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South Lakes junior Jessica Tran poses with the artwork she and her Herndon High School partner created for this year's student art exhibition at the Greater Reston Arts Center. The exhibit opened last Friday.

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OBITUARY

Richard W Hale, 83, Dies

Richard (Dick) Hale, captain, U.S. Army, retired, 83, died Feb. 18, 2009. One of the original Reston residents from 1965 until 1972, between being stationed in Durban, South Africa, and Saigon, Vietnam. He always regretted selling his townhouse on Lake Anne in Reston.

He was born Feb. 7, 1926, in Coshocton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Hilda Jane of Fort Myers, Fla., his daughter Karen Hale and husband Kirby Yarbrough of Reston and his son Brad Hale and wife Lynne Fontaine of Cape Coral, Fla.

Hale enlisted in the army at 17, and served from 1943-1946. His basic training was with the last unit of the Horse Cavalry at Ft. Riley, Kan. He fought in the China, Burma and India Theater with the 475th Infantry Regiment (Mars Task Force). At the war's end he spent eight months training Chinese troops in China, then four months in India.

He entered Ohio State University in 1946, majoring in international studies and political science and was a member of Tau



Richard Hale

Kappa Epsilon. In December 1947, he married his high-school sweetheart, Hilda Jane Thompson, and they lived in GI housing at Ohio State, graduating in 1950. In mid-career he graduated from the master's program at the Naval War College in the class of 1972. He served as an intelligence officer with CIA from 1950-1975 in Washington, D.C., Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Vietnam.

In 1976 he and his wife settled in Sanibel, Fla. He worked in real estate and

was a member of CIRA, the Combat Infantrymen's Association, Lee Coast MOAA, Kiwanis, SCCF, and was a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. His articles about World War II were published in several periodicals.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 21, at 3 p.m., at the Chapel by the Sea, 11580 Chapin Lane, Captiva, Fla.

At his request, in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Habitat for Humanity of Lee County, 1288 N. Tamiami Trail, N. Fort Myers, FL 33903.



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The snow, wind and cold did not prevent some Restonians from riding their bikes to Reston Town Center 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

Hospital Rivalry Comes to Reston

Following HCA's plan for Reston hospital expansion, Inova announces project likely to compete for approval.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

With Inova Health System's announcement of its intention to build an 80-bed hospital in the Route 50 area of eastern Loudoun County, it appears that the long rivalry between Inova and Hospital Corporation of America, previously focused in Ashburn, will come to Reston and Dulles South.

Following Loudoun County's second denial, early this month, of a special exception for Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) to build its planned Broadlands Regional Medical Center (BRMC) in Ashburn, HCA dropped plans for the hospital and instead filed a rezoning application to expand its Reston Health Center by 152 beds. Days later, Inova announced its intent to apply for a certificate of public need (COPN) in order to build a facility in Dulles South. The

two plans will likely compete for state certification of their necessity.

Inova bought land in Dulles South a couple of years ago and had it rezoned for a hospital. Shortly thereafter, HCA purchased land nearby, and there was talk about building an emergency facility in conjunction with the Broadlands hospital, although no plans were filed.

INOVA SPOKESMAN Tony Raker said Inova Loudoun had been saying for some time that it would build a hospital on its land in Dulles South if HCA decided not to build in the area. "When they pulled out, that opened it up for us to go ahead and

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Stepson Arrested in Houston

Police apprehended Reston teenager and murder suspect Elvin Rodriguez-Juarez in Houston, Texas, on Feb. 17.

The 18-year-old suspect in his stepmother's murder waived extradition in Texas was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center last Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Rodriguez-Juarez, 17 at the time, is accused of murdering his 42-year-old stepmother, Zaida Alvarez Rodriguez, on April 3, 2008.

After a neighbor of the Reston apartment complex on Greywing Square heard screaming from the teenager and stepmother's apartment, the neighbor found Zaida Alvarez Rodriguez dead in the bedroom, according to search warrants filed in the case last April.

"The caller witnessed the deceased female's stepson exiting the bedroom and he subsequently fled the apartment prior to the responding units arrival," according to the warrant filed in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Police responded to find Zaida Alvarez Rodriguez unresponsive and summoned Fairfax County Fire and Rescue to initiate CPR, according to police press reports at the time.

Zaida Alvarez Rodriguez was transported to the Reston Hospital Center where she was pronounced dead, according to police.

— KEN MOORE

Murder Suspect Waives Hearing

More than 125 family members, friends and taxicab drivers packed a Fairfax County General District Courtroom Monday afternoon, in support of murder victim Mazhar Nazir.

Police discovered Nazir, 49, of Falls Church, dead inside his taxicab in the 8400 block of Greensboro Drive in Tysons Corner on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008. Nazir died from a single gunshot wound to his head, according to autopsy results.

Fairfax County Police charged Nazir's last fare, Evan D. Gargiulo, 22, of the 1700 block of Port Place in Reston, with murder and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Gargiulo, who was an employee of Lockheed Martin, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Monday, Feb. 23. His case was certified to proceed to a Fairfax County Circuit Court grand jury in March, one of the first steps for a felony case to proceed to the Circuit Court.

Gargiulo, a recent graduate of Pennsyl

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From left, Sarah Enriquez, Evelyn Mo, Arianna Zell, Adam Cleland and Meagan Sill.

Lions Announce Contest Winners

Top finishers in the Reston Lions Club Annual James Bland Musical Scholarship Competition, held Feb. 10, at the Reston Community Center and co-sponsored by the Reston Community Center, have been announced.

Winners include first-place vocalist, Meagan Sill of Potomac Falls; second-place vocalist, Arianna Zell of Great Falls; first-place instrumentalist, Adam Cleland of Oakton, second-place, Sarah Enriquez of Chantilly and third place, Evelyn Mo of Oak Hill. Winners in each category are eligible to compete in Virginia Lions regional, district and state competitions and win additional scholarships. The state final contest will be held May 29, at the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner. Lydia Kriso and Gretel von Pischke judged the Reston contest. Lion Jack Gazaly was the chairman of the event.

