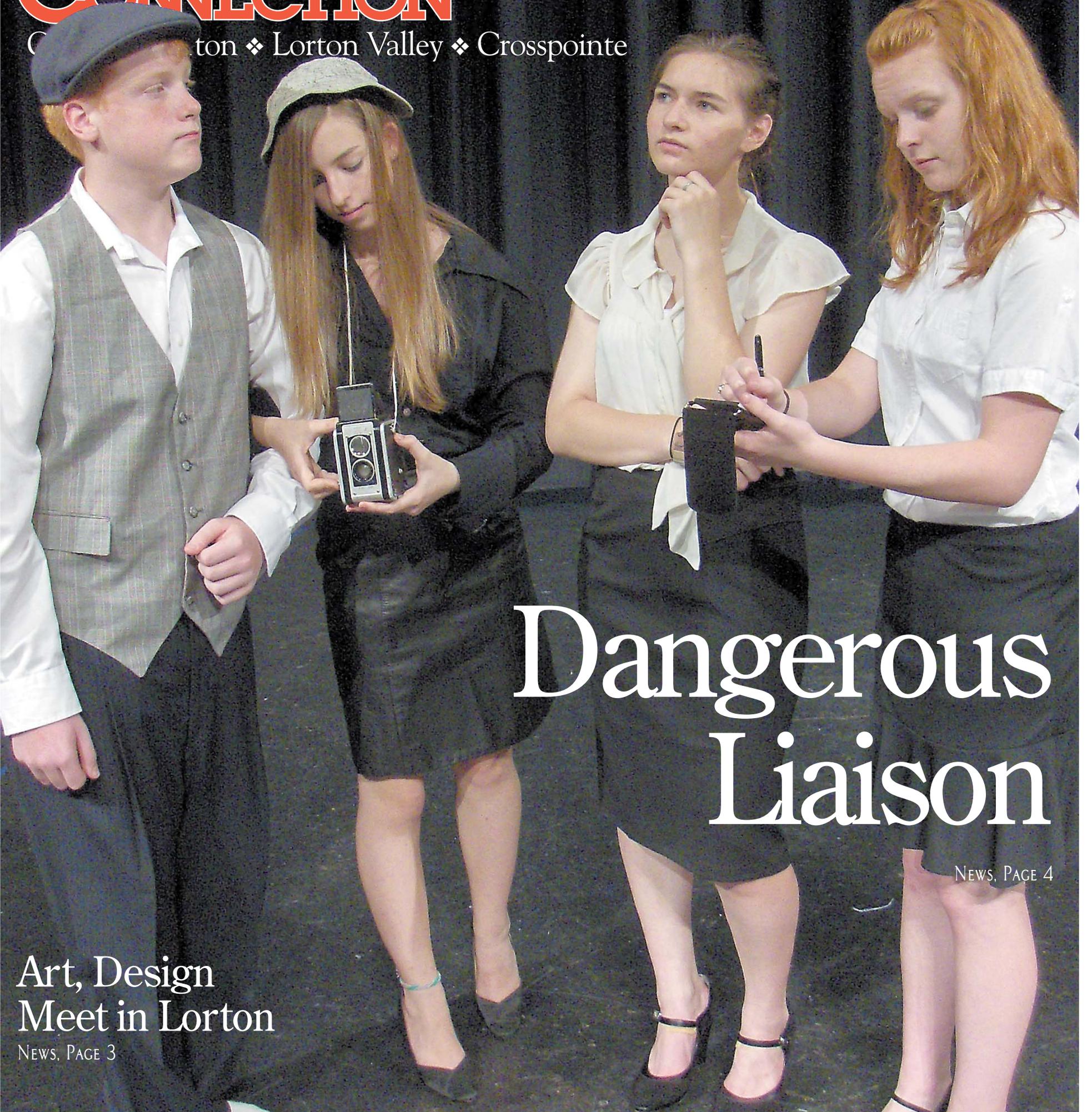


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From left, Matt Calvert, Marissa Kleiman, Morgan Miller and Keeley McLaughlin rehearse a scene from Ovation's first production, 'Byline: Amanda Danger.'



