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Metrorail project directors expect the new Metro station at the intersection of Route 123, Scotts Crossing Road and Colshire Drive, which will be called Tysons East, to look like this when it is completed in 2013.



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Ray LaHood, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and H.R. Crawford, chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority sign a Full Funding Agreement for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project on Tuesday morning at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Area dignitaries and politicians attended the event and spoke during the ceremony. Some of the Virginia politicians in attendance included Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, Sen. Mark Warner, Representatives Jim Moran, Frank Wolfe, and Gerry Connelly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and others.

Tysons Rail Stations Approved

Kaine, project officials close deal on \$900 million in federal funding for project.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Just one day before the federal government signed over \$900 million in funding for Metrorail's extension towards Dulles, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved

plans for two new Metro stations anticipated as part of the transit system project.

On March 9, the county board voted eight to one in favor of the designs for "Tysons East" and "Tysons West," the two Tysons Corner stations that will be closest to residential communities in McLean and Vienna.

Last month, the supervisors approved three other stations, two more in Tysons Corner and one in Reston, that are also part of the Metrorail extension's first phase, which is set to open in 2013.

"Having the stations approved is a major accomplishment. It will make it easier for landowners to integrate" their development plans with the stations, said Fairfax County chairman Sharon Bulova (D). The Metro

extension is expected to spur the transformation of Tysons Corner into a more urban community.

STAFF and the Fairfax County planning commission also backed the station designs though critics, including the only dissenting supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), described the plans as rudimentary and too vague.

"It is premature to vote. I think this design is far from complete," said Foust.

Architects and engineers did not articulate how the dense, mixed-used development the county hopes to see built adjacent to the Metrorail stops would interact with the station design. Because of this, it

is difficult to determine in advance how "urban" or pedestrian friendly the stations will eventually be, said Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, at a hearing last month.

Foust and others speculated that some supervisors felt political pressure to approve the designs as soon as possible since the federal government had waffled over the past several months about whether it would contribute money to the project.

But fear of losing funding should have been put to rest this week. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority which will oversee the construction of Dulles Metrorail and the U.S. Department of Trans

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Learning Chinese at Chesterbrook

Teacher's goal: 'To make fluent speakers.'

BY MERRILL ROTH
THE CONNECTION

This past October, Chesterbrook Elementary School in McLean started a new Chinese Language program as part of Fairfax County Public School's Foreign Language in Elementary School (FLES) program.

The program is made possible by funding from Fairfax County Public Schools as well as from a federal grant given to the school. Because of an already busy school week, the Chinese class, which is currently only in place for first and second graders, meets twice a week for 30 minutes. "Historically, it's difficult to balance. There's not room to add in a different program," said Chesterbrook principal Robert C. Fuqua, who has been at the school for 10 years.

"The goal of immersion is to make fluent speakers," said its instructor, Michael

Rosenblum.

USING flashcards, song and even sign language, Rosenblum teaches the children to associate an object or idea with a word in Chinese, even if they cannot automatically translate between the English word and the Chinese word. "Children can use the languages interchangeably without making a connection between the two," said the instructor.

One of the most valuable aspects of the Chinese language is its availability to wide variety of students with different learning styles. "Chinese uses another part of the brain," said Rosenblum. "Children who may not acquire things in English can in Chinese. It doesn't align with any other subject."

While very different from what many families are used to, "it [the program] is a smashing success," said Fuqua. "The only regret is that we can't get to everybody." Chesterbrook does, however, hope to ex-

pand the program in the future to grades one through six. Part of the challenge is making sure that Chinese will be available to students past the elementary school level. Longfellow Middle School, the next step for many graduates of Chesterbrook Elementary, already supports Chinese, but Fairfax County is challenged to continue its efforts at McLean High School.

CHESTERBROOK parents support the foreign language instruction entirely. Rachel Deutsch, the mother of a Chesterbrook student who also works with the school's public relations said that, "the parents are behind this and they love it. Chinese is like music, it has benefits across the educational spectrum." The faculty is also behind Rosenblum's efforts to bring Chinese to the community. From signage throughout the halls to a Chinese language puppet show broadcast on the televised morning announcements, the new foreign language program has earned its place at Chesterbrook elementary.



Chesterbrook Elementary School's Chinese teacher, first-year elementary-level educator Michael Rosenblum, stands outside his classroom.

Pedestrian Dies Of Crash Injuries

Galia S. Quispe, 37, of 2333 McGregor Court in Vienna died Thursday, March 5 as a result of injuries sustained from a crash Tuesday, Feb. 24. A man was traveling south on Gallows Road in his 2000 Honda CRV around 7:25 p.m. As he approached Electric Avenue, a woman stepped into the roadway against the crosswalk signal and outside of the crosswalk. The driver of the Honda collided with the woman. Quispe was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with life-threatening injuries. She succumbed to her injuries on Thursday, March 5 in the early morning hours.

Speed and alcohol were not factors of the crash and no charges will be placed against the driver. This is the fifth fatal crash this year. Last year at this time, four fatal crashes had been reported.

Pharmaceutical Store Robbed

A 25-year-old clerk at the Medicine Chest Pharmacy, 6823 Old Dominion Drive in McLean, was robbed on March 5 around 1:30 p.m.

A man entered the store, produced a handgun and asked for Oxycontin and Fentanyl. The clerk handed over a bag with an undisclosed amount of both substances and the suspect fled. Several people were present in the store at the time, but no one was injured.

The suspect was described as white, around 6 feet 1 inch tall, 200 pounds and wore a black, knee-length jacket, a black mask, dark blue pants and black boots. He had a prominent black tattoo on his right forearm.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

MCC Seeks Citizens' Comments

The McLean Community Center (MCC) Governing Board is conducting a public hearing on programs on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m., at the Center. The board is asking residents to come to the meeting and share their thoughts on the Center's programs and services. The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Governing Board will follow the public hearing. All meetings of the board are open to the public. The Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

Residents of Small District 1A-Dranesville, the Center's tax district, are encouraged to attend the meeting to voice their opinions on current offerings at the Center and to make suggestions on how programs can be improved in the future. The hearing is the first step in planning for the FY 2011 budget cycle, which begins July 1, 2010. The Center is home to the Robert Ames Alden Theatre. The Old Firehouse Teen Center, a satellite program of MCC, is located at 1440 Chain Bridge Road.

Residents who would like to speak at the hearing may call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to have their names placed on the speakers' list. They also may submit written comments by mail, fax (703-556-0547), e-mail (mail@mcleancenter.org) or in person.

American Legion Yard Sale

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 270 of McLean is hosting its second annual Community Yard Sale on Saturday, May 30, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean.

Area residents are invited to donate only gently-used, sellable items for White Elephant Table such as household items, jewelry, small appliances, children's toys, CDs, DVDs, tools, decorative items, art work, small furniture, books, etc. The Legion cannot accept clothing, stuffed animals, TVs, computers, stereos and speakers, old records, major appliances, large furniture, exercise equipment, tires, hubcaps, encyclopedias, textbooks or manuals.

Registration for outdoor selling spaces is also available on a first come, first serve basis at \$30 each. The sale is open to McLean residents only. Commercial vendors and flea market dealers are not permitted.

