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American Legion
Auxiliary volunteer,
Emily Larson of
Vienna, uses notes
to locate, and plant
U.S. flags, on the
graves of American
veterans buried at
Flint Hill Cemetery
in Oakton.

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In Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton, markers recall the lives of U.S. veterans, those that fought back as far as the Civil War, and those who fought in the wars of the 20th century. On May 22, the Auxiliary of American Legion Unit 180, District 17, honored the memory of American veterans in rest at Flint Hill, by placing American flags at their graves.

"The veterans who are buried here are mostly WWII vets," says first vice president of the Auxiliary, Martha Hatter.

As Hatter looks across the cemetery, she sees the volunteers who come here to help plant the flags. Unit 180 has been placing flags at Flint Hill for as long as Hatter can remember. Volunteers come out twice a year to honor the veterans buried here. Hatter estimated that 105 flags were placed. "We need to honor all our veterans because they fought for our freedom. Some gave their ultimate."

THE AUXILIARY has been collecting names of Flint Hill veterans over many years, says volunteer Emily Larson, who has participated in the flag planting for



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

American Legion Unit 180 Auxiliary vice president Martha Hatter oversees the volunteers, including sisters Amanda and Bethany Smith-Mansfield.

about ten years. She credits Vienna historian and Flint Hill Cemetery Association president, Mayo Stuntz, with most of the research.

Sisters Amanda and Bethany Smith-Mansfield, members of the Junior Auxiliary, came out to Flint Hill Cemetery for the first time to help the Auxiliary with its commitment to veterans.

"I'm really proud to be doing this, putting flags on their graves,"

said Thoreau 7th grader, Amanda Smith-Mansfield.

"I know they're not famous, but they were good people who helped our country."

Bethany, Vienna Elementary School sixth-grader, agreed. "They honored us by fighting for our country; now we should honor them. It's the right thing to do."

— DONNA MANZ

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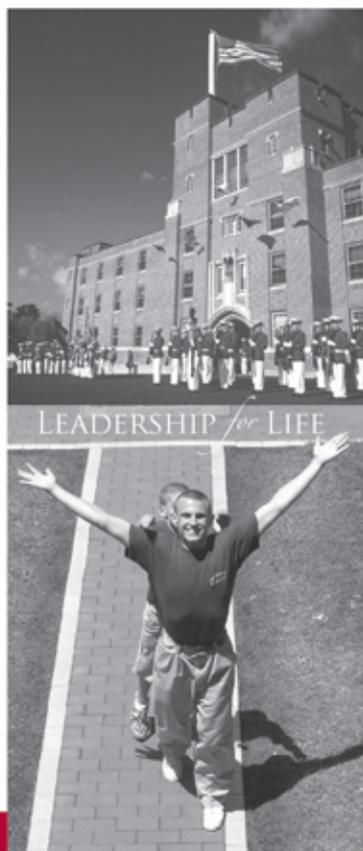
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Hundreds of area residents enjoy the festivities of the Viva!Vienna! over the Memorial Day weekend.

Tyson's Authority Pondered

Proposed implementation authority seen as "keeper of vision."

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

A subcommittee of the Tysons Land Use Task Force proposed an "implementing authority be established ... to oversee, manage and implement the future development in Tysons Corner," and if Tysons gets the four Metro connections, the 100,000 residents and a work force of 200,000 it aspires to, it would be one of the most powerful political entities in Fairfax County.

As the Tysons Land Use Task Force nears completion of its proposal there is a growing sense that their plans may radically change not only Tysons Corner, but vastly alter the lives of thousands of people in the nearby communities.

One of the key subcommittees, assigned to form a plan to "implement" the steps the Task Force may propose, last week made the forming of an "authority" a center piece of its plan to "implement the future development in the Tysons Corner area in the adopted Tysons Corner plan in conjunction with and supplemental to, the Fairfax County process."

The proposal said that the authority would be the "Keeper of the Vision" and assure that the overarching goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan are implemented."

The next page and a half described several duties that would appear to have been held by other county bodies — the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors — to name two.

"You're not creating a government here, this organization will not take over. It is a way for the stake holders to make sure the plans are implemented."
— Wade Smith

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ViVa! Vienna! Keeps Growing

Annual Memorial weekend festival celebrates Vienna life.

Every year, ViVa! Vienna! seems to get bigger and better ... this year, the number of vendors topped 285 — the most ever — and waves of festival-goers rolled in from the festival's opening moments, and surged as the sunny days wore on. It may have been the heavenly-blue sky, the mild dry temperatures, or the price of gasoline, but Viennaites and other Northern Virginians immersed themselves in Vienna's most anticipated and happily received annual event, ViVa! Vienna!, running around the Church Street corridor.

"We've been here every year for the 16 years we lived in Vienna," said Kris Shih, standing in the twirling teacup line with his daughter, seven-year-old Evie. "It's getting bigger and bigger. I like all the vendors, and my daughter likes the rides."

More than 20 rides kept children — OK, and parents, too — happy with smiles and laughter, and squeals of satisfaction. Long lines waited at Kiddie Swings and twirling teacups, but parents and children kept their good humor.

Food vendors numbered 16 this year, and products ranged from smoothies to Hawaiian shaved ice to meats, fried sweets and savories, to kettle corn.

The smoky aroma of barbecuing meats, from sausages to Thai skewers to ribs, permeated Church Street and Maple Avenue. Funnel cake fans and ribbon fries taster-testers loaded up plates.

"THE ROTARY CLUB runs ViVa! Vienna! with the backing of two major institutions, the Town of Vienna and Navy Federal Credit



Elijah and Oliver Terrazas share a plate of "ribbon fries."

Union," said eight-time event chair Woody Bentley. "The Town and Navy Federal contribute both money and material support to make this event what it is."

Ride tickets sold for \$1 each, and buyers received a sheet of 24 tickets for the discounted price of \$20. \$40 got the buyer 48 tickets. Rides were "priced" between three and five tickets per entry.

Vendors hawked everything from hand-

made cotton baby dresses from Ecuador (\$15) to dog training (in one's home) to custom-crafted jewelry (\$8 and up); from handbags and totebags to toys and original artwork; and pretty much anything one can imagine sold at a street fair. Pop bands played throughout the day and evening on the Main Stage, and on the Town Green, a Children's Stage featured entertainment for

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Mission: 'Smart Withdrawal'

Congressional candidates in the Democratic primary speak out on the Iraq War.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

First in a series articulating the views of Democratic candidates for the 11th Congressional District.

Four Democrats are vying to be the Democratic nominee for Virginia's 11th congressional district seat.

Physical therapist Lori Alexander, former U.S. Rep. Leslie Byrne, Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly and Iraq war veteran Doug Denny will compete against each other in the Democratic primary June 10.

