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Jordan Carkhuff dances at McLean High School's prom last Friday.

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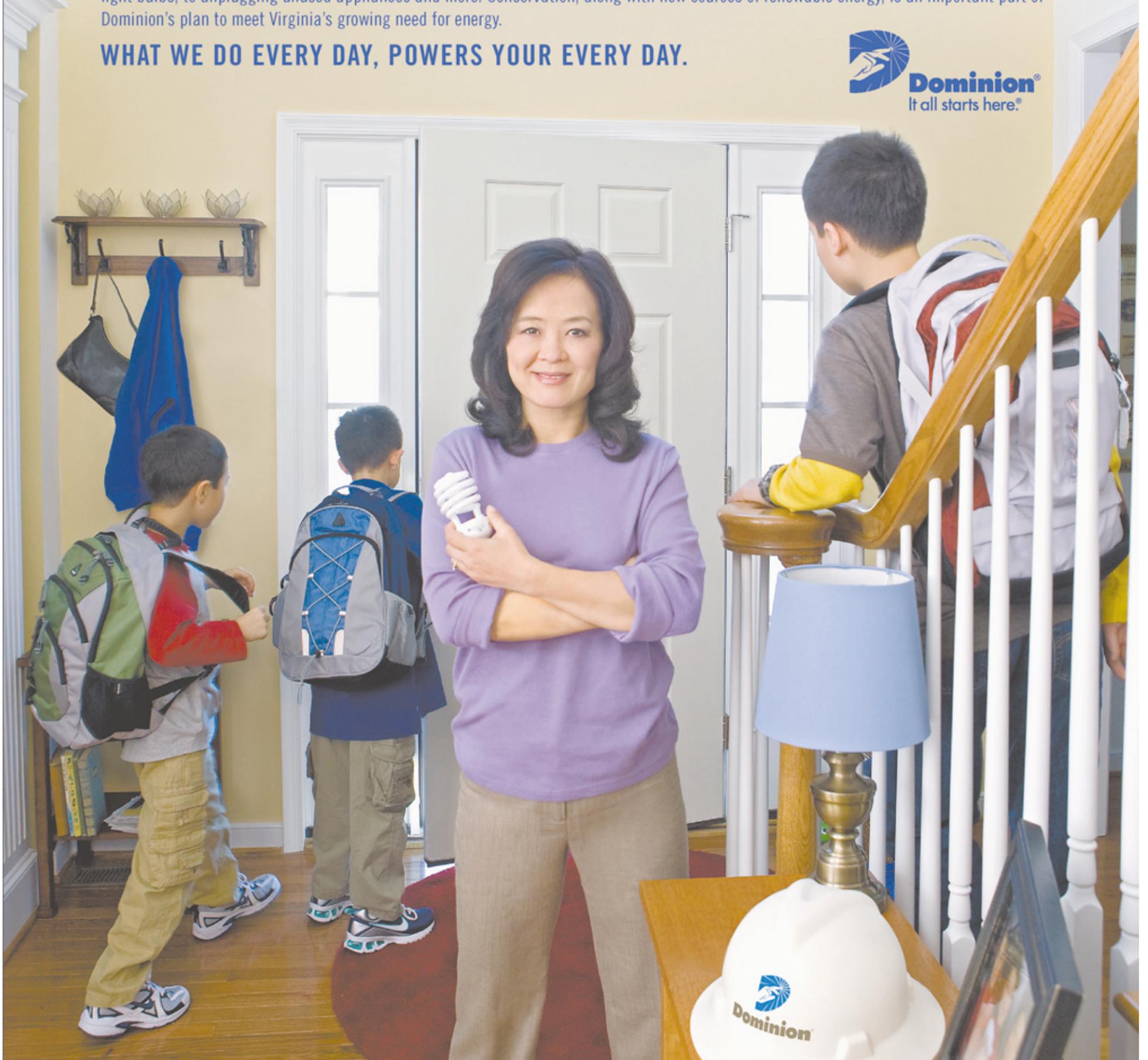
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A pair of couples slow it down on the dance floor during last Friday's prom.

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Supervisor John Foust

Honorary Member

At MCA membership meeting, Foust still proves popular.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

"It's good to be back," Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) told the McLean Citizens Association at its last membership meeting, before launching into an update on McLean's hot-button issues. Foust's visit to the MCA was something of a homecoming, as he is a former member and sat as the association's president for more than a year.

And he has continued to receive warm welcomes after his graduation to county-level politics, where he could be pulled between the interests of his constituents and those of his new colleagues and other regions of the county. Before Foust took the podium at the meeting last Wednesday, current MCA president Rob Jackson had reintroduced him to the association as "a person trying to walk his talk."

"I think John is trying to listen to people and trying to do what he said he was going to do," Jackson said in a later interview. He said he thought Foust, who is finishing his fifth month in office, only wanted to represent his constituents' wishes. "We don't always see that in our supervisors." He said this was appreciated even by people who may disagree with Foust on issues or ideology.

He pointed out that the community had been asking for studies on the impact of any Tysons Corner redevelopment on traffic in the surrounding areas. Foust, along with Supervisors Linda Smyth (D-Providence) and Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), had

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McLean High Celebrates Prom

The Westwood Country Club filled up last Friday with more than 400 McLean High School prom attendees. The night started with small attendance at 9 p.m., but at around 10, the majority of students arrived. Flower décor was sprinkled throughout the ballroom, along with candles accenting the dim lighting. Many students took advantage of the balconies at the end of the room that overlooked the Westwood Golf Course. The evening concluded at 1 a.m.

— ANDREW DODSON



Students hand in their tickets for a night of dancing and fun.



Junior Carolyn Postol pops her heel as her date Martin Brown sports the shades for their prom photo.



Seniors Jessica Chen (left) and Kristina Lee share a laugh walking into last Friday's prom.



Senior Tracy Jenkins stuck to his cultural roots and wore a kilt for the prom.

Madeira Draws Line in the Sand

Girls' boarding school prepares to fight proposed trail along property.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Of the 40 or so people who showed up at the Madeira School Monday night to discuss a proposition to extend the Potomac Heritage Trail around the back of the school's property, the only one who spoke in support of the project was an employee of the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Neighbors of the property had been invited, and members of the school's board of directors were also present, as were parents of students.

The proposition to run a trail along the Potomac River behind the private girls' boarding school remains unofficial but has quickly gained support at the local and county level.

DUE TO HEIGHTENED STANDARDS of environmental protection, Madeira's wastewater treatment plant, built in the 1930s, is no longer in compliance with state code and must be replaced. The school decided to

"There has to be a nexus between what you're asking for and what the county wants to impose on you."

— David Houston,
Madeira attorney

zoned, explained Headmistress Betsy Griffith, "Madeira exists under exception, and so whenever we want to do anything,

Madeira Headmistress Betsy Griffith delineates a proposed trail route through the school's property.

propose relocating the rebuilt plant from the environmental quality corridor along the Potomac to a site behind the school's sports center, and that shift would cause a number of changes to previously approved plans for the campus.

Because the school's property is residentially

we have to ask permission." When the school applied for a special exception to make the changes last September, local trail advocates and the Park Authority saw an opportunity to gain a segment of trail that had been on the books for about 30 years. They planned to require the trail in return for the exception.

The Great Falls Citizens Association recently passed a resolution in support of requiring the trail, and the McLean Citizens Association has drafted a similar resolution to be voted on today, June 4. Supervisor

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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 site 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 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.

