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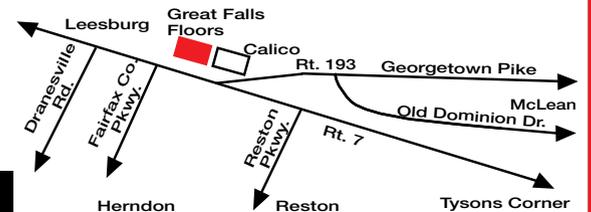
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Relief Is Spelled N-O-V-A

Great Falls couple establishes NOVA Scooters.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

It started as a whim. Then it became a hobby. Now, Tracy and Karen Ingram are poised to take a sizeable chunk out of the emerging electric scooter industry.

The Great Falls couple, licensed since March as NOVA Scooters LLC, ordered their first electric scooter online almost exactly a year ago. "I bought it as a joke. I figured, it doesn't cost that much," said Tracey Ingram.

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"We were looking for a solution to needing the car."

— Karen Ingram

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Tracy and Karen Ingram, now NOVA Scooters, have been rebuilding Chinese electric scooters for the last year.

Krop's Crops Donates To Great Falls Optimists

Once again this year, Krop's Crops donated a percentage of its Christmas tree, wreath and poinsettia sales to the Great Falls Optimist Club. Since 1991, the Krop family has supported the local Optimist Club with donations that help fund the organization's many child-centered programs and activities. They also donate trees to needy families who are unable to purchase them.

Located at 1110 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, the family-owned and operated business offers pre-cut and cut-your-own trees as well as hand-made wreaths, roping, poinsettias and other plants, gift and centerpiece baskets, lights and bows. Santa Claus makes himself at home in a giant sleigh on weekends, weather permitting. Hours are daily from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., "or until we have helped the last person load his tree on top of his car," said founder Larry Krop.

The Krops raise Scotch and White Pines, Douglas and Canaan Firs, Norway and Blue Spruce for people to cut from their 16 acres, and also sell pre-cut Fraser and Douglas Firs grown in Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

"The Optimist Club does a lot of good for the community," said Krop. "Their hearts are in the right place, doing things to help kids, and we like being a part of that. It has been a wonderful affiliation."

Krop also donated his time, tractor and hay wagon to provide hay rides for this year's Great Falls Spring Festival, which was organized by the Club. "We didn't stop from

Great Falls Optimist Club

The Great Falls Optimist Club is a child-centered non-profit organization that focuses on supporting, encouraging and challenging children to reach greater heights. A voluntary organization, the club is always interested in welcoming new members and volunteers. Among the many annual family-oriented events sponsored or assisted by the club are the Spring Festival and Egg Hunt, the Fall Spooktacular at Halloween, and the Fourth of July celebration in Great Falls. The Krops' donation, the annual Spring Festival, and proceeds from photographs taken by Hill Signature Portraits at the annual Fall Festival and the Fall Barn Dance are the club's primary fundraisers.

If are interested in joining the Great Falls Optimist Club or volunteering at specific events, contact President Lisa Jackson at 703-421-7125 (LJackson@tfsinc.com) or Membership Chair Joda Coolidge at sandjcoolidge@verizon.net. Contributions can be mailed to P.O. Box 233, Great Falls, VA 22066.

11:30 a.m. until the Festival was over at 4 p.m.," he said. "Kids, adults, everyone enjoyed riding around the Village Center, waving at their friends from the wagon."

"I've been assisting Larry Krop with tree sales for the past nine years," said George Hersey, a member of the Optimist Club for 16 years. "It's great fun watching families come out to pick out a tree, especially when it's snowing. The Krops usually have a fire going in the wood stove when it's cold out, and they have hot cider on weekends so people tend to congregate around that to warm up after traipsing around the fields looking for the perfect tree."



Larry Krop and George Hersey at Krops' Crops.

Traffic Signal To Get Green Light

Residents support VDOT plan for light at Georgetown Pike and River Bend.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Great Falls residents can expect to be waiting at a red light, rather than waiting for a courteous driver at the intersection of Georgetown Pike and River Bend Road sometime within the next year.

At a meeting with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) officials, Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) at the Grange last Wednesday, July 16, some residents expressed concerns about the impact

“One issue with courtesy is that is where accidents are so often created.”

— Madonna Lyons

a light might have at the corner, but comments like Moreg Lucas's were the ones that seemed to resonate with the 40 or so citizens at the meeting.

“This is a safety issue. It's not an issue of how long it takes you to get to work in the morning,” Lucas said, to a round of applause.

OTHERS WONDERED whether traffic lights might eventually be installed up and down Georgetown Pike if the same criteria for warranting a signal were applied to other intersections, and some pointed out that Great Falls drivers were generally courteous enough to let others turn onto Georgetown Pike in front of them.

“One issue with courtesy is that is where accidents are so often created,” said Madonna Lyons, relating the story of the accident that occurred when a driver let her daughter turn in front of her, unbeknownst to the driver coming down Georgetown Pike from the other direction.

“There are legions of people whose hearts stop when they get to that intersection, and I think that's really the crux of the issue,” said Lyons's husband, Ken, who had collected 500 signatures on a petition asking for a light at the intersection.

VDOT Program Manager Randy Dittberner assured that other intersections had been examined and did not warrant a traffic light.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Heavy traffic and a short line of sight currently can make turning left from River Bend Road onto Georgetown Pike a risky proposition.

He said VDOT's consultant had recommended a signal in part because wait times at the corner met two of the department's criteria — although just barely — and because the line of sight looking eastward down Georgetown Pike was about 130 feet shorter than the nearly 500 feet that would be preferable. The consultant had also advised trimming the foliage to improve visibility and installing flashing signals to warn of a traffic light ahead. Dittberner said the warning signals were recommended because the light could cause more rear-end crashes, although it could cut down on angle crashes.

It would also decrease wait times for drivers turning onto Georgetown Pike from River Bend and Nethercliffe Hall roads, but Dittberner said his main concern was about the backups it would likely create in eastbound morning traffic on Georgetown Pike. Any eastbound driver who had to wait to turn left onto River Bend Road would keep the rest of the column of traffic from passing through the green light because there is no left-turn lane.

Simulations showed traffic backing up for up to a quarter of a mile. Dittberner said the addition of a turning lane was unlikely,

as it would require widening the pavement.

ERIC KNUDSEN, co-chair of the Great

Falls Citizens Association's Transportation Committee, wondered about the possibility of prohibiting left turns at the intersection during certain hours.

“It's sometimes difficult to prohibit turns,” said Dittberner, but VDOT Traffic Engineer Hari Sripathi said it would be possible with community support.

Dittberner said the lights could be suspended off of a single pole in the southeast quadrant of the intersection and that VDOT had considered painting the pole brown so it would blend in better with its surroundings. “I think that's about the minimum impact we can have on an intersection like this,” he said.

The light would be hooked to sensors so that Georgetown Pike would only get a red light when someone pulled up from River Bend or Nethercliffe roads, at which time it would run through its cycle and go back to a green on Georgetown Pike.

He said he expected it to take about a year to get the signal in place because it was being built with federal money, “so there are some strings attached.”

Vanderhye told the crowd she wanted to push through some of the steps concurrently so that the light could be useful for at least part of the winter, when driving would be most dangerous.

“The communications I've received from the community have been overwhelmingly in support,” Foust said after the meeting. He said he appreciated VDOT's efforts to minimize the traffic light's inconsistency with the road's scenic character and that he liked the idea of painting the pole brown.

“I think the people have spoken,” said Vanderhye, adding that she wanted to wait a week or so before beginning the process of obtaining the traffic light in order to afford the Great Falls Citizens Association and anyone who couldn't make it to the meeting the opportunity to weigh in. “But we want to move ahead with this expeditiously, and that's what I plan to do.”

Exposure Investigated In Falls Church Area

A man allegedly exposed himself to an 11-year-old Falls Church-area girl on Wednesday, July 16 around 3:30 p.m.

The youngster was walking to a house near the intersection of Casemont Drive and Moly Drive when a man drove up and asked her several questions.

The victim noticed the man in the car exposing himself as he spoke to her. She walked away and was not harmed. The suspect made no attempt to get the victim into his car.

He fled on Moly Drive toward Great Falls Street.

The suspect was described as black, in his early 30s and clean shaven. He was



A composite of the suspect in the exposure case.

about 6 feet tall and weighed approximately 160 pounds. He was wearing long, green pants and a red and white shirt. The car was described as a newer model, shiny red, four-door sedan.

Anyone with information is asked to contact

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Tollhouse, It Tolls for Thee

Historical society had scrambled to have historic tollhouse moved.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Sometime in the last few days, a house that served as a Georgetown Pike tollhouse from 1920 to 1934 met its demise.

