

Alex Joannou carries his daughter, five-year-old Athena, left, and family friend, Kyleigh Mendoza, 5, at McLean Day on Saturday.

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McLean Day visitors enjoyed a variety of live entertainment at Lewinsville Park on Saturday.



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McLean Day offered children and parents many different activities to enjoy, like face painting during the annual event at Lewinsville Park last Saturday, May 17.

8K Run Changes Discussed

Some suggest making it stand-alone event.

BY JULIA WINKLER
THE CONNECTION

The 15th Annual 8K Run went off without a hitch last Saturday, opening the McLean Day celebration. Spanning a roughly five-mile course through the streets of downtown McLean, it drew in a crowd of 50 participants of various skill levels. Underneath the friendly atmosphere, however, lay a controversy in the planning of the continuation of the event. Whereas certain community members hope to continue its association with the annual McLean Day festivities, others wish to make it a stand-alone event.

"It's a big strain on resources doing McLean Day in terms of staff," said Sharon Harrison, youth director for the community center and coordinator of the 8K Run. "[The run] could be more of a family event, where we could do a family fun run versus a diehard 8K run." Although put on by the Old Firehouse Teen Center, the event showed little turn-out for children and teenagers; rather, the majority of runners were adults, likely because of its early start time and difficult terrain.



Male winner Kevin Bedell, McLean Community Center Youth Director and race coordinator Sharon Harrison, and female winner Laurel Danner pose near the finish line shortly after completing the run.

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"The course is a hilly course, and if we did a shorter course that's more of a family fun run, we could get the community more involved," said Harrison. Race participants showed mixed feelings about the potential

change.

"They should keep it the same," said Kevin Bedell, who finished in first place with a time of 28:49. "If they moved it, it should be closer to the actual [McLean Day] event so you could finish it and go straight over. If anything, that would make it more of a family event." Others viewed the change as beneficial to the community.

"They should definitely do it. They'd have a bigger turnout," said Stephanie Richey, the first woman to finish as a registered walker. With the possible adjustment still only speculation, McLean residents will have to wait to learn the future of the event.



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Candidate Lee DiCenso speaks with McLean Day attendees near the festival's entrance.

Teen Programs Cited as Priority

Residents of Dranesville Small District No. 1 cast their votes last Saturday for members of the McLean Community Center Governing Board. As sponsors of the annual McLean Day event, the community center utilized the festival to gain publicity for the candidates and set up a voting booth near the event's entrance. With a total of 574 votes cast, current Chair Sean Dunn was reelected, along with new members Lee DiCenso, Risa Sanders, and Lori Wertz. The youth candidate winners were Jennifer Dunn from the McLean HS district and Thomas Meyer from the Langley HS district. Atop the list of concerns for both the youth and adult candidates is maintaining opportunity and space for McLean's various groups in light of the

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Tysons Tunnel Rallies Support Marshall versus Gilmore

Local politicians, candidates speak at organization's fund-raiser.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

There is still hope for an underground Metrorail through Tysons Corner, according to local politicians and candidates who spoke to a crowd of tunnel supporters at Café Oggi in McLean Monday night.

"We have to be positive. I still think this can happen," Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) told attendees of the event, which was staged by the grassroots organization TysonsTunnel.org as a way to raise funds and update its supporters.

The organizers estimated that almost 130 people attended the talk, for a contribution of at least \$35 apiece.

With the burden now on the state, the Metro system and the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to convince the federal government to allocate \$900 million for the \$5 billion Rail to Dulles project,



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Del. Chap Petersen (D-34) speaks to Tysons Tunnel supporters at a fund-raiser and information session at Café Oggi Monday night. Next to him is Democratic congressional candidate Leslie Byrne.

the fight to run the rail under Tysons Corner will not make or break that federal funding, said Foust. He said he regretted the fact that tunnel proponents had come to be seen sometimes as obstructing the rail project. "I am a huge supporter of Rail to Dulles," he said.

Del. Chap Peterson (D-34) agreed. "Let's zero in on the tunnel," he said. "The fact that the rail is going to be built, we're accepting that as fact." Petersen said he hoped this change would alleviate tensions between communities that continued to push

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Marshall versus Gilmore

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Several activists on both sides of the aisle have assumed this year's race for retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner's seat would be a match up of two former governors, Democrat Mark Warner and Republican Jim Gilmore.

But many people wore the stickers of Gilmore's opponent for the Republican nomination, Del. Bob Marshall (R-13), while participating in the Republican's 10th congressional district convention at Langley High School on May 17. Gilmore and Marshall will face off at the Republican Party of Virginia's state convention in Richmond May 31.

"I like Jim Gilmore but I think Bob has a better chance of winning. ... He doesn't labor under the high negative ratings that Jim Gilmore does," said former Republican Del. Dick Black of Loudoun County.

WITH \$1.1 MILLION in campaign contributions, Gilmore has raised approximately 23 times more than Marshall. The former governor, having held statewide office, is also likely to have more name recognition than the state delegate.

But candidates like Marshall, who has a strong base of supporters among party conservatives, tend to fare better at conventions than in caucuses or primaries. Conventions typically draw fewer participants and a core group of backers can have greater weight, according to political scientists.

Marshall's local supporters said his principled stances on outlawing abortion and keeping taxes low make him an attractive candidate.

Fairfax County resident Ronald Wilcox called him a "tremendous hero" for leading the legal challenge against Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and the Virginia General Assembly's transportation plan last year. The plan called for a regional taxing authority in Northern Virginia and was declared unconstitutional by the state supreme court earlier this year, in part as a result of action by Marshall.

"He cares more about being right than being loved," said Wilcox, who lives near Chantilly and attended the

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Tysons: Between 'Urban' and 'Suburban'

Size and diversity of Task Force make consensus difficult.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The Paris Peace Talks at the end of the Vietnam War have nothing on the final meetings of the Tysons Land Use Task Force.

In Paris in the 1970s, they argued over the size of the table. In Tysons the argument is whether to break up into small groups or stay as one body as they wrestle with preparing their final recommendation for redesigning the 1,800 acres of Tysons Corner.

One member may have underscored the main problem. "We have to decide whether it is urban or suburban," and he felt it was an "urban priority" in the plan.

From the beginning some members and some critics said the 36-member task force with residents of nearby communities, Tysons business men and women, county officials and a range of involved citizens from a bike shop owner to a homemaker would be too cumbersome to make decisions. Like almost all deliberative bodies in a democracy, that initially appeared the case last week on Monday night.

Despite Chairman Clark Tyler's plan to break the meeting into groups after presen-

tations by staff planning experts, the meeting moved forward as one group, albeit jerkily. Several members said they did not know how the Task Force could find consensus, if it met in small groups where the views of all the members could not be shared.

The first two and one-half hours were in discussion of the transportation plan for the new city. Though no conclusions were reached, these were the concerns raised:

- * The circulator idea, that is a trolley or bus to carry passengers around Tysons Corner and reduce the use of cars, is fully supported. But the members seemed to think that they needed to know where it would run and whether it would run on "dedicated" shares of the road. The circulator as drawn on early maps of the plan would run between the four proposed metro rail stations. The stations, the planning officials said, are about eight minutes apart, so some way to get around and to offices and residences has been considered critical.

- * The Dulles Corridor Rail (all members are working on the presumption that the rail project will go forward) will presumably bring passengers to Tysons Corner from both the Washington direction and the Dulles International Airport directions. If it became, as the planners hoped, a major carrier of employees to an expanded Tysons (one envisions Tysons growing to have some 200,000 jobs), what to do at each station, how to disperse the riders in the morning and evening rush hours did not seem clear to Task Force members.

- * How to control the vast flow of cars into Tysons has not been clear during any planning. For instance, cars often abandoned the toll road to Dulles at Tysons Corner to avoid the 75-cent toll. One major hope has been that once the density of Tysons is increased and more high rises are built and convenient housing is available a lot of workers will choose to live near their jobs. Planners acknowledged that they have never studied the major apartment buildings in Tysons to find out how many residents work nearby.