Contact Carol, Community Yard Sale Chairman, at 703.893.4588 or e-mail leeyear29@comcast.net for questions, donations, registration or to arrange a donation drop off or pick up time.



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2010 Chair and Faces of Heart Table, 15-year-old stroke survivor Erik Dornbush, 4-year-old heart transplant survivor Olivia Jones, and 6-year-old congenital heart defect and stroke survivor Graicelynd Johnson pictured with their families and 2010 Chair David Bender and his wife Nan.

Heart Ball Celebrates Life

AHA thanks community for support.

American Heart Month activities concluded with a black-tie affair, the 11th annual Heart Ball, on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner. The American Heart Association volunteers and supporters, and particularly individual donors, joined the cause. Despite the current financial climate, they have remained supportive of the Association's mission to save lives from heart disease and stroke, the first and third leading killers of Americans.

More than 450 people came out to the event, helping to raise more than \$825,000 net to support the American Heart Association's (AHA) research fund-

ing and educational programs.

The AHA educates communities, schools, companies and other health organizations and advocates for public policy changes that positively affect the nation's health.

The night began with guests enjoying a cocktail reception and silent auction that featured donated items including vacation packages, culinary experiences, sporting event packages, artwork and items for children including a giant stuffed horse. The evening proceeded with a heart healthy three-course dinner, raffle giveaway and speaking program emceed by WJLA's news anchor, Leon Harris. Honorees included this year's "Faces of Heart" — 15-year-old stroke survivor, Erik Dornbush; 6-year-old heart disease survivor Olivia Grace Jones; and heart defect survivors Graicelynd Johnson, 6, and Heather Barry, 30.

More than 450 members of the public came out to the event, helping to raise more than \$825,000 net to support the American Heart Association's research funding and educational programs.





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The Washington Area Chapter of Childhelp presented thank-you bouquets to Kathylee Forrester, Champion of Children award recipient, left, Cynne Simpson, ABC7/WJLA-TV news anchor and fashion show emcee, and Fashion Show co-chairs Bootsie Humenansky of Great Falls and Marlene Moonshine of McLean. The fashion show raised nearly \$45,000 to aid abused children in the greater Washington, D.C., area.



Alexa Gianoplus of Great Falls draws a winning raffle ticket as runway stars Matthew Merrill of Great Falls, Haley Smith of Vienna and Savie Seebald of Great Falls look on.

Healing the Hearts of Children

It was more than a luncheon and more than a fashion show. It was a fundraiser that raised nearly \$45,000 to support programs for abused children in the greater Washington, D.C., area.

At the Hyatt Regency in Reston Feb. 21, nearly 300 local Childhelp members and friends listened as award recipient, Kathylee Forrester, described her mission — and personal horror — to advocate for victims of child abuse.

The fourth annual Childhelp Fashion Show and Luncheon, hosted by the Washington Area Chapter of Childhelp, highlighted the newest spring fashions for women, teens and children, while raising funds to support Childhelp's local programs. "Healing the Hearts of Children" is the nonprofit's goal, as well as this year's theme.

Washington Area Chapter president Christin Klaff of Reston presented Forrester with the "Champion for Children" award, for her advocacy of legislation to protect children and for creating Patches, a bear designed to help abused children express themselves. Forrester has donated Patches bears for use in Childhelp programs in Fairfax, Culpeper and nationally.

WJLA TV News anchor Cynne Simpson emceed the fashion show, which featured more than 25 Childhelp volunteer models, from mothers to tots. Simpson encouraged guests to get involved. "We hear that it takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to protect a child," Simpson said. She reminded the audience that four children die every day as a result of child abuse and that there are nearly 3 million reports of

child abuse annually.

"If you see something, or you hear something, do something," she said. "If you are uncertain what to do, call Childhelp's national hotline, which is staffed 24/7 with professional crisis counselors."

Guests shopped at the boutiques, bid on silent and live auction items and participated in the raffle. Including sponsorships and ticket sales, Childhelp raised nearly \$45,000 from the fashion show and luncheon that will support Childhelp's programs in Northern Virginia.

Childhelp is one of the nation's oldest and largest nonprofits dedicated to helping victims of child abuse and neglect.

For more information, see www.childhelp.org. Its national hotline is 800-4A-CHILD.

Metrorail Gets 'Green Light'

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portation signed an agreement that guarantees the project \$900 million in federal funding March 10.

In total, the new "Silver Line" to Dulles, which will also include stations in Loudoun County, is expected to cost over \$5 billion.

"The full funding grant agreement will be signed with us approving these stations or not," said Foust.

TYSONS EAST, located at the intersection of Route 123, Scotts Crossing Road and Colshire Drive near the Capital One building, and Tysons West, located on Route 7 at Spring Hill Road near the Rosenthal Honda car dealership, will share a few design elements.

The two stations will both feature pedestrian bridges that allow people to cross over the busy thoroughfares to which they are attached. During the hours that the stations are open, the bridges will be available to pedestrians whether or not they are Metro riders, and require no farecard to use.

The two stations will also have "kiss and ride" facilities, which allow a driver to stop while dropping off or picking up a person from a Metrorail stop.

Some critics have expressed concern that the stations, particularly Tysons West, do not have adequate parking facilities. Both "bookend" stations will bump up against large residential communities but Vienna and McLean citizens could be deterred from using the new Metro stations if they don't have easy access to parking, said Mark Zetts, of the McLean Citizens Association.

FOUST and Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully) also raised some additional concerns about the construction of the Tysons East station in a flood plain and environmentally sensitive area.

There is a general prohibition on building in a flood plain but the government grants exceptions for railroads, streets and some other public amenities. Though the area is sensitive, the county chose to put the Metrorail station in that location because it can handle a high level of traffic, said officials.

"It sort of amazes me that the attitude is we are going to put it into a flood plain because we can ... It frustrates me in all instances where the county treats itself differently than the private sector. If a developer had proposed to build something major in this flood plain, we would have objected," said Frey, but ended up supporting the station design.

"It won't be the state that approves putting this station into a flood zone, it will be us," said Foust.

Foust also worried the supervisors had ceded too much control of the project to the contractors and others when they approved the stations' plans.

"I think this is the last time the board will get to see this massive project ... We should have more say about the final product that comes out of this process," said Foust.

St. John Girls Score Perfect 10

The Saint John seventh grade girls CYO basketball team compiled a perfect 10-0 record this season, finishing in first place in their division. The final game of the season had St. John of McLean facing OLGC of Vienna. Both teams came into the game undefeated. St John was able to come out on top led by Victoria Tribone with 14 points. Maire Shine led the St. John team in scoring for the season, consistently averaging in double figures.

St. John seventh grade girls basketball team: Bottom, from left: Maire Shine, Molly Lindsay, Patricia Pope, Victoria Tribone and Brenna Hickey; top, from left: Tom Tribone (coach), Klare Keenan, Ally Dimatulac, Catherine Bergaust, Genevieve Glista and Gabby Southworth.



OPINION

A Million Trees?

Landscape architect, sound walls are small consolation for loss of leafy canopy.

