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Herndon High School senior Kyle Springer and his art partner Tessa Speck, a junior at South Lakes High School, pose with their collaboration for the Greater Reston Arts Center's youth exhibit, which opened last Friday.

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School Boundaries Approved

Changes affect Herndon area schools.

With little fanfare, the Fairfax County School Board approved new elementary school boundaries for Floris, Herndon, Hutchinson, McNair and Oak Hill elementary schools Feb. 19.

School Board members adjusted the boundaries to make room for the new Coppermine elementary school, which opens in the Herndon area next fall. They also agreed to establish a new gifted and talented center at McNair — which will serve gifted and talented students from the Coppermine, Floris and McNair boundary areas.

Currently, these students are assigned to the gifted and talented center at Oak Hill, which is overcrowded, according to staff reports.

Hunter Mill School Board member Stu Gibson said the boundary process had gone fairly smoothly, especially when compared to high-school redistricting in 2008 that affected several of the same neighborhoods and parents.

Unlike the high-school boundary hearings last year — where several hundred people showed up to object to the staff boundary proposal — just 16 people signed up to speak about this boundary adjustment. And

Night falls over snow-covered Frying Pan Park on Monday.

No Major Incidents

Winter's only major snowfall brings slipping and sliding but "nothing serious."

Between midnight and 2 p.m. Monday, 100 accidents and a total of 138 traffic-related incidents were reported in Fairfax County, said police spokesman Don Gotthardt. "There were minor injuries reported, but nothing serious," he said, noting that air transport had not been used once. Most accidents, he said, involved cars sliding into each other or sliding off the road, possibly into station-

ary objects.

The longest road closure, due to a multicar pileup at the intersection of Route 28 and McLearn Road, south of the Town of Herndon, lasted about an hour. Only a couple of lanes were closed down and police were able to route traffic around the accident, Gotthardt said. "There were numerous temporary road closures, but our officers, along with towing companies,

worked to keep the roads open as much as possible."

Joanna Fazio, director of communications at Reston Hospital Center, said the hospital had seen a spike in incoming patients since the snow began accumulating on roads, but she said complaints were limited to the usual, minor snow-related injuries — "car accidents, whiplash, some people falling down." She said the heightened intake was steady until about 3:30 p.m., and she was expecting it to pick up again shortly, as commuters made their ways home.

— MIKE DiCICCO

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Decision on Developments Deferred

APR Task Force recommends another task force to work on proposals for developments along county line.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

Peter Jobse, CEO of the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT), said he was on a mission to bring some of the cutting-edge, Silicon Valley image to Fairfax County. A nonprofit organization chartered by the state, the CIT exists to create local, innovative businesses. "I am not a developer and this is not a development project for the sake of development," he told the Dranesville District Area Plan Review Task Force at its meeting last Thursday.

Jobse had proposed a mixed-use development on about 25 acres around the landmark, black glass building that houses his organization. He said he wanted to make a

declaration that the county was a fitting home for innovative start-up businesses by inviting them to move into offices, house their employees in high-rises and shop at businesses surrounding the CIT.

His was one of three proposed developments the task force considered that night at Herndon Elementary School. These developments would sit on something in the neighborhood of 180 acres straddling Fairfax and Loudoun counties, between the Town of Herndon and Route 28. The task force's jurisdiction ends at the county line and about 43 acres of the land in question is in Fairfax County.

HOWEVER, task force members emphasized the need for coordination between

Fairfax and Loudoun counties and the Town of Herndon, and they voted narrowly to accept Fairfax County staff's recommendation to defer a decision, instead recommending that a special study task force be developed to gather residents' input and work on coordinating plans between the three jurisdictions.

The three developments together, as proposed, would result in almost 3,300 dwelling units, 4.7 million square feet of office space, 850,000 square feet of retail and 600,000 square feet of hotel space, and they would be set just northwest of the planned Route 28 Metro station, which actually sits

"We're building a small city. Is that what we're talking about?"

— Rich Bliss, APR Task Force

on the Dulles Toll Road just inside Fairfax County. The station is planned to be built in 2016.

The proposed densities for the project are floor area ratios of 2.0 or slightly higher, meaning two square feet of floor space for every square foot of land.

"We're building a small city. Is that what we're talking about?" task force member Rich Bliss asked Clara Quintero Johnson, the county's lead planner working with the group.

"I think that's fair to say," Johnson replied. "This is definitely a destination."

THE MAIN CONCERN of staff, task force members and the few residents who spoke

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Schools May Lease 2nd Administration Building

Fairfax County Public Schools is considering leasing space in an office building that it had hoped to purchase for administrative functions until the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors killed the proposal Feb. 23.

The school system plans to convert two of its existing administrative buildings in the Falls Church area back into schools next fall. Staff said they need to find new office space for those central workers being displaced by the conversion.

"We are not pursuing the acquisition of Gatehouse but that doesn't mean we don't still have space issues that have to be resolved," said the schools chief operating officer Dean Tistadt.

Had the building purchase gone through, Tistadt had planned to put those administrators and others in the new building, "Gatehouse II," a property adjacent to the school system's current central office building in Merrifield.

Though no final decisions have been made, the school system may decide to rent space for administrators in the "Gatehouse II" building anyway, said Tistadt.

"It is one of the things that we are looking at but no decisions have been made about that building," he said.

For the most part, the School Board strongly backed the "Gatehouse II" proposal. They said buying the extra administrative building would save the school system money, in part because it would no longer have to rent as much office space. "This is an option that would have allowed us to save money and help reduce overcrowding in schools," said School Board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon.)

The proposal was met with large-scale public opposition. Critics said it was not appropriate for the school system to acquire a new administrative building during a budget crisis when schools may increase class size and cut teachers next year.

"The timing for this was just no good. There was tremendous opposition to moving forward with a proposal to purchase an administrative building right now," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova (D.)

Given the current economic climate, Bulova said she had a hard time feeling confident about the school system's prediction of cost savings.

"We are dealing in a very unstable economic climate and I wasn't sure that the savings in the long term or the short term were truly predictable," she said.

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said he was wary of the county acquiring more debt when the county economic is not supposed to experience an upturn until 2012.