- * How pedestrians can cross the major roads that dominate Tysons was treated as a critical issue last week. Questioning whether pedestrian bridges over the Beltway, the Toll Road and Route 7 are sufficient and feasible.

- * Tysons will also be impacted by the four "Hot Lanes" exit ramps that are planned for the area, but where they will dump our cars and how to meld them with local streets raised sharp questions

- * The "grid" plan too seemed up in the air. In general terms, task force members have been in favor of creating urban style grid plans for streets in several Tysons neighborhoods, but how this will meld with developer's plans seemed unsettled.

- * Finally several members felt the early plan is bland, old fashioned and failed to have the touches of urban planning now found in Europe, San Francisco and New York. There was an absence of "green" in the sense of green planning and in the integration of parks and recreation areas.

NEWS

Guilty Plea in CIA Bomb Threat

Antoine Lowery, 30 of Washington D.C., pleaded guilty Friday, May 16 to making a bomb threat outside CIA headquarters in McLean, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg.

U.S. District Court Judge James Cacheris is scheduled to sentence Lowery this August in federal court in Alexandria. Lowery faces a maximum penalty of 10 years of prison, three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine.

When Lowery rammed a pickup truck with a snowplow into a gate outside CIA headquarters on Feb. 22, 2008, officers with the CIA Security Protective Service immediately surrounded Lowery's vehicle.

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PEOPLE

Including 'All Kinds of Children'

McLean resident wins Human Rights award for children's education business.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

When she was planning her Classic Tales 'n Tunes children's program, McLean resident Jody Katz said, "It was important to me that we were able to serve all different kinds of children." Six years later, that approach won her Fairfax County's Human Rights award for a county business, which the Human Rights Commission presented to her in a May 6 ceremony. The commission called Tales 'n Tunes "a uniquely inclusive educational program for children and accompanying adults."

"A basic right is access to curriculum," said Katz. To that end, the program, which now employs two subcontractors in order to serve five community centers, two preschools and a daycare center in Northern Virginia, caters to a variety of learning styles and incorporates American Sign Language and Spanish. Also, children in the class, who range in age from 18 months to 5 years, are taught to include each other and treat each other fairly. "The children let all the other children see and hear everything," said Katz.

ANY ONE CLASS might include children who are gifted, autistic, speech- or developmentally delayed, hearing-impaired or physically disabled.

To include them all, Katz said she wanted to give equal weight to each of the three basic modes of learning – visual, auditory and kinesthetic, so each class includes singing, dancing, finger plays like "Where is Thumbkin," self-directed play and an "interactive story time." Every session revolves around a theme, such as the current "Fiesta" motif that is to coincide with Cinco de Mayo. She said the central theme helps the children access the material.

During story time, "the children don't just sit there while we do all the talking," said Katz. Instead, they might be asked to answer questions, sign words or imitate different animals. "It really helps them to feel like they're contributing and gets them involved," she said. For self-directed play time, children are given items like hula hoops, tunnels and slides to do



Jody Katz

with as they will. The adults might also participate in play time.

Age discrimination is also discouraged, so parents and caretakers are part of the program too. "They love learning the sign language," said Katz. "They sing the songs, play the music, they dance with us." She tries to have only the children answer questions during story time, "but sometimes the adults participate too," she laughed.

In keeping with the program's name, Katz also tries to center activities around books and songs she considers to be classics, from "Goodnight Moon" to Chopin, to Elvis Presley and Ella Fitzgerald. She also uses more recent work by local children's musicians such as Dino Rock or Sweet Honey in the Rock. "I start with a book and it will remind me of songs I know, or I'll hunt for songs," she said. "I'll preview like 2,000 songs for a lesson." She laughed. "I stay up a lot of late nights."

KATZ did not have a professional background in education when she created Classic Tales 'n Tunes. Upon becoming a mother she had stayed home with her children, but she often volunteered for musical and theater activities at their schools. She also directed some shows at Adventure Theater in Glen Echo, Md. But she said her best training was informal. "I raised two kids. I know a lot about music and I learned a lot from them."

"If they don't learn from the teachers, they learn from the other kids."

— Isabel Tumblin

"It's good to have the structured learning," said Isabel Tumblin after a Tales 'n Tunes session at the Carver Center in Arlington, noting that even teaching the children to follow simple instructions like when to sit and stand was helpful. "If they don't learn from the teachers, they learn from the other kids," she said.

"It's fun. It gives us something to look forward to," said Christine Ryan Jyoti. "I'm a stay-home mom, and we need something to do." She said the sessions were "much better than what I could accomplish in 45 minutes at home."

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McLean Citizens Association president Rob Jackson, Teen Character Award recipient Victoria Roisman, Dranesville District School Board member Janie Strauss, and Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust take the stage at Lewinsville Park during the McLean Day celebrations as Roisman is presented with the 12th annual award.

Teen Honored For Helping Others

Victoria Roisman received Teen Character Award.

BY JULIA WINKLER
THE CONNECTION

The 12th annual Teen Character Award was presented on Saturday to Victoria Roisman, a junior at Flint Hill School, for her exceptional service to the community for the past several years. On hand to present the award on the main stage at McLean Day were Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, Dranesville District School Board member Janie Strauss, and McLean Citizens Association president Rob Jackson, who commended Roisman for her commitment to coaching a boys' basketball team and candy striping weekly at Reston Hospital. Rewarded for consistent service to the community not necessarily for a school requirement, the award cites caring, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, respect, and citizenship as attributes the chosen teen must possess. Furthermore, he or she must have performed service that is voluntary in nature, occurring on a continuous basis, and initiated by the teen. For Roisman, the most inspiring activity was spending four hours each Saturday volunteering at Reston Hospital.

"I'm reminded of my motivation every time I see somebody smile and say 'thank you for helping me'," said Roisman. "At the hospital, when I give out a room number to someone, everyone is so grateful and it makes me happy that I can do something to help." Aside from earning personal gratification through helping others, Roisman's service helped to point her in the direction of a potential future career.

"I am very much interested in nursing after I've watched how hard the nurses work at their jobs. It just really inspires me to do something in my career to help others as



Award recipient Victoria Roisman stands by as Dranesville District School Board member Janie Strauss reads off the qualifications for the Teen Character Award at the annual McLean Day celebration.

well," said Roisman.

Susan McQuade, a neighbor who nominated Roisman for the Teen Character Award, was also instrumental in referring her for the Reston Hospital position.

"[Roisman] has a real sense for people. She can make them feel comfortable and make them feel that she can help communicate their needs. Even though she's young, I think she'll make a fantastic nurse and she'll be successful in whatever field she chooses," said McQuade. Roisman's peers shared a similar sentiment.

"She's honest and she gives good advice. She doesn't just give the answer you want to hear," said McQuade's son Kinnaird, a junior at Langley High School. Roisman's mother, Emily Roisman, acknowledged her daughter's self-governed pursuit of the opportunity, free of outside influence, as the most commendable aspect of her service to the community.

"I'm most proud of her continuous dedication to the method that she took on, that she sought out and she saw it through," said Roisman. The annual ceremony, held in so public a forum, provided a backdrop for the introduction of an exemplary youth figure to the McLean community.

Tunnel Advocates Look for Support

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for the tunnel and those that simply wanted the rail build one way or another. He said he wanted some of the \$158.7 million in federal money that was recently awarded for design work to be used to explore underground options.

"A project that is 95 percent built will still be changed," said Foust, adding that, with the rail still in the planning stage, "all we have to do is change some things on a piece of paper." Foust also said he hoped to see the project put back out for a competitive bid in order to bring the cost down.