If you've driven on the Beltway lately between McLean and Springfield, you might find some understatement in this week's announcement that VDOT wants "to help mitigate concerns with the tree canopy loss."

Along the 14-mile path of planned HOTlanes, Fairfax County communities appear to have lost more than two square miles of tree canopy and a million or more trees.

The approval of the construction of "high occupancy toll" lanes along the Beltway via a public private partnership came swiftly, and with little fresh consideration of the impact on local communities. Most local residents became aware of the project as they watched the clear-cutting of mature trees and stands of forests that have sheltered birds and wildlife along the Beltway for decades. Elected officials were also caught by surprise at the extent of the tree clearing and other work.

The project will add two lanes in each direction on 495 between Springfield and McLean,

available free for vehicles with three or more occupants, and by a variable toll for the rest. The contractor, Fluor-Transurban, will keep the toll revenue for 50 years or more to pay for the construction.

VDOT, we're told, will hire a landscape architect to develop landscaping plans in coordination with adjacent communities, "to help mitigate concerns with the tree canopy loss and to take advantage of available green space as the project develops."

The work of the landscape architect and coordinating with local communities should have come before the project began. But better late than never.

See VirginiaHOTLanes.com for more.

— MARY KIMM,

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Local Culture

This weekend, the Fairfax Symphony will audition Gregory Vajda, 35, as its fifth of six prospective music directors. It's an audition anyone can attend, and offer feedback. The Fairfax Symphony is a local treasure, remarkable in quality and well worth seeing, hearing and supporting.

The Fairfax Symphony is in search of its first new music director in 37 years, choosing six finalists, selected from a pool of 249 applicants.

Vajda will serve as guest conductor this Saturday, March 14, and will speak at a free talk at 7 p.m. before the 8 p.m. concert, with guest soloist Andre Armstrong on piano. The concert will include Liszt, Les Préludes; Bartok, Piano Concerto No. 3; and Schumann, Symphony No. 2 in C Major.

George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive in Fairfax. See www.FairfaxSymphony.org. Tickets are available at the door, just come by.

Less Painful Choices

Stimulus money helps balance budget.

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATE (D-34)

The General Assembly adjourned *sine die* on Saturday evening Feb. 28, with a balanced budget and the looming prospect of even more difficult decisions to come if the economy does not improve. The House and Senate budget conferees reconciled choices that had to be made with the revised downward forecast of an additional \$800 million shortfall. The choices became less painful with the announcement of \$1.2 billion in federal stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Of critical importance to our area is over \$365 million of these funds that will go to K-12 education. Another \$126.7 million slated for higher education mitigates the need for tuition and fee increases for in-state students. The stimulus package will also help maintain funding levels in public health and safety.

Though budget deliberations dominated debate during the six-



RICHMOND REPORT

week session, my own top legislative priorities each advanced through the committee system with bipartisan collaboration and passed unanimously in the House. My bill (HB2200) to create a state fund from private donations to treat underserved women with breast or cervical cancer has already been signed into law by Gov. Tim Kaine (D). The new fund will be matched two to one by federal dollars under a law passed by Congress in 2001.

Another bill (HB2171) will exempt farmers from being reclassified as manufacturing entities or utilities if they develop waste-to-energy technologies such as methane digesters. With this bill, the farmers would be able to gain extra income through power generation; we will have the benefit of another renewable energy source and we will be able to reduce pollution from agricultural runoff.

My third priority bill was designated a "Governor's" bill and will be a great benefit to Northern Virginia. The proposal streamlines and consolidates two state technology advisory boards into one smaller authority and specifies the qualifications for appointment by the Governor and the legislature. When signed into law, this bill would save the state over \$75,000 annually and provide the Governor with expert advice to attract and expand technology businesses in Virginia. In the last week of the session, I was appointed the lead conferee on a joint conference committee to iron out differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill. The final bill passed the House and Senate unanimously.

Although the House Rules Committee did not agree to my proposal that we study how to encourage energy conservation through utility tax restructuring, the Governor has signaled his intent to order the study as part of the administration's comprehensive approach to energy and environmental policies. I was also pleased to co-sponsor a number of impor-

Town Hall Meeting

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) will be co-hosting the Town Hall meeting with Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and Del. Jim Scott (D-53) on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Langley High School cafeteria.

tant bills that passed, among them a bill to promote safe teen driving and another to provide benefits for Virginia veterans. Though we were not able to close the gun show loophole or to pass a bill for non-partisan redistricting, we did achieve a compromise on smoking bans in restaurants, a major step to reducing the dangers of second hand smoke and related illnesses.

We are now awaiting the Governor's signature or amendments on the bills that passed both houses. We will reconvene in Richmond on April 8 for the "Veto Session," where we will review the Governor's actions. In the meantime, I hope you will attend the Town Hall Meeting where we will discuss the 2009 Session in more detail. I will be co-hosting the event with Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and Del. Jim Scott (D-53) on Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., in the Langley High School cafeteria. I have appreciated all your comments and questions during this session and I hope to see many of you on March 28.

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NEWS

Personal Finance for Children

Inspired by economic meltdown, McLean woman expands math camps to include 'Money 101.'

By MIKE DiCICCO
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At a time when it seems that many of today's adults could have used some better lessons in math and money management, McLean resident Lynn Salvo is setting out to teach the next generation about money matters.

Salvo said she got the idea for her upcoming "Money 101" camp in the fall, when the economy was beginning to unravel. "I was talking to some friends who have learned to be very frugal," she said. Her friends were thinking about starting a business to teach personal finance. Meanwhile, Salvo had been running math camps for children around the metropolitan area for 10 years through her company, MathTree. "We all worked together on the curriculum and they got excited about it," she said.

MathTree offers camps from "Bean Counters 101" for children 6 to 8, to "Algebra Appetizers for Adolescents." The new money management camp will be aimed at children ages 13 to 15.



Lynn Salvo teaches every concept five different ways in her MathTree math camps.

"We figured we could get them before they get that first credit card and get into trouble with it," Salvo said.

Lisa Ensign of Falls Church said she was excited about the new camp. Her daughter attended Salvo's camps for a couple of summers, and her son, now a seventh-grader, has been going to the camps since the summer before third grade. He plays the stock

