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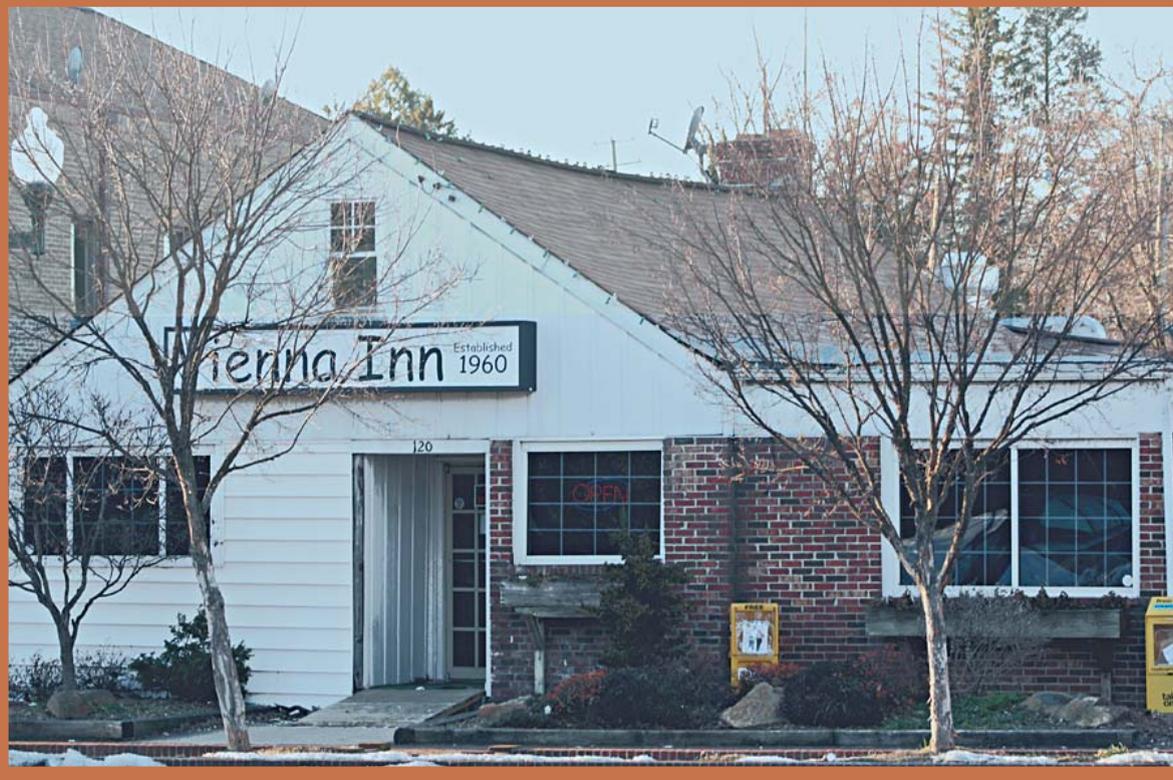
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Public Supports, Questions Tysons Redevelopment

At comment session, speakers back overall ideas while raising individual concerns.

By Mike DiCicco
The Connection

McLean resident Sally Horn said she supported high-density redevelopment in Tysons Corner, where four Metro stations are to be operational by 2013. However, she encouraged the county's Planning Commission to reject proposals for amassing 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs in what is to become the "urban downtown" of Fairfax County.

Those numbers are supported by Fairfax County planning staff in the draft plan for Tysons Corner's redevelopment that was released last week. The commercial center currently has about 17,000 residents and 105,000 jobs.

Horn, who is a member of the McLean Citizens Association board, said she thought the capacity of transportation infrastructure would need to dictate the pace of development, with specific transportation improvements set as "triggers" for certain levels of density. A number of other speakers took the same position. "Just as in the Route 28 corridor, the landowners and developers who will profit from increased density must be required to contribute 75 percent of the infrastructure improvement costs," she said, adding that taxpayers should not be the main source of funding.

However, Neil Sullivan, representing the ownership of the Fuddruckers Restaurant on Spring Hill Road, said property owners were concerned about being taxed for improvements, as they were already subject to a special tax, capped at 22 cents per dollar of assessed property value, to help pay for the coming Metro line. He also said proposed requirements for land consolidation in order to build to maximum densities would virtually eliminate the possibility of redevelopment for the Fuddruckers site, and he said the drop in allowable density outside of one-eighth of a mile from rail stations was too sharp.

THE PLAN proposes a maximum floor-area ratio (FAR) of 4.75 within one-eighth of a mile of Metro stops, meaning nearly 5 square feet of floor space could be built for every square foot of land, although additional densities could be reached by developers who meet certain criteria for features like affordable housing and environmental friendliness or who dedicate land for parks, roads and other public uses. However,



As shown in this conceptual intensity map, density in the redeveloped Tysons Corner is to be arranged around the four coming Metro stops, with allowable density decreasing further from the stations.

Get Involved

The full, 215-page draft plan amendment is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner. Comments may be submitted via e-mail at plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov. Another citizen comment session is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in conference rooms 2 and 3 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

Fuddruckers falls in the one-eighth- to quarter-mile radius, where a maximum FAR of 2.75 is proposed. And the plan recommends an FAR of 2.0 between a quarter of a mile and half a mile from stations.

The idea is that offices and housing within walking distance of Metro stations would generate far fewer vehicle trips than those farther out. The Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force had recommended considerably higher densities, with an FAR of 6.0 in the immediate vicinity of rail stops.

The task force, comprising representatives of residents, businesses, employers and community and civic organizations, was formed in May 2005 and just conducted its final meeting on Monday, Jan. 25. Two days later, the public had a chance to offer reactions to the draft plan amendment before the Planning Commission's Tysons Corner Committee. Sullivan and Horn were two of more than 30 people who showed up to speak at the Fairfax County Government Center Wednesday evening.

Almost everyone who spoke expressed support for higher-density, transit-oriented redevelopment at Tysons Corner, although many, like Horn and Sullivan, were either residents concerned that growth could outpace infrastructure or property owners worried about conditions and restrictions on development. Most of the residents who spoke lived outside Tysons Corner, in McLean or Vienna.

Representing the Town of Vienna, Town Council member Laurie Cole said the "implementation entity" that is to oversee the fulfillment of the plan should include residents of the surrounding communities. "The future of Tysons Corner affects us directly and deeply," she told the commission. Cole advised against density bonuses for LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, as well as the compounding of density bonuses, saying that such policy was "testing the surface tension of what Tysons Corner can contain." She also said she had heard resistance to tying the rate of development to the creation of supporting infrastructure because developers could not control the construction of roads, for example. To the contrary, she said, road construction was beyond the control of residents, while developers could help finance it.

TYSONS CORNER is currently home to 46 million square feet of development. The plan envisions 84 million square feet by 2030 and 113 million by 2050. It also encourages landowners to help fund road improvements, possibly through participation in a community development authority, although no specifics for landowner contributions are laid out.

The plan also aims to secure space for public facilities as quickly as possible in an area where little land is available, expressing a preference for developers to make contributions of land or building space, rather than cash, to offset the impacts of their projects.

As far as density bonuses, a 10 percent bonus is proposed in return for LEED platinum certification, and bonuses are to be compoundable. For example, if a developer obtained a 20 percent density bonus for offering 20 percent affordable housing, the

additional bonus for LEED certification would be for 10 percent of the resulting density cap, for a total bonus of 32 percent.

Jonathan Cox of AvalonBay Communities, which owns Avalon Crescent Apartments, said he could appreciate the need for affordable housing but thought the objective of 20 percent was too much, where the county requires only 12 percent affordable housing. "Why require the highest subsidy rate in the county at Tysons Corner?" he asked, adding that the requirement would discourage the explosion in residential development that would be necessary to turn Tysons Corner, now primarily a business center, into a mixed-use community. Moreover, he said, a requirement that existing housing units deemed "affordable" must be replaced on a one-to-one basis in any redevelopment would be unworkable, particularly for developments that currently have relatively low rents. If Crescent redeveloped to the new maximum density, he said, about 45 percent of its units would have to be affordable. "It's tantamount to a taking," Cox said.