"Just because you find a good deal doesn't mean you execute it at the expense of everything else. By that logic, everyone would be out there buying a house right now," said McKay.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) was not convinced that the school system could not fit the administrators they need to move into the administration building they own now.

"They never demonstrated they couldn't clear out of the two office buildings they really need for schools by consolidating and crowding into the existing space they have," said Foust.

The School Board could cause problems if they decide to lease "Gatehouse II" after the county board voted down the purchase.

"I would view that as slap in the face. I think that is going to make life really difficult if they do that," said McKay.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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Budget Process Falls Short

Critics: \$650 million shortfall calls for more 'revolutionary thinking.'

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

After months of pouring over Fairfax County's lines of business, the Dranesville Budget Task Force made 13 recommendations about local government spending to its district supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). Near the top of its short list, the citizens' advisory group asked that the county seriously consider the consolidation of county offices and programs in the face of a \$650 million shortfall in next year's budget.

The county should look into combining public information and technology officer positions across its departments and agencies, they said. The task force also specifically recommended Fairfax look at merging the Department of Administration for Human Services and the Department of Systems Management for Human Services for cost savings.

"There are certain things in the budget that are very good. There are also things in there that seem a little rich," said Jim Mietus, a task force member who worked for the federal government's office of management and budget for 33 years.

BUT FAIRFAX COUNTY executive Anthony Griffin disappointed those expecting him to lead a major overhaul or restructuring of county government. Griffin was not available for an interview for this story.

In his initial budget proposal Feb. 23, Griffin included only one consolidation of a county department and agency. He proposed moving the planning commission into the department of planning and zoning.

"Globally speaking, it is not revolutionary. ... During these times, it is going to take revolutionary thinking to manage this kind of shortfall," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee.)

"I was just disappointed we haven't done anything structurally with the budget. All we did with that budget is take some of the reductions that the agency heads put on the table," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

In a recent interview, McKay rattled at least four different agency and department mergers he thought the county should investigate for potential cost savings: Fairfax's revitalization office could possibly be folded into the county's department of planning and zoning; the park authority and department of community and recreation services could be combined; the office of emergency management might be able to move into the department of public safety; and Fairfax's new homelessness office does not necessarily have to be separated from the department of housing, according to McKay.

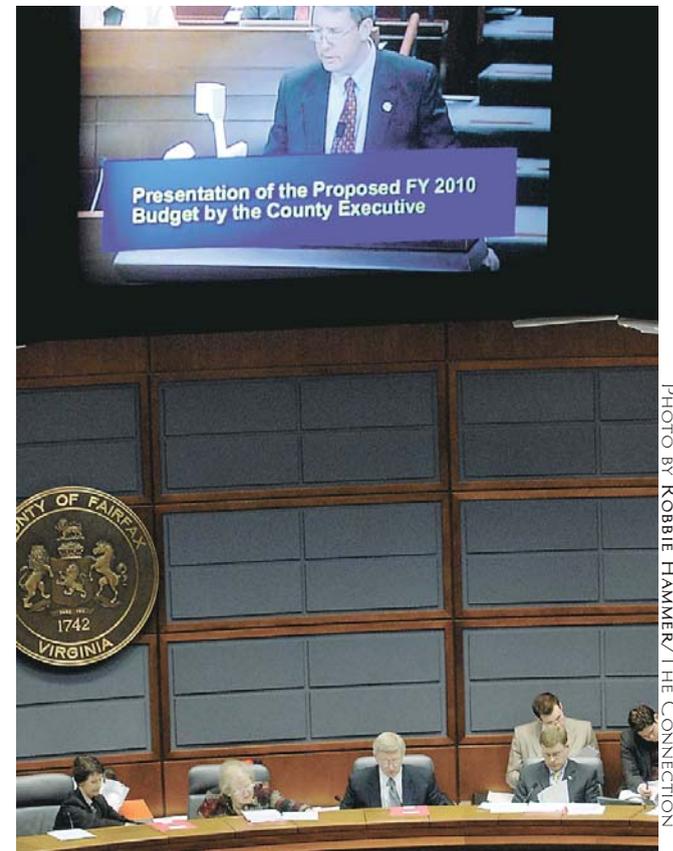
"Where you save money in these consolidations is the upper level management positions," he said.

McKay added that he wasn't sure he would be able to support Griffin's one recommendation for consolidation.

"I think [the planning commission's autonomy] is the one thing that makes our land use process work. I don't think you gain enough in savings to take away those independent reviews in land use," said McKay. "The only recommended consolidation in the budget is one I think citizens will object to."

WHEN DRAWING UP his budget draft, Griffin relied heavily on last fall's "lines of business" review, where county agency heads presented what reductions they would make to their individual departments if they had to take a 15 percent cut.

But several supervisors expressed frustration with the "lines



County Executive Anthony Griffin presented his proposal for the 2009 budget to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Feb. 23.

of business" process. Many had gone into the process expecting some level of county service restructuring. But the lines of business included no comprehensive look at how the county functions or departments could be combined.

"A series of presentations of how the agency directors could save 15 percent in each of their budgets is not a 'lines of business' review. That was the point I was making early on. ... I thought we would see more sweeping changes, not just chewing around the corners of the budget," said McKay.

But the purpose of the lines of business review process was not to overhaul the county's administration, said Merni Fitzgerald, Fairfax County director of public affairs.

"The purpose was not to make structural changes and structural changes are not needed necessarily," said Fitzgerald.

Either way, the process did result in the types of changes some supervisors wanted to see in a budget cycle this dire.

"The [lines of business review] got us some reductions but it focused on the details and put us in the weeds. ... We needed more than 'in the weeds' reductions," said Herrity.

"As a new supervisor, I would like to take fresh look since we are in a fiscal crisis."

— John Foust,
Dranesville Supervisor

DURING HIS BUDGET presentation last month, Griffin said the planning commission consolidation was the only total department merger seriously considered.

"[Griffin] and his staff have apparently concluded the structure we have is the preferable one. As a new supervisor, I would like to take fresh look since we are in a fiscal crisis. This is the opportune time to make sure we are structured properly and efficiently," said Foust.