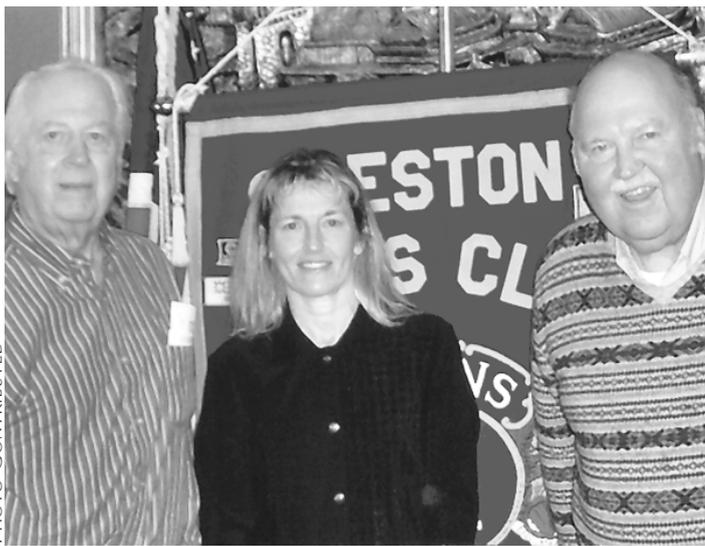


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Exercising for Good Health

Jill Hoko, group exercise coordinator of the Reston YMCA, presented the program to the Reston Lions Club at its regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 4. She discussed the importance of exercise to good health and demonstrated several exercises that are easy to perform. Under her directions, the members participated in balance and strength exercises. From left are Gerry Washburn, program chairman, Hoko and Ed Geiger, club's past president. Washburn and Geiger participate in exercise classes for seniors at the Reston YMCA.



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.

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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



South Lakes junior Zoe Williams stands in the installation piece she created.

off the page.

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.

"I had a lot of fun doing this," Speek 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."

SOUTH LAKES JUNIOR Zoe Williams had some communication problems with her partner and finally ended up taking the idea the two of them had come up with and bringing it to life herself. She created a full installation piece, with human figures silhouetted around the three-sided space her work occupies and a web of wires supporting abstract shapes overhead. At the center is a tree with photographed faces on the leaves.

Williams said the piece was to represent the ways that people with different roots all came together. The faces on the leaves are pictures of her father's coworkers at the National Education Association in D.C. "They come from like 30 different countries, but they all work in the same building," Williams said. And the wires and the amorphous shapes they suspend were conceived as continents and lines of latitude and longitude.

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."

COMMUNITY



Herndon resident Joanie Berger, left, and Nancy Kruger of Reston, admire the work of Israeli artist Ilan Hasson at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation's Israeli Arts and Crafts Fair, Saturday, Feb 28.

Israeli Artists Exhibit in Reston

Reston's Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation was transformed into an Israeli arts colony Feb. 28-March 1 as more than 20 artists from throughout Israel showcased their works at the synagogue's annual festival. According to NVHC's Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk proceeds are being sent back to Israel to benefit Kehillat Yozma, a reform congregation in Modi'in, Israel.

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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.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's the Coverage?

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Feb. 21, the South Lakes boys indoor track team, led by senior Vincent Brown, won the Northern Virginia Region Title at the George Mason fieldhouse. There was not one photo, one comment or one word about this significant victory by a local team in your "community" paper. Shame on you.

Walter S. Boone III
Reston

Vote No

To the Editor:

I was president of the Reston Association (RA) in 2005 when our members approved, by a margin of 87 percent, a referendum authorizing the board to purchase a 20,000-square-foot building headquarters building at a cost of \$5 million. The new office would replace the current facility located on Isaac Newton Square.

The 2005 referendum was thoughtfully prepared with open community discussion. Space plan studies conducted by RA administration determined a new 20,000-square-foot facility with a more practical design than its current location would allow for more community meeting space without the need for a larger facility. Membership approval of 87 percent was

a result of collaboration, good governance and decision making.

Today — \$15 million RA request — without much RA membership input and with a split board decision, the RA board is now asking its members for authorization to spend \$15 million to provide office space for 48 administrative personnel a few community meeting rooms. This is incredible.

What is also incredible is RA may use \$1.9 million of our reserves allocated for paths, lakes and common areas as its down payment. This request for \$15 million is out of touch with our actual needs and is in very bad discretion considering our current economic environment. One hundred percent of the cost will be paid for by Reston Association members.

I very much respect the RA administration and board leadership; however the case has not been made for this referendum. We need two-way dialog prior to a referendum, not afterwards. Please vote no.

Rick Beyer
Reston

Referendum on New Headquarters

To the Editor:

It certainly is appropriate for any citizen of Reston to question Reston Association officials concerning the financing and other details of the

2009 referendum proposal that trouble them. Citizens should expect effective answers to these questions within the limits of the inevitable market uncertainty that always exists when we consider such a complex matter.

Nevertheless, it is a bit surprising that some residents are always inclined to start from the negative position — "No! It can't be done!" It strikes me that, instead, there are a number of very compelling reasons why we should move ahead now. Instead of starting from a position of "No," let's attempt to find out what we would need to do to make the proposition work. Unless it simply doesn't make financial sense, let's do it.

Please consider these points:

1. In general, unless for some reason Reston Association's tax status makes it infeasible, it would be better for it to own the RA headquarters building than to continue to lease space. Reston Association will be a permanent fixture in Reston for as far into the future as any of us can see. Its functions and role in the community are likely to grow, not diminish during the foreseeable future as Reston's population continues to grow by as much as 25 percent.

2. There will be no better time in the foreseeable future to buy an office building than is the case in today's market.

3. If no suitable office building can be found for purchase in today's market place, then it should be noted that there will be

no better market for building a new building than we are experiencing today. When the economy regains its strength, prices for land, material and labor will escalate rapidly.

4. Cost figures proposed in the 2005 headquarters referendum were probably too constraining. We probably could never have accomplished our building space goal within those limitations, then or now. Are the current proposed parameters too high? Maybe. However, would it not be better to set a realistic upper limit that may never need to be reached rather than to impose unrealistic short-term limitations that cannot be achieved?

5. Does RA need all the space they are requesting as an upper limit? The normal functions of RA today are cramped into inadequate space. Staff functions and community uses seldom have the space needed to be effective. Looking ahead as far as we can see will RA need 35,000 square feet? It's hard to be completely certain. However, RA is not compelled to use any surplus space that it finds it does not need in the short term. Small units of surplus space can always be leased out to private tenants, generating additional income for RA. Then, when additional space is needed, it is available. No need to move again to find adequate space after only a few years at the new site.

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OPINION

Stimulating the Virginia Economy

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As I left my office in the General Assembly Building one evening last week at about 7 p.m. I was blocked from crossing the street to get to my car by a parade of elephants, horses and other Barnum and Bailey Circus entertainers. They were making their way to the Richmond Coliseum for their annual show. Later in the week I was able to go to the circus with my daughter Helen and grandchildren Emma and Conrad. This year's version of the Greatest Show on Earth featured a variety of spectacular magic tricks throughout the show including a disappearing elephant. A couple of days later the circus had packed up and moved off to Norfolk and then to Fairfax.

