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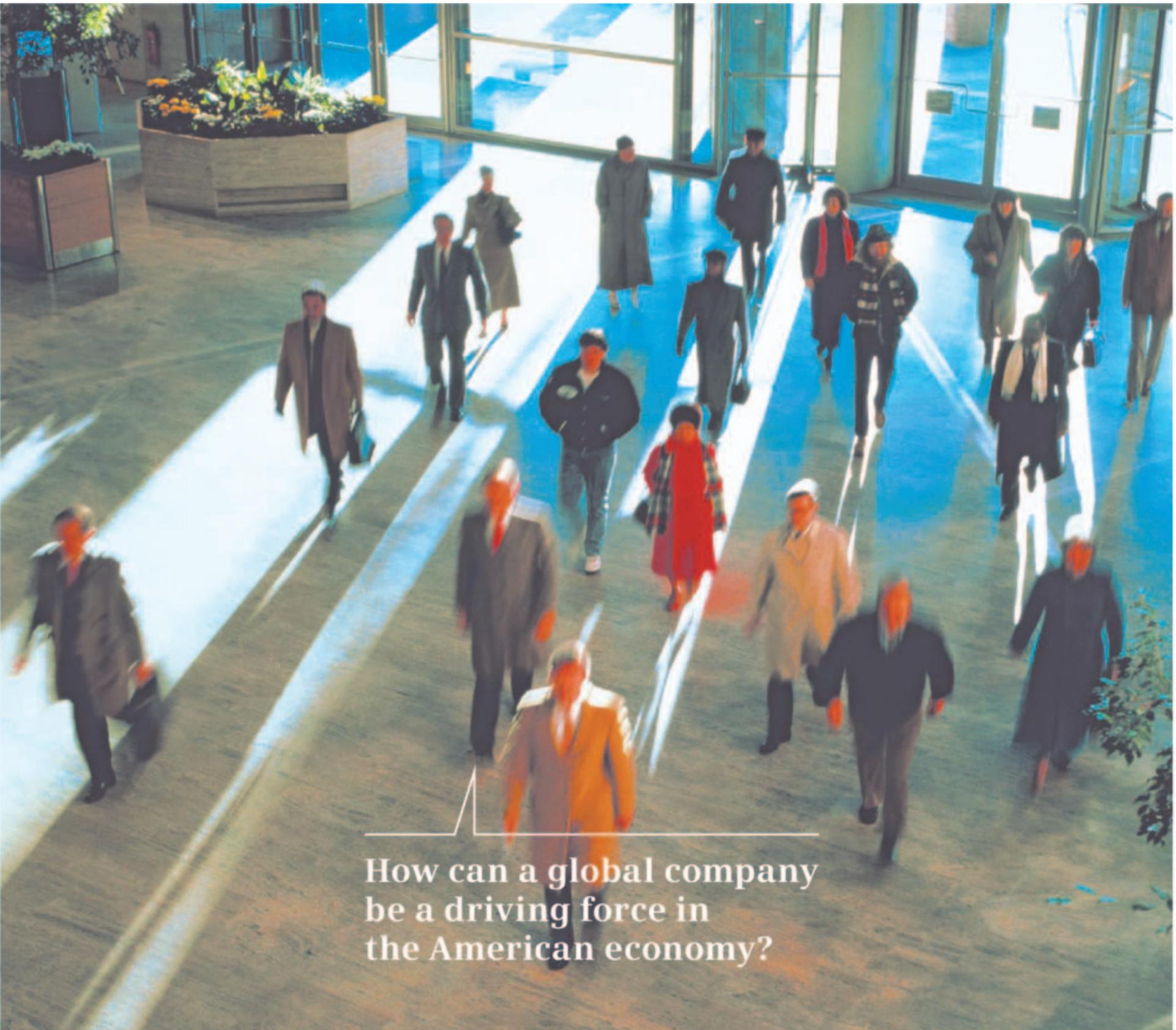
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Tree-Cutting Alarms Neighbors

Officials push to move VDOT site to another location.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Rob Jackson first noticed the clear cutting of trees across from Cooper Middle School when he was going to New York City with a Langley High School musical group April 18. Jackson, president of the McLean Citizens Association, thought someone was building a new house or possibly some townhouses on the site. It wasn't until a few days later that he discovered the area would be used as a heavy construction staging area.

"It is just not acceptable to put an industrial site in the middle of a residential neighborhood affecting schools," said Jackson.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which owns the land, tore down three acres of trees on the site at the intersection of Balls Hills Road and Georgetown Pike. The agency and a private company, Fluor-Transurban, plan to use it for the High Occupancy Toll Lanes (HOT

Lanes) construction on the Capital beltway. The project, which extends from the beltway's Telegraph Road exit to the Maryland border, is expected to last for five years. VDOT has also begun preparing three other staging areas at the beltway's intersections with Route 123, Interstate 66 and Braddock Road.

JACKSON was not the only person VDOT and its private partners failed to inform about plans to move in heavy equipment across from Cooper Middle School.

Fairfax Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D) and Dranesville Supervisor John Foust (D) were not aware of the transportation department's plans to set up at the site. The board condemned the choice of the site in a letter to VDOT's Northern Virginia District Administrator Morteza Salehi.

"It remains unclear whether miscommunication or lack of communication around this site selection is to blame for the way this developed," wrote Connolly in the letter.

VDOT will make more of an effort to keep the lines of communication open. "We don't want to surprise anyone with what we will be doing," said Nick Nicholson, a state transportation official working on the HOT Lanes



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION

The site has been cleared as the staging area for the five-year HOT lanes project.

project.

VDOT officials had mentioned the staging area several times at public meetings in McLean but were maybe not as clear as they could have been.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," said Nicholson.

WHETHER COMMUNICATION improves or not, several people believe the

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McLean Hits the Trails

Talks are under way about mapping trail network, extending Potomac Heritage Trail.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

In the parks just west of the CIA property, McLean resident Don Borchering made what Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) called "an enormous find": the possibility of a trail network running from Langley Fork Park to Dead Run.

Turkey Run Trail in Turkey Run Park runs between a trail in Langley Fork Park and a network of trails in Langley Oaks Park, which then connects to the Potomac Heritage Trail along the Potomac River. The trails are in use but, other than Turkey Run Trail, are unmapped and largely unmarked. Borchering has set out to change that.

Meanwhile, the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) and Foust's office are working to extend the Potomac Heritage Trail past the Madeira School to Great Falls Park.

When approached by Borchering, the National Park Service, which owns Turkey Run Park, suggested it would be willing to map the trails using its GPS technology, and the Fairfax County Park Authority, which

runs Langley Fork and Langley Oaks, has said it is willing to look into establishing its trails as a recognized network.

"The walkways are all there at the present time," said Borchering. "The signage would be to keep people on the trails and not have them wander into the communities." Rather than bringing traffic and hikers into the surrounding neighborhoods, he said he would like to establish the trailhead at Langley Fork, which has 180 parking spaces and is easily accessible by foot. The Turkey Run Recreation area, which also has parking, would be a secondary trailhead, and both trailheads would include maps of the trails noting points of interest.

THE CHALLENGE, said Borchering, would be creating a cooperative agreement to get the trails mapped and marked "so it can be recognized as an acceptable trail system that can be published and show up on the map."

He has also spoken with the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and Fairfax Trails and Streams about the possibility of those



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Work is under way to turn unmarked trails, such as this one in Langley Fork Park, into a recognized network.

organizations maintaining the trails in the future.

Last week, the McLean Citizens Association sent a letter to Foust asking him to help

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Vision for Tysons Previewed

Task Force report ready in early June.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The chairman of the Tysons Land Use Task Force last week on Thursday gave a detailed report to the Committee For Dulles Rail — the key business, labor and professional backers of the rail project — on the new Tysons Corner his group will propose next month to accommodate the vast new growth expected for this area.

At a luncheon for some 300 guests at the Sheraton Premier, Clark Tyler painted a picture of an urban center arising on the 1,800 acres, perhaps with its own government entity, 100,000 residents and 200,000 employees working there, a local bus or trolley system, a system of parks and schools and perhaps even a branch of a local college.

This was the first detailed sketch of the work the 36-member task force has done over the past three years.

In his introduction of Tyler, Fairfax Board of Supervisors Gerry Connolly called the Task Force "most important land study" in Fairfax County. One, he said, he believes could show how to turn "this Edge City" into a "dynamic, vibrant place" that could be "active 24/7." Connolly noted that the 1,800 acres of Tysons is larger than the downtown core of his native Boston which accommodates hundreds of thousands of residents and workers.

THERE WAS A SENSE of buoyancy in the room. The Federal Transit Administration's change of heart last month on Dulles Rail, in part Connolly told the group due to their efforts, and the near completion of the Tysons Task Force project, had filled the group with a sense of accomplishment.

Connolly too was buoyant. A lot of his personal prestige had rested on the rail and the planning project and has given him the base to run for the U.S. Congress next fall. As he took the podium Thursday, Connolly joked that for a minute, he thought the luncheon was a "fund-raiser."

Tyler said when he moved to the area 45 years ago there was no Tysons and it had grown, much on its own to what it is now, a place not entirely to his liking. The critical issue is the traffic. As Connolly pointed out there are two ways into Tysons and two ways out and everyone seems surprised when they come there to work that there is a major traffic jam in the morning and evening.

A primary focus for the Task Force has been on how to reduce traffic. The rail is key to that, but in addition, Tyler said, when

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Church Preserves Oasis of History

One of few historical structures in McLean holds annual fund-raiser.

By MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

As Pleasant Grove Church housed its annual spring fund-raiser on Saturday, May 3, the future looked relatively rosy for a building that was built by hand more than 100 years ago, once came within minutes of demolition and on another occasion had its steeple destroyed by lightning.

This summer, the Friends of Pleasant Grove are about to have a wheelchair ramp installed at the back entrance and run lighting to the church's parking lot, said Friends co-founder, treasurer and former president Garry Jewett. "That's very exciting. That's a big project for us, and we're raising money now for that," he said, sitting amidst the day's sales and festivities.

Nearby tables offered donated baked goods, clothing, pottery and "attic treasures" for sale. The handmade quilt that was being raffled off was on display. Outside, annual flowers could be purchased, as could hamburgers and hot dogs, and a duo sang and played guitar in the shade of a tree.

