

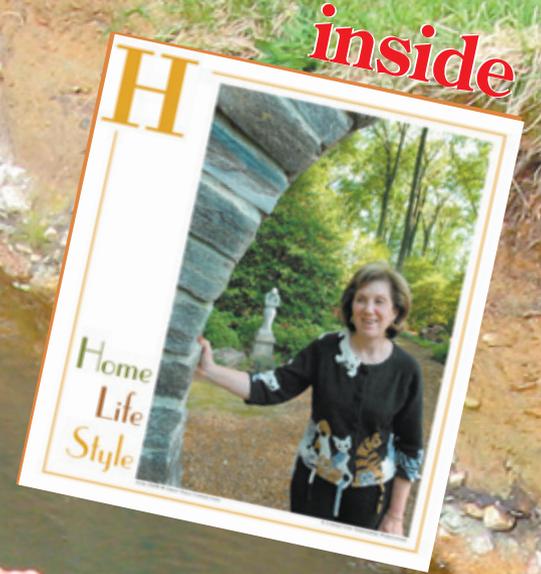
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Will Gray, 13, has sought out pathways in Great Falls, but his main route still requires him to cross a small creek. Some community members are calling for more residents to take trails into their own hands.

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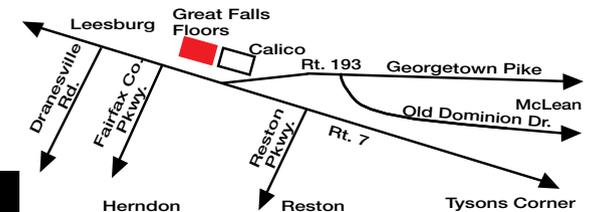
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Retired Army Capt. Stephen Maguire delivers the keynote address.



The crowd joins in the singing of the national anthem.

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Commemorating Those Who Sacrificed

Great Falls gathers at Freedom Memorial.

On the fourth Memorial Day ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, keynote speaker and retired Army Capt. Stephen Maguire ruminated on the need to commemorate the dead and on the necessary war.

Introduced as “a true warrior” by his friend, retired Army Capt. Andy Wilson, Maguire had

served in Vietnam until he was critically wounded by a booby trap that left him blind.

Maguire remarked that about 1 million Americans had died in combat in “wars we had to face.” The living have a need to remember those dead with tangible symbols, he said, such as flags placed on graves on Memorial Day or the poppies that came to symbolize deceased soldiers in the World War I era. “This park here and your presence here today are tangible symbols of that,” said Maguire.

The question he’d asked himself, he said,

was why soldiers were willing risk death for this country.

What made the country great, he said, was that it espoused the ideas embodied in the words around the Freedom Memorial, such as “Courage,” “Honor” and “Obedience.” He recalled watching the cowboy movie “High Noon” and the reasons the townspeople gave not to fight the gang of killers terrorizing the town. Those reasons, he said, “can be true.

“The thing is, at a certain point, they don’t matter.”

The marshal in “High Noon” and other heroes realized “there was something bigger than them at stake,” he said. “At some point, some of us have to make that decision — that we are smaller than the stakes are.”

He encouraged the audience to share their beliefs and values with those around them so that they are not lost.

In memory of the 24 Great Falls residents who have died in combat, Michael Kearny read off their names as Sheryl McEwan tolled a bell for each one.

— MIKE DICICCO

Trailblazers Young and Old

Great Falls residents encouraged to take trails into their own hands.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Of the many trail advocates in Great Falls, Will Gray might be the youngest. The 13-year-old and his step-father, Steve Gray, have been searching out trails and open areas where he can ride his bike since they moved into town five years ago, and he is now familiar with a network that runs from Nike Park through his neighborhood off Springvale Road and to Stephanie Circle, making the Village Centre accessible by bike.

“I feel like I can go anywhere when I want to without having to catch a ride or anything,” said Will.

Steve Gray said he had wanted Will to have the same freedom of movement he had enjoyed as a boy growing up in Chicago.



The stretch along Marta Roy’s property that was once taken up by misshapen trees is now walkable. Roy replaced the trees with a new row inside her fence.

Narrow roads like Georgetown Pike, however, are risky for biking. He said he and Will had sought out paths on foot and bike, as well as on Google Earth, a program that provides satellite pictures of the earth. The

backbone of the trail network is a gas pipeline where the trees have been cleared.

While many neighborhoods have their own trails, those to the south of Georgetown Pike, such as his own, are close enough to

“This is something that could be done this summer if we choose to do it that quickly.”

— Kathleen Murphy, Long-Term Planning Committee co-chair

each other that they are more easily linked, said Gray. “A lot of the work’s already done, in my opinion, in terms of linking the communities,” he said. “There’s a lot of low-hanging fruit.”

HOWEVER, he said, a route where a teenager can ride a bike does not necessarily constitute a path. The clearing over the pipeline is rough in places and is divided by a small creek that has to be crossed. Also, the final connection to Nike Park is an old path that has not been kept up. Gray said no one would traverse the route with a stroller.

The Grays and others who would

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Optimists Support Kidz Clubhouse

Charity presents
\$12,000 check.

BY JULIA WINKLER
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Optimist Club continues to support worthy causes: last Thursday, the club members presented a check for over \$12,000 to Kidz Clubhouse, a local non-profit benefiting children with disabilities. On hand to receive the donation was Diane Anderson, founder of the organization, as well as several parents and children involved with its programs. Gathered from the proceeds of raffle ticket sales at the Optimist Club's recent Great Falls Spring Festival, as well as from a number of personal donations, the funds will help Kidz Clubhouse continue its services beyond this summer's annual camp.

"[The Optimist Club's] gift will allow us to operate through the next school year, so we're really blessed," said Anderson, who founded the organization in 2005. "This money we'll save to continue the camps during the school year, like during teacher workdays, federal holidays, winter break, and spring break." The program, inspired by Anderson's oldest son being diagnosed with autism, provides children with special needs with an opportunity for friendship and fun while giving their parents a much-appreciated break.

"[Anderson] does the camp when there are no programs available; it's the only activity going on when Fairfax County closes,"



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Kidz Clubhouse patrons Bill Blood, his daughter Lindsay Trinca, and wife Ann Trinca Blood of McLean await the presentation of the Optimist Club's check at the meeting held at Great Falls Library on Thursday.

said Maria Woodward of Vienna, a parent involved with the program. "It's been a godsend for that. It's affordable and we trust the kids who volunteer. There's a lot of empathy." The program enlists the help of local high school students to lead the children in art and cooking projects and take them on field trips to zoos, water parks, and other local attractions. The Optimist Club voted to present the money to Kidz Clubhouse, rather than other local

charities, coming as a saving grace in light of recent fund shortages.

"We are particularly proud to support Kidz Clubhouse," said Optimist Club President Lisa Jackson. "We are supporting a worthwhile cause — families and children with special needs — to offer a camp experience for those who wouldn't have it otherwise. Everyone wants to give back but we don't know how. This gives us a forum to do so."

Community Calls for Expanded Trails

FROM PAGE 3

like to make Great Falls navigable by foot, bike or horse may find some help in the handbook about to be released by the Great Falls Trailblazers. "The intention was to pass on what I know to other people," said Trailblazers President Eleanor Weck.

The book will teach readers how to dig a trail into the ground without creating water runoff, how to maintain it, how to research existing trail easements, how to obtain grants to pay for trails and where to look online for trail-oriented groups. Among other tidbits in the book is the fact that property owners bear no liability for users of trails on their property, and that they can limit the trails' uses and get grants for barriers or privacy screens along the trails.

Kathleen Murphy, co-chair of the Great Falls Citizens Association's Long-Range Planning Committee, said she hoped residents could use such information to cooperatively connect and augment existing trail networks. While a plan for trails in the area is on the county books, she said, if neighbors want control over where the trails go, they can plan and build them themselves. "This is not something that needs to be delayed," she said. "This is something that could be done this summer if we choose to

do it that quickly."

Murphy said the 2020 Vision Survey that her committee conducted last year, asking what Great Falls residents wanted for their community 12 years from now, found that about 75 percent of respondents wanted to see an integrated system of trails. "This is a very strong desire of the community — to have a way to walk or ride bikes," she said. "If we had trails, we wouldn't have so much traffic on the roads," said Weck, noting that the ability to walk or bike around the community would cut back on half-mile car trips.

