

Lara Iglesias of McLean practices her singing at the Opera Institute where she is studying opera music for four weeks.

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Trail Debate Heats Up

Madeira, trail advocates face off at Planning Commission hearing.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

As he called to order last Thursday's Planning Commission public hearing, Chairman Peter Murphy (Springfield) suggested to the crowd, "Perhaps we could begin by singing the school song."

On the agenda was a hearing regarding a special exception application by The Madeira School; planning staff recommended an addendum "encouraging" the girls' boarding school to grant a trail easement along its Potomac River shoreline. Enough Madeira parents, students, alumnae and faculty, as well as trail advocates, had turned out that the hearing would run until about 1 in the morning.

From the outset, Dranesville District Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue said he did not intend to ask for a decision on the application until July 31, and by the hearing's end, there was no clear indication of what that decision would be.

THE PROPOSED TRAIL has been on the county's Comprehensive Plan for more than



A planned trail behind The Madeira School was the subject of heated debate at last Thursday's Planning Commission public hearing.

three decades, and trail proponents would like to use it to begin closing one of two gaps in the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail in Fairfax County.

The application itself, which was discussed only minimally, is to replace and relocate the school's wastewater treatment plant, which has fallen out of compliance with rising state standards, and to make

some other changes to previously approved plans to accommodate the plant's move. Also, the application would boost the school's maximum enrollment by about 6 percent and create an indoor horseback-riding facility.

The school's attorney, David Houston, laid

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Fireworks display by Zambelli Fireworks International will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Fireworks To Highlight Celebration

Music, rides, amusements at Langley High.

The McLean Community Center's (MCC) 2008 4th of July Fireworks Celebration will feature a new fireworks display by Zambelli Fireworks International (www.zambellifireworks.com), and live performances by B2B, a Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band (www.b2bband.com), and actor Norman Aronovic. The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 4, at Langley High School's athletic field, 6520 Georgetown Pike. In case of inclement weather, a rain date of Saturday, July 5, has been set. Admission and parking are free. A free shuttle bus service will be available from St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike), Cooper Middle School (977 Balls Hill Road) and from MCC, beginning at 7 p.m. A handicap-accessible bus will be available at the center.

MCC Special Events Director Sam Roberts contracted with Zambelli after seeing one of its fireworks shows at the International Association of Festivals and Events in Atlanta. "This is going to be the most exciting show McLean has ever produced," he said.

B2B is a Jimmy Buffett tribute band based in Richmond. Local actor Norman Aronovic will read segments of a letter President John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail in July 1776, during the difficult years of the founding of the country. The Joint Armed Forces Color Guard from the Military District of Washington will present the colors and B2B will sing the national anthem.

Other attractions at the celebration will include carnival rides and amusements, field games by Games People Play II, music, free face painting, free balloon sculptures and a variety of food and beverages. The fireworks will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

For more information, call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

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Not Easy Being 'Green'

McLean residents go to lengths to make their homes eco-friendly.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

When Jim Talens' neighborhood in McLean lost power briefly during one of several recent thunderstorms, Talens, as usual, was unaware that the electricity was down. The electrical inverter in his garage had immediately begun drawing power from six "deep discharge" batteries, and the house was running on energy gathered from the sun.

The solar panels in his front yard and the elaborate system that channels their energy into the batteries and into his home are part



About a quarter of the energy used in the home of Del. Margi Vanderhye and her husband Robert is generated by solar panels on the roof. The rest is "green" energy provided by Pepco.

of Talens' effort to both minimize his impact on the environment and save backup resources for his home. "I think everybody should do what they can to conserve energy," he said. "And with my background,

this is my effort."

Although he now works as a real estate agent, telecommunications lawyer and

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'Green Living' in McLean

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teacher of English, he was originally an electrical engineer, and he also had help from a friend who had recently rigged up a solar-powered backup system in his house. Nonetheless, he said, "Conceptually, it's not that difficult for even a non-engineer."

When the batteries are full, energy from the solar panels flows into the house, and nine "critical circuits" in the house are hooked to the backup system in case of a power outage. Talens said he could have electricity for four days to a week without a connection to the power grid, so long as he was frugal and did not run climate control. After the batteries died, a signal would be sent to the generator in his back yard, which would power the house while it recharged the batteries.

Another source of his electrical experience, and another reason he wanted to have backup power, is his interest in ham radios, which have been a hobby of his since age 13. If a disaster knocked out electrical and communication lines, Talens, a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), could still send and receive communication, thanks to his backup power system and the 70-foot radio tower in his backyard.

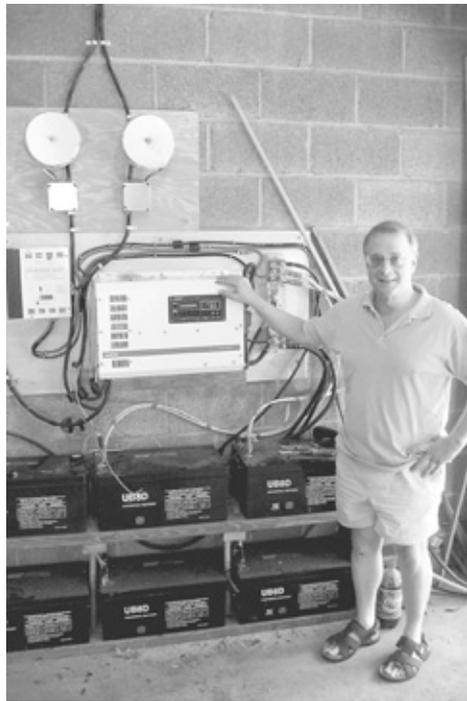
One thing the system was not designed to do, however, was to save money. "These things are difficult to justify economically," he said, noting that it would take "a very long time" to recoup the cost of building the solar power system. "It's regrettable that local governments don't help the average user with the cost of this stuff," he said.

Far more cost-efficient is the 1,600-gallon tank in his backyard that collects rainwater from his roof via a pipe from the downspout. He has connected a hose to the tank with an electrical pump and uses the water for watering his lawn and plants and for washing his car. At a cost of about \$500 for the tank and related parts, Talens figured the water-collection system, in addition to preventing runoff, would take no more than a few years to pay for itself.

Also, the water is drinkable, so that the Talens household would have up to 1,600 gallons of clean water to play with in the event of a water main break like the one that recently occurred in Montgomery County, Md.

Talens has also modified his once-gas-powered lawnmower so that it now runs on batteries, charged by the batteries in his garage. "So, in effect, I'm mowing my lawn with the power from the sun," he said, adding that the mower is self-propelled and "really works well."

In a nearby home, Rose Wells has taken "green" living to another level. When she installed a 1,600-watt solar electric system in her house three years ago, she decided she would use no more power than the solar panels on her roof could generate. She is still hooked to the electric grid, running on grid power by night and solar power by day, but her electric meter continues to crawl backward, as the solar panels put



This system runs solar energy in and out of a set of batteries in Jim Talens' garage.

Learn More

Both Jim Talens' and Rose Wells' homes will be stops on the Washington, D.C. Solar Tour October 4 and 5. For more information, visit www.solartour.org.

more power into the grid than she takes out.

"It isn't easy. I haven't used my clothes dryer in years," said Wells. "It's pretty Spartan around here." In the winter, the house is kept at 55 degrees Fahrenheit, and the central cooling system hasn't been used in years. The temperature in Wells' bedroom is more regulated, with the help of a highly efficient, ductless, mini-split air conditioning unit and a solar-powered air heater.

The heater is a large, black panel on the side of her house that gathers the sun's heat, covered by a glass pane that traps that heat. A solar panel in the upper right corner powers the fan that draws air from the basement through the heater and into the bedroom. The air that comes blowing in through a duct in her bedroom closet can reach temperatures up to 120 degrees, said Wells.

This time of year, the house's south- and west-facing windows are covered with reflective fabric to keep out the heat.