Works Cause Detour At Georgetown Pike

The state Department of Transportation will be closing Georgetown Pike to make some repairs, starting at the beginning of June and it will take approximately three weeks, depending on weather. The work will be performed between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Message boards have been placed to warn drivers they will be detoured onto Old Dominion and Swinks Mill. However, in the hopes to minimize traffic impacts, VDOT has changed its approach to a three-tiered closure between specific routes. The first closure will be between Swinks Mill Road and Kimberwicke for about one week. The second closure will be between Kimberwicke and Towlston starting around June 9, and the last closure will be the third week of June between Towlston and Old Dominion.

There will be a flagger at each detour sign to direct traffic or give directions if needed.

Residents who live along the section of the road that is being worked on will be given access to Georgetown Pike.

Police Promote 'Safe June'

With high school proms and graduations coming up, the Fairfax County Police Department will be increasing DWI enforcement and education efforts on underage drinking and drunk driving. These efforts will include weekly DWI checkpoints on county roadways, sting operations in which underage cadets will attempt to purchase alcohol, and mock crash scenes and poster contests at local high schools.

Efforts have been stepped up in light of startling statistics: last year, there were 52 people killed in traffic crashes in Fairfax

Proposed Density Faces Opposition

Tysons Task Force adopts high density figures but opposition grows.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The Tysons Land Use Task Force last week voted to adopt the highest density estimates it has considered, but opponents both on the Task Force and from neighboring communities said the figures were chosen without any clear evidence on what they were based.

As a result, four members of the Task Force voted "no" or abstained including Willard "Billy" Thompson of the Vienna Tysons Chamber of Commerce, Amy Tozzi, Tysons area south of Route 123, Irv Auerbach, of Dranesville and Edward Chase, a member of the Town of Vienna Planning Commission.

The Task Force voted for "far" ranges from 6.0 for buildings within 1/8 of a mile of a future Metro station to 2.75 for those within a half mile of a station.

THE TASK FORCE has been following a plan called Transit Oriented Development (TOD) which suggests that residential densities can be highest where subway riders can walk to a Metro station and leave their cars at home. The distances are estimates of how far a resident might walk to a subway.

"These are the highest figures they've ever come out with," said Mark Zetts, a member of the McLean Citizens Association who monitors the Task Force.

The Task Force issued no estimates of how many square feet of development these figures would cause, but others said it might engender from 145,000,000 square feet to 165,000,000 square feet, vastly higher than

the 94,000,000 to 127,000,000 square feet first shown to the public at meetings in February.

"These are the highest figures they've ever come out with."

— Mark Zetts a member of the McLean Citizens Association who monitors the Task Force.

At that time, Rob Jackson of the McLean Citizens Association wrote an email to Clark Tyler, chairman of the Task Force, and asked for the underlying data that supported the development estimates. Tyler said they might be available later, but as of June 1, Jackson had seen no information. "These growth estimates have huge implications," he said, "we are not saying we doubt they have a base for them, but make them public."

Huge financial investments are at stake. The density levels can turn into billions of dollars in increased land values for the owners of the 1,700 acres of Tysons Corner land.

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Principal Sets Three Goals

Kihm eyes both continuity and changes at Longfellow Middle.

BY JULIA WINKLER
THE CONNECTION

New Longfellow Middle School Principal Carole Kihm spent her first two weeks visiting all classrooms to meet as many students as possible, while simultaneously meeting with administrative staff and department chairs.

“What I’m trying to do is gather information. I want to know what folks are really happy about that they want to keep at this school and I want to know what are some changes that they would like to see,” said Kihm.

Kihm assumed her position on May 19, bringing her experiences and ideas for the future to the Longfellow community. Having worked in the field of education at several different levels and within a number of settings, Kihm — a resident of Northern Virginia for the past seven years — chose Longfellow after serving as assistant principal at Franklin Middle School in Chantilly.

“I read everything about the school and I was drawn to it. I read the school improvement plan and I looked at their vision and their mission and I just thought ‘that’s where I want to be’. It’s all about the match and I really feel it is a great match,” said Kihm.

Involved with the Aspiring Principals’ Cohort for the past year, Kihm received training in leadership to build on her experiences as a teacher, counselor, director of student services, and assistant principal.

In light of Longfellow’s recent naming by Gov. Tim Kaine as one of Virginia’s 89 schools of educational excellence, Kihm hopes to continue this tradition through the completion of three goals: emphasizing



Carole Kihm is the new principal at Longfellow Middle School.

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a strong instructional focus where all students are meeting their individual potentials; providing a safe and secure environment; and communicating effectively with the students themselves.

“We’re going to really look at our professional learning communities to see how we can work with our faculty and how we can implement the best curriculum and strategies for our students,” said Kihm. In combination with an enhanced communication between administration, faculty, and students, Kihm hopes to increase positive behavior by emphasizing three values the Longfellow community holds dear.

“The [Longfellow] Lancer Code is ‘be respectful, be responsible, and be safe’, so we’re going to really focus on those three things and give prizes for kids that we actually see doing [them],” said Kihm. “We’re going to tie the positive behavior program to our discipline plan. My goal is that we’ll have a lot less referrals to the office if we have this going on.”

HOT Lanes Could Lead To Increase in I-495 Noise

Some residents may not only be sitting in traffic but also listening to it once the Capital Beltway’s High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project gets underway in July.

The Virginia Department of Transportation and two private partners, Fluor and TransUrban corporations, will be replacing the sound barriers along the interstate as part of the five-year project.

Officials said the new barriers will be more effective at keeping noise out of the community but, in some cases, the current wall would have come down before a new one is installed.

“People are going to be left with nothing for a very long time,” said Mason District supervisor Penny Gross.

Gross and her colleagues on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have other questions about the HOT lanes’ impact on residential communities around the beltway. They asked the state trans-

portation department to conduct a review of the project for “adequate noise abatement.”

Providence district supervisor Linda Smyth said the new walls will not adequately protect people living on the upper levels of high-rise buildings. She also said the new sound barriers would not cover nearly as much ground as the current walls.

“They are talking about shorter sound walls than I have ever seen before,” said Smyth, who added that she has not yet seen a full sound wall study.

The walls could also impact some public space. Braddock District supervisor Sharon Bulova raised concerns about the increase in beltway noise at Wakefield Park in Annandale.

Public spaces, like parks, do not automatically receive sound barriers like residential areas do, she said.

— JULIA O’DONOGHUE

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PEOPLE

Week of Excitement Ends 'Before I Knew It'

Langley High Junior reflects on her prom week.

CAROLINE ENGLE
JUNIOR AT LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 26: I went out of town over Memorial Day weekend, and while I was away I saw many proms going on. Seeing the pretty dresses and the limousines made me feel excited about my own prom the next weekend, and during the car ride home I couldn't help but think of the upcoming festivities and the excitement that would be shared by all in the following week.

Tuesday, May 27: Getting back to school after the long weekend ensured that the hallways of Langley would be filled with decorations advertising the theme of Midnight Masquerade for the prom. Posters with masks on them lined the hallways and even a few people talked of wearing masks to the dance. While my group arrangements were already in place, I didn't have a date yet. However, on Tuesday I was asked by



Junior Zach Costellia; Lauren (his date from Westfield high school); junior Jimmy Gimbert; sophomore Paula Novacki; juniors Jimmy Underhill; Caroline Engle; Eric Hayes; Daniela Arciniegas; David Baughan; Claire Ballweg; and Devin Miller pose at Jimmy Gimbert's house.