McLean Citizens Association President Rob Jackson said his group opposed the plan because projections had shown that even with rail, mixed-use development, "aggressive traffic demand management," and road construction and expansions, the transportation network would fail once development reached 84 million square feet. "That constitutes planning for failure," he said. Also, Jackson said, the plan strayed from county policy, for example by allowing densities based on distance from Metro station entrances rather than station platforms and by allowing required workforce housing to be placed outside the intense development around rail stations.

However, State Sen. George Barker (D-39), vice chair of the task force, had said at the opening of the meeting that Arlington had found its transit-oriented development to produce smaller increases in traffic than had been predicted. In recent years, he said, development and jobs around Arlington Metro stations had increased while traffic actually decreased. "It confirms what we had envisioned all along in Tysons," Barker said.

Task force Chairman Clark Tyler, too, referenced Arlington's experience. "Transportation models do not produce facts," he said. "They produce guesses and best estimates." He noted that the outcome of such models depends on the assumptions that planners feed into them. Tyler said he did not want to base transportation requirements solely on traditional "level of service" standards for traffic but would rather prioritize metrics based on pedestrian, bicycle and transit trips, since the planners' goal was "transit, not cars."

"Raglan Road Park is really no place for a soccer field."

— Maurice Giguere

"That constitutes planning for failure."

— Rob Jackson, McLean Citizens Association president

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Many Schools Outdated and Overcrowded

Increasing enrollment puts pressure on limited school facilities funding.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board has set a goal of renovating school buildings every 25 to 30 years, but in reality,

most schools are waiting approximately 40 years before their physical plants receive an upgrade.

School board members unanimously approved a capital improvement plan Jan. 21 that included many school renovation projects several years overdue.

When Franklin-Sherman Elementary's renovation project gets underway this year, it will be the McLean school's first total facilities overhaul since it was built in 1952. Freedom Hill Elementary, which opened in Vienna in 1949, is scheduled to undergo its first

"full renovation" in 2010 as well.

And it is not clear yet when a building like West Springfield High School, originally built in the 1960s and approximately 100 students over capacity, will see an upgrade to its physical plant, though a renovation is unlikely to get underway any time during the next decade.

WITH LITTLE HELP from the commonwealth of Virginia, the school system relies almost entirely on the Fairfax County government for money to complete new school construction, building additions and renovations.

Both school staff and country government officials agree that the county has been generous when it comes to school building funding. But what the county can afford to do is simply not enough to keep up with the demand for renova-

tions.

Currently, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors issues bonds annually for \$155 million worth of school capital projects. The system's staff said it would need approximately \$225 million per year to ensure an overhaul of each facility every three decades.

By contrast, Mount Vernon school board member Dan Storck has said that Montgomery County, Md. can spend approximately \$100 million more per year on school construction than Fairfax, even though the suburban Maryland school system has 30,000 fewer students.

Maryland's state government chips in far more for Montgomery County's school construction when compared to Virginia, which doesn't allocate enough school construction funding to Fairfax annually to cover a single elementary school renovation.

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5 Tax Tips That Could Save You Thousands

AMY MCANARNEY



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Each year many taxpayers miss out on thousands of their own hard-earned dollars, simply because they are unaware of the many tax deductions and credits they are legally eligible to receive. Here are some of the recent tax law changes you need to be aware of, courtesy of Amy McAnarney, Executive Director of The Tax Institute at H&R Block.

Capital Assets: Thinking of selling an appreciated capital asset such as stock or a vacation home? You may even want to consider giving the asset to a child or grandchild who is in a lower tax bracket. He or she may be able to sell the property and have all or most of the gain taxed at 0%. However, be careful of "kiddie tax" rules which may tax some of your child's income at your rates.

New Vehicles: Did you know that you can deduct the sales tax paid on up

to \$49,500 of the purchase price of a new vehicle bought in 2009? This is helpful particularly if you do not itemize and instead take the standard deduction on your tax return. In that case, remember you can add the sales tax to the standard deduction. In order to deduct the sales tax paid on the purchase of a new vehicle, the auto must have been purchased between Feb. 17, 2009 and Dec. 31, 2009.

Business Vehicles: If you own a small business that bought an SUV or other vehicle that weighs over 6,000 pounds in 2009, and it's used

for business, you may be able to deduct up to \$25,000 of the cost this year, plus take a 50% depreciation deduction on the remaining cost of the vehicle. For example, if your new SUV cost \$75,000, you may be able to take a tax deduction of \$52,000 on your 2009 business return.

New Homebuyers: If you bought a home in 2009 or plan to in 2010, you may get some tax relief. First-time homebuyers can get a tax credit of up to \$8,000, and repeat homebuyers may be eligible for a credit

of \$6,500. Existing homeowners must have lived in their current home for five of the last eight years to be eligible in 2010 for the \$6,500 homebuyer credit.

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Vienna and Oakton School Construction

Fairfax County Public Schools plans construction on the following facilities in the Vienna and Oakton area.

School Name	Type of Project	Cost	Completion Date <i>school year</i>
Vienna Elementary School	Renovation	\$14.4 million	2010-2011
Cunningham Park Elementary School	Capacity Enhancement	\$2.9 million	2011-2012
Stenwood Elementary School	Renovation	\$15.1 million	2011-2012
Oakton Elementary School	Renovation	\$17.8 million	2012-2013
Marshall High School	Renovation	\$90.1 million	2013-2014

A Long Time Between Renovations

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors would have to increase the school system's annual bond funding from approximately \$155 million to \$225 million for each school to be renovated every three decades as the school board desires.

Currently, most schools are waiting approximately 40 years before their building receives an upgrade.

Below is a list of schools that are currently being renovated or scheduled to begin renovation soon and the year they were originally built. This information was provided in the school system's documents on capital improvement projects.

School	Year Constructed	Partial Renovation	Years To Partial Renovation	Full Renovation Scheduled	Years To Full Renovation
Franklin-Sherman Elementary (McLean)	1952	1974	22	2010	36
Freedom Hill Elementary (Vienna)	1949	1974	25	2010	36
Great Falls Elementary (Great Falls)	1952	1985	33	2010	25
Mount Eagle Elementary (Mount Vernon)	1949	1973	24	2010	37
Vienna Elementary School (Vienna)	1921	1984	63	2010	26
Longfellow Middle School (Falls Church)	1960	1978	18	2012	34
Marshall High School (Falls Church)	1962	1984	22	2014	30
Woodson Secondary School (Fairfax)	1962	1981	19	2009	29

Schools Need 'Capacity Enhancement'

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AN INCREASE in student enrollment has also put extra pressure on Fairfax's limited school construction funding pool.

The school system has seen enrollment grow by 8,500 students since the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, gaining 3,300 students from September 2008 to September 2009 alone. The boom in the student population is expected to continue, with an estimated 11,500 more students in the school system in the fall of 2014 than were enrolled in this past fall.

An increase in students means that Fairfax schools must use more of its construction funding to build new schools and to add extra wings onto older school buildings.

In the construction plan passed last month, the school system included a new South County Middle School for the Lorton area and 11 "capacity enhancement" projects for older elementary and middle schools around the county.

"Right now, there is a big school construction and renovation need,"

— **Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield)**

SOME ELECTED officials are looking at ways to address the school system's capital needs.

The school system's capital funding is supposed to fall from \$155 million to \$130 million annually in 2012 but Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) has proposed keeping the school construction and renovation dollars at their current level.

"Right now, there is a big school construction and renovation need," said Herrity, who said other supervisors would also likely support the additional funding.

But keeping the school facilities funding elevated means that other

county facilities would have to go without renovations and some other government buildings are also in dire need of repairs, according to Fairfax County executive Tony Griffin.

PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS to school programs could also end up saving the school system money on some facility projects, particularly capacity enhancements.

If elementary schools lose their music programs and full-day kindergarten, many school facilities would suddenly have more open classrooms than the school system originally thought they would.

And an increase in class size of one student per teacher would make space for 146 more students at Oakton High School and 139 more students at Robinson Secondary School for example.

This means that the school system may possibly be able to spend fewer dollars on projects like building additions and more money on existing school renovations.

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Adding More Painful Cuts

With talk of cutting programs that make it bearable to go to school for students, pay cuts should also be on the table.

Some of the cuts proposed by Fairfax County Public Schools might sound like they will not affect learning very much.

Freshman sports, for instance, involves 2,200 students across the county who are engaged in the delicate transition from middle school to high school. Why would it matter?

How about the 5,000 students who participate in indoor track?

Or the thousands of students who find their love of learning through music.

Or the students getting a second chance on success at Pimmit Hills Alternative School.

Succeeding in school is all about finding a niche, a reason to go, particularly in high school. For some students, this is band. For others it is the chance to run track. For some,

it's an art class. For others it might be a connection to friends made through freshman sports.

Education succeeds for many different reasons. It is a huge mistake to cut off the very things that help students engage.

Nevertheless, schools across the area will have less money per student this year, and they will have to make cuts. Before they cut the life out of the school day for some many children, parents

and the rest of local taxpayers deserve to see administration and staff over a certain level willing to share the pain.

No doubt many administrative cuts are not receiving as much publicity as cuts that impact students. But what administrative departments will face cuts similar to those proposed

for music or some sports programs?

Pay cuts for staff with salaries more than \$75,000 should also be on the table, holding classroom teachers harmless. Here are some suggested guidelines, more moderate than many of the cuts in many private companies with revenue shortfall in the past two years:

- ❖ 5 percent for employees who make \$75,000-\$90,000

- ❖ 10 percent for employees who make \$90,000-\$115,000

- ❖ 15 percent for employees who make \$115,000-\$140,000

- ❖ 20 percent for employees who make \$140,000-\$200,000

- ❖ 30 percent for employees who make more than \$200,000

This budget crisis is different than in the past. Right now for the first time, taxpayers are looking at drastically lower home values, and many are underwater. Tens of thousands of taxpayers in Northern Virginia are unemployed. For the public to press for more money for schools, schools will have to demonstrate that they "get it."

EDITORIAL

Residents Protest Proposed School Cuts

Area parents testify about Fairfax schools budget.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Nearly 100 Fairfax County residents showed up to complain about schools superintendent Jack Dale's proposed budget for the 2010-11 school year during school hearings Jan. 25 and 26.

The Fairfax County Public School system faces a \$166 million financial shortfall in its annual operating budget of approximately \$2 billion next year. Dale has suggested that the school system ask the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for an additional \$57.8 million in funding and slash approximately \$108 million in programs and other expenses to close the budget gap.

The cuts proposed by Dale include increasing class size by one student per teacher for the third year in a row and freezing all staff pay. Several popular programs, including elementary music and foreign language classes, would also be eliminated under the superintendent's proposal.

Some members of the Fairfax County School Board called the superintendent's budget cuts untenable. A few have already indicated that they intend to ask the supervisors for school funding above and beyond the \$57.8 mil-



Keely Lauretti,
Vienna resident

lion Dale has suggested.

Fairfax County allocates approximately \$1.7 billion, or 54 percent of its total budget, to the public school system already.

In order to give the school system an additional \$57.8 million, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors would most likely have to raise the local real estate property tax rate at least 3 cents. Fairfax County generates the bulk of its revenue from real estate taxes; the state collects income taxes from county residents and uses most of that money to fund programs in



Jim Harris,
Vienna resident and Madison High School parent

other parts of the state. The state also keeps the county from instituting other taxes.

The following is what residents testifying at the school budget hearing said.

KEELY LAURETTI will not have a child in Fairfax County Public Schools until 2011, when her 4-year-old son enrolls at Wolftrap Elementary, but she is already concerned about cuts to the foreign language program proposed by Dale.

Lauretti chose to move to the Wolftrap attendance area because the school offered Chinese.

Lauretti said foreign language training was the only downside of her academic career when she graduated from another Fairfax County Public School several years ago. It is important for students to start learning foreign languages in elementary school instead of high school, she said.

"I attended Oakton High School and, no offense to my French teachers, but while I got As in French, I do not remember much of it and it was the one skill I felt I lacked upon graduation," said Lauretti.

JIM HARRIS said he was willing to campaign for Fairfax County School Board members who support preserving the elementary band and strings program, especially if it meant school board members had to advocate the unpopular position of raising taxes and may face trouble in their next election cycle.

"This is a political issue. Taxes are never popular," said Harris, whose children have participated in the band program at Madison High School.

"We will also work against people who don't support [the music program]," said Harris, who plans to lobby the Fairfax County

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OPINION

Parents Oppose School Budget Cuts

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Board of Supervisors for more school funding.

DENISE WERTHEIM was part of an effort to raise money to commission a piece of music for the 25th anniversary of Oakton High School band last year. They had set a goal of raising \$9,000 over 12 months and were surprised when they were able to raise \$10,000 in just two months.

"I should not have been surprised, since this is typical of our band parents and alumni. Each year, our parents put money aside for the future purchase of marching band uniforms and instrument. They do this with the full knowledge that their children will not be wearing these uniforms or playing these instruments," said Wertheim, who worries about what the elimination of the elementary band and strings program could do to high school band.

Wertheim said 95 percent of



Denise Wertheim, Oak Hill resident and Oakton High School parent

Oakton's band began playing an instrument in elementary school.

"My own daughter ... was one of those students who never fit into any group until she found band," said Wertheim.



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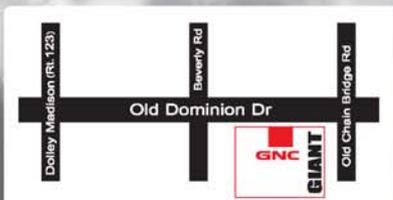
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Focus on Budget

Petersen, Keam talk about issues facing Virginia.

Vienna's American Legion Post 180 hosted its first 2010 Town Hall meeting with elected officials Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and newly sworn-in Del. Mark Keam (D-35), on Jan. 23.

The most dissected topic was the Commonwealth's budget. But the discussion was peppered with questions about redistricting, renewable energy, local autonomy, prisoner re-entry programs, and eminent domain, as well.

Petersen and Keam each gave an overview of the challenges confronting the Commonwealth, particularly in the areas of budget shortfall, renewable energy and redistricting.

"We need to ask ourselves, 'What is the core function of government and how is it going to be funded? Where is our money going?'" said Keam.



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) calls for a reverse of the education funding freeze endorsed by former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and Gov. Bob McDonnell (R), referring to the freeze as 'fundamentally dishonest.'



Newly sworn-in Del. Mark Keam (D-35) calls for increased education funding from the state.

Keam. Former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) endorsed freezing the LCI at its current level for FY2011. Presently, Fairfax County pays 76 cents on every dollar toward public education costs. The state funds 24 cents. Were the LCI not frozen,

THE LOCAL COMPOSITE INDEX (LCI), which is used by the State of Virginia to distribute education funding to municipalities, drew the ire of both Petersen and

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The Secret Garden, the musical, will be performed by students at **Marshall Road Elementary** on Feb. 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. The musical is based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's novel and was selected to coincide with the opening of the school's own garden this year. Students auditioned for parts at the beginning of the school year and have been rehearsing since September. 703-937-1500 or jeheiges@fcps.edu or event liaison Judy Butler at jdbutler@fcps.edu.

Thoreau Middle School is holding the first Living History Day 8-11 a.m. on April 22. Members of the community are invited to share life experiences with students, and provide firsthand oral histories. The organizers are looking for individuals who have lived through a historical time period: The Great Depression, World War II, Cold War, Korean, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraqi Wars. Speakers would share their stories with 7th graders through three informal sessions of approximately 40-45 minutes including a question and answer period. Contact Jason.penticoff@fcps.edu or Sarah.Elkalban@fcps.edu.

