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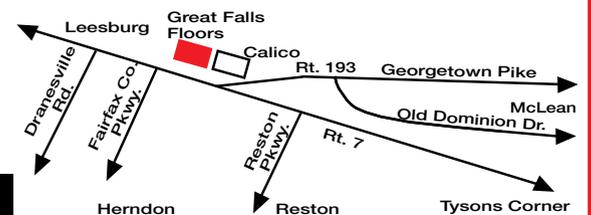
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Location, Location, Location

Great Falls Farmers Market thrives after moving to Village Center.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Jennifer Falcone of Jennifer's Pastries said business at her booth at the Great Falls Farmers Market was up at least 40 percent since the market moved from St. Francis Episcopal Church to the Village Center parking lot. Among the vendors, hers was a relatively conservative estimate.

"That was more of a destination. This is attracting people who are on their way somewhere," said her husband, Peter. "This is a business district where people come to shop," he said. "This is more than a market, though. This is like a community event." He said repeat business was continuing to



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Once the sun came out, business at the Great Falls Farmers Market was booming last Saturday.

increase.

"People didn't really know about the other one," said his son, Pete.

This is the first year Great Falls has had a farmers market, and after a couple of

months at the first location, vendors started dropping out due to a lack of business, and the market closed. Then, Old Brogue owner

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No Cut-Through Enforcement

Contrary to rumors, police will not be ticketing drivers in fire station lot.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Recent rumors that police would begin ticketing drivers for using the fire station parking lot as a cut-through between Walker Road and Georgetown Pike appear to be a false alarm.

Police spokesman Don Gotthardt said an officer had been in the parking lot one day last week issuing warnings but that he likely had simply been in the area running a speed trap near the Village Center and filling out reports when he saw people cutting through the lot. "Warnings have been issued, but there's no plan on any type of continued enforcement," Gotthardt said.

The cut-through is on fire station property and belongs to the Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, and it is clearly marked for use by "emergency and authorized vehicles only." However, it has become a common route for drivers traveling south on Walker Road to reach westbound Georgetown Pike. Southbound traffic at the intersection of the two roads tends to back up because there is no right-turn lane and turning right on a red light is prohibited.

THE CUT-THROUGH will be closed down when fire station renovations begin late next spring, but a right-turn lane is in the works for southbound Walker Road.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls Fire Station parking lot is a popular cut-through for traffic.

"We've always been concerned about it," Volunteer Fire Department President Jerry Smith said of the traffic through the station's parking lot. He said use of the lot as a cut-through posed safety and liability concerns for the fire department and could be an impediment to the station's access to Walker Road. He said a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (VDOT) study had found that more than 1,000 cars go through the lot each day.

Smith said the fire department closes the cut-through during training and maintenance in or around the lot but hasn't closed it permanently in order to keep the community's good will. "We're kind of in a bind because we're trying to build this new station and we need public support," he

said, adding that the volunteers also rely on donations from local residents. "So we, for a long time, have just kind of looked the other way." Also, he said, the station uses the egress onto Walker Road to respond to calls from the north and needs the Georgetown Pike entrance for access to the parking lot.

He said the station had not requested any police presence in the lot.

SUPERVISOR John Foust (D-Dranesville) said he hoped the right-turn lane would be in place before the cut-through is shut down for fire station renovations but that there was no guarantee this would be the case. "It should be close," he said.

VENDOR OF THE WEEK



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Gary and Linda Riggleman, along with their son, run Bigg Riggs Farm, family operated since the 1940s.

Exploring New Territory

Bigg Riggs Farm: A multigenerational affair.

Linda Riggleman's grandparents started what is now called Bigg Riggs Farm in the 1940s as an orchard, and the farm is still family-owned and -operated. It includes a 60-acre orchard and a four-acre vegetable garden in a little town called Loom, W.Va. The vegetables are a relatively new addition. The farm's longest-standing staples are peaches, apples, cherries and plums.

It was Linda and Gary Riggleman's son, Calvin, who introduced the vegetables and brought the farm into the farmer's market business, after some of the men with whom he was stationed in Iraq suggested he consider selling at farmers markets.

"When I first heard that, I was like, 'What's a farmers market?'" said Calvin Riggleman. His comrades also helped him come up with the idea of jarring fruit so he could sell it year-round.

"So, actually, this started in Iraq," said Gary Riggleman.

Calvin Riggleman started out selling jarred fruit and products like jam and bloody Mary mix made from the farm's produce and then moved on to vegetables. The family now sells a variety of fruits and vegetables at a number of farmers markets in Northern Virginia.

"Big Rigg" was a name given to Calvin Riggleman by his fellow Marines.

"It's been real good," he said. "Business is up."

— MIKE DICICCO

Families Open Up Hearts, Homes

Summer Miracles program brings Colombian orphans to the area.