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The **Institute of Catholic Culture** presents several upcoming programs at **Saint John the Beloved Catholic Church**, 6420 Linway Terrace, McLean. For more information, call 703-504-8733. **Thursday, 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)

Excellent Living, a radio ministry for women of all ages and stages, will sponsor a program for women **Saturday, June 7**, 10 a.m.-noon in Community Room C at McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Cheryl Martin, the host of Excellent Living, will speak on "A Woman of Distinction" during this time of encouragement and fellowship. The event is free, but contributions are welcome. Contact tanya@excellentliving.org or 703-615-6588.

The Rev. Abigail Evans, Ph.D., L.H.D., Professor of Practical Theology and author will be the keynote speaker at **Interfaith Summit 2008**, a day of ideas and resources for building older adult ministries in Fairfax County and surrounding areas. This inaugural event will be held at George Mason University Student Union II on **Wednesday, June 11**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This event, targeted towards clergy, congregational care providers, faith community nurses, health ministry coordinators and anyone interested in developing faith-based programs for older adults, will also feature panel presentations on models of older adult programs, and opportunities to learn to use many county resources.

There is no cost to guests, but participants are requested to register in advance. Registration includes continental breakfast, box lunch, and complimentary parking. Register by June 4 at www.carefaxlctc.org or 1-877-926-8300. For more information about Long Term Care in Fairfax County, call the Health Department at 703-246-2411, TTY 703-591-6435, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd.

Catholic Charities' annual golf tournament, now in its 16th year, will raise funds to support programs and services of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. **Monday, June 30**, 1 p.m. at the International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Hwy., Fairfax. This year's tournament will feature a putting contest and silent auction. The \$275 registration fee covers lunch, access to the putting green and driving range beginning at 11 a.m., and beverages during the tournament. Also included in the registration are greens fee, golf cart, goody bag, a cocktail reception, and dinner. To register or assist as a sponsor or donor, call 703-841-3835. Information is also available at www.ccgolffclassicc.org and www.ccda.net.



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

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OPINION

Why I Race for the Cure

Cancer survivor makes a difference by leading top fund-raising team in Race for the Cure.

BY SUSAN SONLEY



Susan Sonley

1959. She had four small children under the age of 6 and underwent a treatment program that would be considered barbaric today. A radical mastectomy and immediate hysterectomy followed by massive doses of radiation were very hard on her, but saved her life. My father

was her steadfast supporter, but it was a very difficult time, and all of our lives changed because of her illness. Within two years my mother lost her own mother to metastatic breast cancer.

Today we have so many more resources available, thanks to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Komen has raised awareness to unprecedented levels and put breast cancer funding on our lawmakers' agenda. We now have many surgical and treatment choices; counseling and support groups are standard procedure. My family would have been so lucky had my mother had half these resources.

At my first race in 1995, I was thoroughly unprepared for the emotions that overwhelmed me that beautiful June morning as I walked onto the National Mall. The uncertainty and fear that were constant companions during my illness were mitigated by the fellowship, love

Get Involved

It's not too late to participate in the 2008 Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure. The annual 5K event will be held in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, June 7, rain or shine, with more than 50,000 participants, including 3,500 breast cancer survivors. The race supports breast cancer research and has invested more than \$1 billion over the past 25 years. See www.nationalracefortheCure.org or call 703-416-RACE for late registration.

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and support from the tens of thousands whose lives had also been touched by breast cancer. I was not alone with this disease. What a powerful message!

I started Champions for the Cure in 1998 to celebrate my 5th anniversary cancer free. Since then, we've been able to raise an astounding \$500,000 for Komen's breast cancer research, treatment, education and screening programs.

I'm constantly grateful to Komen for pulling breast cancer out of the closet and making it a public issue, so different than it was for my mother and grandmother. So every year, I dust off my mailing lists and begin fund-raising again, hoping the cure is in sight. And every year, I find people really do care, and donate generously. I am blessed to be a 14-year survivor who can continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

Susan Sonley is an 18-year Reston resident and breast cancer survivor who, for the past nine years running, has led the highest-grossing National Race team.

This weekend my team, Champions for the Cure, will again participate in the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure, held annually on the first Saturday in June on the National Mall. My goal is to always be the team that raises the most money, and I've accomplished it for the past nine years. As I add names to my massive mailing list, I reflect on why I became involved. It's not a simple answer, but it carries a strong message of hope and solidarity.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 40, in 1994, and had multiple surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy. When it was all over and my life started to regain some semblance of normalcy, I learned it wasn't really over. Did the treatment work well enough to give me another year or two? This is a question for which there is no answer. So when the treatments are over, it's really not over.

I was always aware of breast cancer because my mother, 29 at the time, was diagnosed in

GUEST EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congressman Deserving Our Support

To the Editor:

This letter highlights Congressman Frank Wolf's (R-10) accomplishments in responding to constituents, community support, protection, and government program service delivery needs. In public and private sectors, he demonstrates his constituents' problem identification, analysis and results oriented resolution capabilities. Rep. Frank Wolf was recently awarded the prestigious Spirit of Enterprise Award recognizing his contributions to pro-business legislation that fosters economic growth and new job creation.

Congressman Wolf and staff work tirelessly for the 10th District, home of world leading Internet and high-tech corporate and government agency professionals. Wolf serves on the House Appropriations Committee, which funds federal government operations, and the Transportation Subcommittee, critically important to the 10th District. He is the "rank-

ing member" of the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee with oversight of the State Department and other international programs and organizations.

Congressman Wolf aggressively leads efforts to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil. He understands the serious impact that rising fuel prices are having on the everyday lives and the economic strength; and he wrote President Bush asking him to temporarily suspend filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) for short-term high gas price relief.

Congressman Wolf is co-sponsoring the "No More Excuses Energy Act" that encourages domestic energy production and the PUMP Act aimed at protecting consumers from pump price manipulation. He continues to support energy conservation, new energy production and distribution sources, and oil and natural gas exploration to fulfill the country's energy needs.

Congressman Wolf, a leading crusader for human rights, is co-chairman of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus that identifies and works to alleviate human rights abuses worldwide. He trav-

eled to a number of countries and saw firsthand the tremendous suffering of people at the hands of corrupt governments.

Congressman Wolf provides constituent and community issue understanding and support, and dedicated congressional leadership. His annual voting record is available to constituents in a user-friendly format, categorized by subject area. He earns our respect and deserves our vote in the Tuesday, June 10, Republican Primary. I urge you to work with Frank; because he has and will continue to work for you.

Jerry Manetti
Oakton

McKinley Deserves To Be Heard

To the Editor:

Upon reading your description of the 10th district GOP convention last week [Marshall versus Gilmore, The Connection, May 21-27, 2008], I was confused.

It left the impression that the signs and support existed for cur-

rent Congressman Frank Wolf, and not for his Republican challenger Vern McKinley. You noted the supersized Frank Wolf sign hanging as backdrop to the stage, which was hung in disregard to the plainly stated note on the convention door asking all signs to be posted outside the auditorium. However, outside the auditorium signs for Vern McKinley matched signs for Frank Wolf. There were about a dozen people waving McKinley signs on each corner of the entrances to the Convention and some more volunteers handing out literature and manning his booth. Several attendees said that they had reservations about supporting the newcomer Vern McKinley against incumbent Frank Wolf in this upcoming June 10 primary, even though McKinley's stand on the issues much more closely mirrored their own. However, after the showing of his supporters with their signs and enthusiasm, and the speech he made at the Convention, many people changed their mind and are now firmly declared to vote for Vern McKinley. I estimate about a third

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of the delegation expressed their support, and therefore is evidence that an even greater portion of "rank and file" 10th District Republicans support McKinley as the best candidate to beat whomever the Democrats elect on June 10.