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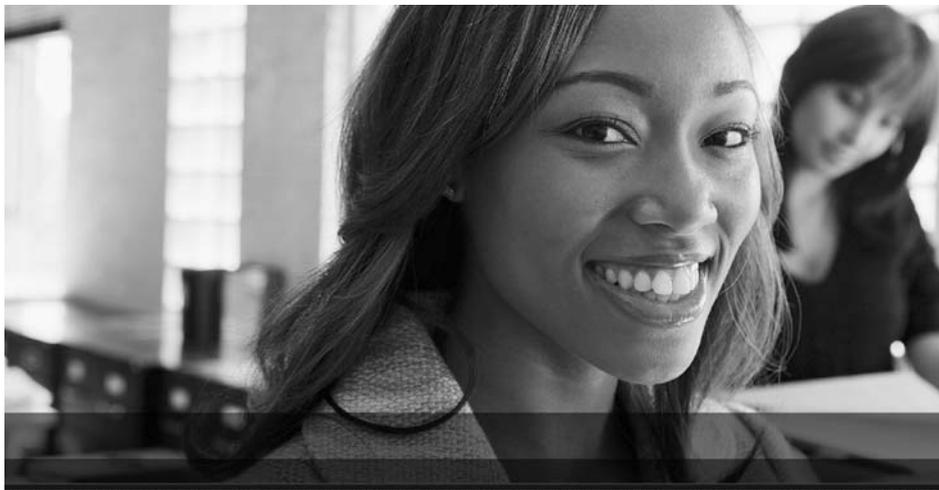
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MAD Artists Launch First Event in Lorton

Artists, designers prepare to woo and wow clients with cooperative approach.

BY COLIN DAILED A
THE CONNECTION

The Merger of Art and Design program, or "MAD", is taking the Northern Virginia art and design community by storm.

MAD artists, whose members consist of artists from the Lorton Arts Foundation's Workhouse Arts Center and interior designers from the Association of Interior Design Professionals (AIDP), hosted their first Art, Wine, and Design event on Saturday, July 11, at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Art, Wine, and Design is set up as a social gathering in the arts center that allows artists, interior designers and potential clients to chat about artwork and home redesign over a spread of wine and cheese. The group was pleased by the turnout, and will offer similar events on the second Saturday of every month.

"We really weren't sure what to expect, how many would be here, how the interest



PHOTO BY COLIN DAILED A/THE CONNECTION

A crowd gathers in the center of Gallery 16, the site of the first Art, Wine, and Design.

would be," said Bonnie Heebner, former AIDP DC Metro chapter president. "I am very pleased to see not only the artists, but there were some outside visitors as well."

And that is the goal of the merger, to attract outside visitors, or clients. Homeowners looking to redesign a room

or two often shy away from hiring an interior designer, fearing the designer would force his or her own style upon them. Current AIDP DC Metro chapter President Sue Rosenbaum insists that is not the case.

"One question that I personally get from clients all the time is 'what is your style? ...

"You don't have to have a gazillion dollars to have a good design."

— June Shea, AIDP national president

and I say 'I don't have a style because I interpret your style and I make your style come out physically on your space.'"

AIDP DC Metro chapter treasurer Betty Beeson agreed.

"A good interior designer will never end up with a room that looks like the interior designer," said Beeson. "A good interior designer will end up with a room that the client loves and looks like [the client]."

However, that redesigned room comes with a cost that many potential clients fear is out of their price range. AIDP national President June Shea disagreed.

"You don't have to have a gazillion dollars to have a good design," said Shea. "Interior designers work within clients means."

Interior designer Andrea Schwartz, who was in attendance at the inaugural Art, Wine, and Design event, said she can always work within a budget.

"It's really much more affordable than

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U.S. Rep. Connolly Opposes Tax On High Incomes

Connolly: U.S. should pursue savings in health care costs before turning to new taxes.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) organized other freshman Democrats to oppose a component of his political party's health care proposal that would have raised taxes on individuals earning \$280,000 or more per year and households earning \$350,000 or more per year, even though these households are among the wealthiest one percent in the country.

"Why are we talking about new taxes at all? We spend twice as much on health care as any other industrialized nation already," said Connolly, who thinks there are more ways to wring cost savings out of the current health care system.

The congressman said the pharmaceutical companies have put \$85 billion worth of savings on the table in terms of health care savings and the hospitals have offered up \$130 billion. But the insurance industry has not offered up any cost savings so far, even though profits for the country's top 10 insurance companies have increased by 428 percent over the last decade, he said.

"The insurance companies have not put a dime on the table. ... We should be looking at new taxes as a last resort. We need to look at savings first before we consider revenue enhancement," said Connolly.

Still, the original version of the Democratic Party's health care reform plan called for a surtax that increases from one percent for those making between \$350,000 to \$500,000 to over five percent for people earning more than \$1 million.

After the objections of Connolly and some other Democrats, House speaker Nancy Pelosi has proposed bumping up the tax threshold to individuals earning \$500,000 and families earning \$1 million.

Though Connolly would like to avoid a new tax altogether, he said Pelosi's new proposal is more palatable than what was originally proposed.