However, she said, some homeowners associations have resisted inviting residents of other communities onto their paths. Moreover, she said, since many roads don't have enough right-of-way along them to allow for a trail, the space must be granted by individual property owners. Weck said this posed a bigger barrier to building the trails than any need for funding. "About 80 percent of people want trails, except those whose property they'd be on," she said. "Money won't do it. People have to want to do it."

ONE EXCEPTION among property owners is Trailblazers member Robin Rentsch,

who, in addition to a conservation easement on her property, secured a trail easement on the front of it along Springvale Road. Her neighbor did likewise, creating a 600-foot stretch that is walkable and available for further trail construction. Rentsch said many easements along the road had been granted by developers in accordance with local zoning. "We have a lot of easements on Springvale, but they don't all connect," she said, noting that she can now get from her home to Turner Farm Park on easements along the other side of the street.

Meanwhile, she said, the county is purchasing easements for trails along Georgetown Pike and Walker Road, sometimes with money raised by the Trailblazers. The group raised almost \$2 million in federal grants for trails along the two roads. "We have the money but we're having a hard time spending it," she said. Because the funding was granted by the federal government, it has to be spent by the county and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). "It's hard to get them on the same page," said Rentsch.

Weck said she hoped the trails would be built this summer.

One resident who already made her prop-

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

Camps Offer Free Week

This year, Andy's Parties & Great Kids Camps have added 1/2 hour per day and 1 day per week to their Gaithersburg and Great Falls mini camps — so their camps are now 5 days per week and 2.5 hours per day. Mini-camps are \$195/child per week, but if signed up by Saturday, May 31, for three weeks, then the fourth week is free.

Great Kids Camps - Lansdowne Resort full-day camp offers all of the activities from mini-camp along with swimming, sports, and catered lunch.

Great Falls Mini-Camps is at 758 Walker Road, 2nd Floor (GF Village Centre) - 703-757-2FUN. Email: andy@andysparties.com.

Trails Day Event At Scotts Run

On June 7, celebrating the National Trails Day, Washington D.C. area residents will be joining together to lend local trails a helping hand at Scotts Run Nature Preserve, a 325-acre treasure in McLean. More than 150 volunteers, several different trail projects, kick-off remarks from government officials and a full day of camaraderie will mark National Trails Day 2008 at Scotts Run.

In the spirit of this year's theme, "Join us on the Trail," American Hiking Society, Fairfax County Park Authority and Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) have joined together to co-host the event.

Arrive between 7:30 and 8 a.m. for a convenient shuttle to the kick-off and welcome ceremony. Find details at AmericanHiking.org/NTD.aspx (click on Virginia on the map). All volunteers must register with REI by calling 703-379-9400 or emailing Mark Nelson at mnelson@rei.com. Questions can be directed to REI or American Hiking Society.

Used Books, Software Collected in Vienna

The McLean branch of the American Association of University Women will collect used books on Saturdays, May 31, June 21, July 12 and 26 for upcoming sales, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Suntrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Gently used books, CDs, tapes and software are accepted, children's books are especially needed. No records or textbooks are accepted. Call 703-448-9195 or visit www.mcleanaauw.org.

Trailblazers Develop Handbook on Great Falls Trails

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erty along Walker Road more walkable is Marta Roy, who formerly had a row of misshapen trees between her fence and the street. She found a cheap way of having the trees removed. Because the trees, like others along the road, were slowly dying after Dominion Power had cut off branches to protect the power lines overhead, Roy was able to have Dominion take them down free of charge. "These trees are unsightly, they're dying, and the way they cut them is not

necessarily the right way," she said of trees trimmed by the power company.

After the trees were cut down, VDOT hauled them away, again for free. However, Roy then spent about \$7,000 planting a new row of trees inside the fence.

The trail that will run through Roy's newly cleared property, as well as the one along Georgetown Pike, is to be made of stone dust, except for concrete stretches within a mile of the Village Center and Great Falls Elementary School.

Weck said stone dust was preferable because horseback riders can't use concrete paths, and stone dust is easier on joggers, as well as bike riders who might take a spill. Also, she said, the permeable surface minimizes runoff and maintains a semi-rural appearance, allowing plant life to grow through it. She said maintaining a pastoral atmosphere was another of residents' priorities. "They don't want to see it. They just want to walk on it."

How the rest of Great Falls' trails are con-

nected will be up to residents if the Trailblazers have their way. The first run of 200 copies of their handbook will be available in the coming weeks, and the manual will also be posted online, most likely from a link on the Great Falls Citizens Association Web site.

"This will really change the culture of Great Falls," Murphy said of the increase she hopes to see in foot, bike and horseback traffic. "All of this creates a wonderful and warm community."



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PEOPLE

Great Community

Great Falls family finds comfort in community response.

BY MARY BURNETTE
GREAT FALLS RESIDENT

Several months ago I served on the Great Falls Citizens Association Committee that developed our new tag line: Great Falls: Treasuring Heritage, Home and Habitat. I didn't realize it then, but we may have left off the most important word in this tagline and that is Humane (defined by Webster as the act of kindness, mercy, or compassion). When a fire nearly destroyed our whole house at 3:30 a.m. three weeks ago in Great Falls, I quickly realized first hand that it is the humanness of the Great Falls community that makes this such a special place.

The list of ways people rushed to our rescue is truly astounding. Good friend Loreen Wasilko arrives early Saturday, the morning of the fire, with water, snacks, and offers to do several loads of laundry to serve our immediate needs. She returns with something as simple as new white socks, which made me warm and comfy even though I felt like my life was falling apart.

I'D SPENT THE NIGHT in my front yard, in my nightgown watching my home of 26 years turn into a billow of smoke and flame. Nancy Murray pulls in the driveway that Saturday morning too, wanting to help in any way, and when I say I need large trash bags, dashes off to Safeway to pick up several boxes. Then Elaine Bickel arrives with a tote bag full of essential toiletries and an invite for my son Brett to stay at her house with his best friend Ken, for as long as needed. Thank you Elaine for adopting the big guy and making sure the beer and wild women didn't get out of control in the lower level "party suite." You'd better check the closets! And of course I couldn't get by without all the beautiful size 6 clothes you gave me.

To our wonderful neighbors, the Salamones, the Barrys, the Merazs and Marvins, who opened their hearts and homes to us (and our cat Honey) for two weeks while we decided what our next steps would be. An evening of escape at the Barry's learning new Greek Orthodox Easter traditions with their delightful friends (all hail Pope Sonny) was just the diversion we needed. Sally Marvin put up with Mahlon's endless chatter and constant suggestions like the perfect hostess. And like the wonder woman she is, put us in touch with an amazing Realtor Lynn Kemmerer

with Long and Foster who quickly located two great rental homes in Great Falls along with Sally's help and jumped through hoops to get us relocated as soon as possible. Josh is really going to miss that Marvin club room.

To Lori, Becky, Lisa, and Sharon for all the wonderful home cooked and delivered dinners. Sally Marvin hopes people won't know we've left her house so you'll keep leaving covered dishes on her porch.

To our Christian family at Great Falls Methodist Church who took up a love offering that will go a long way in helping us get back on our feet. And beautiful Reverend Nancy who came over Saturday afternoon to hold my hand and say a prayer thanking God we all escaped the fire safely, even our two dogs and cat, and helped me ask God to give us strength in the challenging days ahead.

TO THE GREAT FALLS FIREHOUSE firefighters who were at our house in four minutes and called in for extra backup from Dunn Loring and Tysons when it looked like the fire was not getting under control as quickly as they wanted. To the ambulance staff who kept asking if we were OK as we stood there in the front yard in shock. Had I known I would be surrounded by so many hunky men, I would have worn a sexier nightgown.

I even received a bag of beautiful loose beads from a fellow beader I've never met and a work colleague who knows my passion for beading, because they understand what contentment and joy this outlet can provide, and yes, even an escape from reality. I can't wait to create a necklace I will refer to as my fire design.

To Sharon Levy for rescuing a wooden jewelry box my father made for me 50 years ago in his basement woodworking shop, waaaay more valuable than any of the jewelry in it.

To Bill Clendaniel at Langley High School for making sure Brett knew he had the school's support if there was anything he needed. Gee Bill, could you get that D in Calculus changed to an A?

And then there is the Langley High School sports community who took up a collection to make our recovery a little easier and provide the creature comforts we need in our rental house and when we return "home." Your generosity goes beyond magnanimous To Coach Brewer for arranging a special half time presentation at the district semi-final lacrosse game against McLean, at which time Mahlon was presented with a new Virginia Tech rocking chair. Mahlon, his father, and all his siblings went to Tech so we're a real Tech family. We'll forgive Brett for turning traitor by deciding to attend Clemson



Mahlon and Mary Burnette with Virginia Tech rocking chair given to them by Langley High School sports community to replace the one lost in the fire.