County chairman Sharon Bulova said it is not necessarily the job of the county executive to propose major overhauls in the county government. "If there are going to be major policy changes and more structural changes, it can be done with the recommendation of our staff but it is the Board of Supervisors that makes policy," said Bulova.

A small group of supervisors and School Board members started meeting two days after the budget was presented to discuss how county and Fairfax County Public Schools could share services and potentially save money.

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Residents Examine Area Planning

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at the meeting was transportation infrastructure. It appears that vehicle access would mainly be provided by Route 28, which intersects with the Toll Road along the south of the properties in question, although the sites are also intended to take advantage of the coming Metrorail.

The task force, a group of residents appointed by Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) to consider the latest round of proposed amendments to the county's Comprehensive Plan, will make its recommendations to the county Planning Commission, which subsequently will submit its own recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

About half of the 2.4 million square feet of space in the development proposed by the CIT would be office space, while most of the rest would fill 1,000 dwelling units in residential high-rises. A 300-room hotel would be included, and only about 2 percent of the space would be used for retail businesses.

"This is a very tightly tethered environment that harnesses an investment you've already made," Jobse said. The CIT, he said, creates local businesses from scratch by identifying cutting-edge science, marrying it to a local entrepreneur, locating start-up capital and finding a suitable location.

The development would about the proposed 75-acre Dulles World Center, only about four acres of which would reach into Fairfax County. World Center would include almost 1,500 dwelling units, 2.7 million square feet of office space and more than 673,000 square feet of retail.

Antonio Calabrese, an attorney for Dulles World Center, said the developer wanted to create "a co-

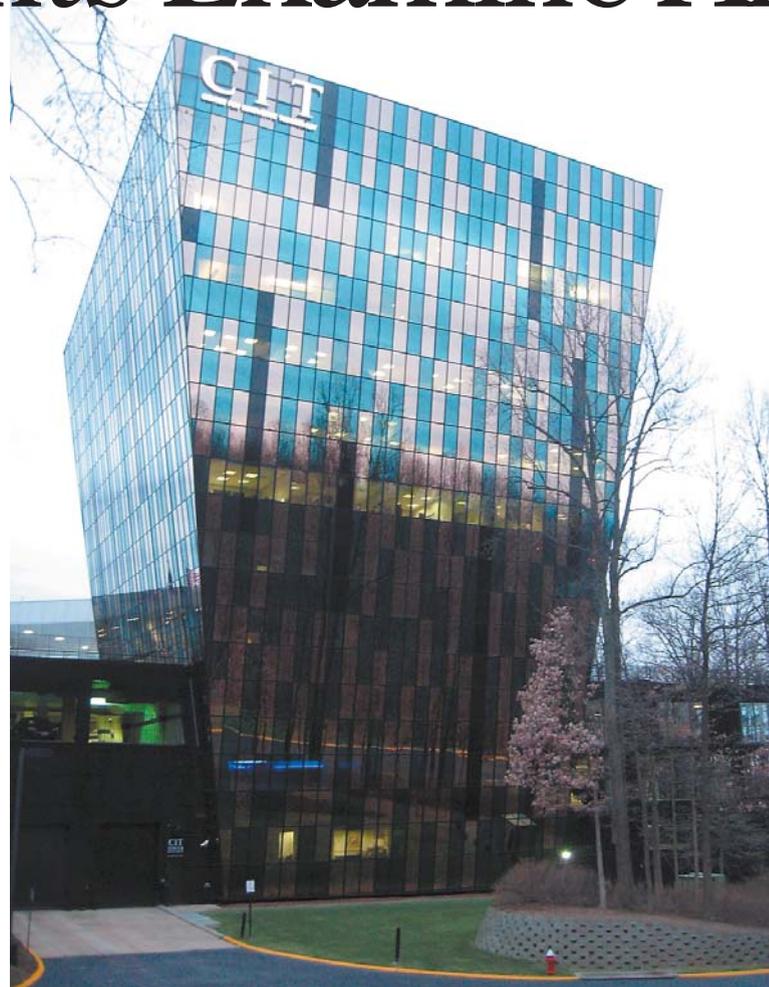


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The Center for Innovative Technology submitted one of three proposals for developments between Herndon and Route 28 in anticipation of Metrorail.

ordinated, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use, long-term project." He noted that the site was currently zoned for 2.9 million square feet of office research and development. "Nothing's happened on that site," he said, calling the existing plan "antiquated."

Calabrese recalled working on the development of Reston Town Center and residents being "paralyzed" by worst-case-scenario numbers. However, he assured that the counties would make sure adequate infrastructure was in place as the center was developed. "We're talking about 15, 20 years

of development," he said, noting that Reston Town Center was still not quite complete 20 years after its first building went up.

Rick Stout, the managing member of Dulles Metro LLC, had submitted a proposal for 22 acres of land including and running north from the four acres of Dulles World Center that jut into Fairfax County. However, the property owners addressed in Stout's plan collectively own another 70 acres in Loudoun County, as many of their properties stretch well across the county line. His proposal acknowledged that development would occur on

both sides of the county line, but there was little discussion of what was in mind for the rest of that area. Also, he said he was not sure that all landowners would go along with the redevelopment plan, although he did not think it would be necessary to consolidate the properties.

His proposal for the Fairfax side of the land was for plan language that would allow almost 2 million square feet of development, half of which would be contained in 800 low-rise residential buildings. Most of the rest would be office space. However, he said, "I'm not telling you what should be there, I'm putting forth one proposal."

Asked what he thought about deferring the decision, Stout said he agreed that the jurisdictions should coordinate with each other but hoped for some sort of decision, as a signal as to what should be on the property.

Johnson said the fact that only a handful of property owners wanted to redevelop so much land near a planned Metro station provided an excellent opportunity for coordinated development, and the opportunity should be seized. Aside from transportation, she said, county planners' other concerns were the resource protection area that runs through the properties and noise generated by the adjacent airport and toll road.

ABOUT 30 RESIDENTS attended the meeting, but most were there to learn about the projects rather than speak.

Herndon resident Barbara Glakas said the projects looked "great," but she was concerned about traffic, with severe backups already common along Route 28 and in the surrounding area. She noted that the only road that entered the sites in question, called Rock Creek Road and Innovation

Avenue on different stretches, was "totally inadequate."