The winner of the Democratic primary will face local businessman and Republican Keith Fimian in November's general election. The current congressman, U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), announced earlier this year that he would not seek reelection.

All the Democrats in the race support drawing down the troops in Iraq and want the Iraqi government to take on more responsibility for safety and security.

Lori Alexander

Alexander would be supportive of implementing a plan put forward by one of her opponents, Denny, if elected.

The plan calls for troops levels to be



Alexander



Byrne



Connolly



Denny

brought down to a split of 35,000 in Iraq and 35,000 in Kuwait by approximately July 2009. The United States would pull out the remainder of its support — with the exception of Iraqi government advisors and those working with the United Nations — by 2011.

"I have actually spoken with Doug Denny about this and I actually agree with his plan for the 'smart phase' withdrawal," said Alexander.

Alexander has concerns that an immediate withdrawal would result in what she saw and heard from people on a trip to Vietnam.

"I heard horror stories about what happened after the U.S. military just left in the middle of the night," she said, adding that she thought the killing in Cambodia was a direct result of those actions.

Leslie Byrne

Byrne wants to reduce the number of

troops in Iraq immediately and devote more resources to diplomatic efforts, especially with Iraq's neighboring countries, she said.

"General Petraeus himself has said that there is no military solution, that it is a political solution," said Byrne.

The candidate emphasized her early opposition to the Iraq war. She signed a letter with other former congressmen opposing the Iraq invasion before it started in the spring of 2003. Byrne has also backed anti-war candidates, including former presidential hopeful Howard Dean and U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.)

Byrne said there is no record of any of her opponents publicly speaking out against the war until recently.

"It is one thing to say you oppose the war now that those difficulties are facing us square on. But where was your voice when it really mattered? ... It is not something that is new to me because I am running for Congress. It is something that I believe," said Byrne.

Gerry Connolly

If elected to U.S. Congress, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly said he would vote against any plan to keep large numbers of troops in Iraq without a timeline for withdrawal.

Connolly said the United States govern

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Tysons Implementation Authority Discussed

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FOR INSTANCE, the authority would work to "improve the competitiveness of Tysons" by shortening the time of planning and zoning review. "The current process is lengthy and costly and subjects development proposals to independent review by many different departments with sometimes differing and separate priorities."

The plan suggests that new "urban standards" replace current standards and "supplement the Comp Plan and zoning codes as necessary to further define the new urban 'downtown.'"

The authority would "participate in the zoning process through design review," by stakeholders and hiring competent professionals to "insure that applications" meet the guidelines, the comprehensive plan and zoning requirements.

"While ultimate authority will continue to rest with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, the Authority's recommendations would be given deference as the most knowledgeable and consistent party of what the plan envisions and whether proposals for new developments

meet the plan."

THE PROPOSAL saw the "authority" as being a "liaison" between public and private sectors and plans would be given "expedited processing" by the county staff, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

Wade Smith, a member of the Task Force, pointed out that, "You're not creating a government here, this organization will not take over. It is a way for the stake holders to make sure the plans are implemented."

And the proposal will be debated in detail before it or any portion would be adopted.

But the proposal underlies the tension that has marked the Tysons Task Force discussions from the beginning. The concept of the Task Force has been that the rail connection will allow people to enter and leave Tysons without a car and allow workers to get to Washington or Dulles without an automobile.

When they talk of "urban design," it is a community with grid laid out streets, sidewalks and ability to walk to Metro, stores,

restaurants, parks and theaters.

THE DENSITY LEVELS discussed at most meetings would allow for high rise apartments and offices, somewhat like Roslyn in Arlington, attracting thousands of workers as well as the wealthy and upscale families.

The city could grow to 100,000 more residents, there are now some 18,500, and a giant workforce of 200,000 arriving and leaving daily.

No community nearby can touch those population numbers. Most of them were developed as R-1 — that is one single family house per lot- or townhouse communities.

Vienna has 14,873 residents, according to the 2006 estimate, McLean 39,003, Falls Church, 10,799 and Reston as 56,407.

There has been regular criticism from groups in these communities about the density projections of the Task Force and the fact no one has completed a study of its impact. The county now says one is on its way, but it will not be finished until three months after the Task Force makes its recommendations.

Oakton Church 'Grows' Green Roof

Unity of Fairfax Church is celebrating the installation of a Green Roof on the Mildred Park Center as part of its ongoing Stormwater Management Project. The roof is 4,500 square feet and will have 5,600 plants. The church began an environmental landscape policy on its 5-acre site three years ago when a church member rescued his backyard native plants and transferred them to build a National Wildlife Foundation area.

When the church was faced with replacing a flat aggregate roof, the opportunity arose for considering an environmentally-friendly Green Roof. Of three grant proposals submitted, two were awarded in summer 2007. Since approval, the church has raised over \$37,000.

The project is designed to become a demonstration site where homeowners, businesses and faith centers can learn how to duplicate this environmentally friendly technology. The community is invited on Sunday, June 1, at noon when the church will celebrate the new roof as a significant milestone in the overall Project. Unity of Fairfax is located at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton 22124, right next to the new Oakton library. Visit www.Unityoffairfax.org.

Acumen Solutions Helps Non-Profits

Acumen Solutions, a Vienna-based business and technology consulting firm, has launched a Board Leadership Initiative for its executives as a part of the corporation's ongoing social responsibility program. The company will train and gain placement for their managers on non-profit boards in Washington, D.C. to address what some are terming "a crisis in leadership" within the non-profit community. Fourteen members of management have successfully passed a board leadership training course and seven executives are currently serving on at least one non-profit board. The goal of the firm is to grow the board memberships to over 20 by the end of 2008.

"I congratulate all of our employees who participate in this program and I am especially pleased that we could immediately make a difference in non-profit organizations in the D.C. area" said David Joubran, CEO of Acumen Solutions.

11th District Candidates Debate Iraq War

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ment needs to impose a timeline so that Iraqi leaders feel more pressure to step up to the plate and take control of their country. The chairman did not feel comfortable naming a specific date for troop withdrawal but said the federal government needed to start handing more responsibilities over to

the Iraqis immediately.

Connolly had a 10-year career with the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where he partly focused on United Nations and Middle East policies. With his expertise on the Middle East politics, Connolly has long been opposed to the Iraq war, said campaign manager James Walkinshaw. "He has been opposed from the

beginning of the invasion," said Walkinshaw.

