall High senior **Kevin Smith** recently received a nomination and accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Smith, a lacrosse middle/face-off specialist for the Statesmen, will play collegiate lacrosse for Army. He is scheduled to report to West Point for Reception Day on June 29.

The McLean High freshmen girls



Oakton High senior Sasha Borojeni dribbles hard to the basket during the Cougars' 66-48 Concorde District home win over Centreville last Friday night. The Oakton girls completed the regular season with a perfect 22-0 record.

basketball team was a perfect 13-0 going into its final three regular-season games. There is no postseason in freshmen basketball, so the Highlanders are looking to capture the regular-season crown. The team, made up of good students and hard-working athletes, is coached by Robert Bouchard.

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Marketing Workshop. 8-9:30 a.m., The Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. The Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and Allison & Partners present a workshop, "Cause Related Marketing to Open Doors," to help private companies and non-profit organizations learn how they can come together to better promote their businesses, causes and goals as partners.

THURSDAY/FEB. 19

Republican Women Meeting. 11:30 a.m., 2205 Aryness Drive, Vienna. The New Providence Republican Women will meet. Call 703-591-7368.

Coping with Separation and Divorce. 7:30-9:30 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. An 8-week workshop on learning ways to effectively cope with separation and divorce lead by Hilary Casaretto, LCSW, Women's Center Therapist. Fee: \$195/non members; \$175/Center Circle Donors (Members). Visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657 to register.

Attracting and Retaining Key Personnel. 7:15-9:30 a.m., The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Blvd., McLean. Experts will share their views on attracting and retaining key personnel in this uncertain market, including perspectives from leading compensation consultants and executive recruiters who have been assisting management teams and compensation committees in dealing with these issues. Event limited to senior financial technology executives only. Fee: \$45/NVTC Member, \$75/non members. *Visit www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=CFOSRS-12.

SATURDAY/FEB. 21

American Association of University Women. 9:30 a.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women will hold its monthly meeting. Tracee Hamilton, deputy sports editor for the Washington Post and an onsite editor covering the Olympics since 1992, will be the guest speaker. Call 703-830-6503 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org.

Clutter is Spiritual Business. 1-4 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Bev Hitchins, President of ALIGN, will help you establish goals to free you from clutter. Fee: \$55/non members; \$45 Center Circle Donors. Call 703-281-2657 or visit www.thewomenscenter.com to register.

Legal Aspects of Child Support. 10 a.m.-1p.m., Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Learn from an attorney how Virginia courts determine what financial support is required based on spousal income(s), what is deemed to be in the "best interests" of the child and what to expect during the custody proceedings. Support group available. Fee: \$55/non members; \$45 Center Circle Donors. Visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657 to register.

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Money Matters



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

How to get by on one income while really trying? That will not only be the question but the strategy as my wife, Dina, and I, attempt to adjust to the new unemployment paradigm: she's out of work for the first time in our 30-plus years of marriage. Her long-time employer, Tivoli's Restaurant in Rosslyn (the deli and pastry shop remain open, however) closed after nearly 27 years serving the public (25 years during which Dina worked in the second floor lounge as a waitress and bartender).

To say she made friends over all those years would be an understatement of prodigious proportions. To say she networked an entire new family including the owners and their families, employees and their families, and, of course, the thousands of Tivoli customers and their families, together creating a fabric of associations and activities spanning the globe and lasting an entire generation, and then some, would be more accurate.

To characterize Dina's status as out of work is way to simple; disconnected from the only lifestyle she's really ever known and cared about her entire adult life would be more appropriate. And though the loss of Dina's income is significant (and matters more to me since I'm the business end of the relationship; she's the social director), I can certainly appreciate and understand how the loss of a lifestyle can be equally distressing. The joke among our friends has been that Dina doesn't need a new job, she needs a new lifestyle that pays.

Moving forward, the choices we have to make need to be a balance between substance and style, between money and quality of life, between fact and fiction, quite frankly. Having 25 percent fewer dollars to do it with is likely to be a challenge unlike any we, as a couple, have ever endured.

Moreover, given the middle age that we are, with the skill sets we possess, and further considering the inheritances that at present are unknown and unexpected, what we do, how we survive, what money we spend, seem unlikely to be replenished anytime soon by some financial savior riding in on a cash cow. It seems that we will have to make do riding the horse on which we rode in on.

All of which we can manage, I think. It's more that neither one of us expected to be horse-less at our present age, the age at which, accumulating for retirement becomes not only an extremely serious family business but maybe the most important, to the exclusion of all other, family business. And being left to fend more for ourselves than we had expected or anticipated was hardly the plan I had intended. Still, it's not over yet. My father made more money between age 55 and 70 than he had ever made previously, enough to fund my parent's retirement for the 15 years or so they had together before retiring for good.

