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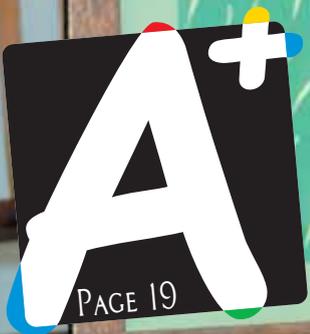
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**"Jump Rope Girl" by Clara Nickles, a fifth grade student at Colvin Run Elementary, won the Great Falls Studios Elementary Art Contest. Will Tuthill, a printmaker who organized the Elementary Art Contest on behalf of Great Falls Studios, congratulates Clara on her winning artwork.**

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**Hooded members of Witness Against Torture block the front entrance to CIA Headquarters Saturday, Jan. 12, to protest the agency's use of torture and drone attacks.**



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## Group Protests at CIA Headquarters

**Anti-torture organization fasts, blocks off entrance.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Dolley Madison Boulevard entrance to CIA Headquarters was rendered impassable the morning of Saturday, Jan. 12, as more than three dozen people in orange prison jumpsuits and black hoods over their heads lined up to protest actions taken by the intelligence agency in recent years.

Members of Witness Against Torture planned the rally, their third at the CIA headquarters in recent years. In addition to the protesters in prison garb, others gathered to speak and pass out information about the activities they're against.

"I wish this is something we could do every day, that would shut this place down," said Jack McHale of Burke, who had been fasting for the past week as part of the group's protest.

**THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME** McHale has fasted to bring attention to peace and justice issues. In 2003, he and a friend started a "Pre-Emptive Fast for Peace," which lasted three weeks and eventually grew to more than 1,200 people around the country.

McHale fasted then to bring attention to the impending war in Iraq, and to encourage people to write to their legislators urging them to vote against the war. Now, more than eight years later, McHale is hoping to bring to light the consequences of the war he hoped this country wouldn't start.

"This is a two-pronged program, we want to shine a light on tactics such as torture and drone attacks, and educate people as to the terror they cause around the world," he said. "And we want to bring attention to the 166 people still imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay by this administration."

While fasting, McHale consumes only liquids, mostly water and 100 percent fruit juices.

The orange-clad protesters stood next to several models of the General Atomics MQ-9 Reaper, an unmanned drone used by the U.S. Army, Navy and CIA.



**The group Witness Against Torture dress in prison jumpsuits and display models of Reaper drones in front of CIA Headquarters Saturday, Jan. 12. The group held the event to protest the use of torture, drone attacks and detention in Guantanamo Bay.**

"One of our goals is to convince people who are anti-war, but aren't opposed to drone attacks [of] the terrible affect these drones are having on civilians," said Nuala Cohen of Burke, who has been a peace activist for more than 10 years. "I've been involved in planning the last one, but this is the first time I've been out here, and it's very powerful to see."

Many of the protesters fasted leading up to the event, which also included a protest the previous night at the White House.

"What's disturbing to me is that the program of torture and indefinite detention that was introduced by the Bush administration has in many ways been replaced by a program of drone attacks and killing people without any kind of process anywhere in the world," said Andy Worthington, a journalist from Britain who has published books and documentaries about Guantanamo Bay.



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**The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has created a Tysons Service district, which will tax residents and businesses to help pay for \$3.1 billion in improvements to Tysons Corner.**

## Tysons Service District Created

**New tax district will help fund Tysons Corner improvements.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted eight to two to create a Tysons Corner Service District, which is expected to raise money to help cover the estimated \$3.1 billion in new roads and public transit development planned for the area.

"Tysons is going to be a wonderful place, but right now it's got challenges. We're in the middle of a \$6 billion investment, and we're doing things like requiring developers to build fields, which is extremely expensive in a build-out situation like we've got here, they're investing in parks, sidewalks, bike lanes, a significant infrastructure investment," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), who put forward the motion at the board's Jan. 8 meeting. "Right now we haven't got the infrastructure, and for those people that live in Tysons it's been a detriment, so this is an opportunity [for] residents being asked to pay a small portion of the big-picture projects that will make this area work."

The county estimates that the district will generate around \$253 million, or eight percent of the total money needed. The property within the district is assessed at around \$11.5 billion, and about 83 percent of the area is commercial land.

**THE TAX RATE** for the district

will not be set until the board sets county budget, but it will be based on assessed property values. The Board of Supervisors also voted to create an advisory board to provide input on the tax rate. Foust also estimated that an early prediction for the assessment would be around \$18 per month for residents.

Supervisors Linda Smyth (D-Providence) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) were the two dissenting votes against the district. Smyth cited a "folder of correspondence" about the proposed district.

She said letters from residents are universally opposed, while letters from developers are universally in favor.

"What the residents of Tysons are saying clearly is, 'wait a minute, we're not the developers, we're not the ones generating the need for these road improvements, we're not going to make a profit,'" she said. "Not only that, these road improvements are for the benefit of commuters, people driving into Tysons to work in the new commercial spaces. We haven't asked for one group of citizens to pay for such significant infrastructure when it is, as they see it, a matter of a bigger community interest."

She went on to say that "people are angry and very concerned about this way of doing business in Fairfax County..."

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Cooper MS District Orchestra students with Bo-Min Son, Cooper Orchestra director. From left—Bo-Min Son, Cooper Orchestra director, Min Lee, violin, Ada Chen, viola, Brandon Kim, cello, Katherine Quion, viola, and Vanessa Na, violin.

Langley HS District Orchestra students with Dr. Scott McCormick, Langley HS Orchestra director. From left, first row: Kevin Tan, Lauren Kim, Julia Hara, Dr. Scott McCormick, Rebecca Oh, Ashley Zhang, Madeline Thompson; second row—Penelope Mort-Ranta, Nirosha Beekhuysen, Alexandra Cramer, Claire Lee, Alan Chiang, Brandon Tran, Grace Keffer, Gene Kim, (hidden), Alex Lim, Alex Quion, Harrison Nam, Zach Chou, Cliff Yang (hidden), Jonathan Grow, Alex Blankenship.

# District Orchestras Perform at Langley High

## Langley High hosts District XII Junior and Senior Orchestras.

One hundred and sixty-five students from 11 middle schools and 14 high schools participated in District XII Junior and Senior Orchestras Jan. 4-5 at Langley High School. Guest conductors worked with the students for two days and presented a superb concert.

The Junior Orchestra performed Entrance of the Queen of Sheba by Handel, Slava! by Rimsky-Korsakoff, Waltz No. 2 by Shostakovich, Dreaming by Balmages,

and America's Cup by Silva. The Junior Orchestra was conducted by Dr. Bob Gillespie, professor of music from The Ohio State University. Dr. Gillespie is responsible for the string teacher training program at OSU, which has one of the largest and most extensive string pedagogy programs in the nation. Dr. Gillespie is co-author of the Hal Leonard string method book series, Essential Elements for Strings and Essential Elements 2000 for Strings, which were the basis of the

early string education program that most of the students received in the public school string education programs.

The Senior Orchestra performed American Folk Song Suite, arranged by Jarrett; Symphony No. 88 by Haydn, O Magnum Mysterium by Lauridsen, Siciliano and Allegro by Galliard, and Mock Morris by Grainger. The Senior Orchestra was conducted by Dr. Jorge Richter, who is on the music faculty of East Carolina University, where he conducts the ECU Symphony. A

native of Brazil, Dr. Richter has previously served on the faculties of Truman State University, Oklahoma State University and the University of Tennessee. The students enjoyed the insights that Dr. Richter provided from his education in Brazil and the United States, as well as from performances in several countries.

District Orchestra was hosted by Dr. Scott McCormick, Langley High School Orchestra director. Auditions for

District Orchestra were hosted by Marci Swift, Kilmer Middle School Orchestra director.

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#### THURSDAY/JAN. 17

**eBook User Workshop.** 7 p.m., at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Fairfax County Public Libraries offer free workshops and one-on-one clinics to show members how to access free eBooks in the county. 703-356-0770.

#### SATURDAY/JAN. 19

**Oratorical Contest.** 10 a.m., at the American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N., Vienna. Students who wish to compete should submit their names by Jan. 11, 2013 to [ronp555@yahoo.com](mailto:ronp555@yahoo.com). 703-867-1285 or <http://legion180.net.forms.htm>.

#### THURSDAY/JAN. 24

**Riverbend Park Master Plan Revision Public Meeting.** 7 p.m., at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A meeting to discuss revisions to the master plan for Riverbend Park in order to update the current master plan, approved in 1975. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/riverbend.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/riverbend.htm).