It would have less of an impact on small

business owners, who sometimes have to report their company's earning as personal income, he said.

With a household cut off of \$350,000, the original tax plan would also have affected some of Connolly's constituents, since the congressman represents one of the wealthiest congressional districts in the nation. Connolly said that about 14 percent of households he represents earn more than \$200,000 annually.

The bulk of Connolly's district is in Fairfax County, where the median annual household income was \$102,460 in 2007. In that same year, the nation's median household income was about \$50,007, according to the U.S. Census.

Even if they are among the wealthiest households in the country, Connolly said his constituents should not be considered in the same way as Hollywood movie moguls or investors on Wall Street.

"These people have not inherited their wealth. ... We are not talking about Rockefellers," he said.

The median household income in North-

ern Virginia is higher because both adults in a household are more likely to work full time as professionals than in other parts of the country, said Connolly.

A couple where both members held high-ranking civil servant jobs in the federal government could make close to \$350,000 per year, he said.

Connolly is also worried about the piling-on effect of President Barack Obama's tax policy on those in the upper income brackets.

THE PRESIDENT already intends to let George W. Bush's tax cuts for those who make over \$250,000 annually expire in 2011. This means that wealthier people will automatically see a tax increase, regardless of whether the health care surcharge is added or not. "If all we were talking about is this surcharge, it would be a different situation," said Connolly.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), who represents northern and western Fairfax, is opposed to several aspect of the health care proposal, including the suggestion of a tax increase, said Dan Scandling, Wolf's chief of staff.

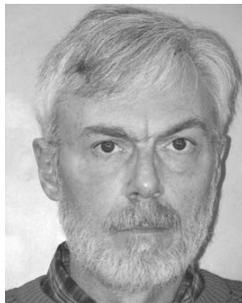
U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who represents Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, shares some of Connolly's concerns about the tax burden, said Austin Durrer, Moran's communications director.

"These people have not inherited their wealth. ... We are not talking about Rockefellers."

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

Teacher Pleads Guilty to Aggravated Sexual Battery

A school teacher who sexually assaulted a female student in her home has now been convicted of that offense in court. He is Rodney Bower, 54, of the 2400 block of Temple Court in Alexandria.



Bower

POLICE PHOTO

The incident occurred sometime between Feb. 1-14, and Fairfax County police were called March 20 to begin investigating. Police said the girl — a student at Gunston Elementary, where Bower taught — told them he touched her inappropriately in her home, while tutoring her.

Bower turned himself in to detectives on March 23 and was charged with aggravated sexual battery. On May 1, in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, his case was certified to the grand jury, which indicted him, May 18.

He appeared on Thursday, July 16, in Circuit Court and pleaded guilty. Judge Gaylord Finch then set his sentencing for Oct. 2. Bower has taught in Fairfax County Public Schools since 2000 and has been at Gunston since 2005. He taught fifth grade and accelerated math but, after his arrest, he was placed on unpaid leave.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Keith Fimian To Face U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly

Local businessman Keith Fimian announced that he will run for Virginia's 11th District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives again in 2010.

Fimian, a Republican, lost to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D) by about 11.5 percentage points in the 2008 election. Connolly replaced Republican Tom Davis, who decided to retire after 14 years in the office.

The 11th Congressional District includes most of central and southern Fairfax County as well as part of Prince William County.

Even though Davis had held the seat as a Republican, Connolly was thought to have a significant advantage over Fimian in the political race two years ago.

Connolly had served Fairfax County chairman, the highest elected office in local government, for five years and had been a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors since 1995.

Fimian had never run for or held elected office before.

But Fimian outperformed Republican presidential candidate John McCain in the 11th Congressional District. President Barack Obama (D) beat McCain by about 15 percentage points in the district compared to Connolly's 11.5 percentage points over Fimian.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Virginia Minorities More Likely To Be Uninsured

The group Health Care for America Now released a study this month that show an inequity in the health care people who are racial minorities and/or women have when compared to their white and/or male counterparts.

The following are some of the statistics included in the report:

- ◆ Thirty-one percent of Latina women in Virginia receive no prenatal care, compared to 21 percent of African American women and 10 percent of white women.
- ◆ The infant mortality rate — the number of deaths per

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Striking a film-noir-style dramatic pose are some of the actors in Ovation's first production, 'Byline: Amanda Danger.'

Film Noir Comedy on Stage

Students from local schools perform summer show at Robinson.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A comedy adventure that parodies the drama, romance and intrigue of film noir, "Byline: Amanda Danger" will be presented by Ovation, a new summer-theater company organized by the Robinson Drama Boosters.