Task force member Dave Swan agreed that too many variables still needed to be worked out, and he moved to defer any decision. He wondered if Metro rail would even come, whether the station would be adequate and accessible enough, how all of these buildings would be served by police and fire and rescue and whether school facilities would be adequate.

"I think these are three very distinct components. Hugely distinct," task force member Jack Wilbern said. He said he would prefer to vote on the proposals individually, as he was comfortable with the CIT proposal but not yet with the other two.

Darren Ewing agreed, saying he thought both the CIT proposal and Dulles World Center were appropriate. "Rail is coming. We know that," he said, noting that approving a phased development allows the counties to exercise control and "gives the ability for the landowners to assemble their investors and move forward with that project."

Bliss worried that if the task force members recommended the plan amendments, some people would think they were saying this was all a good idea, while he was not convinced that it was.

Jody Bennett said the group ought to recommend that a special task force, such as the recent Hunter Mill and Tysons task forces, be appointed.

Task force chairman John Ulfelder warned that a special task force sometimes takes much longer than anticipated. "It can be a briar patch of its own making," he said.

Swan added the recommendation of a task force, as well as a sense of urgency, to his motion and it carried 6-5.

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Later Start Times Still Possible

Not this proposal, but later start times still worth the effort, without hurting athletics and activities.

Next week, the Fairfax County School Board should direct school staff to resolve the many issues and concerns raised about moving high school start times.

Years ago, moving start times for high schools in Fairfax County was impossible because it would have cost \$20 million. That was about a decade ago.

EDITORIAL Now, after five years of intensive study and probing by a group of dedicated parents, it turns out that start times could be moved back from 7:20 to 8:30 a.m. at no cost at all.

This alone makes it hard to have a lot of confidence in the financial forecasts coming from the school system.

The devil is in the details, and the details put forward in the proposal last month are fraught with conflict. While it represents a technically feasible plan, it clearly stops there. It seems to have maximized the size and num-

ber of changes that Fairfax families would face next year, and Fairfax families have responded accordingly.

Thousands of people turned out for community forums on the topic, responding with intensity in several directions. Teens and their families worry that later start times will throw a wrench in carefully orchestrated after school activities. Parents of children who attend different schools complain that they would have to accommodate vastly different schedules.

The parents who have advocated for later start times have science on their side. But even the many advocates of affording teens an extra hour of sleep have concluded that the current proposal is not workable for the coming year.

It's clear that this proposal has too many unresolved issues to move forward for next fall as many had hoped.

But this should be the beginning, not the end, of this proposal. An 8:30 a.m. high school start time won't cost \$20 million to implement, and

it should be compatible with high school sports, including swimming, and other extracurricular activities. Both Arlington and Loudoun manage this start time, and their sports teams compete with Fairfax sports teams in some leagues.

It isn't fair for school staff to dump a half-baked proposal on families without answering the obvious questions. Fear of change will stymie progress.

It's also essential to try to minimize the changes forced on elementary and middle schools individually. For example, if an elementary school has an early time now, it shouldn't be moved to a late time in transition.

These are logistics that can and should be addressed so that it's possible to address healthy start times without compromising athletics or activities.

All change is hard. Some change is worth the effort.

Let's put in the effort to try to resolve the conflicts, not use unresolved questions to fan the flames.

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RICHMOND REPORT

Weather Future Downturns

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Asubject that has been a primary concern at the General Assembly has been economic recovery and job creation. I am a supporter of HB 2575, which lengthens the successful major business facility job tax credit by 10 years. This will promote job creation in the private sector. I was also a supporter of HB 2550, which would provide financing for large, job-creating economic development projects that create more than 400 new jobs and invest more than \$250 million in Virginia communities. Another bill, HB 2583, holds onto a portion of the state revenue holdings in Virginia financial institutions, increasing their capital holdings by almost \$400 million, which they could then reinvest in local jobs and stimulate the local economy.

To foster a more secure economy, the House passed HB 1938, of which I am a co-patron. This bill will increase the amount of the livable tax credit to \$2,000 for Virginians purchasing a new home or retrofitting an existing residency to improve accessibility. I also voted for House Joint Resolution 647, which increases the amount that can be appropriated to the Rainy Day Fund to strengthen Virginia's ability to ef-

fectively weather future economic downturns.

In addition to the economy, energy independence and alternative resources are important to the vitality of Virginia. I have introduced two bills, which related to energy independence. HB 2151

dealt with Energy Saving Schools and HB 2152, which is currently in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor, provides relief for capacity charges that discourage renewable energy generation without increasing the cost to energy consumers. I also supported HB 2404, which creates the Virginia Universities Clean Energy Development and Economic Stimulus Foundation to assist in identifying and administering the development of alternative energy sources to create jobs and promote energy independence. HB 2172, which I supported in both committee and on the floor, allows for the regulatory process for renewable energy generation projects so they can be connected more easily into the existing electrical grid for aid in addressing overall energy demand through the use of alternative energy resources.

I have received many questions about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which



is President Obama's stimulus package. This was handled at the federal level and short-term revenue produced by this package will fill holes in the proposed current state reductions. In this current economic environment, we are

trying to continue to be good stewards of funds so we can make sure Virginia remains the best managed state in the country.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finish What's Started

To the Editor:

Science has proved that high-school students go to bed later, not because they want to, but because of a change in their physiology. But they still require 9.5 hours of sleep each night to function at their best academically and physically. Since 1998, the School Board has known and accepted this but placed more emphasis on the cost of later start times. FCPS thought it would cost more than \$40 million to change the start times. The Transportation Task Force created in 2007 reported multiple ways to save dollars and start classes later. In Iteration 3, FCPS was able to create a later start-time schedule with a cost savings of \$750,000.

The town hall meetings on later start times showed that there is still work to be done. The School Board needs to utilize the feedback from those meetings to further adjust the schedule to reflect parental concerns. It also needs to begin an optimization process to determine how our after-school programs, including fields and other athletic facilities, can accommodate a new schedule. It was extremely disillusioning to see an unauthored and unsubstantiated list of the impact on athletics at the town hall meetings. This list unfairly put parents in the position of arguing later start times versus athletics. Both are necessary and

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LETTERS

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both can be accommodated. The School Board needs to be told that they must continue what they started: creating the best schedule possible to promote the health and achievement of our students.