#### TUESDAY/FEB. 7

**Lifetime Leadership Program Info Session.** 11 a.m., at Leadership Fairfax Offices, 8320 Old Courthouse Road, Suite 350, Vienna. Those who seek to share their lifetime of accumulated skills to make a difference in the community can learn about how to do so through Leadership Fairfax. RSVP. 703-752-7504 or [Moniek@leadershipfairfax.org](mailto:Moniek@leadershipfairfax.org).

#### ONGOING:

**Essay Contest** for third through 12th graders. Essays answering the prompt "What freedom do I enjoy the most?"

submitted to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 of Vienna before March 1, 2013 will be considered in the competition. 703-242-7082.

**Everest College-Tysons Corner** provides a free GED test preparation and credential completion program open to the public called GED Advantage. Call 1-888-201-6547 for more information.

**Ongoing Coffee/Tea Poetry Group.** Poets and poetry lovers in the McLean, Tysons Corner, Falls Church and Vienna areas seek to form a group to meet once a month at a local coffee/tea shop to enjoy each other's creations. If interested contact Lily at 703 819-1690.

**Weekly TIPS Lunch.** 12:15-1:30 p.m., at Shula's, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce does lunch. 703-862-4895.

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**St. Mark ESL Program** for Adults is seeking volunteers for its English language instruction program. No foreign language skills required. Computer teacher/aide, ESL teachers, aides and more needed. Classes are at St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. 703-216-4488 or [esl\\_express@yahoo.com](mailto:esl_express@yahoo.com).

# Tysons Tax District Questioned

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and frankly, I understand how they feel."

Herrity said he supported the idea of Tysons redevelopment, and the Tysons Corner plan and efforts to grow the county's tax base, but felt the plan unnecessarily raised taxes on members of the district.

"I think we have a clear and viable alternative to raising taxes on the residents and business of Tysons, and that's the restructuring of our profit dollars to include a greater focus on transportation," he said. "Clearly developers are paying for a portion of proffers, but it's not the level it should be.

Foust compared the situation to other special tax districts in the county, such as the ones that help fund the McLean and Reston Community Centers.

"There are areas of the county that have additional taxes, some pay substantially more than what we're talking about in Tysons, so this isn't the first time it's been done," he said.

The board also voted to create two transportation funds, which will be paid into by developers. One will help pay for

**"What the residents of Tysons are saying clearly is, 'wait a minute, we're not the developers, we're not the ones generating the need for these road improvements, we're not going to make a profit.'"**

— **Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence)**

the needed grid of streets, the other for larger-scale Tysons Corner transit improvement costs.

**THE COUNTY** estimates the Grid of Streets Fund will raise approximately \$304 million. Developers will contribute \$6.44 per square foot of commercial development, and \$1,000 per residential unit built.

It is estimated the Tysons-Wide Fund will raise approximately

\$253 million, with developers contributing \$5.63 per square foot of development, as well as \$1,000 per residential unit built.

The total raised by the new funds is approximately 18 percent of the \$3.1 billion in total costs.

County officials estimate that the \$3.1 billion needed for improvements can be broken into four categories: large-scale, Tysons-wide improvements (\$1.2 billion), transit (\$865 million), grid of streets (\$865 million) and neighborhood and access improvements (\$77 million).

The grid of streets will be paid for entirely by developers, with more than \$300 million coming from the Grid of Streets Transportation fund, with the rest coming from in-kind contributions.

Landowners will pay \$506 million toward the Tysons-wide road improvements, and the county will publicly fund the remainder.

Transit and neighborhood and access improvements will be paid for publicly by the county.

## NEWS

The family of kidnapped Libyan human rights activist Mansur Rashid Kikhia commemorated his life and legacy on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013. From left, Bisan Toron, Rashid Mansur Kikhia, widow Baha Omary Kikhia and Jihan Kikhia.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/  
THE CONNECTION

# Family Remembers Life and Legacy of Kidnapped Libyan Human Rights Activist

## Mansur Rashid Kikhia's family lives in McLean and Vienna area.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Nineteen years ago, on Dec. 10, 1993, Libyan human rights activist and lawyer Mansur Rashid Kikhia was kidnapped from his hotel room in Cairo, Egypt and spirited out of the country. Last month—December, 2012—Kikhia's death in Tripoli was confirmed to his family, now living in the Vienna and McLean areas. On Saturday, Jan. 12, Kikhia's family and friends celebrated the life of a man dedicated to human rights for all.

"Mansur Kikhia was advocating for democracy and the protection of human rights and freedom for all the Arab nations since the beginning of his career," said daughter Jihan Kikhia. "He was a visionary, which made him an early pioneer of the recent revolution in Libya."

Mansur Rashid Kikhia served as Libyan Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1972 to 1973, Libyan Ambassador to the United Nations, and Permanent Libyan Representative to the United Nations. At the U.N., Kikhia served as president of the U.N. Security Council in September 1976 and in October 1977. He was a leader in promoting and creating the International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the United Nations.

In protest to the killing and torture perpetrated by Al-Gaddafi's



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**Libyan human rights activist Mansur Rashid Kikhia was kidnapped from his Cairo hotel room on Dec. 10, 1993. His death was confirmed to his family in December of 2012.**

regime, Kikhia resigned from the Libyan government in 1980, publicly protesting against government-supported atrocities. After he separated himself from the Libyan government, he continued his opposition movement in Paris, France.

"Mansur Kikhia's story highlights the need for humankind to constantly work hard to protect and promote our most basic human rights, even in the face of life's most difficult struggles," said Kikhia.

Family and friends say that Kikhia was a leading opposition figure to Muammar Al-Gaddafi, and they suspect it was pro-Al-Gaddafi supporters behind the kidnapping. Kikhia aimed to unite Libya's opposition groups to create a powerful front against Al-Gaddafi's oppressive regime, said Mansur Rashid Kikhia's daughter, Jihan "Jiji" Kikhia. When Kikhia disappeared from Cairo, he was

**"Mansur was probably kidnapped because he was seen by the Gaddafi regime as a great threat to his government."**

**—Family friend and supporter Larry Ekin**

attending an Arab Organization for Human Rights meeting, of which he was a founder. International Human Rights Day falls on Dec. 10.

Family friend and supporter Larry Ekin also believes that it was supporters of Gaddafi that kidnapped Kikhia, possibly with the cooperation of people inside Egypt. "How else did they spirit him out of the country," Ekin asks.

"Mansur was probably kidnapped because he was seen by the Gaddafi regime as a great threat to his government," said Ekin. "Not because of military might but because of his integrity and credibility. He had the reputation and the ability to unite various groups in opposition to Gaddafi's regime. He also had credibility with the U.N."

With Gaddafi's fall and death Kikhia's case was reopened. In December of 2012, Kikhia's death was confirmed to his family.

"So, although the end of his life was a tragedy, we are here to acknowledge and commend what he did while he was a free man with a heroic vision in a world full of limitations," said Kikhia. "We are fighting for the completion of his story and to honor his life as he selflessly did for others."



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Visitors enjoy a chocolate fountain from Capitol Chocolate Fountains at last year's McLean Chocolate Festival. This year's festival will be Sunday, Jan. 27 at McLean High School.

# McLean Chocolate Festival Returns

**New venue allows for more attendance, vendors.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Rotary Club will welcome chocolate lovers from all over Sunday, Jan. 27 at McLean High School for the second annual McLean Chocolate Festival.

"We tried our best to make this event to appeal to a broad range of people. When this event was planned, it was to draw a large part of the community, and the thought was, who doesn't like chocolate?" said Steve Richardson of the Rotary Club of McLean. "Of course we're focused on chocolate and the chefs involved are all working on some special recipes. But we'll have a children's room, live entertainment and other games and activities. With a chocolate theme of course."

Last year the event, which was held at the McLean Community Center, drew more than 3,000 people, prompting members of the Rotary to search out a larger venue.

"The crowd last year sort of overwhelmed the community center, and from feedback we heard after, parking was especially a problem," Richardson said. "We felt a larger facility like McLean High School would help with parking and with easier access."

More than 20 vendors will be presenting signature treats, all including chocolate in some form or another. Local confectioners such as Fairfax-based Dave's Candy Kitchen, Alexandria-based Connie's Chocolate Confections, McLean-based Fluffy Thoughts and Cocoa

Vienna will present chocolates, toffees, cookies, cupcakes, fudge and more.

Other more traditional restaurants, such as Tysons Corner's Brio Tuscan Grille and Seasons 52 will present chocolate twists on their classic favorites. Brio will sell mini dolcino chocolate caramel cakes, and Seasons 52 will have individual portions of desserts, as well as peanut butter chocolate swirl and rocky road ice cream.