I thank you, in advance, for assuring that the full story and another point of view is reported.

Leslie Demchenko

Delegate to the 10th District
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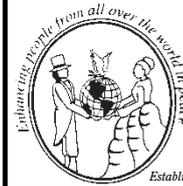
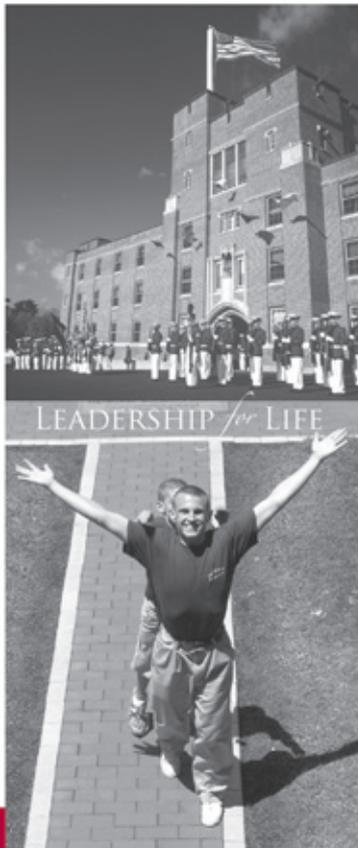
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Cooper Middle student's sculpture receives award.

Libby Kalis, a 14-year-old at Cooper Middle School, will be presented with a Gold Key award from the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers on June 5 at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

Kalis's sculpture, "Prisoner of Love," was presented by art teacher Nadene Wright to the Alliance's Scholastic Art & Writing Award. The sculpture was sent to the Regional competition, where it won over 1,500 other entries, and then moved on to Nationals.

"My sculpture is a prisoner and the meaning behind it was a prisoner trying to break free from the stereotype that prisoners have no hearts," Kalis said. "On the sculpture itself, the prisoner had a heart on it. And attached to his shackle was a globe that he was trying to break free from."

Wright said Kalis is a dedicated student who often puts a lot of meaning into the art she creates.

"She's a creative child who is very active in her work," she said. "She is someone who is very focused on getting her point across."

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Daniela Arciniegas, Eric Hayes, Paula Novacki, Jimmy Gimbert, Devin Miller, Caroline Engle and Jimmy Underhill in the limo.

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someone already in my group, so all of the arrangements remained the same.

Wednesday, May 28: Everything for Saturday was seemingly in place, but I soon found out that our dinner reservations had changed. We were originally going to the Clyde's in Georgetown, but when we added one more member to our group, they no longer allowed us to keep our reservation there. Then several other restaurants entered our discussions of possible dinner places, but we finally decided on the newest Clyde's in Ashburn called Willow Creek Farm.

Thursday, May 29: Prom mania seemed to sweep the halls of Langley. Seemingly all people were capable of talking about was the dance. Last minute decisions were being made about limousine reservations, dinner plans were changing rapidly, and nearly every girl was discussing dress colors. It was very interesting seeing kids scrambling around trying to find dates or groups to be in; the limousine reservations seemed to be the deciding factor of how many people could be included. Teachers even went so far as to suggest dates for guys trying to find one at the last minute.

Friday, May 30: With final preparations in place for prom, there was nothing left to do but enjoy the excitement of all who would be attending. However, every year a car involved in a terrible accident is parked at the exit of the school to serve as a reminder of the unfortunate decisions made by drivers under the influence of alcohol. This year the car used as an example belonged to a family friend, so the message was really important to me. As I was leaving school, I only hoped that my fellow classmates would make wise decisions about drinking and driving on Saturday night.

Saturday, May 31: Saturday was a busy day for me even before I went to dinner and the dance. Between nail appointments in the morning, last minute shopping for shoes, and getting my hair done by Zizi at Salon Michelle in McLean, the day filled up quickly. After getting ready with my sister Hannah, I headed over to a member of my group's house to take pictures at 6 p.m. It seemed as if the parents couldn't stop taking pictures, even as the snapped shots of



Caroline Engle with sister Hannah, a senior at Langley, getting ready for the prom.

us inside the limousine as it pulled away. Our group of 11 ate dinner at Clyde's at 8:30. I ordered the lobster, thinking that the meat would already be picked out, but instead I was presented with a whole lobster on my plate. While eating, I completed the difficult task of cracking open the lobster without spilling anything on my dress. Following dinner we went to the actual dance at Westfield's Marriott, arriving at around 10:30. Once we arrived, we quickly designated a time and place to meet. Our group dispersed, and I spent my time chatting with friends that weren't in my group and looking at everyone's gorgeous dresses. The room was decorated beautifully; the parents and students responsible for it certainly went the extra mile in ensuring that students would feel as if they were at a real masquerade ball. We left the dance at midnight, right after the prom court was announced. As we departed the hotel, I felt a little sad thinking that the night was over so fast.

Sunday, June 1: The hard work and preparation over the past month or so came to a close as the actual night of prom was over before I knew it. There was so much excitement and anticipation leading up to the event, and prom itself certainly didn't disappoint. The decorations were fabulous and really helped to make the night more enjoyable. After departing the dance, I hung out with some friends for a short time, but made an early exit home at the end of a busy week leading up to prom.

The writer is the editor-in-chief of the Langley High School's Saxon Scope.

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Open Letter to Fairfax County School Board

Fairfax teachers are writing to encourage the Fairfax County School Board to reconsider the decision to dramatically reduce summer school in Fairfax County.

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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. Open to the public, register at info@ipralliance.com. The cost (with lunch) \$30 at the door (cash only). The buffet luncheon includes a beverage and gratuity. Contact: info@ipralliance.com

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SITC Board members Jennifer Abernethy, Kelly Harmon, and Pat Maccini at the event.

Success in the City Hosts Movie Premiere

Networking group hosts 'Sex And The City' premiere.

BY SUSANNA TISA
THE CONNECTION

Women from across metro Washington descended on Tysons Corner Mall early last Friday for this year's "big, really big" event. Success in the City, the high-profile local female executive networking organization, hosted the first commercial screening of "Sex And The City" at the AMC Theatres in Tysons Corner Center. Cynthia de Lorenzi, who lives in Fairfax, founded Success In the City (SITC) as a networking alternative for senior executive businesswomen who want an opportunity to connect at a more personal level, in an environment that focuses on relationships first, with business in due course. "Hosting the premiere of 'Sex And The City' is a natural for SITC. The show and the movie both celebrate friendships, fun, and the kind of

enduring relationships that women have. That's what this organization is about," said de Lorenzi.

Lana Bian, Vienna resident and an executive at China Telecom in Herndon, started the organization with de Lorenzi as a way to expand on the emerging trend of social networking. Bian said, "It is all about getting to know each other first, in a non-threatening way. There is no solicitation permitted at meetings, because if we focus on personal relationships first, then business will follow."

An executive who talks in headlines and goes by the nickname "Diva Extraordinaire", de Lorenzi expects SITC to eventually become an international network. Kelly Harmon, president of Zephyr Strategy in Manassas, is board chair for SITC. "We did an offsite strategy session about six months ago and created a roadmap," Harmon said. "You will see expanded membership, developmental programs, books, and Internet TV programming, just to name a few of the things that we are working on."