University this fall.

Those of you who know Mahlon know he has coached many of the young men on the football and lacrosse teams since they were 9 and 10 years old. Seeing Mahlon sitting in that rocker on the field surrounded by the whole lax team and coaches made the fire seem inconsequential. Mahlon lives in rocking chairs and his was destroyed in the fire. What a perfect gift. As the years go by he will rock away remembering how coaching our community's youth has given him a lifetime of memories.

To Lisa Hopta, Brett's girlfriend's mother, who must have washed 8-10 loads of Brett's laundry right after the fire to get the smoke odor out. Lizzy, the girlfriend, says Brett has never smelled so good. And thanks Lizzy for keeping Brett's spirits up and always making him feel like Mr. Wonderful. With you around, a burned house doesn't seem nearly so bad. The yummy breakfasts Lisa provided was a wonderful way to start our mornings, which lasted for three days!

TO MY WORK colleagues at the National Wildlife Federation who surprised me with a party celebrating my 10-year anniversary with the Federation. Can't imagine how this slipped my mind. They presented me with all new creature comforts for our pets, new beds for Princess and Frisco, a new cat box for Honey. They said that finding our rental house was fate, because it is actually registered and certified with the National Wildlife Federation as an official Backyard Wild-

life Habitat. It's on five beautiful acres and Mother Nature is providing unmatched joy and solace and tranquility as I know she can.

To the Great Falls Boarding Kennel who even though they were closed when I arrived in tears with my two dogs in tow on Saturday afternoon, opened up and welcomed our pooches with open arms. It comforted me so to know that for the two weeks they were there, they were in the best of care.

To Mike Strang, our new landlord, for sharing his beautiful house with us, and practically turning down a potential buyer for the house, so that our displayed family would have a place to call home. My special thanks to Mike for leaving the tractor for Mahlon to play on. This means Mahlon will be out of the house for hours playing farmer so peace and quiet will reign.

To others in the community, many of whom we don't even know, who have donated sheets and towels, and pillows and blankets, and comforters. Even though I don't know your names, when I rest my head at night in a warm snuggly bed, I'm grateful knowing there are people like you in the world.

For the gift cards to CVS, and Target, Bed Bath and Beyond, Home Depot and Chicos (the ones to Chipolte and Sports Authority were Brett's favorite, thanks Elaine and Gail), some welcomed greenbacks, a beau-

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BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna/mclean/greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6428. Deadline is Friday.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Music Program Panel Discussion, hosted by Fairfax County Association for the Gifted. Five panel members will provide information about music enrichment options for students during the school year and summertime. 7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road. Contact Louise Epstein, FCAG president, at 703-917-7960 or lepstein@cox.net, or visit www.fcag.org.

The 2007-2008 McLean Community Center Governing Board will hold its last meeting at 7:30 p.m. Immediately after the outgoing board adjourns, the incoming 2008-2009 board will convene and elect officers for the coming year. All MCC Governing Board meetings are open to the public. Those who wish to speak during "Citizen Comment" at the beginning of the meeting are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the agenda. For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711.

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 2008 marks the 39th year of AAUW Used Book Collections.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Special Education Draft Regulations public hearing with the Virginia Department of Education to discuss the Board of Education's proposed revisions. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Contact Susan Capuano Torda at SusanTCapuano@verizon.net.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce 2008 Annual Golf Tournament at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Hwy. Fairfax, VA 22033. \$195 per player or \$740 per foursome, which includes greens & cart fees, driving range, buffet lunch, beverages on course, awards banquet and dinner. Prizes for four first place winners and raffles. Registration 11:30 a.m.; Shotgun at 1:00 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities available. Call the Chamber office for more information at 703-281-1333.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents. Enough Is Enough (EIE) will conduct a comprehensive teaching presentation in front of a live studio audience for inclusion in the *Internet Safety 101* video. Testimonials will be given from law enforcement experts, Internet industry representatives, psychologists, teens, parents, a convicted sex offender, and a rescued victim of a predator. Free admission. Adults only. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Smith Center Auditorium of McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike. Call 1-888-744-0004 to register.

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Neighbors Give Comfort

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Robert Mobley of Great Falls participated in the Bike MS: Beyond the Beltway event, May 17-18.

Great Falls Resident Kicks-off MS Event

Last weekend, May 17-18, Great Falls resident Robert Mobley helped kick off Bike MS: Beyond the Beltway presented by Washington D.C. Area Land Rover Retailers, a pledge event that benefits the National MS Society. Mobley spoke about his commitment to ending MS at the kick-off of the 30-mile route on Saturday, May 17. He then cut the ribbon to kick off the ride and then rode in the event.

tiful purse, dishes and other household goods, bless you.

The furniture which has been donated, again from many people we've never met, is fitting perfectly in our rental house and making life oh so much more comfortable. Even a new rug from the Pembrooks and bar stools from the Condins and Baileys. The kindness never stops.

To Lynn Beran and Tracie Rosales for all the luxurious cosmetics and lotions and creams and facial masks and even peppermint foot bath! Haven't quite squeezed in the time to enjoy that one yet. Even though there are days when I feel like something the cat dragged in, your products make me feel 30 again. After all that luxuriating, I wrap myself in the beautiful pink robe Anne Bentz so thoughtfully gave me.

To the coaches in the Liberty District and regional coaches who voted Brett defensive player of the year and first team All Region, which has nothing to do with the fire, but will give Brett a treasured memory of his senior year that will last far longer than the fact that his house burned that same year.

TO JIM CASSELL with Great Falls Design and Build, who agreed to be our contractor and was over at the house the day after the fire, already assuring me that my home of 26 years could be rebuilt. It was that hug from Jim and those words "of course we can" that really turned the corner for me. As some of you know, our house was origi-

nally a church, Arnon Methodist Episcopal Chapel built in 1886 (for which Arnon Chapel Road is named). There were two items that survived the fire that serve as an omen of God's work and show how blessed we are. The front doors to our house, which were the original doors to the church from 1886, are intact. They are black with soot but still stand sturdy, proving to us that God's door remains strong and protects us, even in bad times. Those same doors provide an entrance to the things in life that really matter, the love and support of family, friends and community.

Secondly, everything in our attic was destroyed except a strong plastic crate that contained the Christmas tree ornaments our family has had for years including an angel for the top of the tree. She too is a bit sooty but this year when I put that angel on our tree, it will represent all the angels in the Great Falls (and some in McLean) communities who came to our rescue and gave us the hope, courage, love and financial help to move forward with our lives.

And last but not least, to Great Falls' lifeline, the Neighbors Network, and Sharon Rainey, whose posting about our misfortune instigated the outpouring of support I have detailed above. Without Sharon, our community bonds could not exist.

The Burnette family can never repay the generosity of the Great Falls community. You were there for us when we needed you most. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. And we promise to honor your generosity by paying it forward.

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Great Falls Newcomers Support Vienna Women's Center

Members of Newcomers of Great Falls presented a check in the amount of \$15,880 to the Women's Center in Vienna on Friday, May 16. During a winter event, "An Evening at the Oscars," Newcomers of Great Falls held a fund-raiser to benefit the Women's

Center. The Women's Center of Vienna is an organization that provides counseling, education, and information resources to women and families throughout Northern Virginia. They also offer services to help individuals and families who are impacted by domestic violence and family abuse.

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OPINION

Silver Lining, Aptly Named

County should capitalize on rare opportunity to expand permanent affordable housing

When affordable housing advocates around the county — and around the nation — praised Gerry Connolly and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for dedicating one penny of the real estate tax to affordable housing, it was with the expectations of big accomplishments.

The one-penny fund has in fact accomplished a great deal, protecting more than a thousand units of affordable housing.

EDITORIALS Some people have been disappointed that the fund has not so far added much new affordable housing, with very few eligible families moved off of the long waiting list.

Some supervisors have responded that the fund was intended to preserve the affordable housing stock we currently have, not add to it. But with sizeable resources — more than \$20 million a year — we should expect a steady increase in the supply of long-term affordable housing.

Now comes the “silver lining.” It’s an opportunity to use the housing downturn and the increase in foreclosures to purchase more housing units at bargain prices and to assist those on a waiting list to become first time homebuyers.