Community groups will also be pitching in with their specialties—members of the Vinson Hall Retirement Community will sell cookies, pecan pie, brownies and bacon, all with chocolate. Chesterbrooks residences will sell a variety of fudges, chocolate pecan pie and chocolate strawberries.

"It's something to fill the weekend with no football, between the championship games and the Super Bowl," Richardson said. "We got a lot of good feedback last year, and the one quote I always remember is someone who said they 'ate chocolate like they had never eaten chocolate before.'"

The McLean Rotary Club will use 25 percent of all proceeds from the festival to support their philanthropic efforts, which include the Falls Church McLean Children's Festival, Alternative House and Timber Lane Elementary School.

The festival will take place Sunday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at McLean High School. Admission is \$2. More information is available at [www.mcleanchocolatefestival.org](http://www.mcleanchocolatefestival.org).

## PEOPLE

# Student Honored as YoungArts Finalist

**J**oe Broom of McLean, a sophomore at Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology (TJHSST), is a National YoungArts Foundation Finalist in music. Chosen from approximately 10,000 applications submitted by students in nine disciplines of the visual, literary and performing arts, he will participate in a life-changing experience provided by the National YoungArts Foundation. He is the first TJHSST student to be selected as a YoungArts finalist.

This year, during the 32nd annual YoungArts Week in Miami, Fla. from Jan. 6-12, Broom will join 151 other finalists in a week of intense master classes with internationally renowned artists such as Adrian Grenier (1994 Alumnus in Theater), Marisa Tomei, Bobby McFerrin, Andrew Rannells (1997 Alumnus in Theater) and Bill T. Jones (YoungArts artistic advisor). Students will also have the opportunity to share their work each evening through performances, readings, exhibitions and screenings that are free and open to the public. YoungArts Week will culminate in An Affair of the Arts Performance and Gala on Jan. 12.



**Joe Broom plays with his coach, Steven Mead, UK-based international euphonium virtuoso soloist.**

YoungArts Week performances will be live streamed on [youngarts.org](http://youngarts.org).

For his YoungArts application, Broom submitted video recordings from his classical music repertoire including Mozart's Bassoon Concerto and Eduardo Boccalari's Fantasia di Concerto.

Broom has earned recognition for his musical talent. In 2012, he won a seat in the National Symphony Orchestra Youth Fellowship program—the only euphonium player in the fellowship's 32-year history. He was a finalist in the 2012 U.S. Navy Band High School Concerto Competition, and he performed

with the band at a Memorial Day concert. As a freshman, he was principal euphonium of the All-Virginia High School Band and he won the Friday Morning Music Club's Ross-Roberts Competition for High School Players. He is a member of Brass of Peace, an intensive training and performance program for gifted high school students, which performed at the Kennedy Center. He studies music with Lee Rogers, principal trombone of the Washington National Opera Orchestra, and is coached by Steven Mead, internationally renowned virtuoso euphonium soloist.

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## SCHOOLS

# Meet New St. Luke School's Principal

**S**t. Luke Elementary School in McLean has welcomed Principal Louis Silvano. He has been busy this first semester building relationships with the school's students and staff. Originally from Liverpool, England, he has lived in the Washington area for the last 25 years. He and his wife of 34 years, Jan, reside in Vienna and have two children, Carl, who graduated from James Madison University in Media Arts & Design, and Lucie, who is in her final year as a Fashion major at Marymount University. Silvano and his family are active members of Holy Trinity parish in Georgetown. Silvano has been an educator for 35 years and has worked as a teacher and as an administrator in the following schools: Marymount School in Paris, France, The Langley School in McLean, Green Hedges School in Vienna and head of Green Acres School in Rockville for eight years. In 2008 he has served as headmaster of Saint Anselm's Abbey High School in Washington, D.C., before coming to St. Luke School.



**Louis Silvano**

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prepare students to become academically sound citizens instilled with a sense of Catholic values and knowledge of Catholic faith, committed to the pursuit of learning and dedicated to serving mankind. Established more than 50 years ago, St. Luke School, grades K-8, is located at 7005 Georgetown Pike in McLean.

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# OPINION

## Transportation Money

Virginia, and especially Northern Virginia, is woefully short on funds for transportation. One reason is that its gas tax, a logical way to fund transportation infrastructure, is one of the lowest in the nation, and has remained flat since the '80s, since it is not indexed for inflation. So the buying power of the gas tax has been dwindling.

It seems obvious that one way to fix this is to allow it to rise with inflation, or change it to a percentage of the price of a gallon of fuel. Tying road funding to gas consumption is a logical connection, and the increase encourages conservation and more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Instead, Gov. Bob McDonnell has proposed eliminating the gas tax, replacing the funding with an increase in the sales tax plus a plan to shift money from other state spending, like education, human services and public safety,

to transportation.

With considerable agreement that Virginia needs about \$1 billion a year to pay roads and transit, this proposal would raise about one-third of that.

Part of the governor's plan also calls for a \$100 annual fee on vehicles that use alternative fuels.

Raising the sales tax to pay for roads is particularly unfair to the many residents of Northern Virginia who have chosen to live in Arlington, Alexandria and other areas that are walkable and provide easy access to public transit.

Penalizing drivers of hybrid and electric vehicles by charging them more than six times what other vehicles pay is not in the best interests of anyone who breathes the air in Virginia, and is a stark slap at innovation.

The entire proposal makes about as much

## Eliminating the gas tax makes no sense.

sense as forcing a select few Northern Virginia residents, the drivers on the Dulles Toll Road, to almost single-handedly pay for rail to Dulles. Dulles airport is one of the key economic drivers for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Building rail to serve the airport is an economic investment that will have broad benefits in revenue for the state. A disproportionately small amount of that revenue will make it back to Northern Virginia. So it is welcome that the governor's proposal calls for diverting some of the "new" transportation money to Dulles rail.

The current proposal would make Virginia the only state without a gas tax. It seems unwise for a state with such dramatic transportation deficits to abandon the one source of funding that makes sense. More money is needed; that requires addition, not subtraction.

— MARY KIMM,

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### EDITORIAL

## A 10-Year Mission: End Homelessness

BY MICHAEL O'REILLY

Our Fairfax-Falls Church community is one of the most affluent in the country. Our schools are second to none. We are the home for many Fortune 500 businesses. Even with the challenging economy, our unemployment rate is among the lowest in the country.

Despite these strengths, our community also includes people who are homeless and are staying at emergency shelters, living in their cars or camping in the woods. Our community includes families with no place to sleep at night and children with no place to go after school. It saddens me to report that there were over 3,000 homeless individuals in our community this past year. It is unacceptable to have homeless men, women and children in our community.

Homelessness impacts every person in our community and each has a role in ending it. Through the good work of many non-profit and religious organizations, for many years we have directed our collective efforts to managing the homeless issues. However, little was done to find longer term solutions to prevent and end homelessness. That has now changed.

The leadership of Congressman Gerry Connolly helped to galvanize all of the energy and effort in the entire community. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors with leadership from Chairman Bulova and Supervisor Catherine Hudgins and all of our key stakeholders from the non-profit, government, faith and business community came together to develop an impressive 10 Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The plan recognizes the right of all people to have a safe, affordable place in which to live. The plan envisions our entire community working together as partners to eliminate homelessness. We have some very steep goals and lots of hard work ahead to reach our goal of ending homelessness in Fairfax County by the end of 2018.

We have made huge strides in the develop-



From left — Michael O'Reilly, Jim Corcoran and Dean Klein during Jeans Day 2012.

ment of the governance structure called The Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness. The Office to Prevent and End Homelessness was established within Fairfax County. We have constituted a Governing Board made up of business leaders, elected officials, builders, clergy, law enforcement and others. We have created a new Consumer Advisory Council to ensure that currently homeless and formerly homeless have an active voice in the implementation of our plan.

We have much more work to do. We have recently moved our collective efforts to the plan's goal of creating 2,650 new housing units. We have supported and will continue to support efforts to amend the county's housing code to permit more individual housing options. We hosted a day long outreach program for our faith based communities which shows promise at increasing the housing stock.