Two of the Democratic congressional candidates for Virginia's 11th District were at the event to proclaim their support for the tunnel. Leslie Byrne said alternate funding for the tunnel should be sought. As the only candidate with any congressional seniority — she held the seat for two years in the early 1990s — she said she hoped to reclaim her former position on the Transportation Committee and

use it to push for the tunnel.

Doug Denny, one of her opponents in the Democratic primary, said there had been two main reasons he decided to run for office: "Ending the Iraq War was one. This was the other." He said he had recommended the tunnel as a member of the Tysons Corner Task Force and the county's Environmental Quality Council and had no "entangling alliances" that might hinder him in continuing the fight. TysonsTunnel.org will host a town hall-style meeting sometime in the next two or three weeks, followed by a series of fund-raisers, said founder and president Scott Monett. The organization has lost much of its corporate backing in recent months.

Monett tasked attendees with marshalling wider support for the tunnel and said other regions of the county, as well as Loudoun County, would need to be brought on board. "Until we get more than half of this county with us, we're going to have a hard time," he said.

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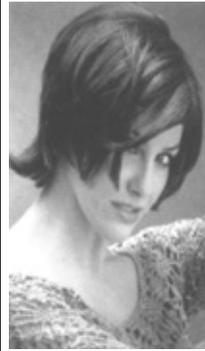
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NEWS

Decision Time for GOP

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10th congressional district convention last weekend.

Many Marshall supporters said they were turned off by Gilmore's stance on abortion. Gilmore has stated publicly that he does not think abortion should be legally prohibited during the first eight weeks of pregnancy.

"I don't like Gov. Gilmore's stance on life issues ... A human being is a human being whether it is seven weeks old or nine weeks old," said Paul O'Brien, a Marshall supporter and McLean resident.

But most Marshall backers said they would support Gilmore in the general election if the former governor were the Republican nominee. "We need to support the most conservative candidates ... It is not really anything against Jim Gilmore," said Wilcox.

GILMORE SUPPORTERS argued the former governor has a strong record on taxes.

"He carried through on his

pledge to end the car tax," said David McWaters, who served on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors from 1996 to 2000.

Gilmore's views may not be as absolute as Marshall's but that is

Court decision on Roe v. Wade "wrongly decided."

Most Marshall backers also said they would support Gilmore if he was the Republican nominee.

DESPITE THE DIVIDE over the U.S. Senate race, both Gilmore and Marshall supporters said they would be backing incumbent U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) in the upcoming Republican primary June 10.

"Frank Wolf is a decent guy. He keeps the spotlight on people who are suffering around the world. He has done a lot for Northern Virginia and deserves to be re-elected," said Charles King, a Loudoun County resident.

Wolf will face newcomer Vern McKinley in the Republican primary election on June 10. Though convention workers prohibited campaign signs from entering the Langley auditorium, a single large "Wolf for U.S. Congress" banner hung over the stage at the front of the room.

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— Paul O'Brien, Marshall supporter, McLean resident

positive for McWaters.

"Jim Gilmore is more reasonable than Bob Marshall. Bob Marshall is too extreme. ... I like practical politicians," he said.

Gilmore has argued on his Web site that he has strong record on abortion restriction. While governor, Gilmore supported the 24-hour waiting period for women seeking an abortion. He also banned partial-birth abortions and required parental notification for minors seeking an abortion. According to his Web site, Gilmore also considers the U.S. Supreme

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NEWS

New Board Members Stress Teen Programs

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town's recent development plan.

"The one thing I'm really concerned about is the development of downtown McLean and how that'll affect the space that the community center has and the Old Firehouse [Teen Center]. I want to be sure that if the firehouse is sacrificed to the development plan that we're compensated with equal space and street access space," said DiCenso. Youth candidates more closely tied to the teen center express similar sentiments.

"The older teens, I feel, are kind of slipping away from the McLean community and one of my biggest goals is to bring the older teenagers back to the McLean area and get involved," said Meyer. Aside from representing the teenage interests, candidates also hope to facilitate the growth of McLean's various performing arts groups.

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"I'd love to see us add a black box theater so the community theater groups, the experimental and student theater groups have an opportunity to showcase their work. The Alden is a magnificent facility but not everybody can stage a production large enough for that," said Sanders. "I would also like to see us enable additional exhibition space for the art shows and the antique shows."

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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

Local families turn grief into service.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

"He was wickedly funny and empathetic," Neiberger-Miller says, remembering her brother. "In many ways, I feel like I was just beginning to know the man he was becoming."

As we approach the seventh Memorial Day since the beginning of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with the loss of life there. More than 4,075 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 500 more have died as a result of operations in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007 in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, wrote: "Those of us who are already struck by this loss must add the numbers of those who are wounded [to those who have died]. That far greater number and the pain associated with it goes unnoticed and yet it is the one that is most alive around us. My wife and I try to help those at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon Fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org). It was my son's wish that we help the families and soldiers who come back wounded and we try to do all we can to honor him and his last wish." Many of Kirkpatrick's friends also work to raise funds for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day. She also has a special bond with the mother of the soldier buried next to her son at Arlington National Cemetery; both mothers lost their sons on the same day. The other mother lives in Connecticut, so Beth brings extra flowers and tends to her son's grave, as well as Nicholas'. They also hold an annual golf tournament to

raise funds for scholarships they distribute to remember Nicholas.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Corporal Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Rafael will soon deploy to Afghanistan with his National Guard unit (and with his twin brother

EDITORIAL Randy). Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are there because of their sense of duty to serve the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there, and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first class health care, and an expanded GI Bill that will provide a college education for every veteran who is so inclined.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

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❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27 of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007 of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006 of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of

Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at Jeb Stuart High School and had proposed to his high school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

❖ Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006 by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecker, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Children Appeal To Save the Earth

Celebrating Earth Day in April, Kathy Manetti's second grade class at St. Mark School in Vienna wrote letters to the Vienna and Oakton Connection editor

appealing to the community to take better care of the environment. Here is a sample of their letters:

To the Editor:

We need everybody's help. Please pick up trash, don't litter! Celebrate Earth Day every day!

— Sydney Mandrgoc

We need to save the earth from pollution. If we don't litter and if we recycle we can help save the planet. If we turn off lights that we are not using we can save energy. Think green and blue!

— Sarah Kemps

We want to help the earth. Don't lit-

ter. We want to change the world. Do not throw away batteries, recycle.

— Christina La Row

We want the world to be a better place, so take care of the earth! To take care of the earth, you should: pick up trash, recycle, don't throw away batteries, don't litter and reuse paper.

— Seth Viani

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The **Institute of Catholic Culture** presents several upcoming programs at **Saint John the Beloved Catholic Church**, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean. For more information, call 703-504-8733. **Saturday, May 24**, 7:30 p.m.: Saint Joan of Arc and the Hundred Years War with Christopher Check, executive vice president of the Rockford Institute. **Thursdays, May 29 and June 5**, 7:30 p.m.: Byzantium, from Glory to Schism with Dr. William Marshner. **Tuesdays, June 10 and 17**, 7:30 p.m.: Friendship, the Art of Happiness with Dr. John Cuddeback.

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.

Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road in McLean, is holding a Charity Flea Market and Bake Sale on **Saturday, May 31**, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The church is raising money to send 15 "missionaries" to Chichicastenango, Guatemala from July 20-27 to build houses for widows and provide assistance to the children in orphanages. The proceeds collected from the flea market and bake sale will go directly toward this adult mission trip.

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Citizens Foundation Supports Children's ArtWalk

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) has received \$5,000 from the McLean Citizens Foundation (MCF) to support and sponsor the Children's ArtWalk at the 2008 MPAartfest this fall.

The Children's ArtWalk will be one of the many highlights of the second annual MPAartfest set for Sunday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McLean Central Park.

MPA expects more than 40 juried artists and fine craftsmen from throughout the mid-Atlantic region to participate and attendance to be greater than the 3,500 Northern Virginia residents who attended last year.