The production is comprised of students from schools including Lake Braddock, Robinson, Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools, Flint Hill and Franklin, Rocky Run and Rachel Carson middle schools.

The story is about a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist who goes on a wild adventure from Chicago to Venice in pursuit of the key to immortality. Show times are Friday, July 31, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Aug. 1, at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door (no advance sales).

ROCKY RUN MIDDLE Theater Director Julie Wharton is directing, assisted by 2007 Robinson grad Kathleen Burnard, majoring in theater in college. Burnard is also conducting audition workshops so the students will leave with resumes, head shots and monologues they've created. Both she and Wharton are delighted to be part of Ovation's first production.

"For years, Robinson offered a summer drama camp for younger students, but this is the first year they've

done a play for older students," said Wharton. "We've been rehearsing since June 29 and things are going really well. Although the kids are from several schools, they clicked quickly and easily and are enjoying working together."

She said it's an "enormously fun, but complicated" play. However, since all 17 actors are also the tech crew, Wharton said the result is a cohesive vision. "It's funny and fast-paced and will appeal to different age groups, 8 and up," she said. "Older people will get the film noir jokes and the time and place setting. It's a smart comedy with a message, plus layers of entertainment."

PLAYING THE TITLE role is Robinson sophomore Morgan Miller. "Amanda's bold and brave, goes after what she wants, is witty and clever and is a quick learner," said Miller. "For example, she learns the entire Italian language while on a plane. She's spunky, young and energetic, but not naïve."

As the star reporter at her daily newspaper, "Amanda gets all the cool stories, travels and investigates people," said Miller. "It's rewarding because, since it's such a large part, you really get to dive into your character and you have more to work with to define her and make her complex with thoughts, opinions and actions."

Miller said it's fun playing noir because the actors are so serious and dramatic, but their actions are funny to the audience. "People will enjoy how the story progresses — and it's not predictable," she said.

Playing Carmelita Clandestina is Robinson freshman Olivia Serio. "She's the smart one of the group," said Serio. "She's in love with Benedito, but plays off his weaknesses to make him do what she wants — and she cheats at cards. It's fun because it takes more talent to play the bad guy."

"It's a smart comedy with a message, plus layers of entertainment."

— Julie Wharton, director

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1,000 live births — is 13.7 for African Americans, 6 for whites and 5.2 for Latinos in Virginia.

❖ The annual AIDS case rate (per 100,000 people) is 3.8 percent for whites, 30.9 for African Americans and 18.5 for Latinos in Virginia.

❖ About 12 percent of whites, 17 percent of African Americans and 45 percent of Latinos lack health insurance in Virginia. In the United States in general, about 12.1 of whites, 20.4 percent of African Americans and 33.5 percent of Latinos lack health insurance.

❖ In Virginia, about 14.7 percent of all women go without health insurance, compared to 17.7 percent nationwide. The numbers for black women are also slightly lower in Virginia, where about 20.7 percent go without health insurance, compared to 22.5 percent nationwide. The percentage of uninsured Latina women is much higher in Virginia, about 42.5 percent, when compared to the national figure of 37.3 percent.

\$20,000 Grant for Our Daily Bread

The Hovde Foundation recently selected Our Daily Bread to receive a \$20,000 grant to supplement its mission to help working families in the Fairfax County area achieve self-sufficiency. The Hovde Foundation presented the grant to the local non-profit on behalf of an anonymous Hovde Capital Advisors employee.

ODB will receive an immediate cash infusion of \$10,000 each to its Food Program and Financial Assistance Program. The former provides temporary food deliveries every two weeks to approximately 60 eligible families for a period of four months. The latter program offers emergency assistance to eligible families to aid them in paying rent, utilities or other basic needs when they are experiencing a crisis, such as unemployment or illness.

The Hovde Organization is an investment banking, asset management and private equity firm, which deals primarily on the financial services sector. ODB is a volunteer-based organization that focuses on lessening the plight of low income residents in Fairfax County. For information, visit www.our-daily-bread.org.

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Some Swine Flu Risks

If you're sick, stay home from work; if children are sick, keep them home from school.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Virginia has had more than 300 confirmed or probable cases of swine flu, and two deaths from the swine flu, including one in Arlington. A 27-year-old Alexandria man, hospitalized with a confirmed case of H1N1 flu, died in June.

We suspect the actual number of cases of swine flu in Virginia to be much higher, given the example of other states, e.g. Wisconsin, which reports more than 6,000 probably or confirmed cases of swine flu, but just eight deaths.

Cases have spiked in Virginia in recent weeks according to the Virginia Department of Health, during a time when health officials say anyone with flu symptoms of sore throat, fever and cough almost certainly is infected with swine flu. The regular, seasonal flu is almost unheard of this time of year. The CDC identifies the level of infection in Virginia as "regional," with the level of infection in Maryland as "widespread."