Jacque Olin, president of the Great Falls Historical Society, said she had learned in February that an application had been submitted for a permit to demolish the building, along with an even older house with which it shared a five-acre parcel. That permit was granted last Tuesday, July 15.

Olin said the owner, Irving Fuller, who had recently inherited the property, had wanted both buildings gone but would have preferred to see the former tollhouse moved rather than destroyed. "He's very kind in suggesting that he would help pay to move the house," she said just days before the little house disappeared.

The challenge had been finding someone to take it.

THE WASHINGTON, Great Falls and Dranesville Highway Company built the tollhouse, along with another that has since been destroyed, when it paved the road to make it passable by car, said local historian Karen Washburn.

"The building is in good shape. The original portion is solid."

— Tom Bullock, Bull's Eye Restoration, shortly before demolition

However, the company had used waterbound macadam rather than asphalt pavement, "so it didn't last all that well," she said. "About five years later, everybody was moaning and screaming about it again."

The toll was 25 cents, and farmers using the road to bring goods to market in Washington, D.C. notoriously waited for the toll keepers to go to bed around 11 p.m. or midnight in order to avoid paying, said Washburn. Ultimately, the company did not collect enough in tolls to pay for road maintenance, and in 1934 the Madeira School bought the road and turned it over to the state.

Mark Turner, who was on the Washington, Great Falls and Dranesville Highway Company board of directors and also owned the property on which the tollhouse sat, moved the building back from the road, built additions to it, turned it into a house and rented it out. The address was 9404 Georgetown Pike, and it was just west of the road's intersection with Old Georgetown Court.

Great Falls resident Milburn Sanders knows



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

In its final days, the former tollhouse stood shrouded in black tarpaper, having had its asbestos removed in preparation for demolition.

the little house well, and not just because he is a local historian. "I lived there two different times," he said. His family of five had moved into the house, which consisted of two bedrooms, a living room and a kitchen, in 1936 after his father was crippled in an accident that left him unable to work. There was electricity but no indoor bathroom. "It wasn't a spacious manor by any means," said Sanders.

The family moved out in 1939, but Sanders' mother, then widowed, moved back in later, and Sanders stayed there for four years after returning from World War II. By the time he moved back in, a bathroom had been added. His mother stayed in the house until she died in 1984.

Sanders had been skeptical about the prospects of saving the house. "If somebody finds a way to save it, that's just gravy," he said, but he added that another use would need to be found for it. He said he wouldn't be particularly heartbroken to see it torn down. "It doesn't have any particular appeal to me. It was a stepping stone in housing."

Washburn chalked that attitude up to Sanders' modesty.

THE HOUSE was added to the county's inventory of historic sites in 1998, during Sanders' 12-year tenure on the Fairfax County History Commission.

Olin said she had made attempts to convince Nestle to use the building as a Toll House Cookie outlet on the Village Green, but the company finally said it had other locations too close by. She approached The Madeira School about relocating it to the campus, but she said the school announced last Saturday, July 12 that it did not have the budget to restore the building and had too many other projects in the works. Olin and others were in talks with the Park Authority about finding a place for the building when it was destroyed. Washburn said the building was worth saving because of the rarity of old tollhouses.

Tom Bullock, president of the Lovettsville-based Bull's Eye Contracting and Restoration Inc., had estimated that it would cost around \$100,000 to restore the original, two-room toll house to its previous appearance and relocate it. He said the original building was still intact except that the roof had been removed.

"The building is in good shape," Bullock said last Friday. "The original portion is solid."

Fuller, the property owner, could not be reached for comment.



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PEOPLE



Mike Kearney, proprietor of the Old Brogue and Katie's Coffee, has turned his new coffee house into a community center with artwork that changes every month — in this case a series of photographs. The art is provided by the artist members of Great Falls Studios, a network of local artists.



PHOTOS BY AL REITAN

Veterinarians Janice and John Homan, owners of Seneca Hill Animal Hospital Resort & Spa, take time with their two dogs, Tucker and Shaggy. Behind them is some of the art that hangs in their waiting rooms. The vets make wall space available to local artists as a way to serve the community.

Businesses Promote Arts

Great Falls businesses step up to promote local artists' works.

BY JONATHAN FISHER
GREAT FALLS STUDIOS

A Rottweiler named Tucker and a hound-mix called Shaggy have been getting a big dose of culture lately: local art hung on the wall space at the Great Falls Animal Hospital Resort and Spa on Georgetown Pike.

Morning coffee goes — humans, this time — get similar art exposure at Katie's Coffee in the Village Center. Patrons who move on for a haircut at the Studio salon in Colvin Run find art hanging there, too. And anyone shopping for a house at RE/MAX Gateway real estate office will encounter a large art exhibit.

Across Great Falls, businesses have stepped up to back local painters, photographers and other artists and to make the arts movement in Great Falls more viable. "Supporting the arts is supporting the local community," said Mike Kearney, proprietor of the Old Brogue, a Great Falls pub and eating institution for 27 years, and of Katie's Coffee, an extension of the Old Brogue.

All the art comes from members of Great Falls Studios, a network of 78 artists who live or work in Great Falls. New pieces are rotated regularly. "The number of artists in our band of creative people has skyrocketed, but without the support of local businesses, we wouldn't have accomplished nearly as much," said potter Laura Nichols, president of Great Falls Studios. "In a community such as Great Falls, it is very diffi-



Doris Leadbetter, managing broker for RE/MAX Gateway, a real estate company in Great Falls, was an early patron of the local art scene. She mounts regular art shows in her office, and poses here with a painting by Great Falls artist Jo Fleming.

cult to find suitable hanging venues without a little help."

THE VETERINARY FACILITY at Seneca Hill is a family business that opened in 1995 but moved to new quarters in August of 2004. The new building is 27,000 square feet, with an animal hospital, pet resort and spa (boarding), swimming training, pet day care and a pet boutique. Depending on the

time of year, Seneca Hill employs between 60 and 80 people.

What appeals to the artists is the vast amount of wall space, the light, and a constant stream of pet owners coming through. The only unconventional aspect is that the art is placed a little higher than normal. "We want to hang the art above where dogs' tails hit," said Marty Veron, who is the father of Seneca Hill veterinarian Janice Homan.

Janice and her husband, veterinarian John Homan, are the principals of the business. The two dogs, Tucker and Shaggy are personal pets of the vet duo.

"The community has been good to us and we enjoy serving them," said John Homan, explaining why the facility has donated free wall space to the artists. "Once you explain it's part of a gallery for local folks, our customers appreciate it." Adds Marty Veron, "By hanging the art, it gives our clients a chance to see fresh things."

The facility is no stranger to charitable activities. It also works closely with the Marshall Legacy Institute that supports dogs trained to detect land mines. Donations made to the Marshall Legacy on behalf of customers whose own pets have died, are used to train these special animals. Training one costs \$20,000.

THE FIRST PATRON of the local arts group was Doris Leadbetter, managing broker for RE/MAX Gateway Great Falls. "We really try to be a community real estate company by supporting events in Great Falls," she said. And helping the artists was a natural. "The opportunity is for artists to send work here to see it hanging in a house-like setting."

Leadbetter has sponsored major art shows in her offices in the Colvin Run area for four years and supported them with receptions and publicity. She estimates she has sent out more 50,000 postcards on behalf of the artists.

Such activities pay off in generating busi-

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PEOPLE



CONTRIBUTED

Pastor Paul Gysan receives a gift of appreciation from Brownie Troop 1991. Top, from left: Maggie Lyons, Ale Van Scoyoc, Clair Newton, Hannah Jones, Eliza Pastore, Morgan Pence; Middle: Jacqueline Grimson, Finleigh Fitton, Ellie Smith, Olivia Kaczmarzkyi; Bottom: Julianna Grimson, Isabelle Saba, Nicole Haley.

Appreciation for Support

Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls has supported Brownie Troop 1991 for the last two years by providing the troop with a meeting room twice a month. Brownie Troop 1991 presented Pastor Paul Gysan with a gift of appreciation.

The church also shares its meeting rooms with

other Great Falls Girl Scout Troops and hosts the Girl Scout Service Unit meetings once a month. In appreciation of the church's contributions to Girl Scouting, the Great Falls Service Unit sponsored the planting of two large shrubs in the church yard as part of a Brownie Bridging workshop.

Businesses Provide Exhibit Walls

FROM PAGE 6

ness. "I'm in business and getting my name out is important," she said. "I've connected with a lot of people in the group."

Others in the local real estate community have also concluded that serving the community helps build business. Agents such as Joan Stokes and Helen Flynn of Weichert and Donna Uscinski and Jeni Haight of Long & Foster have also supported the arts community.