BY MATTHEW SWIFT
THE CONNECTION

Each year area residents listen to their hearts and go above and beyond their call of duty by taking in foreign orphans for five weeks. The orphans, this year from Columbia, live with their hosts while attempts are made to find possible adoptive parents. Nine children are currently being hosted in the area with dreams of finding a home in America all while enjoying the events Kidsave, the organization responsible for the Summer Miracles program that brings the children here, puts on for them.

"One time we went bowling last week and this week are our pool parties," said Sally Carlson of Kidsave about the weekend events where the children partake in activities while those looking to adopt get chance to meet the orphans. "It gives the adults a chance to interact with the kids."

McLEAN RESIDENT Marian Hopkins heard about the program from a friend and decided she would host a child. Hopkins, a director of public policy at Business Roundtable, has been hosting 10-year-old Maroli since June 30 and says the experience has been wonderful. "It's really an amazing experience," said Hopkins. "It's much more than I think you envision in your mind. Not only do you experience this little person, but you experience a whole new culture too."

Since the children are foreign, most of them speak little or no English, but that has not hampered Hopkins from interacting and having fun with Maroli. Since her arrival, Maroli has been enrolled in a summer camp where she plays with other children in the program and has formed friendships at the camp despite the language barrier. Hopkins has taken Maroli on trips to the National Mall and the National Zoo and she loves to go swimming and doing arts and crafts. "She's interested in everything," said Hopkins who noted that Maroli was amazed at some things most Americans take for granted. "Where she comes from is a very poor, rural town in Columbia ... she didn't know what a dishwasher was and in my house I have air conditioning on all day and she's cold constantly because they don't have air conditioning."

"It's an absolutely incredible experience," said Mike DeSenne who, along with his wife Carmen, adopted 11-year-old Lorena after hosting her in the Summer Miracles program last year. "In terms of adoption it was the right thing for us." DeSenne, who lives in Arlington, did not know at the time if hosting Lorena would lead to his family adopting her. "After meeting her and having her stay with us we fell in love with her,"



Mike and Carmen DeSenne at the airport in Bogota, Columbia with their adopted daughter Lorena.



Ten-year-old Maroli is being hosted this summer by McLean resident Marian Hopkins

said DeSenne about their decision to adopt Lorena. "We decided it was the right thing to do." Since the adoption, Lorena has adapted well to her new culture and lifestyle and enjoys dancing and swimming.

DeSenne and Hopkins encourage people considering adopting a child to attend the weekly events to get a chance to meet the children and get information on adoption. "Come to an event, see the kids, and have courage because you can do it," said Hopkins. "You get every bit out of it that you put into it."

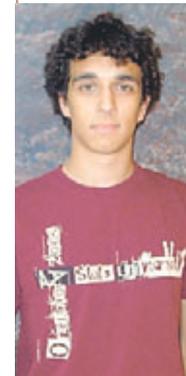
"The opportunity to meet these kids is life changing," said DeSenne. "It's the most incredible thing I've done in my life."

THE NEXT EVENT is Aug. 2 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Baker Park at 121 Bentz Street, Frederick, Md. The event is a picnic and swim party. For more information visit www.kidsave.org/summermiracles.

VIEWPOINTS

First-time voters discuss priority issues and their choice for President

— HAYLEY MILON



Pasquale Esposito, Mclean High School/ Arizona State University

"Living in this area where so many politicians live, it's hard not to hear about the election. The issues that concern our generation the most are national debt, environmental issues, such as fighting global warming, and the current state of our economy. I'm voting for Obama, since he promises the most change in policies."



David Rock, Mclean High School/ Arizona State University

"We all talk about the campaign amongst ourselves, but campaign ads seem to have little effect on young voters. My friends are equally divided to both sides of the campaign. Most people in my school are loyal to the party that their parents belong to, but with the suffering economy and the war, it seems that some are siding with the party that they themselves support the most. I plan to vote for Obama, because of the people he will surround himself with."



Katie Tomlin-Mathews, George Mason University, Mclean

"The amount of media coverage that the campaign gets makes it a popular topic amongst young voters. As a whole, we are most concerned with healthcare, taxes and gas prices. I have more liberal views, so I will vote for Obama. I support his stance on healthcare."

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HEALTH

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

"Dream Free" picnic for parents of children with epilepsy. Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lake Fairfax Park, Canopy G, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Cost per family \$45, per person \$15. Please bring a side dish. To register contact Dana at 703-698-0229 ordanadouglass@cox.net

Northern Virginia Epilepsy Group, a support group for teens and adults meets **every Wednesday** 7-8 p.m. at Falls Church High School, Entrance 1, Room 100, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Free. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, for additional information, call Dana at 703-425-6660.