Doug Denny

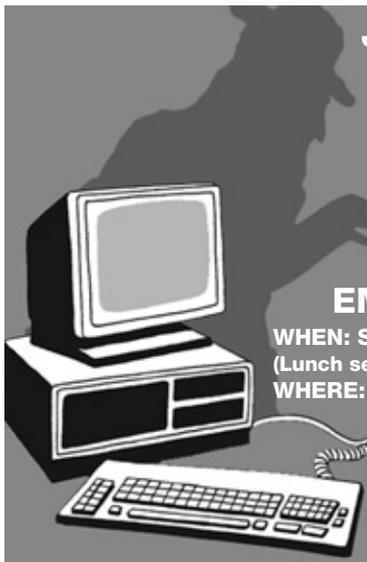
Denny would call for a multiple-phased withdrawal from Iraq if he is elected to Congress. The Iraq war veteran has worked for the chairman of the U.S. armed services' Joint Chiefs of Staff and

the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services since the war started. Denny calls for a reduction of troops from 145,000 to 35,000 inside Iraq and 35,000 inside Kuwait by approximately July 2009. The candidate then says that all American support — with the exception of advisors and those working with the United Nations — should be removed by 2011.

"I am not asking for a total withdrawal in a short period of time," said Denny.

As part of his plan, Denny would pull back American soldiers who remain in Iraq from urban areas and palaces. He said the Iraqi troops would have to serve as the first line of defense for their own country.

The candidate added that it is important to give "tough love" to the Iraqi leaders and to force them to step up and take control.



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PEOPLE

Pursuing Lifelong Dream

Former Stenwood Elementary student wants to be doctor.

Farida Kwaji, of Vienna, a straight-A student at the University of Bridgeport, delivered the student address during 2008 graduation ceremonies on May 10 at the Arena at Harbor Yard in Bridgeport.

Kwaji was one of the students honored at the Academic Awards Ceremony, receiving the Dean's Award for academics in the School of Arts and Sciences.

A Presidential Merit Scholar in her four years at the university, Kwaji has been accepted into five medical schools. She majored in biology and minored in psychology.

SHE WAS BORN the second of five children in Nigeria to Bitrus and Laraba Kwaji. Her mother was a prosecutor for the Nigeria government and her father a brigadier general for the Nigerian military. She lived in Lagos until her father moved to Vienna.

She attended Stenwood Elementary School until the fifth grade, and then at age 10, moved back to Nigeria, where she completed her elementary education.

“As far back as I can remember I have aspired to be a doctor.”

— Farida Kwaji

She then went to the British School of Lomé, a boarding school in Lomé, Togo. She spent five “enriching years” in Togo, completing the International General Certificate of Secondary Education.

“During my time in Togo, I was privileged to have the opportunity to explore a variety of cultures in different countries including Ghana, France, Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg, Benin, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom,” Kwaji said.

She then enrolled in a pre-baccalaureate program in Ashbury boarding school in Ottawa, Canada. She received an International Baccalaureate



Farida Kwaji has been accepted into five medical schools.

diploma there.

At UB, she said, “I have definitely made many lifelong friends. Particularly, when I lost my mother to cancer my friends like Madonna Burke and Marquis Wilson really came to my rescue. I had friends offer to come with me to Africa for my mother’s funeral and that was really touching.”

Kwaji did more than her studies. Among her many accomplishments, she was a member of UB Ballroom dance team that placed in the top 10 in both Harvard and Holy Cross international dance competitions.

AS FOR HER CAREER GOALS, she said, “As far back as I can remember I have aspired to be a doctor.”

She says that, watching and experiencing her mother’s battle with cancer highlighted to her who she wants to be “not only as a doctor but as a person.”

“Being on the premed track, I also kept myself busy volunteering at Bridgeport Hospital Maternity Ward, shadowing in the Pediatric Cardiology Unit, and participating in research with Dr. Leedom from UB’s Psychology Department.”

She has been accepted into Penn State School of Medicine, the University of Connecticut Medical College, University of Virginia School of Medicine, SUNY Syracuse Medical School, and New York Medical College. She will begin medical school in August.



Pictured are members of Senior Girl Scout Troop 3491 in Vienna. From left: Nancy Evans, Sarah Mihm, Beth Armitage, Jessica Bowden, Kelly Fox, Jessie Hunter, Kerstin Buetler, Astrid Adam, and Debbie Cook.

Vienna Girl Scouts Collect Food for Hungry

Senior Girl Scout Troop 3491 of Vienna recently hosted a Hunger Banquet for 151 Girl Scouts and leaders at Camp Crowell Girl Scout Lodge in Oakton to raise awareness of hunger throughout the world and in one’s own community. Upon entering the facility, each participant was given a colored ticket in proportion to the numbers of people in the world who live in first, second and third world countries: 14 were seated at tables with flowers, candles, table cloths and served a four-course dinner; 35 were seated at picnic tables and provided with carrots, beans and rice and clean water. The remainder sat on the floor and were

given a small cup of rice with water that has cocoa powder so it appears unclean. Some third world participants tried to beg food from second and first world countries; several people were asked to move to another country either because they came into unexpected resources or had business ventures fail. Facts about world hunger and the effects on hunger on the body were presented.

Caralita Moore from FACETS spoke about hunger in our own community. Nearly 600 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Committee for Helping Others and many gallons of chili was given to FACETS.

Vienna Girl Wins Genetics Society Award

In celebration of National DNA Day on April 25, and to educate teachers and students about the importance and implications of genetic research, the American Society of Human Genetics (www.ashg.org) and the Genetics Society of America (www.genetics-gsa.org) have released the middle and high school winners of the third annual National DNA Day Essay Contest.

Elizabeth K. Cole, 11, of Vienna, a home schooled student, earned third place and \$150 for her essay discussing the second question posed: “Why is it important for us to discover the patterns of genotypic and phenotypic similarity and difference in living things and why should we understand the theories that describe the importance of genetic diversity for species and ecosystems?”

Cole took a different approach to answering this question by describing genetic diversity in terms of its effects and impact on human disease. To read her prize-winning essays and to learn more about the National DNA Day Essay Contest, go to www.genednet.org/pages/k12_dnaday08winners_ecole1.shtml.

This year, the ASHG received a total of



Elizabeth K. Cole.

1,037 submissions from middle and high school students residing in the U.S., Canada, and China. From ASHG and GSA, 450 genetics professionals judged the students’ essays on the basis of critical thinking, accuracy, creativity, and organization.

CRIME

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police department May 13 through May 22.

ARREST

300 block Maple Ave., W. 12:15 a.m. May 23. During a traffic stop, Michael James Malloch, 35, 6326 Shirley Ln., Centreville, was charged with driving without a license and possession of marijuana.

GRAND LARCENY

Mr. Wash, 540 Maple Ave., W., 4:43 p.m. May 17. Cash was discovered to be missing from a car after it was washed.

ARREST

100 block Tapawingo Rd., S.W. 2:39 p.m. May 16. Police responded to a domestic disturbance at a house and subsequently charged Victoria Ruth Smith, 19, 105 Tapawingo Rd., S.W., Vienna, with assaulting two family members.