AT KATIE'S COFFEE, the art changes each month. And that suits Kearney just fine. "I felt like a coffee house should be community minded and have a constantly changing atmosphere and help advertise and support local artists," he said.

Customers love the way the room changes, Kearney reports. "Every artist has a different feeling, and they've all been well received," he said.

Kearney's support for the arts started long before Katie's Coffee came into being in January of this year. For four previous years, he has provided a special lunch menu during the Great Falls Studios annual Art Studio Tour. This year, the tour will be on Oct. 18 and 19, and the

Old Brogue will again offer a special menu to tour goers.

AT THE STUDIO HAIR SALON in the Colvin Run area, owners Ethel Shafer and Robert Jacobin have been providing wall space to local artists for three years. As in other venues, sales of art often results, and the Salon is especially successful in that respect.

Artists surmise that when people sit in a chair for an hour getting their hair trimmed, they live with the art and get to appreciate it.

Other area businesses and institutions have supported the arts in other ways as well. Turner Framing, with a shop at Seneca Road and Georgetown Pike, has been especially helpful to artists and their customers with framing decisions. The Great Falls Community Library holds art exhibitions through the year and has been a long-time supporter of arts activities.

"We're trying to make Great Falls a more artful village," said Laura Nichols, "and we

— Laura Nichols

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Community Guide Inside

Conveying a sense of place.

This issue of the Connection includes our annual Newcomers and Community Guide.

Through narrative, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here, highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on adjusting to living here.

If you are new to the area, you'll find resources and ideas on these pages. We hope, however, that even if you have lived here for decades, you'll still find something new in our pages this week.

Even some longtime residents may not have visited some of the key places in and near their hometowns. Have you visited Great Falls Na-

tional Park and seen the falls? Have you been boating in Lake Fairfax in Reston? When was the last time you visited the animals at Frying Pan Park in Herndon? Have you attended the historically accurate demonstrations at Claude Moore Park or at Colvin Mill? Our community guide is full of ideas.

We also offer many more resources on our Web site. There you will find the complete community guides for each of our 19 papers, including more extensive listings than appear in the newspapers. You'll also find stories about the top 100 Athletes ever to compete in local high schools.

Our recently redesigned Web site includes stories from all of our 18 weekly newspapers, now with new information throughout the week. A new and unusual feature, you can now access the print edition of each of our papers online, by downloading a pdf version, showing each page exactly as it appears in the paper, including cover, photos, display ads and classified advertising. All our real estate ads

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We want our relationship with our readers to be a two-way street. Be sure to let us know what you think we've left out that's important, interesting or fun. Let us know your ideas and suggestions. If you know of a community group or activity that should be highlighted in a future community guide, we'd like to know that as well.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

'Casualties' Mount in Transportation Battle

BY MARGI VANDERHYE
STATE DELEGATE (D-34)

VANDERHYE REPORT

On July 16 I participated in the monthly Transportation Planning Board (TPB) regional meeting where we had to strip out every Northern Virginia Transportation Authority project for the FY 2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program. They cannot be included in the TIP because the General Assembly provided no new additional revenue to replace the potential funds lost by the February decision of the Virginia Supreme Court nullifying the Authority's power. I cannot begin to convey my frustration and disappointment about the outcome, and I said so at the TPB meeting.

Some of the program "casualties" of the legislature's failure include funds to match Federal money for METRO and VRE, road construction to address some of our region's worst choke points, and transit improvements that will help with the future shift of thousands of workers to Fort Belvoir and Quantico. As traffic in our region continues to deteriorate, a rural anti-tax cabal in the House of Delegates continues to block revenue measures that would let us address our problems.

The recent Special Session of the General Assembly, called by Governor Kaine to address the critical need for dedicated, sufficient, and sustainable funding for transportation adjourned on July 10 at



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Del. Margi Margi Vanderhye (D-34th)

1:39 a.m. After a 13-hour session and an earlier week of committee hearings and floor speeches, the end result was no new money or funding sources for transportation. A compromise bill agreed to by the House and Senate Democrats and the Governor that would have generated \$1.9 billion in statewide transportation revenue and \$2.3 billion for northern Virginia, was defeated along largely party lines by the House. The compromise, which I supported, included:

- ❖ a 1/4 cent statewide increase in the sales tax;
- ❖ a one cent increase in the sales tax raised in our region to stay in

our region;

- ❖ a reduction in the sales tax on food;
- ❖ a modest increase in rental car and hotel taxes; and
- ❖ no increase in the gas tax.

Meanwhile, the only statewide funding proposal to emerge from the House Republican Caucus was a measure to dedicate revenues from any future off shore drilling to transportation — a proposal that at its most optimistic would achieve a short term money stream a decade from now. They also called for an expansion of public-private partnerships to fund construction through the imposition of tolls. These PPTA's can and should be a part of a solution, but we will never be able to toll our way through our statewide construction and maintenance requirements.

The Republicans' regional proposal would have diverted a portion of future growth in direct and indirect revenues from Dulles airport and the Virginia Port Authority to transportation. At first glance this approach appears to be feasible, but such a proposal is both illusive and elusive for several reasons: the funding is based on speculative numbers; the definition of "future growth" is easy to interpret in any number of ways; and finally, future General Fund revenues can easily be diverted to other purposes so there is no guarantee that these funds would ever be used for transportation.

The House Republican leader-

ship did offer one proposal that I supported calling for additional audits of the Virginia Department of Transportation. But an audit is not a substitute for real funds. The entire administrative cost of VDOT is \$250 million annually, compared to the current annual maintenance deficit of \$400 million.

Accountability in government programs and spending is essential, but it must be a part of a transportation plan, not a substitute for it.

I am deeply distressed that we were not able to conclude a desperately needed transportation funding package that included statewide money and regional funds for northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. I remain committed to working toward a solution that benefits all of us — urban and rural jurisdictions alike — because the very economic vitality of the Commonwealth depends upon it.

I hope you will visit my Web site at Vanderhye.com to review a video I worked on recently with several business coalitions. The brief presentation clearly and dramatically makes the point that we are undermining our own economic interests by neglecting our infrastructure needs. I want to hear from you about your suggestions for our options, and I want you to know that I am not abandoning the fight for better transportation in Virginia. Our region requires it, and our state must have it to remain economically dynamic and competitive.

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Scooter Saves \$10 per Day

"We were looking for a solution to needing the car," his wife said. "Gas prices were already getting kind of crazy."

A week later, they ordered another one. Then, like many other owners of the new technology, they began to run into problems. Online forums were lighting up with new electric scooter owners looking for solutions to fried batteries, dead controllers, inaccurate speedometers and myriad other malfunctions. Tracy Ingram said electric scooters are still almost entirely manufactured in China, where quality parts can be difficult to come by.

"That's when we started working to make them viable, sustainable vehicles," said Karen Ingram. With backgrounds in engineering, they began redesigning the scooters' mechanics and looking for better parts. "We work in systems integration. It's what we do," she said.

They also began offering online advice to other electric scooter owners and having malfunctioning scooters sent to their house for repairs, often for free.

Meanwhile, the Ingrams tested the scooters they were buying and rebuilding by abandoning their car. During the winter, they donned snowsuits. A small bike trailer allows for grocery shopping, and family trips with their daughter mean three scooters rolling out of their Holly Knoll neighborhood.

Tracy Ingram drives past the rush-hour traffic on Route 7 to commute to work in Falls Church. Unlike motorcycles, scooters, which are classified as mopeds, can pass traffic on either side. "So I'm beating people to work by like an hour," he said.

Online

To learn more about NOVA Scooters, visit www.novascooters.com or call 703-940-1599.

THE SCOOTERS cannot be used on interstate highways or some toll roads but are allowed on most streets, although they are not allowed to be driven faster than 35 mph. Karen Ingram said other drivers were unexpectedly accommodating of the family's slow speed on roads like Leesburg Pike.

The moped designation also eliminates the need for license plates, property taxes, driver's licenses and insurance, although Tracy Ingram said buying some limited insurance would not be a bad idea.

The couple has hardly purchased gasoline in the last year. But this does not mean their travels are entirely free. Tracy Ingram calculated that the electricity to run the vehicles costs about \$1 for every 400 miles. The scooters are charged by being plugged into any wall socket. He said it takes five to six hours to charge completely dead batteries, and a charge will last for about 15 miles at full-throttle, although he said he gets about 23 miles out of a charge. This fall, the couple plans to switch their product over to lithium batteries, which will take about 100 pounds off the scooters' weight and extend their range to about 60 miles per charge. Current models can be retrofitted for the new batteries.