RICHMOND REPORT

Visitors to the General Assembly sometimes express what they see as being like a circus. Certainly there are a lot of bright lights, skilled people and more than a few tricks. In early January 140 legislators descend on Richmond and after 46 days of a flurry of activities that will end this week return to their homes. The products of the legislative session as meager as they may be will be examined in future columns.

The Conference Committee working on the budget will make its report in the next couple of days. The only good news in an otherwise bleak picture is that federal stimulus monies will help offset some of the losses of state revenue. Virginia revenues that have been declining for a year fell sharply in Decem-



ber with unprecedented reductions in general fund revenues occurring since mid-January. Fortunately, passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides the state with about one billion dollars that can offset the immediate loss of \$800 million. Of course, stimulus monies are likely to be one-time funds. If the economy does not start to recover we simply

will be in a hole again in a year.

Other components of the federal stimulus act will be announced over the next several months as to funding levels and specific requirements. There will be extensive tax cuts for working families and small businesses to create more confidence and to encourage spending. The act also includes monies for infrastructure investments that are "shovel ready" to put people to work and to make many long overdue improvements. Targeted investments will be made to improve technology in health care and to expand the production of renewable energy. Tax credits and other financial enhancements should make higher education more affordable. Additional support will also be coming to local government.

The stimulus package came just in time to allow us to balance the budget for at least the immediate future. It also allows us to pack up just like the circus and move on.



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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.

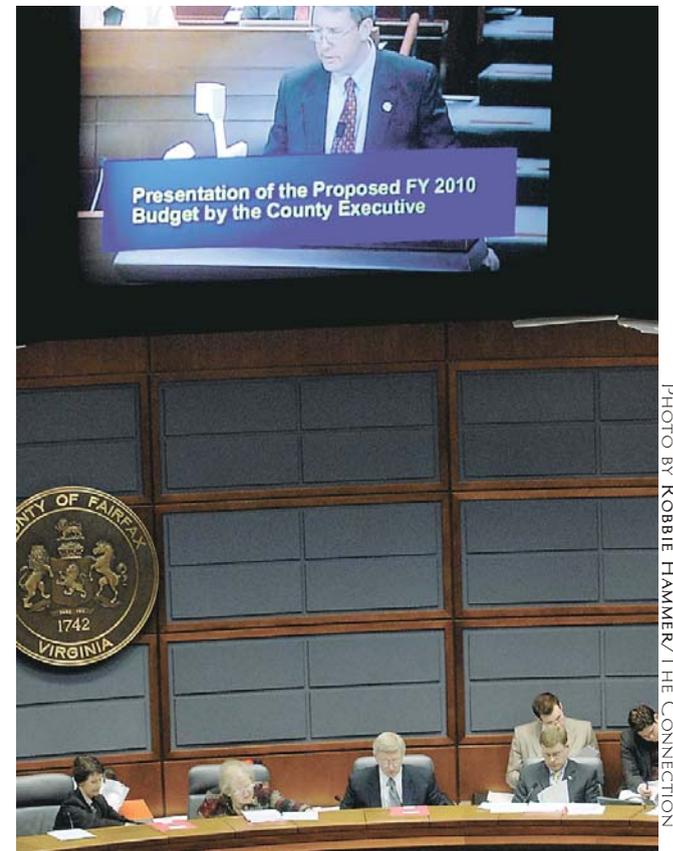
"Where you save money in these consolidations is the upper level management positions," he said.

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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A Way Forward in Education?

Reston resident hopes to change how students think about learning.

BY ROB WILE
THE CONNECTION

In 1918, Mississippi became the last of the lower 48 states to enact a compulsory school attendance law. America at this time was a heavily industrialized society, so when states set out to create standardized public school systems, they looked in part to factories as models for how to efficiently teach thousands of students a year.

These models, according to Skip Work, author of "The Last Lifeboat," still persist, and lie at the heart of what he sees as the main problem with America's education system.

Just released on Arkansas-based Tate publishing, Work's book was essentially a lifetime in the making. A 54-year-old Memphis native now living with his wife and son in Reston, Work said he never missed

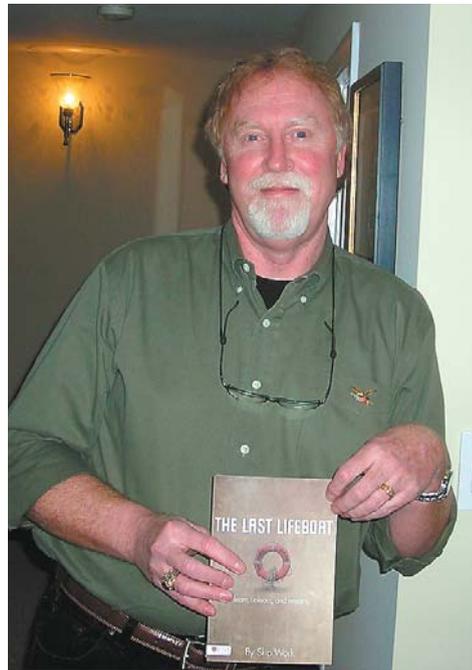


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Author Skip Work says trying to change the education system from the inside failed, so he decided to write a book.

a party while he was in school and graduated in the bottom 20 percent of his high-school class. He eventually joined the Marines, where he became an air-traffic control technician and later an instructor.

"I was going into companies and interviewing all the employees asking them four questions: what problems do you have, what do you need, what do you want ... and so it just kind of evolved," he said. "And it was right after that that I go, well, you can't change the education system from the inside. I wanted to teach people, this is how you learn. But you can't do that, it's hypocritical. I can't say [to

someone], you need to learn how to learn — I gotta teach you how to do it."

Though the number of high-school graduates employed by actual factories is declining, Work said students are still entering the workforce prepared for

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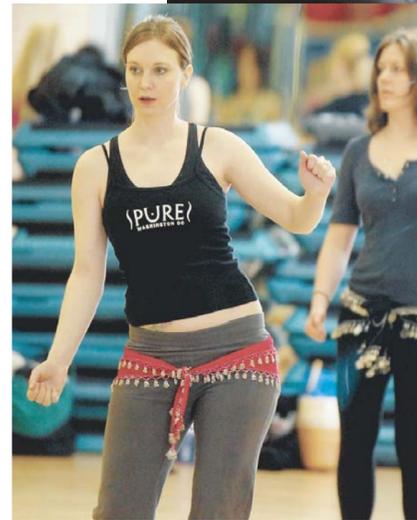
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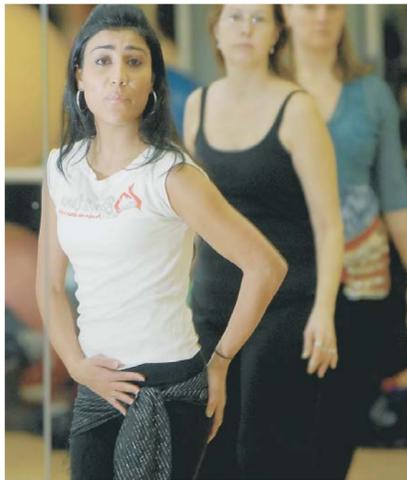


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Laura Walz of Sterling learns a variety of Egyptian, Turkish and Persian style dance moves during a Middle Eastern Dance Workshop at the Reston Sport and Health Club on March 1.