ARREST

300 block George St., S.W. 8:49 p.m. May 16. An officer on patrol encountered a 6-year old boy who said he could not find his mother. The officer took the boy home. The mother returned home around 10 p.m. and was subsequently charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor. She is Barbarita Torres, 47, 307 George St., S.W., Vienna.

VANDALISM

300 block Jean Pl., N.E. Between 8:30 p.m. May 16 and 6:30 a.m. May 17. A mailbox was damaged at a house.

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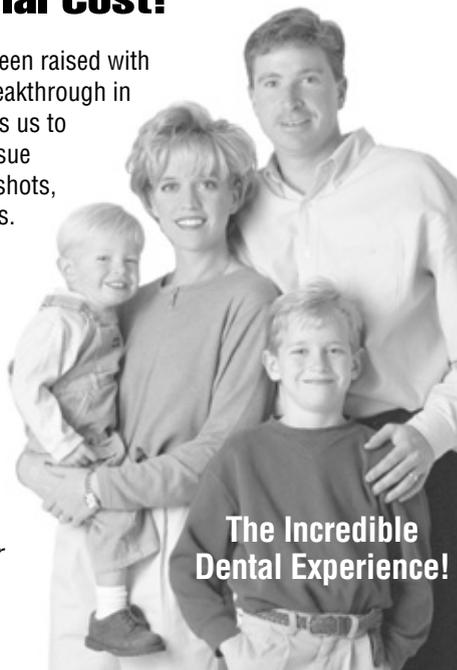
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COMMUNITY

Festival Celebrates Community

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the young ones.

Non-profits, such as the Sons of Italy, local churches, Potomac Appalachian Trail Association, Scouts, and civic organizations, recruited new members or explained their mission. Oakton's Church of the Good Shepherd handed out bottles of water because "it gets hot."

Eleventh District Primary candidates Gerry Connolly, Doug Denny, Leslie Byrne, and Keith Fimian, and the state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) greeted voters. Polite tethered dogs accompanied their humans, and parents pushed strollers, occasionally empty ones, throughout the festival grounds.

"I came last year," said six-year-old Ryan Laing of Oakton, holding an inflated plastic dragon he won at one of the booths. "I like it." Ryan waited in the Kiddie Swings line with his father, Grant, mother Amy, and three-year-old sister Kate. Grant Laing says he comes "for the kids."

PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY gave away donated books: Answer an age-appropriate question, pick a book. The U.S. Navy sent along a recruiting trailer. And in a community-focused public service, Navy Federal Credit Union, Vienna's largest employer, sponsored an electronics recycling center — computers, monitors, most electronic equipment detrimental to the environment



Seven-year-old Evie Shih likes the rides, but Dad Kris prefers the vendors at ViVa! Vienna!

— on the grounds of James Madison High School on Sunday. Cars streamed in continuously, and staff of the environmental services firm contracted by Navy Federal helped to unload the equipment. Discards were loaded on to a tractor trailer and hauled away later. The service will shred any data-containing components.

"Navy Federal came to us with the idea," said Bentley. "They asked if they could offer electronics recycling, and we agreed it was a good idea."



Taylor Coleman, 5, of Vienna, tries to win a prize while playing Wacky Water in Vienna on Saturday morning.

In the food court, lines formed at the booths, and tables stayed filled with snackers. Rebecca Diamond, public relations director for Tysons Dodge-Jeep, food court sponsor, stood at a table watching over the festivities. "This is a great crowd," Diamond said. "It's a beautiful day, and I'm happy to be here."

Nearby, seven-year-old brothers, Elijah and Oliver Terrazas, shared an artistic arrangement of "ribbon fries," a spray of paper-thin potato slices. The boys liked the rock-climbing attraction the most, but mother Darcy said she "liked best the sno-

cones sold at the Hawaiian shaved ice stand."

"The family aspect of ViVa! Vienna! appeals to me the most," said Vienna resident Joan Gifford, at the festival with her husband David, daughter Bonnie Gray, son-in-law Terry Gray, and five grandchildren. Bonnie remembers coming to ViVa! Vienna! with her mom, maybe 15 years ago, she imagines. "The kids get free balloons and have a good time here," Gifford said.

"We came to spend the day with Grandma and Grandpa and to have a great, fun time ... a free great, fun time," said Gray.

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Auditions for the Vienna Youth Players' summer musical production, "Into the Woods," will be held May 30, 6-9:30 p.m. and May 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Kids age 9-18 are invited to audition. Bring sheet music and be prepared to sing a song from a standard Broadway repertoire. To schedule an audition time and for more information call 703-255-6360.

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.

The **Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber annual golf tournament** will be held **Monday, June 2** 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.

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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 vienna@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 someone to talk to. Then I'll ask my mother to call them.

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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.

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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.

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 Coval 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.

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

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.

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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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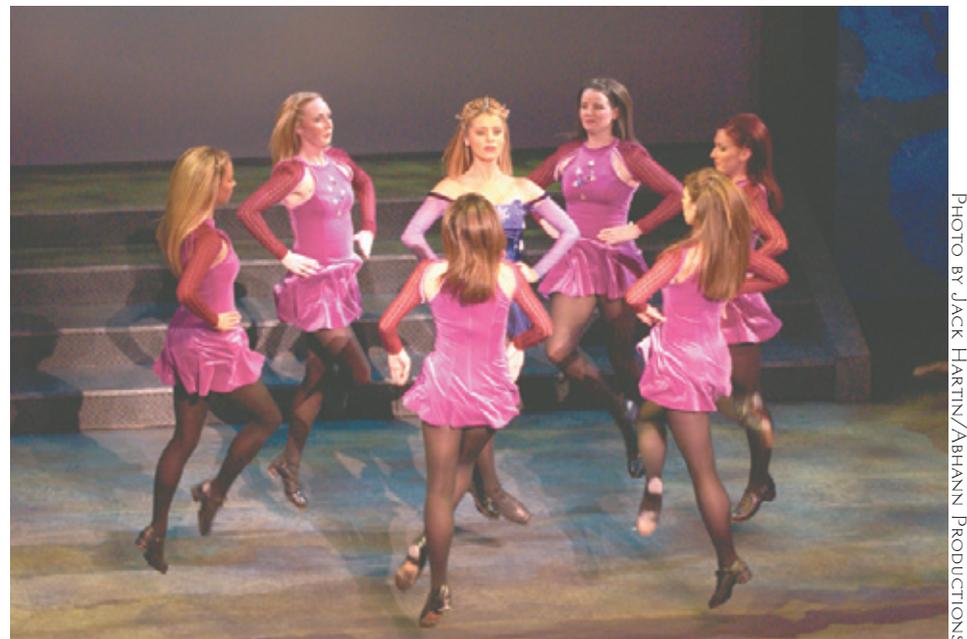


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Happy Birthday to Two! Celebrating Bernstein and Bolcom recital. 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$38.

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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.

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.

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



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.



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.