In March, Tracy Ingram drove a moving truck between Virginia and California three times to pick up two shipments of 20 scooters to be rebuilt. The Ingrams made their first sale shortly thereafter. Before they sell the scooters, they replace the tires, the wiring and, for commuters, the control panel, swapping out the original panel for one that tells the driver how energy is flowing in the vehicle so that it can be monitored and conserved.

THEY ADD a battery equalization system that synchronizes the input and output levels of the five batteries to keep them from burning up, as well as a device that shuts off the throttle at 35 mph, although that built-in speed limit can be adjusted. The new



Cascades resident Jim Damaré has been commuting on his scooter since he bought it a month ago.

system and control panel allow the driver to set low-voltage limits to protect the batteries, as well as various other settings. "This is not on any bike you're getting off the Internet," Tracy Ingram assured.

Prices range from \$2,800 to \$4,500, including a one-year warranty.

Cascades resident Jim Damaré first met the Ingrams at a high school flea market, where they were showing off their scooters. "They didn't have to convince me," he said. "The fact that there's no gas, it's street-legal and that it could go where I needed to go, that's all I needed to hear," he said.

After riding the scooter for about a month, he estimates he is saving about \$10 a day on gas, as he commutes to and from his Long & Foster office in Chantilly, 15 miles from home. "It's literally paying for itself on a day-to-day basis," Damaré said.

When his speedometer stopped working after he hit a pothole, the Ingrams had figured out that a wire had come loose and quickly fixed the problem, he said. Likewise, when he fell and broke the right hand brake. Earlier on, when his batteries started dying out toward the end of his trip, the couple set the machine to automatically lower its speed when the batteries drained to a certain point, in order to conserve energy. He said this fixed the problem. "They've been great. I call them and they're over here, usually the same day," said Damaré.

He said his wife now wants her own scooter and his neighbor has expressed interest. "I love it," he said. "Because you're out in the air. And every time I drive past a gas station and it's like \$4, \$4.15, I smile." He said other drivers got irritated with him much less frequently when they asked why they couldn't hear his engine and seemed surprised when he told them the scooter was completely electric.

The Ingrams have now sold six scooters and have three or four more sales lined up in the next couple of weeks, said Karen Ingram, explaining that they wanted to take their time to work with each owner and personalize every scooter's settings. "We know we're going to sell out," she said. "It's not a question of 'if,' it's 'when.'" She said she eventually hopes to mass-market the scooters, including three-wheeled versions, to other businesses, such as airlines — since the vehicles can be used indoors — or pizza delivery operations.

"It's not about making money right now," said Tracy Ingram, explaining that their current priority was establishing a solid reputation and making connections with parts suppliers and potential distributors.

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THURSDAY/JULY 24

Summer Stories and Sprinklers. 1:30 p.m. Listen to stories then take a run through the sprinklers at Vienna's original one-room library, Freeman House, 131 Church Street, Vienna. Free. Call 703-255-6360.

NSO at WolfTrap: Not the Messiah! (He's a Very Naughty Boy) with Eric Idle. 8:15 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20 to \$55. 877-WOLFTRAP.

Homegrown Americana String Band, part of the Nottoway Nights Summer Concert Series. Join friends and neighbors at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of music. Bring picnics, blankets and chairs. The Homegrown String Band, a 21st century incarnation of the traditional family band, will entertain. The Homegrown String Band is a quartet of acoustic musicians which utilizes unique instrumentation, percussive flatfoot dancing and varied influences to entertain. Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road off Nutley Road in Vienna. Call 703-324-7469 after 6 p.m. for weather cancellation updates. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

FRIDAY/JULY 25

U.S. Navy Commodores at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 25. Free; bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For more information call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Movie in the Park. Enjoy a favorite family movie outdoors at Vienna's Glyndon Park at sundown, about 8:45 p.m. Free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. For information on which G-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on July 23 and for weather information on the day of the show.

My Favorite Highway. Pop/rock. 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

'Evita' at Alden Theatre, 8 p.m. The McLean Community Players present Tony Award-winning musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. The Alden Theatre is located in the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue. For ticket information call the Alden box office at 703-790-9223; tickets can be purchased in person at the box office or from Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or online at www.ticketmaster.com. \$17 adults; \$14 McLean tax district residents; \$14 seniors and students; and \$10 groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit www.mcleanplayers.org.

NSO at WolfTrap: WolfTrap is for Lovers. 8:15 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20 to \$48. 877-WOLFTRAP.

Vienna Wireless Society will meet 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street S.E., Vienna. Membership not required to attend. Call VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or visit www.viennawireless.org.

The Union with Rome in a Day. Ned Devine's/ Ned Kelly's, 2465 Centreville Road, Herndon. Call 703-793-7376 or visit

History Revisited at Claude Moore Farm

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm in McLean hosted its annual Summer Market Fair on Saturday and Sunday, bringing the grounds alive with 18th century crafts, games, and food. The event, which attracted families and history enthusiasts alike, offered period-accurate demonstrations and activities.

The farm, which is open April through December, allows visitors to immerse themselves in 18th century culture. The market, which is held three times every year, lets visitors shop and interact with a variety of artisans and costumed volunteers, in addition to exploring the farm.

Part of the appeal of the market is the large cast of volunteers, dressed in 18th century clothing, educating visitors about their craft or various ways of life over 200 years ago. Rachel Summers, who began volunteering as a child at the Claude Moore Farm, was back for her



Pat Keefe of Bethesda leads a demonstration on the 18th century rifle firing procedure.

16th year at the fair. Summers says she loves volunteering at the farm because she "appreciates the history behind it." Walter Henderson, a historical cabinetmaker who explained his methods, uses traditional tools

and directions or contact Linda Burchfiel at 703-506-4310 or larva@attglobal.net.

The Speaks. Ned Devine's/Ned Kelly's, 2465 Centreville Road, Herndon. Call 703-793-7376 or visit www.neddevines.com.

The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women is holding a used book collection from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave East, Vienna. Used books, CDs and tapes, software and children's books are needed. No records or textbooks accepted. Call 703-448-9195 or www.mcleanaauw.org. The books are for the 39th AAUW Used Book Sale to be held at the McLean Community Center September 19-21.

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Outdoor at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/JULY 27
Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park: Roni Stoneman. Bluegrass and banjo virtuoso. Part of a summer concert series at the McLean Central Park Gazebo, located at the intersection of Dolley Madison Blvd. and Old Dominion Drive. 4 to 5 p.m. Parking available at the center. Call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711 or visit www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

Recess Monkey, family-friendly music and humor. 11 a.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Visit www.jamminjava.com or call 703-255-1566.

Eric Weinburg. Folk rock. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Bob Marley Roots, Rock, Reggae Festival 2008. 2 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP.



Naia and Finn Tower-Pierce of Herndon examine crafts at a table.

in constructing 18th century furniture.

Families and children in attendance enjoyed instruction in a variety of areas, from dance to sword-fighting. The Brockways, from Arlington, enjoyed the old fashioned

rope swings and the elaborate costumes of the performers. The Tower-Pierces, from Herndon, enjoyed fashioning their own dolls and making their own necklaces. Most vendors, along with selling

their crafts, let families experience how they were really made.

The market opens again in October.

— DAVID LONNQUEST

Sunday on the Green. 6:30 p.m. The Vienna Community Band will present "Movies that Dance" at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Music will include selections from An American in Paris, Chicago, Moulin Rouge and more. Free; bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

MONDAY/JULY 28

Open Mic. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Free. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Crosby, Stills & Nash. 8 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP.

TUESDAY/JULY 29

Firstman Family Affair featuring Joe Firstman, Tony Lucca, Patrick Davis, Brian Wright and the Waco Tragedies. Pop rock. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Noche Flamenca. 8 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$38 in-house, \$8 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 30

Hippiefest, with Jack Bruce of Cream, Eric Burdon and the Animals, The Turtles, Melanie, Badfinger, Jonathan Edwards. 8 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. 877-WOLFTRAP.

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Ryan Hill, untitled (blue), pastel on paper.

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❖ **Timothy W. Ahearn of Great Falls** is a senior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Charles J. Baker of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in physics in the College of Science.

❖ **Kevin J. Barbera of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Lauren M. Barbera of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Brian T. Benjamin of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Holly H. Berkley of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Marie E. Bernier of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in human nutrition, foods, and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Michael P. Bylund of Great Falls** is a freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Emily J. Canis of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Kelley P. Carpenter of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Arjun H. Chopra of Great Falls** is a freshman majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Anne M. Eady of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Katherine C. Eady of Great Falls** is a senior majoring in statistics in the College of Science.

❖ **Christopher W. Frames of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in human nutrition, foods, and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Caitlin M. Gaffney of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Farrah M. Goal of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in interior design in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Sang-Hwan Han of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Stephanie A. Hintz of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in business in the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Michael T. Kiernan of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in finance in the Pamplin College of Business.