Nicki Rosencrans of Vienna, a sophomore theatre major at York College of Pennsylvania, was selected as lighting designer for the York College Players' performance of "A Raisin in the Sun".

Barbara Rosecrans of Vienna, a sophomore theatre major at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list.



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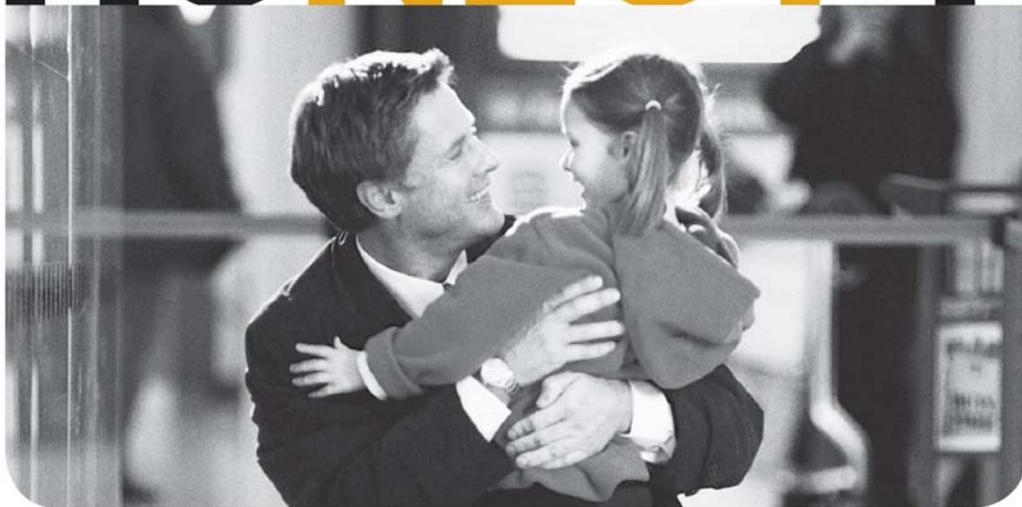
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FRIDAY/FEB. 5

The Vagina Monologues. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$25. Part of the Vday campaign to end violence against women and girls. sas.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/FEB. 6

Cabaret Series: Jeri Sager. 7:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Northern Virginia native and Broadway star Sager debuts at the Barns of Wolf Trap with her solo cabaret show, Broadway by Jeri. Accompanied by a four-piece band, Sager will re-create her roles in Cats, Les Misérables, and Evita. \$25. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Mark Morris Dance Group. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With the area premieres of 'Visitation' and 'Empire Garden.' A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Chocolate Lovers Festival. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. Taste of Chocolate, Chocolate Challenge, pancake breakfast, craft show and bake sale, children's activities and Chocolate Caper. Open Houses include the Fairfax Museum, Ford Building, Legato School and Ratcliffe-Allison House. www.chocolatefestival.net or 703-385-1661.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., beginner's couples dance lessons at 8 p.m. Open dancing from 8:30-11 p.m. \$10 for NVCWDA members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

By The Bog of Cats. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/cats.

Schoechele Art Salon Reception. 6-9 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Free admission. The exhibition Visual Meditations will be open from Feb. 2-27. jschoechele@hotmail.com.

Vienna-Falls Church Chorus. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. A quartet will perform in the lobby. 703-293-6227.

Valentine Jewelry & Accessories Workshop. 2 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Make jewelry for Valentine's Day. Age 10-18. 703-938-0405.

Spagetti Dinner. 5-7 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center Cafeteria, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Pasta, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. Adults \$8, students and seniors \$7, \$6 under age 10. Children under age 2 free. Proceeds benefit the Senior Center. Open to the public, walk-ins welcome. 703-359-2487 or jormesher@fairfaxva.gov.

New World Bilingual Institute Chinese New Year Celebration: the Year of the Tiger. 1:30 p.m. at George Mason University Dewberry Hall, Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Chinese painting and calligraphy demonstrations, riddle guessing, raffle, dumpling cooking lesson and more. Performances include the WuShi, Lion Dance, TaiJi



CONTRIBUTED

David K. North

For most of the year, David K. North leads an Oakton-based inspirational choir leaning heavily on the gospel music tradition. But for a pre-Valentine's Day party, he'll join a pop band in a more secular mixture of jazz, soul, rock and blues. "While gospel music sends a joyful but serious message about life, these songs are all about love and the ups and downs of personal passion and heartbreak," said North.

North and the House of Jam

Fan Dance, Presidential Dragon Dance, Dance ETC Broadway Dance, Er Hu (Chinese Violin), HuLuShi Music and TingPin Dumb Dance. Silent auction to benefit the NWBI Hope Fund for underprivileged children in GuiZhou, YunNan, China. \$6 adults, \$3 students, seniors and children, \$2 under age two. www.nwbi.us or 703-978-7905.

Sonorus, Virginia's 1st Wizard Rock Festival. 11:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Ballyhoo! And Mojo. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

McLean Community Center's 4th Annual McLean Jewelry Showcase. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. More than 42 juried jewelry designers and artisans with a wide variety of handmade jewelry. Admission \$3. A \$1 discount coupon is available at www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

Dancing to the Helmut Licht Band. 9 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Ballroom, latin and swing music, including a Samba lesson at 8 p.m. prior to the dance. Lesson \$5; dancing 9-11:30 p.m. \$12. Sodas, snacks available for purchase. 703-795-2003 or www.colvinrun.org.

The Smart Split: Legal Aspects of Separation And Divorce. 10 a.m. at 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

'The Vagina Monologues.' 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$25. Part of the Vday campaign to end violence against women and girls. sas.gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/FEB. 7

Ensemble Gaudior: Soggiorno Italiano Concert. 4 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian church, 124 Park St., Vienna. Italian sonatas by Corelli, Vivaldi and more in a benefit concert for New Hope International. Free. The public is invited. Donations accepted. Reception to follow. 703-395-2899 or ensemblegaudior@gmail.com.

Max and Ruby. 3 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 3 and up. 703-790-0123.

From Gospel to Pop

David North, House of Jam Band come to Oakton.

Band will bring their songs of love gained and lost on Saturday, Feb. 6, to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Hill Road in Oakton.

They'll provide numbers ranging from Barry White's "Can't Get Enough of Your Love" to Ricky Martin's "La Vida Loca," in a venue set up for listening, dancing and conversation. Proceeds go to North's chorus, Mosaic Harmony, a 17-year-old interfaith multicultural community ensemble.

When he's not singing or choir directing, North is a social worker in Prince Georges County, Md., and is pastor of the Holy Redeemer Metropolitan Community Church in College Park, Md.

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Charlie Zahm and Tad Marks: ballads and fiddle. 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. \$15. Reserve at 703-759-3309. www.oldbrogue.com.

The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. A slide program reviewing 2009 ODCS Mum Show winners and introducing the new Exhibition Mums offered by King's Mums. Open to the public. Free Admission and refreshments. 703-560-8776.

AuPairCare Share-A-Bear Campaign. 3 p.m. at the Tyson's Corner Center Build-A-Bear Workshop, McLean. Over 30 au pairs from 14 different countries make bears for children in need at National Institutes of Health. www.aupaircare.com.

MONDAY/FEB. 8

Woof, and Paws: Read to a Dog. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Sign up to read with a reading therapy dog. Age 6-12 with an adult. 703-938-0405.

An Evening with 9Davine. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/FEB. 9

Money Matters. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. 703-242-4020.