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,) Dhonya 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 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-Tyson's 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.



For more information, contact:

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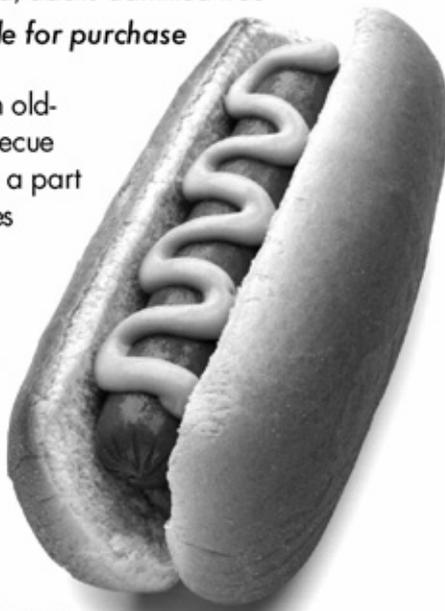
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Guest speaker **Dan Dellinger**, Town Councilman, U.S. Army veteran and past Commander, Post 180, was welcomed to the podium by current Post Commander, **Bob Hatter**, at the Memorial Day tribute at Flint Hill Cemetery on Monday.



Martha Hatter, Post 180 Auxiliary vice-president, and junior Miss Poppy, **Dana Strecker**, handed out red poppies to those paying their respect at Flint Hill Cemetery on Monday.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

With a Salute and a Wreath

The American Legion Post 180 ensured the symbolism of the national anthem was not lost at its annual Memorial Day tribute at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton. As the Vienna Community band played the Star-Spangled Banner following the Pledge of Allegiance, dignitaries and veterans and their families stood with solemn respect. On a gentle breeze under sunny skies, small American flags waved at the gravesites of American veterans.

Bob Hatter, Post 180 commander, welcomed guests and Mayor M. Jane Seeman gave opening remarks. Guest speaker, U.S. Army veteran, past Post 180 Commander, and Town Council member Dan Dellinger addressed the assembled, honoring the "fallen heroes who have given their lives." Dellinger brought up the efforts of the Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) whose mission is to identify the remains of Americans declared missing-in-action.

"It's important we bring home all American heroes," said Dellinger.

Peggy Reinhardt, outgoing president of Post 180 Auxiliary, laid the memorial wreath. In attendance were Vienna Town Council members, state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. Steve Shannon (D-35). The junior Miss Poppy, Dana Strecker of Vienna, was on-hand to help distribute the iconic red poppies.

— DONNA MANZ

Town Budget Nears Approval

After a brief discussion on wording and clarification of terminology, and comments from interested citizens, the Vienna Town Council, at the May 19 regular meeting, closed its public hearing on the proposed amendment to the Town Code, to allow small animal boarding at veterinary hospitals and clinics in the Town of Vienna. Small animals are defined by Vienna as weighing 30 pounds or less.

At an earlier date, two Vienna veterinarians, with specialized practices, noted the need for boarding facilities for small animals, such as turtles, hamsters and birds. Conventional boarding facilities locally accept only dogs and cats, not exotic creatures requiring specialized care.

"Small" animals will not include venomous snakes, certain other reptiles, and monkeys.

That item will be placed on the agenda of the June 2 meeting for adoption.

There were no public comments on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-2009, \$29,467,365, which will be 1.37 percent higher than last year's total budget.

The budget that came before council is based on a real estate tax rate of 20.91 cents, an increase of .95 cents from the fiscal year 2007-2008 rate. Water and sewage rates and fees are unchanged for 2008-09. The public hearing on the proposed Town of Vienna budget was closed and will be placed on the agenda of the June 16 meeting for adoption.

In other Town Council business: The council approved the request for a sole source contract with INOVA Urgent Care of Vienna for the next fiscal year, in an amount up to \$15,000. INOVA

Urgent Care provides emergency medical services to Town employees and provides for pre-employment physicals for prospective Town employees.

The council approved the request to enter into a one-year, sole source maintenance agreement with Siemens for the Town's telecommunications system, in the amount of \$25,373.36. The current telephone and phone mail system was designed, built and installed by Siemens.

The council approved an award for tree maintenance and removal to Northern Virginia Tree Experts, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Northern Virginia Tree Experts, the lowest bidder, serves another Northern Virginia municipality, as well. The contract provides for a renewal option of four additional years.

— DONNA MANZ

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@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 mcleanaauw.org

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.

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Unity of Fairfax Church is celebrating the installation of a Green Roof on the Mildred Park Center as part of its ongoing Stormwater Management Project. The roof is 4,500 square feet and will have 5,600 plants. The project is designed to become a demonstration site where homeowners, businesses and faith centers can learn how to duplicate this environmentally friendly technology. The community is invited on **Sunday, June 1, at noon** when the church will celebrate the new roof as a significant milestone in the overall Project. Unity of Fairfax is located at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton 22124, right next to the new Oakton library. Visit www.Unityoffairfax.org.

30th Annual Yard Sale at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road in Vienna takes place on **Saturday, May 31, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.** Household items (clothing, toys, garden tools). Space available: \$20. Call 703-759-3509.

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 Fairfax Saxophone Quartet holds a benefit performance at Oakton Church of the Brethren on **Sunday, June 8 at 4 p.m.** The program, "FSQ on Broadway," will include the music of Irving Berlin, Leonard Bernstein, George M. Cohan, George Gershwin and Cole Porter and feature guest artist Amy LaCivita on piano.

No tickets or reservations are required. Donations will be accepted for NOVACO (Northern Virginia Coalition), which provides housing and other services to homeless victims of domestic abuse. This concert is part of Oakton Church of the Brethren's concert series celebrating the 300th anniversary of the denomination. The church is located at 10025 Courthouse Road in Vienna, Va. For more information, call 703-281-4411 or go to www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy **Mondays 7-8:30 p.m.** at Unity of Fairfax at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, \$10 per class. Call 202-331-2122 or visit www.meditation-dc.org.

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Edward Eric Roberts, 24, of Vienna has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a recent induction ceremony at the University of Maryland. He is the son of Paula Roberts of Vienna and Glyn Roberts of Reston. Golden Key International Honour Society is the premier college/university honor society in the world, with more than 1.7 million members and over 350 chapters in the U.S., Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. The global nonprofit organization provides academic recognition to top-performing college and university students, as well as scholarships and awards, career internship opportunities, networking, service and leadership development opportunities.



Eric Roberts

Five teams from Fairfax County Public Schools have won regional awards in this year's national eCYBERMISSION competition. Four of the teams are from Kilmer Middle School, and one is from Madison High School. The students won a total of \$42,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds.