Lessons in Egyptian, Turkish and Persian Dance



Azin Mahoozi.



Azin Mahoozi of Vienna teaches workshop participants some Persian Bandari dance steps. Azin is owner of the Born 2 Dance Studio in Vienna and has been teaching Persian dancing for seven years. The workshop was sponsored by the Tiraz Dance Network and featured dance instructors with Turkish, Egyptian and Persian influence.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@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.

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



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.

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

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

Voice Chamber Singers. 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 11900



A much-heralded "fathers and sons" quartet is featured in this weekend's Barbershop Quartets competition at Hyatt Regency Reston, March 6-7. From left, Mike Wallen, tenor; Eric Wallen, bass, Bill Colosimo, baritone; Anthony Colosimo, lead.

Lawyers Road, Reston. The Voice 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

Voice 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 Choral will also perform.

Tulip Festival. Lake Anne Florist, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Buy Holland Tulips for special prices. Vased arrangements and cash and carry available. Call 703-437-8686.

ART

The Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, is hosting an exhibition entitled "Four Seasons" March 5-April 2. The exhibit features contemporary works by Marie Straw. The Gallery will also host Youth Art Month March 3-30. Call 703-476-4500.

ArtspaceHerndon, a new community art gallery and classroom studio located in the heart of Herndon, is presenting Habitat, an exhibition of contemporary landscape paintings and sculpture addressing the subject of adaptation of the environment and its living inhabitants.

Jo Fleming of Great Falls presents paintings, which share her observations

of "modified" wild places and depict flora and fauna utilizing available resources in the landscape. Some paintings recognize gestures of man in the built environment to interact with the natural world.

Colorfully patinated bronze sculptures by Bill Moore of Silver Spring, Md., present, at magnified scale, the physical adaptations of armored beetles and ancient fossil fish, which were predators of the seas millions of years ago.

Exhibition dates are through March 9. Gallery hours are Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

For more information, visit www.artspaceherndon.com or www.jofleming.com or www.mooreculture.com.

An exhibition of art by students from Herndon High School entitled "Emerging Visions: ROOTS" will be on display through April 14 at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston.

Works by Matthew Best will be on display through April 6 at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston.

The Reston Museum will be closed for renovations through April 17. A new interior and new exhibits are in the works. Children's Art Workshops will be on hiatus during the renovations, but Pat McIntyre's Art Workshop will continue Saturdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

THEATER

"The Full Monty," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Friday, March 6; 8 p.m. Saturday, March 7; 8 p.m., Friday, March 13; 8 p.m., Saturday, March 14 (sign interpretation); 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15; 8 p.m., Friday, March 20, and 8 p.m., Saturday, March 21; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, March 22; 8 p.m., Friday, March 27, and 8 p.m., Saturday, March 28. See www.restonplayers.org.

"Falsettos," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, March 13-April 4. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Something Different 2009," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength

Theatre, March 21-April 5. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Laughing Stock," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Friday, May 1; 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2; 8 p.m., Friday, May 8; 8 p.m., Saturday, May 9 (sign interpretation); 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 10; 8 p.m., Friday, May 15, and 8 p.m., Saturday, May 16. See www.restonplayers.org.

"The History Boys," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, June 5-27. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Fairytales in Training," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, June 13-28. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

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Reston Players Present 'Full Monty'

Tony award-nominated musical will run weekends.

BY ROB WILE
THE CONNECTION

Area theatergoers can look forward to a whole new spin on losing one's shirt when the Reston Community Players' performance of "The Full Monty" debuts Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m.

Originally a 1997 British film nominated for four Oscars, including Best Picture, the Americanized musical takes place in Buffalo, where a group of laid-off steel workers have bottomed out financially. Desperate, they decide to organize a Chippendale's-style all-male strip show to supplement their unemployment checks. While the show's calling card are its striptease numbers — and this production will feature full-frontal male nudity, according to director Sue Pinkman — the baring of bodies is merely a pretext for the characters' baring their souls, she said.

"There are so many levels to the comedy and so many levels to the message," she said. "It's like, people really do need people.



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The Players' production premieres this Friday.

It's about love in all different forms, sons and fathers, husbands and wives, it has a gay couple in it, it has an older man in it who isn't ready to retire, so there's all kinds of wonderful elements to it."

WRITTEN BY Tony Award winner Terrence McNally, known for "Ragtime" and scored by David Yazbek, the show premiered on Broadway in 2000 and was nominated in every major Tony award category, including Best Musical. Pinkman, who is also president of the Players, said she saw the original production shortly after 9/11, and explained that then, as now, the musical serves as a distraction from hard times. "It was two hours that just changed you,"

she said. "People were laughing and walking out of the theater happy for a little while, it was really something that helped you forget a little what was going on. It was such an escape and it resounds today — there are a lot of similarities with the economy. It's about guys who are out of work and there are so many people who are out of work [today]."

Herndon native Evan Hoffmann stars as Jerry Lukowski, the de facto ringleader of the down-and-out workers. He said he's embraced the challenges of the complete exposure the role demands.

"It's exciting, it's one of the main reasons that I was excited to do the show," he said. "I've certainly never been in a play where I

was asked to take my clothes off. I look at it as a test of my own will — it's a nice test of my comfort level with myself, if I'm able to do it."

Complicating matters for Jerry is his recent divorce to Pam — played by Hoffmann's real-life wife Jaclyn Young. Hoffmann said acting alongside Young has made his performance considerably easier.

"SHE ENCOURAGED me even before I said yes to do the show," he said. "She had no problem that I would have to go 'full monty.' It'll be fun and very funny."

Young herself praised her husband's and his co-stars' enthusiasm for their roles.

"I'm constantly amazed at every rehearsal of their comfort level, it's one of the great messages of the show, that everyone looks great, everyone is great for who they are," she said. "It's been really exciting to watch the guys, from beginning, they were saying, 'Oh my gosh, I'm going to have to take my clothes off,' and now no one even thinks about it. I'm in awe of all the guys — it's made our cast quite an ensemble."