Outside, she has made her yard part of the "local food movement," which seeks to eliminate inefficiencies involved in transporting food. "Little by little, I'm doing away with the grass and putting in gardening," she said. She uses a method known as "lasagna gardening," laying newspaper over the existing lawn, covering it with grass clippings, sawdust and other nutrients and allowing it to decompose for a year or so before planting in it. She gathers the grass clippings from her neighbor's curbsides and the sawdust from a woodshop near a friend's house. Coffee grounds given away



Rose Wells shows off one of the first figs on her fig trees. The fig is one of many varieties of fruits, vegetables and herbs she grows in her yard.

by Starbucks also provide nutrients. She pointed out that the yard made use of "a ton of things that would go to the dump."

The crops growing on trees, vines, stalks and bushes in her front and back yards include but are not limited to carrots, tomatoes, radishes, onions, peppers, runner beans, figs, grapes, kale, asparagus, kiwi fruit, peaches, apples, jujubes, zucchini, pumpkins, cherries, hazelnuts, Japanese apricots, Asian pears, oregano, basil, persimmons, nasturtiums, blueberries, blackberries, strawberries, raspberries, cranberries, mulberries, juneberries, elderberries and native pawpaw.

The young pawpaw trees, actually, have not yet borne fruit, and Wells says she is waiting in anticipation, as she has never laid eyes or taste buds on what was said to be George Washington's favorite fruit. While the tree is remarkably hearty, the fruits are too delicate to transport to market, hence their rarity.

"I'm using this little one-third acre of land that I have here productively," she said. One largish patch of grass remains in the front yard. She is working on terracing the backyard.

Wells figures about half of her watering is done with runoff from her roof, depending how rainy the season. One downspout terminates in a 70-gallon tank, while the others flow into permeable piping that runs under the gardens.

She has no garbage disposal, so that food scraps won't put nitrogen into the Chesapeake Bay, and she uses biodegradable clothes detergent so she can pipe her washing machine's water into the garden. "You sort of have to be a maniac to do these kinds of things, but I guess I am," she shrugged.

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Suspects Sought In Car Thefts

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is asking for the public's assistance in identifying and locating the persons responsible for stealing two cars in the McLean area and intentionally damaging them. Police were called to a home in the 1800 block of Great Falls Street around 5:20 a.m. on Monday, June 16, for the stolen cars. An investigation determined the suspects broke into a 2008 Smart fortwo car during the overnight hours the evening before. Inside, they located keys to the Smart car and also a 2000 Lexus RX300, parked at the same residence. The vehicle owners called police when they discovered the cars missing. °

Officers located the Smart car later that same day in the McLean area. The car had extensive damage that appeared intentional. The Lexus was recovered in the Reston area on Saturday, June 21. It, too, had extensive damage. Detectives would like to hear from anyone who may know the suspects responsible for these vehicle thefts.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637). A \$100 to \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information that leads to an arrest. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

Highlanders' Theatre Returns to Scotland

The McLean High School Theatre Department, under the direction of Denise Perrino, has been selected to perform in the world's largest and most prestigious arts festival in the world as part of the American High School Theatre Festival. The whole city of Edinburgh, Scotland becomes a stage and visitors view performances everywhere from playgrounds to conference rooms to city parks to churches, including over 1,800 different performances during its three-week run.

McLean High School will be attending the festival and performing in August of 2009.

McLean High School drama students, parents, and teachers are involved in fundraising to finance their trip to Scotland, and special performances and activities will be available throughout the year to assist in this goal. Contributions and donations are welcome and more information is available from Perrino at denise.perrino@fcps.edu.

Delegate Advocates, Uses Solar Power

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She'd had to wait until her children left home to fully step up her efforts. "If I had a family, of course, they wouldn't stand for it."

She also walks half a mile to catch a bus to the Metro to get to her job with the federal government because she no longer owns a car.

Coming of age in California during the late 1960s, "we all thought we were earth mothers," she said. "It makes me happy to be self-sufficient and that I'm walking lightly on the land, as they say. And it's really amazing how giving nature can be, and it makes you feel like you've got to respect that and not want to harm it."

She noted that her solar power system, like Talens', would probably never pay off in her lifetime in a state where electricity rates are low and no incentives are offered for installing such systems. It had cost \$15,000, \$2,000 of which was funded by the federal government.

One McLean resident who is working to create state subsidies for residential solar power systems is Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34), whose home gets about 25 percent of its power from rooftop solar panels. Her and Wells' homes are currently two of only 26 houses in the state that put power back into the grid on a sunny day.

The rest of her electricity, she said, comes from "green energy" purchased through Pepco. This energy is created by wind turbines or from trapped landfill gases.

Vanderhye's husband, Robert, an attorney and energy specialist, said burning methane released by landfills was a particularly innovative solution. "What you're doing is taking pollution and turning it into energy," he said.

Because these options are little-known, Margi Vanderhye, said, she recently got a bill passed that would make power companies inform their customers of "green" energy options.

In their home, she and her husband also use efficient Energy Star appliances, compact fluorescent bulbs and timers to minimize their energy consumption, she said.

Her husband said the couple would also use a solar water heater, which he called the most cost-effective way there is to heat water, if they hadn't already taken up their prime roof space with the existing solar panels. In Northern Virginia, he said, a solar water heater will pay for itself in about four years.

Margi Vanderhye said she and her husband had always been mindful of the environment. "We've been recycling ever since we were first married, even when we had to throw our stuff into the back of the car and take it to a remote site because no one else was doing it," she said.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through June 27.

ARMED ROBBERY/ABDUCTION

Nutley Street/I-66 - On Saturday, June 21, a limousine driver and his accomplice abducted and robbed a 26-year-old Manassas man. The victim was lost in D.C. around 3:30 a.m. when he saw a limousine at a gas station. He asked the driver for a ride to Vienna and offered to pay. The driver obliged and after a short ride, stopped to pick up another man. As the driver passed over I-66 on Nutley Street, the second passenger pulled out a gun and demanded money from the victim. The suspects drove the victim to an ATM and ordered him to withdraw money and return to the car. The victim complied and handed over his money. The suspects continued driving and the victim attempted to get out of the car. The doors were locked but the suspect eventually stopped the car and the

victim escaped. He was not injured. The suspects were described as black. The driver was between 38 and 45 years old, about 6 feet tall and 250 pounds. He had a long beard only on his chin. He wore glasses, a light-colored sweater and light-colored pants. The second suspect was between 24 and 28 years old, approximately 6 feet 1 inch tall and 150 pounds. He wore a blue shirt and dark blue jeans.

SIMPLE ASSAULT/

ANIMAL CRUELTY/ARRESTS

Haycock Road 7000 - On Monday, June 23 at 11:30 p.m., Robert McEvoy, 43, and Shawn McEvoy, 42, of 7015 Haycock Road were both arrested. Officers were sent to the address for a domestic assault. Information was developed that one of the residents had also kicked a dog. Officers arrived and surrounded the house asking the occupants to exit the home. The dog exited the home and charged an officer. The officer was forced to shoot the dog in order to defend himself from an attack. Robert McEvoy was charged with simple assault and animal cruelty. Shawn McEvoy was charged with possession of marijuana. The two men were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

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Chain Bridge Road 1900 - 1999 Acura Integra reported stolen
Rivercrest Drive 600 - 2008 Mercedes GL550 reported stolen

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OPINION

Children and Teens at Risk

Summer in the suburbs shouldn't mean biking, skateboarding head injury.

No typical Northern Virginia parent would knowingly expose his or her children to, say, a virus that had a low but significant chance of causing brain damage.

We are affluent, educated, hyper-involved parents. We worry about who might be contacting our children in cyberspace, about stranger abductions, water quality, salmonella, even about whether a system of lower grades might be hurting teenagers. There is nothing, it would seem, that we would not do to protect our children.

So why is it that during summer in the suburbs you see a steady stream of children of all ages flying up and down the rolling hills of their communities on bikes and skateboards and scooters, but often not a helmet in site?

Thousands of children and teens each year sustain a major brain injury in Virginia, and the consequences can be devastating.

Bicycling injuries account for a very large percentage of the injuries, and while wearing a bicycle helmet reduces the risk of brain injury by approximately 90 percent, according

to a Virginia survey, only half of Virginia's children between 5 and 15 always wear their helmets. Casual observation would lead one to believe helmet use is a lot lower than 50 percent.

A nationwide study found that only 24 percent of U.S. children regularly wear a helmet when riding a bike, and that passing and enforcing local ordinances requiring children to wear helmets significantly increased the rate.