Taking a second-place award, which includes \$3,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds for each student, is Kilmer Middle CleanestCowboys team, made up of eighth-grade students **Daniel Calem, Brendan McGrath, Jonathan Nichols, and Samuel Rosenberg**. Led by team advisor Susan Bates, the team conducted experiments on several different hand-washing products to discern their effectiveness in destroying bacteria. Winning criteria awards, which include \$2,000 in U.S. EE Savings Bonds for each student, are the following teams:

♦ Kilmer Middle's Hippy Frogs, composed of eighth-grade students **Mitchell Kelleher, Samantha Kobor, Megan McGovern, and Victoria Snare, led by Bates**. The students received a Benefit to the Community award and were recognized by judges for educating their community about the effect of pesticides on frogs and amphibians.

♦ Kilmer Middle's Smaglieniss team, composed of eighth grade students **Maggie Lin, Allie Meng, and Sonica Saraf, led by Bates**. The students received an Innovation, Originality and Creativity award and were recognized by judges for their investigation into hydro-power electricity and its effects on the water quality in the Potomac River.

♦ Kilmer Middle's Crazy8s team, composed of eighth-grade students **Samir Abdallah, Kevin Nejad, Gina Repole, and Blaise Spratt, led by Bates**. The students received an Application of Science, Math, and Technology award and were recognized by judges for their research and experiments to try to solve the problem of community reliance on carbon-emitting fossil fuels.

♦ Madison High's Helmet Techies team, composed of ninth grade students **David Hegeler, Jae Hyok Im, Danny Macdonald, and Lindsay Mottola, led by team advisor Donna Volkmann**. The students received an Innovation, Originality, and Creativity award and were recognized by judges for investigating nutrient pollution and its effects on organisms in the Chesapeake Bay.

Madeline Yoder of Oakton has accepted a scholarship for the President's Leadership Program (PLP) beginning Fall 2008 at Christopher Newport University.

Wolftrap's Cia Makrigiorgos Honored in River of Words

Cia Makrigiorgos, a sixth-grade student at Wolftrap Elementary School in Vienna, was one of the 60 winners in the poetry division in the 13th annual Library of Congress Center for the Book, River of Words contest. The theme is watersheds and the contest is designed to help youth explore the natural and cultural history of the place they live, and to express, through poetry and art, what they discover.

The ceremony was emceed by Robert Hass, River of Words co-founder, former U.S. Poet Laureate, and recent winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award for Poetry. The ceremony featured children from all over the country reading their winning poems about the natural world. Cia's extended family owns The Greek Grill on Maple Street in Vienna.



Wolftrap Elementary language arts teacher Ellen Collins with Cia Makrigiorgos on May 12 at the Library of Congress.



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Reese Pitches Cougars Into Semifinals

Senior pitcher strikes out five in 7-3 win over Stone Bridge.

BY PAUL FROMMELT
THE CONNECTION

According to Oakton baseball head coach Scott Rowland, senior starting pitcher Bart Reese was “probably a pitch or two away from coming out in the fifth [inning]” of Monday’s Northern Region quarterfinal game against Stone Bridge. Reese completed the fifth – striking out the Stone Bridge shortstop Mike Stancik. When he reached the dugout, Reese began lobbying for another inning.

“He said that he had one more in the fifth. He said that he had one more going into the seventh,” said Rowland.

BASEBALL

OAKTON	7
STONE BRIDGE	3

Rowland finally pulled Reese with one out to go in the seventh inning, opting to let senior Brett Williams get the final out. As he walked off the field, the Cougar starter was met with a standing ovation by the Oakton faithful.

“It is tough as a pitcher because you want to battle and close it out, but we have two other great pitchers on this team and I understand it,” said Reese after the Cougars’ 7-3 win over the Bulldogs at South County High School. “I knew that my boy Brett would close it out. It was a good feeling.”

Reese finished the day going 6 2/3 innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out five, helping the Cougars to advance to their eighth Northern Region Final Four in nine years.

“I am proud of the my guys,” said Rowland of the Cougars’ string of success in the Northern Region tournament. “That is hard to do.”

AFTER THE COUGARS jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the second innings, Stone Bridge responded in the bottom of the second with a one-out solo home run by Tyler Basso, followed by singles off the bats of Collin Pearson and J.J. White to take a 2-1 lead. With a big inning looming for the Bulldogs, Reese refocused, striking out Matt Irwin and getting leadoff batter Brian Wheaton to pop out to first.

“After the second inning, I just had to focus,” said Reese, who didn’t allow another Bulldog hit until the seventh inning. “I just felt it. It felt right after that. I just had to cruise and stay in that same mentality.”

Stone Bridge starter Tyler Weaver was not so lucky. Taking advantage of three Bulldog errors and timely hitting, the



Oakton pitcher Bart Reese pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing three runs off of five hits while striking out five.

All-Region First Team

Pos	Player	School
C	Keith Morrisroe	Chantilly
C	Scott Reed	South Lakes
1B	Matt Snyder	Westfield
2B	Kyle Toulouse	Yorktown
SS	Brent Frazier	South County
SS	Jacob Morley	W.T. Woodson
3B	Mike Snyder	Westfield
OF	Jeff Haeuptle	West Springfield
OF	Johnny Bladel	Stone Bridge
OF	Steve Kouril	Yorktown
OF	Shannon Mark	Lake Braddock
OF	Pike Brynildson	T.C. Williams
DH	Keith Werman	Oakton
UTIL	Kevin Wager	Oakton
UTIL	Mike Edwards	Wakefield
P	Tyler Basso	Stone Bridge
P	Ty Weaver	Stone Bridge
P	Patrick Somers	Chantilly
P	Mike Kent	West Springfield
P	Brian Derner	Lake Braddock

Player of the Year: Matt Snyder, Westfield

Pitcher of the Year: Tyler Basso, Stone Bridge

Coach of the Year: Sam Plank, Stone Bridge

Cougars regained the lead in the top of the third innings and bolstered it with runs in the fourth and sixth and two in the seventh.

Besides a solo home run by Adam Henne in the fourth and a double by Kevin Wager in the seventh, the Cougars lived off of singles, solid base running and key sacrifices to plate their runners.

“We haven’t been swinging it great



Oakton outfielder Bobby McCormick heads home in the third inning, scoring the Cougars’ second run of the game.

lately. I was just trying to do whatever we could to get a win,” said Rowland.

The Cougars finished with seven hits on the day, but saw 14 batters reach base.

“The bottom line is somebody has to step up and get that big hit and they did,” said Stone Bridge head coach Sam Plank.

The Cougars advance to play Lake Braddock on Wednesday night, a rematch of the 2006 Northern Region final that the

Bruins won. The Bruins are currently enjoying a 17-game winning streak.

“They are definitely the hottest team and the best team in the tournament right now, no question. There is really not a weakness there,” said Rowland of Lake Braddock, who advanced to the third round of the tournament by beating Westfield, 20-8. “The good thing is, if you get to that game, you have a chance.”