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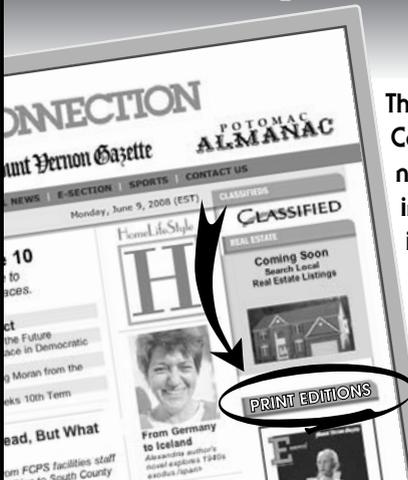
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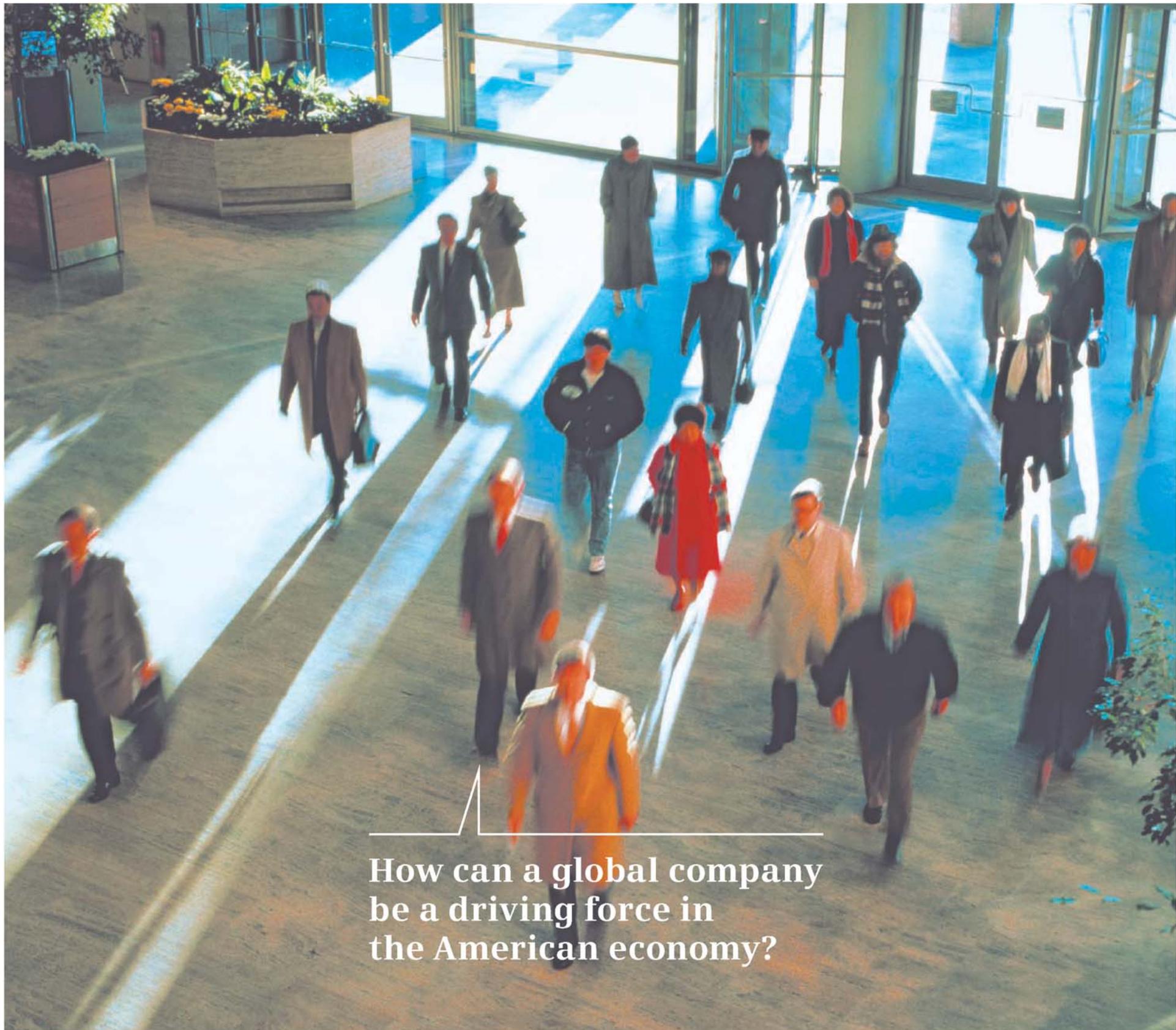
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Langley School eighth-graders Lizzy Foley and Jordan Weisberg.

Langley School Presents Spring Play

The Play Runs March 12-14.

The Langley School kicks off the three-night run of its Middle School spring play, "Wishes," on Thursday, March 12. Featuring a cast of 27 students in grades 6-8, the show is a comedy for the entire family, filled with rich and memorable characters who learn the lesson that no wish should be taken lightly.

"Wishes" begins when high school student Mary Jo Swanson and her siblings find a bottle with a genie in it that has just been stolen from an art museum. When the genie gives them three wishes, they soon discover that not every wish turns out as planned. Their first wish brings a hot music star right into their living room, but he's so dazed he can only croak a song. Their second wish puts Mary

Jo's sweetheart into the throes of puppy love, turning him into a horrible pest. What will their third and final wish be? Join the children and a host of crazy characters, including the music star's angry agent, an uptight headmistress, and the children's confused father and his outraged fiancée, as the play comes to a riotous and surprising conclusion.

More than 40 of Langley's Middle School students auditioned for a role in "Wishes." In addition to the cast on stage, the production also includes two student directors, two-student makeup and hair designers, and a six-member student tech crew to help with sound and lighting. Eight students who participate in the school's theater tech elective class also assisted in creating the costumes and scenery for the show.

"What's great about this particular play is the richness of the char

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Created by the fourth graders at Franklin Sherman Elementary School, a collage of cut-paper three-dimensional flowers provides a colorful first-look into the McLean Project for the Art's Youth Art Exhibition.

MPA Presents Students' Art

Youth Art Exhibition at McLean Community Center.

Students, parents, teachers, and community members gathered on Sunday, March 8, for the 27th annual Youth Art Exhibition, presented by the McLean Project for the Arts.

Eight local elementary schools partook in the event, including Chesterbrook, Churchill Road, Franklin Sherman, Haycock, Kent Gardens, Lemon Road, Spring Hill and Westgate. The Women's Club of McLean, a local organization with more than 100 members, supports the art show.

Nancy Lang, a McLean resident who serves as president of the club, said she is proud of the community's involvement with the show. "Each grade is terrific," she said, of the exhibit. "This is what's important, the kids. It's great to see the talent that is here because of a great community and great teaching."

Chesterbrook Elementary School art teacher Betty Bott is one of the coordinators who work with the eight schools to bring the artwork to the McLean Community Center's art galleries. The Arlington County resident said that it's great to, see the look in the children's eyes. "It's for them, and showing them that their artwork is as valuable as an adult's," she said. "Their work is just as good as what's in a museum."

The art exhibition is also a rewarding experience for the students involved. Erin Schlegel, a stu-



Spring Hill Elementary School student Erin Schlegel stands next to her depiction of a wintry scene.

dent at Spring Hill Elementary School, had a painting of her own in the show. "It's a painting of a tree in the wintertime, one of my favorite seasons," said Erin, whose favorite subjects are art, math and science. "I liked to get to see my painting."

On the making of her painting, Erin was, "nervous how it would turn out," but the art exhibition's high turnout and enthusiastic audience point to a success. The show will remain at the McLean Community Center for two weeks, and admission is free.

— MERRILL ROTH

CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Rude Buddha and Ballyhoo, 9pm show at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Chickens in a Row, 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Egg stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

Steve Moakler (full band), Gabe Vitech and the Ivory, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Booz Allen Hamilton Nonprofit Conference on Fundraising Development Speaker Series, in partnership with Volunteer Fairfax, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 8283 Greensboro Drive in McLean. Participate in person or via live webcam feed. \$25 per session. Register at www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx. Contact Samantha Watson at volunteerfairfax, 703-246-3826 or www.volunteerfairfax.org.