Canibus Melatonin Magik Tour. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Jane Seymour Comes to Tysons Galleria

Actress and artist Jane Seymour will be appearing at two art exhibitions presented by Wentworth Gallery at the Tysons Galleria. Jane Seymour: A One Woman Show' includes original oils, acrylic and watercolor paintings, as well as limited edition artwork, all available for purchase. Guests will have the opportunity to meet Seymour on Friday, Feb. 12, 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Feb 13, 6-9 p.m.



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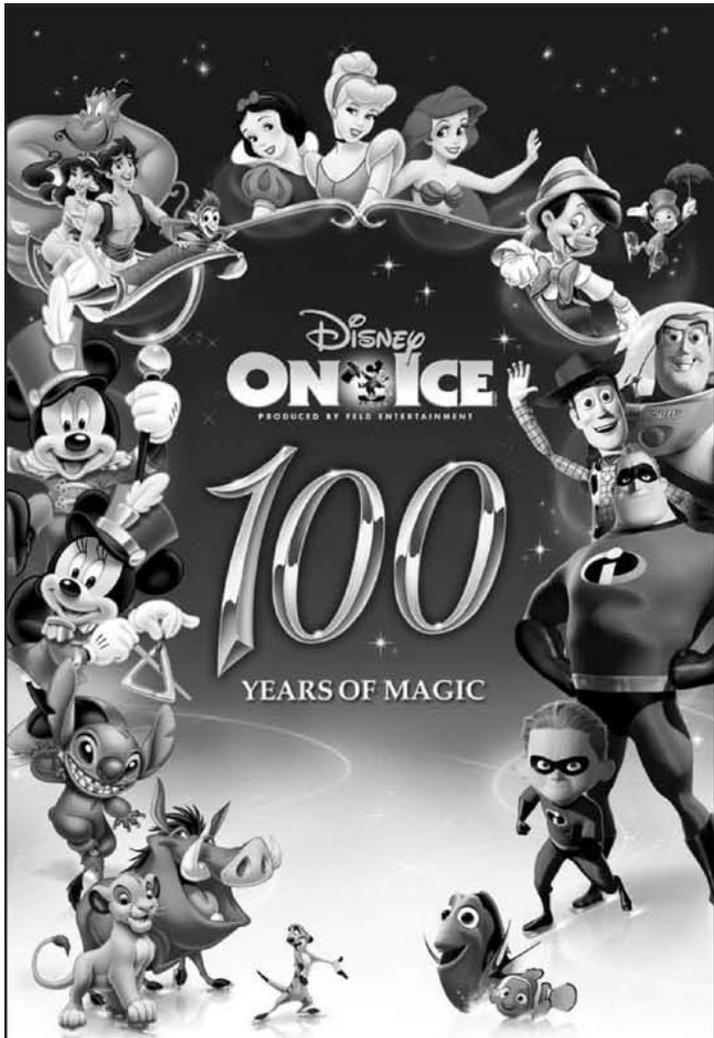
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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 10

'Danger Between the Lines: the Civil War History of Hunter Mill Uncovered.' 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The film includes authentic period music by the 2nd Carolina String Band, and features local historian Tom Evans. Jim Lewis of the Hunter Mill Defense League will introduce the film and conduct a question and answer session. www.gfhs.org.

McLean Highlanders 2010 Winter Cheerleading Clinic. Two-day clinic, 5-7 p.m. on Feb. 10-11 at McLean High School in the cheer/dance studio, with a performance Friday, Feb. 12 at the Girls varsity basketball game. \$75 includes 2 clinic sessions, admission to game for participant and one parent, and a t-shirt for the performance; \$60 for returning participants who already have the t-shirt. Register at www.mcleanactivities.org.

Green River Ordinance and Sleeperstar. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. www.jamminjava.com.

The Naturalization Process. 6 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. A representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will "demystify" the naturalization process. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Rock-a-Bye Baby. 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Rhymes, stories and songs. Birth-12 months with adult. 703-938-0405.

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NEWS

1st Stage Kicks Off Fourth Production

'By the Bog of Cats' opens Feb. 5 in Tysons Corner.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

1st Stage of Tysons Corner kicks off its February production with a Helen Hayes honor and a charitable contribution.

"By the Bog of Cats" opens on Friday, Feb. 5, and 1st Stage will donate 20 percent of ticket sales to the American Red Cross Haitian relief efforts during the opening weekend, Feb. 5-7.

"We've gotten a lot from the community. You have to give back as well," said Artistic Director Mark Krikstan.

Krikstan called "By the Bog of Cats" the best script he had read in years. "As soon as I read it, I was so moved by this play, the dialogue, I knew we had to produce it."

Based loosely on Euripides' Medea, "By the Bog of Cats" mixes human tragedy and comedy, misfits, witches and ghosts in a rural Ireland setting. The production features a cast of 12, including a professional 10-year-old actress from Ashburn.

When Krikstan retired from a career teaching drama at George C. Marshall High School, he looked at the home-grown talent leaving the area and decided to create an institution that would beckon local professional actors home. It worked.

Many of the cast and crew are former students of Krikstan's while he taught at George C. Marshall High School. They went away to college or to drama school in New York City but returned to the Vienna area to help build 1st Stage into a top-quality professional theatre.

Peter Van Valkenburgh of Vienna graduated from Marshall in 2003, studied acting in New York and came back to Vienna two years ago expressly to work with Krikstan and help develop 1st Stage. For "By the Bog of Cats," Van Valkenburgh is doing computer graphics to simulate background scenery.

Ryan Tumulty graduated from Marshall in 2005 and from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill last spring. He moved to New York, hoping to crack the theater industry there. After a few months, he decided it wasn't the right place at the right time for him. He came home and 1st Stage was there for him.

"1st Stage is the embodiment of



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Kelly Slagle and Sydney Maloney, 10, rehearse a scene from 'By the Bog of Cats.'

the importance of maintaining an appreciation of the arts and a sense of community," Tumulty said. "It's home, a place I belong, a place where anyone who wishes to can belong. Theater is for everyone."

1st Stage Theatre

1st Stage Theatre is located at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Suite LL, McLean, in an industrial center near Leesburg Pike. Phone 703-854-1856 for information on tickets and volunteering.

Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m. Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. The production runs through Feb. 28. Tickets are \$25. Student tickets are \$15. Tickets are available online at www.1stStageTysons.org/ or as walk-in patrons.

The productions at 1st Stage are not escapism, Tumulty said, but rather, a true and honest look at the world. "1st Stage provides people with roots, a place to go to come down to earth."

THE HELEN HAYES AWARDS announced on Jan. 25 that 1st Stage would be honored with the John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre Company in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

"It's interesting that the much older artistic community in Washington, D.C., is recognizing a brand new suburban group as part of the metropolitan theatre community," said Van Valkenburgh of the Helen Hayes award. "It's nice that high art can spread to the suburbs."

Members of the Board of Directors of the Helen Hayes Awards



Kelly Slagle and Ryan Tumulty, a George C. Marshall High School graduate and Vienna resident, in a scene from 1st Stage's fourth production of the season.

attended shows last fall, Krikstan said, and the Washington-area theater community has taken notice of 1st Stage. Nevertheless, Krikstan said the John Aniello Award came as a surprise. "It's great to be recognized," he said.

The award will be presented at the 26th annual Helen Hayes Awards ceremony April 5 at the Warner Theatre and J.W. Marriott Hotel.

While it has been a slow climb in this economic climate, 1st Stage has gathered great support from the community, Krikstan said. Only in its second season, 1st Stage has gotten the attention of theatre critics, theater aficionados and local residents looking for live theater.

"When Tysons Corner is redeveloped, when it becomes the arts and entertainment center of Fairfax County, we will already have been here, established, the first Fairfax County theatre company to put on professional plays with paid cast and crew," said Krikstan.

Actors Ryan Tumulty, Emily Hemmingsen, Keith Boylan and Scott Anderson, video artist Peter Van Valkenburgh and assistant director David Winkler live in Vienna.

"The most beautiful thing about this theater is that so many talented professional actors are living right here. It's great to welcome them home," Krikstan said.