PLEASANT GROVE, one of two black churches in the area at the turn of the century and one of the few historic structures remaining in McLean, has not had a congregation in decades. Now, said Bonnie Klem, another former Friends president, the building, located on Lewinsville Road, is used for community events, art shows and meetings, and its maintenance is funded in part by rental fees paid by those who want to use it for concerts, recitals weddings and other events. Rentals are limited, though, by the building's lack of air conditioning.

Jewett, who has long lived across the street, remembers a different time. "It was a very booming church in the early '60s," he said. Even then, said Jewett, the original congregation, which called itself Methodist Episcopal, had moved out and was renting the church to a Baptist group. However, "the remaining black population here just got smaller and smaller," he said. He agreed that the change was partly due to the area's rising cost of living. Eventually, the remaining congregants built a church in Dunn Loring and moved.

A local antique dealer bought the building in 1980 and stripped it of its stained-glass windows and all but two of its pews.

"I tried to buy the building when it was derelict, with the idea of turning it into a shop or residence or something," said Chris Smith, who ended up renovating the building. "It was just a beautiful spot and I



The historic Pleasant Grove Church housed the 22nd annual Pleasant Grove Day, a fund-raiser to help maintain the church, on Saturday, May 3.

PHOTOS BY MIKE DiCICCO/THE CONNECTION



Laura Carter, left, chats with Friends of Pleasant Grove member Aggie Wolf, who is running the bake sale. Carter is a granddaughter of Frances K. Moore, after whom the church's museum was named.

More Information

To reserve the building, arrange a museum tour or join the Friends of Pleasant Grove, call 703-506-8270. Pleasant Grove Church can be rented for \$150 a day.

The church is located at 8641 Lewinsville Road. The address for Friends of Pleasant Grove is 8700 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102.

thought it would make a neat residence." He had bought the church from a man who had been driving past the site and seen a demolition team preparing to knock it down. "He took his checkbook out and wrote a check for \$12,500," said Smith. Jewett's wife, Joan, asked Smith about cooperating to save the structure, and Friends of Pleasant Grove Church was born in 1982.

"We didn't know exactly what we were going to do with it. We just knew we wanted to preserve it," said Garry Jewett. "It's one of the few old buildings in McLean. Everything's new — new mansions, new buildings. We like to maintain it as part of old McLean." As a nonprofit, Friends raised money for renovations and got a permanent easement on the land.

In 1992, the steeple was destroyed by lightning, the interior sustained major water damage, and another major fund-raising effort was necessary.

The charred remains of the steeple are on display in the church's basement, along with a slice of the church's earlier history. The Frances K. Moore Memorial Museum houses scores of items from the home of one of the church's founders, farmer and shoemaker William Sanford Sharper. Pleasant Grove's first pastor, Sharper lived with his family in a home near the church, which was not torn down until the death of Frances Moore, his great-great-granddaughter, in the mid-1990s, said Joan Lewis, another of the Friends.

AMONG THE ITEMS that fill the basement are tools, furniture, clothing, books, art, decorative items, a butter churner, a phonograph, the water pitcher, wash bowl and chamber pot stool that stood in for running water, and an array of other antiques. "All this was once owned by Sharper," said Lewis. She noted that the original church organ was there and that it still worked.

"That is what a black, agriculturally-oriented family in McLean would have had in their house at the turn of the century," Jewett said of the collection. He said some of the church's original members may have descended from slaves, while others may not have, as there was a population of free blacks in Northern Virginia. Also among the founders, he said, were Native Americans.

Attorney Arrested On Sex Charges

Detectives with the Arlington County Police Department's Special Victims Unit have charged 57-year-old Ronald Cohen of McLean with attempted indecent liberties with a minor and use of a computer to solicit sex with a minor.

Special Victim's Unit detectives, along with members of the Arlington Police Department Tactical Unit, and the Virginia State Police, arrested Cohen on May 8 when he agreed to meet with an undercover officer with the intent to engage in sexual relations, according to police. He is currently being held without bond in the Arlington County Detention Facility.

The investigation stemmed from several sexually explicit online chats between the suspect and an Arlington undercover officer working through the NOVA Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

According to the police, Cohen made contact with someone he believed to be a female juvenile. Cohen is currently an attorney in the Northern Virginia area. Detectives are investigating whether he had had any inappropriate contact with other children. Police are asking anyone with information that may be pertinent to this case to call Detective Greg Sloan at 703-228-4198.

Misdemeanor Guilty Plea

McLean resident John Dammer, originally charged last fall, pleaded guilty last week in Fairfax County General District Court to lesser charges of unlawful entry, a misdemeanor. Dammer, 20, was originally charged with grand larceny, intent to sell property and burglary after items were missing from a neighbor's house with no signs of forced entry; police conducted an investigation through the Regional Pawn Data Sharing System.

Utility Relocation Closes Service Road

Motorists who use the service road along the south side of Route 7 in Tysons Corner are advised that a section of the road in front of Business Bank will be closed for a week beginning May^o12 at Gosnell Road.^o Both east-bound and west-bound traffic in the service road will be blocked for 110 feet east of the Gosnell/Route 7 intersection, according to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Entrances to the bank and into the Pike Seven Shopping Center will remain open. The work will be done weather permitting.

Washington Gas has been working in that area of Route 7 for several months relocating utilities in preparation for the future construction of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. Additional utility relocations for phones, fiber, electric, water, sewer and sanitary drainage lines will follow. The utility relocations are expected to take about two years.

NEWS

School Raises Trail Concerns

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Madeira Concerns

coordinate the project, and Borcharding said he is waiting to see what comes of that.

"I think it's an excellent project," said Foust. He said construction costs for the project would be minimal, although some work would need to be done on the trails, as many have not been maintained. "It's more an administrative matter than anything else. Usually the challenge is getting the easements, and here we've got the land."

A nearby example of the difficulties that can arise in getting an easement is the one that residents have been trying to obtain along the stretch of Potomac riverbank behind the Madeira School, which would make it possible for the Potomac Heritage Trail to connect Borcharding's network to Great Falls Park.

Frank Crandall, chair of the MCA's Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee, brought the subject up at last Wednesday's McLean Citi-

"Because the safety and security of our students, faculty and their families are our paramount concern, The Madeira School is strongly opposed to the county's desire to require a public trail easement in conjunction with our Special Exception Application," the school says in a statement sent to The Connection.

zens Association meeting.

THE SCHOOL had cited concerns about its students' safety, he said, but he added that he saw "no reason to believe they should not be perfectly safe and sound there" with a trail along the river. He pointed out that the school is a good distance from the Potomac and is protected by armed guards.

"The bottom line is, we need the easement, so we're going to try to work the best we can with Madeira," said Foust. He said the school had "always been a good neighbor" and that the community had in turn supported the school. "We're hoping they'll see the importance of this," he said.

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PEOPLE



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Madeira's varsity tennis team meets one of the most influential players in the game's history, Billie Jean King.

Meeting Tennis Legend

BY EMILY DILLINGER
THE CONNECTION

The girls of the Madeira School Varsity tennis team and their two coaches traveled to Cabin John Regional Park to meet one of the most significant woman tennis player in history: Billie Jean King. King was the guest speaker at the dedication ceremony for the new Pauline Betz Addie Tennis Center. Also present was Addie herself, regarded as the finest of the post-World War II players of the United States.

Two days earlier, coach Kathy Stroop sat the girls down during a practice and asked who knew anything about Billie Jean King. Much to her dismay, only three out of the 12 girls raised their hands. "Little did we know, [our coaches] were betting on us!" said Sarah Armstrong, a junior from Vienna on the team. Stroop thought at least six girls would recognize the name. Needless to say, she bought assistant coach Kate Mills dinner that night.

Stroop then surprised the team by offering them a chance to meet the legend. "I'm sure we all have things that we want to do before we die. At the age of 10, I remember reading an article about Billie Jean King and

thinking about how cool she was. After reading the article, I promptly went home from school and announced to my mother that I was moving to New York so that I could meet my tennis role model," Stroop said.

"We wanted the girls to have an opportunity to meet the woman who changed women's tennis," added Mills.

Once they arrived at the tennis center, in their team uniforms, the girls enjoyed clocking their serves and playing "Beat the Pro" alongside other tennis fans at the event.

After King gave her speech at the dedication, the Madeira girls remarked on how "energetic" and "empowering" she was. "Women like Billie Jean King have made it possible for girls today to walk out on the court or playing field and be held in the same regard and esteem as their male counterparts," said Tosca Fischer, a junior at Madeira from Great Falls.

As with any famous figure, meeting King was no easy task. But "despite the objections of her handlers who were attempting to usher her off to the airport, King took the time to talk to the team. The fact that she took the time to address the team made an impression on the girls and reinforced the importance of her message," said coach Stroop.

Madeira Varsity tennis team meets Billie Jean King.

The girls agreed it was worth the wait. "She told us that each generation has to build on the accomplishments of the previous generation," said Fischer. "And going to a girls school, I have come to realize that, although women have come very far in their struggle for equality with men, there are still many more barriers that need to be broken down."

"She was so friendly and was very pleased that we came out to see her," said Armstrong. "She told us that we can do anything we want. She also talked about the history of Title IX."

Coach Mills, who was initially predominantly impressed by King's tennis skills, said: "As I watched the Madeira team listen to her history lesson and her emphasis on carrying the message of empowerment and equality forward I was far more impressed with her sincerity and passion than any serve or volley I had seen her hit."

As the girls boarded the bus back to McLean, star struck by the thought of having high-fived tennis royalty, Julia Karnaze, a sophomore from McLean, called out to Stroop from the backseat. "You know, you really remind me of Billie Jean King!" she yelled.

Stroop beamed and told her that was the greatest compliment she could ever receive.

McLean Researcher Honored

The American Iron and Steel Institute and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation officials named a scientist with the McLean office of the Federal Highway Administration winner of a national award for leadership in steel bridge research. William J. Wright, Ph.D., P.E. was given the annual Richard S. Fountain Award for "outstanding contributions to the steel bridge industry through structural research, technical guidance and design code development."

Wright is the head of the Turner-Fairbank Structures Laboratory at the Federal Highway Administration. He made "invaluable contributions to the advancement of curved girder research and to the successful development of the unified steel girder design specifications." He also led the way in research in the use of high-performance steels.

Wright has been with the federal government for 20 years and has been involved in several major investigations involving bridge collapse. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in structural engineering from the University of Maryland in College Park and his doctorate from Lehigh University.