Rona Ackerman
Herndon

Looking for Hero's Relatives

To the Editor:

I am wondering if any of your readers could help me in locating relatives of S/Sgt Herbert M. King who was killed in action over the Netherlands on Dec. 13, 1943 when his B-26 bomber was struck by German anti-aircraft fire. S/Sgt King's mother was Icie Frances Seymour. In 1943 she lived at 104 13th Street Southeast in Washington D.C. Mrs. Seymour died in August 1972 in Great Falls.

I would like to locate any living relatives of S/Sgt King's in order to inform them of current activities in The Netherlands to honor him and the rest of the crew. Recently parts of the aircraft were discovered in a new residential development in Schipol and a dis-

play honoring the crew has been made in a local museum. On May 4, 2010, a memorial will be dedicated to the crew of seven. Local historians and residents hope that family members can be located and be present at the dedication.

Contact information: Roy Thomas, W6722 State Road 11, Monroe, WI 53566. Tel: 608-325-2527; email: tyor@tds.net

Roy Thomas
Monroe, WI

Treating Taxpayers Poorly

To the Editor:

It seems at least two council members of the Town of Herndon at the public hearing have abdicated or relinquished their role in protecting the tax payers of Herndon. While Denis Husch and Richard Downer were singing kumbaya, both found enjoyment beating up on citizens and ToH taxpayers rather than address the contract award by Golf Service Inc.

As a direct result of their controversial award, the ToH was deprived of much needed revenue to help offset the \$1.6 million dollar deficit.

Interestingly enough a complaint

was filed with Town of Herndon's zoning against the competitor when they complained of the unfair selection. A Freedom of Information Act request will clearly show at least one council person had a "dog in the fight" or "an axe to grind."

While Husch claims "we have no dog in this fight," he ignores the impact of losing tens of thousands of town revenue. What is even more appalling is all but one of the GSI board of directors lives outside the town limits and do not pay Herndon taxes. The president of GSI lives in Loudoun while another board of directors lives in Arlington.

The town manager, mayor and council must act responsibly and ensure we explore a new lease with options that provide a greater return to the Town of Herndon. The new lease should have more accountability and shared cost for utilities, operating costs, with proper accounting. The taxpayers should not be footing the bill for a subcontractor who is using the town's electric, water and heat to make a profit. Any "for-profit" entity must pay a percentage of operating costs and clearly show a complete accounting of sales.

Philip Jones
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Lia Marie Marmolejos, a freshman member of the Herndon High School Concert Orchestra, warms up prior to taking the stage with the orchestra Feb. 26 during the 2009 Pre-Festival Orchestra Concert.



Thanhao Le, the concertmistress for the Herndon High School Concert Orchestra.



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION
Andrew Hoskins is a viola player for the Reston-Herndon Area Orchestra.



Alicia Johnson, the concertmistress for the Herndon Middle School Concert Orchestra, performed along with the rest of the orchestra, Feb. 26, at Herndon High School.



The Reston-Herndon Area Orchestra, Herndon Middle School Concert and Symphonic Orchestras and the Herndon High School Concert and Symphonic Orchestras present their annual Pre-Festival Orchestra Concert Feb. 26.

The Reston-Herndon Area Orchestra performs a variety of pieces during the annual Pre-Festival Orchestra Concert at Herndon High School Feb. 26. The Reston-Herndon area orchestra comprises elementary-school students from area schools.

Three Orchestras Take Stage at Herndon High

Daniel Ash, a junior member of the Herndon High School Concert Orchestra.



Singer/songwriter Gary Ferguson, pictured, will team with Jordan Tice to perform original bluegrass material live Saturday, March 14, 7:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Tickets: \$12/person. Call 703-435-8377 for tickets.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Leighton Gage, author of "Blood of the Wicked," will present his new book, "Buried Strangers." Call the store at 703-437-9490.

FRIDAY/MARCH 6

Absinthe Tasting. Morton's Steakhouse, 11956 Market St., Reston. Morton's will host "Absinthe: The Green Hour," a tasting of Pernod's Absinthe. Call 703-796-0128.

Barbershop Quartets. 7 p.m., Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. The Annual International Preliminary Contest of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America will be held. Twenty-eight quartets from New York to North Carolina will compete for the right to sing at the Society's 2009 International Convention. \$15/person.

SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Jayantika Dance Company. 8 p.m., Round House Theatre, 4545 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD. The Jayantika Dance company of Herndon will perform at the 5th annual "Dance Bethesda." Tickets: \$20/adults, \$10/children 12 and under. Buy tickets at www.bethesda.org.

Black History Concert. 7 p.m., Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Reston. Enjoy music of praise and celebration in recognition of Black History month. A canned good is the only admission. A reception will follow the concert in the Plaza Room. Visit www.washingtonplazachurch.com.

Barbershop Quartets. 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. The Annual International Preliminary Contest of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America will be held. Twenty-eight quartets from New York to North Carolina will compete for the right to sing at the Society's 2009 International Convention. \$15/person.

SUNDAY/MARCH 8

The Eisenstadt Quartet. 3 p.m., Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. The Eisenstadt Quartet will perform their string music as part of Holy Cross' Second Sunday Series. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/students, children under 9/free. Call 703-437-1883.

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

Leighton Gage. 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston.

FRIDAY/MARCH 13

Songwriters Association. 8-10 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Meet members of the Songwriters Association of Washington or perform music. \$10/person. E-mail Mary Ann at queen_mozart@yahoo.com to sign up to perform.

Titans Breakfast. 7 a.m., Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Gary Shapiro, President and CEO of the Consumer Electronics Association, will diagnose the government's response to the crumbling financial system and will demonstrate that technology is the lynchpin of the economy. NVTG Member: \$65, non-member: \$85. Visit www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=TITANS-27.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Voce Chamber Singers. 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. The Voce Chamber Singers are celebrating their 20th anniversary by singing some of their favorite songs. Voce's founding director, Carol Hunter, will return to conduct a few songs. Tickets: \$18/adults, \$13/seniors, \$8/students in advance; \$2 more at door. E-mail VoceVa@hotmail.com or call 703-277-7772 for tickets.