The county should not make the mistake of defining this effort too narrowly.

With more than \$20 million a year, and a likelihood of two more years of increasing foreclosures, the “silver lining” could help many qualified families waiting to become first-time homebuyers and greatly increase the permanent stock of affordable housing. The one-penny fund can underwrite the purchase of scores — perhaps hundreds — of foreclosed condos and townhouses, turning them over to housing authorities and nonprofits to maintain as affordable housing permanently.

The language of the current proposals suggests that the county would purchase “up to 10” such homes. We’d rather see the county limit the amount that the one-penny fund spends on salaries and overhead, while it maximizes the number of families and individuals it can move into affordable housing.

This requires housing for families with children and efficiency apartments for individuals who are not homeless. It means buying housing that is in foreclosure and building some housing.

It requires courage and action, which Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have demonstrated. But they must be bold, and make their efforts really count.

As to those who say the county should not be in the business of buying private property, that’s a ridiculous argument. Were we to follow that theory, we would have no parks, no

protected open space. And almost no affordable housing.

— MARY KIMM,

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Call for Father’s Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father’s Day is Sunday, June 15, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father’s Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

We prefer digital photos, but we also accept prints. We will do our best to return hard copies of photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to The Connection, Father’s Day Photo Gallery, 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Or e-mail them to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tree-cutting: Preview of Things To Come

To the Editor:

I’m sorry but it is hard to believe that VDOT did not rush to clear the land across from Cooper Middle School for a staging area for HOT Lane construction before local citizens or public officials could do anything about it [“Tree-Cutting Alarms Neighbors,” May 14-20]. For those who haven’t driven by there suffice it to say it’s a jarring sight to see hundreds of trees gouged out of the ground. That drastic action sets the tone for things to come and is in keeping with how this boondoggle came about in the first place.

I remember reading about the proposal years ago and thinking that the idea was so ridiculous and unworkable that no public official would go for it. Silly me. The next thing I know an agreement was signed to build it and now construction has begun.

Supervisors John Foust and Gerry Connolly and state lawmakers were right to step in and promise monitoring of the project but more is required. It should be stopped before more abominations like that done to the land across from Cooper take place and our public officials should step up to the plate.

There are so many reasons why. As has been reported by those able to pry information from VDOT and Fluor/Transurban, the project requires demolishing and rebuilding

overpasses along the route. The full meaning of this will become clear when the Beltway turns into a parking lot and homeowners along the way are treated to years of construction mayhem and noise pollution on behalf of a private company that won’t tell us much about how they plan to run the enterprise, how much they will charge, or prove that it will benefit us.

ONE INNOVATION will apparently see some homeowners being asked to help pay for sound barriers along the widened beltway. We have learned that a promised use of the HOT Lanes by public transit will probably not be feasible until 2020 and even that will be minimal. We have also learned traffic going from the HOT lanes

into Maryland will merge with the rest of the beltway traffic at Rt. 193 just before the American Legion Bridge. To avoid a back up at the merge point, traffic volume will apparently be regulated by raising the price for using the HOT lane. Does this sound like something that will reduce traffic woes? I guess it’s acceptable if everyone suffers.

The prices for the HOT lanes will be posted and presumably drivers will have a few moments to ponder whether to get on or not. Won’t this slow traffic down? Won’t it slow down when the HOT lane is suddenly closed when traffic on it goes below 45 mph? Accessing the lanes will require a transponder to collect tolls different from EZ Pass. This could also require drivers to

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take their hands off the wheel to make any adjustments that are necessary.

Then there's the revenue, the majority of which will go to a private company. Virginia taxpayers will share in the revenue but we're not allowed to know exactly how much or when. The information is proprietary and not subject to the Freedom of Information Act. That pays for the road but what about the impact on the public. We've already seen the Balls Hill Road debacle. Yes, traffic can be bad on the beltway but will construction of privately owned HOT lanes compensate us for the years of traffic chaos and construction? Is there a cost/benefit analysis of all this? And does anyone think the project will be completed on time? Does the Springfield interchange ring a bell? And we're still paying more than \$400 million of the expected construction bill.

MANY MAY REMEMBER the project in Maryland that widened I-270. I remember it because I sat daily in bumper-to-bumper traffic trying to get from my home in Great Falls to my workplace in Rockville. After thousands sat in

traffic with me here for years can anyone see an equal amount of improvement? Traffic still backs up to Tysons and beyond just about every night. Add to that hundreds of cars coming off the HOT lane and you can guess the result.

Then there's the secrecy surrounding the negotiation of terms for the project. What do opponents of the no-bid agreement for construction of the rail to Dulles think of this? We don't know the terms of favorable federal loans that Fluor/Transurban is getting, we don't know how toll revenue will be collected and we don't know how infractions will be treated.

This project should have been stopped a long time ago but many of our public officials are skilled at keeping projects under the radar until its too late for anything other than a lawsuit. If that's what it takes fine.

At the very least VDOT should be required to put the home telephone numbers of everyone involved in approving this mess on signs posted along the construction route. That way when I'm driving on the beltway to my mother's house in North Springfield I'll have a sympathetic some-

one to talk to. Then I'll ask my mother to call them.

Arthur Kingdom III
Great Falls

Redefining 'Character'

To the Editor,

Let me see if I understand the value of moral character in our society. Dr. Martin Luther King suggested that people should be judged by the content of their character. Apparently Congress views an assessment of this essential life skill an important component of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Yet, the Fairfax County School Board, is seeking other ways to measure the success of students, instead of moral character, because the results didn't coincide with the dream of some activist groups. Maybe it's time to change the definition of "moral character" to match a characteristic behavior every student can achieve. Gold stars for everyone!

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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. RSVP: 703-506-2115.

Wine Tasting featuring "summer lites" wine pairings from the Curious Grape of Arlington, Va, Thursday, May 29, 7-9 p.m. Located at Teq Corner, 1616 Anderson Road, McLean. Free parking available. Tickets are \$40 each and include eight food and wine pairings. To purchase tickets visit www.our-daily-bread.org. For more information, contact Our Daily Bread, 703-273-8829; info@odbfairfax.org.

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.

Family Dinner and Movie Night will be held **Friday, June 6**, 5:30 p.m. at **Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive NE, Vienna. The evening includes a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and a family movie. All are welcome. Proceeds to benefit the Challenge Fund. For more information, call the church at 703-938-3494.

Weekly lunch and lead Tip Group meetings with the Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce to network, share leads and mingle, Tuesday and Thursday, 12:15-1:30 p.m. at Morton's, The Steakhouse, 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, 703-883-0800. For information, call Harvey Silverman at 703-319-8806. To RSVP for the Tuesday group, call Harvey Silverman at 703-319-8806; to RSVP for the Thursday group call Christa Walker at 703-766-2300.



Great Falls Summer Concerts on The Green Open Sunday

This upcoming Sunday, June 1, 6-8 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre kicks off what promises to be "one of the biggest concert seasons ever:" Diamond Alley, a Washington D.C.'s 5-piece Dance/Rock and Variety Group opens the traditional Summer Concerts on the Green series. This year – two additional concerts have been added so the program,

Sundays 6-8 p.m., so the concerts run until the end of July. The upcoming concerts in June include Difficult Run Jazz Band, June 8; Hamburger James, June 15; Tom Principato – King of Blues, June 22, and Daryl Davis – Hits of the 1950s, June 29. Check the Great Falls Connection calendar page for concerts' schedule.

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 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.

Nature's Crafts. Children 3-5 create crafts inspired by nature and explore the world around them. 1:45-2:30 p.m. Afternoon activities include nature hikes, meeting and observing live animals, plus songs and themed crafts. Wear sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. \$7 per child, prepaid reservations required. 1:45-2:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park Nature Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Call 703-759-9018.

Nesting Birds. It's a busy time for birds. Find out why and then go on a naturalist-led forest walk to look for birds. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Community Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean, 703-356-0770.

Preschool Sing-Along! Sing songs with Miss Belle. Age 1-5 with adult. No registration is required. 10:30 a.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 29

Riverdance at Wolf Trap, Thursday, May 29 –

Sunday, June 1, 8 p.m. with matinee 2 p.m. performances on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets range from \$70 to \$20. The internationally celebrated fusion of Irish dance, song and music returns to the Filene Center stage for its eighth consecutive year. For tickets call 1 (877) WOLFTRAP; or online at www.wolftrap.org.

Book Signing. Children's author D.J. MacHale signs Raven Rise, the ninth in the Pendragon series. 6:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Call 703-506-2937.