The Children's ArtWalk will feature artwork created by elementary school children from McLean-area public and private schools. Hundreds of creations will line the walkway from Dolley Madison Library to McLean Central Park creating a visually fitting entryway to the 2008 MPAartfest.

"Sponsoring the MPAartfest Children's ArtWalk this year will round out our history of support for McLean students and give MCF a direct role in this great community-wide day of expression and creativity," said Patricia Butler, MCF president.

MPAartfest Chair Bari



CONTRIBUTED

The Children's ArtWalk at McLean Project for the Arts Artfest attracts children artists and arts lovers. Pictured here is Julia Walker enjoying the last year's event.

Levingston said: "McLean Project for the Arts is grateful to the McLean Citizens Foundation for its support of the 2008 MPAartfest and Children's ArtWalk. We encourage other local companies and organizations to follow McLean Citizens Foundation's lead by participating in this community event for art lovers of all ages."

MPAartfest is seeking corporate sponsors for the 2008 event. Spon-

sorship commitments range from \$600 to more than \$10,000. Each level provides organizations promotional opportunities at this widely attended community arts festival. For more information about MPAartfest sponsorships, contact Sheri McGrath, MPA's director of development, at 703-791-1953 or at smcgrath@mpaart.org.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through May 14.

ASSAULT ON POLICE/

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/

ARREST

Leesburg Pike 7700. The School Resource Officer at Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, encountered a man taking pictures of the school on Thursday, May 8. The man entered the school around 1 p.m. and was asked to leave by the SRO. The suspect began screaming so the SRO attempted to arrest him. The

suspect resisted and injured the officer. As he was being placed inside a cruiser for transport, he kicked out the window and was subdued with the conductive energy device. The suspect was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with assault on a police officer, felony destruction of property, disorderly conduct and trespassing. The officer was treated for non life-threatening injuries.

LARCENIES

Balls Hill Road 1400. Computer stolen from residence
Chain Bridge Road 1300. Beer stolen from business

Greensboro Drive 8100. Wallet stolen from business
Leesburg Pike 7500. Wallet stolen from business
Leesburg Pike 8100. Jewelry stolen from business
Leesburg Pike 8300. Purse stolen from business
Leesburg Pike 8300. Golf clubs stolen from business
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Tony Hathaway, Lorraine Chickering, Kendall Jennings and Jan Ponder share their reflections on exhibited photos.

Sonabank Hosts Photo Exhibit

Award-Winning photos greet branch customers.

BY SUSANNA TISA
THE CONNECTION

Art displayed on bank branch walls is not typically memorable, either for customers or staff. Kendall Jennings, who manages business development at Sonabank in McLean, was tired of looking at cheap, corporate-style oil paintings that only served to cover bare walls. When local photographer Bill Folsom suggested she contact the McLean Photography Club, Jennings jumped on the idea.

"Bill Folsom takes pictures for Greater McLean Chamber events. Sonabank is a Chamber member, so at one of the meetings I mentioned to Bill that I was looking for a way to partner with artists in the local area," said Jennings. "He introduced me to Tony Hathaway, who is in charge of exhibits for the club. From there Tony and I developed the idea for this display".

Sonabank's downtown McLean branch had plenty of wall space and natural light to work with. The selected photos are all award-winners, either from the club's own contests or from the Meadowlark Gardens Expo competition that just took place in February. Five photographers are featured from April 5 through May 31. The works are all for sale, with prices ranging between \$95 and \$195.

CLUB MEMBERS have a range of different skills, though there are no professionals who derive a ma-



Bill Prosser photographed "Memorial Bridge."

majority of their income from photography. Lorraine Chickering was a member of the club 8 or 9 years ago, but then other obligations got in the way. "I rejoined a year ago, now that I have more time. I love to travel, so I take pictures everywhere I go," Chickering said.

"Sonabank is pleased to be involved in the community by exhibiting the beautiful artwork of the McLean Photography Club."

— Devon Porter

the wall next to the bank's vault. Another Ponder photo, "Fall for Meadowlark," was chosen for an official Meadowlark Gardens poster.

Chickering agrees that the club has helped her develop as a photographer. "The workshops have

The club offers a learning environment for every shutterbug. Jan Ponder became actively engaged in photography only three years ago. "I had always loved taking pictures and then I saw an ad for a club meeting. I came one evening — Tony was lecturing on that program — and I was hooked," said Ponder. A series of three floral photos by Ponder grace

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- 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. **The Fabulous Mary Ann Redmond**
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SUNDAY, MAY 25

- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. **The McGinley Family Gospel Singers**
www.spiritui.com
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. **The Cathy Ponton King Band**
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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.

Critters and Cookies. Children 2-4 with adult will explore the outdoors with a naturalist. \$8 per child, reservations required. 1:45-2:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park Visitors Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Call 703-759-9018.

Buzzing Bugs. Time to hunt for insects. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Community Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 703-356-0770.

Miss Belle's Sing-Along. Enjoy old favorites and original songs. Age 1-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

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. Noon at the Oakton library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 703-242-4020.

Steps to Reading. Stories and activities. Age 4-5 with adult. 1:30 p.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

PJ's and Popcorn. Come and watch a movie in your pajamas. All ages. 6 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

Book Discussion Group. Call for the book title. Adults. No registration is required. 7 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Community Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 703-356-0770.

Book Discussion Group. Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town by John Grisham. Adults. No registration is required. 7:15 p.m. at the Oakton library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 703-242-4020.

Evening Book Club. Ask for title. Adults. No registration is required. 7:30 p.m. at the Great Falls library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call 703-757-8560.

Chinese Conversation Group meets for practicing speaking the language, 7:45-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays at the group study room of the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton.

Call 571-225-7697.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

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.

Roots Rock Revival featuring Ruthie and the Wranglers, Patty Reese, Billy Coulter. \$15. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Book Signing. CEO and Inspiration Inc. founder Misti Bermeister will discuss the corporate transition from an aging workforce to young professionals and her book Boomer to Bloggers: Success Strategies Across Generations. 6:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Call 703-506-2937.

Socrates Cafe. Inspired by Christopher Phillips' book Socrates Cafe, participate in open discussion. Use the Socratic Method to pose questions, listen to others, raise challenges and consider alternative answers. Age 13 & up. 7 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Community Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 703-356-0770.

FRIDAY/MAY 23

ViVa! Vienna! Town festival on Church Street with carnival rides, music, food, etc. Continues through Monday. For information, visit www.viennarotary.org.

Movie in the Park. Family favorite G-rated movie outdoors at Glyndon Park. Begins at dusk, around 8 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. Free. For title, call 703-255-7842 after May 21.

Catfishin' Under the Stars. Learn fishing basics with a park naturalist, program for ages 7 and older. \$8 per person, prepaid reservations required. Rod rentals and bait are available for an extra charge. 7-10 p.m. at Riverbend Park Visitors Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Call 703-759-9018.

Football Challenge. Show off your skills in a flag football tournament and a kicking and throwing contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. 4-6 p.m. at Club Phoenix at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE. Call 703-255-6360.

Hot Club of Cowtown. Swing/folk/acoustic. 12. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E,



Thousands of people attended the 2007 ViVa! Vienna! held for three days over the Memorial Day weekend in downtown Vienna. Rides, games, food and crafts were all part of the annual festival.

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ViVa! Vienna! Facts

ViVa! Vienna! has been produced by the Vienna Jaycees, Vienna Chamber of Commerce, and now the Rotary Club of Vienna.

ViVa! Vienna! generates money for charitable giving by the Rotary Club of Vienna. Last year's ViVa! resulted in \$82,000 being distributed to organizations predominantly in the Vienna area.

Rotarians work throughout the year preparing for ViVa! Vienna!

CALENDAR

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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. Cosponsored by the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. 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.

SUNDAY/MAY 25

Camp McLean Open House. Parents and campers can meet Camp McLean staff, turn in information and forms, sample activities and participate in a Q&A session. 1-4 p.m. at the Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Call 703-448-8336 or visit www.mcleancenter.org/kids-teens.