Contra Dance. 7:15-10:45 p.m., Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Janine Smith calls a contra dance to the music of the June Apple Band. Beginners' workshop held 7:15-8; dance 8-10:45 p.m. Admission: \$7 (workshop free). Partner not necessary. Bring snack to share (juice provided). Call 703-476-4500.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15

Voce Chamber Singers. 3 p.m., St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The Voce Chamber Singers are celebrating their 20th anniversary by singing some of their favorite songs. Voce's founding director, Carol Hunter, will return to conduct a few songs. Tickets: \$18/adults, \$13/seniors, \$8/students in advance; \$2 more at door. E-mail VoceVa@hotmail.com or call 703-277-7772 for tickets.

Tribute to Robert Simon Concert. 4 p.m., Hunters Woods Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Reston Community Orchestra will perform at a concert to honor Reston founder Robert Simon. The Reston Chorale will also perform.

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Meeting to Name New School

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will hold a community meeting to name the new elementary school under construction in the Coppermine area of western Fairfax. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 4, at McNair Elementary School. Boundaries for the new school have been determined at the Feb. 19 Fairfax County School Board meeting. A map of the Coppermine school site is available online at <http://www.fcps.edu/cluster8/copperminesite/index.htm>.

The meeting is open to the general public and all individuals attending the meeting will be able to suggest names for the new school. However, only property owners who reside within the boundary area will be able to vote. Proof of residency is required for those who will be voting. The top three recommendations from this meeting will be forwarded to FCPS Superintendent Jack D. Dale, who will submit his recommendation to the Fairfax County School Board. The School Board is scheduled to vote on the name later this spring.

The new elementary school at the Coppermine site is located at 2480 River Birch Road in Herndon and is scheduled to open in September 2009.

Fee Schedule Approved by Council

The Herndon Town Council has approved a fee schedule for the Herndon Centennial Golf Course's 2009 season that calls for no fee increases for town residents and nominal increases for non-residents.

Additionally, the council approved a new seven-day annual pass for residents and nonresidents, as well as a "pay as you go" rate for resident senior and junior golfers of \$15 per 18 holes and \$11 per nine holes.

The new rates, which go into effect March 15, call for a week-day, 18-hole in-season rate of \$19 for town residents, \$32 for nonresidents. Weekend rates for 18-holes are \$27 for residents and \$45 for nonresidents. For a full listing of rates, visit www.herndongolf.com.

Inova Hospital is sponsoring the **"Reality Check Teen Driving Safety Program" March 14, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** at Herndon High School. Reality Check is a joint student/parent program aimed at giving newly licensed and soon to be licensed drivers a real-life look at the consequences of unsafe driving behavior and decision-making. For more information or to register, call 703-776-3259 or e-mail ashley.elzein@inova.org.

Herndon Elementary School, 620 Dranesville Road, is holding a Career Fair Thursday, **April 2**, with session one from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and session two from 1-3 p.m. Call 703-326-3117, fax to 703-326-3197 or e-mail Tiffany.Bryant@fcps.edu or Donna.Neil@fcps.edu to register.

During February and March, **Glory Days** will donate a percentage of your purchase to the Herndon High School Class of 2011. Submit an itemized receipt (not credit card copy) to Sherry Amado or Keysha Moon. Ask your neighbors, friends, relatives to save and donate their receipts. Receipts can either be mailed to the high school c/o Ms. Amado or Ms. Moon or placed in the box located in the main office.

The **Herndon High School Girls Indoor Track Team** was the regional runner-up for the first time in school history. Hiruni Wijayarathne (3200 m) and Emily Palmer (Triple Jump) were regional champions. Hiruni, Emily and teammates Carina Peter, Danielle Theberge, Carolyn Hennessey, Ashley Banks, and Millie Kidder-Goshorn will compete in the State championships. On the boys' team, Rich Roethel will compete at states.

Herndon High School swimmers Mark Rodakowski, Danny Camozzo, Brian Via, Molly Cudahy, Jenna Van Camp, Christian Matthews, Christian Polito, Will Cormier and Ryan Williams all competed in the state competition.

Students from Carson, Herndon and Hughes Middle Schools and Herndon and South Lakes High Schools won regional awards in the Scholastic Art Awards competition sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Their work will be on display at Northern Virginia Community College's Ernst Community Cultural Center in Annandale Friday, Feb. 13-Thursday, Feb. 26. An awards ceremony for Gold and Silver Key winners is planned for Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Oakton High School's Web site was named as one of the winners of the quarterly WebStar Awards for outstanding school web sites. **Adam Hatchl** is the site's curator. WebStar Awards are given quarterly to three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school that best demonstrate the following criteria: usefulness of content, clarity of design, frequency of updates, ease of navigation, and adherence to FCPS web policies.

The **Math Department at Herndon High School** put together a quick guide to the fourth year math options for rising seniors and their parents. This information may also be helpful to all HHS students and families for future planning. Visit www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/guidance/0809/4thyearamthoptions.pdf.

Changes Approved

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many of them had favorable views of the staff recommendation.

"This was, after last year, kind of refreshing. ... There is a sizeable group of folks that actually support this, which is unusual," said Gibson.

The School Board member added that the proposal is "not perfect" and some people are not happy. Of the small group of people who objected to the boundary solution, most were parents who did not want to move from Floris to Oak Hill.

But Gibson said the proposal does do good things for several communities. Children who live in the Town of Herndon will get to attend Herndon Elementary, instead of McNair, which is outside the town. Some students will also get to go to Hutchinson, which is closer to their neighborhood, he said.

"It relieves overcrowding at Oak Hill, which was probably the biggest challenge that we had," said Gibson.

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Two High Schools Find Their 'Roots'

Herndon and South Lakes art students cooperate in "Emerging Visions: Roots" at GRACE.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

It was a little like a blind date. South Lakes High School sophomore Chris Howard and Herndon High School junior Shayama Sulaiman picked each other without having met, based on each other's artwork.

They would become one of several artistic partnerships that would work together over the next three months to create the youth art exhibit that had its grand opening at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) last Friday. The project partnered Herndon and South Lakes students, who had been selected by their art teachers and each team created one of the pieces that will be on display in the gallery until April 14. Also on display are individual efforts by students from Pimmit Hills and Mountain View alternative high schools.