Catie Curtis, Edie Carey. Acoustic. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Lunch Bunnies. Bring a snack and enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. 11 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

Book Discussion Group. James Tiptree, Jr. by Julie Phillips. Adults. No registration is required. 1 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Book Signing. Michael Covell discusses his latest release, *The Complete TurtleTrader*, a look at an investing story and tactics for investors. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Call 703-506-2937.

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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.

Orlando Phillips, Caribbean. 6:30 p.m. Summer on the Town Green is a free performance series. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages are allowed. Pets should be left at home. Call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Pokemon League. Learn and play, for ages 5-18. No registration required. 3 p.m. at Patrick Henry Community Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna, 703-938-0405.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Great Falls Studios presents the Second Annual Spring Art Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Artwork created by Great Falls artists includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, pottery, photography, calligraphy, jewelry, classical drawings, and arts quilts. The River Bend Jazz Quartet performs 1:30-3:15 p.m. Admission is free. Call Linda Jones 703-442-9251 for more information.

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Red and Black Vessel with Stamp, by Deborah McDysan, one of the artists participating in the Great Falls Studios' Second Annual Spring Festival, Saturday and Sunday, May 31-June 1.

Happy Birthday to Two! Celebrating Bernstein and Bolcom recital. 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$38.

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Community Yard Sale, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean; 9:00 a.m.-1 p.m.; Rain or Shine; household items, jewelry, small appliances, children's toys, CDs, DVDs, tools, decorative items, art work, small furniture, books, and much more. For Info: 703.893.4588.

30th Annual Yard Sale at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road in Vienna, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Household items (clothing, toys, garden tools). Space available: \$20. Call 703-759-3509.

Charity Flea Market and Bake Sale. Proceeds of the sales go toward sending 15 "missionaries" to Chichicastenango, Guatemala in July to build houses for widows and provide assistance to children in orphanages. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Rd., (703) 356-7200, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Encaustic Slide Lecture, Demonstration. Learn about the history and contemporary use of the encaustic technique and experience a demonstration by Reni Gower, VCU painting professor and curator of the current exhibition at McLean Project for the Arts, The Divas and Iron Chefs of Encaustic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the MPA gallery at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. \$10 per person, reservations required. Call 703-790-1953 or info@mpaart.org.

Art exhibit. Thomas Xenakis returns to the TaBois-Bonhomme Galerie d'Art at the Regency at McLean, 1800 Old Meadow Road, Suite 113, **Friday, May 31**, with a series of works entitled, *Heavens*. The exhibition continues until July 5, and there will be an Opening Reception on June 6th from 7 - 11 p.m.

Riverbend River Festival. Children's activities, fishing contests, kayaking, water safety demos and more at the second annual festival. \$5 per person, children under 3 free. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Call 703-759-9018.

Sophie, the Performing Dog. Sophie, a cairn terrier, performs a show full of tricks. All ages. 10:30 a.m. at the Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, 703-790-8088.

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.

McLean Symphony. Featuring orchestra blockbusters: An American in Paris, George Gershwin; Variations on America, Charles Ives; Harlem, Edward "Duke" Ellington; Violin Concerto, Op. 14, Samuel Barber. Tickets \$25/\$20 seniors/\$12 youth (18 and under). 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. Tickets are on sale now! To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, or charge by phone (703-573-SEAT) or online through Ticketmaster. For more information, call the Box Office at 703-790-9223, TTY: 711.

An Evening with The Nighthawks. Blues/roots rock. \$20. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Season Finale: American Treasures Featuring Orchestral Blockbusters. \$25, \$20 seniors, \$12 youth under 18. 7:30 p.m. at the



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.

Alden Theatre at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

No Better Off. Local group playing acoustic roots music, blending in folk, rock, bluegrass, blues and country. 6-8 p.m. Free. Outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Great Falls Studios presents the Second Annual Spring Art Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Artwork created by Great Falls artists includes watercolor, oil, and acrylic paintings, pottery, photography, calligraphy, jewelry, classical drawings, and arts quilts. Admission is free. Call Linda Jones 703-442-9251 for more information.

Summer Concerts on The Green. Diamond Alley, a 5-piece Washington, D.C. Dance/Rock and Variety band performs a mix of contemporary and classic hits. Great Falls Village Centre, 6-8 p.m. Free.

Marshall Artz perform acoustic rock and blues at the Vienna Town Green, corner of Maple Avenue (Rte. 123) and Mill Street, at 6:30 p.m. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Riverdance at Wolf Trap, 8 p.m. with matinee performance at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$70 to \$20. For tickets call 1 (877) WOLFTRAP; or online at www.wolftrap.org.

Early Summer Tour of the Potomac Valley Native Plants at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 2 p.m. Cost: Free. Details: See this remarkable native plant collection change with the seasons and learn

about the life histories of the plants. Meet at the Visitor Center. No reservations required. Contact: 703-255-3631, meadowlark@nvrpa.org

An Evening with Dan Bern. Acoustic rock. Show 8 p.m., tickets \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Born 2 Dance Studio, a Vienna-based international dance school offering dance classes from around the globe, holds its first annual "Awaken The Dancer Within" show at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax, 5:30-8 p.m. The show will feature dance performances by both adult and youth dance students, as well as various faculty dance companies, including Furia Flamenca (Flamenco,) X-Faction (Hip Hop,) Dhoonya Dance (Indian Bollywood,) Arrive-to-Defy (Break Dance,) as well as Born 2 Dance Studio's own dance company—Born 2 Dance Troupe (Belly Dance & Persian Dance.) Tickets, priced at \$20 for advance purchases or \$25 at the door, can be purchased online at www.born2dancestudents.com/events.html or by calling 703-242-6090.

WWII Radio Hour featuring Maxine, LaVerne and Patsy Andrews with musical theater-style performances of 1940s music with sing-alongs and audience requests. Benefits Angels of Mercy organization that serves wounded military and their families. 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. All ticket holders receive a special 20 percent discount for dinner at Three Pigs Barbeque, in Langley Shopping Center after the concert. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased with credit card or check in advance, or with cash or check at

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3rd Annual McLean Family BBQ

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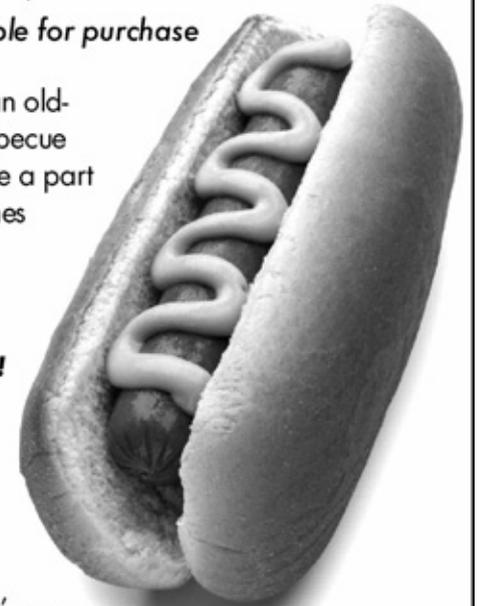
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the door. For additional questions or advance purchases, contact Stacie Steinke: 703-485-5745, or stacie@musicalentertainmentdcmetro.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 2

Golf Tournament with the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy., Fairfax. Contact the Chamber Office for details, at 703-281-1333 or info@vtrcc.org, or visit www.vtrcc.org.

Keaton Simons, Will Dailey, The War, Josh Hoge. Show 7 p.m., tickets \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com

Jeremy Enigk (of Sunny Day Real Estate), Damien Jurado. Indie rock. Show 8:30 p.m., tickets \$18. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

The Role of the Media in the 2008 Presidential Election: Beth Frerking, Senior Editor, Politico and Politico.com, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Hotel/Tyson's Corner - Chancellor Room, 8517 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Sponsored by Independent Public Relations Alliance. This program is open to the public, you can register at info@ipralliance.com. The cost of the program (with lunch) is \$25 in advance (before Friday, May 30); \$30 at the door (cash only). The buffet luncheon includes a beverage and gratuity. Contact: info@ipralliance.com

Natalia Zukerman, Meg Hutchinson. Acoustic. Show 8 p.m., tickets \$10 in

advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band perform at the Vienna Town Green, corner of Maple Avenue (Rte. 123) and Mill Street, at 6:30 p.m. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Organ Recital with James David Christie, the first American recipient of the International Organ Competition. 8 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free-will offering. Call 703-356-0670 or www.musicinmclean.org.