REMAINING SHOWS on the 2009-10 schedule for 1st Stage are "Humble Boy," a musical "The Last Five Years" and "Suburban Motel" closing the season in June.

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Vienna, McLean Raise Tysons Concerns

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Fionnuala Quinn of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling said her group supported the project and appreciated the many accommodations for walkers and bikers. However, she said provisions did not seem to be made for cycling on Route 123 and Route 7, which she said would be key routes for bikers as they accessed the Metro stations and other features along those two arteries. She also suggested that bicycle connections to Tysons Corner be laid out within a three-mile radius of the plan area.

Herndon resident Ian McDonald said he often rode his bike into Tysons Corner. While the plan included accommodations running parallel to Route 7, he said, "I don't see much discussion about how to cross Route 7."

A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS turned out to oppose the portion of the plan that suggested that one or two athletic fields be built at Raglan Road Park in the Vienna area, just outside Tysons Corner.

Allen Beatty, who lives near the park, said it was on hilly terrain, bisected by Courthouse Spring Branch, and was home to many mature trees and a wide variety of wildlife. Also, he said, the woods there served as a buffer between his neighborhood and the commercial development along Route 7.

"Raglan Road Park is really no place for a soccer field," said Vienna resident Maurice Giguere.

Several residents of the Rotonda condominium development in Tysons Corner spoke against a proposal to take a strip of the development's land along Greensboro Drive in order to create street parking and a bike lane. "Right now, there are 81 feet separating me from all that traffic," said Rotonda resident Martha Harris, noting that more than 25 feet of that buffer would be lost under the plan. More could be taken if Greensboro Drive becomes a route for circulator buses. Harris said the change would make living at the Rotonda "like living on something like K Street" in D.C.

Her neighbor, Russell Moss, though, said he had warmed to the idea of giving up the condominiums' frontage after recalling that an 18-inch wide strip of the property along Spring Hill Road had been purchased under eminent domain for \$1.5 million a few years ago. "By my calculations, we're going to get about \$30 million," he said, tongue in cheek. "That's kind of expensive for the three or four bicyclists we have in Tysons and those 12 parking spaces." He said he looked forward to receiving his cut of the selling price.

The Planning Commission's Tysons Corner Committee will conduct another citizen comment session on the draft plan amendment on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center. A public hearing before the full Planning Commission is scheduled for March 24.

"Some of the toughest decisions haven't been made," Commissioner Walter Alcorn, chair of the committee, told the crowd last Wednesday. "We're really just getting to the interesting part."

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

My wife, Dina, and I found out the other day that a friend in our social circle was recently diagnosed with lung cancer. It's the first friend/acquaintance of ours so diagnosed since I was similarly informed last February. Naturally I was sorry to hear of another person joining this less-than-exclusive cancer club. However, since I knew this new member, its effect on me was more personal. I called her the next day to offer any insights, answer any questions, share a few anecdotes, some of which hopefully she might find helpful. And in so doing, I felt another sensation, the sensation of not being alone, vis-a-vis the whole honor/camaraderie-amongst-cancer-patients thing.

Initially, upon hearing this friend's news (after she had called and confided in Dina), I again felt the all-too-familiar fear, shock and anxiety I had felt a year earlier when I was told my biopsy confirmed a malignant growth in my lung. And so I could certainly appreciate, although I hadn't yet talked to this friend and learned of the particular set of cancer-related circumstances (X-Ray, scans, biopsy), which lead to this diagnosis, to learn what she had been going through and for how long (it's not exactly share and tell in the beginning, or in the middle or the end, either).

Respecting her privacy and understanding full well the whole private/public, want to talk/need to talk/don't want to talk/don't need to talk cycle, I decided nonetheless to call the next day (not that previous evening when the initial call to my wife had been made). Our friend was very receptive to my call and eager even (can't really say happy) to discuss her health-related deficiencies of late which ultimately lead to her cancer diagnosis.

Similar in some respects to my experience and different in others, still it was comforting (to me) in some ways to not be the one providing the details and discussing medical matters of such severity and sensitivity. I felt as if in making the call I was providing a public service, almost, to someone in need. And in feeling good I began to feel selfish about feeling good. What was wrong with me? Here I am talking to a friend who is sharing intimate - and very personal - details, and life-changing details at that, that very few others in our group have been privileged/entrusted to hear about her tumors, life expectancy, inoperability and so forth, and I'm feeling a kind of serenity and strength, rather than sympathy and sorrow. How, why, do I feel anything other than sadness, especially considering all that I know that lies ahead, for this friend?

I think the explanation has to do with her future now being a part of my present/future, sort of. It's another connection I have in the cancer world. And from what I've read, what I've felt, what I've been encouraged and reminded to pursue during this whole cancer thing is, to find and maintain, connections. And having another member in the club (some club!), a member who so far exhibits all the attributes of a positive force for good/overcoming evil, I feel empowered, emboldened even by her membership. Not that either one of us is particularly interested in fighting this fight. Nevertheless, her attitude and willingness to do so, and her desire to take on all comers in the process, makes me feel stronger, more capable, more determined than ever to win this war.

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Each school was allotted 45 minutes to give a performance of their choice. Shows with everything from insane asylums to married couples on their honeymoon to

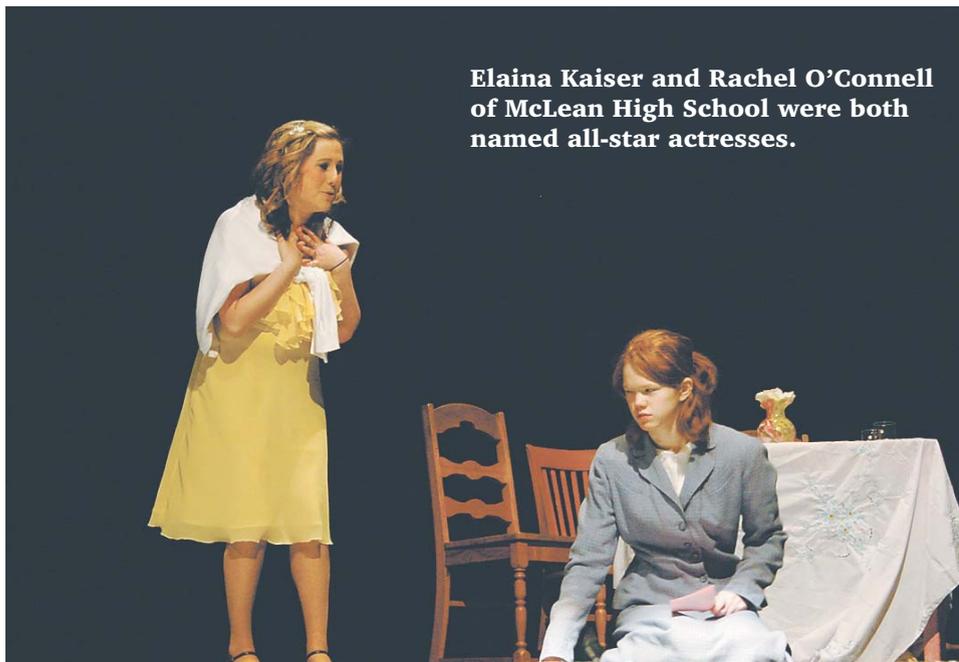
Shakespeare's "Henry V" were displayed. Stone Bridge High won first place with the play "The Bald Soprano," directed by Glen Hochkeppel. Marshall High School won second place with the play "Tongues," directed by Trena Weiss-Null and Mera O'Malley.

The Northern Regionals take place Saturday, Feb. 6, at Lake Braddock Secondary and are free to the public.

The judges at the festival at Marshall High chose eight "all-star" actors and actresses, whom they felt displayed the best individual performance. The winners of that award were; Nick Gagliano (Stone Bridge), Harper Franklin (Stone Bridge), Jason Francis (Stone Bridge), Dylan Halpern (Fairfax), Rachel O'Connell (McLean), Jeff Davis (Stone Bridge), Elaina Kaiser (McLean) and Jess Rawls (Fairfax).