— NICHOLAS M. HORROCK

YOUR POETRY

A Runner's Prayer

BY JEANNE SPAETH

My feet press hard against the blocks,
My body taut as a cautious doe
Entering a vast meadow.
O Lord, help me calm my racing heart,
No false starts.
Before me lies the track of tradition,
Of swift Atalanta.
I've trained long;
Sleek rivals flank me.
Thought I respect them,
Glistening gazelles on the run,
May they eat dust from my tracks,
stunned.

The writer is a McLean resident.

Afghan Stories Help Area Children Learn To Read

Two folktales that have delighted young and old for centuries in Afghanistan have become part of an innovative program to teach literacy and thinking skills to disadvantaged children at the Higher Horizons Day Care Center in Falls Church.

"The Farmer's Wife" and "The Lion Who Saw Himself in the Water," both by the Afghan author Idries Shah, are based on traditional Afghan stories that have been favorites for centuries throughout Central Asia and the Middle East and have been well-received in the U.S. since their publication in 1998 by California-based Hoopoe Books (www.hoopoekids.com).

In late January, 23 Higher Horizons teach-

ers and aides received professional development training in the effective use of "The Farmer's Wife" to develop reading and thinking skills, along with a curriculum guide of related activities for classroom use.

This spring, in Phase 2 of the project, the school's teaching staff is working with "The Lion Who Saw Himself in the Water," and children will receive a Home Literacy Kit containing a book, CD and newsletter of that story.

Established in 1963, Higher Horizons (www.higherhorizons.org) serves 224 children from the lowest-income families of very diverse backgrounds in the Bailey's Crossroads and Falls Church communities of Fairfax County.



Higher Horizons children ages 2-5 with teacher Archella Dorsey at Family Pajama Literacy Night, which was attended by 24 families, who brought more than 30 children.

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CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through May 7.

AGGRAVATED MALICIOUS WOUNDING

8075 Tysons Corner Center. A 40-year-old Springfield man was injured on Wednesday, May 7 near the freight elevator of Nordstrom's Department Store. He got into an argument with a co-worker around 6 a.m. The co-worker cut the victim in the upper body with a sharp cutting instrument, assaulted him and fled. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. Police have identified the suspect and the investigation continues.

LARCENIES

- 9100 block Barrick Street.** Money stolen from residence
- 1300 block Chain Bridge Road.** Tools stolen from vehicle
- 1900 block Chain Bridge Road.** Purse stolen from business
- 1900 block Chain Bridge Road.** Cell phone stolen from business
- 1900 block Chain Bridge Road.** GPS stolen from vehicle
- 1900 block Chain Bridge Road.** DVD player stolen from residence
- 1600 block Davidson Road.** Computer stolen from school
- 2900 block Dover Lane.** GPS and child safety seat stolen from vehicle
- 2900 block Dover Lane.** DVD player stolen from vehicle
- 2100 block Evans Court.** LCD gauges stolen from vehicle
- 8200 block Greensboro Drive.** Cell phone stolen from business
- 7000 block Haycock Road.** Bicycle stolen from business
- 2900 block Kings Chapel Road.** Stereo stolen from vehicle
- 8400 block Lee Highway.** Cell phone stolen from business
- 8600 block Lee Highway.** Computer system stolen from business
- 1500 block Lincoln Circle.** GPS stolen from vehicle
- 1900 block Pimmit Drive.** License plates stolen from vehicle

VEHICLE THEFTS

- 2800 block Gallows Road.** 1993 Honda Civic reported stolen
- 8000 block Jones Branch Drive.** 2000 Acura Integra reported stolen
- 9400 block Lee Highway.** 1995 Plymouth Neon reported stolen

ARREST

Maple Avenue, W. & Pleasant Street, N.W. 3:20 a.m. May 10. During a traffic stop, a 33-year-old man from Vienna, was charged with driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breath test, and driving without a license.

VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

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Find out about a proposal to widen Rolling Road to four lanes from 0.369 mile north of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) northerly to the intersection of Old Keene Mill Road (Route 644). The project length will be approximately 1.40 miles of Rolling Road.

Review the proposed project plans depicting the major design features and the environmental documentation, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the form of a Categorical Exclusion, at the public hearing or before the hearing at VDOT's Northern Virginia District office located at 14685 Avion Parkway in Chantilly, telephone number (703) 383-2000 or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions. Property impacts, right of way policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available at the hearing.

Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing or submit them by June 22, 2008, to Mr. Doug Miller, VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104. You may also e-mail your comments to us at: Meeting_Comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Rolling Road, Fairfax County, PH Comment" in the subject heading.

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and
Wednesday, May 21, 2008, 5-9 p.m.
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Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing, or submit them, by June 5, 2008, to Roger Boothe, Project Manager, VDOT, 6400 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150. You may also e-mail your comments to: Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Capital Beltway HOT Lanes" in the subject heading.

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Schools Propose \$2.2 Billion Budget

With more than 3,500 unexpected students, schools will need to make some cuts.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Increases in class size, decreases in staff pay raises and freezing expansion of full-day kindergarten: these are a few of the reductions that Fairfax County Public Schools will consider for the 2008-2009 school year.

School officials had requested a \$63.7 million increase to the \$2.26 billion budget but Fairfax County Board of Supervisors only provided an extra \$40 million, leaving the schools \$23.7 million short of what it requested. According to school officials, the 2.5 percent in additional funding is the smallest percentage increase in the county transfer to the system since 1995.

Supervisors gave the schools a larger budget increase than any other agency. Fairfax County Public Schools was one of the only local government branches to receive an increase in funding at all, they said.

AN ENROLLMENT increase and rising fuel prices mean that additional funds provided by the county will mostly be used to cover existing costs and not to fund improvements or new programming, according to a statement released by schools superintendent Jack Dale.

Fairfax County Public Schools saw an additional 3,541 students in 2008, which will cost the system approximately \$22.5 million in additional funding. Transportation costs related to enrollment increase and ris-



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

School board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) disagrees with her colleague At-large school board member Jim Raney's proposals to cut the budget.

ing fuel prices will eat up an additional \$7 million.

Dale has proposed to reduce the employee salary raise from three percent to two percent and halting the expansion of full-day kindergarten and the elementary school foreign language program. He would increase class size by one half of student, likely to affect general education classes more than specialty classes.

The school system has also reduced spending by "streamlining" several programs aimed at at-risk or low-income students, including summer school, Project Excel, QUEST, the Student Accountability program, the Summit program, and Young Scholars program.

WITH UNPOPULAR CUTS proposed, the School Board is looking at other options. Several board members said they would like

to find a way to continue with expansion of the full-day kindergarten and foreign language in elementary schools.

School board members Brad Center (Lee), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield) asked the staff to take another look at implementing an "activity fee" for athletic participation. In earlier budget discussions, the superintendent had said such a fee could produce at least \$2.5 million but the school system's chief financial officer Deirdre McLaughlin said the revenue to be generated was most likely overstated.

Raney proposed some more dramatic cuts. He said the school system should look at closing Gifted-and-Talented education centers and moving those services into every student's base elementary school.

He also asked board members to consider capping enrollment at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology to 1,600 students, the number of pupils the state government has agreed to subsidize. In the 2006-2007 school year, the high school enrolled 1,769 students.

Raney was also in favor of charging students to take Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes.

"We are obligated to provide a free elementary and secondary education. We are currently providing a free post-secondary education in the form of AP and IB courses. We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses," said Raney.

"I don't support any of those initiatives," said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville), who added that the school system would have to retract some students acceptance to Thomas Jefferson if it implemented Raney's proposal.

During the discussion, school board members Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) and Kaye Kory (Mason)

also expressed concern about budget cuts to schools that serve a lot of poor and at-risk students.

Staff said about half of the approximately 35 schools that qualify for extra money to help at-risk students, called Title I funding, would see a reduction in this assistance from the federal government this year. Gibson said he did not want the school system to "pile on" by also cutting money for other programs found in these schools. "Obviously we have some schools in that category and we don't want to rub salt in the wound. What are we doing so that we are not adding insult to injury?" said Gibson.

"We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses."

— Jim Raney

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT 2008 Special School Program Enrollment

Fairfax County Public Schools provided a breakdown of specialty program enrollment based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic factors and special education needs in January 2008. When compared with overall enrollment figures, students who are poor, black, Hispanic, English-language learners or who qualify for special education services are underrepresented in gifted and talented and accelerated academic programs. The same groups of students appear in higher numbers in the U.S. military's JROTC programs.

Program	Overall Enrollment	Economically Disadvantaged	Limited English	Special Education	black	Hispanic	white
FCPS Enrollment (All Schools)	164,843	31,320* (19.9%)	21,771 (7.6%*)	24,000 (14%)	18,133* (10.8%)	26,374* (16%)	80,421 (50.2%)
Career and Technical Education (Middle, High Schools)	55,942	12,855 (22.98%)	8,622 (15.41%)	7,641 (13.66%)	6,802 (12.16%)	8,873 (15.86%)	27,321 (48.84%)
Foreign Language (Middle, High Schools)	44,543	342 (.77%)	3,568 (8.01%)	3,081 (6.92%)	3,855 (8.65%)	4,946 (11.1%)	25,189 (54.76%)
Gift and Talented Services (Kindergarten - 12)	61,775	5,180 (8.39%)	7,595 (12.29%)	Not Available	2,041 (6.83%)	2,475 (8.29%)	16,593 (55.55%)
JROTC (Seven High Schools)	823	302 (36.7%)	142 (17.25%)	229 (27.83%)	216 (26.25%)	203 (24.67%)	283 (34.39%)
2007 Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate enrollment (High Schools)	17,994	1,264 (7.02%)	748 (4.21%)	459 (2.55%)	945 (5.25%)	1,269 (7.05%)	11,006 (61.16%)

*approximate figures computed by The Connection Newspapers

—JULIA O'DONOGHUE

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

More Algebra for Eighth Graders

Fairfax County Public Schools will start offering a standard Algebra I class in addition to its honors Algebra I class to eighth graders in two middle schools next year.

The school system wants to increase middle school enrollment in Algebra I so that more students will have the opportunity to complete calculus by the end of high school.

It is difficult for students to fit in all the prerequisites for calculus if they wait until ninth grade to take Algebra I, said staff.