DAVID S. HOLLOWAY/THE CONNECTION

Teacher Yasmin Eisenhauer of The Potomac School with Scott Kinney, vice president of Outreach and Professional Development, at the Discovery Education National Training Academy in Silver Spring, MD, on June 3.

Eisenhauer Attends Professional Development Event at Discovery

Yasmin Eisenhauer of The Potomac School participated in a National Training Academy hosted by Discovery Education, and held June 1-3 at the Discovery Communications headquarters in Silver Spring, Md.

The three-day Academy taught 30 educators how to improve student achievement through the implementation of Discovery Education streaming, the only digital media-on-demand service scientifically proven to enhance student performance. Eisenhauer participated in a number of hands-on projects to practice the new skills she will later share with peers at The Potomac School. By the end of the Academy, Eisenhauer learned how to employ an array of multimedia resources to enhance her lessons, and took away strategies to provide ongoing training as a way to support her colleagues.

❖ **Sarah E. Lowen of Great Falls** is a junior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

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❖ **Christina M. Wong of Great Falls** is a sophomore majoring in mathematics in the College of Science.

Michael Axton of Great Falls, a sophomore at the University of Mary Washington, has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list.

Courtney Tammy Chou of Great Falls has graduated cum laude from Dartmouth College. Chou, the daughter of Chungchieh D. Chou and Michelle Lee Chou, majored in neuroscience and minored in environmental studies.

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11196 BRANTON LN	5	5	2	GREAT FALLS	\$1,825,000	Detached	0.952984	06/02/08	
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987 OLD HOLLY DR	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$875,000	Detached	0.870937	06/02/08	
1104 WIMBLETON DR	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$664,900	Townhouse	0.045546	06/02/08	
6513 TUCKER AVE	6	6	1	MCLEAN	\$1,384,000	Detached	0.230579	06/02/08	
1153 RANDOLPH RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.043388	06/04/08	
7301 WESTERLY LN	5	4	0	MCLEAN	\$1,050,000	Detached	1.0	06/04/08	
1235 STONEHAM CT	5	2	1	MCLEAN	\$753,000	Detached	0.28517	06/05/08	
7611 BRITTANY PARC CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$875,000	Detached	0.127479	06/06/08	
11691 HOLLYVIEW DR	5	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$785,000	Detached	0.723393	06/06/08	
11005 BEACH MILL RD	5	4	3	GREAT FALLS	\$3,000,000	Detached	2.0	06/06/08	
2013A LORRAINE AVE	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$949,375	Detached	0.656749	06/06/08	
1629 GREAT FALLS ST	4	4	1	MCLEAN	\$601,000	Detached	0.370776	06/06/08	
1725 YOUNGBLOOD ST	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$655,000	Detached	0.422383	06/06/08	
8402 WOODBRANCH CT	6	6	2	MCLEAN	\$2,825,000	Detached	0.83517	06/06/08	
1952 KENNEDY DR #201	2	1	0	MCLEAN	\$215,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/09/08	
1641 INTERNATIONAL DR #101	2	1	0	MCLEAN	\$310,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/09/08	
CHAIN BRIDGE DRIVE	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$782,500	Other	0.0	06/09/08	
6304 HARDY DR	6	3	1	MCLEAN	\$995,000	Detached	0.356703	06/10/08	
1311 MCLEAN CREST CT	3	4	2	MCLEAN	\$760,200	Townhouse	0.031589	06/10/08	
7377 HALLCREST DR	3	2	2	MCLEAN	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.038338	06/10/08	
2131 WESTMORELAND ST	4	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$840,000	Detached	0.232346	06/11/08	
6717 WEMBERLY WAY	6	6	2	MCLEAN	\$3,340,000	Detached	2.706451	06/11/08	
6862 WILLIAMSBURG POND CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.043893	06/12/08	
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1247 PINE HILL RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$830,000	Detached	0.193916	06/12/08	
804 GREAT CUMBERLAND RD	5	5	2	MCLEAN	\$3,250,000	Detached	5.0	06/12/08	
746 ELLSWORTH AVE	5	4	2	GREAT FALLS	\$1,800,000	Detached	0.710078	06/13/08	
2046 ROCKINGHAM ST	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,500,000	Detached	0.680005	06/13/08	
1641 MORRILL CT	5	3	0	MCLEAN	\$761,733	Detached	0.373186	06/13/08	
7614 SAVANNAH ST #201	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$155,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/16/08	
10905 LEEDS CT	4	3	1	GREAT FALLS	\$512,250	Detached	0.230005	06/16/08	
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6832 GEORGETOWN PIKE	10	10	3	MCLEAN	\$3,300,000	Detached	2.167309	06/16/08	
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1120 PINE HILL RD	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.061478	06/16/08	
7316 AYNLEY LN	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$899,000	Townhouse	0.076148	06/16/08	
946 HICKORY RUN LN	3	2	0	GREAT FALLS	\$1,140,000	Detached	5.009298	06/17/08	
1123 AMANDA DR	4	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,125,000	Detached	1.38905	06/17/08	
1505 MINTWOOD DR	4	2	1	MCLEAN	\$795,000	Detached	0.241047	06/17/08	
8380 GREENSBORO DR #322	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$365,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		06/17/08	
6615 DENNY PL	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$868,000	Detached	0.293274	06/18/08	
8340 GREENSBORO DR #519	2	2	0	MCLEAN	\$365,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		06/18/08	
2122 NATAHOA CT	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$545,000	Detached	0.232117	06/19/08	
1835 STANLEY PL	3	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$324,000	Detached	0.275046	06/19/08	
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2617 HOLLY MANOR DR	5	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$810,000	Detached	0.326286	06/19/08	
6922 POPPY DR	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$620,000	Detached	0.241047	06/19/08	
6812 MELROSE DR	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.064624	06/19/08	
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1836 MACARTHUR DR	6	4	1	MCLEAN	\$1,210,000	Detached	0.362695	06/19/08	
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7721 VIRGINIA LN	5	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$375,000	Detached	0.404477	06/20/08	
7682 LEE LANDING DR	3	1	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$240,000	Townhouse	0.027548	06/20/08	
1118 CHALLEDON RD	5	3	0	GREAT FALLS	\$685,000	Detached	0.459137	06/20/08	
1512 BROOKHAVEN DR	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$665,000	Detached	0.459298	06/20/08	
1041 WARBLER PL	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$722,265	Detached	0.268893	06/20/08	
7621 PROVINCIAL DR #308	3	2	0	MCLEAN	\$385,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.0	06/20/08	
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1015 CHESKA CT	5	5	1	GREAT FALLS	\$2,037,000	Detached	0.873944	06/23/08	
1219 POTOMAC SCHOOL RD	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,250,000	Detached	0.436616	06/23/08	
1118 BUCHANAN ST	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$1,147,500	Detached	0.357576	06/23/08	
2137 HAYCOCK RD	5	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,230,000	Detached	0.23129	06/24/08	
819 LEIGH MILL RD	5	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.989027	06/24/08	
1093 BONNIE VIEW DR	6	4	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,390,000	Detached	1.168067	06/24/08	
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6840 STRATA ST	5	3	1	MCLEAN	\$764,000	Detached	0.288085	06/25/08	
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1543 HUNTING AVE	4	3	1	MCLEAN	\$730,000	Detached	0.16405	06/25/08	
6514 ROOSEVELT ST	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$450,000	Detached	0.23129	06/26/08	
7524 LISLE AVE	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$373,000	Detached	0.249495	06/26/08	
BRIAR RIDGE RD	6	6	0	MCLEAN	\$980,000	Detached	1.776768	06/26/08	
1643 MACON ST	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$720,000	Detached	0.291345	06/26/08	
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1524 LINCOLN WAY #103	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$217,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/26/08	
1320 TITANIA LN	4	3	0	MCLEAN	\$825,000	Detached	0.312672	06/26/08	
1187 WINDROCK DR	5	6	2	MCLEAN	\$2,900,000	Detached	1.977135	06/26/08	
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7610 SAVANNAH ST #10/204	2	1	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$149,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/27/08	
6668 AVIGNON BLVD	5	4	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$1,060,000	Detached	0.133379	06/27/08	
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820 THOMAS RUN DR	5	6	1	GREAT FALLS	\$1,850,000	Detached	1.732369	06/27/08	
7115 MERRIMAC DR	3	2	1	MCLEAN	\$575,000	Detached	0.275482	06/27/08	
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1521 SPRING GATE DR #10401	1	1	0	MCLEAN	\$235,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/27/08	
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7626 BRITTANY PARC CT	4	4	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$849,000	Detached	0.121281	06/30/08	
1908 DIPLOMAT CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$680,000	Detached	0.241047	06/30/08	
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR #1118	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$310,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		06/30/08	
7715 LUNCEFORD LN	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$350,000	Detached	0.243388	06/30/08	
7814 SHREVE RD	6	3	0	FALLS CHURCH	\$589,900	Detached	0.292057	06/30/08	
7021E HAYCOCK RD	2	2	1	FALLS CHURCH	\$505,000	Townhouse		06/30/08	
1463 BUENA VISTA AVE	3	1	1	MCLEAN	\$537,625	Detached	0.21522	06/30/08	
7201 ENTERPRISE AVE	4	2	0	MCLEAN	\$600,000	Detached	0.241047	06/30/08	
1723 MELBOURNE DR	3	2	0	MCLEAN	\$630,000	Detached	0.459481	06/30/08	

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**The Great Falls Village Centre's 2008
Summer Concerts on the Green
Sunday Evening, 6-8 PM**

Starshine Theatre Presents: A Celebration of Children
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The first children's concert at the Great Falls Village Centre will include "the best of" Starshine Theater's show songs through the years, combined with musical selections that are family favorites for all ages. Co-songwriter, guitarist, sound engineer and husband, Jerry Budwig, will also accompany Pat and the children on July 27 at 6pm.