The production will run each weekend through March 28, at the Reston Community Center in Hunters Woods Plaza. Tickets, which start at \$17, can still be purchased online at www.rcp-tix.com or at the box office.

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Great Time to Trade Up Home

A look at Reston real estate update, 2008 review.

BY JON QUEROLO, REALTOR
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There are currently 260 homes for sale in Reston — 67 are single-family detached, 88 townhouses and 105 condominiums. Detached range from \$179,900 to \$1,499,900 with the average being \$684,959; the average days on market (DOM) is 82. Townhouses, currently 88 for sale ranging from \$130,000 to \$998,000 with the average being \$406,899 and the DOM are 89. Condominiums, there are 105 for sale, ranging from \$90,000 to \$1,490,000 with an average of \$334,986 and a DOM of 98.

Opinion: 260 homes for sale is a good healthy number. In my 25-plus years we have seen periods where the number of homes for sale in Reston was more than 600. Contrary to popular misconception, Reston (along with Vienna, Oakton, McLean and Arlington) has performed quite well the past year compared to surrounding areas. We have seen little in the way of foreclosures, the “short sales” we encounter are being dealt with and sold to new owners. Due to overall home prices (high) and the lack of new construction, Reston avoided the speculative boom (and now bust) that has occurred to the west and south. I expect this to be a continuing problem for several years further out while Reston continues to be a popular, sought after place to live.

SOLD IN 2008: The facts/stats: There were 251 fewer homes sold in Reston in 2008 vs. 2007. That is a pretty big number, but there is some interesting/encouraging news, activity is increasing. Settled sales (homes sold) were up 30 percent in September of '08 vs. September '07; up 15 percent in October; up 20 percent in November and December numbers were up 15 percent. The average days to sell improved slightly over last year.

Opinion: Sales were off the first eight months of the year. The increasing year over year stats for the last four months are encouraging. An average 74 homes sold and settled each month since September (the market is by no means “dead”). At this pace the average days to sell would be about three and a half months — that is not bad.

Bottom line — nice homes, priced correctly are selling.

MORTGAGES: Currently a 30-year fixed is available with some searching in the high 4s. The new FNMA/FHLMC max loan limit (\$625,000) will have little effect on the market here for 90 percent of buyers. FHA continues to be very attractive with its low down payment (3.5 percent) and flexible credit underwriting. Jumbo money is available (loans over \$625,000), so there is plenty of mortgage money available.

Opinion: Do not ever take an adjustable or balloon-type mortgage. If you are paying more than 6 percent on your mortgage call your lender and ask about a streamline refinance. If they offer it, do it, you do not need to qualify, there is no appraisal and it keeps the original term of your mortgage. If you have paid on your current mortgage for more than five years you probably would not want to refinance to a new 30-year loan, depends on how much you lower the rate. Call for more info.

BUYING/INVESTING NOW?

Absolutely. What a great time to trade up or to a different type of home. Let's remember the joy that comes from owning a home and building equity over the long term. The days of treating a home like a hedge fund are so yesterday. If you know a young(er) person who doesn't own a home tell them to buy and lock in an incredible 30-year loan — these rates will not last. For trade ups, downs and overs — if you always wanted to live on the water, in a big detached house or a luxury condo get out and take a look. You may be amazed at what you can buy. Sell (or rent your current house) and live in the home you want. Investors are back and getting some great buys.

GOING FORWARD: We have lots to be thankful for. We live in a world-class community, we have great schools and a thriving employment base, Dulles Airport is soaring and Metro will be open to Wiehle by 2013. People want to live here. Visitors to open houses from neighboring counties/communities want to call Reston home. Many who left wish to return. We have lots to be optimistic about.



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NEWS

Man Charged in Reston Home Invasion Robbery

On Jan. 24 at 4 a.m., an armed, home-invasion robbery occurred on Reston Avenue in Reston, and Fairfax County police have charged a Centreville man in connection with that offense. He is Nino Justice Pascal, 27, of 6161 Strasburg Drive in The Meadows community.

In a Feb. 2 affidavit for a warrant to search Pascal's home for possible evidence of that crime, robbery Det. Eric Deane wrote that a firearm was used "to perpetrate the robbery and assault the victim" who sustained a laceration to his head. Wrote Deane: "The blood from the victim is believed to be on the

clothes of the suspect who caused this injury."

Following an investigation, police arrested Pascal on Jan. 26, charging him with robbery, malicious wounding, abduction with intent to extort money, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The last charge stems from the fact that authorities believe Pascal used a pistol to assault the victim, and because, on March 24, 2006 in Circuit Court, he was convicted of a felony — distribution of a Schedule I controlled substance.

According to Deane, "The handgun described by the victim and

two witnesses in the [January] robbery is a dark, semi-automatic pistol. This firearm has not been recovered, to date." Police hoped to find that weapon, as well as any clothing belonging to Pascal that might have contained traces of blood. But when they searched his home, Feb. 6, they did not seize anything.

Meanwhile, he's being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center and has a March 10 court date. In addition, Pascal is being held on a detainer from Loudoun County for an alleged probation violation there.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Citizens Join Hospital Debate

FROM PAGE 3

announce our intent to pursue a COPN," he said.

However, HCA spokesman Mark Foust said HCA had not decided against building a Dulles South facility, although he said the denial of the Broadlands hospital had altered the company's overall plans. "We're re-evaluating that in light of the BRMC denial. No decision has been made," he said.

Raker said plans for an Inova hospital in Dulles South have been in the works since before the land was purchased. Construction will begin with a healthplex offering emergency care and outpatient medical services, which will not require a certificate of public need, and Inova plans to add medical-surgical beds, an intensive care unit, obstetric beds, operating rooms, a helipad and other services later. "It would be very soon, as a matter of fact, that we could break ground," Raker said.

Foust, though, pointed out that HCA already holds a valid COPN, granted for the Broadlands hospital, although the company has not decided whether it will try to transfer the certificate to its Reston expansion or apply for a new one. The expanded Reston hospital would serve much of the area that would have been served by a

Broadlands hospital, and it would also bring more competition to local medical care, Foust said.

He noted that the Federal Trade Commission had blocked a merger between Inova and Prince William Health System last year, saying the merger would be anti-competitive and result in higher costs. He said the decision cast doubt on the desire for another Inova hospital in the region. Also, Foust said, both Prince William and Fauquier hospitals have said they would oppose an Inova hospital in Dulles South.

On the other hand, Raker said HCA had just been turned down in December for a 12-bed expansion at the Reston hospital.