Overall, so far swine flu has been more mild than feared, with most people recovering without hospitalization. Seasonal flu, as differentiated from swine flu, kills about 36,000 people nationwide each year; about 1,000 people die in Virginia each year from influenza and pneumonia.

THE CDC is predicting that swine flu will continue to spread through the summer and into the fall and winter, and will be a significant complicating factor when the seasonal influenza strikes when the weather gets cold. The CDC reports: "The novel H1N1 virus, in conjunction with regular seasonal influenza viruses, poses the potential to cause significant

illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths during the U.S. influenza season."

The primary method to avoid the spread of the swine flu is to tell people who are sick to stay home from work, keep sick children home from school or camp. Call your doctor's office, let them know you have flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat), so your doctor can determine if you would benefit from an antiviral medication. People who have had the swine flu are deemed contagious for seven days after the onset of symptoms, or until all symptoms have disappeared, whichever is longer.

All of our health in the coming year will depend on people following the advice to stay home if sick and seeking the right medical attention from a doctor's office, not the emergency room.

BUT WHAT about the millions of workers who have no (or very limited) paid sick leave? What about the millions of people who have no health insurance and have no doctor to consult by phone?

According to a new report from an advocacy group, Health Care for America Now, in Virginia, about 12 percent of whites, 17 percent of African Americans and 45 percent of Latinos lack health insurance.

According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, about half of workers (excluding those who work for government) have no paid sick leave.

The rest of us who are blessed with access to health care and paid sick days are at risk as other workers are under intense financial pressure to go to work even when they are sick, or

of uninsured and underinsured Americans would have competitive choices of affordable health care coverage. By taking these folks out of our emergency rooms and promoting preventative coverage, we will all benefit.

Caroline Kane
Annandale

Public Opinion Decides It

To the Editor:

The oft-made comparison between the postal service and the public health care option is a valid one. Like the public option would do, the USPS operates on a national level and is competitive when compared to FedEx or UPS. If people want to use FedEx or DHL, or their company has an ac-

count with a company like that, they get to make the choice. FedEx and UPS can't provide unsatisfactory service because they're competing with a public option, the postal service.

The same would occur with health care. The public option would be there, ready and waiting to absorb those who private companies won't cover. In order to compete, private companies would have to adapt to the new market, something that would lead to improvement for those under both private and public insurance. The public option would lower premium costs across the board, would cover the unemployed and would never prevent someone from receiving coverage due to preexisting conditions. If private companies want to compete successfully, they'll have to up their quality of care.

The comparison between health

Frequently Asked Questions New H1N1 Virus (Swine Influenza)

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported vomiting and diarrhea.

What is the incubation period after exposure?

About 1-4 days. If a week has gone by from when you know you were exposed, it's not likely you will get sick.

Are there medicines to treat the new H1N1 virus?

Antivirals don't cure you of flu, but they do work to lessen the duration and severity of symptoms. ... Influenza antiviral drugs work best when started soon after symptoms appear, usually within two days. You must have a prescription to receive these medications.

How can people decrease the spread of the new (H1N1) virus?

Taking the following steps can decrease the spread of flu: frequent hand washing; covering coughs; having ill persons stay home, except to seek medical care; minimizing contact with others; having household members of cases minimize contact in the community, to the extent possible; reducing unnecessary social contacts; avoiding crowded settings, when possible; keeping children home from school if they are ill. If you are sick, stay home and call your doctor, wash your hands often.

Source: Virginia Department of Health
<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/news/Alerts/SwineFlu/index.htm>

their children are sick.

There are no simple answers, but it's also important to recognize the growing costs of the status quo on health care.

— MARY KIMM

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All Would Benefit

To the Editor:

I am the 16-year-old daughter of baby boomers. My father works for a business in the private sector, and my family is covered under his health insurance plan, United Health Care Optimum Choice Preferred. We are lucky to have a great PPO that has served

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our family well. Although we are satisfied with our current health insurance, we want Congress to pass a public option. Why? Because 45 million of our fellow Americans are not lucky enough to have health insurance. The public option would be able to offer these millions of Americans the chance to have health care. A public option would force insurance companies to make their coverage more competitive, and, in turn, the millions

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To the Editor:

I believe that the argument over whether we should have public option has been tainted with the idea that such a system would be economically harmful. Some think that a public option would be a strong impediment to free market capitalism in the insurance business. Many balk at the admittedly intimidating price tag required to bring about reform.