The group's meetings take place at locations around Northern Virginia like the

Tower Club, and starting this month, at J. Gilbert's in McLean. "Our monthly luncheons attract about 35 members and are always sold out," said de Lorenzi. "CEO Chick Chat, where we bring in female CEOs to talk about their path to success, is a big favorite. These are held at offices around Tysons Corner, but members in Washington D.C. can participate by video."

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moe, Rusted Root. 6 p.m. at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFRAP. Tickets are \$32/in-house, \$28/lawn.

Dreaming of Eden, The Common Threat, Celebrity Gunfight. Rock. Show 10 p.m., tickets \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com

The Seekers. 6-8 p.m. Free. Favorites from the 1950s through the 2000s. Outdoors at the Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean.

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason. 8 p.m. in Alden Theater at McLean Community Center. Program includes Appalachian, Cajun and Celtic fiddle tunes. Tickets are \$27, and \$22 ticket

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Book discussion and signing. World renown children's author Phillip Pullman discusses and

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SITC Board members Darcie Davis, Cynthia de Lorenzi, Barbara Rorer, and Pat Maccini.



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Caroline Alexander and Suzanne Fulton, both of Reston, get ready to enter the theatre.

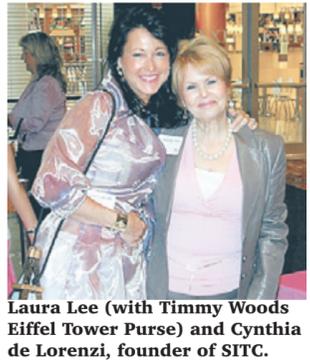


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Laura Lee (with Timmy Woods Eiffel Tower Purse) and Cynthia de Lorenzi, founder of SITC.



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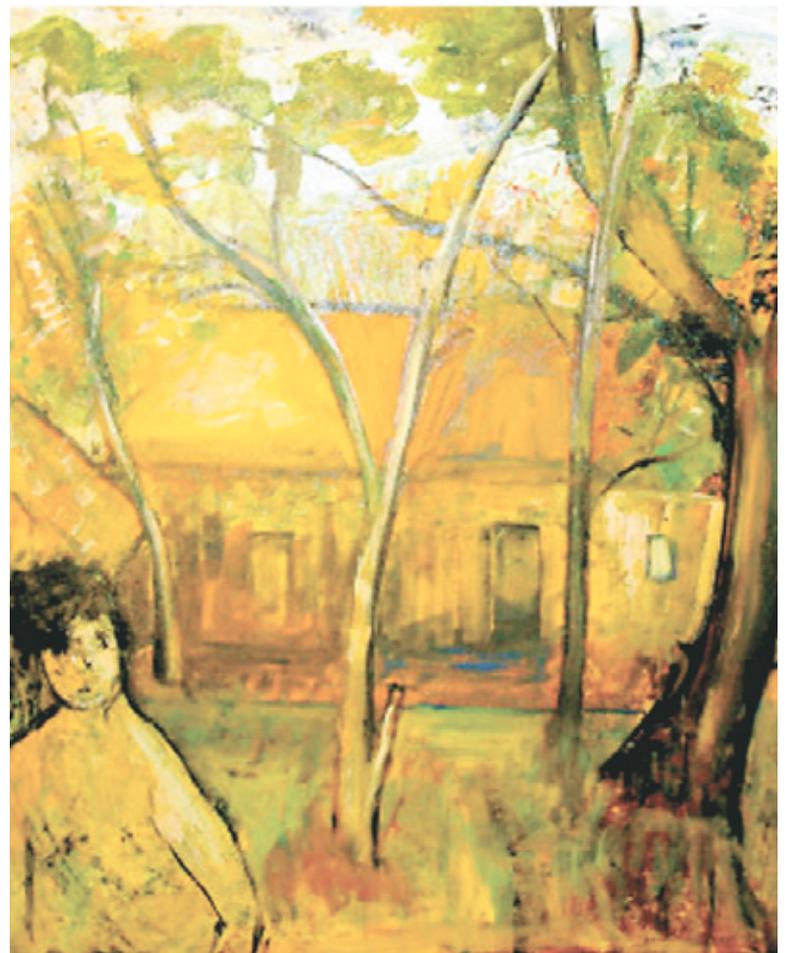
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Notable graduation speakers this year include:

❖ Langley High: Kathleen Mathews, Marriott International executive vice president for global communications and public affairs and former ABC 7 News anchor.

❖ McLean High: Ruth Otte, former president of the Discovery Channel.

❖ Madison High: R. Nicholas Burns, under secretary for public affairs, U.S. State Department.

Kent Gardens Elementary School, 1717 Melbourne Dr., McLean, Va., PTA will host an International Percussion Concert, Friday, June 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the auditorium. This is a community outreach to showcase the school's own special musical instruments. A varied assortment of original African instruments, along with others, will treat visitors to sights and sounds rarely experienced. The students are eager to demonstrate their skill and pride. The school is seeking only the most unusual international instruments for donations.

Katherine L. Steele of McLean was named to the **Bucknell University** dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2007-08 year. She is the daughter of H. John and Janet Steele of McLean, and a 2005 graduate of Potomac School.

Congratulations to Melissa Belardi, a McLean High teacher who was selected to receive the Northern Virginia Athletic Directors, Administrators and Coaches Association John Youngblood Memorial Scholarship. This is a \$2,000 scholarship to be used at UVA.

The following McLean High JV Girls Lacrosse players have been selected to the All-District Team:

❖ Hanna Longwell, sophomore — 1st Team All-District

❖ Annie Toulmin, senior — 2nd Team All-District

❖ Hannah Zegler, junior — 2nd Team All-District

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Several members of the McLean High Engineering Club recently competed at Technosphere, the State Technology Student Association Competition. Scott Feit, Laya Pattana, and Katie Smith are all eligible to compete in the National Competition in June. Congratulations to the following:

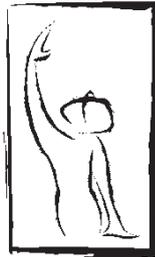
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Divas Connect at Premiere

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to offer her large conference room for the assembly line. "I just love being part of this organization," said Wilson. "Cynthia and I met in 2006 and we immediately bonded because we are both from Texas. I started attending the SITC 'Grits and Greens' luncheons at the Tower Club early last year and from then on I was hooked."

Barbara Rorer from Leesburg was the event planning chair. She thanked those who had pitched in and took the opportunity to hand

out some final assignments.

Jennifer Abernethy from Ashburn and CEO of Sales Lounge, described marketing strategy. "The event was billed as 'big, really big' so it would leave an imprint on our members. We wanted them to remember exactly who they were with when they first saw 'Sex And The City.'" Abernethy employed blogging campaigns and Facebook event promotion, and also planned to transmit on-the-spot interviews during the event to Facebook via internet video.

SITC has grown rapidly, recently topping 200 members, under Membership Chair Darcie Davis. "We have been getting many new membership inquiries in advance of the movie screening," said Davis.

THE NIGHT BEFORE, sponsors, organizers and members gathered at Shula's Steak House in Tysons Corner to build excitement for the next morning's extravaganza. Shula's sponsored a contest among its bartenders to come up with a new Cosmopolitan recipe, which was unveiled at the pre-party. The winning "Diva-tini" is a concoction of muddled strawberries, vodka, and sweet basil. "It was quite sweet and delicious, almost like a slushy," said Suzanne Fulton, who lives in Reston and handles public relations for SITC.