"What I liked was the neatness and color of her work," Howard said.

"In the piece he brought, there was crust from the paint bottle, which nobody really thinks to use," said Sulaiman.

The two ended up creating an alternating series of pieces, each responding to the other's artwork. Sulaiman followed Howard's vivid, lively, abstract piece with a colorful face giving a look of surprise. Howard followed with a bright-hued, semi-representational figure crisscrossed with heavy lines.

"I do a lot of 3-D, so I pulled a lot of the lines out for this," Sulaiman said of her abstract follow-up in which the straight, dark lines that zigzagged through Howard's figure now curl and flow off the page.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Herndon High School junior Shayama Sulaiman and South Lakes High School sophomore Chris Howard stand in front of a few installations in the series they created for the current GRACE exhibit.

And on it went.

"It was really cool to be in an actual studio exhibit and to work with other artists who are a lot farther along," Howard said, referring to the GRACE organizers.

"For people to see your work publicly, it's really cool," said Sulaiman.

SOUTH LAKES JUNIOR Jessica Tran said she and her partner had ended up paired by default, so some extra brainstorming was required. She was a painter and her partner was a photographer. In keeping with the exhibit's theme of "roots," they came up with a sort of "tree of life" design, in which a woman, herself in fetal position, gives forth a tree laden with fetuses that will go on to nurture further life, Tran explained. The foliage is a collage of green-tinted photos of people, taken by her partner.

With the theme of roots, Herndon senior Kyle Springer and his partner Tessa Speek, a junior at South Lakes, figured most students would produce pieces about personal origins. "So we wanted to do a literal interpretation and have something melting back into

the ground," Springer said. They created large and small bundles of sticks, dripping with melted wax, some upright, some prone, some hanging from the ceiling. All of them ooze waxen puddles.

"My partner works a lot with wax and I really like that because I never see someone who does stuff like that," Springer said.

Speek said her school had a torch and a crock pot and she was already practiced at using them. She said they built the bundles at school but had to do the waxwork at the gallery, after the pieces had been arranged.

"I had a lot of fun doing this," she said. "It's good to try to get the schools together because not a lot of activities do that. Except sports and then it's competing."

EVERY MARCH, GRACE hosts a student exhibition in celebration of Youth Art Month. However, this is the first year that the projects were produced by inter-high school teams. Exhibitions director Joanne Bauer said the idea, as well as the "roots" theme, sprang from last fall's "Sleeping Tree" exhibit, "where we had to collaborate with a lot of people."

ing behaviors, promote positive behavior and enhance family relationships. \$29/person, \$20/couples or groups. E-mail sarahjane@sjssolutionsllc.com to register.

Chabad of Reston is hosting their annual Purim Celebration Tuesday, **March 10**, 5:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The celebration includes an American-themed Purim party, food, entertainment by the Great Zucchini, a Purim masquerade competition, prizes, and more. \$18/adults, \$12/children. RSVP by March 7 by calling 703-467-1829.

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A Cougar Comeback for the Ages

Down 21-2, Oakton girls rally to defeat Mount Vernon in region semifinals.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

It's hard to believe her when Oakton freshman Caroline Coyer says she never panicked during her team's near-miraculous come-from-behind 47-39 win over Mount Vernon in the Northern Region semifinals last Friday night at Robinson.

Not when the undefeated Cougars were down a whopping 21-2 to start the game and shot just 5 of 23 from the field in the first half, trailing by 12 at halftime.

Then again, Coyer was the lone Oakton player to score a field goal in the game's first 14 minutes and followed that up by calmly sinking several clutch free throws down the stretch en route to a game and career-high 22 points.

"You have to keep your cool because if one person freaks out then it's kind of a chain reaction," Coyer said of her team's mind-set after starting the game so poorly. The victory means the Cougars qualify for the state tournament.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

As the lacrosse season kicks off, the perennial powerhouse **Oakton High boys and girls** teams once again made the Vienna-based Alternative House a winner by donating \$1,389 to the area shelter for at-risk children. The donation was a result of the Oakton High School's recent Tenth Annual Turkey Shoot Out lacrosse tournament. The funds were generated by gate proceeds for the day of lacrosse and requests for personal donations. In addition, participants and spectators in the 32-team event donated paper and canned goods to help fill the pantry at Alternative House.

The Alternative House provides support to children, youth and families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach. Since 1972, the Alternative House has provided emergency shelter and crisis intervention for thousands of young people ages 13 to 17 years old.

"The Turkey Shoot Out is a great tradition at Oakton High School," said Oakton girls lacrosse Coach Jean Counts. "Area lacrosse fans can watch exciting action up close all day long and we are able to help out our friends at the Alternative House. It's a win-win situation."

The Turkey Shoot Out was also supported by area businesses, including the Giant Food Stores in Franklin Farm, Fox Mill and Oakton; the Starbucks Coffee Companies in Fox Mill and Franklin Farm; Oakton Chesapeake Café in Oakton, and KSB Bagels in Fox Mill.



Oakton, shown here following its Concorde District finals win over Westfield, has yet to lose a game this season. The Cougars are set to face T.C. Williams in the region title game.

While Coyer was the main cog in the comeback, Oakton (27-0) did get some unfortunate help courtesy of a knee injury to Mount Vernon's star player, junior Tracey King (22 points), with more than five minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. The Cougars outscored the Majors 14-2 to close the contest as King sat on the bench for the remainder of the game.

Mount Vernon coach Terry Henderson was also upset with the officiating after the Majors picked up 18 second-half fouls compared to just four whistles on the Cougars.

But afterwards, all Oakton coach Fred Preister could rave about was the moxie of his young squad, who also relied on Coyer's

twin sister, freshman Katherine (nine points) and sophomore Zora Stephenson (six points) to eke out a win and a place in this weekend's state tournament.

"I thought we'd get past the jitters early and they'd start dropping. But they just didn't," said Preister, who before the game was named the Northern Region coach of the year. "There was a lot of fear in everybody's eyes, probably mine, too. We just showed a lot of guts."