"Blast Off": The U.S. Marine Band begins the summer performance series at the Filene Center of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 8 p.m. Program includes John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Morton Gould, Aaron Copland, Leroy Anderson and Ernesto Lecuona, and finale fireworks display. Free, no tickets required. Call 703-255-1900 or visit www.wolftrap.org.

ViVa! Vienna! Town festival on Church Street with carnival rides, music, food, etc. Begins Thursday, continues through Monday. For information, visit www.viennarotary.org.

Spring Seminars at America Plant, 10106 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Free. Call 703-438-8880 for information. Drought-Resistant Plants, 1 p.m.

MONDAY/MAY 26

ViVa! Vienna! Town festival on Church Street with carnival rides, music, food, etc. Begins Thursday. For information, visit www.viennarotary.org.

Open Mic hosted by David Cotton. To sign up, e-mail david@jamminjava.com. Free. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 27

Old School Freight Train, Drew Gibson. Roots. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Remembrances of a Dancing Career. Former ballet star Paula Tennyson Hoffman and Ralph Hoffman talk about their dancing lives. Adults. 7 p.m. at Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

Book Talk for Book Lovers. Book discussion. Ask for title at the Information Desk. Adults. No registration is required. 7:30 p.m. at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584



Mr. Knick Knack plays every Friday at Tysons Corner Center, 11-11:45 a.m. and the second Friday every month at Wren & Divine in McLean.

Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Ben Folds at Wolf Trap: a leading pop-music pianist returns to Filene Center for a high-energy performance, 8 p.m., tickets \$38 in-house, \$28 lawn. For tickets call 1 (877) WOLFTRAP; or online at www.wolftrap.org.

Jammin' Juniors. Children's musician Patricia Shih 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.

Cartoon Johnny CD release, Euphonism. A cappella. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

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Cathy Ponton King performs at ViVa! Vienna Sunday, May 25, at 2:30 p.m.

Vienna Singer Performs At Hometown Festival

Blues musician Cathy Ponton King, resident of Vienna for over twenty years, is scheduled to play at the annual ViVa! Vienna! celebration this Memorial Day weekend. Growing up in an Irish family, King began singing as a toddler and has since grown to become a well-traveled musician with a new album, "Undertow", to be released this fall. Leading a band comprising a guitarist, bassist, keyboard player, drummer, and saxophonist, King has described her style as "tough and tender blues". As talented a songwriter as she is a vocalist, King uses tragic events as inspiration, as evidenced by "Dark Shroud" — a song written in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. King will be making her hometown appearance **Sunday, May 25 at 2:30 p.m.** at the ViVa! Vienna! Big Stage.

ON THE MENU

Exclusive Father's Day Whisky tasting with 20% savings on Cole Haan purchases; complimentary engravings of all unopened bottles of Johnnie Walker Blue Label at Cole Haan; Tysons Galleria, **Thursday May 29, 7-9 p.m.** RSVF: 703-506-2115.

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.

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SCHOOLS

All Fairfax County's 24 high schools have been designated among the most demanding public schools in the country and are featured in the 2008 Newsweek-Washington Post list of 1,358 top U.S. high schools, found at www.newsweek.com. The 1,358 schools represent the top 5 percent of high schools nationwide.

Four Fairfax County public schools made the list of top 100 schools published in Newsweek, based on a formula devised by Washington Post education reporter Jay Mathews. In the top 100 are Langley High School at 55; Woodson High School, ranked 73rd; Lake Braddock Secondary School, ranked 93rd; and McLean High School at 97.

Local students won awards at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held last week in Atlanta.

Winner of a third award was:
❖ **Andre Gerner of Marshall High School** in Environmental Sciences for Efficacy of a Radon Pump at Mitigating Background Radiation Level.

Winner of a fourth award was:
❖ **Alexander Peterkin of Oakton High School** in Behavioral and Social Sciences for The Relationship Between Nail Biting and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder.

Ning Liu of McLean recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design. Liu received a bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Animation.

Sara A. Quinteros-Fernandez, a 2005 graduate of McLean High School and current junior at Penn State, is the recipient of the Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA) Roy Evans Scholarship worth \$5,000. Sara is the daughter of Jorge Quinteros and Sara Fernandez of McLean. She is the current vice president of the Penn State chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality (NSMH) as well as fund-raising chair for the United Club Council. She is also involved in Students Helping Honduras, a nonprofit organization run by students to raise money for orphaned children in Honduras. Sara is majoring in Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Management.

After nearly 22 years at Longfellow Middle School, Principal Vince Lynch retired on April 18. The Longfellow PTA is sponsoring a reception in Lynch's honor on June 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Current and past Longfellow students, parents, and educators are invited to attend. The community is also invited to help celebrate the many years of service Mr. Lynch gave the school, our kids, and the entire community.

Sappho Gilbert of McLean is the winner of a \$20,000 scholarship from the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. Sappho attends Thomas Jefferson High School of Science & Technology. The students are part of just 50 high school seniors selected nationwide based on their academic excellence, and school and community leadership.

Jonathan Lee Spear, Jr. graduated on Sunday, May 11 at Hampden-Sydney College. Spear graduated with a B.A. in psychology. He is a graduate of St. John's College High School and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan L. Spear of McLean.

The Longfellow Middle School eighth-grade Science teachers are sponsoring a Career Day for the students on Friday, June 13. Volunteers are needed to make presentations to the students about their careers in the science, math, health, industry, or technology fields.



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Anna Faulks, Jack Wilkerson and Anna Karl sign the lyrics to the song, "Let There Be Peace on Earth," during a benefit puppet show held by second grade students at Chesterbrook Elementary on May 16.

Seeds of Peace Chesterbrook Elementary Holds Fund-raiser for Escuela Caracol.

BY JOHN PAPAGEORGIU
THE CONNECTION

Chesterbrook Elementary was once again home to the annual puppet show performed by Suzanne Wilson's second-graders on Friday, May 16. Titled "Seeds of Peace," the show centered on the theme of positive actions creating a long-lasting benefit for humanity — "sowing the seeds of peace." This year, the evening benefited Escuela Caracol, a Guatemalan elementary school founded and operated by Wilson's son Josh and his wife, Courtney.

The second-graders of Chesterbrook have been interacting with the kindergarteners of Escuela Caracol the entire school year — exchanging emails, crafts and seeds indigenous to both locales.

The show featured an opening "Love Train" dance number with the children in matching conductor's uniforms. There were also photographs of Ansel Adams projected onto the stage accompanied by the strains of "This Land is Your Land" to choreographed puppet musical numbers. Between each performance, two puppet narrators introduced the various pieces, cracked jokes and reinforced the night's theme of lasting positive change in the world. Their words about examples of "seeds of peace" in our daily lives included tales of the origin of the Peace Corps, civil rights pioneer Ruby Bridges and Escuela Caracol.

After the performance, Bob Fuqua, principal of Chesterbrook, spoke — as did both Suzanne Wilson and her son Josh — about the puppet show and their hopes for what the interaction between the two schools would mean to the students involved.

"This relationship is part of an initiative launched by the school board to promote within the students of Chesterbrook a sense of community awareness," said Principal Fuqua. "Ten years from now, I want these children to understand that they are part of something that is bigger than themselves, both locally and globally."

SUZANNE WILSON echoed these sentiments, stating that she "wanted to instill in her students a depth of caring. I want them thinking about their local community, the elderly, the global community and the health of the world." She was overjoyed that her puppet show was able to help accomplish just that, adding that the children of Escuela Caracol had received puppets designed by her class earlier in the year.

Josh Wilson expressed his delight at the positive influence that sharing with the students of Chesterbrook has had on his students.

"I wished for a school where we educated the head, the hands and the heart. Where the students would feel a much greater sense of being part of a community, both locally and globally," said Wilson.