Through our collective prevention and rapid rehousing strategies, community case management and the provision of other critical services, we prevented last year over 1,400 indi-

### Editor's Note:

This month, The Connection begins featuring a monthly column written by community leaders involved in Fairfax County's nonprofit organizations. Every year, thousands of Fairfax County residents volunteer with nonprofits in a variety of ways, whether it's driving a senior citizen to a medical appointment or serving meals to the homeless in one of the county's hypothermia shelters. According to Volunteer Fairfax—a nonprofit that matches volunteers with service projects—individuals volunteered 205,688 hours of service to the community. We launch this series with a column by Michael O'Reilly, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.

viduals from becoming homeless by providing community case management and other services. In addition, we have launched a Housing Locator Network to strengthen relationships with landlords and to help to move the homeless in our community more rapidly into permanent housing. Through the work of our partnership we have seen an impressive increase in homeless families and individuals placed in permanent housing from 482 in 2010 to 853 in 2012. Many adults and children have been positively impacted. This can only be attributed to the commitment that many in our community have made to end homelessness.

Our approach to preventing and ending homelessness is predicated on us doing so in partnership with a broad coalition of nonprofits, faith communities, businesses and government. Working together allows us to do amazing things.

I thank you for your interest and commitment and look forward to our continued work together with all of our partners in the coming years as we strive to prevent and end homelessness in our community. If you would like to become involved in this important work please go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless) or call 703-324-9492 for more information.

Michael O'Reilly is Chairman of the Governing Board of Fairfax Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness.

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## LETTERS

### Doing the Right Thing on Guns

To the Editor:

The issue of gun control has been in the news lately, with everyone from President Obama to a British TV host voicing their opinion since the tragic shooting in Newton, Conn. First of all I want to point out that, according to his own logic, President Obama is partially responsible for the shooting in Newton, CT. During the 2012 presidential debates, the president passed on the idea of enacting any meaningful gun control laws, despite the fact that just months prior the awful Aurora theater shooting claimed over 50 victims. If more gun control is the solution to these crimes as the Obama administration is now saying, then the president failed in his primary duty to protect the American people by not acting on this earlier. This was recently pointed out in the New York Times. And in other news, pigs are now flying.

I have a more simple approach to this issue, since the gun control debate simply encourages more Americans to go out and purchase more guns (in record amounts I might add after the administration announced support for gun control laws). Here's my solution—stop trying to control the American people. The Second Amendment, just like the First Amendment, is a part of the DNA of these United States. Gun ownership runs in our blood, not just the ownership and use of guns, but the fact that our government, from the very beginning, trusted us to own the same weapons that they had. Just like the freedom of speech, our Founding Fathers saw gun ownership as an essential freedom, and necessary to protect all of our other freedoms from the cloak of tyranny. We are a special people, a special nation, as a result of our freedoms. Any effort to restrict those freedoms will destroy our national character.

We have to remind ourselves, the freedoms we enjoy can be used for good or evil, it is our choice. Hitler used speech as a weapon that led to the murder of millions. Lenin, Stalin, Mao, all had to convince others to follow in their evil intentions before they began their campaigns of human slaughter. And I would point out in all of these mass slaughters, guns were hardly the chief weapon but rather other cruel tactics like starvation. Should we then restrict free speech, since it has led to such horrific crimes?

Mr. president and members of Congress, trust the American People. We know what's best for ourselves and our country. We have the Constitution to guide us. Don't

try to restrict it. Do some soul searching on why the Founding Fathers trusted us with our guns just like our speech and religion, and do the right thing. It's been a long time since I've felt the government trusted me, I'd like to think it's still possible.

**Tim Halisky**  
Great Falls

### A Vote to Remember

To the Editor:

I was interested to read Supervisor John Foust's column about the challenges facing Fairfax County in 2013, and especially his comments about the financial challenges the county faces [Challenges Facing Dranesville in 2013, Connection, Jan. 2-8, 2013].

While Supervisor Foust pointed out that the board had saved "tens of millions" of dollars over the past year, he did not mention that the county saved as much as \$500 million as the result of a ruling last week in which Fairfax County joined the Virginia Department of Transportation in a lawsuit filed by the Attorney General challenging the EPA's right to limit the amount of water allowed to flow into the Accotink Creek streambed.

My guess as to the reason he did not mention the huge savings from this lawsuit is that Supervisor Foust was the only member of the Board of Supervisors to vote against filing the lawsuit.

That's right—the July 2012 vote was 9-1, with all six of the other Democrat members of the board, and all three Republicans voting for Fairfax County to join in the lawsuit, with only Supervisor Foust voting against. His vote was to allow the EPA to saddle county taxpayers with as much as \$500 million in additional mitigation expenses, that the Federal Court ruled last week the EPA had no legal basis for imposing.

Let's remember this vote on the July 10, 2012 vote when Supervisor Foust tells us he is looking out for the taxpayers, and when he tells us taxes must go up, because all the savings have been wrung out of the budget.

**David Karmol**  
Great Falls

### Too Little, Too Late

To the Editor:

Kyle McCauley heaped praise on Del. Barbara Comstock for her efforts to "increase the in-state slots guaranteed for Virginia's students to 75 percent" [Increasing Slots for

Virginia Students, Connection, January 9-15, 2013].

Three things: 1) Comstock's HB 1700 (which has no co-patrons) is identical to Del. Tim Hugo's (R-40) HB 1605 (David Ramadan, R-87, is chief co-patron); 2) Both bills exclude Virginia Military Institute, Norfolk State University and Virginia State University; and, 3) The increased in-state slots will not go into effect until the 2018-2019 academic year by which time I anticipate young Mr. McCauley will have graduated from the College of William & Mary.

I'll note that Hugo's HB 1083 from the 2012 session of the General Assembly failed to make it out of the Education Sub-Committee for Higher Education and Arts. I doubt HB 1700/1605 will go any further. Yet, these bills do pander to Northern Virginia constituents who want our children to become members of the Tribe or Wahoos. Too bad they are ineffective.

The sad fact is that Virginia's public institutions for higher learning have been grossly underfunded by the Republican dominated House of Delegates for many years. As Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) notes in a recent issue of Virginia Policy Review, "Funding per full-time student has decreased 23 percent since 1992. And state funding for core academic functions at our public institutions reached a new low last year of only 33 percent." To make-up for this neglectful funding, lawmakers and college presidents depend on the checkbooks of out-of-state families to subsidize tuition for our in-state students. The "2012-13 Tuition and Fees at Virginia's State-Supported Colleges and Universities" report issued by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shows that the average in-state tuition and mandatory fees is \$6,224 while out-of-state families pay \$20,853.

But to be fair, Del. Comstock was one of 43 co-patrons of HB 2510, Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011, a bill that passed the House and Senate unanimously. However, HB 2510 merely suggested that "Each institution's basic operations and instruction funding need, and the commonwealth's funding split policy by which 67 percent of an institution's cost of education for Virginia students is funded from the state general fund and 33 percent from funds other than the state general fund, shall be taken into account by the governor during the preparation of his proposed biennial budget bill." Governor McDonnell and the General Assembly have a long way to go to reverse last year's 33 percent funding to the VHEO Act's sug-

gested 67 percent state funding.

Under-funding of state-supported colleges and universities has other consequences. State government support for student financial aid has decreased over the years. Colleges and universities have to make up the difference. This means that each of Virginia's colleges and universities needs their own fundraising functions which includes staff and office space. Who pays for this overhead cost?

Lower state funding has probably had an effect on the available number of faculty and classrooms. What are students to do if there aren't enough faculty to teach required courses? Not much except to take five or six years to graduate.

I'm not confident that Del. Comstock is willing to make the hard choices required to increase state support for our colleges and universities while simultaneously reducing our dependence on out-of-state families. For the sake of our children, I hope she does. In any case, for Mr. McCauley, it will be too little, too late.

**Greg Brandon**  
McLean

### Transportation Needs Must Be a Priority

To the Editor:

The upcoming 2013 General Assembly Session once again has the opportunity to effectively address and begin the process of alleviating the transportation problems that plague Northern Virginia and other urban areas of the commonwealth. Having lived in Fairfax County since 1980, however, I have seen the yearly sessions of the General Assembly go by with a lot of talk but with few accomplishments. The highway infrastructure continues to crumble and the traffic is becoming increasingly congested. Funding for transportation remains inadequate and it always has a low priority. I wonder if the 2013 Session can be any different than previous sessions but I really doubt it. Desirable as a new four-lane highway from Petersburg to Suffolk may be (which is questionable), could the \$1.4 billion cost be better used to replace and expand the infrastructure in Northern Virginia or in the Hampton Roads area? Does a streetcar running in the traffic lanes really solve congestion on Columbia Pike or will it just create greater chaos?