Patricia Green Budwig, M.A., has been teaching her workshops in Musical Theater, Dramatics, Voice, Guitar and Pre-School Music for the past 15 years in the Great Falls area. She has written and directed dozens of plays starring hundreds of local children. The productions include a CD soundtrack of her original musical score, recorded with the voices of the students in the Cast.

Mrs. Budwig is currently composing a new full-production play for her 15th Summer Drama Camp in Great Falls, "The Dragons of Darkmoor – How Magic Came into the World." The play will star local student actors, singers and dancers, ages 8 through 18 years.

Many thanks to Mr. Bob Nelson of Weichert Realtors, who is sponsoring this special musical Celebration of Children! YOU are the STAR in STARSHINE THEATRE!



Giving Wood Life

Neatly organized in boxes, basswood blanks sit, waiting to be picked out, chosen, and turned into something personalized.

For approximately 25 years, Northern Virginia Carvers (NVC) has hosted carving lessons at Colvin Run Mill, free of charge to participants. Pre-cut "blanks" cost \$2 - \$4.

"We loan them the tools, whatever they will need for their projects," said carver Joy Burks, of Oakton. "Each carver is teamed with an instructor, a member of the club."

Participants are taught how to hold the tools, particularly the knives and rasps. "A lot of emphasis is placed on safety in carving," said Burks.

ON SUNDAY, July 6, there were approximately 25 students at any one time, and 15 instructors from the club. Northern Virginia Carvers come out to Colvin Run Mill twice a month during the summer months to share their expertise and enthusiasm for the craft. Students aged 6 - 11 use files, called rasps, for shaping, and those 12 years and older use



First, says carver Richard Sniffen, to Brian Fisher of McLean, draw a midline. Brian's mother, Robin, calls Colvin Run Mill a "great place to experience the way life used to be."

knives. A variety of equipment stands by, testing skill levels.

"I like it, it's fun," said Jasper Smalfelt of Fairfax. "I'm making a squirrel ... I like squirrels."

Jasper's parents, Greg and Julie, planned their day around the wood-carving lessons.

THE ACTIVITY draws people from all over the area, from Fairfax

to South Riding. A greater number of adults than children were there learning the wood-carving craft from skilled artists. An added benefit to the experience is that the club allows up to six free lessons within a three-month span, and the club has "a lot of repeats," according to NVC club president, Joyce Beene.

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FAITH NOTES

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The **St. John's Episcopal Church Friends of Music** will host a **musical fundraiser** Sunday, July

20 at 4 p.m. The concert will feature composer George Gershwin, with arias from Porgy & Bess and a special rendition four-handed rendition of Rhapsody in Blue played on two grand pianos by John Wulff and Cuong Hung Van. No tickets required; donations to the Music Fund accepted. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

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.

The monthly peer support group for survivors of clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse will meet on Wednesday, July 30 at 7 p.m in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA. This group is co-sponsored by Voice of the Faithful-Northern Virginia affiliate and meets on the last Wednesday of every month. Free. Confidential. No registration required. For information or directions, contact Ellen Radday at 703-538-6128.

SPORTS

The Great Falls ages 10-11 Girls' softball All-Stars recently won their first-ever District 4 Tournament title. The team, under manager Mike Sharkey, won the championship game over McLean. Next, Great Falls is headed to the state tournament in Bristol.

At the Dist. 4 tournament, Great Falls won its first round game, 14-1, in 3-1/2 innings behind the pitching and hitting of Emily Templin. Emily struck out nine batters and had two big hits. In addition, Katie Cynkar delivered a bases-clearing double.

In the title game, Great Falls outscored McLean, 21-11, in five innings. Melanie Dronfield pitch the complete game. Offensively, Gabi Pijaca had a three-run triple, Templin chipped in with a two-run double and Maggie Natal collected three hits.

Other players on the Great Falls squad are Caroline O'Connor, Julia Chirite, Katie Studabaker, Haley Falkenberry, Caroline Potteiger, Lauren Simons and Kerry Bush.

Taylor Klein, a rising senior at Langley High School, recently finished first in the 16 to 18 age division of the Titlelist Junior Golf Tournament. The two-day event took place at Bay Club in Berlin, Md.



Langley High's Taylor Klein

Klein shot a 75 on the first day and a 77 on the second. On that second day, it came down to the 18th hole where Klein parred to hold onto the lead and gain the title.

Klein has been playing golf since he was 11. Over the past three years, he has been a member of the Langley High Saxons' team. As a sophomore two years ago, Klein finished second overall at the Liberty District Championships. He was a team captain last year as a junior. Klein hopes to one day play the sport collegiately at a Div. 1 program.

Later on this month, Klein will participate at a Golf combine event in South Carolina.

In Div. 14 NVSL swimming, Great Falls (4-1) finished its regular session competition with a strong win against Springvale, 223-169. Great Falls had 30 first place fin-

ishes and gained sweeps at both the 9-10 boys and 11-12 girls age divisions. Double first place winners included Mary Liz Elliott (backstroke, breaststroke), Will Kemmerer (backstroke, butterfly), Elizabeth Longosz (freestyle, butterfly), Ana Mulligan (freestyle, breaststroke) and Max Wingo (freestyle, breaststroke). Single event winners included Luke Brugel (breaststroke), Gabriel Fowler (butterfly), Evan Guidi (backstroke), Jason Guidi (backstroke), Jamie Keeler (freestyle), Annie Kemmerer (butterfly), Taylor Kuligowski (freestyle), Jake

McCarty (breaststroke), Rachel McGonigal (breaststroke), Jaimie Mulligan (breaststroke), Eric Owens (freestyle), Annie Thomas (backstroke) and Allie Zeidan (freestyle).

Chesterbrook was a 267-135 winner over **Hamlet** in NVSL Div. 1 action last Saturday. Chesterbrook had nine double-event winners, including: Jaya Kambhampaty (8-under free and back), Claire Wolff (8-under free and breast), Veronica Wolff (9-10 back and fly), Nowell Boardman (11-12 free and back), Joey Sullivan (11-12 back and fly), Alston Offutt (11-12 breast, fly), Matthew Kuhlik (13-14 free, back), Hannah Welch (13-14 breast, fly), Steven Lee-Kramer (15-18 free and breast). Lee-Kramer's breaststroke time of 31.50 was a new team record.

The competition was the final dual meet of the regular season and left Chesterbrook with a 4-1 record (second place) in Div. 1. Hamlet finished 2-3, good for fourth place in Div. 1.

Earlier last week, Chesterbrook finished second at the All Star Relay Carnival with 523 points. Nearby Overlee won the meet with 620 points.

Academy International will host a week long lacrosse academy for girls at the Coopers Middle School in McLean Aug. 11-15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Renowned lacrosse coaches from Canada and Britain will group players by age and skill level to customize training and make playing lacrosse fun. To register, visit www.academyinternational.net or call 703-816-0244 for further details.

The previously undefeated Highlands Whomping Turtles fell to the McLean Marlins, 219 to 183, in Div. 3 action last Saturday. Double winners for Highlands were Aeden Collins and graduating senior Conor Evans. Single winners for the Whomping Turtles were: Clayton Kiyonaga, Rachel Romanowski, Laura Putnam, Gordon Hall, Claire Collins, Colin Fitzgibbon, Olivia Tripodi, Alexandra Lockhart and Sarah Wilcox.

In the All Star Relays last week, the team of Charlie Putnam, Stephen Richards, Conor Evans and Brian Murphy set a new NVSL record in the 15-18 Boys 200- Medley Relay with a time of 1:48.13.