Currently, about 47 percent of students complete Algebra I by the end of eighth grade, according to Peter Noonan, assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Like honors Algebra I, standard Algebra I will be an "open enrollment" class, meaning that it will be available to anyone who wants to take it. The class will resemble the standard Algebra I currently offered to ninth graders.

Hughes and Thoreau middle school will be the first to offer standard Algebra I through a pilot program next year. Noonan said the school system wants to expand the offering to other middle school programs in following years.

Fairfax County middle schools typically offer standard grade six, seven and eight math as well as Algebra I, Geometry and sometimes Algebra II, according to Noonan.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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On **Sunday, May 25**, the music ministry of **Vienna Presbyterian Church**, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna, will present a concert in worship to honor members of the military who have died in battle. Themes of patriotism and the high cost of freedom will be presented by full orchestra, choir, bagpipes and drums. Three identical services, at 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m., will provide an opportunity to reflect. There is no charge. The community is welcome. Visit www.viennapres.org or call 703-938-9050.

The **Baha'i community of McLean** holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, beginning at 8 p.m. **every Friday**. The fireside is an opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith and why Baha'is find hope in a seemingly hopeless world. Call 703-556-3400.

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OPINION

Trouble with VDOT

Taking down acres of trees with no warning and no good reason.

It's possible that it happened on Earth Day, but it was definitely sometime within a week of that day.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, without notice, bulldozed more than five acres of trees in at least three locations as part of preliminary work on widening the beltway for HOT lanes.

These trees were cleared in McLean, Tysons Corner and Springfield.

Apparently these trees were clear cut in order to make way for "staging areas," that is to say a place to park their equipment.

It's an example of the kind of reasoning that takes place at VDOT, and apparently there is more of it to come.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nick Nicholson of VDOT at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes on April 30.

There is no shortage of parking lots anywhere around the Beltway. With a little cre-

ativity, and a little notice, VDOT could probably have leased an already-paved "staging area." The loss of the trees is no small thing, especially in consideration of widening a road like the Beltway.

A single tree with a 26-foot canopy can absorb the emissions of a vehicle driven 11,500 miles every year. Or so said Fairfax County officials in October 2007 when they launched the laudable goal of blanketing 45 percent of the county with tree cover by 2037. The county will plant 400 trees a year on county property to reduce pollution and energy costs.

EDITORIAL

Too bad the county apparently has no say on what VDOT does with property it "owns." VDOT officials should realize that property "owned by VDOT" actually belongs to the residents of Virginia. The tree cutting last month for "staging areas" probably set Fairfax County's efforts back by more than a year. And we'll note again that VDOT says there's more to come.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," Nicholson admitted.

Those trees would also have had the effect of buffering residential and business areas from

the noise and view of the Beltway traffic and construction. Three acres alone were across from a middle school, where the trees could have helped clean the air from hundreds of thousands of vehicles a day passing by on the Beltway.

The additional tree canopy envisioned in Fairfax would have the capacity to absorb more than 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually, which could eliminate the need for \$1 million in greenhouse gas reduction services each year.

VDOT officials should undertake an immediate analysis of the way it operates. It must communicate better with local officials and residents. And it must realize that trees have value and take steps to preserve them whenever possible. Even if these sites were the only possible "staging areas," which we do not believe, at least a ring of trees should have been left around the perimeter to act as a buffer.

Construction for the "high occupancy toll lanes" is under way. We can only imagine what surprises lay ahead.

— MARY KIMM.

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Farmers' Market: New Favorite Spot

BY SHARON E. RAINEY

Another Spring in Great Falls; it is my favorite time of year in this community. I love driving along Georgetown Pike with the trees canopied over the road. The tree buds look like feathers against the blue skies, ready to burst into full bloom in just a few days.

It's a time to get back out and see our neighbors again! We now have two coffee shops offering the opportunity to sit with friends and chat: Le Grand Appetit and Katie's Coffee. The Conscious Bean will be opening soon down at Colvin Run Road.

My new favorite spot is the Saturday Farmers' Market at St. Francis Episcopal Church from 8 a.m. to noon. It has some of the tastiest tomatoes, creamy gelato, organic beef, and bread. It has to be good when we see the Executive Chef from Vidalia purchasing his vegetables from our market as well as Bob Kinkead picking up his family dinner and a few things for his two restaurants, Kinkead's and Colvin Run Tavern. I admit, I am partial to this place; Jeff and I met through friends at St. Francis and

we married there a little over 17 years ago.

There was a profundity of Virginia bluebells blooming at Great Falls and Riverbend Parks. The falls are always awe-inspiring and the trails offer various hiking options.

Life seems to only get busier between now and the end of the school year. And we are such creatures of habit.

So here is your homework assignment: try one new place in Great Falls that you have never been to. Visit Colvin Run Mill, try one of the local spas for a massage or facial, be mesmerized by Jinny Beyer's Studio, browse through Ginny Sinclair's Grandmother's Back Room, have lunch at La Mediterranee.

If you need a list of ideas, drop me a line and I can give you more suggestions. Get out of the house and see what your community has to offer! And once you try a new place, email me (Sharon@myneighborsnetwork.com). Tell me where you went, what you did, and how you liked it.

Sharon Rainey owns the Neighbors Network based in Great Falls.



Sharon E. Rainey

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Janet Cherchuck of Floradise Orchids in Gordonsville, is one of many vendors selling a variety of items at the farmers market in Great Falls on Saturday morning.

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NEWS

Residents Alarmed

FROM PAGE 3

Balls Hill Road site is an inappropriate area to stage a major construction project. Foust, Connolly, Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) and state Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) asked VDOT in a separate letter to consider moving the staging area to another location.

"This is absolutely the wrong spot. ... It is the only one in a residential area," said Foust. The supervisor added that VDOT officials had agreed to consider moving the site but have to consult with its private partners.

Some residents worried about the site's impact on local traffic congestion at an already busy intersection. Others mentioned concerns about Cooper Middle School and the Oakcrest School, an independent high school and middle school across Georgetown Pike from the site.

"I would be concerned about student safety and transportation. We have 19 buses going down Balls Hill Road every day," said Una Higgins, president of Cooper Middle School's Parent Teacher Association.

"Whether or not it is the best location I don't know because it was never even discussed," said Jackson.

MANY RESIDENTS found the tree tear-down the most upsetting aspect of the project.

"It is a shame. If they were going to build something, they needed to leave the trees around," said Yvette Deale, a McLean resident whose child attends Cooper Middle School.

VDOT said it is not practical for residents to assume that no trees would come down as a result of the project.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nicholson at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes in Merrifield April 30. He added that VDOT plans to replace the cleared area with a more pleasing landscape.

"Ultimately, it may look better than before as long as they don't tame it. I hope for a pond," said Rachel Small, a McLean resident.

Others said they were happy to hear that a new development would not be going in the spot.

"Frankly, I am relieved to hear it is not going to be a McDonalds or a Starbucks," said Suzanne Emery, another McLean resident with a student at Cooper Middle School.



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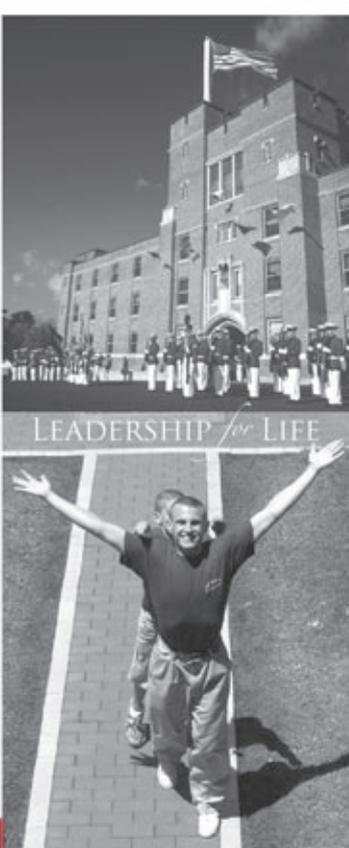
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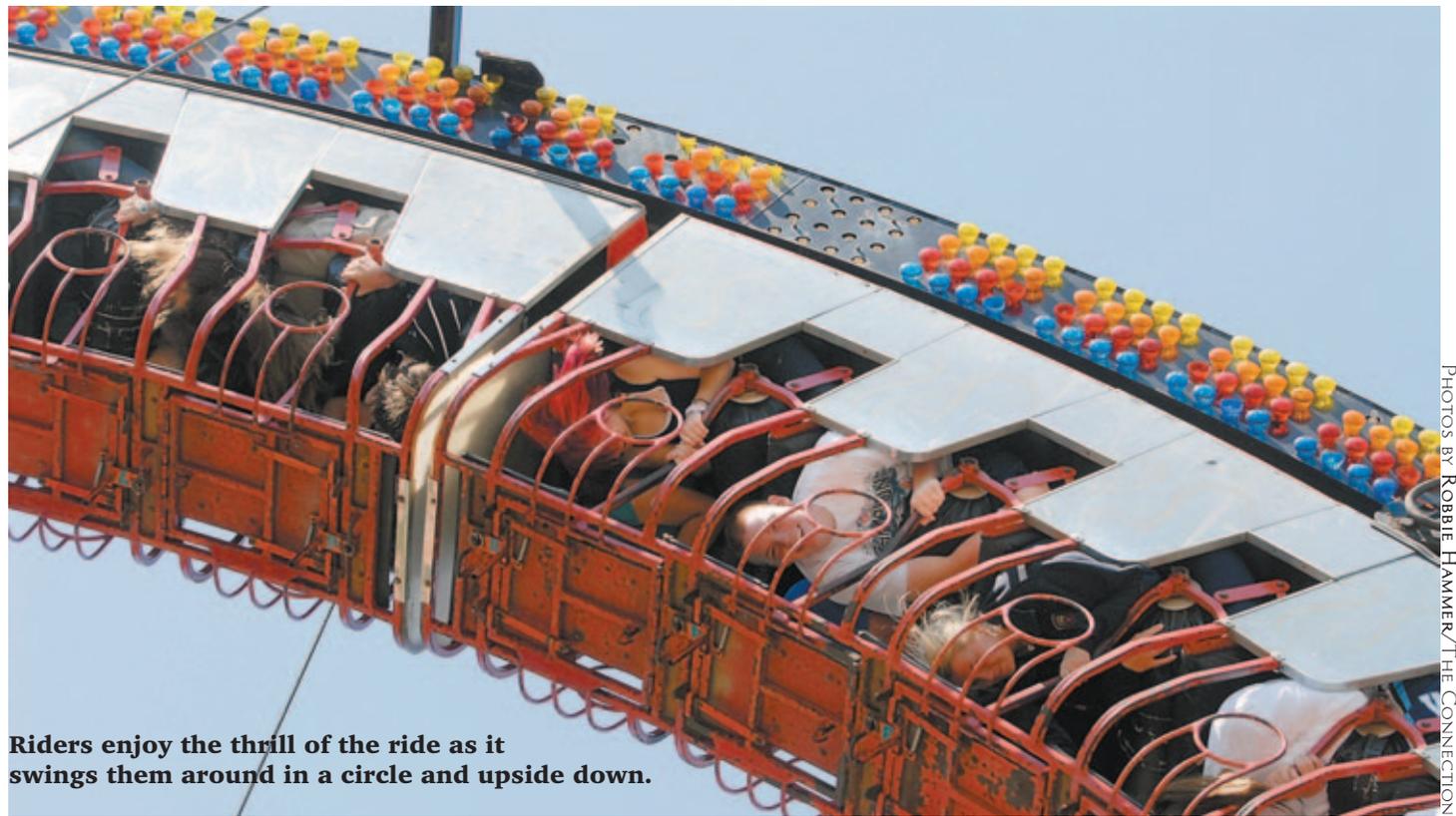
Thursday, May 15, The Tavern at Great Falls, 9835 Georgetown Pike, will be holding its sixth annual **Guest Bartender Night**, where area residents work to raise "Tips for a Cure" for Cystic Fibrosis and promote the Great Falls Great Strides Walk, which takes place Sunday, May 18 in Great Falls, beginning at the Wachovia Bank at 1 p.m. Call 703-757-4770 or visit www.greatfalls-tavern.com.