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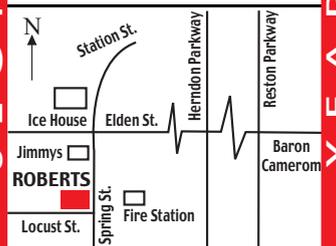
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## COMMUNITY

# Great Falls Studios Makes Donations to Great Falls Library

Great Falls Studios, a network of over 100 artists in Great Falls, has donated a new professional wire cable and hook display system to the Great Falls Community Library to be used for hanging art exhibits in the library's meeting rooms. At a reception Monday night for its Winter Art Exhibit at the library, the group also unveiled a framed piece of artwork created by the winner of the Elementary Art contest held earlier this year, which will hang in the library for several months.

The new display system was presented at the reception to Daniela Dixon, the library branch manager, by Pat Neuman and Jennifer Duncan, co-chairs of the Great Falls Studios Exhibits Committee. "We are very fortunate to have a venue like this to share our art with the community," Neuman said. "This system will make it much easier and quicker to hang art in the library conference rooms."

The cables and hooks will remain in the meeting rooms and be available to any artist who wishes to exhibit work in the library. The

exhibits schedule is maintained by the Friends of the Great Falls Library, a group which supports and assists with library programs and services.

**CLARA NICKLES**, a fifth grade student at Colvin Run Elementary, won the Elementary Art Contest sponsored by Great Falls Studios. Her artwork, "Jump Rope Girl," was selected from 105 student artworks by the board of Great Falls Studios. The work for the competition was provided by the art teachers and volunteers at the three elementary schools serving Great Falls: Great Falls Elementary, Forestville Elementary and Colvin Run Elementary; and was exhibited in the group's Virtual Gallery online during the month of June. Turner Framing provided complimentary framing for Clara's work of art, and it will hang in the Great Falls Library during the winter.

Will Tuthill, a printmaker who organized the Elementary Art Contest on behalf of Great Falls Studios, congratulated Clara on her winning artwork. "GFS would also like to thank Turner Framing for



Great Falls Studios donated a professional hook and cable art display system to the Great Falls Library at a reception on Dec. 10. Jennifer Duncan, co-chair of the Great Falls Studios Exhibits Committee, made the presentation to Great Falls Library Branch Manager Daniela Dixon on behalf of the group.

# Great Falls School of Art Adds Two New Teachers

Great Falls Foundation for the Arts (GFFFTA) announced the addition of two new teachers at its Great Falls School of Art, Patti Chisholm and Karen Graff. Chisholm will be teaching a class called, "Let's See, Let's Draw," in which students will learn line drawing, positive and negative shapes, forms and textures using pencils, charcoal and other media. Building confidence, drawing skills and a love for seeing and drawing are the goals of this class. She is an award winning art director, graphic designer and published illustrator. She has a Bachelor Degree in art education and master level credits in art education from the University of Virginia.

Graff will be teaching Zen painting, Art Brunch and a course called "So You Think You Can't Draw." This course will play with a variety of drawing

materials and simple exercises to "draw out" that capable artist within, in both fun and unique ways. Graff has been a teaching artist, visual art and art history, at the Baltimore Museum of Art, and a teaching artist at the Key School in Annapolis. For more information on classes and registration go to the GFFFTA website, <http://www.greatfallsart.org>, where you will find the school bulletin (containing information on courses and instructors) and registration information. Or, contact Julie Casso, school director, at [GFSchoolofArt@gmail.com](mailto:GFSchoolofArt@gmail.com) or by phone at 703-232-1575. The classes will be held at the GFFFTA facility, 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, near Dante Ristorante in the Colvin Run commercial area of Great Falls. Studios are for rent to area artists.

framing the piece and the library for showing it," he said.

In addition to the display system, Great Falls Studios President Laura Nichols presented a monetary donation to the Friends of the Library in gratitude for the use of the large conference room during the group's Ninth Annual Studio Tour held this fall. John Reeder, president of the Friends of the Library, accepted the donation on behalf of the library support group. Art in the conference rooms "adds a great deal to the library and the community," he said. The funds will go

back into programs for the library in fulfillment of the friends' mission, he added.

**THE GREAT FALLS STUDIOS WINTER EXHIBIT** features over 60 paintings, photographs, ceramics, jewelry and other new works by Great Falls artists. The exhibit will remain on display through Dec. 27 in the main conference room of the library.

The library is located at 9830 Georgetown Pike and is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and

Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Great Falls Studios was founded in 2003 to nurture local artists and provide a way for the artists to serve the community. It holds two all-member exhibitions each year in the library, an annual Studio Tour in October, its signature event, plus other events and exhibitions in Great Falls. These shows provide a venue for visitors to see many of the works in one convenient location. See more on the group's website: [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com).



"Jump Rope Girl" by Clara Nickles, a fifth grade student at Colvin Run Elementary, won the Great Falls Studios Elementary Art Contest. Will Tuthill, a printmaker who organized the Elementary Art Contest on behalf of Great Falls Studios, congratulates Clara on her winning artwork.

# PAUL Opens Bakery Café at Tysons Galleria

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PAUL is located at the Level I Parking Garage entrance between Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus, and directly across from Lebanese Taverna. Call 571-447-5600 for more information.

# Maddie's Blankets Makes 10,000th Blanket

Susannah Bianco, a fourth grade student at Haycock Elementary School, made the 10,000th blanket for Maddie's Blankets on Wednesday, Dec. 19. This blanket will be donated to the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation for use in their Tysons PetSmart animal adoption center.

Susannah Bianco is the youngest of 10 children, an avid reader, a great help around the house according to her father. She enjoys the activities she's involved in at school, and especially the teachers she's had so far. Maddie's Blankets is a not for profit organization based in Oakton that works with children, senior citizens and developmentally disabled individuals to provide volunteer opportunities for these individuals as well as soft fleece blankets for children in need and rescue animals in shelters. Founded in 2007, they have donated blankets to organizations in nearly a dozen states and involved over 5000 children in the making of



Maddie Pelgrim, a sophomore at Oakton High School, founder and president of Maddie's Blankets, receives the 10,000th blanket from Susannah Bianco.

these blankets. The goal is provide community service opportunities to children showing them that they can make a difference in the world one blanket at a time. Their website is: <http://www.maddiesblankets.org/>.

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## McLean Wrestling Wins Cavalier Duals

The McLean Highlanders wrestling team finished the 2012 year strong by winning the Cavalier Classic Wrestling Tournament. With 12 teams competing in 14 weight classes and competition from Fairfax, Arlington, Washington, D.C., Suffolk, Richmond, and Fredericksburg, the Highlanders advanced five out of their 11 wrestlers into the championship finals and two in the consolation finals.

Overcoming other teams having 14 possible scorers, the Highlanders pulled together collecting bonus points from pins and major decision victories where they could. Each of the wrestlers contributed as the Highlanders fended off second-place Saint John's College High School with three head-to-head match-ups in the championship round.



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The McLean wrestling team participated in the Cavalier Duals on Dec. 29.

McLean Highlanders wrestlers winning first place individual weights classes included: Conor Grammes (106), Adilet Uspeev (145) and Bryson Davis (182). Other medalists included Forrest Stieg (152,

second – injury), Gabe Sutherland (170, second), Eric Johnston (120, third) and Nick Echeverria (138, fourth). At the end of 2012, the McLean wrestling team was ranked top 10 in the Northern Region.

## McLean Wrestling Wins Warhawk Duals

The McLean Highlanders wrestling team started off the holiday break by participating in the Warhawk Duals at James Madison High School on Dec. 22. A total of 10 teams competed with the Highlanders, facing five head-to-head dual meets with opposing schools.

The day started with the team giving up three forfeits out of 14 weight classes. After winning their pool with team victories against Stonewall Jackson and district rivals James Madison and Thomas Jefferson,

the team rallied to overcome an injury leading to a fourth forfeited weight class. In the semifinal match, the McLean squad beat Robert E. Lee, which put the team into the final championship dual with then-undefeated John Handley High School of Winchester. After giving up 24 points in forfeits, the team was down 36-12 with six matches left.

The Highlanders rallied realizing victory was not out of reach.

They went on to win five consecutive

matches from Nick Echeverria, Adilet Upseev, Forrest Stieg, Cochise Wanzer, and Gabe Sutherland. The final match of the day in the 182-pound weight class produced a fourth-overtime victory by McLean's Bryson Davis to win the match 42-36 and the Warhawk Duals championship for the McLean Highlanders.

Other team members include Noah Cherry, Conor Grammes, Eric Johnston, Danny Rayes, Mac McCune and Omar Jacobson.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

## Oakton Girls' Basketball to Face 14-1 Centreville

The Oakton girls' basketball team defeated Robinson 61-39 on Jan. 10, improving its record to 13-2 overall and 3-0 in the Concorde District. The victory was the Oakton's third straight and the Cougars' 10th in their last 11 games.