I think that we need to take a careful look at our current healthcare system. Fifteen percent of our GDP is spent on healthcare alone, which is responsible for a large percentage of bankruptcies in this country. We pay twice as much as the nearest industrialized nation for a system that consistently delivers low rankings in life expectancy and infant mortality. We aren't getting the results that we're paying for.

Meanwhile, other countries continue to adapt. China is currently considering adopting a national health care plan. Chinese workers on average save 40 percent of their incomes in paying and preparing for health care issues. With a national plan, that sequestered income can be better put to use in spending and investment. In my opinion, the facts are clear — public option healthcare is the best financial choice.

Mica Moore
Fairfax

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SATURDAYS

Al-Anon Beginner's Meeting. 7-8 p.m., at Messiah Methodist Church, Room 212, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. See www.AlAnonVA.com for more information and meeting times. For those whose life has been affected by another person's drinking, Al-Anon may help. Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and Friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.

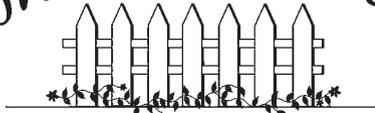
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Volunteers for Change Orientations. This program features a flexible calendar of fun weekend and weekday evening projects to fit busy schedules. 2-3 p.m. After orientation, volunteers can choose from more than 50 monthly community service projects throughout Northern Virginia. Projects include planting trees, bagging food for homeless families, tutoring adult ESL students, playing bingo with the disabled, special community-wide events throughout the year and much more. To register, contact Annie Duffield at 703-246-3895 or e-mail aduffield@volunteerfairfax.org.

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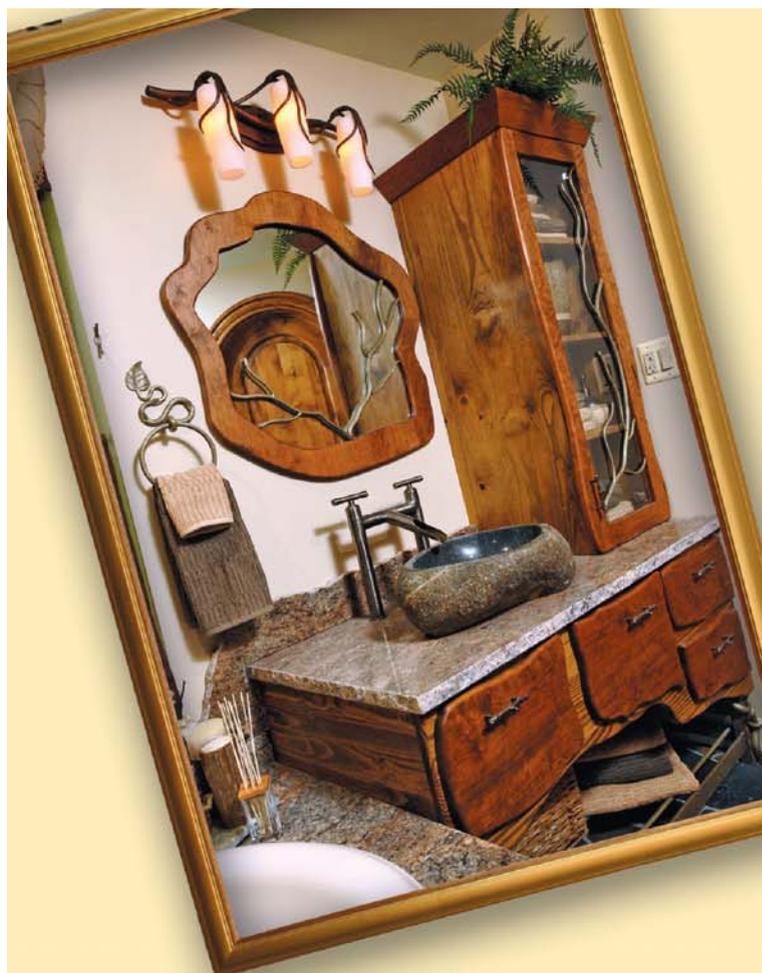
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Ride of Their Lives

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

A morning of adaptive horse back riding couldn't dissuade Lia Winnard from getting what she really wanted this past Saturday, July 18. After her weekly riding class with the Mason Neck Lions Club, Winnard and her mother, Carol Corso, drove a few miles to Pohick Bay Regional Park, where one of Winnard's goals for the summer was waiting.

After arriving at 9 a.m., Winnard was finally ready around noon before everyone at the Dreams for Kids Extreme Recess program, a Chicago-based 501(c) (3) nonprofit, which provided an adaptive water sports clinic to those with varying degrees of cognitive and physical disabilities, knocked off for lunch. Winnard would have to wait.