Towlston Grange, 7:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Local historian Karen Washburn will address the history of Towlston Grange and will present a video made by Nancy Durham whose parents bought and restored this historic building in the 1930s.

FRIDAY/MARCH 13

Martin Vidnovic: What Matters to Me, 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Independent and Charlie Duda, 6 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, 7:30 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Watch local talent present this classic story. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Tom Rush, Folk singer/songwriter. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$30. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Harlem Globetrotters, 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets at www.ticketmaster.com or www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

Auto Awareness for Women, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Billy Weber Tire, 303 Mill St., N.E., Vienna. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. This class will give the confidence needed to keep a car running smoothly and safely. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, 3 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Watch local talent present this classic story. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Celtic Celebration, 6 p.m., Christ Crossman United Methodist Church, 384 N. Washington St., Falls Church. The World Children's Choir celebrates its 19th anniversary with a Celtic Celebration with music, food and a silent auction. Guests are encouraged

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Pamela Duncan Edwards, author of "Jack and Jill's Treehouse" will be this year's special guest at the 9th Annual McLean Storybook Festival Saturday, March 14, 1 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Tickets: \$10/child, adults free. Call 703-790-0123.

to wear national costumes. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$15/seniors and students, \$10/children. Call 703-883-0920 or visit www.worldchildrenschoir.org or info@worldchildrenschoir.org to purchase tickets.

Shakespeare Troupe, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. The school's Shakespeare Troupe will be holding its annual "Shakespeareance." Children grades 1-8 can experience Shakespeare through acting games and a tour of the inner workings and technical aspects of theater. To participate in Shakespeareance, students must register online at arts.tjhsst.edu/troupe/ by clicking "Register here!" under "Shakespeareance 2009."

Pruning Demonstration, 10 a.m., Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Horticulturist Laurie Short will teach how and when to prune and the proper tools to use. Demonstration will include removal of dead, damaged and diseased wood. Free. Call 703-255-3631.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15

Hawaiian Treasures Celebration Tour 2009, With Richard Ho'opi'i, Dennis Kamakahi and George Kahumoku. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Ammar Malik, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

McLean Orchestra 'Great Awakenings', 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Music from Handel, Haydn, Schnauber, Chaminade and Wagner. 703-893-8654 or info@mclean-orchestra.org.

Celtic Fusion at the Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, 3 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Watch local talent present this classic story. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, call 703-573-SEAT or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

MONDAY/MARCH 16

Mishka and the Dirty Heads, Reggae/roots. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Return of the Amphibians, 4 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

St. Paddy's Day Storytime, 10:30 a.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, fingerplay and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

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

TUESDAY/MARCH 17

Josh Hoge, Curtis Peoples and Ernie Halter, 8 p.m. at Jammin'

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The Governing Board of the McLean Community Center is seeking input from residents of Dranesville Small District One at its Public Hearing on Programming for FY 2011, which runs July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011. The hearing will be held on March 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Center.

The Board is interested in hearing residents' ideas for classes, community events, theater programs, exhibits, tours and youth and teen activities. If you would like to speak at the hearing, call the Center to have your name placed on the speakers' list. You also may submit comments in writing.

For information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 (Hearing impaired only).

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Dave Barnes and Gabe Dixon Band, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15 advance, \$18 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Too Many Frogs, 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

Book Discussion Group, 7:15 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Call for book title. Adults. 703-356-0770.

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

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Battlefield Band, 8 p.m. at The Barns. Traditional and contemporary Scottish music. \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Old School Freight Train CD Release. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Where Does Gold Come From: the Astronomical Origin of the Elements, 6 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike,

Great Falls. Dr. Edward Murphy of the University of Virginia traces the history of a gold atom. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Adult Roundtable. 10 a.m., McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. An "Adult Roundtable Middle School Forum" will be held by the Safe Community Coalition. Visit www.safecommunitycoalition.net.

FRIDAY/MARCH 20

Lara St. John, violinist, 8 p.m. at The Barns. \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

The Russian National Ballet Theatre in "Cinderella," 8 p.m. at the George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$27-\$54. Age 12 and under, half price Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Valery Lloyd Watts. 7 p.m., at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road S.W., Vienna. Valery Lloyd-Watts, who has been hailed as the "world's most listened-to pianist," will perform live. Tickets: \$15/adults, \$10/seniors and students, free/children 2 and under. Call 703-734-0621 or e-mail harnesselway@aol.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 21

HAPA, contemporary Hawaiian duo. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Money 101 Camps Come to Area

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market game at his school and is interested in attending the camp.

"I think this is really going to fill a void," Ensign said, noting that children and teens do not have a lot of opportunities to gain "real-world" math experience. She said she knew students who could do calculus but knew nothing about rent or mortgages. "The topic is timely, with the focus on the economy," Ensign said.

The teaching style that Salvo and her teachers use was what made Ensign's children continue to return to the camp. "Lynn tends to do it in ways that appeal to a wide range of kids with a wide range of abilities," she said, noting that Salvo's camps use several methods for teaching each concept, in order to appeal to all learning styles and to make the lessons fun.

"She is very energetic and very enthusiastic about the subject and about teaching math," Ensign said. "Some people can be very good mathematicians, but teaching math may not be their strong point."

SALVO SAID the class would begin with the students assessing who they are and what their priorities are. "People spend a lot of money on things they don't really care about because they're not focused," she said. They will then consider the resources they have for reaching these goals, including time, talents, money and others. They will keep logs to track their earning and spending and how they spend their time.

Lessons include how to decide when to earn, spend, save, give and "unspend," or, go into debt. "Toward the end of the camp, they're going to create a road map to get to their first million dollars,"

Salvo said. On the last day, the students will plan their "next big step."

The \$1 million goal is not unrealistic, she said. For example, rather than spending \$1 a day on a soft drink, if that dollar is invested at 10 percent interest every day for 30 years, it becomes almost \$100,000. Alternately, she

noted that opting for the soft drink instead would mean about 14.6 pounds of body weight per year, or 500 miles of running.

Salvo used to work as a math tutor and teach university classes. Now, she runs MathTree full-time. She said she enjoys catching children when they're young, before they become "math-phobic" or

have problems with math. She wrote her dissertation on teaching multiplication. "The way we teach them [multiplication] in camp is completely different than it's taught anywhere," she said.

When Salvo teaches a number, she teaches it in five different ways, using "manipulatives" like beans, M&Ms, "10-tubes" and

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"100-holders," she said. "That was the best nugget I got out of my six years in the doctoral program."