The next award announced was the top actor and the top actress. The winners, Jason Francis and Harper Franklin, were both from Stone Bridge.

— STEPHANIE KNAPP



Elaina Kaiser and Rachel O'Connell of McLean High School were both named all-star actresses.

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Principal Tim Stanley participates in Read for Relief along with students.

Freedom Hill E.S. Students Read for Relief

On Thursday, Jan. 28, Freedom Hill Elementary School in Vienna hosted Read for Relief. Between 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. all students and staff showed their support for the Haitian community with silent reading. Each student had the opportunity to be sponsored by his or her friends, family and community members, who pledged monetarily for each minute of reading. The Freedom Hill community raised a total of \$6,276, and donations will be sent directly to the American Red Cross to support relief in Haiti.



Students Read for Relief in the Freedom Hill Elementary hallways.

Driving Force

FROM PAGE 8

Fairfax County's share would drop to 71 cents per dollar, a \$60 million advantage to Fairfax County.

"It's outrageous we should even be asking for the \$60 million we're entitled to," said Petersen. "They changed the formula."

Later, Petersen described in blunter terms what he thought of the LCI freeze.

"The LCI freeze is a fundamentally dishonest attempt to change the rules on Virginia's school funding formula simply because those rules will marginally help Northern Virginia this year."

Petersen and Keam were braced for a fight in Richmond over education funding for Northern Virginia.

Petersen suggested Fairfax County residents write to the media and their state representatives about education cuts. "We're Fairfax County parents and we're not going to take it," said Petersen. "This is not an issue of funding. It's an issue of integrity. Everyone in Fairfax County who has kids or cares about them needs to speak up."

ON ENERGY conservation, Keam said utilities need a new model for charges. "Energy

is one area where we don't want a discount for using more," said Keam. "And that's the way it is now. There needs to be financial incentive to use less energy."

Petersen, who has pushed for green jobs and renewable energy since he was elected to office, and Keam have introduced bills in their respective chambers to offer energy-saving and tax incentives.

Taking another look at Virginia's prison system is something Petersen and Keam want the general assembly to address, in terms of incarceration and release. Keam said that states that have a guided re-entry program have lower recidivism rates than those who do not.

Petersen and Keam agreed that the quality of life Northern Virginians share is a driving force behind decisions to locate businesses here. "The trickle-down from our tax base to the rest of the state benefits everyone," said Keam.

POST 180 hosted and coordinated the two-and-a-half hour question and answer session. Members of the Vienna Town Council and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) attended.

Overlooked Marshall Team Could be a Region Factor

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Bobby Forst, the Marshall High boys' basketball coach, had a challenge for members of his team's backcourt prior to the Statesmen's Liberty District home game versus McLean Friday night, Jan. 29. Simply put, he wanted his key perimeter players to step up their scoring in order to take some of the pressure off of talented big men Will Simonton and Daniel McClain, the teams' inside senior duo that had been carrying the bulk of Marshall's offense of late.

"We hadn't gotten a ton of production from our perimeter players," said Forst.

But following Forst's strong, pre-game "pep talk," Marshall's guards stepped up in big-time fashion against the Highlanders. Led by 21 points from senior shooting guard Stanley Watts, and 19 points from junior off-guard Shelton Hardy, the Statesmen rolled to a 55-40 victory.

The win improved Marshall to 10-7 overall and an impressive 8-2 in district play. It's a far improvement from Marshall's six-win season of a year ago. McLean, meanwhile, slipped to 7-11 and 3-7.

Marshall's torrid outside scoring ability was the key to the win. With McLean's defense intentionally dropping back in order to make things more difficult inside the paint for Simonton — Marshall's talented, 6-foot-9 inch center and catalyst player — perimeter players Watts and Hardy had more open looks from beyond the three-point arc. The result was both players converting five long range treys on the night. In all, Marshall connected on 10 three-point shots to McLean's two.

"It's good to know as a coach you can win in different ways," said Forst. "Stanley [Watts] hadn't been shooting the ball real good recently. But he's a [true] scorer."

Simonton, who finished the game with seven points, eight rebounds and a dominating nine blocks, was thrilled to see the big backcourt contributions.

"They sure as heck were light-

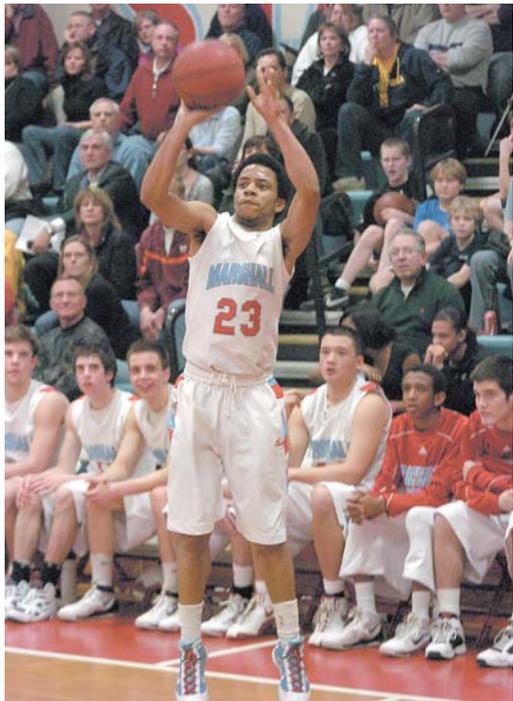


PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION
Stanley Watts nailed five 3-pointers in Marshall's home win over McLean last Friday night.

ing it up," he said, of Watts and Hardy's play.

Kevin Roller, McLean's head coach, went into the contest focused defensively on slowing down both Simonton and fellow inside player McClain, a 6-4 forward. The Highlanders, in fact, kept the Statesmen big men in check fairly well as the twosome combined for just 10 points. But the tradeoff was that Marshall's guards got decent looks and made their shots.

"We wanted to make sure their big guy [Simonton] didn't beat us and we did a good job on him," said Roller. "But they hit their three's, while we hit two's."

ONE OF THE GAME'S biggest baskets came when Watts, from the left wing, nailed a deep three-pointer at the buzzer to end the third quarter, extending the home team's lead from 34-31 to 37-31. From that moment on, Marshall controlled the contest, outscoring McLean 18-9 in the final quarter to gain the win. Watts scored 12 of his points in that final quarter.

"Stanley made some big plays in the fourth quarter," said Roller.

For the season, Marshall has hurt teams with a balanced scoring attack in which Simonton and Watts have both averaged 15 points a game with teammate McClain right behind at 14.

"It's tough to defend a team with three players averaging [around] 15 points per game," said Roller. "They have strong play in the post, outside [the paint] and mid-range."

Marshall's success this season has been in large part to its inside presence. Simonton has been a key scoring contributor and is one of the top shot blockers in the state. Over the past five games he has averaged double figures in rebounding.

"He's really carried us [of late]," said Forst. "He's just asserted himself on the defensive end. The goal we set for him this year was to kind of dominate. He has the ability to block shots. I told him that really sets the tone for us."

Marshall is not one of the teams generally talked about when the discussion of Northern Region contenders is brought up. But the Statesmen are now in a battle for the district crown with such teams as two-time defending district champion Langley and Stone Bridge and could be one of the surprise teams at the 16-team region tournament later this season.

"We know we're going to have to keep proving ourselves," said Forst, whose team has won four straight since a 48-42 district road loss to Jefferson on Jan. 15. "People aren't going to hand us stuff. But we're starting to expect to win."

Simonton said Marshall, which has a seasoned roster with eight seniors, believed from the start that it could have a breakout season.

"We're expecting to win and going out there with confidence," said Simonton, who hopes to be playing collegiate basketball next school year. "We have good players. We're kind of underrated by a lot of people."