DOUG HARRIS OF the state Health Department said the company had applied for a 26-bed expansion but had only been approved for 14 new beds. "Reston was approved for 14 because that's what a need was demonstrated for," Harris said.

Raker said he thought HCA would have a hard time demonstrating a need for 152 more beds at the hospital. He also pointed out that Reston Hospital Center had already reached its maximum allowed density and would have to apply for a rezoning in order to expand further.

Meanwhile, Loudoun County's

plan for health-care facilities has expressed a desire for a hospital in Dulles South, where there is a lack of facilities and a potential for significant population growth, Raker said. "So we are in compliance with the health-care facilities plan."

Foust dismissed the earlier denial of 12 hospital beds at Reston Hospital Center, saying, "The landscape has changed now that Broadlands has been denied. Reston would have much of the same service area as Broadlands." As for the need for a rezoning, he said HCA had already applied to have the site rezoned and noted that the property had been rezoned many times before. "The county approved the original rezoning in 1984 and since then has approved five rezonings to help Reston [Hospital Center] grow with the community," he said.

Foust said HCA plans to deal with the certificate of public need for the expansion shortly. Its current certificate expires next month.

The debate over Broadlands Regional Medical Center, which Inova — and, ultimately, the county — opposed, was marked by vigorous citizen involvement, with residents on both sides of the issue circulating petitions, writing letters to the county and turning out in droves for public hearings.

Call Helps Solve Cabbie Murder

FROM PAGE 3

vania State University, turned himself into Fairfax County Police at the Reston District station Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, about 5:30 p.m.

On Nov. 3, an anonymous caller

contacted the Fairfax County Police Department's Crime Solvers Unit and said Gargiulo committed the murder. On Nov. 4, detectives interviewed the caller, who told police that Gargiulo attended a Halloween costume party in a D.C.

nightclub on Nov. 1 and Nov. 2, dressed in a wetsuit, a neoprene diver's jacket, neoprene diver's boots and a blond wig, according to Fairfax County Circuit Court documents.

— KEN MOORE

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

have long-term residual value. Unless we allow the total Reston community to deteriorate because we have failed to constantly renew our investment in it, land here will have ever-increasing value even after an office building reaches the long-temp end of its useful life.

7. If an exceptional purchase opportunity involving a larger building presents itself, there should be no reason for RA not to take advantage of it within the specified cost limits, even if it must then become the landlord for any surplus space. The earlier referendum completely hamstringed RA and made no allowance for this possibility.

8. Site location in Reston? Sure, if this is at all possible. Would we really have a legitimate complaint if an ideal opportunity arose just on the edge of Reston? How much extra would we each be willing to pay in order to demand that the building be within the limits of the Reston Master Plan area? What about one of the old Bowman Distillery properties? They are within Reston but not within the Reston Master Plan.

Taking all these factors into account, unless someone can show beyond reasonable doubt that a purchase or build option as proposed in the 2009 referendum question simply won't clearly benefit the Reston community and Reston Association and its members in the long term, then I say, "Vote Yes" on the referendum.

David A. Edwards
Reston

Not Made the Case

The following was sent to ARCH cluster member representatives.

In the next day or so, you and other members of your cluster/condo association will be receiving a referendum ballot from the Reston Association (RA) seeking your vote to approve the following referendum question:

"Should the Reston Association board of directors be authorized to finance and expend, as determined by the board of directors, an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 to purchase a commercial office building or condominium space, or interest therein, or, in the alternative, to purchase property and to construct a building thereon for future use as the Association's headquarters?"

ARCH believes that, to date, the Reston Association (RA) board has not made the case for the new headquarters referendum.

To find out why, please read and send to other members of your cluster/condo association the at-

tached executive summary and exhibits prepared by and approved by the ARCH issues committee and board of directors regarding this important community issue.

Gerald R. Volloy, President
The Alliance of Reston Clusters
and Homeowners

Pass Free Choice Act

To the Editor:

Congress needs to pass the Employee Free Choice Act because workers have had to face employers who illegally fire them or retaliate against them for trying to improve their working conditions by forming a union. Employers force workers to attend face to face meetings with management who tell them the company may shut down if they vote for a union, all the while keeping tabs on who is supporting the union drive. The Employee Free Choice Act will not remove the secret ballot as an option, it will just allow the ballot to be an option for the worker not the employer. The workers will also have the option of forming a union once the majority of workers sign cards asking for a union.

The Employee Free Choice Act also will strengthen the penalties for the abuses employers have routinely exercised against workers organizing a union. The Employee Free Choice Act will strengthen workers ability to achieve a first contract within a reasonable period of time. In our pro-business anti-worker state, we have the ability to level the playing field through the passage of the Employee Free Choice Act. Unions raise the quality of life for all workers, including those in management positions, by providing higher wages and better benefits. And, contrary to popular belief, unions don't cause businesses to close. Help us pass this key piece of legislation through Congress.

Dolores Trevino-Gerber
Falls Church

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 display 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

No Relief for Homeowners

To the Editor:

Once again the free-spending Fairfax County Board of Supervisors needs help with its budget. Step forward the overtaxed homeowner. He will see a decrease in the assessed value of his property averaging around 10 percent. He might, consequently, have looked forward to some relief in his RE tax. But no, a 13 percent rate increase is proposed. Why no relief? Because of the county's habitual overspending.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) is concerned for potential budget cuts affecting public safety. There are, he says, "tons of nice-to-have programs" that should be looked at first. Perhaps Mr. McKay could tell us what they are.

Harry Locock
Reston

Plum's Circus

To the Editor:

Governor Kaine exults with unseemly glee that, given the possible influx of \$1 billion in federal stimulus funds (taxpayers' money), there may be no need for further cuts in Virginia's budget. Oh, that's good, then, isn't it? No, it isn't. As Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who is equally delighted, points out, stimulus monies will likely be one-time funds. Then what?

Delegate Plum says that the stimulus package came just in time. "It allows us to pack up just like the circus and move on [Reston Connection, Feb. 25-March 3, 2009]." Leaving the animals' deposits behind, no doubt.

Harry Locock
Reston

Record vs. Rhetoric

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN
CLUB OF GREATER RESTON

At this writing, we are represented by two Democrat senators on the Hill, Jim Webb and Mark Warner. We have two Democrat representatives, James Moran and Gerry Connolly. We have three Democrats in the Senate of Virginia — Janet Howell, Chap Peterson and Mark Herring and we have two Democrat delegates in the General Assembly, Ken Plum and Steve Shannon representing the Hunter Mill Magisterial District. We have a Democrat chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors — Sharon Bulova, the budgeter who has a \$650 million deficit to solve and a Democrat Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

All have made campaign pledges, promises, issued ad finitum lines of rhetoric and littered our mail boxes with reams of paper citing what they will do to fix the disastrous transportation situation in Northern Virginia.