"My son really liked it after the first year, and we thought it was a good way to kind of end the summer break and ease back into the school year," said Nathalie Cadogan, whose 10-year-old son

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All-Connection Basketball Teams

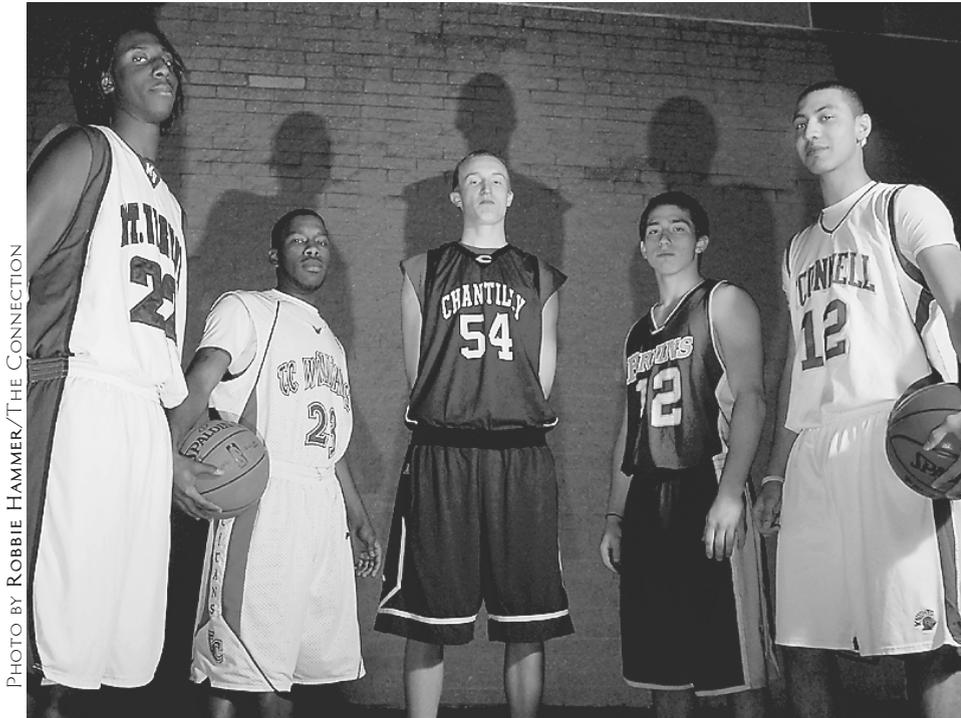


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First-team All-Connection boys' selections include: (from left to right) Skylar Jones (Mount Vernon), Edward Jenkins (T.C. Williams), John Manning (Chantilly), Dominic Morra (Lake Braddock) and Kendall Marshall (O'Connell).

First-team All-Connection girls' selections include: (from left to right) Shelby Romine (Westfield), Myisha Goodwin (Edison), Tracy King (Mount Vernon), Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (T.C. Williams) and Erin McGartland (Oakton).

Boys' First Team

SKYLAR JONES — MOUNT VERNON	19 PPG	9 RPG	1 BPG
KENDALL MARSHALL — O'CONNELL	16 PPG	8 APG	7 RPG
DOMINIC MORRA — LAKE BRADDOCK	30 PPG	7 RPG	3 SPG
EDWARD JENKINS — T.C. WILLIAMS	21 PPG	5 APG	3 RPG
JOHN MANNING — CHANTILLY	13 PPG	10 RPG	3.5 BPG

Girls' First Team

TIERRA-RUFFIN PRATT — T.C. WILLIAMS	18.5 PPG	14.5 RPG	4.5 APG
SHELBY ROMINE — WESTFIELD	16.5 PPG	4.5 RPG	4 APG
TRACY KING — MOUNT VERNON	19.1 APG	8.3 RPG	3.4 SPG
MYISHA GOODWIN — EDISON	25 PPG	5 APG	7 SPG
ERIN MCGARTLAND — OAKTON	11.7 PPG	8.2 RPG	2 APG

Boys' Coach of the Year

JULIAN KING
T.C. WILLIAMS

Boys' Player of the Year

EDWARD JENKINS
T.C. WILLIAMS

Girls' Player of the Year

TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT
T.C. WILLIAMS

Girls' Coach of the Year

FRED PRIESTER
OAKTON

Second Team

T.J. WILSON — HAYFIELD
GIVEN KALIPINDE — EPISCOPAL
FRANK HOLLOWAY JR. — LEE
STEPHEN STEPKA — W.T. WOODSON
CHRIS KEARNEY — WESTFIELD

Honorable Mention
Warren Denny (Centreville)
Simon Kilday (Yorktown)
Derek Baker (Langley)
Will Clarkson (Madison)
Isaac Johnson (Herndon)
Erick Green (Paul VI)
Justin May (Chantilly)
Travis Williams (South Lakes)

Second Team

SIMONE ANTWI — SOUTH COUNTY
SAM LANDERS — WEST SPRINGFIELD
JALINDA VENABLE — MOUNT VERNON
PRISCILLA MOSEH — LEE
LAUREN BURFORD — FAIRFAX

Honorable Mention
Melissa Gallo (W.T. Woodson)
LaNia Charity (Yorktown)
Danielle Williams (St. Stephen's/St. Agnes)
Khalia Boston (T.C. Williams)
Audrey Dotson (Langley)
Sam Partonen (Robinson)
Danielle Landry (Madison)
Kelcyn Manurs (South Lakes)

Welcome to the 2008-09 All-Connection basketball issue. In this special section, the Connection's sports department honors the best and brightest on this year's Northern Virginia hoops scene. For a complete look at this year's basketball landscape, check out www.connectionnewspapers.com. Special thanks to Lawrence Foong, Robbie Hammer, Louise Krafft and Craig Sterbutzel.

Baker, Dotson Step Up for Langley Hoops

Both named Honorable Mention on respective All-Connection teams.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High boys' and girls' basketball teams both experienced seasons that started slow but finished with a flourish. Two players in particular, senior shooting guard Derek Baker for the boys and sophomore center Audrey Dotson for the girls, provided their respective Saxon teams with significant second half season boosts that made for successful winters. Both earned Honorable Mention honors on the recently named All-Connection Basketball Teams.

The 6-foot-3 inch Baker, named to the All-Connection boys' team, was the driving force for a team that started the Liberty District season winning just two of its first six games before winning eight of its final nine to earn a No. 3-seeding for the postseason tournament. Baker, Langley's leading scorer, was a dominant player over the second half of the season and carried his stellar play into the post season where the Saxons won three consecutive district tournament games to successfully defend their title from the year before.



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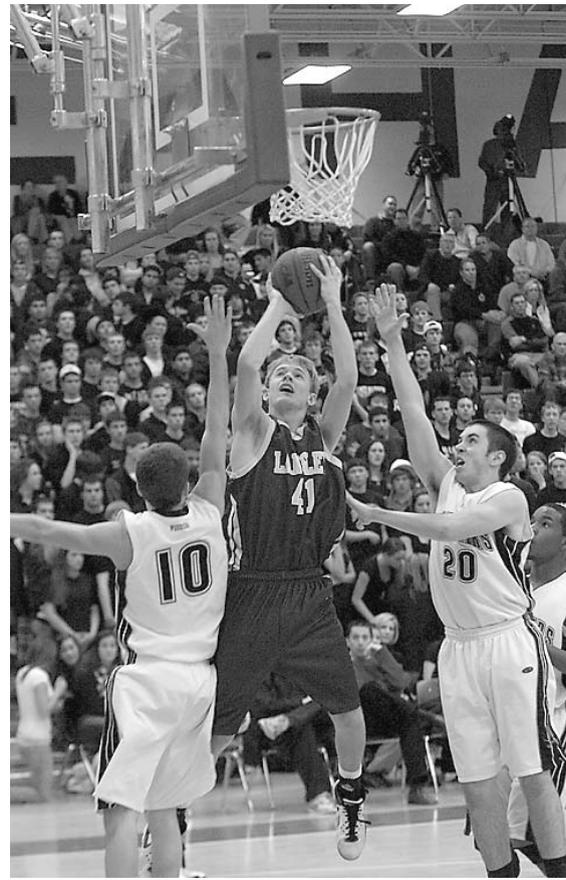
Audrey Dotson (55) has been a dominant inside force for Langley in both her freshmen and sophomore seasons.