The raffle grand prize, a Timmy Woods of Beverly Hills-designed Eiffel Tower purse, was on display at the pre-party and the premiere. It is a replica of the one carried by Sarah Jessica Parker in the film. The purse was provided to SITC courtesy of Laura Lee, who lives in Vienna (as well as Hong Kong, New York, and London) and designs one-of-a-kind beaded handbags sold in luxury stores worldwide.

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THE MORNING OF THE PREMIERE, elegantly clad women and men (one sporting a black shirt and pink tie), strolled down the pink carpet and into the lobby. They nibbled on breakfast and admired the prizes and gift bags set out in front of the screening room. Guests sipped Vitamin Water and buzzed about the post-movie "Saks In The City" event at Tysons Galleria, featuring lunch, spa and makeup sessions, and special shopping discounts.

Vernice Armour, the first African American female combat pilot, drove all the way from Stafford to take part. Marissa Levin, CEO of Information Experts in Reston, wore a pink and black dress befitting the event's high style. Mary Luttamus of McLean snagged one of the last tickets after completing her application to become an SITC member just this week. "I met Cynthia through the Capital Speaker's Club," said Luttamus. "I just love the feel of this group and I'm so glad I got the chance to be here for the movie."

Every seat in the house was taken when the lights went down. Cynthia de Lorenzi thanked the audience for coming, with a special nod to the men. "When someone asks you, how was your day, you can honestly say that you spent the morning with 150 of the most diva-licious women in Washington, D.C.," said de Lorenzi to resounding applause.

Hotel Design Meets Task Force Plans

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Planning Commission last Wednesday, May 28, approved a proposal to build a 173-room Westin Hotel in Tysons Corner where the developer – JBG/TYCON 3, LLC – has anticipated changes the Tysons Land Use Task Force may make in the Comprehensive Plan for the area.

Weeks before the Tysons Task Force has completed its nearly four-year study and made its recommendations to the Planning Commission and the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, the planners of the Westin Hotel have considered changes to the width, direction and role of Boone Boulevard and whether it will be a right-of-way for a trolley or bus connector system that allow people to move around Tysons Corner without a car.

Boone Boulevard is a secondary road in the Tysons area that now runs from near Route 123 to just beyond Gallows Road. The Tysons Task Force is planning four high density development areas around stations for the proposed Dulles Corridor Rail which would be “connected” by buses or trolleys that would carry workers and residents around Tysons without a car.

The proposed 107,115-square-foot hotel would sit on an area that is now parking for TYCOM 3, an 8.9 acre parcel of land that has two office buildings on it now.

“We’ve been very closely monitoring the Tysons Task Force,” said Tony Calabrese, a lawyer for Cooley, Godward, Kronish LLP,

who is representing the JBG project. And from that monitoring they have concluded it would be prudent to reserve the right-of-way in front of the hotel if the Land Use Task Force chooses to make Boone Boulevard part of the connector system. It has proposed to make the reserve for 25 years to guarantee its right to do so. Calabrese told the commission that the two office buildings would likely be replaced if the Task Force’s changes in density are adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

The Westin Hotel, said Calabrese, is designed for longer term stays after a study by JBG concluded this is an “underserved market” in Tysons Corner. It will have meeting rooms, a business center, a breakfast dining room and a pool and the ground level would be conducive to pedestrian traffic. The rooms will have small refrigerators and microwaves and encourage guests on multi-day stays to forego daily laundry to conserve water.

Calabrese said that Westin planned the hotel to be a “green building,” but had not selected a level because the levels for hotels had not been set yet. He said that Westin was utilizing Transit Demand Management planning — van pools and other methods — that claims a 15-percent reduction in estimated evening peak travel.

He said the developers will make a \$400,000 payment to the Tysons Transportation Fund and a \$50,000 contribution over 10 years to pay for the shuttle that would serve as the connector. He said it will have bike racks and will buy \$10,000 in Smart Trip cards for use on Metro buses and rail.

“We’ve been very closely monitoring the Tysons Task Force.”

— Tony Calabrese



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) addresses former colleagues in the McLean Citizens Association.

Foust Seen as ‘Virtually Apolitical’

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pushed for the studies, and they will now be required.

At the meeting, Foust introduced his new suggestion cards for people to fill out when they talk to him about their concerns, saying he wanted to keep names and comments straight.

As he brought the association up to date on McLean’s most talked-about issues, his summaries didn’t evoke much surprise in his audience:

THE CONSTRUCTION of high-occupancy toll (HOT) lanes on the beltway is expected to increase traffic congestion for the next five years, possibly overlapping with the redevelopment of Tysons Corner and the construction of an elevated Metrorail through the area. His office has the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) re-evaluating the location of its HOT lanes staging area near Cooper Middle School. And the future is not bright for trees along the Beltway, where there will be considerable clear-cutting to make way for the new lanes. “You are going to see more trees come down in the next year than you can imagine,” Foust warned.

The owner of the property in central McLean that is being considered for a future Main Street redevelopment is working on a draft plan at his own pace, taking residents’ suggestions into account, and, “once he does come back, there’s going to be tons of community input.”

The McLean Community Center will build a facility downtown rather than expanding the current center, and renovation of Dolly Madison Library will proceed, following a question of whether to move the supervisor’s office to a site behind the library. “I’ve asked to stay where I am,” said Foust.

THE TYSONS TASK FORCE has yet to make a recommendation on the commercial hub’s redevelopment for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to evaluate, but Foust was wary of what sort of suggestions might be forthcoming. “I have a feeling we’re all going to be a little disappointed when we get the initial report,” he said. Adding language to the Comprehensive Plan that would require certain

levels of infrastructure, such as roads, schools, parks and plumbing, before Tysons Corner’s density can move beyond a certain point is one way Foust said he hoped to keep the project under control. But he said residents might not care for the additional density even if it were adequately supported.

PROSPECTS FOR A METRORAIL that tunnels under Tysons Corner have become grimmer, although Foust said he intended to continue to fight for underground options to replace the current plan for aerial tracks over the area. However, he said, “if nothing else changes, it’s going to be elevated.”

On a broader front, Foust said the county would be conducting a line-by-line review of its budget in the face of a projected \$350 million shortfall by next fiscal year’s budget session. He said he was looking for volunteers for a task force he was assembling to help him review the budget.

Foust opened the floor and received another gust of appreciation when Executive Committee member Darren Ewing preceded his call to arms against the proposed “boondoggle” of an elevated rail through Tysons Corner with the remark that Foust’s leadership was “just a breath of fresh air.”

Ewing later said his vote for Foust, and his assistance with Foust’s campaign, represented one of the first times he had crossed party lines and supported a Democratic candidate. This, he said, was because he saw Foust as being virtually apolitical. “He’s somebody who’s not necessarily affiliated with one party or the other. It’s about representing the people,” said Ewing. “He doesn’t bring any agenda.”

He noted that Foust, at his first Board of Supervisors meeting, had pushed for increased infrastructure for the Tysons Corner redevelopment, which was not a popular stance on the board. “He’s not waving their flag. He’s waving our flag,” said Ewing. He said Foust’s lack of political ambition made it easier for him to take risks.

He also said he appreciated Foust’s willingness to listen to both sides of an issue and bring about an agreement or a compromise. “If he continues on this track, he could be elected to another two or three terms, if he wanted to,” said Ewing. “And the community would be better for it.”