MANY IN THE REGION had questioned Oakton's unblemished credentials heading into the regional tournament since the Cougars hadn't faced many of the other top

teams from the Northern Region during the regular season. Those doubters looked to be right as Oakton struggled against a ferocious fullcourt trap by Mount Vernon (24-4) early.

On the sideline, as his team floundered, Preister emphasized that all the Cougars had to do was get the deficit down to 10 by halftime. Oakton trailed by 12 at the break. Then he asked his team to trim the margin to six by the end of the third quarter. The score was 32-27 heading into the fourth quarter.

In the end, Coyer and crew steadily chipped away at what appeared to be an insurmountable lead and in the process proved its undefeated season was no fluke.

"I guess you could say that because we haven't lost a game that we haven't had our reality check, but then again, we know how to win," said Coyer. "They were hitting their shots, so we figured that our time would come. ... We knew we could come back and we just kept hanging on that hope."

Oakton was supposed to play T.C. Williams in the Northern Region finals Monday night, but that game was postponed due to inclement weather. It will now occur after the Connection's deadline. The state tournament begins this weekend, with Oakton playing at Robinson if it defeats T.C. Williams. If the Cougars lose, they will head to the Siegel Center in Richmond for their first-round state playoff game.

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On Feb. 7-8, Olympic Volleyball came to Northern Virginia. **Virginia Elite and NVVA** brought 2008 Olympic silver-medallist Stacy Sykora, Olympic silver medal-winning assistant coach Tom Hogan and five-time Olympic staffer John Kessel to



The Langley High junior varsity boys basketball team finished the winter season with a perfect 16-0 record in the Liberty District. The Saxons were under the direction of head coach Eric Fish and assistant Ken Savittierre. Top row, from left, Coach Eric Fish, co-captain David Adams, co-captain Brenden Dwyer, Troy Scharfen, Brian Doll, Alex Anderson, Patrick Haddad and assistant coach Ken Savittierre. Bottom, from left, Jefferey Cochran, Austin Vasiliadis, Joseph Robinson, Alex Brunton, Braden Anderson and Zach Sekel.

town for two days of volleyball training. Sykora, Hogan and Kessel worked with middle-school- and high-school-aged volleyball players, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm for the game in fun-filled, two-hour training sessions. Sykora also gave a presentation, highlighting some of her favorite Olympic moments. She also shared

some of her personal insight into being an Olympic player. Kessel answered questions throughout the clinic, offering insight about sports parenting, the competitive world of women's volleyball and life in general. About 160 players and 100 parents attended the two days of clinics in three different locations in Northern Virginia.

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Opposites Attract What, Exactly



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As an old, comparatively speaking, married man, I am intrigued by the how-couples-met process of today's engaged and/or married couples. The fact that there can be some rhyme or reason for individuals to actually meet seems quite an advantage over those of us who had no real practical alternative other than letting "the chips fall where they may" or allowing "nature to take its course."

Still, not having had that opportunity doesn't necessarily mean that all is lost, it more likely means that potentially all, certainly some, things may not yet be found. And how could it all be found, especially if you're not starting from the same place? It seems like relationships would be so much easier if there were more inherited similarities than there were newly discovered differences, more common interests, shared experiences and familiar "familiarities." And not that there are any guarantees in life ("other than death and taxes"), but knowing more about your partner would seem to be quite an advantage over knowing less. Granted, some of the adventure in pursuit of the inevitable discovery — who, what, where, how and why — might be missing, but so too might some of the disappointment and difficulties be missing when two attempt to become one. As the character Tevye, from *Fiddler on the Roof*, said, "A bird can love a fish, but where would they live?"

Nowadays, if you're attempting to match, with some professional data entry-type assistance, this problem would never arise (I know, never is a long time), presumably nor would a host of other conflicts arise among people who speak different languages (figuratively speaking but certainly literally, too): religion, age range, smoke or not, like pets, like/want children, among many other considerations too numerous to list. But maybe not. Chemistry, in the classroom, on the job, in social settings, isn't really drawn up in any book. It seems to be somewhere between the luck of the draw and there being no accounting for taste: opposites attract, like-minded persons/personalities clash, individuals from similar backgrounds aren't necessarily similar; in summary, what's good for the goose isn't necessarily good for the gander and vice versa. True in nature might not necessarily be true in nurture.

What brought this curiosity to light was a recent neighborhood function, the post-wedding BBQ to celebrate a neighbor's son's betrothal. The couple were both in their mid-twenties. They met over the internet. The groom (my neighbor) lives in Montgomery County, Md., the bride lived in Richmond, Va. Given the geography involved, it's unlikely they would have met otherwise. How did it all happen? I asked. They matched on line, they said. When I asked their recollections of their profiles and whatever it was that they thought they had in common that led to the match, all they could muster was "family was important." And though I tried to learn more about their how and why and so forth concerning their "togetherness," no further explanation was offered.

As incomplete as I thought their answers were (given the "matching" elements presumably in play), perhaps they really weren't so incomplete. Perhaps starting from one common point is enough. Time will certainly tell, just like for the rest of us old married couples.

Maybe we're not that different after all. Maybe it matters not how — and/or why — you start, maybe it matters more how you finish.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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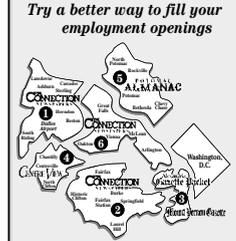
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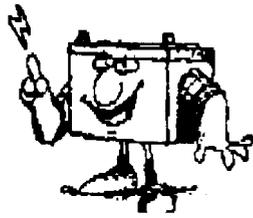
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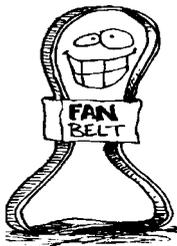


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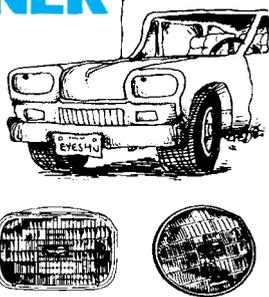
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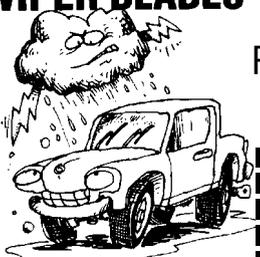
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