Baker earned tourney MVP honors, scoring 19, 21 and 16 points, respectively, in tournament wins over Marshall, McLean and W.T. Woodson. During a win over top-seeded Cavaliers in the finals, Baker nailed four, 3-pointers. It was simply an extension of Baker's red-hot, scorching shooting touch over the season's final month-plus.

"He's brimming with confi-

dence," said Langley coach Travis Hess, following the win over Woodson. "His shooting stroke looks great. He's our best player and he's what's making us go."

Baker wrapped up an outstanding career with the Saxons. As a junior, he earned Second Team All-District honors and was a key member for a team that reached the region finals and qualified for



Saxon shooting sensation Derek Baker, shown here going up for a shot, led the Saxons to their second straight Liberty District tournament title.

the state tournament. At states that season, Baker scored 22 points in his team's loss to Bethel of Hampton.

This year, the Saxons repeated their district success but did not make it to states. Baker, a First Team All-District selection, had an outstanding season for a Langley squad that saw its season end with a first round region playoff loss to

Lee. "He's a kid that can score inside and outside," said Hess, summarizing Baker's all-around game. "He can shoot the ball from the perimeter and go to the basket."

DOTSON was a stalwart figure for a Langley girls' team that began the season 2-6 but rallied to finish 15-10. The 6-1 center, just a 10th grader, earned First Team All-District accolades for the second straight season. She was one of the region's top all-around players this season.

"She anticipates extremely well and is good at blocking shots," said Cheryl Buffo, who stepped down as the Saxons' head coach following the conclusion of the recent season.

Dotson's presence inside the paint opened up the Saxons' perimeter play on offense and made things tough for opposing front court players all season long. One of her best games was a 15 point outing in Langley's 60-39 road win over regular season district champion South Lakes on Jan. 6.

Langley entered the district tournament as the No. 2 seed and defeated both Jefferson and No. 3 Woodson to reach the finals against No. 4 Madison. The Saxons lost that game, despite nine points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots from Dotson, who along with senior teammate Rachel Warrick was named to the all-tournament team.

"She's just an all-around fantastic player," said Buffo, of Langley's standout undergrad that still has two years left with the Saxons.

ROUNDUPS

Anna Lenczyk, a senior at Langley High School, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer at the University of Delaware. Anna will be a fourth-year starter on the Saxons' varsity this spring season. She has earned the Scholar Athlete Award the past three years and was also a member of the Olympic Development Program. Anna is an honor roll student and has a 3.7 GPA for her high school career.

Cassidy Banks, a senior at Langley High School, has signed a Letter of Intent to play soccer at the University of Miami. Cassidy currently plays for the 2007 National Championship club team, McLean Freedom. She has been a part of both the Region I ODP Team and the Virginia State ODP Team, where she captained the team for two years. She was also a captain of the Potomac School varsity soccer team as a junior.

Two members of the **McLean Mustangs** (McLean Youth Football) were hon-

ored on March 1 at the Fairfax County Youth Football League's (FCYFL) Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, at the McLean Hilton Hotel. Donny Sanders and Ashton Nyanteh received the FCYFL's Player of the Year Awards in the 85-pound National and 75-American weight classes, respectively. The Player of the Year Award is given to the player in each weight class who has best demonstrated outstanding performance on the football field, as well as character, sportsmanship, scholastic achievement at school and involvement in the community.

Sanders played quarterback, middle linebacker and placekicker in leading his 85-Mustangs to a 7-2 record and the league championship game. He led the Mustangs in rushing yards (636), passing yards (330) and scoring (108 points). He rushed or passed for 16 touchdowns on offense while leading the defense to five shutout victories during the course of the regular season and playoffs. Sanders also excelled in

McLean Little League baseball and McLean Youth Basketball in 2008, earning all-star accolades in both leagues.

Sanders, a fifth grader at The Potomac School, is a member of the Asian American Children's Chorus. He also participates in the Boys Youth Leadership Council at St.

John the Beloved Catholic Parish.

Nyanteh, meanwhile, led his 75-Mustangs to a 5-3 record and a playoff appearance as an outside linebacker and tight-end. He was a leading tackler on defense and enjoyed success as both a receiver and blocker from his tight-end position on offense.

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION
Oakton High girls' basketball coach Fred Priester helps cut down the net following his team's Northern Region title game win over T.C. Williams last week at Robinson Secondary. The Cougars went on to defeat Atlee (Mechanicsville) in a first round state AAA playoff game last Saturday night. Oakton, 29-0, was scheduled to meet Norfolk's Lake Taylor in a state semifinals game on Wednesday afternoon at the Siegel Center in Richmond.



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

McLean Women's Thursday Bible Study, at 9:15 a.m. The Book of Proverbs will be the focus for the next 12 weeks. Contact Martha Wiles at 703-448-2020 or MarthaWiles@msn.com.

Great Falls United Methodist Church at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705 offers "All Things New," an ecumenical worship service, every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Based on the Beatitudes of Jesus, for people affected by anger, fear, stress, dealing with rejection, credit abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual addiction or eating disorders.

Money Camp

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Church address but whose children go to school in McLean. Now a seventh-grader, her son is in his school's strongest math class. However, she said one aspect of the program she liked was that it allowed each child to move at his or her own pace.

Cadilhac-Duffy said she met Salvo when the two women taught together. "I have great respect for her knowledge and teaching and her program," she said.

McLean resident Kara Petrosinelli said the camps' instructors, often college-aged, make the activities fun. Her son, now in fifth grade, has attended for the last three summers. "He said when he came back to school, he felt like he knew more than the other kids," she said.

Petrosinelli said she liked the idea of a camp about money management, although her son is probably too young to attend. "I think it's a great plan for this day and age, with kids getting credit cards and running through all that money."

She also said she liked the fact that the camps catered to students of all skill levels. The students are tested at the beginning of the camp to determine their baseline skill levels and retested at the end. "You can see improvement, which is really nice," she said, noting that this provided positive reinforcement.

"It's not just a bunch of math geeks sitting around doing math. It's fun. They make it fun."

Money 101 will kick off during spring break at locations in Reston and northwest Washington, D.C. Spring break camps last for five double-length sessions. The camp will be offered in 10-day sessions this summer in Falls Church, Great Falls, Vienna, northwest Washington, D.C. and Potomac, Md.