Vale United Methodist Church will hold its annual **Strawberry Festival on Sunday, May 18,** 6-8 p.m. at the church, located at the intersection of Vale and Fox Mill Roads in Oakton. There will be strawberry shortcake, free children's activities, and an old-fashioned cake walk. Shortcake is \$3, cake walk tickets are 3/\$1. Proceeds from the cake walk will be donated to Teens Opposing Poverty. For more information, call the church at 703-620-2594.

Alessandro Furlan from Furlan Wineries, Udine Italy will be hosting a **Gourmet Wine Dinner on Tuesday, May 20** at Cafe Oggi, 6671 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. \$72.50 per person, tax and tips included. Call 703-442-7360 for reservations.

Lunchtime With Miss Belle. Bring your lunch and your little ones for a music-filled social hour. Birth-5 with adult. No registration is required. **Wednesday, May 21,** noon at the Oakton library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 703-242-4020.

McLean Family Barbecue. Third annual event to kick off summer. Games, moon bounce, rides, children's musicians Mr. Knick-Knack and Oh Susannah. Food and beverages available for purchase. **Saturday, May 31,** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$8 for children, adults admitted free. Call 703-790-0123 or visit www.mcleancenter.org.



Riders enjoy the thrill of the ride as it swings them around in a circle and upside down.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

McLean Day Promises Fun for All

McLean Day 2008: Celebrating Our Town festival to be celebrated on Saturday, May 17.

McLean Community Center is gearing up for McLean Day 2008: Celebrating Our Hometown. This year's festival logo is a big, red balloon that indicates "the sky is the limit" when it comes to the attractions and entertainment offered at this annual community party in the park. McLean Day 2008 will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 17, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission to the festival is free.

OFTC 8K Fun Run

The festival begins at 8 a.m. with the Old Firehouse Teen Center's (OFTC) Annual 8K Fun Run at Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls Street. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. and the registration fee is \$20. For more information, call 703-448-8336/TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Governing Board Election 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Residents of Dranesville Small Tax District 1A can cast their votes to elect new members to the 2008-2009 MCC Governing Board from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Onsite parking for voters will not be available, so residents may wish to vote by absentee ballot. Completed ballots must be received by 11 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, to be counted. Voting instructions and candidate information are available online at www.mcleancenter.org.

The Tradition Continues

The first McLean Day was held in 1915 in a field adjacent to Franklin Sherman School. Sponsored by the McLean School



Kathryn Mattingly, Jessica Benton and Ashley Shipley, all of Arlington, ride Pharaoh's Fury while attending McLean Day on Saturday.

and Civic League, Inc, the event raised funds for school and community projects. Community organizations kept McLean Day going with varying degrees of success until MCC began producing it in the mid-1970s. Due to an ever-increasing number of participants, in 1988 MCC relocated the festival to Lewinsville Park, its present home. Last year, festival organizers approximate more than 12,000 people attended.

Full Tilt, Pharaoh's Fury And Rides of All Kinds

Reithoffer Shows will bring back its popular rides The Tornado, The Ring of Fire, Pharaoh's Fury, The Starship 2000 and the bumper car rides. A new ride making its debut at this year's festival will be the Full Tilt, which makes a 25 degree tilt in mid-air, almost throwing riders out of their seats. Other attractions include a rock climbing wall, carnival games, free hayrides, pony rides, balloon sculptures and face painting. There also will be interactive displays by Fairfax County Police and Fire and Rescue. McLean Youth Soccer will offer a free Dribble, Kick and Score activity and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Games People Play II,

For More Information

For festival updates, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events, or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The Center's telephone will be answered from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the day of the festival.

whose games have become so popular at the Center's July 4th Fireworks, will run fun field games and award prizes.

Great Artists Take the Stage

Festival producers have spiced up the McLean Day stage with performances by professional artists, including: Jessie and James Mutts Gone Nuts Variety Show, Children's Entertainer Mr. Knick Knack, Children's Entertainer Yosi and The Mike Rose Magic Show.

International Food Court

Eatery Row will have the hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, skewer chicken, French fries, gyros, sausages, steak-n-cheese, falafel, crab cake sandwiches, shrimp on a stick, fried rice, lo mein and egg rolls that festival lovers have come to expect. Other treats include Good Humor ice cream, funnel cakes, cotton candy, popcorn, roasted nuts, sno-cones and apple dumplings, along with a wide variety of hot and cold beverages.

Parking and Free Shuttle Service

Limited parking will be available around Lewinsville Park, so MCC is strongly encouraging participants to use its free shuttle service. Starting at 9:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, shuttle buses will run to and from the park to from Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road; McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road; and the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Parking also is available at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls St., and shuttle carts will run from the back of the building to Lewinsville Park.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6428. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

Book Discussion and Signing. "The Thirteen American Arguments" by Howard Fineman. As Fineman sees it, since the nation's founding, there have been 13 main clashes of ideas about American life - and every major debate this country has faced can be traced back to one of these frameworks. 7:30 p.m. at Borders Tysons Corner, 8027 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, 703-556-7766.

Katie Herzig, Steven Delopoulos, Julie Lee. The Feet Upon the Ground Tour. Acoustic. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Jammin' Juniors. Children's band Rocknocoeros performs 12:30-1:30 p.m. in a free concert for ages 2-5 in McLean Central Park, at Route 123 and Old Dominion Drive. Visit www.mcleancenter.org/alden/jamminjuniors.asp.

Preschool Sing Along. Sing songs with Miss Belle. All ages. 10:30 a.m. at Dolley Madison Community Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 703-356-0770.

Lights, Action, Camera! Movie Night at the Library! Enjoy the movie version of a favorite book. For adults. 7 p.m. at the Oakton library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 703-242-4020.

Patrick's Poetry Cafe. Informal poetry reading and discussion. Bring something to read. Adults. 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Community Library,

101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Meet the Artist: Mark T. Smith, who designed the official 2008 Summer Olympics poster. 7-9:30 p.m. at Habatat Galleries, 8020 Towers Crescent Drive, Tysons Corner. The artist will be signing copies of the poster, and showing the original painting. Contact 703-989-7110 or infoVA@habatatgalleries.com, or visit www.habatatgalleries.com.

Emergenza International Music Festival Semi-Finals. Visit www.emergenza.net. Kyro, Brodan Jazz Experience, Cosine, Almost Human, Sex & Missiles, the Cornel West Theory, Caustic Kindness. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Emergenza International Music Festival Semi-Finals. Visit www.emergenza.net. Once Okay Twice, Allie & the Krunch, Ibex, Rome in a Day, Dimestore, The Slow Burn, T.E.M.P.O. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Mr. Knick-Knack performs every Friday, 11-11:45 a.m. in the Kids Play Area, level 3, AMC Theatres Wing at Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Call 703-847-7300 or visit www.shoptyson.com.

Book Signing. Motivational speaker Michelle Taylor signs copies of her new novel, Troubles Won't Last



Mark T. Smith displays his design for the official 2008 Summer Olympics poster and signs posters Thursday, May 15 at Habatat Galleries.

Always. 6 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Call 703-506-2937.

Terrific Twos. Stories and activities. Age 24-35 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

Game On. Runescape, DDR, Wii, pizza and soda at the library. Age 10-18. 6 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

McLean Day 2008. Annual community party with carnival rides, food, music and voting for McLean

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CALENDAR

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Community Center, Board of Directors. 8 a.m. Old Firehouse Teen 8K Fun Run, elections 9 a.m.-5 p.m., major attractions 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Free admission. Visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events for more details.

World Children's Choir seasonal concert featuring selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and music from Austria, Canada, China, Korea, Italy, Japan, Turkey and the United States. 7 p.m. at the Ernest Cultural Center Theater, NOVA Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children, students and seniors. Visit www.WorldChildrensChoir.org or call 703-883-0920.

Emergenza International Music Festival Semi-Finals. Visit www.emergenza.net. Society of Strangers, Root Deco, Cornell Stone, Rogue Saint, M. Quest, Eric Arceneaux, the Vicious Martinis, Mason Summers, Junkyard Band/Art of Junk. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Langleigh High School Chamber Ensemble will play classical compositions on traditional instruments and some contemporary works on electric instruments. 4-6 p.m. Free. Outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. 703-288-0505.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. For adults. No registration is required. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

Spring Fling. Celebrate spring with the Carousel Puppets, bunnies, birds and Humpty Dumpty. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

Historic Fairfax. Learn about archaeology and historic markers in Fairfax County from Park Authority and History Commission presenters. Age 10 & up. 2 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Potting Party and Plant Exchange. The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society presents a hands-on descriptive program with Bonnie Mirmak on how to prepare soil for potting. Attendees will take home their free potted mum, and are asked to bring one of their own potted and labeled seedling or divided perennial to exchange with a fellow gardener. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. Open to the public, free admission and refreshments. Call Jim Dunn at 703-560-8776.