Classic 60s Rock. Show 6 p.m., tickets \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com

The Laser Beam Team, Black Irish, Bo Jankans, T.A.M.U., Thad Reid, Deuce Ya Hynest. Hip-hop. Show 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com

Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Poco. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$40/in-house, \$25/lawn.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Potomac Falls Music holds 4th biannual Student Concert at 2 p.m. at the Grange Hall, 9818 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. With more than 100 students of all ages from the Potomac Falls, Ashburn, Reston, McLean and Great Falls areas, the student concerts are a real show of local talent. Free - open to the public.

Third Annual Laytham Paintout.

Competing artists will paint in oils, acrylics, pastels, and watercolors from 5 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St. The public is invited to attend to see the artists at work; the paintings will be available for purchase two weeks later. Call Jack Warden at (703) 437-9681 for more information.

The Seekers. A "classic rock" cover band. 6 to 8 p.m. at Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call (703) 288-9505.

Morning at the Movies charity event to help fund the monthly melanoma support group by the Life with Cancer organization. This year's presentation includes a screening of the animated film "Kung Fu Panda" at 9 a.m., with a morning snack bar offering bagels, donuts, coffee and juice available at 8:15 a.m. when the doors open. At the Lee Highway Multiplex, 8223 Lee Hwy., Merrifield. Hosted by the Ashley Fister Cole Foundation, visit www.ashleyfistercolefoundation.org or www.lifewithcancer.org.

Introduction to Beekeeping at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost: Free. Details: Join beekeeper Mary Ellen Kirkpatrick in the Visitor Center to learn about honeybees, their basic biology, what they eat and why, and the importance of bees in pollination. Hear about beekeeping equipment and the woodenware that make up a hive. Get a close look at the honey bees in each of their life stages in the observation colony during this free drop-in program. Contact: 703-255-3631, meadowlark@nvrpa.org

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The Old Firehouse Teen Center is a satellite location of the McLean Community Center.

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FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6428. Deadline is Friday.

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.

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. **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.

Churches Connected for Community Care will be hosting the first annual **Family Wellness and Spiritual Revival Forum** on **Saturday, July 26, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.** The forum will address such issues as Spiritual Wellness, Physical Wellness, Economic Wellness, Wholeness of Life Family Ministry, Spiritual Revival for the Soul, and Pillars of Christian Life. Vendors will be present to discuss and distribute literature on the topics. **Oakton High School auditorium**, 2900 Sutton Rd. To register call (703)

The **Baha’i community of McLean** holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fel-

lowship, 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.

St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church, located at 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, invites all to come for the **Third Sunday Service** every month at 10:15 a.m. This service allows the children to play active roles during the service, particularly in the music and as greeters and ushers. In addition to the Third Sunday Service, traditional services take place every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. Call the church office at 703-356-7533 with questions.

McLean Bible Church Fitness Class — at Body & Soul fitness, balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. **Mondays** 9:15 a.m. and **Fridays** 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. Spring discount available. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

A program using music, drumming, movement, song and prayer seeks to bring communities together as part of everyday life. The dances are cross-cultural using sacred phrases, chants, music and movements from many faith traditions. These efforts aim to promote peace and integration within individuals and groups. There are no performers or audience, and no experience is necessary. Donations are accepted. The group meets the **second Saturday** evening each month, September to June, 7:30-10 p.m. Contact Kathryn at 703-573-1236 or SpiralRose@aol.com. For more information on the worldwide Dance Network, visit www.DancesOfUniversalPeace.org.

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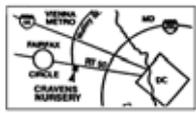
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SCHOOLS



Langley School Band Wins Nat'l Awards

During their annual four-day band trip in April, more than 50 Middle School students in The Langley School's Jazz Band, Wind Ensemble, and Symphonic Band traveled to Chicago, IL, to participate in the Festivals of Music national band competition. Langley's instrumental ensembles performed at Harper College and were awarded the school's best results to date.

Judged by three distinguished college professors from throughout the Chicago area, the festival included 16 participating schools at both high school and middle school levels. After the competition, each ensemble enjoyed a 30-minute clinic with one of the judges. Here is how Langley's bands fared:

❖ Langley's Jazz Band earned its first "Superior" rating (the highest possible).

❖ The Symphonic Band earned a "Superior" rating and a Grand Champion trophy for highest overall middle school instrumental score of the weekend.

❖ The Wind Ensemble earned a rating of "Excellent" (the second highest rating in a scale of four).

Langley also received the Esprit-de-Corp award, the most prestigious award given at the competition, which is presented to the one school in the entire festival that exhibits the best school spirit, finest conduct, and most consideration for their competitors and hosts.

SCHOOL NOTES

School Notes are for awards and achievements, as well as special events. Send information to schools@connectionnewspapers.com, or call 703-917-6434.

Traveling Players of Great Falls was awarded a "Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth" grant by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Traveling Players Ensemble, a professional theatre company dedicated to bringing great theatre into the great outdoors, will receive \$18,000 from the NEA to support their summer camp programs, which begin in June.

Traveling Players Ensemble's theatre camps train teens and pre-teens in classical theatre (Shakespeare and Moliere) and then take the students on tour to perform their shows. Founded in 2003, Traveling Players has been invited to perform at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, Colonial Williamsburg, Shenandoah National Park, Reston's Multicultural Festival, and the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap.

Traveling Players is in residence at The Madeira School in McLean, where it will give public performances on July 11, Aug. 1 and 8. Traveling Players' theatre camp is unique in that it trains their actors to perform outdoors in amphitheatres. Traveling Players' participants camp out once a week,

practicing the Leave No Trace camping skills that the performers will need when they go on tour by backpack.

Devin Brown, 10, and Zane Givins, 7, of Great Falls, helped make wishes come true on Sunday, May 18 at the 18th Annual Make-A-Wish Kids' Triathlon.

Hosted at Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreational Park (Silver Spring, Md.), more than 100 children participated to help raise funds and awareness for the Foundation, a nonprofit organization that fulfills the wishes of children battling life-threatening medical conditions. Participants aged 5 to 14 collected pledges and competed in a run-bike-run or a swim-bike-run race.

Participants and their families enjoyed a post-race picnic as they waited for final results to be announced. Keeghan, the event's honorary wish child, thanked all participants for raising money that will help grant the wishes of children like him. Keeghan had his wish to visit the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland fulfilled earlier this year.

Starshine Theater of Great Falls is now enrolling students for its Summer Camps in Drama, Dance and Music/Voice. Student actors, dancers and singers, ages 7 thru 18, will perform in the

full-production stage show: "The Dragons of Darkmoor Book One: How Magic Came Into the World." This original play will rehearse in Great Falls and perform onstage at The Waddell Theater, NoVa College, Sterling, in July. Every student receives a dramatic character role, as well as opportunities to perform in the dance/action and vocal/music sequences, if interested. Starshine is also offering its "Little Theater" camp for ages 3 thru 6, and its "Young Performers" camp for ages 5 thru 9. Teen Actor/Mentor positions for ages 15 through college are available; these counselors assist at rehearsals and also enjoy a dramatic role in the play. Contact Patricia Budwig: 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com

Great Falls United Methodist Preschool has a few openings in its 4-year-old, Pre-K classes for the 2008-09 school year. The preschool has provided quality education in a loving, Christian environment since 1950. The curriculum includes all of the benchmarks for social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. It is located at 10100 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. If you are interested in learning more about our program, visit the Web site at www.gfump.org or contact Carolyn See, director or Anne Marie Barletta, Assistant at 703-759-2432.

REAL ESTATE

Where You Live

When creating your own home, your inspiration will come from many places.

BY WILL DENNEHY

At its heart, creating a good house is about discovering who you are, what you like, and what makes you happy. This column is about helping you do just that.

A good place to start is to make a list of the houses, galleries and shops — any room that has appealed to you at some time in the past. Allow yourself some time for this. You're searching not only for how such places looked, but how they felt and sounded. Is there a small church whose shelter touched you? Did a hotel room take your cares away for an evening? Was there a week in a cabin on a lake that brought your family together? This may seem like a bit of daydreaming, but when you start to think about how you want your home to feel, those memories will have meaning and will help define and describe the elements that will enrich your own home.