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A Scale of Two Weights



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," there were euphoric highs, there were abysmal lows, there were numbers I thought I'd never see, there were other numbers I was tired of seeing. Overall, I've had a dickens of a time finding the proper balance between diet and exercise, risk and reward, pain and pleasure, finding clothes that fit and throwing a fit when clothes couldn't be found.

As a former shopper in the "Husky Department" in some of Boston's finest department stores (at least when I was younger): Jordan Marsh, Filene's and Kennedy's, I know all too well the frustration and disappointment the effect one's over-weight can have on their appearance and disposition. Every year that I went clothes-shopping with my mother, from childhood through adolescence, it was the same story; only the specific sizes, colors, styles, etc. changed. And though I never had great expectations that one day, one of these visits to downtown Boston wouldn't consume an entire day and/or that I wouldn't experience excruciating anxiety during the entire ordeal, still, I had hope that something would fit on the first try, anything, even if it were just the shoes.

Occasionally, something did fit, but more often than not, it was socks or underwear. Most everything else — pants, shirts, sweaters, sport coats, jackets — had to be tried on, then taken off, then another size selected, then that other size tried on, then taken off, and on and on. My dressing room would always be littered with the clothes that didn't make the fit. Pants were hanging on a hook, shirts and sweaters were piled on the bench, pins and needles and cardboard and plastic wrapping from the items I opened were scattered about like Halloween candy the morning after, except that there would be no inspection of this haul.

This haul was going nowhere, at least, nowhere with me. It had not made the cut, or more specifically, couldn't make it over my hips or around my stomach or over my shoulders. Either it was to be seen and approved by my mother and thus considered for a ride home and a place in my closet — ultimately to be worn and seen at school where occasionally a discouraging word was heard — or it would never be seen or heard from again. The reality was, when you're young and not exactly "a perfect 36," clothes don't exactly make the man, they embarrass and humiliate the man.

If I were to characterize my clothes-shopping in the past, my clothes-shopping in the present and my likely clothes-shopping in the future, my emotions would run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous with a few stops in between for apathy and indigestion. I don't really see how it could have been (continues to be) any different though. It's my body, it's my eating habits, it's my choice. I have no one to blame but myself but also I have nothing to fear. So far I'm healthy (relatively speaking), but unfortunately not wealthy.

A little extra weight never hurt anyone. The question is, how much is a little? Don't ask my wife, Dina, we don't exactly agree; so what else is new?

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Jody R. Katz

"The concept behind the book is to be as inclusive as possible, to allow all kinds of learners equal access to the same education," Katz said. Each chapter begins with a black-and-white activity page, inviting the reader to find hidden objects, color or add their own creative touch to the image. The pages that follow contain rhymes and lyrics to songs in English and Spanish, with photos of corresponding ASL signs, and colorful illustrations with clues to the text.

Selections in the book are drawn from the Classic Tales 'n Tunes curriculum, an integrated arts program for young children offered in preschools and community centers in Northern Virginia. "When I first began teaching, I didn't know Spanish or American Sign Language," Katz said. "But it quickly became apparent how important it was for me to learn these languages because we live in a diverse community and there were many who had language barriers preventing them from participating fully. Once I started using the languages in class, these students and their caregivers began participating and other students were able to understand them too. It was a win-win-win situation."

Patricia Krebs, an internationally renowned artist from Argentina, collaborated

with Katz on the book.

Spanish and ASL are the second and third most common languages in the USA. ASL is used by many people who aren't deaf and especially children. Some with speech disorders or delays, Down syndrome, autism and many other special situations rely on ASL to communicate.

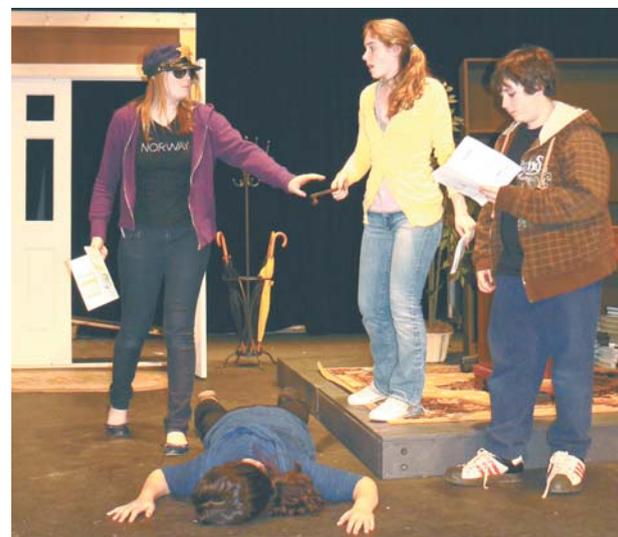
Classic Tales 'n Tunes LLC received the Fairfax County Human Rights Award last year for providing "a uniquely inclusive educational program." The innovative curriculum for Classic Tales 'n Tunes includes instruction in English, Spanish and American Sign Language, enabling those who communicate in any of the nation's three most common languages to learn together in the same classroom. At the same time, a combination of stories, music and movement are used to engage students with differing learning styles — visual, auditory or kinesthetic.

Spring Play at Langley School

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acters," said Kristy Nicolette, drama teacher and director. "It's given the students a chance to really work on their character acting and develop their parts." In fact, four of the characters in the show are original. Their personalities and lines were created entirely by Langley students.

"Wishes" runs Thursday, March 12 through Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the school's new Sherman Arts Center at 1411 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased online in advance at www.langleyschool.org or at the door. Langley's fall show sold out, so purchasing tickets in advance is recommended.

Founded in 1942, The Langley School is an independent coed day school for students in preschool through eighth grade.



Eighth-graders Beatrice Werness; Yasi Ansari, on the ground; and Lizzy Foley; and sixth-grader Josh Copito.

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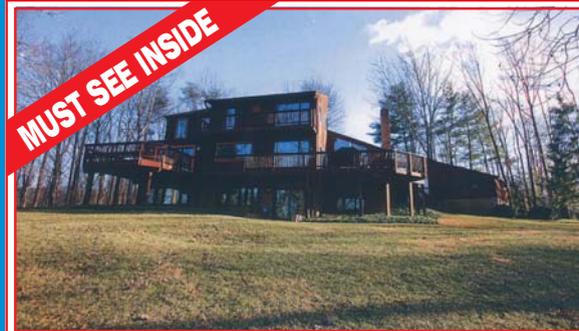
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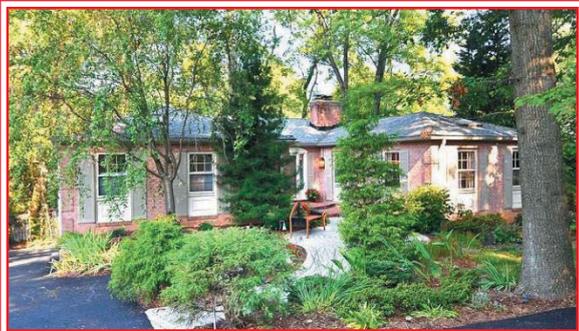
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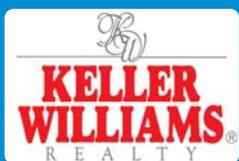
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