EDITORIAL

Most of us have seen television reports recently about the after effects of head injuries in soldiers injured in Iraq. But if your child crashes while he or she is riding a bike or skateboard without a helmet, you could be living with the same outcome.

CDC estimates that at least 5.3 million Americans, approximately 2 percent of the U.S. population, currently need lifelong help to perform activities of daily living as a result of a head injury. The two age groups at highest risk for brain injury are children under 4 years old, and 15-to-19 year olds.

And it's good practice: Telling your 10-year-old he or she must wear might not be comfort-

Protect Their Brains

The Brain Injury Association of Virginia, www.biav.net, recommends:

ALWAYS WEAR A HELMET:

- ❖ when riding a bike, scooter, motorcycle, or horse;
- ❖ when playing football, ice hockey, baseball, or softball;
- ❖ when skating, skiing, or snowboarding.

HELMET SAFETY

- ❖ A bicycle helmet should fit comfortably and snugly.
- ❖ The helmet should sit level on the head about two finger widths above the eyebrows.
- ❖ The side adjuster buckles should form a "V" directly under the ear lobe.
- ❖ Only two fingers should fit between the chin and strap.
- ❖ Helmets should be labeled as meeting the Consumer Product Safety Commission standard for bicycles.
- ❖ Replace any helmet that is more than five years old, and always replace a helmet after a crash.

able or fun at first, but it paves the way for discussions about driving safety and other risks when they're teenagers.

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Patriotism in Perspective: 1776 vs. 2008

How does today's patriotism compare with the first patriots?

BY JANE HAMPTON COOK

Independence Day celebrations are among the most tangible expressions of American pride. They take an invisible quality—patriotism—and make it visible and audible through fireworks, parades and concerts. But how does today's patriotism compare with the first patriots?

Our founders also showed their patriotism through public displays. At times, they couldn't contain their enthusiasm.

"People I am told, recognize the Resolution [of independence] as though it were a decree promulgated from Heaven," Samuel Adams wrote, adding, "Monarchy seems to be generally exploded."

Indeed, it was—literally. Before the ink dried on his gigantic signature, John Hancock sent a copy of the Declaration of Independence to George Washington, who ordered a public reading for his army camped in Manhattan. Inspired, many pulled down a statue of King George III, ignited a fire, melted his likeness and molded 42,000 mus-

ket balls. Their zeal thundered up the Hudson River and lit high heaven.

AMERICANS KNOW true patriotism is more than a show. Patriotism is something deeper. Patriotism transcends differences—regional and cultural—for the common good. When the Continental Congress first met in 1774, they had to unite against their common enemy. Procedural matters over regional differences nearly suffocated them. One member offered a remedy.

"Government is dissolved," Patrick Henry declared. If the king could abolish Massachusetts's government, he could do it anywhere.

"Where are your landmarks, your boundaries of Colonies? We are in a state of nature... The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Yorkers, and New Englanders, are no more. I am not a Virginian, but an American," Henry cried.

Regional differences no longer divide Americans in the same way. Television has the power to bring images of Midwest flooding into

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every home and rally aid. But there are times when Americans must set aside their differences for the greater good. One of the most visible examples of this took place after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, when members of Congress stood on the Capitol steps and sang "God Bless America."

Probably the most significant difference between patriotism in 1776 and 2008 is this: patriotism was essential to their survival.

"We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately," Benjamin Franklin observed. Franklin knew what he was talking about. His patriotism was born from betrayal. Franklin was America's postmaster general when his British friends—ones he had celebrated the king's coronation with years earlier—put him through a mock trial at a London tavern in January 1774.

"Spy, traitor, would-be assassin, rebel" were among their many accusations. Only a hangman's noose was worse than their execution of verbal abuse. They accused Franklin of exposing the governor of Massachusetts's efforts to restrain colonial rights. This Philadelphian printer known for his pithy sayings

remained speechless throughout the trial. When the king fired him, Franklin returned to America. The moment forever tattooed patriotism on Franklin's heart. He turned to friends he could trust—the Continental Congress.

PATRIOTISM is not truly essential for our nation's survival today. We've built a firm infrastructure based on the U.S. Constitution, state governments, a strong economy and productive workforce. But patriotism does affect our quality of life, especially for members of the military and their families.

A June 12-15, 2008 ABC News/Washington Post Poll reported that 63 percent of those surveyed do not think the Iraq war is worth fighting. Such polls and sentiment dispirit military families and weaken patriotism. A gold star mom, who lost her son in Iraq, described the damage this way, "America is at war, but Americans are at the mall."

Jane Hampton Cook, janecook.com, is the author of "Stories of Faith and Courage from the Revolutionary War," a 365-day digest with personal writings from about 20 key players in the Revolutionary War. She is a former webmaster to President George W. Bush and resides in Vienna.

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Adam L. Rich of McLean was one of 521 seniors who graduated from Colby College on May 25 in Waterville, Maine. Adam is the son of Randall and Debra Rich of McLean. He graduated Cum Laude, Dean's List honors in American studies. He also attended the New School.

Jonathan Schulman of McLean has earned his Juris Doctor degree in Law from Marquette University on May 18. Schulman is one of more than 1,900 undergraduate and graduate students who received their diplomas at the Bradley Center in Milwaukee.

Chase E. Charwat of McLean was named to the Dean's List at Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University, State University of New York for the Spring 2008 semester. The criteria for the Dean's Honors list is a minimum GPA of 3.5.

Rebecca Altmeyer of Falls Church was one of 11 recent high school graduates chosen as 2008 Arch Coal Scholars. The Arch Coal Scholars program honors outstanding scholastic achievement by the children of employees of Arch Coal Inc. and its subsidiaries. Each scholar will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to an accredited college or university for up to four years.

Altmeyer is a graduate of McLean High School. The daughter of Thomas and Catherine Altmeyer, she will attend James Madison University at Harrisonburg.

Altmeyer was a member of McLean's varsity basketball and tennis teams and



Adam Rich

the Liberty All-District 2nd Team in basketball and Honorable Mention in tennis. She is a recipient of the McLean Basketball Coach's Award, was named Most Valuable Player in tennis, and was nominated for the National 2007 Principal's Leadership Award for her student government leadership. Altmeyer also was nominated to represent McLean High at the 2008 Women in Sports Awards Ceremony.

Meredith Loretta of McLean won a \$2,000 AXA Achievement Community Scholarship from the Washington Branch of AXA Advisors. She was a student at Langley High School in McLean. The 2008 AXA Achievement Community Scholarships bring advice and access to higher education into every community in which AXA has a presence.

The Safe Community Coalition will honor members of its Youth Advisory Council which is comprised of students

from Langley High School, McLean High School, and The Potomac School who serve as leaders and peer role models in the community. These students acted as facilitators at the 2008 Teen Summit and the Middle School Forum where they shared their experiences, wisdom, and energy as volunteers at community events.

Teen Summit provides a forum in which high school students from local public and private schools share common concerns and problems they face and brainstorm solutions to those issues. SCC Youth Advisory Council students are trained to facilitate discussions and to report their findings to members of the community and the press. The findings are the basis of a blueprint for the SCC, schools, families and teens while continuing to address such issues as academic stress and pressure, alcohol and drug abuse, mental and physical health, safe social alternatives, and internet and technology safety. This year's summit was held on Feb. 5 at the Gannett/USA TODAY headquarters.

The following students will be presented with Safe Community Coalition Certificates of Excellence:

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Battle over Trail

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out the reasons the school wanted a waiver on the trail. Most of all, he said, Madeira was concerned about safety, and he cited "a previous history of criminal activity" on the property and hundreds of trespassing suits filed over the years.

He pointed to a letter from the state Department of Conservation and Recreation that expressed concern about the planned trail's impact on the property's pristine ecology, said the number of easements that would be needed from local homeowners to completely close the gap would make the trail unfeasible and noted that local law enforcement had already said rescue missions to such a trail would be difficult.

Also, Houston said any requests by the county, legally, should be to mitigate the effects of the application. "I just don't think there's a connection between requiring a trail and replacing a treatment plant," he said. He added that it remained unclear whether the county was allowed to require the trail or was simply encouraging it.