Oakton will host Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18. Centreville is 14-1 overall and tied with the Cougars atop the Concorde District standings with a 3-0 record.

## Oakton Boys' Basketball Beats Robinson

The Oakton boys' basketball team improved its Concorde District record to 2-1 with a 69-56 victory against Robinson on Jan. 10.

The Cougars will travel to face Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18.

## Madison Girls' Basketball Falls to South Lakes

The Madison girls' basketball team lost to South Lakes 55-45 on Jan. 11, dropping the Warhawks' record to 8-6 overall and 4-2 in the Liberty District.

Madison faced Fairfax on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Warhawks will host Stone Bridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 18.

## McLean Youth Soccer Registration

McLean Youth Soccer Spring 2013 registration has begun on MYS' Web site [www.mcleansoccer.org](http://www.mcleansoccer.org) for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4 through 18, including recreation, travel, McLean Premier Soccer Travel, U5 for pre-K players, and TOP Soccer for children with special needs.

The season will begin the week of April 1 and extend through mid-June. Be sure to register no later than Jan. 31 to take advantage of the early discounted registration fees. Registration is still open for MYS Winter Ballmasters Training Session 2, which begins Jan. 27. Contact the MYS club administrator at [admin@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:admin@mcleansoccer.org) if you have any questions or call the MYS Office (703) 506-8068.

## Ashley Cross Signs Letter of Intent

Ashley Cross, a Great Falls resident and Senior at Bishop O'Connell High School recently signed a letter of intent to play Division 1 lacrosse at Monmouth University. Ashley has played Great Falls youth lacrosse since second grade and has coached the youth clinics the last 2 years.

The past three years she played for Capital Lacrosse Club. She has been a starting midfielder for O'Connell High School and was selected to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference's Second Team her freshmen, sophomore and junior years.

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If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the failing bidder, and the failing bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Immediately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

/s/ Henry F Brandenstein, Jr., Substitute Trustee

/s/ Lauren T. Coapstick, Substitute Trustee

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# HOME SALES

In November 2012, 12 Great Falls homes sold between \$1,635,000-\$450,000.

Address	BR.	FB.	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
1015 CHESKA CT	5	5	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,635,000	Detached	0.87	22066	ESTATES AT LONGWOOD
9617 TACKROOM LN	5	5	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,450,000	Detached	1.01	22066	DEEP GLEN
10701 SYCAMORE SPRINGS LN	6	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,231,000	Detached	6.00	22066	SYCAMORE SPRINGS
1072 DOUGAL CT	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.92	22066	OLD MILL ESTATES
1211 TROTTER HORSE LN	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$965,000	Detached	0.48	22066	LOCUST HILL
10919 BECKMAN WAY	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$920,000	Detached	2.00	22066	BECKMAN HILLS
9202 JEFFERY RD	4	3	0	GREAT FALLS	\$870,000	Detached	2.41	22066	GREAT FALLS
9702 LOCUST HILL DR	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$730,000	Detached	0.51	22066	HAVER HILL
9109 WEANT DR	3	3	0	GREAT FALLS	\$595,000	Detached	0.50	22066	WEANT
8930 JEFFERY RD	2	2	0	GREAT FALLS	\$565,000	Detached	2.00	22066	ROUSSOS DIVISION
813 GOLDEN ARROW ST N	3	2	0	GREAT FALLS	\$550,000	Detached	0.51	22066	OLIVER ESTATES
634 WALKER RD	2	2	0	GREAT FALLS	\$450,000	Detached	0.76	22066	FORESTVILLE

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## The Langley High School Model UN Team at the College of William and Mary's 26th Annual High School Model UN Conference.



## Winning Big

The Langley High School Model UN Team attended The College of William & Mary's 26th Annual High School Model UN Conference last fall and won a collection of awards.

Langley won the Best Large Delegation award, beating Thomas Jefferson High School for the first time in school history. To gain the title, Langley also defeated Model UN powerhouse UChicago Lab School.

The team also took a collection of individual awards, including: The Secretary-General's Committee on Negotiation (Ad Hoc), Best Delegate—Mujtaba Wani; Cabinet of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Best Delegate—Cynthia Ding; General Meeting of the English Premier League, Best Delegate—Jiho Kim; United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, Best Delegate—Jenna Smith; Best Delegate Organization of American States (Spanish Speaking Committee), Best Delegate—Rachel Stone; Interna-

## Langley's Model UN Team wins a collection of awards at annual conference.

tional Maritime Organization, Best Delegate—Cameron Davis and Rachel Wu; Joint Crisis Committee: American Civil War: Union Cabinet, Outstanding Delegate—Brendan McConnaughay; United Nations Environmental Programme, Outstanding Delegate—Shivali Marwaha and Sahar Ghamary; Joint Crisis Committee: American Civil War: Confederate Cabinet, Verbal Commendation—Gregory Adams; and International Atomic Energy Agency, Verbal Commendation—Natalie Fahlberg and Grace Sununu.

The Langley High School Model UN officers are Secretary-General Mujtaba Wani, Under-Secretary-General Jenna Smith, Treasurer Cynthia Ding and Communications Officer Hoonie Kim.

The team sponsor is Jillian Busath.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Gillian Eiserman** of McLean, a junior majoring in computer science at Bridgewater College, was on The Dean's List for the fall semester of 2012.

The following students were named semifinalists in the 2013 National Achievement® Scholarship Program: **Taylor N. Brown** and **Zakiy S. Gharad** from McLean High School; **Margaret C. Secor** from James Madison High School; **Misa C. Mori** from Oakton High School.

**Cadet Cpt. Monica Valcourt**, daughter of Jeffery and Nelcy Valcourt of McLean, and a junior at Massanutten

Military Academy located in Woodstock, Va., recently completed a MIT course in Psychology through the Open Courseware Consortium. Ms. Valcourt is Alpha Company Commander; the highest ranking position of the only female unit at the Academy, Vice-President of the Massanutten Military Academy National Honor Society, Vice-President of Interact; a Rotary Club community service program for students, and a leader on the Army JROTC "Raiders"; an athletic and military competition team. The MIT course is one of many college level courses offered and is an introduction to the study of Psychology presented from a heavily scientific perspective. Monica, one of the youngest students to successfully complete the course, did so with an "A."

**Nicolas Clay Wood** of McLean graduated from Radford University at the end of the summer session. Wood, son of Ms. Jacqueline Gallman of 6621 Melrose Drive, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in foreign language.

Three Great Falls residents have been named as 2012 National Merit \$2500 Scholarship winners:

❖ **Rachel Chuang** (Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, probable career field medicine)

❖ **Esther Wang** (Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, probable career field computer science), and

❖ **Holliday L. Shuler** (Langley High School, probable career field anthropology).

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## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 16

**Grace Pettis and Pierce Pettis.** 8 p.m., at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. The father and daughter singer-songwriters, both winners of the New Folk Award, play a show together. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Gin Blossoms.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. American pop-rock icons of the Arizona-brewed band play favorites from New Miserable Experience to their latest album No Chocolate Cake. \$45. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/JAN. 17

**Opening Reception and Gallery Talk.** 7-9 p.m., at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. New exhibitions including Small Stories: Paintings by Nora Sturges, Matthew Mann and Gregory Ferrard in the Emerson Gallery; GOLDRushed: Paintings by Thomas Xenakis in the Atrium Gallery; and Altered Terrain: Drawings by Rosemary Luckett in the Ramp Gallery will open. [www.mcleanart.org](http://www.mcleanart.org).

**Perils of the College Drinking Culture Forum.** 7 p.m., at McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County's highly acclaimed program prepares families for what students will face at college related to underage and binge drinking. [www.unifiedprevention.org](http://www.unifiedprevention.org)

or [deputydirector@unifiedprevention.org](mailto:deputydirector@unifiedprevention.org).

**Membership Meeting.** 7:30 p.m., at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Vienna. Following a pre-meeting dinner at 6:45 p.m., Paul White speaks on Covert Vietnam Military Operations in Laos and Cambodia. [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

**International Guitar Night.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A group of innovative acoustic guitarists showcases the diversity in the niche; performers include Martin Taylor, Solorazaf, Celso Machado and Brian Gore performing solos, duets, quartets and more. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/JAN. 18

**Christopher Cross.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Texan singer/songwriter, Academy Award, Golden Globe Award and five-time Grammy Award-winner Christopher Cross plays. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 19

**Oratorical Contest.** 10 a.m., at the Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. High school students can register by Jan. 11 to participate. 703-867-1285 or [ronp5555@yahoo.com](mailto:ronp5555@yahoo.com).