QUITE A FEW YEARS AGO, my wife and

I stayed in a small B & B in upstate Pennsylvania that had once been a coal baron's home. In some ways, it was over decorated and a bit stuffy. Our room, however, was very comfortable with a nice fireplace and a large window that looked out across the valley and the town below. What was remarkable, however, was the shower. At first, it seemed like any other shower in a trendy B & B — two showerheads and plenty of room. You had to be paying attention or you would miss the magic. When I tilted my head back, I looked up into a long shaft topped by a skylight that perfectly framed the full moon in a beautiful starlit sky. Since that night, I have tried to capture the moon in every house I have designed.

When creating your own home, your inspiration will come from many places: Books, movies, magazines, summer holidays, your grandmother's house — anything that stirs your memory. It's all part of the journey of discovering of what you like.

The next step is to take a serious look at

THE GOOD HOUSE



WILL DENNEHY



Creating a good house is about discovering who you are, what you like, and what makes you happy.

where you live. This is may be more challenging than you believe. How sharp is your eye? You need to get in the right frame of mind. Think about showing your house for the first time to your best friend from high school — the one you haven't seen in 20 years. Look at your house as if you were thinking of buying it. This can be quite a lot of fun if you get the whole family involved. The kids just might surprise you.

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4. What would you do differently?
5. Where does the clutter magically appear?
6. What is each room used for? Who uses them?
7. Are there rooms whose functions can be combined?
8. Where do you like to sit and read or listen to music?

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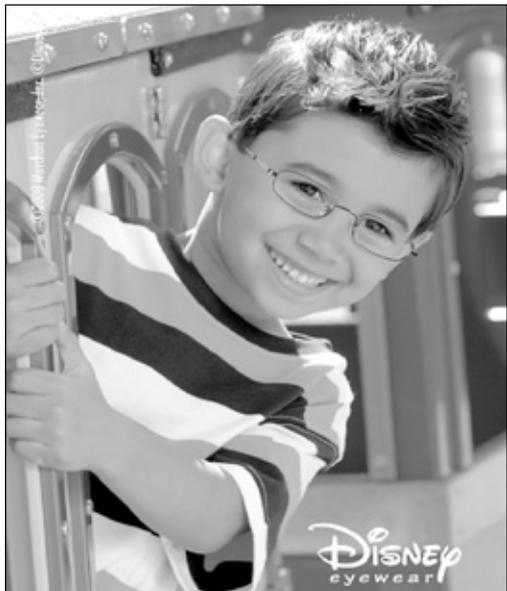
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Good House

FROM PAGE 17

9. What room do guests end up in?
 10. Where does the family spend the most time?
 11. Is there a room you never go in?
 12. When was the last time you used the living room, the dining room?
 13. Is there a place you can be alone? Is there a place for your spouse?
 14. Are you comfortable entertaining? How many can you have for dinner? How many for a party without feeling overwhelmed and crowded?
 15. Is there enough natural light?
 16. Can you get from one activity to another easily?
 17. Is your house comfortable all year?
 18. Is the garden accessible from important rooms like the kitchen and dining room?
 19. Is there a strong connection to the outside?
 20. Do you feel welcomed?
- Next column: Making a wish list.

Download the 20 questions worksheet at www.TheGoodHouseOnline.com
The author is a Great Falls resident. His column appears every second week.
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COMMUNITY

Send community notes to the Connection at greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Starshine Theater of Great Falls is now enrolling students, ages 4-18 years, for its 15th season of **Summer Drama, Dance & Music camps**. For ages 8-18, there is a full-production stage play of the original fantasy adventure, "The Dragons of Darkmoor ~ How Magic Came Into the World." Every registered student receives a speaking character role, as well as action/dance and singing leads, if interested. An optional Dance Intensive for ages 10 and up will be instructed by Theresa D'Alessandro and performed onstageduring the play. Teen "Actor-Mentors" (age 15 through college) are also needed; they will serve as Rehearsal Assistants during the camp and will also receive a character role in the play. Starshine is also enrolling its 1-week "Starshine Little Theater" camp for ages 4-8. For more information, contact Patricia Budwig, Creative Director, at 703.790.9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Music Program Panel Discussion, hosted by Fairfax County Association for the Gifted. Five panel members will provide information about music enrichment options for students during the school year and summertime. 7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road. Contact Louise Epstein, FCAG president, at 703-917-7960 or lepstein@cox.net, or visit www.fcag.org.

FRIDAY, MAY 30

Great Falls Friends' 4th of July planning meeting will be held at the Great Falls Library, 10 a.m. For more information contact JulieCasso@cox.net.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

Join Great Falls Friends for coffee and to hear Mary Andreolli from Camp Fraser at 8 a.m. at Great Falls Library. For more information contact Candace Bovee (703-759-0375).

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SPORTS

GREAT FALLS CONNECTION SPORTS EDITOR RICH SANDERS
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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).

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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 Nationals 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.

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ible schedule and reasonable rates. For more information, email Kathleen at kcclem@umich.edu or call 703-585-8557.

On May 17, The Potomac School Panthers' girls lacrosse team defeated the Cape Henry Dolphins, 18-11, to capture the Virginia Independent Schools Div. II state championship. The title game contest took place at the University of Richmond.

Potomac School opened the tournament with a strong win over Nansemond Suffolk Academy, 18-6, on May 14. Two days later, the Lady Panthers faced the Covenant School (Charlottesville) in the semifinals. The Panthers won that game, 21-9, with 12 different players attributing to the tally. Ryan O'Shea, a junior, led the pack with eight goals and one assist. The Panthers dominated draw control with 19 and ground balls with 23.

That round of four win, which took place on the Richmond campus, put Potomac School into the finals against Cape Henry. It marked the third year in a row in which the Panthers have faced the Dolphins for the state championship. Potomac won in 2006, 13-8, and Cape Henry won last year, 15-13.

Last week's finals contest was a highly emotional game for both teams. The Pan-



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The Langley High girls' doubles team of Linden Li (left) and Alyssa Shames (right) has qualified for the state AAA championships. The Saxon duo defeated Fairfax High's Lauren Palmucci and Kate Montwill to gain the Northern Region's No. 1 seeding at states.

thers came out strong with junior Izzi Conner scoring first.

The two rivals traded goals for the rest of the first half, making it 7-5 Potomac at the half.

Opening the second half was a beautiful draw control by Panther freshman Charlotte Morris that led to an assist to junior Catherine Kahl.

Potomac School eventually built a 9-5 lead before the Dolphins stormed back to tie the score at 9-9 with 20 minutes to go.

But then the Panthers took over for good. They dominated draw control. Meanwhile, junior goalie Caroline Schmidt and the Panthers' defense held Cape Henry scoreless over the next 15 minutes.

With a few key subs and fresh legs from junior Elyse Marriott and Morris (4 goals and 1 assist), the Panthers rallied together. The second half charge was led by senior Claire Donegan, who had seven goals and two assists for the day. The Panthers tallied nine goals in that 20 minutes to the Dolphins' two, ending the game at 18-11. The Panthers never trailed the entire game.

For Potomac School, the entire tournament was a team effort. The Panthers had 68 ground balls, 31 forced turnovers, and 50 draw controls. In the three state playoff game wins, the Lady Panthers outscored

their opponents, 57 to 26, with 17 different players scoring and assisting.

Sophomore Maddy Fabiani and O'Shea led the team in draw controls. Senior captains Donegan and Emily Sesno both led the team to victory through ground balls, transition and strong team defense. Donegan ended the tournament with 21 points (13 goals and 8 assists), O'Shea had 18 points (15 goals and 2 assists) and Kahl had 11 points (9 goals and 2 assists).

First year goalie Schmidt had a 50 percent save percentage and helped lead the team to victory, as well as the defensive unit, made up of Donegan, Sesno, Fabiani, junior Phillips Mitchell, junior Lydia Hires, sophomore Hanna Rocks and freshman Jessica Parker.

The Lady Panthers are graduating two seniors and have eight rising seniors. The team hopes to carry the momentum of the state championship into 2009.

The McLean Premier Soccer program, within McLean Youth Soccer, will hold tryouts for two WAGS teams as follows: Friday, June 6, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Capital

One South; Monday, June 9, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Springhill Elementary Lower No. 2; Friday, June 13, 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Capital One South.

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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.



PHOTO COURTESY/LANGLEY CREW

The Langley High men's 3rd four crew is all smiles after finishing first in their race at the Ted Phoenix Regatta, held on May 3. From back to front: coach Brett Rini, coxswain Katarina Tran, Sheel Kumar, Patrick Canis, Alex Bramlet and Benton Crane.