Commissioner Frank de la Fe (Hunter Mill) told Houston it didn't matter how many more easements would be required to complete the trail over time. "This is how the county uses the Comprehensive Plan to get what's on the plan," he said.

The gap in the trail continues for about a mile east of the Madeira property.

William Niedringhaus, president of the Potomac Heritage Trail Association, told the commission the trail is one of eight in the country designated by Congress and the only such trail to run through an urban area.

He recalled proposing the Cross County Trail a decade ago and the

protests of property owners near that trail. However, now that it is completed, he said, the trail is "the gem of the county." Niedringhaus said the trail at Madeira would be open only in the daytime, would have no parking nearby and would actually discourage potential criminals. "If they want to do harm, they do not want a trail," he said, noting that the route would bring possible witnesses to the area.

"If the trail was there, I would not have made the financial sacrifice to send my girls to that school."

— Arthur Dean

Either the route along the Potomac River or an existing trail easement on the front of the property along Georgetown Pike would help complete the trail, he said, but he added that the Georgetown Pike path would be inferior in terms of scenery and its impact on neighbors. "The river route is by far the better route," said Niedringhaus.

Robert Holzman, Madeira's director of security, said he was "appalled" at the suggestion of a trail behind the property, noting that county schools do not allow the public onto school grounds during the day. He said several security guards would be required to patrol the trail.

Commissioner Rodney Lusk (Lee) said that he, having two daughters, appreciated safety concerns, but Commissioner Janet Hall (Mason) said she was skeptical about the trail making the grounds less safe.

Noting that the campus is also

the site of a children's camp during the summer, former Madeira parent Katherine Armstrong asked if any of the adults would be able to forgive themselves if even one child was harmed as a result of the trail.

Hall wondered how much difference the trail would make, citing the many trespassing charges mentioned by Houston. "I would say it's not that difficult to get on campus," she said.

MADEIRA PARENT and board of directors member Arthur Dean said his family had moved from Burke to be near Madeira "at some financial peril" so that his girls could attend the school. He said one reason he decided to enroll his daughters there was the sense of security the school provided. "If the trail was there, I would not have made the financial sacrifice to send my girls to that school," said Dean.

Madeira graduate Misti Mukherjee recalled the 1973 murder of student Natalya Semler, who was raped, stabbed and tied to a tree by a man who had come onto campus by crossing the Potomac. She likened opening a trail there to inviting strangers into a home.

Stephanie Flack, of the Nature Conservancy in Virginia, asked that an alternate route be used for the trail in order to protect the rare ecological habitats on the northwestern edge of the property. She noted that the Conservancy was a strong supporter of the Potomac Heritage Trail. However, she said, "This area is one of the most biologically rich in the eastern U.S." Trampling, she said, could lead to the "degradation and even complete destruction" of the fragile ecosystem. "It's going to be very hard to keep users, I think, to one designated trail," she said.

County Planning and Zoning staffer Peter Braham had already said it was possible that the trail would be shifted inland to make it more passable.

Donahue said he had trouble with the idea that an area could be so beautiful that it should be off-limits to most people. "Who should be allowed?" he asked Flack. "It's a very difficult issue for me."

FRANK CRANDALL, chair of the McLean Citizens Association's (MCA) Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee, said the MCA felt that the new water treatment plant should be allowed un-

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Madeira Trail Dilemma

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conditionally, while the other changes to the school's plan should be contingent on a trail easement.

Crandall said the school's concerns about the dangers posed by the trail were overwrought. He said that in the 29 years he had lived adjacent to the Turkey Run Trail, he had suffered only two negative incidents as a result of the trail. Both were instances of littering. "This issue about security is so vastly overblown it would be ludicrous to believe that would be sufficient reason for not requiring a trail," he said, noting that the 1973 murder had "not one thing to do with trails."

He said Madeira was a commercial enterprise operating in a residential zone with a tax exemption "at the sufferance of the county." Were its 371 acres assessed at the same rate as the surrounding land, he said, the school would owe more than \$1.35 million per year in real estate taxes. "Does Madeira not owe the county something?" he asked.

Murphy, however, took issue with Crandall's financial assess-

ment, saying he viewed Madeira as an institution, rather than a commercial operation, and he added that the school represented more than 300 students whose education was not being funded by the county.

"What we're hoping is that you're going to comply with the Comprehensive Plan."

— Jackie Taylor, GFCFA president

Commissioner Kenneth Lawrence (Providence) agreed that the murder of 35 years ago was not representative of everyday events but added, "If the trail is open, a door is opened that does not exist today."

"What we're hoping is that you're going to comply with the Comprehensive Plan," Great Falls Citizens Association President Jackie Taylor told the commission. The trail, she said, would serve a broad population not confined to the immediate area,

rather than serving a single school.

She noted that more than 20 of the county's elementary schools are adjacent to parks and are connected to those parks by trails. "These students and their safety needs are no more important than Madeira students," she said.

MADEIRA ALUMNA Kathy Saunders said she, too, supported the trail easement. She recalled being part of a group that encountered a nude sunbather at Black Pond on the campus. "He's the sort of person who wouldn't have been around with a trail there," she said. As for environmental concerns, Saunders said, "I've always thought Madeira could share Black Pond a little better, and they wouldn't have so many trespassers if they had some authorized access."

Veteran trail advocate Robin Rentsch said The Madeira School had been a "wonderful" experience for her daughter. However, she said, "I feel like the school needs to be part of the community. I don't think it should build a wall around itself and be exclusive."

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MAIN EVENTS:
11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Arts and Crafts, Food and Rides
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Antique and Classic Car Show
2:30 p.m. - Family Games
8 - 9 p.m. - Vienna Community Band
9:15 p.m. - Laser Light Show
MAIN STAGE:
12 noon - 4 p.m. B2B, The Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band
5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. - NIGHTWORK - Rock
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12noon - Vaudeville Show Entertainer
1 p.m. - The Traveling Medicine Show
2 p.m. - Magic Comedy Show
3 p.m. - Mayhem's Magical Rodeo
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Strolling Clown
Laser Light Show begins at 9:15 p.m. sharp; must be on grounds of Waters Field, facing front screen to view the projected show.
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Attracted to Opera

McLean's Lara Iglesias attends National Opera's Institute.

By MATTHEW SWIFT
THE CONNECTION

Young people from around the U.S., Canada, and Costa Rica have settled in Washington, D.C. for four weeks to study opera music at the Opera Institute held by the Washington National Opera. People auditioned for the 22 slots available and Lara Iglesias of McLean was one of the lucky ones who is attending the program that began on June 23. The institute, held at The Catholic University of America, trains young adults who are serious in their pursuit of a career and education in music, especially opera. Iglesias, who recently graduated from McLean High School and will be studying musical theory at the University of Miami in the fall, has been singing for several years and hopes to further

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MONDAY, JULY 7

Little ears at the Mill. Preschoolers, ages three to six, visit the barn for a summertime story, song and craft. Four different themes are presented in July. 1-2 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill. Reservation required for groups of 10 or more children. \$4 per child, adults admitted free. Call 703-759-2771 for more information.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

Colonial Workshop: First Person Interpretation. Learn to speak and act like an 18th century American colonist led by interpreters at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm. 6-8 p.m., 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. \$5 fee, \$3 for members and current volunteers. Reservations required. Contact kjackson@1771.org or go to www.1771.org for more information.
Joy Lippard. A 17-year-old Great Falls girl who fast tracked her Langly High diploma graduating a year early to devote full-time to her music. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Tickets can be pre-purchased online or by calling 703-225-1566 ext. 8.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 9

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THURSDAY/JULY 10

Summer Stories and Sprinklers. 1:30 p.m.

her training at the institute. “This kind of complements your vocal studies,” she said of the program.

Iglesias sang in the girls' choir at the Washington National Cathedral for four years where she began taking voice lessons and pursuing music which she wants to do as a career, but she hasn't decided what type of music she'll focus on exclusively. While in high school she played Maria in “West Side Story” and Hermia in the opera “The Fairy Queen” and said she became interested in acting through her musical performances. Her performance in “The Fairy Queen” helped her prepare for her intensive course at the Opera Institute. Five days a week teachers give students lesson in singing, drama, opera history, Italian diction and even yoga. “In the mornings we do yoga,” said Iglesias. “That works on alignment and breathing.” Iglesias is studying the classic operas “The Ballad of Baby Doe” and “Gianni Schicchi” and will perform

“I’m learning a lot, even though it’s only been a week so far.”