Emerging Artist Showcase with Amadeus Concerts. 14-year-old pianist John Chen plays works by Mozart, Chopin and others. 4 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. \$20 includes post-concert refreshments and a chance to meet the performers. Students 17 and under always free. Call 703-759-5334 or visit www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Concerts at the Alden: Young Soloists Recital. Niki Hua, Annika Brynn Jenkins, Carmen Knoll, Hanbo Lin and Hyan Jong Moon. Free admission. 3 p.m. at the Alden Theatre at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

Sins Like Stars, Lansdowne. Pop/rock. \$8. 2 p.m. matinee at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Radney Foster, One Horse Town.

Country/blues. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Mill Run Dulcimer Band. 2-4 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Free, donations accepted. Call 703-259-2771.

MONDAY/MAY 19

Old Firehouse Teen Center Open House for rising 7th graders and their parents. Open house with free admission to learn about OFTC dances, trips and after-school programs, with registration discount for attendees. 7-9 p.m. at the center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Call 703-448-8336 or visit www.mcleancenter.org/kids-teens. Second event May 22.

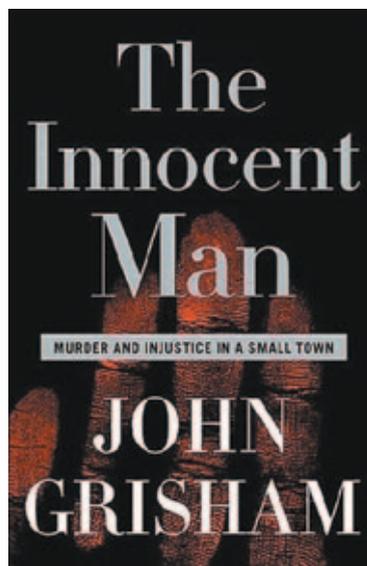
Marty Wilson-Piper, The Electric Mood Maidens. Alternative/rock. \$15. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Oakton Kids Read! Sneak Preview. Join us for a sneak peek at the "Best Books for Summer" book discussion! Call or come in for title list. Age 6-12. No registration is required. 2:30 p.m. at the Oakton library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 703-242-4020.

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

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Book Discussion and Signing. "Final Salute: A Story of Unfinished Lives" by Jim Sheeler. Pulitzer-prize



winning journalist Jim Sheeler weaves together the stories of the fallen and of the broken homes they have left behind." 7:30 p.m. at Borders Tysons Corner, 8027 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, 703-556-7766.

Laura Veirs, Liam Finn. Indie/alternative/folk rock. \$15. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion Group. Ask for title. Adults. No registration is required. 10:30 a.m. at the Great Falls library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call 703-757-8560.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Jammin' Juniors. Children's band Dinner Dogs performs 12:30-1:30 p.m. in a free concert for ages 2-5 in McLean Central Park, at Route 123 and Old Dominion Drive. Visit www.mcleancenter.org/alden/jamminjuniors.asp.

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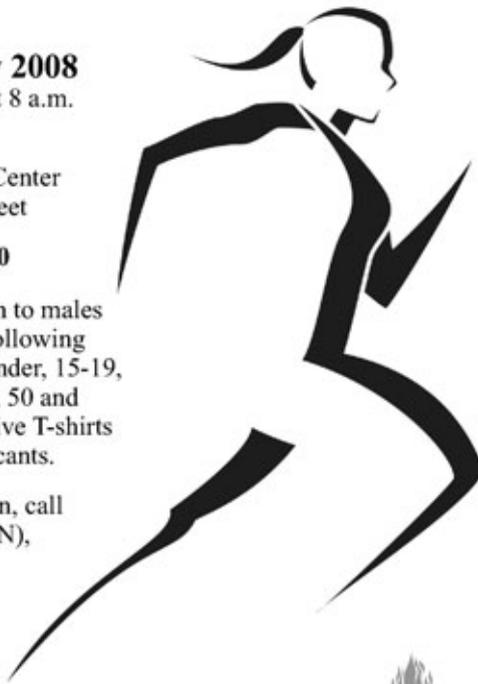
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NEWS

McLean Residents Eye Democratic Convention

McLean residents Fred Mittleman and Kristin Cabral are running to become a National Delegate and Alternate respectively for U.S. Sen. Barack Obama and hope to attend the National Democratic Convention in August in Denver, Colo. The election will take place at the Tenth Congressional District Democratic Convention to be held on May 17 at Heritage High School in Leesburg.

Mittleman and Cabral have campaigned for Obama, both in Virginia and out of state. They are both involved in the local and state Democratic Parties.

Both are members of the "Hope Happens Slate" with Mary Lee Cerillo, a resident of Centreville and the Sully District Democratic Committee chairperson, and Ryan Meyers, secretary of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee.



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Pictured from left, Democratic Party activists Ryan Myers, Mary Lee Cerillo, Kristin Cabral, and Fred Mittleman are the "Hope Happens Slate."

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Immanuel Presbyterian Church work team poses after whitewashing a building in Moyobamba, Peru. Front row, from left, Cody Swift, Stacey Swift, Noe, Patty Hamsher, Lock Swift, back row - Wally Hamsher, Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt, and Hunt Howell.



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Michael W. Smith, vice chairman of President's Council on Service and Civic Participation poses with the Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt at the White House Celebration.

Blessed for Volunteering

Immanuel Presbyterian Church recognized at White House event.

BY SHARON NORTH
THE CONNECTION

Last summer members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church (IPC) in McLean arrived in the village of Moyobamba, Peru to do construction work on a new auditorium for a school. They introduced themselves to the project foreman, a man named "Noe" (pronounced NO-AY) as los peones (Spanish for the "peons") — a new role for these Stateside desk-job holders. When they tried to address Noe as "jefe" (Spanish for "boss") the foreman shook his head and said, "No, Dios (God) is jefe" as he pointed heavenward. How true, the "peones" thought, reminded of the purpose of their work.

One of these workers was the Rev. Aaron Fulp-Eickstaedt, pastor at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Last week, Fulp-Eickstaedt attended President Bush's celebration of National Volunteer Week at the White House. The invitation was facilitated by parishioner Derrick Crandall, CEO of the American Recreation Coalition, who works with the White House's U.S.A. Freedom Corps office. Crandall was impressed with the pastor's encouragement of volunteering among the church's congregation, and said he is "always looking for ways to involve kids in volunteer service."

THE CHURCH'S VOLUNTEER efforts range broadly from local to international. Locally, church members volunteer on an ongoing basis at the Chesterbrook Residences in McLean, an affordable, assisted living facility for older residents. The Chesterbrook Residences project is supported jointly by Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, Temple Rodef Shalom and Immanuel Presbyterian Church. The three faith communities helped to start this project to provide affordable housing for this population, and continue to assist with worship services, book groups and many other activities.

Another local project Immanuel Presbyterian Church supports is the I Have a Dream Foundation. Started in 1981, this foundation has helped 15,000 young people "embark on the pathway to college" in the U.S. and New Zealand. Immanuel Presbyterian Church was one of the first churches to support a group of youth, known as "Dreamers," from Washington, D.C. in the 1980s. The church is now work-

ing with its second group of approximately 60 D.C. youth by providing weekly tutoring and mentoring to support them through middle and high school.

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN Church's own young people also volunteer in many ways. The church youth have done joint community service projects with the "Dreamer" youth including the "Take Pride in America" volunteer cleanup event Saturday, May 3 with deputy secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett at the C&O Canal National Historical Park's Carderock Pavilion. According to Crandall "the Immanuel delegation raked leaves, scraped and sanded picnic tables, painted and picked up debris and trash at the popular park site." Last fall Immanuel Presbyterian Church and "Dreamer" youth enjoyed a retreat at a center in the Virginia horse country. The activities included a ropes course and campfires at night. "It was amazing how kids [from both groups] were inspired to reach across economic and social boundaries to really have fun together," youth director Jim Stover said.

EVERY SUMMER for 15 years the IPC youth have gone on two Habitat for Humanity work trips, one to Chambersburg, Penn. and another to Marlinton, W. Va. One year, according to Stover, they had too many youths for the work site and he had to find a second site for six high school students. They found a home in need of repair and worked hard for a week painting, caulking, cleaning up trash and repairing a porch railing for a single woman with eight children. "The kids saw rural poverty for the first time and connected with the kids," said Stover. Later, he noted, the high school youth on their own initiative gathered Christmas gifts for these children, drove them to the Gettysburg area and left them as gifts from Santa. "I was impressed," said Stover. "They were not self-absorbed [teenagers] at all."

Work trips are not solely the province of Immanuel Presbyterian Church youth. A group of Immanuel Presbyterian Church adults will go for the second summer in a row to Moyobamba, Peru to do construction work, this year on an English language classroom at the Annie Soper School. The school is run by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. and is named for a Presbyterian missionary who served in the village for many years. Last year's construction project was an auditorium for the school. The Immanuel Presbyterian Church volunteers also work with orphans and run a children's Bible school while there.

Discussing the White House volunteer recognition, Fulp-Eickstaedt emphasizes the whole church's role. The recognition "was about the culture of volunteering at IPC. We have been blessed to be a blessing."

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Tyson's Task Force Prepares Final Report

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they studied other areas like the Ballston development in Arlington, they found that when Transit Oriented Development (TOD) worked not only did people drive less and use the Metro, buses or walk more, but the number of cars owned in the area did not increase at the same rate as the population.

He said there is 40 million square feet of parking space at Tysons and with that much free parking, everyone is encouraged to drive. He said the planners may recommend reducing free parking, providing local transportation to cut down auto trips and have some indication that with adequate work force housing, as many as 50,000 workers could be persuaded to live near their jobs.

THE "CIRCULATOR," an idea for a bus or trolley system to move people around Tysons, the task force determined, must have buses or trolleys, a dedicated right-of-way and this would have to be provided by taxpayers or a combination of grants and aid or more likely by a combination of all three.

He said the Task Force's charter had been to involve the public in its planning and not come up with a plan and then just get the public to agree. He said Task Force had been

set up with representatives of citizens groups, business interests, people from nearby communities and members of government and has had 137 meetings and scores of outreach sessions.