Artist rendering of the proposed Westin Hotel in Tysons Corner.

Madeira Opposes Proposed Trail

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John Foust (D-Dranesville) has expressed his support for the trail, as has Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-at large).

Griffith said the shoreline where the trail is proposed is treacherous and craggy and that such a trail would threaten the shore's fragile ecosystem. But, above all, she said the school feared for the safety of its students. Griffith said she was surprised that any public official would want to allow strangers too close to the school's campus "in this age of random violence."

She said she had been told that filling in the county's trail network was one of Connolly's highest priorities and noted that without Foust's opposition

to the trail, it was likely to be required. In the school's history of being asked conditions for special exceptions, she said, "we've never been in the position of not having the support of our Dranesville District supervisor."

David Houston, an attorney contracted by the school to deal with zoning issues, said requiring the trail would be illegal. Any condition attached to a special exception, he said, should be designed to mitigate the effects of the development that the exception allows. "There has to be a nexus between what you're asking for and what the county wants to impose on you," he said.

GEOLOGIST AND MADEIRA PARENT

Henry Harris said he regularly hikes on the existing portions of the Potomac Heritage Trail and also works to build trails. However, he said he thought requiring the school to give up a trail easement posed an ethical

issue. "People are trying to take something that's beautiful from Madeira for themselves," he said.

Leigh Jameson, estate manager for neighbor and environmentalist Thomas Lovejoy read a statement from Lovejoy saying security "should trump all trail options."

"It sickens me to think that our county can bully someone like this," said McLean Citizens Association member and neighbor

Michelle Meehan, although her organization was poised to support the trail.

John Isaacson of The Reserve said he "wouldn't want our streets to become a parking lot for users of these trails."

Pat Rosend of the Fairfax County Park Authority pointed out that her organization was working with the National Park Service,

under a mandate by Congress, to complete the Potomac Heritage Trail and that the trail along the shore of Madeira's property had been approved three decades ago.

Houston noted that the trail along Madeira's Georgetown Pike frontage, which the school had given away for a previous special exception, was already labeled as the Potomac Heritage Trail on county documents, and he asked why the proposed trail would run south along the property's eastern border when the shoreline trail on the county books continued eastward along the river.

The plan, Rosend responded, was to have one trail on Georgetown Pike and another on the river, and she said the detour from the river was not a Park Authority recommendation.

Asked if the school planned to withdraw the application or to fight the trail proposition, Griffith said, "the sentiment of the board is to fight."

"People are trying to take something that's beautiful from Madeira for themselves."

— Henry Harris, Madeira parent

Tyson's Density Disputed

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THERE IS A GROWING SUSPICION that the Task Force may have shifted from "bottoms up" planning — where you find out what you need to support and then figure out how much development you need to support the growth — to "top down" development where you pick a density figure and find a way to justify it.

Amy Tozzi, who represents citizens groups in the Encore building in Tysons and residents of several other high rise buildings said the May 27 Task Force meeting seemed to be driven by four or five of the 36 members, all of whom, she thinks favor developers. Much of the debate was dominated by J. Douglas Koelemay of Lee District, Stuart Mendelsohn, of Dranesville, Brenda Krieger of the Chamber of Congress

No. 2 and William Lecos of Mason District. Koelemay wanted density at 3 to 6 and Mendelsohn at one point said no ceiling was necessary.

Laurie Genevro Cole, a member of the Vienna Town Council, said "another issue is the dominating influence of landowners and developers on the Task Force's deliberations. This has been starkly revealed by the Task Force's rejection of almost three years of citizen input, staff work and consultants recommendations to pursue a dense level of development." Tozzi too has asked repeatedly at meetings why the Task Force is ignoring the recommendations of professional planners that the county paid \$1 million in taxpayer's money for.

Tyler's answer has been that they were "advisory" and the Task Force had no commitment to do what they said.

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VTRCC Monthly Luncheon. Speaker: Dr. Gerald Gordon, President and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. Sponsor: Northwest Federal Credit Union. 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Wildfire Restaurant, Tysons Galleria- 3rd floor, 1714U International Drive. Contact the Chamber Office for details, 703-281-1333 or log on to www.vtrcc.org.

THURSDAY, JUNE 12

Gurus and Gadgets. New technology products, services and applications. The NVTC Cool Tech Committee brings together an expert panel that will share their views and wisdom on what's hot and what's not. You will be able to see, touch and play with the latest gadgets and prototypes that are about to be launched ... or not. 7:30 a.m. - Registration & Networking, 8:00 - 10:00 am - Program. Patton Boggs, 8484 Westpark Drive, 9th Floor, McLean; NVTC Member: \$45.00 Non-Member: \$ 75.00 For more information: www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=TECHEMERG5.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Northern Virginia Republican Business Forum Breakfast w/Fred Malek, National Finance Co-Chairman, McCain for President - 7:30 a.m., Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. \$40, Call: (703) 922-6768.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Internet Safety 101: Empowering Parents.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Rock the House 8K. Benefiting Alternative House: The Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge. 8 a.m. at Celebrate Fairfax, on the festival grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center. Cost is \$22; \$20 if you own a Champion Chip. After June 6, 2008, entrance fee is \$27. Register online at www.runwashington.com. For more information, contact Gina Cocomello, Development Director, Alternative House, at 703 506-9191x115 or gina_cocomello@thealternativehouse.org.

The Monticello Council of Republican Women Annual Picnic & Membership Drive - 3-6 p.m., 1101 Kensington Road,

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County, of which at least 16 were alcohol related. Residents of Fairfax County are asked to do their part to help keep Fairfax safe by reporting underage drinking activity to the police department at 703-691-2131. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police.

McLean Fun Run Winners Announced

The Old Firehouse Teen Center, satellite program of the McLean Community Center, has announced winners in its annual 8K Fun Run on Saturday, May 17, in conjunction with the McLean Day 2008 festival.

Overall Winners: Male - Kevin Bedell 28:49, Female: Laurel Danner 38:43, Winners-Age Categories: 14 and Younger - Female: Maya Valcourt 54:46;

15-19: Male - Alex Warner 42:01; 20-29: Male - Luke Holman 29:11; 30-39: Male - John Fennell 35:13, Female - Sylvia Garfinkle 43:52; 40-49: Male - Andrew Palowitch 34:23, Female: Linda Werner 41:48; 50-59: Male - George Lindburgh 31:17, Female: Ruth Shockley 52:44; 60 and Older: Female - Ruth Hamilton 50:17.

Four Arrested For Alcohol Sale

Members of the McLean District Station Patrol, along with an officer from the Operations Support Bureau, conducted Business Compliance Checks in the McLean, Vienna and Falls Church areas on Friday, May 23 as part of the ongoing Youth Alcohol/Business Compliance enforcement campaign. Four arrests were made when plain-clothes cadets were successful in purchasing alcohol without showing valid identification.

Registration is now open for **McLean Youth Soccer's** Premier Soccer Academy Summer Camp for 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. Access the brochure and register on MYS' website: www.mcleansoccer.org For more information, email admin@mcleansoccer.org, or call the MYS office at 703-506-8068.

McLean Destiny, a rising U-18 travel team that recently won the WAGS U-19 Div. 2 league championship, is holding tryouts on June 5 and 10 at the MYS field. The Destiny is in search of impact players to join

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the team for fall 2008 and spring 2009 WAGS league play and several college showcase tournaments. Interested players should contact Trevor Parker at 703-966-2195, or Roy Pepper at 703-887-5105 for further details.