Shortly after lunch, though, Winnard jumped into the "sit ski" and off she went, whipping around Pohick Bay with a smile plastered to her face. In addition to horseback riding, Winnard enjoys kayaking and skiing — "She's our athlete," Corso said — and decided this summer she wanted to try waterskiing.

Twice.

Winnard had so much fun the first time around that she asked Dreams for Kids national chapter director Andrew Horn if she could go again. If she waited until the end of the day, Horn said, that shouldn't be a problem. So she did.

"I just had fun doing it and wanted to go again," Winnard said. "I loved the feel of it."

Saturday's event was the organization's first in the Washington, D.C. area. As Dreams for Kids president Tom Touhy said, it brought together many people from many different backgrounds for an afternoon of excitement.

"This is a great opportunity for organizations that existed separately for years to join forces and create something that never could've been created alone," Touhy said.

ONE OF the contributing organizations was the Muscular Dystrophy Association, and it wasn't by choice. After learning that her group's annual summer trip to Camp Maria in Leonardtown, Md. was cancelled because of a swine flu outbreak, Christine Clemons found the Extreme Recess program online.



Adaptive water sports program brings day of fun to Pohick Bay.

PHOTOS BY JASON MACKEY/THE CONNECTION

Mason Neck resident Lia Winnard, center, poses for a picture with a few Dreams for Kids volunteers. Pictured are, from left, Joel Zeisler, Emily Schauer, Andrew Horn and Ali Strickler.



Although her dad insisted she was kidding, Melina Shannon was having nothing of it. 'It was too fast,' she said of the waterskiing she did this past Saturday, July 18.

Clemons, a health services coordinator who's originally from Texas, knew that nothing would ever replace Camp Maria, where those participating can enjoy fireside activities, swimming, boating and even a Casino Night. But for one day, Extreme Recess would more than suffice.

"It came perfectly because, with the cancellation of camp, I was running around trying to think what to do," said Clemons, who works out of the organization's Reston office. "Not that it would take the place of camp, but I was blown away by the great things that they actually do."

Springfield native Zachary Keast, 7, wasn't protesting, although he did joke that the Pohick Bay water was a little on the cold side. Still, Keast enjoyed his waterskiing experience for exactly one thing: the speed.

"I went super-duper fast," he said.

Dave Shannon, a Mount Vernon resident, learned of the one-day event through a group he belongs to along with Corso called Parents of Autistic Children (POAC). Once plans were finalized, Shannon arranged for his daughter, Melina Shannon, to follow a routine like Winnard's.

After the early-morning adaptive horseback riding class, Dave and Melina Shan-

non made the drive to Pohick. Melina Shannon was cautious at first, unsure of the entire experience as she had never been waterskiing before.

Although she was sure she'd eventually admit to having a good time, the speed that

Keast loved so much might've been a little too much for Melina.

"It was too fast," she said. "Because it was too fast the water was splashing me in my eyes."

That, judging by the more than 40 participants that left Pohick after experienc-

ing something that they had never done before, might've been the only problem.

"For a lot of these kids, it's the first chance they've had to experience adaptive athletics at this level," said Horn, the Dreams for Kids director who is also a 2004 South Lakes graduate. "You think about that one moment in sports that you carried with you for years and how important that was for your development as a human and as a kid. Some of these kids hadn't been able to experience that."

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— Andrew Horn, director, Dreams for Kids

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/JULY 23

Redemption Thursdays. 8 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Thursday Theater. 11:30 a.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Bring a lunch and enjoy movies. Age 1-6 with adult. Registration required.

Get Curious with George. 1 p.m., at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010. Come for stories and meet Curious George. Bring a camera. Age 2-5 with adult. Registration required.

Tongue Twisters. 2:30 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. All ages. Ventriloquist and storyteller Sandi Sylvester brings songs and stories to life. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Registration required.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

The Conquer and Curse Tour 2009, Fallen Martyr and Nightmare Ritual. 6 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. \$12 in advance, \$15 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-324-SHOW.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7



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Clifton Film Fest

Clifton Film Fest organizer Dani Weinberg, 22, poses by a stack of festival T-shirts.

Students and adults will have

a chance to showcase their moviemaking prowess at the festival on Friday July 24, at 7:30 p.m. The festival will be made up of short films from two categories, student and adult created films. The top four submissions in each category, chosen by a panel of judges, will be shown on an outdoor screen in the Clifton Park. Admission is \$5 and concessions and T-shirts will be sold. The rain date for the festival is Saturday, July 25. More information can be found at www.cliftonfilmfest.com.

p.m. at Kingstowne Town Center behind the Sunoco Gas Station.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Summer Bro Down. 3 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West

Springfield. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

Magic Around the World with Fish the Magish. 10:30 a.m., in the meeting room of the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385. Storytelling, magic and fun. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Magic Around the World with Fish the Magish. 2:30 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Storytelling, magic and fun. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Registration required.