**An Evening With Dick Gregory.** 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A Movement leader from the 1960s and comedian, civil and human rights activist, author, recording artist, television and film personality, nutritionist and veteran committed to non-violent social change speaks in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. \$20, \$10, MCC residents. [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org).



**Christopher Cross**

## Christopher Cross at Wolf Trap

Texan singer/songwriter, Academy Award, Golden Globe Award and five-time Grammy Award-winner Christopher Cross plays at Wolf Trap on Friday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m.

## SUNDAY/JAN. 20

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.-noon, at the American Legion, 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and all the fixings. \$8, adults; \$3, children. 703-938-1379.

**Sea of Galilee Jesus Boat Archaeological Research.** 3 p.m., at Wu's Garden Chinese Restaurant, 418 Maple Ave., E, Vienna. Marine archaeologist Dr. Alexis Catsambis talks on research conducted in the Sea of Galilee. 888-350-8842 or [www.basonova.org](http://www.basonova.org).



**Gregory Ferrard, Explosion! If they only knew what they know now, acrylic on canvas, 40 x 30 inches**

## New Exhibitions Open at MPA on Jan. 17

McLean Project for the Arts will hold an opening reception and gallery talk on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 7 - 9 p.m. for three new exhibitions. It is free and open to the public.

- ❖ Small Stories: Paintings by Nora Sturges, Matthew Mann and Gregory Ferrard in the Emerson Gallery.
- ❖ GOLDRUSHed: Paintings by Thomas Xenakis in the Atrium Gallery.
- ❖ Altered Terrain: Drawings by Rosemary Luckett in the Ramp Gallery.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 22

**Mike Loulakis Discusses Design-Build Legal Lessons Learned.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at Wildfire Restaurant in Tysons Corner, 1714 International Drive, McLean. The January DBIA-MAR luncheon meeting will feature Mike Loulakis, Esq., from Capital Project Strategies, LLC with a review and update of the impact of recent legal decisions. Members, \$45; Non-members, \$55; students, free. <http://dbialoulakislegal.eventbrite.com/>.

**Chihuly Talk.** 7 p.m., at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside

Ave., McLean. Chihuly Exhibition Educator Courtney Morano of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts gives a slide show lecture about Dale Chihuly and his VMFA exhibition. RSVP. [info@mpaart.org](mailto:info@mpaart.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 23

**Coffee & Conversation With Unified Prevention Coalition.** 8:30 a.m., at the UPC Offices, 2970-B Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. The

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- Camp McLean
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Fairfax County Parent Teacher Student Association and Parent Teacher Student Organization coalition leaders gather.

[www.unifiedprevention.org](http://www.unifiedprevention.org).

**Langley Fork Scenic Pull-off**

**Completion Ceremony.** 11 a.m., at 6266 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The project to build a scenic pull-off on Georgetown Pike is completed after 10 years of work; Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust hosts a ceremony with Virginia Department of Transportation representatives and the Fairfax County Park Authority. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dranesville).

**i2B Business Mixer.** 5:30-8 p.m., at

Clyde's of Tysons Corner, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. McLean Orchestra presents its third business mixer to expand circles, enjoy presentations from the McLean Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Fairfax. \$38 pre-registration or \$45 at the door (valet parking, appetizers and two drinks included). [www.mclean-orchestra.org](http://www.mclean-orchestra.org).

**Ralph Stanley & The Clinch**

**Mountain Boys.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Grammy Award-winner, recipient of the Living Legend Award from the Library of Congress and National Medal of Arts recipient Ralph Stanley and his late brother Carter's band the

Clinch Mountain Boys play. \$40. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**THURSDAY/JAN. 24**

**Art Appetizers Returns!** 7-9 p.m., at the McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Art, appetizers and conversation compose the evening in the gallery sponsored by the New Dominion Women's Club. \$20. [www.ndwc.org/home.html](http://www.ndwc.org/home.html).

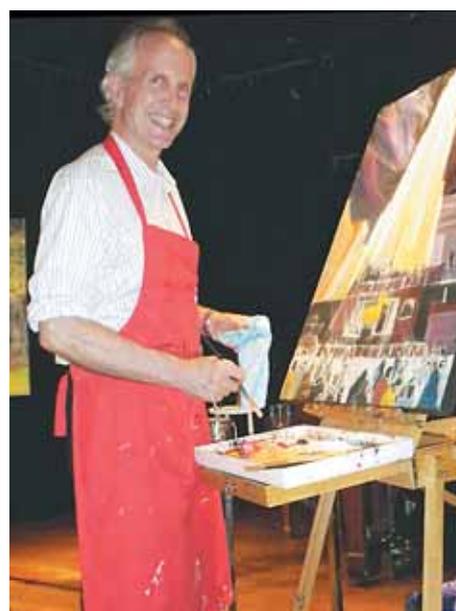
**Livingston Taylor w/ Chelsea**

**Berry.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter and guitarist Livingston Taylor headlines with introspective lyrics and Alaskan singer/songwriter Chelsea Berry makes her first appearance at The Barns with her folk-rock music. \$25. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**FRIDAY/JAN. 25**

**The Discovery Series: Cellist Steven Isserlis and pianist Kirill Gerstein.** 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A virtuosic duo recital featuring Liszt's Romance Oubliée, Die Zelle im Nonnenwerth, Busoni's Kultaselle, Variations on a Finnish Folkson, Bartók's Rhapsody no. 1, and Brahms's Sonatas no. 1 in E minor and no. 2 in F Major. \$35. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Proposals.** 8 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. The Neil Simon comedy recalls the Hines family gathered at their retreat in the Poconos in the summer of 1953: romantic entanglements coalesce in one idyllic afternoon in the elegiac memory play. \$11 for students and seniors 65-plus; \$13. 703-255-6399.



## Manhattan Exhibit at Great Falls Library

Robert Gilbert's 30 original paintings of Manhattan grace the walls of Great Falls Library from Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Feb. 1 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. The library is located at 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The paintings on display are available for purchase. [www.robertgilbertsart.com](http://www.robertgilbertsart.com).

**Robert Gilbert demonstrates at the Art Club of Washington. His exhibit at Great Falls Library runs through Feb. 1.**

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### "An Evening with Dick Gregory"

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### Concerts at the Alden Trio Cleonice

Sunday, Jan. 20, 3 p.m.  
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### "Dance & Dessert"

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p.m.  
Free admission



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### Tap Kids

Saturday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m.  
\$20/\$15 MCC district residents

### Old Firehouse Teen Center Teacher Work Day Trips

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# BUSINESS

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**Doug Duenkel** of Great Falls, founding member and chief operating officer of Knight Point Systems, LLC has been elected to serve on the Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region Board of Directors.

For more than 75 years, Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region has been at the forefront of providing exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities or special needs and their families have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in our communities.

Long & Foster® Real Estate, Inc., the largest independent residential real estate company in the United States, welcomes **Joan Reimann** to its Vienna/Oakton office, in Vienna, Va. Reimann will specialize in working with homebuyers and sellers in the Northern Virginia area.

M&T Bank promoted **Paul Rachetta** as business and professional banking team leader. He directs a team of relationship managers that serves the lending, depository, treasury management and other banking needs of for-profit and not-for-profit clients throughout the District of Columbia, Arlington, Alexandria and McLean.

Rachetta has 14 years of experience with various financial services firms. Most recently, he worked as a business and professional banking relationship manager with M&T Bank in Baltimore, MD. He earned a bachelor's degree from State University of New York, College at Oneonta.

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**Doug Duenkel**

TORS® hired **Kierstan Woods** as a REALTOR® in their McLean office.

Upon graduating with honors from Ohio Wesleyan University where she also played basketball, Kierstan began a successful business career in the consumer products industry. She worked in a sales and marketing capacity for 15-plus years for such Fortune 500 companies as Bristol-Myers Squibb, Procter & Gamble, and most recently ConAgra Foods.

In addition to her undergraduate degree, Kierstan also holds an MBA in marketing from Thunderbird School of Global Management.

**Jo Ann Swift**, CPA, has been promoted to the position of principal in the Goodman & Company's Tysons Corner office. Swift earned her BS in account-



**Joan Reimann**

ing from Northeastern Illinois University and has been with Goodman & Company since July 2001. She manages the audit and review engagements of multiple government contractors and not-for-profit entities and provides training to auditors and all levels.

Swift is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Association of Government Accountants and the Virginia State Society of CPAs.

**Cardinal Financial Corporation** achieved an accelerated first quarter 2013 cash dividend and increased it to \$0.05 per share. This \$0.01 per share increase reflects a 25% increase from the previous quarter.