Tyler said that in the final weeks of meetings, the Task Force is now trying to choose the one, preferred, proposal for growth.

In these next weeks the Task Force will hone its views and a report will be written.

THE OUTCOME is being eagerly awaited. Earlier last week Tyler said the group gets numerous emails from people responding to things they've heard.

"We get emails all the time. They see a line on a map and send a note saying that the circulator must run by their property or some others think what they've heard means they will never develop a certain piece of property or build a high rise with 40 million square feet," he said.

Some members seemed, on May 5, to be searching for "regulations," they could rely upon to draw their plan, but others like member Stella Koch said the task force should keep an eye on what it is trying to do, "the bright and shining city on the hill," as Koch put it and be less worried that later developers will contest the plan.

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SCHOOLS

New Langley High Principal

Matt Ragone
hails from
Chantilly High.

By STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Matt Ragone, 40, of Herndon was named the new principal of Langley High School, replacing the retiring Bill Clendaniel. The Chantilly High School assistant principal grew up in Reston and brings many strengths to the job.

CALLING HIM detail-oriented, Chantilly High Principal Jim Kacur said: "Matt has been what I would refer to as a right-hand, here He's a gifted instructional leader with a great work ethic."

Debbie Santmyer, assistant principal of Chantilly High, added: "I think he's going to be a perfect match for that school. I've worked with him for six years and seen him go from teacher to department chair to assistant principal."

Ragone earned his bachelor's degree in history from Mary Washington College, a master's from GMU, and an education specialist degree from Virginia Tech. He started as a part-time history and government teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary in 1992, taught at Falls Church and McLean High schools and moved to Chantilly in 1998. Through the years, he's coached softball and basketball, and sponsored the Student Government Association, and ran the summer school.

Six years ago he moved into Chantilly High's administration as a subschool principal and oversaw the ESOL and Foreign Language departments, and the custodians and Professional Learning Community Initiatives.

He describes himself as "approachable. I'm a building-relationships kind of guy," he says. "I think the key at Langley is that everybody there has high expectations for their own kids; they have high expectations for their faculty."

He adds: "The key role for the principal is to build relationships with the PTA, with the local business community. And to make sure everybody is focused on what everybody wants for their kids — which is the best opportunity to learn."

While Langley High is consistently one of the top schools in the nation with an outstanding faculty,



Matt Ragone

Ragone hopes to continue to maintain the high bar. "It's been my philosophy to set high expectations and to get the resources for people to meet those expectations," he says.

Robyn Lady, director of student services at Chantilly, adds: "As a colleague, when he says he's go-

ing to do something, he does it."

When you get in the heat of the game, Matt's always had an intuitive sense of revisiting things after he's left a situation ... he's not just diplomatic, he actually cares about the people he works with."

KACUR praises Ragone's gifted leadership abilities and detail-oriented management style. "One of the things that he brought was a stability with his knowledge of the staff ... he's a really good person and we'll definitely miss him."

Ragone is also quite tech-savvy and helped install Smart Boards and Geometer's Sketchpads in the school's math department. He hopes to make that a focus at Langley — with its 10-classroom addition being finished by the fall. "They could use a big technology infusion," he said.

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Langley Puts a Damper on McLean's 'Senior Night'

Highlanders lose baseball finale, but finish regular season with impressive 14-6 record.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Langley High baseball team proved to be first-rate party crashers last Thursday night as the Saxons deflated cross-town rival McLean's homecoming festivities by rolling to a 12-1 win.

The Liberty District game, which was the final regular season contest for both squads, took place at McLean. Rain had fallen throughout the day, but things cleared off enough so that the game could be played.

Both teams were set to compete in this week's postseason district tournament.

BASEBALL

Langley, the No. 3-seed in the district tournament, simply had things going in the win over the Highlanders.

Leading the way for the Saxons was left handed starting pitcher Joey Zarella, who went the distance (5 innings) in the game shortened by the 10-run mercy rule.

Zarella (5-1 record), a junior and Langley's No. 1 starter, allowed one run and four hits, while striking out eight and walking one.

"I was locating my fastball well, and the curve," said Zarella. "I kept the ball down."

Meanwhile, the Langley offense struck early and often in the lopsided affair. The Saxons scored two runs in each of the first three innings, then broke the game wide open with five more runs in the fourth to go ahead 11-1. For good measure, the guests scored another run in the fifth.

Langley, as things turned out, scored at least one run in every inning.

"We're playing great baseball," said Zarella, who helped his team finish the regular season with a 9-5 record in the district. "This is a good boost going into the district tournament. We're expecting nothing less than a championship."

The win was especially sweet for Langley because it came over its area rival on the Highlanders' senior night.

Seven McLean 12th graders were honored during pre-game ceremonies, to the delight of the Highlander fans in attendance.

But when the game got started, McLean (14-6 overall record, 9-5 district) could not carry the pre-game emotional charge into the play on the field.

"I don't know," said McLean coach John Thomas, looking to sum up the evening. "Obviously, we weren't expecting this. I tip my cap to Langley. They kicked us up and



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McLean sophomore shortstop Chris Russo belted a double and had a single in the Highlanders' Senior Night loss to Langley last Thursday night

"I don't know. Obviously, we weren't expecting this. I tip my cap to Langley. They kicked us up and down the field twice this year."

— McLean Baseball Coach John Thomas

down the field twice this year."

But Thomas, whose team had also lost to the Saxons, 12-2, in a district road game earlier in the spring, was hardly giving up hope that his team would come back strong at districts this week.

"I have enough confidence in the kids to think it will come together [in the postseason]," said Thomas.

The McLean skipper credited Zarella with tossing a fine game against his team.

"Joey threw great," he said.

Meanwhile, McLean starter, sophomore Sean Fitzgerald, lasted 3-1/3 innings in taking the loss. Fitzgerald finished the regular season with a good 5-3 record. The Highlanders' other top-flight pitcher this season has been sophomore Denis Buckley (5-1).

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It was a tough night for the Highlanders, who hope to face Langley again at districts.

SPORTS

The McLean versus Langley High girls' softball game scheduled for last Friday night was postponed due to rain. The make-up date for Monday of this week was also a no-go due to the weather.

The Liberty District game was tabbed to be McLean's Senior Night and was to be both teams' final regular season game. McLean, with a win over the tough Langley

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team, would have clinched second place in the district regular season standings. The Highlanders beat Langley, 6-1, in the first meeting between the two teams earlier this spring.

The McLean High girls' soccer team defeated Langley, 5-2, on May 6 to earn the coveted MYS Cup. On the same night, the McLean boys defeated the Langley boys, 4-1.

In the double-header night of soccer, there was a full house at McLean High as the cross-town rivals met in both the varsity girls' and boys' contests, with fans of all ages in attendance.

Prior to the girls' game, McLean celebrated its Senior Night. The Highlander girls honored were seniors Melissa Belardi (University of Virginia) and Michelle Zimmerman (Emory University).

The evening was also tabbed as McLean Youth Night as young players from the McLean Youth Soccer organization were on hand to support the Highlanders.

Friends, parents, grandparents, alumnae, teachers and administrators gathered together to watch the high school match-up for the coveted MYS Cup. As McLean High School's principal, Dr. Debbie Jackson, commented about the friendly rivalry, "There are two schools, but one community."

THE GAME was a fierce, extremely physical contest, which displayed the depth of talent indigenous to both the McLean and Langley girls' programs. The teams battled to a 0-0 stalemate after the first forty minutes of play, despite multiple scoring chances for both sides.

Highlander junior Taylor Ancell broke the deadlock early in the second half after capitalizing on a communication error between a Saxon defender and her goalkeeper. Shortly thereafter, Ancell whipped a corner kick into the Saxon box which freshman midfielder Melissa Downey blasted into the Saxon net for a 2-0 McLean lead.

A lesser team's spirit may have been broken, but the determined Langley squad fought back valiantly and Saxon juniors Darya Golzar and Anna Lenczyk tallied goals to bring the game back to a tie midway through the second half.

The energy from the multitude of fans motivated both teams, and the momentum swung back and forth until Highlander junior forward Jasmine Mohandesi dug out a 50-50 ball and sprung junior Caity Flint loose from her midfield slot with a through-ball that Flint buried for a 3-2 Highlander lead. Unsatisfied, Mohandesi went back to work on a scintillating goal of her own to once again give McLean a two-goal lead,



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUZEL/THE CONNECTION

The McLean High boys' soccer team concluded the regular season with an impressive win over Langley last week.

which is how the game stayed until the waning moments, when senior Michelle Zimmerman made her last home game memorable by heading in a corner kick for the final goal.

Both goalkeepers were peppered with numerous shots on goal, with junior McLean keeper Alexis Longwell notching 17 saves for the Highlanders and Langley's Taylor Mohrmann getting 20 saves.

Starting players for McLean who also made their presence felt on the field were Elisa Enriquez-Hesles, Andie Romness, Kristina Bettner, Casey Alexander and Melissa Belardi. Caitlin Baker, Jamie Bugel, Ashley Burack, Mary D'Alesandro, Marissa Gitler, Shea Paine and Lauren Zimmerman also contributed to the win, supported by team manager, Amanda Ball.

"So much of the McLean-Langley game is mental and emotional," said McLean girls coach Laura Wilson. "I was a little nervous in the first half that we weren't as settled and focused as we needed to be. At the end of the first half we began to connect and I knew it would just be a matter of time before we scored. Both the girls' and boys' games were hard fought, and in the end, it was a tremendous night for McLean High School soccer."

The Mclean Boys, with their win, improved their record to 4-7-2. The Highlanders enter this week's district tournament as the No. 7 seed. They will meet No. 2 Jefferson in a quarterfinals round game. At stake will be a seeding at next week's 16-team Northern Region playoffs. During the regular season, the McLean boys lost to Jefferson, 3-0. Six of McLean's seven losses this season came by one goal.

McLean High assistant coach Marc Cascio received an ice water dousing as the McLean players celebrated their victory.

The McLean Youth Soccer Trophy was presented after each game by Dranesville District School Board Representative Janie Strauss and MYS Chairman Michael Riemer.

Team captains and principals from both Langley and McLean joined MYS representatives for lunch the following day to cel-

ebate.

The MYS cup has been sponsored by McLean Youth Soccer for the past five years. It was originally established by former MYS Soccer president Ted Kinghorn as a way to honor soccer in the community. This tradition ensures future top-notch competition between the Langley and McLean varsity soccer squads, inspiring today's youth players to be tomorrow's high school contributors.