Lara Iglesias

recitals in English and Italian at the end of the session. Other students study different operas and try to master their roles. Selected students will perform at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage on July 14. At this

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Luke Brandley (Roots/Rock). Free concert at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road in Vienna. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Calls: 703-324-SHOW (7469).

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Ice Cream making. Children, ages 5 to 10, have



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Lara Iglesias studies opera music during her classes at the Opera Institute.

point Iglesias does not know whether she will be selected, but she hopes her hard work will get her on stage. “I'm learning a lot, even though it's only been a week so far,” said Iglesias. “It's really fast-paced, but I feel like I'm going to be really prepared in the fall when I go to college. I have a feeling this is what college will be like.”

Iglesias has an interest in biology and medical sciences, but she spends most of her

time dedicated to her singing and training rigorously at the Opera Institute. Iglesias hopes more young people take notice of opera music and realize its beauty. “Teenagers really don't appreciate it,” said Iglesias. “But it's really beautiful and it's a challenging thing and people make a living doing it.”

SATURDAY/JULY 12

History Camp for Kids. 12:15-4:15 p.m. Children ages 7-11 will learn about Edwardian-era manners and morals at Vienna's historic Freeman House; the “Duke of Marlborough” will lead kids in parlor games, give elocution and singing lessons, host tea party and more. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue, Vienna. \$25 for Vienna residents, \$31.25 for non-residents. Refreshments included. For more information call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

SUNDAY/JULY 13

Blakapelle Alte Kameraden Band. 6:30 p.m.



Joy Lippard

Rhythm of Life

Great Falls singer-songwriter launches her new CD.

Joy Lippard, a 17-year-old Great Falls resident — who fast-tracked her education, graduating a year early from Langley High School in order to dedicate all her time to career in music, will present her new CD to the area audience: She will perform on Tuesday, July 8 at Jammin' Java in Vienna.

“I will be performing all new songs with a full band accompaniment,” said singer-songwriter Lippard. Asked about any other plans for summer, Lippard said:

“This summer I have a few shows to play at youth groups — Destiny Youth Group in Leesburg — my home church McLean Bible — www.mcleanbible.org — ... a list of calendar events is located on www.myspace.com/joylippard. Also, I will be going on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic at the end of July with a team of about 150 students and adults where we will be helping multiple orphanages. I will be leading one of the worship bands. Then, in August I will be traveling to Nashville to co-write and meet with industry people.”

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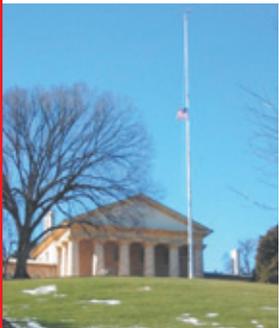
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The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer at the corner of Westmoreland St. and Chain Bridge Rd. in McLean, will launch the Redeemer Renaissance After-School Program on September 2, 2008. Bus transportation will be provided from Kent Gardens Elementary and Haycock Elementary School.

With three-year waiting lists for Mclean area School Age Child Care programs, the Rev. Dr. Robert Driver-Bishop, lead pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer was approached by a task force of county officials and community leaders regarding use of the church facility. In response, the church is developing the Redeemer Renaissance After-School Program to provide a safe place for children from grades one through six in a caring and enriching environment.

More information regarding the program can be found at <http://afterschool.redeermclean.org> or by contacting Roberta Pittman, Director of the Redeemer Renaissance After-School Program. She can be reached at afterschool@redeermclean.org or via phone at 703-356-3346, extension 113.

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County Might Buy Foreclosures

Most members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors support the idea of addressing the local foreclosure problem with county resources, even if several had questions about the most controversial aspects of the proposal during a June 30 meeting. A vote on the proposal will come later this summer.

At the direction of county chairman Gerry Connolly (D), staff has looked into the possibility of Fairfax County purchasing 10 foreclosed or abandoned detached homes considered neighborhood nuisances. The county would fix up the homes and sell them to people who could not afford a freestanding house in Fairfax otherwise.

Supervisor Pat Herry (R – Springfield) questioned whether the real estate market might take care of the foreclosure problem on its own.

“This might be just a solution looking for a problem,” said Herry. At Herry’s request, the board asked staff to reexamine how it gathers foreclosure statistics.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D – Lee) was in favor of the county buying up foreclosed homes but wanted to make sure the 10 homes would spread across many ZIP codes.

Ten percent of the Washington region’s total foreclosures took place in Fairfax County, according to the report. Of the 2,058 Fairfax foreclosures, about 22 percent took place in four parts of the county – Herndon, Centreville, Route 1 and Lorton.

— JULIA O’DONOGHUE

School Board Nixes Morality Report

The Fairfax County School Board voted June 19 to indefinitely postpone a staff report on students’ character and morality development, two months after the same report spurred widespread public outrage.

In late March, school officials presented data that showed white and Asian students performing better in areas like “demonstrating sound moral character and ethical judgment” than their peers who are black, Hispanic or qualify for special education services.

The school system relied on “soft” information from sources like elementary school report cards and student surveys to determine character performance.

School board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (Providence) said he had regretted that such a report had ever seen the light of day.

Over the past two months, some members of the African-American and Latino communities have come forward to disparage the report and the school system for airing it publicly.

— JULIA O’DONOGHUE

THE COUNTY LINE

Sacrifice for Wider Beltway?

Five-year project comes with tree loss, traffic and noise.

BY JULIA O’DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Like many local mountain bike enthusiasts, Kathy Levy is making frequent trips to Wakefield Park this summer.

Levy and her two sons live in Vienna but regularly drive to the park, just outside the Capital Beltway, because of its trails. Wakefield offers some of the only trails for mountain bikers near the core of the Washington metropolitan area.

“It is the only place to do technical riding that is close in,” said Levy. The park, located at 8100 Braddock Road, is home to several mountain bike events during the summer.

But at least a portion of the mountain bike trails will succumb to the expansion of the Capital Beltway, set to start this month.

Virginia Department of Transportation and its private partner, Fluor-Transurban, will permanently close some trail areas to add four “high occupancy toll” (HOT) lanes to Interstate 495.

THE BIKE TRAIL is one item in a long list of community amenities that the HOT lanes project could affect. The construction will force clearing of almost every tree within 50 feet of the Beltway on both sides. Sound walls that protect residential neighborhoods from Beltway noise will come down, possibly for several years, and the criteria for replacement is still unclear. And traffic along the Beltway will slow as construction moves forward.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sent a list of dozens of issues it would like VDOT to address before kicking off the construction later this month. Many residents are up in arms already about trees VDOT and Fluor-Transurban have cut down, even though the actual project has not started.

“That was the tip of the iceberg of a project that has been pretty non-controversial to date because of a lack of information. We are going to start hearing from more people,” said supervisor Jeff McKay (Lee), head of the board’s transportation committee.

THE HOT LANES project is set to expand the Beltway from eight to 12 lanes, with two new toll lanes in each direction from the Springfield interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll road near the American Legion Bridge.

Buses, motorcycles, emergency vehicles and cars with three people or more would use the HOT lanes for free. All other motorists can opt to pay a toll that will vary by the level of congestion to travel in the new lanes. The lanes will cost an estimated \$1.4 billion in total, with Virginia paying for approximately \$400 million and the federal government covering \$587 million through a grant. Fluor-Transurban, an Australian company, will provide the rest of the financial backing in exchange for being able to collect and keep all the HOT lanes tolls for the more than 50 years.

The project is appealing for some people because it could allow for mass transit — buses — to move along the Beltway, although the project does not provide any transit or buses. “I am not an enormous proponent of the concept of HOT lanes to begin with but we have to have mass transit on the Beltway,” said McKay.

The highway expansion also comes with \$250 million worth of upgrades to the Beltway’s aging infrastructure. VDOT and Fluor-Transurban have committed to replacing more than 50 bridges and overpasses, replacing and adding new sound walls, and upgrading 12 of the interchanges along the HOT lanes stretch of the



Much of the tree canopy that separates Wakefield Park from the Capital Beltway could disappear when they add four additional lanes to the interstate.