SPORTS

Westfield Ends Warhawks' Impressive Season

BY PAUL FROMMELT
THE CONNECTION

When Westfield's second-team all-region forward Heather Hovanesian went down in the Bulldogs' Northern Region girls soccer quarterfinal matchup with Madison, Westfield lost both a senior leader and their leading scorer. When sophomore Brittany Bonzano took Hovanesian's place on the field, however, the Bulldogs gained a key component in their 2-0 victory over the Warhawks on Thursday night at Madison High School.

Bonzano scored the Bulldogs' first goal in the 27th minute and assisted on their second in the 50th to help lead the Bulldogs to their first Northern Region Final Four appearance in the program's history.

GIRLS SOCCER

"Heather went down, but what we wanted to do with the ball and how we played. We didn't change that," said Westfield head coach Chris Godart. "We have a lot of talent and a lot of people that can step off the bench and help us."

Hovanesian went down clutching her knee in the game's seventh minute and had to be carried off the field. The senior forward, who has 18 goals for the Bulldogs this season, was fitted with a temporary cast on the sideline.

"They knew she wasn't good enough to get back in," said Godart of Hovanesian's injury. "After that, it's [time to] go to the doctor and figure it out."

DESPITE THE LOSS, the Bulldogs maintained pressure on the Warhawks' net, breaking through with 13 minutes left in the first half when a defensive miscue left the ball bouncing in Madison's box. When senior goalkeeper Grace Rosales bobbled the ball, Bonzano was there to poke the ball into the net for the eventual game winner.

"I just ran through the ball and scored," said

Bonzano. "The goalie bobbled it and I just hit it in."

At the start of the second half, with Westfield holding a 1-0 lead, the Warhawks suffered a major injury of their own. In the 41st minute, Madison's leading scorer, Sara Diggs received a gash on her forehead and missed 14 minutes of the second half as the trainers on the sideline worked to patch her up. The senior midfielder, who led the Warhawks with 17 goals heading into the game, including four in the postseason, returned in the 55th minute. But, she was unable to get a shot off for the remainder of the game.

The Bulldogs added an insurance goal with 10 minutes left in the game when Bonzano drew Rosales out of the box and crossed to junior forward Lauren Diggs for an easy goal.

"[We had] two defensive mistakes. We should be in overtime right now," said Madison head coach Kurt Kuykendall after the game. "Full credit for them for taking their chances, but right now we should be in overtime."

THE LOSS ENDED an impressive season for the Warhawks (11-6), who won their first district title since 1994.

"We won 11 games. Not bad. A lot of teams would be happy to do that," said Kuykendall. "It was a very successful season for a young team with a bright future."

The Bulldogs (11-3-4), on the other hand, are in what Godart calls "new territory," advancing to the region semifinals for the first time. This year's region semifinals, however, looks quite a bit like the Concorde District semifinals of last week, with all four Concorde teams advancing to the round of four. Centreville upset Stone Bridge, while Chantilly and Concorde champ Robinson each advanced. The Bulldogs will face neighborhood-rival Centreville on Wednesday night at South County. Westfield tied Centreville on April 17, 1-1, and beat the Wildcats, 1-0, on May 14.

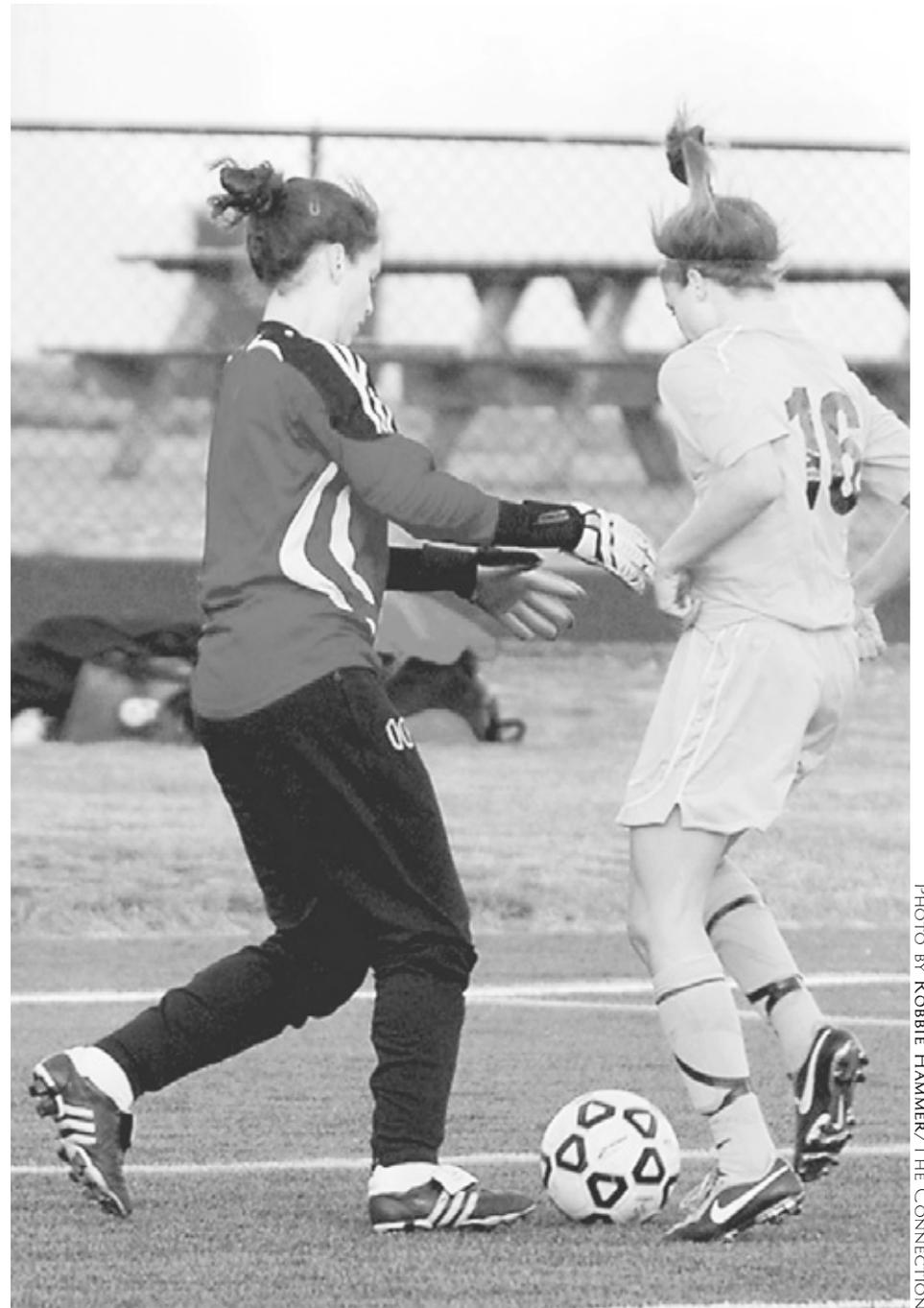


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Sophomore Brittany Bonzano (16) shoots past Madison goalkeeper Grace Rosales for the Bulldogs' first goal of the game.