Registration is now open for McLean Youth Soccer's Premier Soccer Academy Summer Camp for youngsters ages 5 to 16. Players from MYS and other clubs are invited to register for weekly sessions offered June 16 through Aug. 15 at Lewinsville Park in McLean. For more information, go to: www.mcleansoccer.org Questions: please email admin@mcleansoccer.org or call the MYS office (703) 506-8068.

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Highlanders

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MCLEAN has put together a solid regular season. The loss to Langley does not change that. One of the Highlanders' biggest wins of the season came in an upset win over Northern Region power Stone Bridge, 4-1, on April 18. McLean also beat district power Madison, 3-1, on April 23.

The Highlanders have been led by their seniors this season. Those 12th graders are: right fielder Corey Cannon, first baseman John Bodson, infielder John Scholla, left fielder Kendall Wilkins, catcher David Roffman, pitcher/third baseman Quinn Pippin and center fielder Justin Johnson. McLean's mantra this spring has been 'focus, effort and enthusiasm.' The Highlanders have a nice blend of seasoned players and talented underclassmen.

"We have a great young team and the senior leadership has helped us out," said Pippin, who along with sophomore starting pitchers Fitzgerald and Buckley has given McLean a formidable starting rotation. "A lot of guys are hitting over .300 and we're playing good defense."

Pippin said McLean simply got off to a bad start against Langley and never was able to get back into the game.

"We didn't come out strong," said Pippin, who had one of McLean's four hits and scored his team's lone run. "We were excited about [senior night]. The ball didn't bounce our way tonight. Hopefully, we'll get to see them again in the district semifinals. We have to keep our heads up."

Several Langley players had big games at the plate. In all, the Saxons knocked around 11 hits. Leadoff hitter Danny Bergamesca sent a solo home run over the right center field fence in the top of the fourth inning. For the night, the left-handed hitting senior had three hits, including a weather-aided, RBI triple in the fifth. The strange three-bagger was partially the result of a fog that had fallen upon the shallow left and left center field areas in the fourth inning. Bergamesca lifted a fly ball that disappeared into the thick fog. The ball, which normally would have been catchable, dropped onto the grass and Bergamesca hustled his way to third base.

Other multi-hit games for Langley came from: shortstop Jack Mclindon (2 hits, 1 walk), first baseman Eddie Gonzalez (2 singles, 1 walk, 3 runs scored) and left fielder Chris Sievers (double, RBI single, RBI walk). Also for the Saxons, Zarella had a double and a sacrifice fly, third baseman Michael Klein singled and DH Jody Davis knocked a sacrifice fly.

McLean's base hits came from Chris Russo (double, single), Pippin and Fitzgerald (RBI single).

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Donald Williams

Donald Williams is black, 5 feet 9 inches tall and weighs 220 pounds. He is 43 years old and has lived in Upper Marlboro, Md. He frequents the McLean area and Washington, D.C. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is asked to contact Fairfax County Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637). A \$100 to \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information that leads to an arrest. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

Tysonstunnel Holds Meeting, Fund-raiser

"To demonstrate its determination and commitment to keep fighting for competitive bidding for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and a tunnel for Tyson's Corner," Tysonstunnel will hold an informational event and fund-raiser May 19.

The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Café Oggi, which is located at 6671 Old Dominion Drive in McLean. State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), state Del.

Margie Vanderhye (D-34), Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Tysonstunnel President Scott A. Monett will answer attendee questions about the next steps in the Dulles Rail Project and how members of the community can continue to have their voices heard.

Tysonstunnel supporters who want to attend the May 19 event are asked to RSVP by May 17 to Tatyana Schum at tschum@tysonstunnel.org. Tysonstunnel is asking attendees for a minimum \$35 donation (more is would be appreciated). There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

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Glencaryn Historic District in Arlington County, VA. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Arlington County Office Building, Arlington County Boardroom on the third floor at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. Public comment regarding the proposal will be taken at the time of the hearing or can be sent to: Director Kathleen Kilpatrick, VA Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221.

These proposals have been recommended eligible for the Virginia Landmarks and National Register. Proposals will be presented to the State Review Board and the Historic Resources Board on June 19, 2008 in Richmond, VA. For a copy of the proposal and/or a boundary map, contact Jean McRae, VA Department of Historic Resources, 804-367-2323 x-102 or jean.mcrae@chr.virginia.gov.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I have never been a knight in shining armor. Nor have I ever been a man in uniform (Cub Scouts and organized team sports notwithstanding). Certainly I have been a fish out of water and on occasion, I will admit to having been a bit of a wallflower. I may not be the most memorable character you'll ever meet, but nor am I totally forgettable, either. I try not to take up too much space (figuratively speaking) and require very little attention as well. Left alone, I will not wither and die.

Basically, I need to be fed and watered daily, just like our mini rex rabbit, Chester; he seems fairly content to nibble his kibble, crinkle his nose, drink his water, inhale his kale, and toss his toys from side to side and seems not bitter at all when he uses his litter. When out and about (about 30 minutes a day), he hops and hops and chews everything in sight, and a few things we can't see so he needs to be monitored at all times (not unlike some people I know).

Left well enough alone, he will cause goat-like carnage in the house (he's an indoor bunny). He's already chewed Comcast cable wires, "Monster" brand stereo cables, newspapers and magazines, the fringe on Oriental rugs, upholstery and anything and everything he can get his buck teeth on. As simple and mundane as his routine/life appears to be, he seems content, so far as we know. I mean, we haven't received any complaints as yet, and he's been a member of the family going on five years.

It seems like the responsibilities I have — and fulfill — with respect to care-giving our animals (four at present; two cats, one dog and of course, Chester), are the closest I'll get to wearing shining armor. And yet, I'll likely never know if that's how my actions are perceived. Will a cat rubbing his hind quarters against my leg or curling his tail under my nose mean love, gratitude and appreciation? Or will he merely be scratching an itch and I'm the closest thing around? Does my dog Bailey's close proximity to my body indicate his love for me or am I simply protection from a nearby draft or is it a non-verbal queue to "treat" him as soon as I get up? Is Chester's licking of my hand yet another sign of love and affection or is it, as my wife, Dina, has suggested, merely his need for salt and moisture (a salt lick is a recommended in-cage necessity for rabbits)?

Obviously the animals can't talk to me (unless this was a Disney movie), but their actions speak volumes, right? I am their hero, their universe, their savior. Without me (and Dina, too) their life would be difficult, incomplete you might say. Their eyes, their focused glares, tell me all I need to know. And though they are not blood relatives, they are family nonetheless and providing their cradle to grave needs gives me a certain stature — and pride — that I don't think I would otherwise have, nor have ever had not having been in uniform — or armor — in my life (not counting Halloween, either).

Granted, there's more to life than animal magnetism, but given my modest demands and familial associations, I'm fairly content to walk quietly — and write weekly — as to my comings and goings, misgivings, faults and foibles and stick it to the man; that man most often being me. It's easy to take shots at others, anybody can do that. I'd rather stick to the subject matter I know best; me, myself and I. It may not be much but it beats the alternative.

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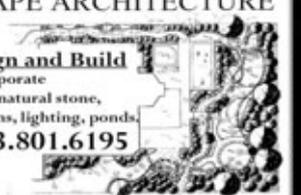
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Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

ACROSS

- 1 German river to the North Sea
- 5 Houston N.L.er
- 10 Fictional captain with an ivory leg
- 14 Fishing rod attachment
- 15 Oarsman
- 16 Malcolm X, for Denzel Washington
- 17 Where the President works
- 19 Minute amount
- 20 Jeans material
- 21 Regarding
- 22 Dick and Jane's dog
- 23 Skipped the wedding
- 25 Coin flips
- 27 High-hatter
- 29 Cockeyed
- 32 Seldom seen
- 35 Zoo inhabitants
- 39 Ill temper
- 40 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 41 Sewing groups
- 42 L.B.J.'s successor
- 43 Bed-and-breakfast
- 44 Scrabble unit
- 45 Yards in passing, e.g.
- 46 Accepted doctrine
- 48 Shrink—
- 50 Yellowbelly
- 54 Draw out
- 58 Auto racer A. J.
- 60 Sticky stuff
- 62 Hole— (ace)
- 63 "That hurts!"
- 64 Camelot fixture
- 66 Iwo Jima, e.g.
- 67 Hot coal
- 68 Study for finals
- 69 Lustful look
- 70 — Park, Col.
- 71 Makes bales for the barn

DOWN

- 1 Wear away, as earth
- 2 Carpenter's tool
- 3 Community gambling game
- 4 Area south of the White House, with "the"
- 5 Poodle's bark
- 6 Davenport
- 7 Chubby Checker's dance
- 8 Front of a sheet of paper
- 9 Nabisco cookies
- 10 Crops up
- 11 Dress for Scarlett O'Hara
- 12 Choir voice
- 13 Tuckered out
- 18 Harbinger
- 24 "The Many Loves of — Gillis"
- 26 Words of disrespect
- 28 Lahr of "The Wizard of Oz"
- 30 Humorous Bombeck
- 31 "What — wrong?"
- 32 Narc's bust
- 33 Cartoonist Peter
- 34 Wagner work
- 36 Have work in Hollywood
- 37 Lot
- 38 — Haute, Ind.
- 41 Falcon feature
- 45 Popeye's muscle builder
- 47 May honoree
- 49 Came down to earth
- 51 Be in harmony
- 52 Motel units
- 53 Harbor suspicions
- 55 Snake charmer's snake
- 56 Dental filling
- 57 Abounds
- 58 Aluminum sheet
- 59 River in England
- 61 Where gramps jounces junior
- 65 A.M.A. members

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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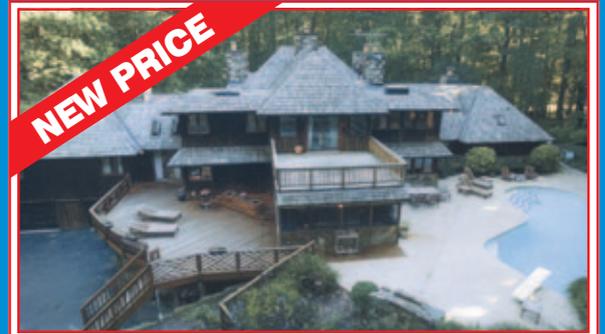
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