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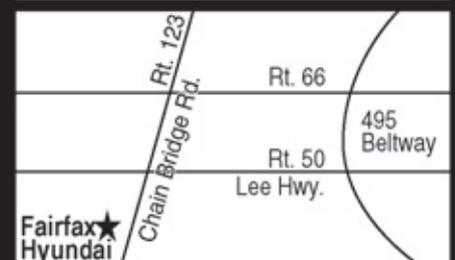
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Area Housing Markets Remain Relatively Robust

BY SUSANNA TISA
THE CONNECTION

It's hard to make sense of the statistics that come out each month about the condition of the residential real estate market. According to RealtyTrac Inc., in January foreclosures in Maryland were up 20 percent from the prior month, Virginia was up 30 percent, and D.C. was up 90 percent. By March, foreclosures in Maryland were only up 6 percent from the prior month, D.C. was down 7 percent, and Virginia was up 18 percent. This kind of volatility looks and feels a lot like the stock market.

If one has a carefully selected investment portfolio, then gyrations in the stock market should just be noise. In making sense of home values, local residents should take a careful look at the market right around them, rather than reacting to aggregate statistics. And just like with investments, getting different opinions and advice from multiple sources is valuable in turbulent markets.

Steve Thoman of Remax Distinctive Real Estate has been a residential real estate broker in this area since 1982. He and his wife Cherie live in McLean and together have over 52 years of experience in real estate. "We cover most of Fairfax County and out towards Leesburg. We can clearly distinguish how the micro-markets of McLean and Great Falls have performed very differently from the rest of Northern Virginia and across the country," said Thoman.

THE CURRENT LEVEL of foreclosures in Northern Virginia has not come as a surprise to the Thomans. "We had not seen a foreclosure in any of our markets for about eight years. Then about two and a half years ago, the number of bank listings we began to handle ticked up and has been rising rapidly ever since," said Thoman. "While valuations have declined in McLean and Great Falls, the foreclosure statistics you read about are in other areas of Northern Virginia."

Chris Fielding is a senior loan officer with First Heritage Mortgage, covering the Northern Virginia market since 1992. "Most of the loans in Great Falls and McLean are jumbo mortgages, which have become a lot more



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expensive. But borrowers in these areas are generally not upside down on their mortgages, though home values have declined. There are a few people who stretched too much to live here, but generally the residents were savvy enough to avoid exotic mortgages and not get themselves into a financial crunch," said Fielding.

The recent increase on the cap for jumbo mortgages (from \$417,000 to \$729,000) has had some benefit to jumbo refinancing rates, but not nearly what people were expecting. "Everyone thought this action would suddenly result in an immediate lowering of jumbo rates back to a more normal level relative to conforming mortgages," said Fielding.

"What people don't realize is that it takes time for investors who buy these new jumbo mortgage securities to get comfortable with the performance, so the price differential will be there for a while."

Helen Shubert, marketing director for Dominion Title Company in Great Falls, has worked with builders and developers in the past. "McLean and Great Falls markets are certainly different now than they have been, but people still want to move into these areas," said Shubert. "Properties that are priced well and show well are definitely moving."

BUYERS are somewhat slower to act now than they were before, because they are watching what others are doing and statistics are often stale. "Title companies get an interesting view of how the market is evolving, because title works comes at least a month or two after the sale contract is negotiated," said Shubert. "We have just seen a significant pick up in transactions in the last month,

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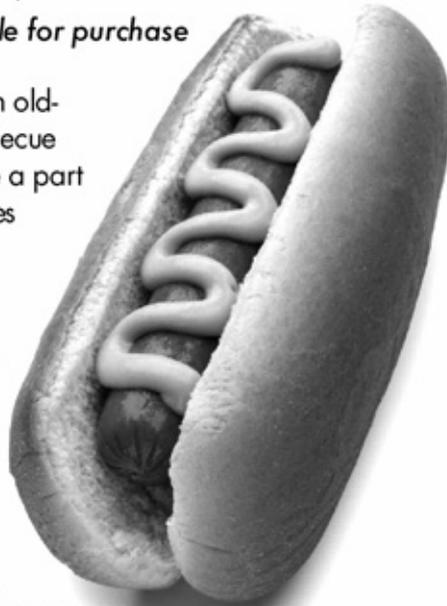
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Local Markets Perform 'Differently'

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which means that these are from deals negotiated a while back."

Advice from multiple sources is extremely important when markets are volatile. While there may be several different perspectives offered, the savvy home buyer or seller will take the best advice and act on it.

Thoman suggested that for buyers interested in making investments and willing to put in some level of sweat equity, foreclosures can be an interesting way to get into the market. "Bank owned properties are placed in the multiple listing service by qualifying brokers such as ourselves. If we know that a buyer is considering foreclosed homes, we can show properties that are in reasonable shape as soon as they become available."

THE HOMES won't likely be in Great Falls or McLean, but residents of these areas who want to diversify their investment portfolios into real estate not far from home can find some compelling values.

Fielding advised that homeowners who find themselves in a pinch should not be afraid to talk to loan officers. "I tell people that the first loss is often the best loss. You are better off taking a loss now if you have to, rather than waiting and it could get worse," Fielding said. "Take a close look at the terms of your loan agreement to ensure that you can manage through it. If you have to relocate for work, while renting out a property is clearly an option in what is a fairly healthy rental market in this area, consider the cash flow implications of potentially having two payments to cover." For those with healthy finances, Fielding said there are good opportunities to buy in Great Falls and McLean right now.

Shubert offered some very practical suggestions to home sellers who really need or want to sell. "In the past month, I have seen homes that are priced realistically sell fast. Properties get stale, so leaving a house on the market at too high a price means buyers get weary of it and eventually demand even more of a discount," said Shubert. And in Great Falls and McLean, "renting out a big house is difficult unless you focus on marketing to foreign embassies or corporate executives."

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Bank Showcases Photography

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given me a new set of challenges to overcome," she said. Her photos of Bodie Lighthouse in the Outer Banks and Kilauea Iki Lava in Hawaii are hung at the bank's entrance. "Our folks are pretty serious, they are shooting all the time," Chickering added.

Bill Prosser is a founding member of the Photography Club. "I always wanted to be a painter, but I am trained as an engineer. Photography gives me the precise form of expression that I am looking for," said Prosser. "I took photography classes at the McLean Community Center in the late '70s, began to teach, and then founded the club. It has always been small and congenial, right around 35 members."

Digital cameras have made a big difference in photography's popularity as a pastime. "Working with film was onerous and required a serious time commitment. Now everyone has a digital camera," said Prosser. "People get easily frustrated and want to learn more, so joining a camera club is a quick way to meet others and share experiences." Ponder agrees, saying "We learn

about equipment from each other and naturally begin to accumulate lots of it."

PARTNERSHIP between business and community is the driving force behind this exhibit. Devon Porter, senior vice president of Sonabank, is responsible for the retail branch network and commercial services. "Sonabank is pleased to be involved in the community by exhibiting the beautiful artwork of the McLean Photography Club," Porter said. "We are

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The McLean Photography Club meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday from September through June at the McLean Community Center. The club offers lectures, demonstrations, field trips, workshops, social activities, and three annual competitions. For membership information contact Sue Teunis at 703-536-9873 or visit www.mcleanphoto.org.

a community bank and we always encourage community involvement. We are very excited to partner with such a creative group that is an integral part of the McLean area." Sonabank offers full-service banking products to middle market corporate clients and retail customers throughout Virginia.

There are plans to continue the photo exhibit beyond the end of May, according to Jennings. "We would like to turn this first exhibit into a regular rotation. The reception from our branch customers and staff has been very positive." Hathaway is happy to oblige, saying "There are many more award-winning photos to choose from."



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From left: Pamela, Morgan and David Danner and McLean Rotary President Scott Mills at the award presentation ceremony.

Morgan Danner Receives Rotary Award

Morgan Danner, a Langley High senior, received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Club of McLean. Danner was presented the award by her mother, Pamela, a McLean Rotarian, for her work as the president of Langley's Interact Club.