However, reviewing what has happened in the last couple of weeks shows their record does not match their rhetoric. Of national concern, the Congress of the United States recently passed the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 — also known as "stimulus bill" authorizing the stated expenditure of \$786 billion plus interest. Originally, the bill was intended to jump-start employment by funding "shovel ready" projects that strategically contribute to the nation's infrastructure. Some of the rhetoric promised that much of the money would be spent on infrastructure rehabilitation and development; i.e., transportation roads, bridges and a railroad from Las Vegas to Los Angeles.

First concern that comes to mind in Hunter Mill is Rail to Dulles. There have been whispered questions on whether RTD will be included in the stimulus bill. Let us assume that by the time the labor unions and trial lawyers get done with the project the cost will be somewhere around \$5 billion. Nobody has come forth with a final figure and the financing arrangements still remain a murky topic to be avoided. Suffice to say, after 10-plus years

of planning, innumerable studies, impact statements and decisions of various government agencies all we see is some preliminary work done on rearranging the utilities. It would be comforting to know that the rail people at VDOT and Metrorail engineers are on a 24/7 schedule to completely design and engineer the project. Funding Rail to Dulles would take .01 percent of the entire stimulus funds package. Yet, all we have is the Dulles Rail Corridor Association that treats every letter of approval, impact study and pronouncement with a celebration equal to that of VJ Day. It appears that the commonwealth will get \$700 million for highway construction and only \$136.6 million for public transit and rail projects; e.g., Rail to Dulles? Where are our senators and congressman on this issue? Asleep?

Actions in Richmond are not encouraging either. A bill to accelerate the sale of authorized, but not yet issued, transportation bonds, including \$500 million for Northern Virginia was killed in the finance committee of the Senate of Virginia. Who votes to kill the bill? Sen. Janet Howell.

Our local supervisor is not immune to the disease either. It appears her solution to our transportation problems is limited to bicycle paths and walkways, including having Fairfax County specifying access to our private homes, the width of our front doors and the size and location of our bathrooms. Lord knows how much it will cost to remodel all of our low-income housing to meet these specifications. The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments voted to kill the project to widen I-66 inside the Beltway, a \$30 million transportation improvement, which would increase the capacity of that stretch of the interstate by 50 percent. Funds have already been appropriated thanks to Congressman Frank Wolf. Who votes to kill the project? Supervisor Cathy Hudgins.

It appears we have a case of Democrats, "progressives," socialists or whatever they are calling themselves these days who do not or cannot take effective action to turn issues into solutions: They merely want issues with which they can make promises and campaign on.

Seahawks End Season with Solid Showing at States

Brown places in three events to lead South Lakes squad.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High boys indoor track and field team, which two weeks ago captured the Northern Region title, had a strong showing at last week's Virginia State AAA Championships. The final postseason event took place, Feb. 27-28, at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

South Lakes, among a field of 57 teams, finished eighth overall at the state meet with 16 team points, tying Great Bridge of Chesapeake. The Seahawks were the top finisher from their Northern Region, with Edison and

Chantilly, both part of a four-way tie for 11th place, being the next top finishers from the region.

Albermarle of Charlottesville was the overall team champion with 66 points, finishing ahead of second-place Western Branch of Chesapeake (61) and third-place Nansemond Suffolk (48).

South Lakes senior Vincent Brown, whose outstanding meet at regionals helped boost his team to the title, had a solid outing at states, placing in three events. He was second in the 55-meter hurdles, fifth in the 55 dash and sixth in the long jump. Also for South Lakes, senior Mike Harrell was eighth in the 55-meter hurdles.

A week earlier, South Lakes boys had taken first place at the region championships meet, held Feb. 21, at George Mason University's Field House. The Seahawks (59.5 points) finished ahead of second-place Edison (54) and third-place Chantilly (50). Robinson, Hayfield and Lake Braddock finished fourth through sixth, respectively, in the 27-team field.

It was South Lakes' second region crown in less than a year. Last spring, the Seahawks took first place at the region outdoor championships.

Brown, at the recent indoor regionals, won three events to lead South Lakes to the crown — the 300 dash, 55 hurdles and the long jump. He was third in the high jump event. Harrell finished third in the 55

hurdles, fifth in the 300 and eighth in the triple jump.

South Lakes' 4x800 boys relay team of Sean Williams, Sam Boone, Steven Zaboji and Kevin Muir finished sixth.

For the South Lakes girls, Lachelle Wallace finished second in the 55 dash and third in the 300 dash.

Also for the Seahawks, junior Valerie Moyer was ninth in high jump.

South Lakes' 4x200 girls relay team of Nicole Ehrhardt, Kelly Regan, Christine Nolan and Wallace was eighth.

The South Lakes track and field program is under the direction of head coach Scott Raczek.

HERNDON HIGH senior Emily Palmer, competing at last weekend's state meet, was a first-place finisher in the girls triple jump and a third-place finisher in the long jump. Also for the Hornets, Hiruni Wijayarathne and Carolyn Hennessey finished first and second, respectively, in the girls 3,200 race. Carina Peter was fourth in the 300.

THE VIRGINIA STATE AAA SWIM and dive championships took place at the Freedom Center in Manassas two weeks ago.

In the boys team standings, Robinson was team champion, with Madison and Langley finishing second and third, respectively. Oakton finished seventh among the field of 36 teams. Other local teams included McLean (14th place), Herndon (15th), Marshall (22nd) and South Lakes (28th).

The Langley High 200 medley relay team, made up of Stephen Richards, Chuck Katis, Alex Brumas and Chris Barnard, finished fourth. And the Saxons' 400 free relay team of Ryan Natal, Alec Contag, Katis and Richards was fifth.

In individual events, Richards was first in the 100 breaststroke and second in the 200 individual medley race; Katis was third in the 100 breast; Natal was seventh in the 100 fly; and Jamie Sexton was seventh in the 100 breast.

For Madison, Sean Fletcher won the 100 fly and 100 free events, while Robbie Parker won the 50 free race.

Madison's 200 free relay team of Fletcher, David Fallovollita, Adam Pennington and Parker finished first. The Warhawks also won the 400 free relay with a foursome of Parker, Matt Russiello, Pennington and Fletcher.

McLean High's Charlie Putnam finished third in the 200 IM race and fourth in the



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South Lakes' Jasmine Jones (3) goes up for a block in a late-season game against Madison. Jones, Kelcyn Manners (55, left) and Kacey Liscomb were senior tri-captains for the Seahawks, who experienced a victorious winter season. South Lakes, under coach Christy Winters Scott, captured the Liberty District regular season title. The team's season ended with a close loss to South County in the first round of the Northern Region playoffs.