What Are HOT Lanes?

The Beltway plan calls for adding two outside lanes in each direction, then dedicating the two inside lanes as “High Occupancy Toll” Lanes, or HOT Lanes. These expanded lanes will function in part like carpool lanes, free for cars with three or more people in the vehicles. But the HOT lanes will also be open to vehicles with one or two occupants for a fee. The toll rate will vary based on traffic congestion, with the price rising to keep traffic flowing in the HOT lanes. The contractors, Fluor and Transurban, will collect and keep the toll revenue, but have yet to finalize many specifics, including how tolls will be collected or methods of enforcement.

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Beltway.

But even people who support the HOT lanes expect the project’s construction to cause a lot of pain over the next several years. “I do think the pay off is going to be worth it in the end but that end is a long way out,” said supervisor John Foust (Dranesville), who represents McLean,

Great Falls and Herndon.

According to VDOT spokesperson Steve Titunik, in general, all the trees within 50 feet of the Beltway on either side will be taken down. “Is it going to be severe? Yeah. Are we going to take down a lot of trees? Yeah,” he said.

“You cannot take all the trees out and have the Beltway bare to the community,” said supervisor Sharon Bulova (Braddock.) Bulova said it is unacceptable that the park could be left with potentially no barrier between it and the highway.

Wakefield is one of the most popular parks in the system, according to Winnie Shapiro, Braddock representative on the county park authority board. “I think people are going to be shocked by the tree loss,” said Shapiro.

BUT THE HOT Lanes construction will have the most dramatic effect on local traffic patterns and congestion.

Officials plan to start work on every single interchange and bridge along the portion of the Beltway that includes the HOT lanes at the same time. “While work may be going on at all the bridges, some bridges will have more work than others,” Titunik, said.

Construction will stop and no lanes will be closed on the Beltway between approximately 5 a.m. and 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Motorists who are trying to cross over the Beltway between Braddock Road and Route 123 may see more severe impacts than Beltway commuters. Some bridges could have lane closures for long stretches, said Titunik.

He added that motorists living in this area should consider alternative routes. Some supervisors fear the effect on neighborhoods of thousands of commuters seeking alternative routes.

“The only realistic way to avoid the Beltway is to cut through neighborhoods,” said Foust.

County officials and the public have not had much advance notice of new aspects of the HOT lanes plans and sometimes they don’t have enough time to adequately respond to new information. Not even Foust, the local supervisor, found out about VDOT’s plan to clear acres of trees across from Cooper Middle School before it had already happened. Several community members said the lack of communication has made them skeptical of how VDOT will handle similar situations in the future.

“When overnight, they clear an area across from a middle school, that kind of thing makes you lose trust. We would have worked with them in good faith to come up with another solution,” said McLean resident Mary Anne Hilliard.

Supervisors set up an ad hoc committee to meet regularly with VDOT about the HOT lanes project and strengthen the lines of communication between the agency and local government.

SPORTS

Beijing Bound

Great Falls' Kate Ziegler qualifies for upcoming Olympics.

Great Falls resident and swimming sensation Kate Ziegler earned a spot on the 2008 U.S. Olympics Team with a second place finish in the 400-meter freestyle event at the Olympic Trials in Omaha Monday night.

Ziegler, a Bishop O'Connell High graduate, finished behind Towson's Katie Hoff, who was favored to win the 400-free race. Hoff, by claiming first, guaranteed her spot at the upcoming Olympics in Beijing, China. Ziegler, although she did not automatically qualify as the second place finisher in the 400 event at the Trials, is still pretty much assured of having a spot on the U.S. team. Second place finishers at Trials are almost assured of a team roster spot. Ziegler's best event is the 800-free. The finals for that race at this week's Trials are set for Saturday. Prior to that on Tuesday, Ziegler was set to also compete in the 200-free, another event Hoff is expected to win.

Ziegler excels in long distance swimming where she holds world records in

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both the 1500-meters freestyle long and short courses, as well as the 800-meters short course. She holds the U.S. record in the 1650 yards free. Ziegler's best shot at an Olympics gold will be in the 800.

Four years ago as a 15-year old, Ziegler made a strong showing at the Olympic Trials, although she did not qualify for that year's 2004 Olympic Games.

But this year, she is set to go.

"It's a huge honor for her. She has been thinking about this for a long time and to have [the 400 race] happen first and to get it out of the way is a big relief for her," said Evan Stiles, Bishop O'Connell head coach, and Arlington Aquatic Club head coach. "She's looking forward to relaxing a little bit now that she's on the team, and swimming well for the rest of the meet."

— RICH SANDERS



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Kate Ziegler holds several long distance swimming records.

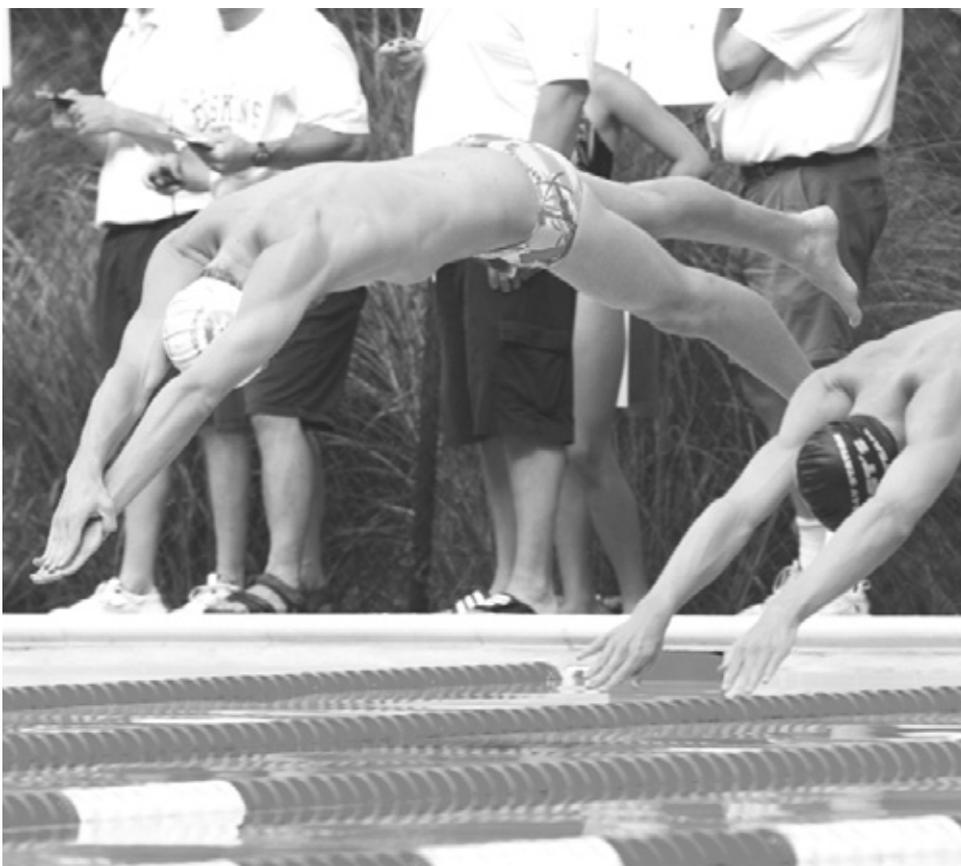


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Conor Evans (left) contributed in a team effort in which Highlands defeated Sully Station last Saturday.

THIS WEEK IN SWIMMING

Chesterbrook (McLean) defeated the Vienna Aquatic Club (VAC), 228.5 to 173.5, in NVSL swim meet action last weekend.

Since Chesterbrook defeated VAC twice in a row beginning in 2002, the two teams have alternated wins over recent years with the Tiger Sharks taking the even years and the Gators taking the odd years. Currently, both Chesterbrook and VAC are 1-1.

This Saturday, Div. 1 undefeated co-leaders Overlee and Hamlet will square off at Overlee. Chesterbrook will try to keep Little Rocky Run winless, while VAC tries to regroup at Lee Graham, which is also looking for its first Div. 1 win.