This school year, the Interact Club

sponsored the school's Breast Cancer Awareness Day; developed a World Wildlife Fund adopt-an-animal campaign; participated in the D.C. Walk for the Homeless; and filled 35 shoe boxes with children's items for Samaritan's Purse international distribution during the Christmas season.

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High Marks for Highlanders at States

McLean rowers impressive; Highlander baseball and softball team gearing for regionals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The McLean High Crew Club captured a state championship at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships Regatta, held two weeks ago at Sandy Run Regional Park in Occoquan.

Overall at the meet, McLean won 14 gold medals, while earning nine silver medals and 18 bronze medals. Nine out of 10 McLean boats made it to the finals.

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The Women's Varsity 4 boat pulled ahead in the finals to win by seven seconds, a full boat length. The Quad crushed its opponents by twenty seconds and brought home the Regatta Director's Trophy for the second year in a row.

The Women's second 4 also beat its rival boats by a wide margin to take the gold.

The Women's Lightweight 8, in a battle with T.C. Williams, earned the silver.

For the first time ever, two McLean Men's 8s – the Men's Lightweight 8 and the Men's Varsity 8 – made an appearance on the awards dock.

The McLean Crew Club was scheduled to participate at the annual Stotesbury

Regatta in Philadelphia last weekend. Stotesbury is the largest high school regatta in the world.

This upcoming weekend will see McLean competing at the Scholastic Rowing Association Championships in Oakridge, Tennessee.

At the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Regatta on May 10, the Langley High varsity/JV rowers competed against teams from across the area for a spot at the Nationals.

The Saxon Men's 2nd Four earned the silver in its finals race. The Langley 2nd Four is composed of seniors Arjun Banerjee and Doug Bennett, sophomores Will Chiang and Matt Levetown and Coxswain Allie Mullin (freshman).

The Langley Women's 1st Four progressed to the Petite event where they took second place behind Granby High by millimeters. Saxon seniors Becca Berenson, Brittany Havens, Keriann Miller, Alexa Burke, and coxswain Michelle Bovee made a fantastic sprint to finish the race.

Selected winners from the VSR Championships progress to this weekend's Nation-



McLean High crew Women's Quad, left to right: coach Leah Silverstein, McKenzie Harper, Emily Smith, Kat Geithman and Marla Brendley.

als in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

In rowing action earlier this month on May 3, the Langley Freshman and Novice rowers competed in the Ted Phoenix Regatta on the Occoquan. The Men's 3rd Four won their event and earned the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority trophy. The boat consisted of coxswain Katarina Tran, senior Sheel Kumar, junior Benton Crane, sophomore Patrick Canis and junior Alex Bramlet. The boat rowed a good race and beat its competition by 25 seconds.

The Langley crew team was headed to Philadelphia this past weekend to race in the Stotesbury Regatta on the Schuylkill River. The Saxons' team will represent Langley High School in a competition that includes 178 rowing clubs from 13 states and two countries.

The McLean High baseball team lost to Stone Bridge, 2-0, in a Liberty District tournament semifinals game played last Friday night at Madison High School in Vienna.

The Highlanders' season is still alive however, as they prepare for the start of this week's 16-team Northern Region playoffs.

McLean (15-7), coached by John Thomas, entered the eight-team district tournament as the No. 4 seed. In its first game, the Highlanders defeated No. 5 W.T. Woodson, 11-5. That set up last Friday's meeting against top seeded Stone Bridge.

The Bulldogs received a strong outing from starting pitcher Tyler Basso, who allowed three hits over six shutout innings of

work to garner the decision. Basso struck out 10 and walked four. Stone Bridge reliever Mike Palmer pitched the final inning in the game.

McLean starting pitcher Denis Buckley tossed an outstanding game, although he took the hard-luck loss. Buckley allowed two runs and five hits over six innings. He struggled with his control, walking seven batters, and struck out two. Defensively, McLean had no errors.

Stone Bridge scored a single run in the bottom of the first inning, and later added another run in the fifth. That was all of the game's scoring.

McLean finished with four hits on the night. Highlander DH Brett Bleiweis knocked a double for McLean, while teammates Erik Payne, David Roffman and Kendall Wilkins each had singles.

During the regular season, Buckley and McLean had beaten Stone Bridge, 4-1, in a game on April 18. Buckley earned the win that day, while Basso took the loss.

Basso recently earned District Pitcher of the Year honors, while Buckley earned First Team honors.

Stone Bridge, following the playoff win over McLean, went on to capture the tournament title when it defeated Madison, 10-0, this past Monday night at Langley High School. Ty Weaver (8-0) was the winning pitcher, holding the defending district champion Warhawks to just a single.

The McLean High girls' softball

team, following two postponements due to rain, finally played its regular season finale against area rival Langley last week. And the Highlanders won the low-scoring affair, 1-0. The Liberty District contest took place at McLean High School.

With the win, the Highlanders, who were celebrating their Senior Night, ended up taking both regular season contests against the Saxons this spring.

McLean made it a night for their seniors to remember. As far as anyone can remember, McLean had not ever beaten Langley twice in the regular season before. The first time the two teams played this season, McLean won 6-1. Last week's second meeting was important for both teams because second place in the regular season was on the line.

McLean only had two hits, one from Lauren McColgan and the other from Jamie Bell. Langley, meanwhile, also had two hits — one from Lindsay Brown and the other from Jam Mowery.

McLean pitcher Kristen Raber tossed a great game for the Highlanders. For the night, she threw 86 pitches with 53 of them being strikes. She was aided by a crisp defense that committed just one error all game.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, McLean's Lauren Sutherland earned a walk before Megan Sullivan's sacrifice bunt moved her to second. Carolyn Gilbertson then grounded out to second, advancing

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Sutherland to third. Moments later, Sutherland was able to score on a wild pitch to give McLean a 1-0 lead.

And that is how the game ended. McLean, with the triumph, finished second in the district standings, ahead of such nemesis as the Saxons and Madison.

McLean, following its win over Langley, began district tournament play in its following game last Friday and defeated Jefferson, 6-0. That put the Highlanders into the semi-finals where they fell to Langley.

McLean, who will begin play in the 16-team Northern Region tournament this week, has a lot of talent on its team this spring. The team's hitting, especially, began to come around over the second half of the season.

The following McLean players earned All-Liberty District recognition this season: Kristen Raber (Pitcher of the Year); Alaura Maglio (First Team Catcher); Brittany McCray (First Team at second base); Lauren McColgan (First Team shortstop); Jamie Bell (Second Team outfielder); and Megan Sullivan (Second Team First Base).

Highlanders to make the all-district tournament team were Lauren Sutherland and Alaura Maglio.

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Langley High freshman second baseman Mandy Moll batted in the go-ahead run Monday night as the Saxons fought from behind to defeat visiting Stone Bridge, 9-8, in the Concorde District softball tournament



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McLean High's boys soccer season recently ended with a loss at Jefferson in the first round of the Liberty District playoffs. The Highlanders, coached by Mike Anderson, finished the season with four wins.

title game.

In a dramatic postseason contest that saw sawed back and fourth throughout the night, it was No. 3-seed Langley, playing on its home field, that finally broke through in the extra innings by scoring three times in the top of the 10th inning to surge ahead 9-6.

Moll, Langley's No. 9 hitter in the line-up, came to bat that inning with runners on first and third with one out in a 6-6 tie. She sent a fly ball into right field that was misplayed, allowing teammate Lauren Engel to score from third base to make the score 7-6 Saxons.

Even if the fly ball had been caught, Engel would easily have scored on a tag up.

Following Moll's at-bat, Langley got three consecutive hits – from Jam Mowery, Christina Bumpus and Kelsey Green. Runs crossed the plate on both Bumpus and Green's hits to give Langley breathing room at 9-6.