Bernard H. Clineburg, chairman and CEO of the company, said: "The increase



**Paul Rachetta**

and acceleration of our quarterly dividend reflects our ongoing commitment to enhance shareholder value and appreciation to our shareholders for their continued support."

This dividend will be paid on December 28, 2012 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 17, 2012.

For additional information go to [www.cardinalbank.com](http://www.cardinalbank.com) or call 703-584-3400.

**BOWA Builders** announces its new company identity as BOWA, stressing the firm's role as clients' single point of accountability for the design and construction of large-scale additions and renovations. "We felt a slight shift in the company's brand name was appropriate to better reflect our unique niche in the

design-build industry," said BOWA CEO and co-founder Larry Weinberg.

In most client addition and renovation projects, BOWA becomes involved early in the planning process to assemble a hand-picked design team often consisting of an architect, interior designer, landscape architect, kitchen designer, structural engineer, home automation specialist, pool designer, and other experts as required. In addition to the management and execution of the entire construction process, BOWA takes on a "client advocate" role that involves working with subcontractors, suppliers and local governments to streamline the planning and permitting processes, facilitate selections, and present the best "green" options.

BOWA has been honored with more than 100 local and national awards of excellence, including being named National Remodeler of the Year by Professional Remodeler Magazine and largest Whole House Remodeler by Qualified Remodeler Magazine. With offices in McLean and Middleburg, Va. BOWA serves clients in Suburban Maryland, the District of Columbia and Northern Virginia. For more information, visit [www.bowa.com](http://www.bowa.com) or call 703-734-9050.

**Avectra**, a web-based association management software, announces the promotion of **Patrick Dorsey** to vice president of marketing. Dorsey will oversee Avectra's marketing activities, including demand generation, marketing programs, and brand strategy to further increase the visibility and awareness of all Avectra products including netFORUM Enterprise, netFORUM Pro, netFORUM Pro for Real Estate Associations and netFORUM Team.

## FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Church of the Holy Comforter**, 543 Beulah Rd. NE, Vienna, holds a Taize contemplative worship service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 27. The service combines chant and scripture with time spent in silence in a setting of greenery and candlelight. 703-938-6521 or [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com).

**Great Falls United Methodist Men** annual pancake dinner is Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Dinner is free and donations are accepted. All proceeds will be sent to The Society of St. Andrew to help feed the hungry. For more information call the church at 703-759-3705.

**St. Francis Episcopal Church**, 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers three Sunday services: 7:45 a.m. Worship Service without music; 9 a.m. Worship Service, Children's Chapel and Children's Choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Forum; and 11 a.m. Worship Service with Adult Choir. 703-759-2082.

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# The Importance of Recess

**Pediatric researchers say unstructured play can help a child's cognitive, physical, emotional and social development.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**C**an climbing on monkey bars help a child's cognitive development? Can a game of tag boost preschooler's social skills? The nation's top pediatricians say "yes" and some local educators agree.

A policy statement released earlier this month by the American Academy of Pediatrics said recess, when provided in a safe environment and under supervision, provides children with cognitive, physical, emotional and social benefits. Additionally, the AAP recommended that unstructured play be used in conjunction with physical education in schools.

"Recess and unstructured play provide children with opportunities to explore, problem-solve and learn in ways that enhance their socio-emotional, physical and cognitive development," said Julie K. Kidd, associate professor and early childhood education academic program coordinator at George Mason University in Fairfax. "The physical and mental break from academic activities enables children to return to their studies more focused and ready to learn."

**SOME LOCAL SCHOOLS** agree that recess is an important part of a student's day. "In addition to physical education classes, our students enjoy unstructured recess every day," said Dick Ewing, head of school at the Norwood School in Potomac, Md. "Of course, there are the health benefits of the physical activity, and teachers will tell you that children are more focused in the classroom after recess, but there are also several social-emotional benefits. Children learn important life skills during recess. They learn how to effectively communicate, collaborate, cooperate and problem solve during various playground games. Creativity also comes into play as children make up their own games."

Lizabeth Borra, school counselor at Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, added: "This unstructured time gives children the opportunity to develop lifelong skills such as conflict resolution, communication, creativity, and negotiation."

Joan Holden, head of school for St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, developed play areas known as "Tinkering Spaces" on campus, "dedicated spots where students work together with educational games, building tools and puzzles, where there are no assessments or evaluations, just a relaxing, fun atmosphere that brings out teamwork, creativity, invention and problem-solving," said Holden.

American Academy of Pediatrics researchers and local educators concluded that recess and free play activities are a critical part of development and social interaction that students may not get inside a classroom. "Time outside in an unstructured environment among peers provides an important avenue



**Students at Norwood School in Potomac, Md., enjoy outdoor recess.**

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for the development of their creative, social and moral development," said Colin Gleason, head of the Lower School at The Heights School in Potomac.

Gleason says unstructured play provides a much-needed outlet for some children. "At this age, children, and especially boys, overflow with physical energy," he said. "They are wired ... to explore and learn about the world around them in an active way, using all of their senses. Also, by organizing play with their peers in this environment, they learn the natural laws of social interaction. They learn that it pays off to be kind towards others, to work together to make a game run smoothly [and] to make rules that are fair."

American Academy of Pediatrics researchers also recommended that recess not be withheld from children as punishment. Shannon Melideo, chair of the education department and an associate professor at the School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University in Arlington, agrees: "Too often the children who are denied recess as a punishment are the children who need recess most."

Some local educators say that recess gives children an opportunity to learn how to manage their free time. "Current research in brain development highlights the connections between physical activity, attention and memory," said Dresden Koons, head of Lower School at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac. "We ... [believe] that what happens outside the classroom benefits what goes on inside it, and vice versa."

**THE AAP STATEMENT** stresses that recess should complement, not replace physical education classes, even for schools with limited outdoor space, and Reston based National Association for Sport and Physical Education spokeswoman Paula Keyes Kun agreed. She said, "All children need a minimum of 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Regular daily recess should be a part of every school day. It provides children with discretionary time to be active, helps them develop healthy bodies and enjoy movement."

She added that NAPSE is calling on schools across the country to find creative ways of increasing their students' physical activity levels before, during and after school.

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**George Mason University Professor Laurie Meamber uses movies to teach students about consumer behavior.**

## Off to the Movies

**Mason professor has unconventional method of teaching complex concepts.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**A**n Arlington resident and George Mason University professor has an unconventional way of helping her students master complex concepts and evaluating their proficiency: She requires them to watch movies.

Laurie Meamber, an associate professor of marketing in Mason's School of Management in Fairfax, teaches a consumer behavior course in which students study the actions and motivations of buyers. Meamber teaches them how to analyze why and how consumers make certain decisions. The class studies characters in popular films to see the concepts they learn throughout the semester.

"A primary goal of a consumer behavior course is for students to better understand consumer behavior in order to become more effective marketing managers," said Meamber. "An additional goal ... is to enhance their knowledge of consumer behavior so that they as consumers can consume wisely."

Meamber says that through watching and analyzing movies, her classes examine the entire range of internal, external and situational influences on consumer behavior. She divides her class into three groups and each group focuses on one factor that affects consumer behavior: external influences, internal influences and decision-making.

"Students [write] a brief plot summary, providing descriptions of the major characters as consumers and analyzing concepts that they had learned in the course that appear in the film," she said. "They do this in a comprehensive fashion, after having learned all of the ideas

taught in consumer behavior. This allows them to reflect upon, apply and synthesize the entire range of knowledge they have acquired in the course."

Mason spokeswoman Catherine Probst said, "Along the way, the students construct consumer profiles of the characters and examine reasons why and how they make decisions throughout the film. Specifically, students are looking for influences on consumer behavior based on attitudes, motivation, income level and occupation."

Mason student, and Reston resident, Ben Coffinberger took Meamber's consumer behavior class during the fall semester. His group chose "The Devil Wears Prada."

"We presented it by dressing up as the four main characters and acting out small scenes from the movie that provided examples of important marketing concepts we learned throughout the semester," said Coffinberger. "I was forced to identify and apply the marketing concepts I learned in the consumer behavior course to the scenes in the movie. Before taking this class, I didn't think to really recognize consumer-marketing behaviors in movies, television and everyday life. Now I view things in a totally different light."

Meamber says the increasing popularity of social media makes the movie approach a successful learning tool. "As time moves forward, this type of assignment fits in with the interests and learning styles of this generation of undergraduate students," she said. "This type of assignment allows students to analyze and reflect upon movies as a medium that portrays many examples of consumers and of consumer behavior."



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