In diving action, Highlands rolled to 4-0



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Its been a wonderful summer postseason for the girls' ages 10-11 Great Falls Softball All-Stars, who recently captured the District 4 tournament championship.

against Rolling Hills, beating them 52-18. In Freshman Girls, Evelyn Gray placed 1st and Cameron Clarke was 3rd. Blake Elliott (1st), Reed Bond (2nd), and Stefan Morgan (3rd) swept the Freshman Boys contest. Katelyn Bond and Madeline Neuberger finished 1st and 2nd in Junior Girls. Johnny Bowman and Michael Pope were 2nd and 3rd in Junior Boys.

Abby Neuberger won the Intermediate Girls competition, and Scott Sawicki and Stephen Clark both dove up to take 1st and 2nd in the Intermediate Boys. In Senior Girls, Cameron Hancock and Lauren Tangney dove up to place 1st and 3rd, with Hancock setting a new club record. Ian Clark also dove up to take 2nd place in Senior Boys.

In other dive news, Highlands faired well at the Wally Martin 3-meter championship held July 13 at Lee Graham. Evelyn Gray was 2nd in the Freshman Girls, Scott Sawicki was 4th in Junior Boys, Cameron Hancock was 3rd, and Abby Neuberger was 11th in Intermediate Girls.

The Langley Wildthings lost the last meet of the season to the Pinecrest Piranhas, 202-200, in a meet that went down to the last relays and finished with a two point difference. Although Langley lost the meet, the Wildthings won more than half the events. Double winners for Langley included: Chris Dillard (8-under free, back), Emily Wallach (8-under free, breast), Isaac Peress (9-10 free, back), Katie Robinson (11-12 back, 13-14 fly), Nicole Johnson (13-14 back, breast), Meghan Overend (15-18 free, back) and Tracy DeMocker (15-18 breast, fly). Single event winners included Maggie Bellaschi (8-under back), Nathan Johnson (9-10 breast), Jacqueline Litschewski (9-10 breast), Tatiana Bennett (9-10 fly), Nathan Robinson (11-12 free), and Kat Owczarski (13-14 fly). The 8- under girls' relay team of Claire Mullery, Helen Horan, Ally Bulford and Emily Wallach broke a 40 year old record with a time of 1:24.24.

The Hamlet Green Feet lost on July 19 by a score of 220-182 to the Chesterbrook Tiger Sharks. Hamlet finished the season in fourth place in Div. 1 with a 2-3 record.

Hamlet had two double winners in the individual events: David Gent, 9-10 backstroke and breaststroke Abbey Speers, 13-14 freestyle and backstroke. The other individual event winners for the Green Feet were Sarah Flatley, 9-10 backstroke; Connor Rainey, 9-10 freestyle; Garrett Walsh, 11-12 freestyle; Trevor Coar 13-14 breaststroke; Melissa Berkowitz, 15-18 breaststroke; and Ryan Lichtenfels, 15-18 backstroke.

The 13-14 girls medley relay team of Abbey Speers, Erica Roesel, Anne Gent and Victoria Snare set a new team record of 1:02.28.

GRFL Rovers is a rising U-15, D4 National Capital Soccer League team that has recently transferred from ASC. The team is hosting a two week camp and is inviting any interested players to participate. Camp dates are Aug. 4-8 and Aug. 11-15, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Grand Hamptons Park in Herndon.

The team is coached by Laszlo Juhasz of HP Soccer Academy (www.hpsoccer.com). Juhasz is a former player with the Hungarian Youth National Teams and a four year started at GMU. He was an assistant coach with the Marymount University Men's Soccer Team and a Strength/Conditioning Coach at American University. Juhasz holds his UEFA B license and is an ODP Staff Coach.

The team is always looking to add a few players and provides a developmental, enjoyable, and competitive environment for interested players. Players come from Ashburn, Broadlands, South Riding, Sterling and the Great Falls areas. Please contact co-manager, Kimberly Donnelly at horsebum63@verizon.net

Additional information can also be found at www.greatfallssoccer.com.

THE COUNTY LINE

2,500 More Students

Fairfax enrollment increases as Prince William decreases.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools has seen an unexpected increase in student enrollment of approximately 2,500, in part because approximately 1,000 students from Prince William County moved to Fairfax schools.

"You can see a definite exodus," said Fairfax's Superintendent Jack Dale, who added that the students have been tracked using their transcripts.

At least one member of Dale's staff, the school's acting chief operating of-

ficer Susan Quinn, implied that the students had moved from Prince William County because of that locality's effort to crackdown on illegal immigration. Critics of Prince William's efforts have accused the county of scaring away legal immigrants, as well as illegal immigrants, with its new policies.

"We are seeing a significant increase in enrollment, due to decisions made by neighboring jurisdictions," said Quinn, who was quickly interrupted by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D).

"I hope you didn't say what I think you just did," said Connolly in the middle of Quinn's presentation.

LAST SUMMER, Connolly had publicly refused to implement measures similar to those put into place by Prince William. Now Connolly, who is running for U.S. Congress, objected to the implication that his decision might have had a negative impact on Fairfax in a time of limited resources.

This is a "very sensitive if not explosive" issue, said Connolly to Quinn.

But Dale stood his ground.

It is very unusual for a large group of students to move from Prince William schools to Fairfax schools. Additionally, about 80 percent of the students who had left Prince William County schools had settled in Fairfax, said the superintendent.

Yet Connolly said it was not appropriate to speculate about why people were moving from one locality to another. Dale could not say how many of the people moving from Prince William identified as Hispanic or used English-as-a-second-language services. The school system is prohibited from asking whether a student is a legal or illegal immigrant.

"I am concerned about people leaping to conclusions," Connolly said.

Fairfax schools' enrollment increase is spread out evenly across the school system's eight clusters, indicating that people might be coming to the county for reasons other than fleeing Prince William's uninviting statutes, said Connolly.

THE CHAIRMAN also added that it does not make sense for immigrants who typically have limited resources to move from a more affordable locality like Prince William to a more expensive place like Fairfax. He added that some Prince William residents might have just chosen to move to Fairfax because of the rising gas prices.

The school system also admits that more students staying put in Fairfax schools, adding to the total enrollment. Normally, families "migrate out" to other school systems as their children get older, but residents don't appear to be moving to Loudoun or Prince William in as large numbers as they used to, said Dale. But the fact that Prince William cracked down on illegal immigrants, and that Fairfax did not, most likely had consequences, said Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield). "Members of this board are putting their heads in the sand about why [Prince William residents] came here. ... Maybe a few came because of gas prices, a few," said Herry.

How To Share Budget Pain

Supervisors, schools agree on 'proportionate' cuts.

In light of a projected \$430 million shortfall in their next budget cycle, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board agreed to "proportionate" funding cuts during a joint meeting July 18, though it was unclear what exactly the word "proportionate" is supposed to mean.

Fairfax County Public Schools consumes 53 percent of the local government's revenue and two supervisors, Pat Herry (R-Springfield) and John Foust (D-Dranesville), asked whether the resolution was supposed to imply that the school system would be responsible for shaving 53 percent of the county's \$430 million deficit from its budget.

Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) stopped short of saying this would be the case, though he answered questions about the resolution vaguely saying it was "recognition that if you are 53 percent of the budget," you need to do your part.

Several school board members had frowned up an earlier version of the resolution that included a specific percentage of the shortfall that the school system would be responsible for absorbing.

While the supervisors usually grant the school system three to four percent increase in funding annually, Connolly warned the school officials to prepare for a cut in the county's allocation during the fiscal year that begins July 2009.

"The [funding] transfer could be less than zero growth," he said.

County staff had estimated a shortfall of nearly \$350 million on its own, before the school system indicated there would be an additional \$80 million in other unmet needs. Alone, the \$350 million is approximately 10 percent of the county's annual general fund budget, an amount equal to Fairfax's public works, judicial administration, community development, parks, recreation, libraries, central services and legislative-executive function budgets combined.

Without touching the schools budget, the county would have to cut more than one fifth of the rest of its spending to make up for its shortfall, according to staff documents.

But school board members warned that school system cuts shouldn't be too deep. Superintendent Jack Dale said the schools' had already cut five percent out of its central administration budget this year and that any additional cuts were likely to have an impact on classroom services.

"We have a tough time not cutting things out of schools any time we have a major reduction," he said.

School Board member Phil Niedzielski-Eichner (D-Providence) added that he "had no doubt the cuts would have an impact on the quality" of Fairfax County Public Schools education.

Connolly responded that Fairfax County had spent several years investing heavily in its school system and that the community would only be weathering a one-to-two year downturn in spending.