100 back. In 1-meter diving, McLean's Martin Brown was eighth.

Oakton High's Phillip Bailey won both the 200 free and 100 back events, and was second in the 500 free. Also for the Cougars, KJ Park was second in the 100 breast and sixth in the 200 IM; Devin Jansen finished seventh in the 100 free and eighth in the 50 free; and Michael Hallock was second in the 100 free. The Oakton 400 free relay team of Bradley, Park, Kevin Cho and Hallock was eighth.

South Lakes' Brad Dillon was eighth in the 100 back event.

Herndon's Mark Rodakowski was fifth in 100 breast.

Marshall's Cyrus Hashemi finished fourth in the 200 free event and fifth in the 500 free.

IN THE GIRLS TEAM SCORES at state swimming, Robinson High was the champion. Other local teams competing included Lan-

gley High (fourth place), Oakton (eighth), McLean (12th) and Madison (25th).

Langley High's Kim Pilka was third in 1-meter diving and teammate Kelly Corish was fifth. Also for the Saxons, Megan Howard was seventh in the 50 free; Jayme Katis was seventh in the 100 free; and Karen Schirm was eighth in 100 breast. Langley's 200 medley relay team of Meghan Overend, Karen Schirm, Jessica Hawken and Megan Howard was eighth. The Saxons' 200 free relay team of Overend, Hawken, Jayme Katis and Howard was third.

McLean's Eva Greene was fourth in the 100 free and third in 100 back.

Oakton's Kaitlin Pawlowicz won the 200 IM and was second in the 100 fly. Cougar Emily Rakosi was eighth in 1-meter diving. Oakton's 400 free relay team of Quinn Wilkinson, Allie Maher, Ashley Doran and Pawlowicz was seventh.

Madison's Kelly Lloyd finished second in 1-meter diving.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The **American Icebirds** AAA Ice Hockey Team is looking for players ages 14-18 at all positions for spring/summer competitive AAA tournament play from May-July. Interested players, call 703-400-2343 and ask for coach Kulla or e-mail icebirds@inbox.com.

Nature Team Tennis, presented by Sports for Nature, will take place at

the Skyline Sport & Health Club, 5115 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Saturday, April 25. The event is open to all USTA members and nonmembers. There is space for four teams per division, so register early. Cost is \$375 per team. Captain of each team is responsible for registering his/her team. Send check payable to "Sports for Nature" to The Green Business, 12001 Market St., No. 303, Reston, VA 20190. A confirmation receipt will be sent

once check is received. Registration deadline is April 22. There will be food, beverage, raffles, gifts, trophies, medals and prizes for all players. The event will benefit environmental organizations in their quest to conserve more land, water, animals and plants.

On Feb. 7-8, Olympic Volleyball came to Northern Virginia. **Virginia Elite** and **NVVA** brought 2008 Olympic sil-

ver-medallist Stacy Sykora, Olympic silver medal-winning assistant coach Tom Hogan and five-time Olympic staffer John Kessel to 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.

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OBITUARY

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Learning How to Learn

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little more than to know how to stick to a routine.

"What we're doing now is when people are down in 12th grade you say, OK, you're all set to work in a factory," he said. "You won't have a teacher or a coach, you'll have a manager who's smart and you won't know anything, but he'll still be able to tell you, go here, do this, keep doing this same thing over and over again and

"If you look at where we're at in the crisis ... when we got to be as smart as we could do, we had trouble all over the place."

— **Skip Work, author**

Work likens the country's way of thinking about education to a heavily fortified bunker that he said cannot be reformed — from the inside or the outside. What is needed, he said, is a completely alternative outlook toward learning and education.

"If we're gonna change, we have to find an alternative," he said. "The way that you change is, you get a few pioneers. You say, 'This is where I want to go, this is what I want to do, who wants to come with me?'"

Work's solution can be boiled down to three basic steps. The first is to decide what students need to be learning.

"If we were really focused on edu-

cation and learning, [we would ask] how many questions does a seventh-grader have to answer? And so what you'd have to do is go to the English classes, go to the history classes and go, this is it, there is a test at seventh- and eighth-grade that says, OK, how are they doing? And they're evaluated."

Many schools may already be doing this. Where they are failing, Work said, is in not telling the students what the questions are in the first place — step two of his plan.

The final step, which Work said grew out of his experiences as a consultant, is to ask students directly what can be done to improve their ability to learn.

"If we use Fairfax County as an example, like everywhere else in the country, I'm convinced you've got to teach people to learn," he said. "That's the No. 1 goal — the new goal, the new direction, the new vision statement for any education system is to go no matter what we do, we have to teach people how to learn."

As a result of the inability to properly learn, Work said, students come out of high school struggling to retain or apply what they've been taught in class. Others have recognized this. According to Russ Whitehurst, director of the Brown Center on Education Policy at the Brookings Institution, the U.S. lags behind other developed nations in applying acquired knowledge.

"[American] 15 year olds do less well in applying school-based learning to real world or new situations," he said. "The best way to [address this issue] would be to give them more opportunities to solve real world problems, once they've learned the basics."

Only when American students begin to properly learn how to learn, Work said, can one begin to change the American education system — which Work also likened to the doomed Titanic ocean liner. Hence the book's title.

"The education system is this Titanic system, the biggest system in our country, second to our system of government and so the last lifeboat is to go, man, if this does change — it could be that economically, we can't give teachers more [money], we lose teachers and all that. Well what do we do? Well people start teaching themselves. And the people who know how to learn will be the ones that [swim]."

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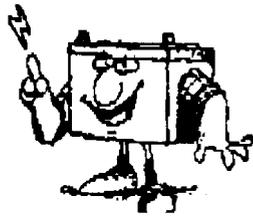
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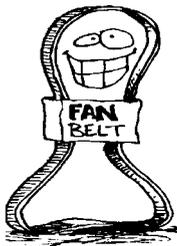


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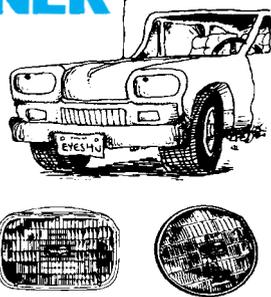
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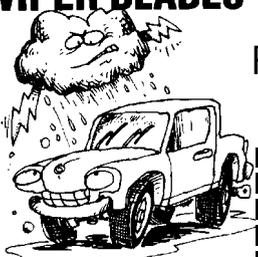
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