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From left, NVRPA Executive Director Paul Gilbert, Dominion Virginia Power Manager for State and Local Affairs Tim Sargeant, NVRPA Board Chairman James I. Mayer, Dominion Virginia Power VP of Electric Transmission John Smatlak, Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins, Northern Virginia Regional Park Foundation President William Baskin, and Town of Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Historic Bridge Reopens

Representatives from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and representatives from Dominion Virginia Power gathered with local officials on Tuesday morning, May 20, to dedicate the newly reopened Piney Branch Bridge, located along the W&OD Trail in Vienna.

The bridge was damaged by a flood about a year ago, and a temporary bridge was put

in place while the main bridge was being repaired.

The original bridge was built in the 1850 as part of the W&OD Railroad, and NVRPA rebuilt the damaged bridge using the best modern engineering combined with the original stones used 150 years ago. Dominion Virginia Power donated the funds to repair the bridge.



PHOTO BY ROBERT MERHAUT

Nearly 150 mothers and daughters celebrated Mother's Day at Tysons Corner Center on May 8, by assembling more than 600 wellness bags for Life with Cancer's patients. This Step Out Step Up event was part of a nationwide effort where Tysons Corner Center joined 64 sister shopping centers across the country and created more than 30,000 wellness bags for women cancer patients.

Mothers, Daughters Help Cancer Patients

Tysons Corner Center launched its partnership with the national non profit Step Up Women's Network — a membership organization dedicated to strengthening community resources for women and girls.

The Center kicked off this partnership with its first "Step Out Step Up" event, where nearly 100 local women helped assemble 600 wellness bags for Life with Cancer. These bags included a range of fash-

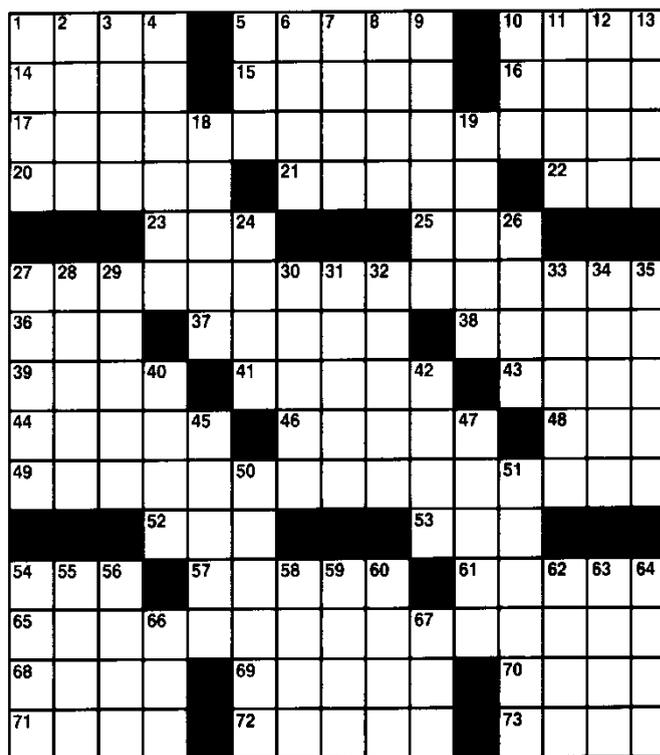
ion, beauty and other feel-good items from Lucy, The Picture People, Modern Day Spa, Crystal Light, Ibema, Ann Taylor and Marmi at Tysons Corner Center — each with a handwritten, inspirational note from the woman who assembled the bag.

It was all part of a one-day effort by Tysons Corner Center and 64 sister shopping centers throughout the country to create more than 30,000 wellness bags for women facing the challenges of cancer.

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- 14 Fully fit
- 15 Coin being replaced by the euro
- 16 Got down
- 17 What boxer #1 did
- 20 Got up
- 21 More wily
- 22 Political grp. since 1854
- 23 Umbrella part
- 25 Launch of 1986
- 27 What boxer #2 was
- 36 Slice of history
- 37 "— so right!"
- 38 "Li'l" guy
- 39 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Dishonest sort
- 43 Actor Morales
- 44 Bloodhound's guide
- 46 "A Garden of Earthly Delights" author
- 48 Pipe joint

DOWN

- 10 Boxer's move
- 11 Designer Cassini
- 12 Forage holder
- 13 Start of a Web site address
- 18 Uplift
- 19 Writer Jong
- 24 Ringside responses
- 26 Boxer's wear
- 27 Franklin, religiously
- 28 Spinachlike plant
- 29 It's made at fights
- 30 Like some sentences
- 49 What boxer #2 then had to do
- 52 Late Cabinet Secretary Brown
- 53 White House souvenir
- 54 Draft org.
- 57 Schiller's "— Joy"
- 61 Swindler's name, possibly
- 65 What the boxers and fans now do
- 68 "What a shame!"
- 69 Certain fur
- 70 Say — (deny)
- 71 "— No Angels" (Bogart flick)
- 72 Studio stock
- 73 "Go ahead!"

- 31 Trick's alternative
- 32 Moor
- 33 Remove stitches from
- 34 Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy —
- 35 Bird's sound (near)
- 40 — about (near)
- 42 Hoard
- 45 — a kind (pair)
- 47 Recipe direction
- 50 Protected from the elements
- 51 Back from flying
- 54 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 55 Only
- 56 Practice in the ring
- 58 Art Deco name
- 59 London's — Gallery
- 60 Hurler Hershiser
- 62 Classic Langston Hughes poem
- 63 Play opener
- 64 Whisky amount
- 66 Opp. of WNW
- 67 E.M.T. destinations

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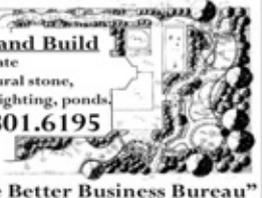
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As the price of oil goes up, up, up, my ability to maintain my "normal" lifestyle (what there is of it) goes down, down, down. The collateral damage to the international, national, local and extremely local (meaning my house) economies caused by oil's continuing price escalation continues to cascade onto a multiplicity of other goods and services. Aside from all the obvious energy-related industries and products, the price of food, more so even than merely the transporting of it to market, is being felt up and down the food chain; from seeding and planting to growing to harvesting to packaging; the pressure, the pain is more than simply at the pump. And ultimately all this discomfort will be passed along to the consumer as reflected in many of the products available for sale at your local supermarket.

What are we consumers to do? Do we pay more to eat less? Or do we try, somehow, to eat more while paying less? I have chosen the latter. Who wouldn't prefer to pay less while eating more? I definitely do and so too does a co-worker of mine. And how do I know this? I know this because I was asked to do something — with her — that hurts no one, yet could help the two of us and the families we consumer advocate for, really significantly. The question asked of me was if I'd be interested in exchanging — with one another — our unused manufacturer's coupons ("Red Plum," "Smart Source," "Walassis," "PG," etc.) typically inserted into the Sunday newspapers.

As many of you know, presumably, there are dollars — and some cents — in them th'ar editions. And those dollars can be well spent, especially if they (the coupons) are for products (and to a much lesser degree, services) that one would be buying anyway, and multiples of, if you had the cash flow and/or the storage to accommodate the overflow. And since these manufacturer's coupons are usable only once, having seconds and thirds in hand could allow a consumer to buy in a more modest bulk than they might otherwise buy; without adversely effecting the family's budget disproportionately, shall we say, to all the other demands on those very same dollars.

Given the fact that such "couponing" has always been a consuming passion of mine, I was delighted to receive the offer, and flattered as well. So delighted in fact, that I neglected to tell my co-worker that I will have two complete sets of these same Sunday coupons to hand over as I already have a similar arrangement with my mother. (She really can't be bothered clipping coupons anymore. I clip them for her, however, and use them for either one of us, as the case may be. Subsequently — and quite coincidentally — I later learned that my co-worker likewise has already been exchanging coupons with her mother, too.)

And so it appears, that at the end of the day (or night) the two of us will have tripled/quadrupled our cache of coupons. All of which means that the two of us will be spending significantly less money on food/household products/pet supplies, etc., this summer/fall than we would have otherwise, thereby enabling our respective families to have a bit of extra money. And who couldn't benefit from a bit of extra money? (Other than Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Chevron, Gulf, BP, etc., that is.)

Moreover, given the recession/non recession-type lack of growth that our national/local economy is experiencing it would seem to be extremely prudent and practical planning to maintain a similar lack of growth as concerns our own personal costs of living and so our coupon exchange has begun.

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