McLean MPS U12 (rising U13) Girls: The McLean Premier Soccer program within McLean Youth Soccer will hold tryouts for the Fury Green and White teams as follows: Monday, June 9, 4-5:30 p.m., LP2; Wednesday, June 11, 5:30-7, LP2; Thursday, June 12, 4-5:30, LP2; Saturday, June 14, 10-11:30 a.m., CapOne South; Saturday, June 21 10-11:30 CapOne South.

For more information about MPS and to gain directions to the fields, go to www.mcleansoccer.org.

Please direct any questions to Tom Noll at GreenFury@Juno.com.

The McLean Youth Soccer U12 Titans invite candidates to tryouts for the U13 year on June 9 at MYS Field (1301 Spring Hill Rd.) and June 6 and 13 at Capital One South field (1680 Capital One Dr.). All sessions will run from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Titans are approximately 50 boys who make up four teams in the National Capital Soc-



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The Marshall High girls' lacrosse team wrapped up its spring season recently. The Statesmen did not qualify for the Northern Region playoffs but were competitive in the Liberty District.

cer League and the Old Dominion Soccer League. They train and scrimmage together under the direction of a professional staff led by Trevor Parker and Marcelo Valencia, both former pro soccer players with strong youth coaching credentials and records. The Titans provide a range of competition and training options, including winter indoor leagues and summer and winter camps. For details, see mcleantitans.com.

McLean MPS 90, a rising U18 Boys team currently ranked No. 1 in Virginia, is interested in highly motivated and talented players. Players who aspire to play at an advanced level and who want a coach with extensive experience in the college recruiting process are encouraged to contact Coach Sean Lanigan at 703-231-6519 or via email at sdlanigan@cox.net. Coach Lanigan, who holds both UEFA "A" and USSF "A" licenses, along with a NSCAA Advanced National Diploma, is also the head soccer coach for the boys varsity team at Herndon High School. He is a former ODP Coach, DC United Youth Coach, and Director of Coaching of a local club.

McLean United U19G (HSD) tryouts for all positions for the '08-09 fall WAGS season and college showcase tournaments. Tryouts to be held at Lewinsville Park No. 2 in McLean: June 5 from 7-8:30 p.m. Contact John Pan at John.Pan@chameleontechnologypartners.com, or at 571-228-2227. Or contact Alberto Starace staracelab@aol.com, or at 703-728-8471 for additional details.

Cole Oldenburg pitched a perfect game as Northwestern Mutual Financial Network defeated Color Wheel, 10-0, in a McLean Little League Majors baseball game on May 21. Cole struck out 14 and did not allow a ball to be hit out of the infield. In addition, he led the Northwestern attack with a single and a solo homer. Northwestern also had hot bats from Colin Morse, who had a double and two singles, Alex Morris (homer and two singles) and Zach Seal (two singles). Other hitters contributing to the attack were Matthew Hansan, Alex Glissman, Marshall Bennett and Alex Pfaenhauer with one hit each.

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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Please wear a white shirt, bring water, wear shin guards, and come early. For more information, call John Guidi at 703-585-4353 or go to guidij@saic.com.

The rising U10G McLean Spirit, ranked No. 5 in Virginia, invites athletic, competitive girls born between Aug. 1, 1998 and July 31, 1999 to their tryouts. Come learn soccer in an exciting, fun, competitive environment. The MYS girls soccer program is ranked No. 1 in Virginia. For more information, contact Coach Stephanie Donaldson at 703 868-0325.

The Potomac Softball Camp will be holding week long camps for girls ages 7 to 13. The first session is scheduled for June 16-20 and the second session is Aug. 4-8. Both camps will be on the campus of Potomac School in McLean. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday from 9 to noon. Cost is \$240. For more information contact Wayne Loving at jwloving@verizon.net

Potomac School boys' lacrosse player Brian Kimm was recently selected to the Virginia All-State Independent Schools team. The Panthers, members of the MidAtlantic Athletic Conference (MAC), are coached by Cabell Maddux.

All-Region Baseball First Team

Pos	Player	School
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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
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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

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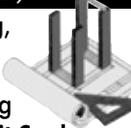
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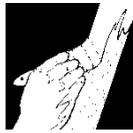
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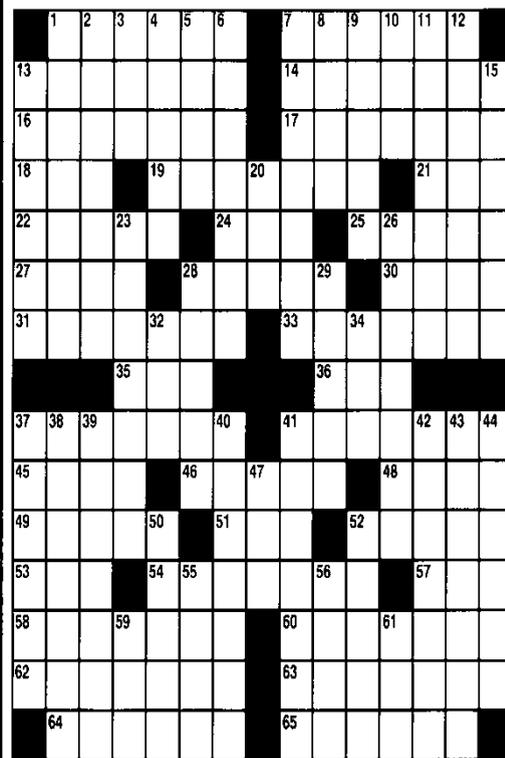


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17 Affectedly dainty

18 Photo —

19 It's strapped around the head

21 Predatory fish

22 Hotsy—

24 Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 — minor

25 Outpouring

27 Communist-hunting grp. of the 50's

28 Setup

30 Stirr

31 First call, perhaps

33 Zingers

35 Suffix with acetyl

36 \$\$\$ for old age

37 Gambling game

41 Some

45 W.W. II org.

46 Not give —

48 Top parts of suits

49 — in the right direction

51 Business magazine

52 Opera singer Simon —

53 Mathematician's ordinal

54 Tell accidentally

57 Overseas article

60 Risky way to run

62 Arranged in order

63 Some West Indians

64 Borrower's quest

65 Mug

8 Samoan capital

9 Mamie's hairdo

10 Stock page heading: Abbr.

11 Fighting force

12 Forum participant

13 Servings for the sick

15 Way out

20 Modern means of identification

23 It "is nothing but perception," wrote Plato

26 Tropical toppers

28 "Ta-ta!"

29 "The Sacred Wood" writer

32 Old Eng. title

34 Letters on seconds

37 Sounds in archery

38 Spendthrift

39 Diner sign

40 Pitcher's triumph

41 Wee hour

42 Like an amazing return on an investment

43 Type in again

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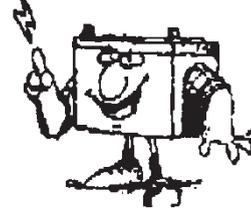
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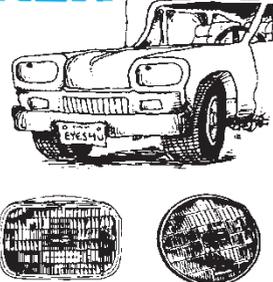
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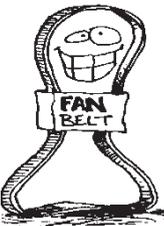
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