The two boards have agreed to hold several joint meetings with community members to try and gauge what residents' priorities are as they scale back the budget.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

HOT Lanes Contributions

The two private companies who are building the "High Occupancy Toll" (HOT) lanes on the Capital Beltway have contributed a significant amount of money to local elected officials. Transurban (USA) Inc., the American branch of an Australian company also responsible for the Dulles Greenway, contributed \$177,000 to Virginia state candidates in total from 2005 to 2008, though candidates have been required to return the money. Election law prohibits foreign companies and foreign nationals from giving money to political campaigns in the United States. The other company involved in the HOT lanes project, Fluor Corp., has given \$243,000 since 2001.

— Julia O'Donoghue

Here a list of local elected officials and political action committees who took money from either company.

Name	Transurban Donations (2005-2008)	Fluor Donations (2001-2008)
Senate Leadership Trust (Republican PAC)	\$12,000	\$28,500
Dominion Leadership Trust (Republican PAC)	\$12,500	\$20,000
Commonwealth Victory Fund (Democratic PAC)	\$10,500	\$17,500
Kaine Inaugural 2006	\$10,000	\$10,000
Virginia Republican House Campaign Committee	\$7,500	\$10,000
Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D)	\$5,000	\$6,400
Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35)	\$6,000	\$4,500
Moving Virginia Forward (Democratic PAC)	\$4,500	\$5,000
Del. Tim Hugo (R-40)	\$1,500	\$4,500
Attorney General Bob McDonnell (R)	\$1,000	\$5,000
Gov. Tim Kaine (D)	\$5,000	none
Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37)	\$1,250	\$3,500
Sen. Janet Howell (D-32)	\$3,000	\$1,250
Del. Brian Moran (D-46)	\$3,000	\$1,000
Del. Tom Rust (R-86)	\$2,000	\$2,000
Leadership PAC (Republican)	\$2,500	\$1,000
Del. Joe May (R-33)	\$1,000	\$2,500
Virginia Democratic Senate Caucus	\$2,000	\$1,000
Virginia Republican Senatorial Committee	\$1,000	\$2,000
Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D- Braddock)	\$1,000	\$1,250
Virginia Democrats - State	\$2,000	none
Virginia State Legislative Black Caucus	\$2,000	none
Del. Jim Scott (D-53)	\$1,500	\$750
Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36)	\$500	\$1,500
Sen. Patricia Ticer (D-30)	\$1,000	\$1,000
Del. Kris Amundson (D-44)	\$500	\$1,500
Del. Dave Albo (R-42)	\$500	\$1,000
Sen. Mark Herring (D-33)	\$500	\$1,000
Del. Dave Marsden (D-41)	\$250	\$1,000
Del. Steve Shannon (D - 35)	\$750	\$500
Virginia Senate Majority Leader PAC (Republican)	none	\$1,250
Del. Ken Plum (D-36)	\$500	\$500
Virginia's Future Leaders (Republican PAC)	none	\$1,000
A Strong Majority PAC (Democratic)	\$1,000	none
Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D - 31)	\$1,000	none
Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield)	none	\$1,000
Del. Vivian Watts (D-39)	\$1,000	none
Virginia State Republicans	\$1,000	none
Del. Dave Englin (D-45)	\$250	\$500
Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)	\$500	\$250
Del. David Bulova (D-37)	\$500	none
Del. Margaret Vanderhye (D-34)	\$500	none
Sen. George Barker (D-39)	\$500	none
Majority Whip PAC (Republican)	\$500	none
Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67)	none	\$500
Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49)	none	\$500
Del David Poisson (D-32)	none	\$500
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)	none	\$200
Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D- Mount Vernon)	none	\$200
Supervisor Michael Frey (R- Sully)	none	\$200

* Information provided by www.vpap.org

Hood-winked



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a long-standing member of the "Mechanically Declined," as originally drawn by cartoonist Gary Larson, in one of his "Far Side" panels, (a tee-shirt of which I have as an extremely prized possession), so too must I now confess a similar cluelessness concerning automobile repair/maintenance. As an example, when broken down by the side of the road, I have never understood what popping open the front hood of your automobile was supposed to do (let the engine breathe?).

Often you'll see, when motorists and/or their vehicles are in some sort of distress, emotional or otherwise, their vehicle's front hood open and angled at its familiar 60 degrees (approximately — how would I know, really?) with the driver, maybe even the passenger, too, staring at the engine underneath. (I don't know much, but, I know, generally speaking, that the engine is located under the front hood, in almost all cars, right?) What happens next, other than the inevitable swearing, is way beyond the knowledge of this mortal man.

Presumably, these stragglers are looking for some indication, some sign, some clue, some piece of evidence that will unlock the mystery of why their car is sitting, not even idly by, and not running; by the side of the road, in a parking lot, in the middle of traffic, etc. In all honesty, I really do know what to do under such circumstances: make a phone call. And, thanks to cell phones, so long as your bars are battery-charged, help, or a tow to help, is just a phone call away, and not, as it used to be, a walk to a phone booth or to some unsuspecting home/business, whichever appears first, to request use of their telephone to make that call. Thanks to wireless technology, now when your car stops and you have no place to go, after you pop the hood, you simply make your distress-type call and then, weather permitting or safety circumstances allowing, either remain with/in your vehicle or seek shelter and comfort nearby. Regardless of which you choose (or rather, which I choose), I need not know one thing about fixing/assessing/evaluating/understanding my car's engine's failure/future. I only need to know who to call when such a mechanical failure occurs and on what number. Not knowing anything (or knowing next to nothing) is no longer a problem. Not having a cell phone, or a person to call who can identify the problem, is the problem.

Indirectly, I suppose popping the hood is still a means to an end then. It's just that the end is not as near as if the driver and/or passenger had some engine repair-related knowledge. Apparently, popping the hood is merely an interim step, a warning to other drivers if you will, like putting on your emergency/flashing lights or if you're properly prepared, placing emergency flares at 10-yard intervals behind your vehicle to warn other drivers of your immobility.

If that is indeed the case, then I really don't need to know anything other than how to pop my car's front hood. I don't need to know what to look for, what tools and/or fluids to have in-trunk (or on hand), nor do I need any diagnostic instincts or training. All I need to know, and be honest enough to admit it is, that I know nothing, absolutely nothing, but there are other people who do and calling them will resolve the problem, eventually. And so long as I have a credit card in my wallet to solve the what-if-I-don't-have-enough-cash problem, then I'm good to go, or rather not go. Ergo, I have now eliminated both the mechanical and emotional distress often associated with having to repair one's vehicle, unexpectedly.

Actually paying the bill is another problem, but that's a problem I can handle or at least one I'm used to, whether stranded or not.

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Tuesday, July 29, 2008

at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

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

Lot 117, Section 1, Greenway Downs as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book B-10 at page 33, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$45,000.00 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 6.50 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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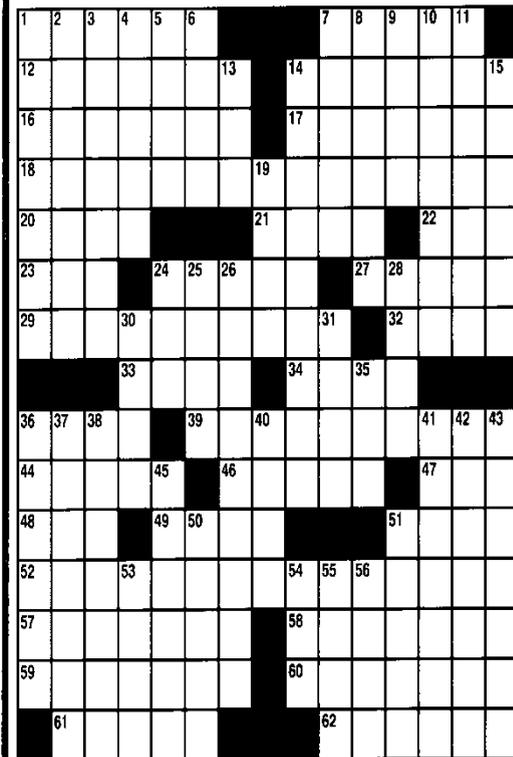
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- Scraps
- One of three pieces
- Back muscle, familiarly
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- Kind of pen
- Place to find keys
- Hot
- Buffet
- Charge too much
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- Place to find keys
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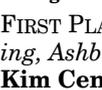
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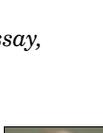
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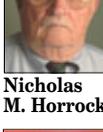
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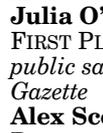
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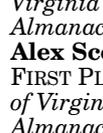
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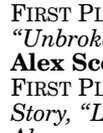
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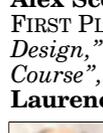
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