It turned out the Saxons (18-5) needed those extra insurance runs. In the bottom of the 10th inning, Stone Bridge catcher Kayla Lechler, with a runner on second and two outs, belted a towering, two-run home run over the right center field fence to get the Bulldogs within 9-8. It was the senior's second homer of the game and fifth base hit. For the night, Lechler, an All-Met player and Stone Bridge's No. 3 hitter in its line-up, knocked in six runs.

But after Lechler's two-run smash got her team within one, Langley relief pitcher Brooke Brown, who had entered the game way back in the fifth inning, retired the next batter on a groundout to shortstop Green to end the game.

Langley, by winning the epic, hard-fought game, won its third straight district tournament crown and fourth in the last five years.

"It was kind of an up and down game," said Langley coach Bob Morrow, whose team had rallied for two runs in the seventh inning to force extra innings. "But in the [10th] inning, our big hitters came through."

Runs in the game were scored in every inning from the first through the seventh. But in extra innings, neither team scored in either the eighth or ninth innings. The offense picked up again in the 10th and Langley was the last team standing.

One of the game's critical moments came in the seventh inning. Langley, trailing 6-4, had runners on first and third with two outs. The next batter, senior right fielder Lauren Engel, needed to reach base to keep the game going. She worked the count full

against Stone Bridge pitcher Cassie Phillips (9-2/3 innings of work) before lofting a ball towards the opposite field in right. The ball landed for a double and plated both runs to tie the contest at 6-6.

"All that was going through my mind was, 'Hit the ball and keep the inning going,'" said Engel, who went on to garner tournament MVP honors.

Both teams had players who put together huge individual games. For No. 1 seed Stone Bridge (17-6), who had beaten Langley by scores of 11-7 and 4-2 during the regular season, Lechler, the Bulldogs' senior catcher, was outstanding at the plate with her two home runs and five hits.

"She's the leader of the team," said Stone Bridge coach Mike Skinner. "She's a beast at the plate."

Other multi-hit games for the Bulldogs came from Cori Prince (2 singles, 1 walk), Lauren Wolz (2 singles) and Amanda Adams (2 singles).

Meanwhile, on the mound, Phillips, Stone Bridge's starting pitcher, battled hard into the 10th inning before Ashley Gardner (RBI single at the plate) came in to replace her. Langley had 12 hits off Phillips, including a two-run homer off the bat of Saxon leadoff hitter Mowery in the fourth.

For Langley, coach Morrow used two pitchers – starter Shannon Engel (4 innings, 2 runs) and reliever Brown (6 innings), who earned the win.

During the postgame awards ceremonies, the 11-member all-tournament team was announced. Kelsey Green, Jam Mowery, Christina Bumpus and Lauren Engel (MVP) made it for Langley. And, for Stone Bridge, Kayla Lechler, Lauren Wolz and Natalie Driskill were named. Other players to make the team were: Lauren Sutherland (McLean), Alaura Maglio (McLean), Laura Wolff (Madison) and Toni MacReynolds (Madison).



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Flint Hill senior Jason Gannon scored in triple-overtime to beat Potomac School, 10-9, and claim the school's first ever Mid-Atlantic Conference tournament title. The Huskies (14-2) trailed 7-3 in the third quarter before scoring four consecutive goals to even the score. Potomac School fired back with two goals to take a 9-7 lead. The Huskies again came back to even the score at the end of regulation. After two scoreless overtime periods, Gannon's goal with 3 minutes 43 left in the third gave the Huskies the win.

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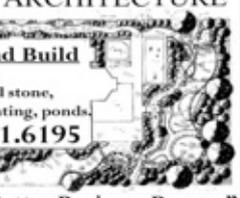
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WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Vienna Board of Architectural Review
regular meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

Vienna Community Enhancement Commission regular meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6360.

Public Works Open House. Vienna Department of Public Works annual open house at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E., 2-6 p.m. All residents are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be goodies for children. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

Wolf Trap Ribbon Cutting. Construction and improvements to the Main Gate facilities, including plaza, restrooms, gift shop, box office and concession stands, at Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, will be officially completed with a ribbon-cutting

ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Visit www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY /MAY 31

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women will collect used books 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East in Vienna. Gently used books, CDs, tapes and software are accepted.

Children's books are needed. No records or textbooks are accepted.

Questions? 703-448 9195 or www.mcleanaauw.org

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

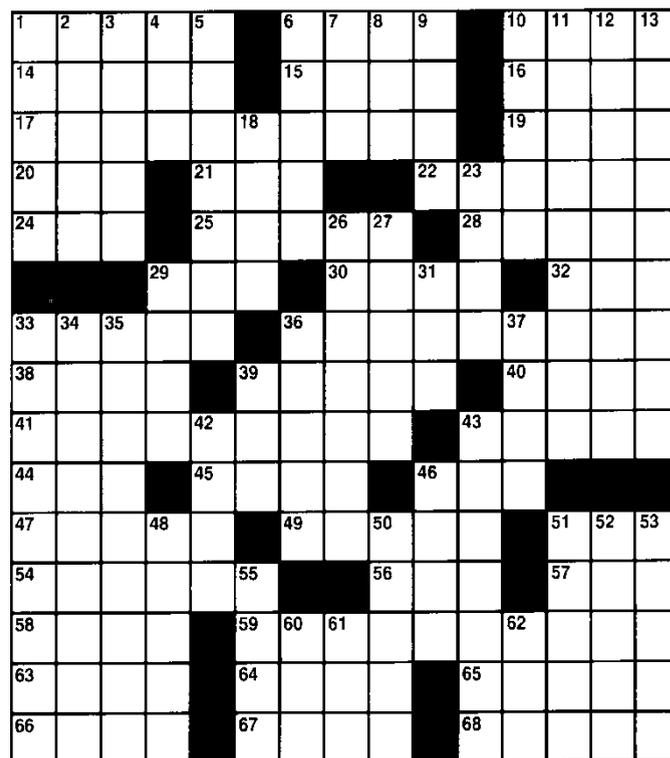
Celebrating Partnerships: brown bag event with the Fairfax County After-School Network. Regla Armengol, executive director of Prospera Initiatives to support after-school programs for Latino youth is the featured speaker. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Room 107 of the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Refreshments will be provided but space is limited.

Contact Linda Gawthrop at 703-324-5580 or Linda.Gawthrop@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxyouth.org.

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Puzzle by Harvey Estes and Nancy Salomon

ACROSS

- 1 Went airborne briefly
- 6 Sitcom set in Korea
- 10 Weary workers' exclamation
- 14 Eskimo home
- 15 Division word
- 16 "___ Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)
- 17 Musician at a dance?
- 19 Egyptian cobras
- 20 Vitamin bottle info
- 21 Delaney of "N.Y.P.D. Blue"
- 22 Address part
- 24 Shade of blond
- 25 "No" vote from a horse?
- 28 Funky musical genre, for short
- 29 Rock singer — Bon Jovi
- 30 Julie in "Doctor Zhivago"
- 32 Needlefish
- 33 Jack who ate no fat
- 36 "What's your sign?" for example?

DOWN

- 1 The Scales

- 18 Lender's claim
- 23 Cafeteria carrier
- 26 Peeked (at)
- 27 Unduly severe
- 29 Blue birds
- 31 66, e.g.: Abbr.
- 33 Sun-shaped
- 34 Smoked Italian cheese
- 35 Undoing an act
- 36 LuPone or LaBelle
- 37 Italian cabbage?
- 39 Back-to-work time: Abbr.
- 42 Singing Mama
- 43 Friendly, reliable sort
- 46 Norse bolt maker
- 48 Symbols of stubbornness
- 50 Publicity person
- 51 Forgo
- 52 Enjoyed home cooking
- 53 Shows signs of boredom
- 55 Estrada of "CHiPs"
- 60 Blvd.
- 61 Delivery vehicle
- 62 Kilmer of "At First Sight"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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