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Paddle Adventure-Morning Tour at Pohick Bay, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. \$30 per person. Reservations required. Enjoy a morning park paddle tour on the water before the hustle and bustle of boaters. See eagles in the morning light as they hunt for the day. The trip will be led by a Potomac Overlook Park Naturalist. No experience is necessary. Contact: 703-339-6104. Pohick Bay Regional Park is located at 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lorton VRE Station Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice.

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8083 PAPER BIRCH DR	5	4	0			LORTON	\$574,000	Detached	0.18		LAUREL HILL
6108 SANDSTONE CT	5	3	1			CLIFTON	\$565,000	Detached	0.24		LITTLE ROCKY RUN
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8230 BAYBERRY RIDGE RD	5	3	1			FAIRFAX STATION	\$525,000	Detached	0.27		TIMBER RIDGE
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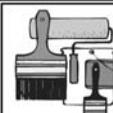
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"The Town of Clifton will hold a Public Hearing on August 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall to amend the Town Budget for the Fiscal Year End 6/30/2010 to add two line items: 1) Purchase Pink House \$401,000 and 2) Pink House Maintenance \$10,000. All Town residents are encouraged to attend."

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From left, artists John Noffsinger, Robert Kincheloe and Lisa St. Martin enjoy each other's company at the inaugural Art, Wine, and Design event put on by the MAD Artists. All three live in the Northern Virginia.

Art, Wine and Design

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people think," said Schwartz. "For me to redesign a room, it's like \$300."

Although most guests in attendance Saturday were not ready to discuss price, many were impressed by the variety of artwork on display and appreciated being able to talk to artists and interior designers about their work.

"Having different styles and the opportunity to look at different types of artwork

helps you decide those that are really enticing to you," said Libby Hendrix, an Occoquan resident. "So I think the setting here and the availability of different artists and different styles is a really good way to look at art. Much better than looking on the Internet."

Fairfax resident Gail Hamilton reiterated that point, saying that coming in to see the artwork and meeting the artists in person provides a much better idea of how a particular piece would look in your home.

They Win Again

With a 51-21 win over Rutherford on Tuesday, July 14, the Fairfax Station dive team improved to 4-0 this season. First-place divers for Fairfax Station include: Hayden Aspesi, Emily Weidner, Teal Schupp, Andrew Pascual, Jasmine Narel and Nicholas Alfieris. Alfieris and Rebecca Anderson have been recognized as the team's Divers of the Week for their increase commitment to practice and dedication to the team.

WEEK IN SPORTS

the 9-10 boys' 100 individual medley with a time of 1:13.61, eclipsing the 27-year-old mark of 1:15.10.

Dive Right In

On Sunday, July 19, 354 divers participated in the Northern Virginia Swim League's Cracker Jack Invitational Championship at Truro Swimming Pool in Annandale. The divers represented 31 of the NVSL Dive

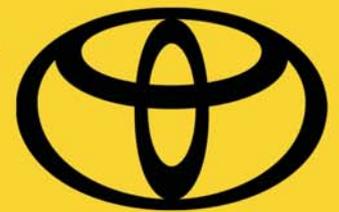
League's 47 teams throughout Fairfax and Arlington counties. More than 8,000 participants have since showcased their skills at the Cracker Jack, which was established in 1987 to provide a skill-appropriate championship for beginning divers. This year, Shannon Campbell of Crosspointe (Fairfax Station) emerged victorious in the 7-year-old girls' division with a score of 64.00, as did three of her teammates, Caleb Royce (9-year-old boys', 57.90), Ryan Mendes (10-year-old boys', 58.85) and Alec Jones (12-year-old boys', 86.10). Colton Thorne, 6, of Sideburn Run (Fairfax) took first-place honors with his score of 49.25.

More Records Fall

During a meet with South Riding on Saturday, July 11, Michael Herrmann of the Barrington Blue Fins broke the 15-18-year-old boys' 50-yard backstroke record of 26.50 seconds, which was set last summer by his brother, Ricky Herrmann. To make history, Michael Herrmann finished with a time of 26.04. Also against South Riding, fellow Blue Fin Brandon Fabian broke his second record in as many weeks by finishing

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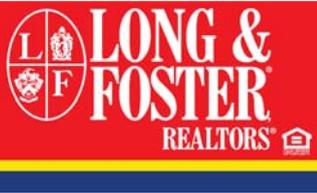


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