Chesterbrook, in its meet with VAC, had eight double event winners. Those swimmers were: Griffin Morche (9-10 freestyle and backstroke); Claire Wolff (8-under freestyle and breaststroke); Veronica Wolff, Claire's sister (9-10 free and fly); Cameron Marrapese (9-10 breaststroke and fly); Joey Sullivan (11-12 free and fly); Alston Offutt (11-12 girls breaststroke, fly); Matthew Kuhlik (13-14 free, back); and Hannah Welch (13-14 breaststroke, fly).

Chesterbrook took VAC out of the meet early, winning the first seven races to take a 50-13 lead. Although VAC took the next

four races to close the lead to 16 at the end of freestyle, the Tiger Sharks consistently dominated the younger age groups (8-under, 9-10, 11-12) to such a degree that VAC couldn't keep up. For the meet, the 8-under Tiger Sharks scored 57 out of a possible 64 points. The 11-12 Tiger Sharks scored 70 out of a possible 82.

Chesterbrook's 15-18 boys medley was the last showing of the Tiger Sharks' 'Goof Troop.' The foursome of Peter Murray, Will McDonnell, Steven Lee-Kramer, and KC Linn set a total of five team relay records over the course of their Tiger Shark careers, including multiple NVSL All Star Relay titles. KC Linn, currently No. 3 in the NVSL in 50-back, is entering the U.S. Naval Academy this week. He plans to continue his swimming career at the Academy.

Also of note: VAC's Robbie Parker blew away a strong field in the 15-18 fly to set a new VAC team record at 26.26.

In Div. 3 swim action last Saturday, Highlands (McLean) downed Sully Station, 244 to 158. Single event winners for the Whomping Turtles were: Clayton Kiyonaga, Eleanor Doolittle, Scott Callander, Diego

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Cruzado, Gianmarco Terrones, Cameron Hancock, Jasmine Terrones, Aeden Collins, Conor Evans and Shelly Collins.

Double event Highlands winners were: Sarah Wilcox, Sydney Stocks, Stephen Richards, Patrick Dolan, Claire Collins and Lina Zimmerman.

The McLean Marlins narrowly defeated the Crosspointe Cruisers in the second meet of the season with a score of 207-195 last Saturday. Two new team records were set at the meet. Isabella Rongione set a new record in the girls' 8-under, 25-freestyle with a time of 16.45, beating her own time of 17.08 set earlier in the season. Stephen Seliskar set a new record in the boys 13-14, 50- backstroke with a time of 30.45, breaking the previous record of 30.50 set by Mike Fell in 1976.

Double event winners for the Marlins included: Thomas Brooks, Isabella Rongione, Christopher Murphy, Megan Murphy, M.J. Ulrich, James McJunkin, Andrew Seliskar and Stephen Seliskar. Single event winners for the Marlins included: Will Soobert, Madeline Dalzell, Ryan Lucas, Jake McCarron, Matt McJunkin and Hilary Fritz. Next week the Marlins face the Sleepy Hollow Bath and Racquet Seals at home.

In an exciting

week two match-up, the Hamlet (McLean) Green Feet defeated the visiting Little Rocky Run Stingrays, 221-181. Hamlet took the lead early in the freestyle and backstroke events. The teams traded off wins and sweeps throughout the breaststroke events, and the Stingrays narrowed the gap by the end of the butterfly events. However, they couldn't catch the Green Feet, who clinched the meet by winning six of the 12 relays.

Hamlet finished first in 24 of the 38 individual events. Double winners for the Green Feet were: Grace Gent (8-under freestyle and backstroke); Sarah Flatley (9-10 freestyle and backstroke); Ian Rainey (11-12 backstroke and butterfly); Anne Gent (13-14 freestyle and backstroke); and Abbey Speers (15-18 freestyle and 13-14 backstroke).

Other individual event winners for the Green Feet were Elizabeth Bucy (8-under breaststroke); Grant Williams (8-under backstroke); Terry Keffer (8-under breaststroke); Haley Simkins (9-10 butterfly); David Gent (9-10 backstroke); Hannah Matson (11-12 butterfly); Willam Gent (11-12 breaststroke); Garrett Walsh (11-12 freestyle); Jack Flatley (13-14 backstroke); Erica Roesel (13-14 breaststroke); Melissa Berkowitz (15-18 breaststroke); Alex Brumas (15-18 butterfly); Alec Contag (15-18 freestyle); and Ryan Lichtenfels (15-18



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Sarah Wilcox of Highlands was a two-event winner last weekend.

backstroke). Ryan Lichtenfel's second place finish in the 15-18 boys breaststroke event established a new team record of 33.28.

Next week the Green Feet will travel to face Overlee, the Div. 1 top seed and reigning Div. 1 champion. Both teams go into the meet with 2-0 records.

Week One Action

In recent NVSL action, Overlee defeated host Chesterbrook, 231-171, on June 21. The meet was relatively close, with the visiting Overlee team leading, 159-147, midway through the butterfly events. But Overlee pulled away in the fly and relay races.

The team win for Overlee evened the all-time series between the two clubs at seven wins apiece.

Chesterbrook is the NVSL's only club with an even or winning all-time record against Overlee.

Alston Offutt set three Chesterbrook team records, marking the first time a swimmer has set three team records at a single meet in the club's 53-year history.

Offutt set individual records in the girls' 11-12 breaststroke event (38.13), and the 11-12 butterfly race (38.02). The breaststroke time broke the team mark that had been set in 1977, and the butterfly time shattered the record set in 1995.

Offutt was also a part of the 11-12 girls' medley relay team that broke a team record with a time of 1:03.07. The relay foursome was made up of Nowell Boardman, Offutt, Katherine Pardo and Meagan McArthur. The previous team-best mark in the relay event had been set in 2003.

Double event winners for Chesterbrook in the meet with Overlee were: Offutt (breast and fly); Joey Sullivan (11-12 backstroke and butterfly); Nowell Boardman (11-12 freestyle and backstroke); and Matthew Kuhlik (13-14 freestyle and backstroke).

Chesterbrook also saluted KC Linn, who was swimming in his last home meet. Linn was set to enter the Naval Academy on July 1. The youngest of three sibling boys' swim-

mers, Linn has been swimming for Chesterbrook for 13 years and has been a part of five team relay records. His older brother, Mike, is a multiple-time NVSL champion and recent graduate of the Naval Academy.

Older brother Jeff Linn is a current assistant coach for Chesterbrook.

KC, at the meet with Overlee, won the boys 15-18 backstroke in 28.27 and took second in freestyle in 25.23.

At their first 'A' Meet of the season, the Tuckahoe Flying Tigers of McLean scored a 48-24 win over Crosspointe (Fairfax Station). The NVSL Div. 4 dive meet competition took place on June 24. Tuckahoe placed first in almost every age group. The following Tuckahoe divers placed in the top three of their category—

Freshman Girls: Delaney Gallagher (83.55); Rachel Short (68.50); Natalina Koludrovic (62.85).

Freshman Boys: Jake Wadle (68.85); Will French (52.85); Michael Sheldon (28.10).

Junior Girls: Claire Lewis (99.70).

Junior Boys: John Short (102.65); Philip Greco (98.95); Chris Saulnier (93.30).

Intermediate Girls: Kate Ray (143.00).

Intermediate Boys: Charlie Whelden (112.55).

Senior Girls: Samantha Winter (211.30).

Senior Boys: Alex Wadle (124.20).

In their recent NVSL Div. 3 opener, the McLean Marlins defeated the Sully Station SST's by a score of 241-161. It was a true team effort with the Marlins winning eight relays.

Double winners for McLean included: Isabella Rongione, Tara Abrishami, Megan Murphy, Toni Paris, Christopher Murphy and Andrew Seliskar.

Three team records were set. Andrew Seliskar set a record for the Marlins in the 11-12, 50-meter backstroke with a time of 33.84. Seliskar also broke the 11-12, boys' 50-meter butterfly record with a time of 32.48.