Marshall was scheduled to play at Langley earlier this week on Tuesday, Feb. 2. The Saxons (15-3) lost their first district game last Friday night at Stone Bridge, 64-62. The Statesmen are scheduled to play at Madison this Friday night.

Madison Boys, Girls Victorious at Swim Districts

Oakton boys capture Concorde title.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Both the Madison High boys' and girls' swim and dive teams captured titles at their respective Liberty District championships Friday night, Jan. 29. The event, shortened to one day due to the snow storm that hit the area last weekend, took place at Wakefield Park's Audrey Moore Recreation Center.

The Madison girls finished with 435.50 points to capture the title, ahead of second place Langley (404.50) and third place McLean (323). South Lakes (154) finished sixth overall in the eight-team field.

"This was a really special team on both the boys and girls side," said Madison coach Andrew Foos. "The girls are now three-time defending Liberty District champions after winning on Friday night. We got a number of strong performances from swimmers that we did not expect to score in the meet. Swimmers like Sophia Alonge (100-back), Alyssa Tutterow (200-Free), Justine Orr and Kenzie Williams (both 500-free) logged times that were significantly faster than they were seeded. Their swims earned us points we did not expect. And when you add that to our two All-American diving candidates (Kelly Lloyd and Kelly Corish) our team was very strong."

On the boys' side, the Warhawks were champions with 404.50 points, besting runner-up Fairfax (393) and third place Langley (334). South Lakes (201), Marshall (172) and McLean (168) finished fifth through seventh, respectively, among eight-teams.

Madison High's Adam Pennington, a senior, won both the 200 and 500-yard boys' freestyle races. In boys' diving, Warhawk junior Ryan Fox captured first (390.15). For the Madison girls, junior Bev Dobrenz was a first place finisher in the 500-free event.

"Our boys pulled together as a team and really performed well," said Foos. "They dedicated themselves to winning the title by tapering and shaving their legs together. And even though we lost a number of top

swimmers from last season we were much deeper this year. Our boys had to overcome some key injuries in order to win. Nearly every man on our team came through with critical swims. And several of our men swam the races of their lives, like Patrick Reed in the 100-breast. Adam Pennington led the team with solid swims in the 200-free and 500-free. We also had an All-American-candidate diver in Ryan Fox who provided us with the margin of victory. I'm really proud of this team and what they were able to accomplish."

THE CONCORDE DISTRICT swim and dive championships took place this past weekend at Cub Run Recreation Center in Chantilly.

It was a big meet for Oakton High, which was champion on the boys' side and runner-up on the girls' side. The Cougar boys scored 492 points to best second place Robinson (404) and third place Herndon (334). Westfield (308.5), Chantilly (270.5) and Centreville (153) finished fourth through, sixth, respectively. On the girls' side, Robinson (515) topped second place Oakton (443) and third place Westfield (316). Rounding out the girls' field of teams were Chantilly (263), Herndon (219) and Centreville (209).

For the Oakton boys, seniors Phillip Bradley (200 and 500-yard free events) and KJ Park (200-individual Medley, 100-breaststroke) both won two events. Freshman Philip Hu, meanwhile, won the 100-back race. The Oakton boys' 200-medley relay team of Hu, Park, senior Zach Smith and junior Steven Robbins was victorious, as was the 400-free relay team of Hu, Park, sophomore Chris Megaw and Phillips.

Oakton junior Kaitlin Pawlowicz won both the girls' 200-IM and 100-butterfly races. The Cougar girls' 200-free relay team, made up of junior Leanne Hyer, senior Quinn Wilkinson, senior Erin Reynolds and Pawlowicz, finished in first.

MARSHALL HIGH sophomore Cyrus Heshemi finished second place in the boys' 500-free event. Katherine Van Winkle, another Marshall sophomore, finished fourth place in the girls' diving event. Statesmen sophomore Andrew Nice finished third in the boys' 100-breaststroke.



The Vienna Choral Society in final preparations for a concert.



Jennifer Rodgers Beach, trained in theater and opera, takes over as new artistic and musical director of the Vienna Choral Society.

Vienna Choral Society Performs Disney Classics

Season kicks off with new artistic director, new programming.

The Vienna Choral Society (VCS) kicks off its winter season with a new family program and a new artistic director. Jennifer Rodgers Beach will lead the chorus and youth vocalists in the Feb. 13 production of the Disney Princess Concert, a collection of Disney movie princess classics.

"This is a different program for them," said Beach, who has recently taken over as artistic and musical director of VCS. "We are using the universality of Disney themes wrapped up in a family concert."

Local youngsters, who auditioned for their roles, join the chorus in Disney classics, such as "Someday My Prince Will Come" and "When You Wish Upon a Star."

The pieces are strung together by a running narrative highlighting scenes in the 75-minute con-

cert. The performance is multi-lingual and includes translation in American Sign Language.

Rodgers Beach, whose professional training is in theater and opera, runs Plunge! Cabaret, a touring theater company working in cooperation with community organizations and schools.

Her immediate objectives, over the next six months, are to work with the chorus vocally to become as excellent a choir as they can be, and to hook the chorus into the community.

"I intend to have the chorus out in community events, not just in concert performances," she said.

THE CHORAL GROUP has done a lot of different genres over the years, and was looking at ways of thinking outside the box, VCS president Lisa Robinson said. They

Upcoming Concert

Disney Princess Concert, music from the classic Disney fairy tales, presented by the Vienna Choral Society, Saturday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m. at the Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, S.W., Vienna. Ticket prices: Adults, \$18; seniors and students, \$14; children age 8 and under admitted free, up to three children per adult. Multilingual narration and American Sign Language. 703-255-5508. www.viennachoralsociety.org.

were ready to challenge themselves artistically and vocally.

"When we celebrated our 20th anniversary, we knew we had to be more outward-facing, to serve the community more actively," said Robinson.

Expanding membership is what Robinson referred to as its front and center goal. "That will help us artistically and financially," she said. Currently, the Vienna Choral Society has approximately 45 active members. "Our members are ambassadors of the chorus."

— DONNA MANZ

Pinnacle Academy Team Wins Future City Competition

The Oakton-based Pinnacle Academy's Future City team was awarded first place at the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area Future City Competition last Saturday. Pinnacle Academy will represent the region at the 2010 Future City Competition National Finals, Feb.13-17.

Team members included Selin Altintas, Nurbanu Simsek, Zehra Yilmaz and Madina Khurishanova, with faculty advisor Hatice Evcı and mentor Emre Ozkan. For more information about this event, visit <http://www.pinnacleacademyva.com>.



Nur Banu Simsek, Selin Altintas, Zehra Yagmur Yilmaz and Madina Khurishanova display their first-place trophy.

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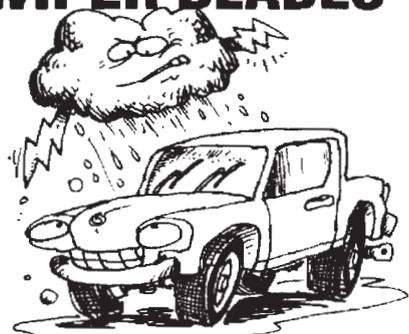
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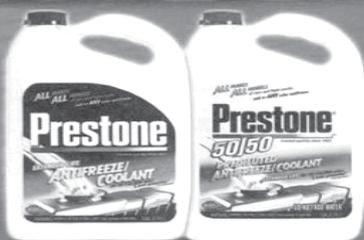
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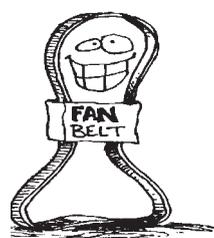


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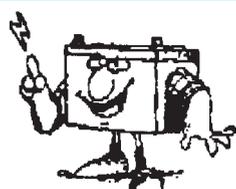
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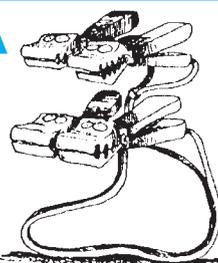
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