If I am indeed my father's son, then I will succeed just as he did. It may not be easy but if I've inherited anything from my father (aside from his sense of humor), I've inherited his positive attitude. Dina's being out of work presents us with an opportunity. It's up to us to make the most of it.

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Attn: Kathleen Albertson

The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ in February 2009. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Mr. Alex Wardie at 703-583-3822 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until March 15, 2009 and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC # 2008-3203.

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LETTERS

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quired a bailout. Then as the “bailout money” was distributed, we discovered some of that bailout money was being used to award management ludicrous bonuses.

Not to be outdone by Wall Street, it now it appears Fairfax County is attempting to bailout some real estate speculators who made a bad business decision in late 2006. You may remember, mid-year 2006 was at the height of the real estate market and exactly the wrong time to make a buy decision, especially of the building at 8111 Gate House Road and unbelievably for \$43,545,000. In an effort to put some lipstick on this bovine, Fairfax County is calling it Gatehouse II and trying to bond out and then obligate somewhere around \$100 million capitol expense to acquire and upgrade this building. Despite the School Board’s assertion to the contrary, this is the same money that could be used to accomplish critically needed refurbishment of existing school facilities.

To make matters worse, for some reason, the first three years of interest is not being paid. Apparently it is being added back into the capitalization of the mortgage so even more interest will be due in the future. Does this interest delayed strategy ring a bell? The other costs, to include future interest payments, are additional tens of millions of dollars not being shown nor discussed.

To add insult to injury, I have just learned Fairfax County Public Schools has an organization called the “Department of Statistical Responsibility.” What exactly is this all about? Sounds like a “spin” group to me. What this school administration needs is a Department of Fiscal Responsibility, not a department that appears to be devoted to manipulating numbers to advertise how great our schools are.”

Bruce Bennett
Vienna

Dale is Wrong On Gatehouse II

To the Editor:

Just when you thought that you have heard enough about bailouts, wait until you hear about this one On Feb. 12, 2009, Superintendent Jack Dale sent his marketing message to the Parent Advisory Council (PTA) to drum up support for spending \$94.5 million dollars on his pet project of acquiring another administration building for his staff. The public is expected to believe that purchasing this building will generate cost savings of \$62 million — up \$40 million from just a few months ago. Wow — imagine that — \$40 million in savings appeared out of no where. With that kind of magic, we could solve our economic crisis instantly.

Dale’s message to the PTA, “No money will be taken away from schools or students, the project will be fully self-funded through savings and efficiencies and no payments will need to be made until fiscal year 2013.”

No payments until fiscal year 2013 — yes, and the law of economics says that if you are borrowing money and not repaying the principal, guess what? The debt balance

goes up. This is part of the reason for the mortgage mess. Putting off payment for three years is not a savings nor is it efficient.

Dale is wrong. Spending \$94.5 million of scarce funds to buy and renovate another administration building does take money away from students, teachers and our schools. If South County High School can be paid for by EDA bonds, so can other schools renovations.

So here are three novel ideas for Dale, School Board members and the Board of Supervisors who will go behind closed doors to discuss and vote on this proposal on Feb. 23. First, the \$94.5 million generated by selling EDA bond should be used to renovate those schools that have been sitting in the queue for decades. The parents of West Springfield High School should be appalled that this is not the plan.

Second, under the leadership of the new board chair, Sharon Bulova, the discussion between the School Board and supervisors should come out from behind closed doors. There should be public vetting with a public hearing for this proposal.

And finally, return the administrators who were once teachers back into the classroom. Then you won’t need another building and our children would be getting a better education.

Kim Farrell
Vienna

More Arms, Less Crime

To the Editor:

Your Opinion in the Feb. 11, 2009 Connection [“Gun Show Loop Hole Stays Open”] was very misleading. First of all, there was no “affront” to the Virginia Tech victims’ families. The criminal that committed the murders did not purchase any of his arms from gun shows. You also failed to mention the fact that criminals do not buy guns at gun shows. In fact, it was liberal privacy policies that prevented the shooter from being registered into the instant check system. You also failed to mention this situation was corrected in January 2008 by the passage of HR 2640, which was signed into law by the president. This is evidenced by your inability to identify any violent crime committed with a gun show purchase. This is because criminals buy illegal guns on the black market. Gun shows sell mostly collectible items, which are generally rare, expensive and not of much utility to criminals. You failed to discuss why the law failed to pass. It is because the law would do nothing. For example, where does the gun show begin and end? If an unscrupulous seller steps outside the building, is the sale no longer at the gun show. What about if the sale is made after the show ends? The State of Virginia is one of the most heavily armed in the union and has one of the lowest crime rates. I challenge this paper to find an area of the country with gun bans that has low-crime rates.

Sam Lowenstein
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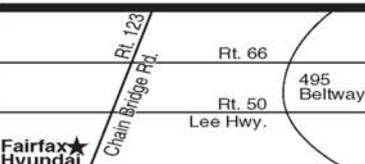
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