The 11-12 girls, 100-meter medley relay

team of M.J. Ulrich, Care Shoabi, Megan Murphy and Elena Karakozoff set a record with a time of 1:08.09. Single event winners for the Marlins included: Will Soobert, Karynne Baker, Libby Ulrich, Thomas Brooks, Ryan Lucas, M.J. Ulrich, Danny Mittel, James McJunkin, Matt McJunkin, Stephen Seliskar, David Case, Zach Gillis and Hillary Fritz.

The Hamlet Green Feet (McLean) recently opened the new NVSL season with a convincing 243-159 win over the visiting Lee Graham Dolphins. Showing their depth up and down the meet sheet, the Green Feet dominated through all the strokes and won eight of the 12 relay events.

Leading the scoring were double winners Blake Rainey (8-under freestyle and backstroke); William Gent (11-12 backstroke and breaststroke); Ian Rainey (11-12 backstroke and butterfly); and Ryan Lichtenfels (15-18 backstroke and breaststroke).

The other individual event winners for the Green Feet were: Kaitlyn Arcari (8-under backstroke); David Gent (9-10 backstroke); Terry Keffer (8-under breaststroke); Connor Rainey (9-10 freestyle); Sarah Flatley (9-10 freestyle); Julia Knepper (9-10 breaststroke); Garrett Walsh (11-12 freestyle); Trevor Coar (13-14 breaststroke); Anne Gent (13-14 butterfly); Erica Roesel (13-14 breaststroke); Victoria Snare (13-14 freestyle); and Abbey Speers (13-14 backstroke).

The Mosby Woods Raiders (Fairfax) recently visited the Kent Gardens (McLean) Dolphins for both teams' Div. 10 opener. The Raiders won a close match, 213-189.

Four records were broken during the meet: Janet Hu of Mosby Woods broke NVSL marks in both the girls' 11-12, 50-yard backstroke and butterfly events.

The previous records in the events had been set last year by Helen Moffitt. Hu broke those marks with times of 27.59 and 26.84.

Howe Wang, also of Mosby Woods, broke the boys' 11-12, 50-yard breaststroke record (set in 1978) with a time of 31.97.

Meanwhile, Elena Shyklar of Kent Gardens broke a team record for 8-under in the 25-yard freestyle with a new time of 15.15.

The Highlands (McLean) Whomping Turtles crushed Orange Hunt (Springfield), 236 to 166, in both teams' recent Div. 3 opener. Double winners for Highlands were:

Colton Heuple (Boys 9-10, 50-free and 50-back); Avand Lakmazaheri (Boys 11-12, 50-free and 50-fly); Claire Collins (Girls 11-12, 50-free and 50-breaststroke); Brendan Evans (Boys 13-14, 50-free and 50-fly); Lina Zimmerman (Girls 13-14, 50-free and 50-fly); Sarah Wilcox (Girls 15-18, 50-free and 50-fly); Stephen Richards (Boys 15-18, 50-back and 50-breast); and Patrick Dolan (Boys 9-10, 50-back and 25-fly).

Note: Stephen Richards broke his own team record in the 50-backstroke with a time of 28.50.

The Girls 13-14, 100-medley relay team of Cameron Hancock, Aeden Collins, Katherine Tenney and Lina Zimmerman broke Highlands' team record from 1976 with a time of 1:04.87.

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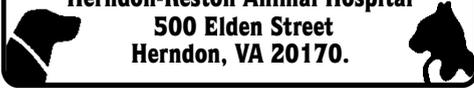
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ronald J. Sneijder and Edwin H. Aguilera, dated February 23, 2007, and recorded March 6, 2007, in Deed Book 4075 at page 782 among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Arlington County, at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, on

Tuesday, July 8, 2008
At 10:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 12, Block 3, Forest Park Addition to Waycroft, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 379 at page 452, among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 4904 N. 16th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22205.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$100,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 4.875 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at

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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S
SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT**

6234 QUANDER ROAD, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22307

SALE TO BE HELD AT 4110 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030

JULY 11, 2008

AT 10:00 A.M.

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated August 9, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 16387, Page 2016, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), securing The Washington Savings Bank, F.S.B. (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction on the front steps of the Fairfax County Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on July 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is generally known as 6234 Quander Road, Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia 22307 and is described in more detail in the Deed of Trust and as follows:

PARCEL 2, containing 2.183 acres, more or less, of the subdivision of the PROPERTY OF ELIZABETH J. QUANDER, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1785, Page 264, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

LESS AND EXCEPT all of that lot or parcel of land containing 8,750 square feet more particularly described as follows:

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TERMS OF SALE

ALL CASH. The property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the property.

The Substitute Trustees and the Beneficiary disclaim all warranties of any kind, either express or implied for the property, including without limitation, any warranty relating to the zoning, condition of the soil, extent of construction, materials, habitability, environmental condition, compliance with applicable laws, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The risk of loss or damage to the property shall be borne by the successful bidder from and after the date of the time of the sale. Obtaining possession of the property shall be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder (the "Purchaser").

A bidder's deposit of \$25,000.00 (the "Deposit") by certified or cashier's check may be required by the Substitute Trustees for such bid to be accepted. The Substitute Trustees reserve the right to prequalify any bidder prior to the sale and/or waive the requirement of the Deposit. Immediately after the sale, the successful bidder shall execute and deliver a memorandum of sale with the Substitute Trustees, copies of which shall be available for inspection immediately prior to the sale, and shall deliver to the Substitute Trustees the Deposit and the memorandum of sale. The balance of the purchase price, together with interest at 8.5% per annum from the date of sale to the date of settlement, shall be paid by the Purchaser. Settlement shall occur within ten (10) days after the sale date, TIME BEING OF THE ESSENCE with regard to the Purchaser's obligation.

Settlement shall take place at the offices of Venable LLP, 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite 300, Vienna, Virginia 22182. Purchaser shall pay all past due real estate taxes, rollback taxes, water rents, water permit renewal fees (if any) or other municipal liens, charges and assessments. The Purchaser shall also pay all settlement fees, title examination charges, title charges and title insurance premiums, all recording costs (including the state grantor's tax and all state and county recordation fees, clerk's filing fees and transfer fees and taxes), auctioneer's fees and/or bid premiums, and reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements incurred in the preparation of the deed of conveyance and other settlement documentation.

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If any Purchaser fails for any reason to complete settlement as provided above, the Deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs of the sale, including Trustees' fees, and the balance, if any, shall be delivered to the Beneficiary to be applied by the Beneficiary against the indebtedness secured by and other amounts due under the Deed of Trust in accordance with the Deed of Trust or applicable law or otherwise as the Beneficiary shall elect. There shall be no refunds. Such forfeiture shall not limit any rights or remedies of the Substitute Trustees or the Beneficiary with respect to any such default. If the property is resold, such re-sale shall be at the risk and the cost of the failing bidder, and the failing bidder shall be liable for any deficiency between its bid and the successful bid at the re-sale as well as the costs of conducting such re-sale. Immediately upon conveyance by the Substitute Trustees of the property, all duties, liabilities and obligations of the Substitute Trustees, if any, with respect to the property so conveyed shall be extinguished, except as otherwise provided by applicable law.

/s/ Henry F Brandenstein, Jr.

Substitute Trustee

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Coerte Voorhees and Leslie H. Voorhees, dated November 10, 2003, and recorded November 18, 2003, in Deed Book 15406 in page 931 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

At 11:34 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

the following property being the property contained in said Deed

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Lot 11, vALLEY sTREAM

Tax Map No. 006-2-08-0011

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$65,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 4.375 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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AT&T intends to file an application to construct a cellular telecommunications tower at 2305 South Walter Reed Drive in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia. AT&T is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal regulation 37CFR1.1301 et seq, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 36 CFR 800. The project referenced as "Wireless" will consist of a 87-foot tall stealth flagpole that will contain telecommunications antenna within the flagpole. The telecommunications equipment will be placed within an 18-foot by 30-foot fenced compound. An ice bridge will extend from the flagpole to the equipment within the fenced compound and a backboard will be placed north of the fenced compound. Electric and telecommunication underground from the fenced compound and proposed backboard to a utility pole located north of the proposed compound and adjacent to South Four Mile Run Drive. Parties interested in submitting comments or questions regarding any potential effects of the proposed facility on Historic Properties may do so in writing by contacting Louis Deal, AT&T, at 7150 Standard Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076 or c/o markos9@atcassociates.com

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