SUMMER CAMPS

Marshall High School will hold a **girls basketball** camp from June 23 to June 27. Contact Marshall girls head coach Noel Klippenstein for more information at noel.klippenstein@fcps.edu.

The Marshall High School **boys basketball** team will hold two basketball camp sessions. The first session will be from July 7 to July 11. The second will take place from July 28 to July 31. Contact head coach Bobby Forst at bobby.forst@fcps.edu for more information.

Madison High School will hold a **girls basketball** camp from July 14 to July 18 from 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day. The instruction at the camp will emphasize the fundamentals of the game of basketball. Girls entering grades three through nine in the fall may attend. The cost of the camp will be \$150. Visit www.WarhawkSports.org for more information.

Oakton High School will hold its 2008 Oakton **Girls Basketball** Camp from June 23 to June 27 (Session I) and from July 14 to July 18 (Session II). The cost of the first session will be \$135. The second session will cost \$110. Session I will be open to girls between 8 and 15 years of age and

will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Session II will be open to rising 7th to 12th grade girls and will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Due to construction, camps will be held at Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon. Visit www.OaktonAthletics.org for more information.

The Oakton High School **boys basketball** team will host its 2008 Summer Basketball Camp in three sessions, starting on July 7. The first session will run from July 7 to July 11. The second session will run from July 14 to July 18 and the final session will run from July 21 to July 25. The camp will feature daily fundamental drill stations, two full games per day, shooting and foul-shooting contests and a 1-on-1 tournament. Sessions will be held at Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon. Each session day will start at 9 a.m. and will last until 2:30 p.m. The cost will be \$140 for all three sessions.

The 2008 Oakton **Dance Team** Junior Dance Camp for rising 1st to 8th grade students will be held between July 29 to 31 at Oakton High School. The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be a performance on July 31 from 12 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of the camp will be \$80 if you register before July 1. The price will be \$90 after July 1. For more information, visit the Oakton High School ath-

letic website.

The Oakton High School Boosters presents the 2008 Oakton Cougar **Field Hockey/Girls Lacrosse** Camp for ages 8 to 18. Cougar camps are designed for beginning, intermediate and advanced field hockey or lacrosse players who wish to refine skills and increase knowledge in the sport. Directors Lizzie McManus and Jean Counts provide a staff consisting of college and high school coaches and NCAA D-I players/coaches. For more information, email Lizzie McManus at lizziemcmanus@gmail.com (field hockey) or Jean Counts at jean.counts@fcps.edu (lacrosse).

The Cougar Evening **Boys Lacrosse** Camp will take place June 23 to June 27 and July 7 to July 11 at Oakton High School from 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. The \$100 cost includes instruction and pinny. Certified trainers will be on site. For more information, visit www.oaktonlax.com or call camp director and head coach Tony Gray at 703-591-7737.

The Warhawk **Field Hockey** Camp will be held from June 23 to June 27 at Madison High School. Rising 5th to 9th graders are eligible for the camp. The cost of the camp will be \$150. The Warhawk field hockey

camp provides an opportunity for beginners and experienced players to refine skills and knowledge in the sport of field hockey. For more information, contact field hockey coach Meghan Punaro at fcps.edu or call 703-319-2573.

Madison High School will hold a summer **volleyball** camp for rising 7th and 9th graders from July 28 to July 31. The first three nights will consist of learning skills and running through drills that are ability based. A tournament will be played on the last night. The cost of the camp will be \$75. For more information, contact head coach Carrie Hall at chall24@cox.net.

The Northern Virginia Region Cheer Coaches Association will hold its annual summer **cheerleading** camp in three sessions. On July 12, the NVRCCA camp will be at Centreville High School. On July 19 and July 26, the camp will be at Fairfax High School. Each session will cost \$35, or \$90 for all three. For more information, contact NVRCCA Secretary Sarah Krawchuk at sarah_santoro@hotmail.com.

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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.



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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-

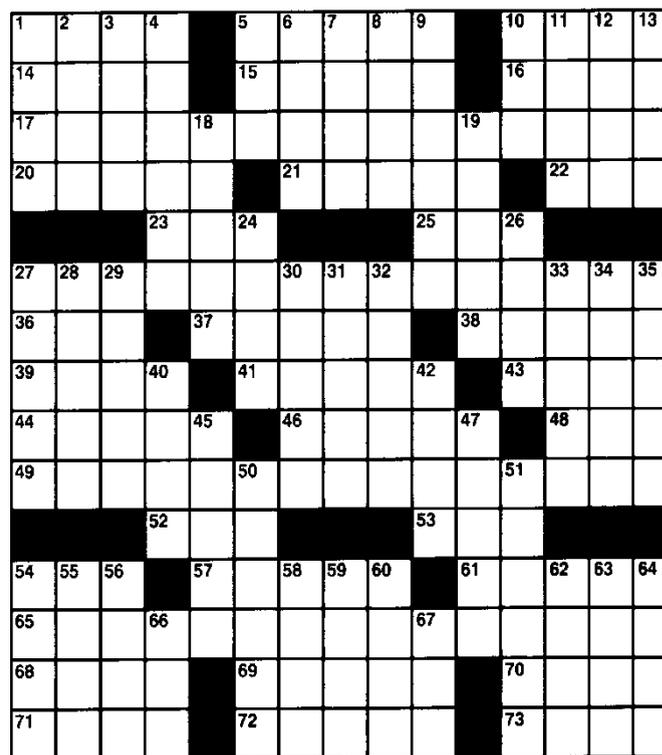
ion, beauty and other feel-good items from Lucy, The Picture People, Modern Day Spa, Crystal Light, Ibema, Ann Taylor and Marmi at Tysons Corner Center — each with a handwritten, inspirational note from the woman who assembled the bag.

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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- 29 It's made at fights
- 30 Like some sentences

- 31 Trick's alternative
- 32 Moor
- 33 Remove stitches from
- 34 Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy —
- 35 Bird's sound
- 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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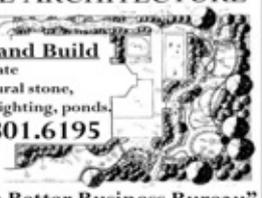
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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," "Valassis," "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.

If the Federal Government's supply and demand, laissez-faire-type attitude with respect to the price of a barrel of crude oil persists, then I have limited other options, practically speaking, other than to coupon exchange. Nor can I worry about whether these ends will justify the means. I only know it's a means to an end.

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