Balance and Beyond. Persons with Parkinson's Disease who can walk unassisted are invited to join a balance class that meets weekly on **Wednesdays** at 1:15 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. The classes are sanctioned by the Parkinson Foundation for the National Capital Area (PFNCA) and are led by a certified instructor of the American Senior Fitness Association. Call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Balance and Beyond" class.

The Parkinson's Foundation offers weekly support groups (previously located at the Providence Recreation Center) for patients and caregivers. They meet **every Tuesday** at 10 and 11 a.m., at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls St., McLean. Call 703-891-0821 if interested in joining or for more information.

Vienna Weight Watchers. Meetings at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna are **every Tuesday** from noon-1:15 p.m. Cost is \$150 for 12 weekly luncheon sessions, payable in advance. To register call 703-255-6350.

Vienna Community Center has **open gym for ages 17 and under**, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call ahead to check on availability.

Heart and Sole. Persons with Parkinson's Disease are invited to join an exercise class that meets weekly on **Fridays and Tuesdays** at 12:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Care partners and family members are welcome to come and assist the PD patient. For session dates, fees and information, call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Heart and Sole" class.

Body and Soul fitness classes recently began. Contact instructor for more information on individual classes; visit www.bodyandsoul.org for more classes. New students receive 15 percent discount. At McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, McLean, on **Mondays and Fridays**, 9:45-11:15 a.m., free childcare, call Mary Ward at 703-754-3722.

At McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 12:30-1:15 p.m., strength training only, call Dana Elsnick at 703-847-9814.



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PEOPLE



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JamboKids Company Founder Richard Rawson says his daughter Rachel, 6, pictured at the Concert on the Green in Great Falls, has been “the inspiration for the company.”

JamboKids Displays Doll and Book Collection

A newly-established Great Falls toy and book company — JamboKids Company, Inc. — has been invited to display its multicultural doll and book collection for children at a recent Concert on the Green at Great Falls Village. Their host was Ginny Sinclair at Grandmother’s Back Room.

As Americans become more attuned to their heritage and less likely to speak only English, retail stores such as Ginny’s have become more inclusive of Hispanic Americans, African Americans, Asian Americans and increasingly Central and Eastern Euro-

pean Americans, (CEEA).

The JamboKids dolls and storybook characters represent a range of cultures — Asian, African, Hispanic, North American, and Russian — reflecting the growing cultural diversity of U.S. society. Through their adventures, they learn life lessons and meet life’s challenges in positive and uplifting ways, modeling social awareness, civic mindedness, and other virtues.

To learn more about JamboKids or its line of multicultural children’s toys and resources for parents, call 703-759-0023 or visit online at www.JamboKids.com.



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Paul Camacho

Great Falls Student Selected For Congressional Internship

The Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI), a national Hispanic youth leadership development and educational organization, has selected Paul Camacho of Great Falls, a senior at Christopher Newport University, among 31 university students from across the nation to participate in CHCI’s nationally recognized Congressional Internship Program.

CHCI Interns are assigned to Congressional offices on Capitol Hill for a period of eight weeks from June to August, to learn first-hand about legislative process and issues pending before the U.S. House of Representatives.

Interns are responsible for conducting extensive legislative research, monitoring day-to-day hearings, managing constituent communications and assisting with general

policy matters. Additionally, interns participate in weekly CHCI leadership development sessions, engage in policy discussions and meet with corporate representatives, national elected officials and foreign dignitaries.

CHCI’s internship program provides all participants with housing, roundtrip transportation to and from Washington, D.C. and a \$2,500 stipend. All this is possible through support from partners such as PepsiCo Foundation, Sugar Alliance, Hyundai, and McDonald’s.

To complete the program, participants are also required to work on a collaborative community service project that serves the local Washington D.C. metropolitan area. To be eligible, applicants must have demonstrated a strong commitment to public service.

McLean Student Joins Whale Research Team

Arman Carter wants to pursue science career.

Arman Carter, a rising junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and resident of Mclean, joins an Earthwatch expedition this summer to study food availability and feeding behavior of grey whales off the coast of British Columbia in Canada. Arman was awarded a DELMARVA fellowship to cover expedition costs.

In August, Arman Carter joins five other high school student volunteers from the United States, Canada and Korea to assist principal investigators Dr. William Megill of the University of Bath

in England and Dr. Lei Lani Stelle of the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York and several other university students and project assistants. The volunteers will help researchers inventory the whale population, study their feeding behavior, and measure the abundance and distribution of prey. Information is collected using divers and surface boats outfitted with underwater video, sonar, and a robotic submersible.

Grey whales were the first great whales to be removed from the endangered species list, but their future is by no means cer-

tain as sharp population crashes have occurred in certain summer feeding areas. Greys spend their summers feeding in the

plankton-rich waters of the Bering and Chuckchi Seas in Canada and their winters off the coast of Baja California, Mexico, where their calves are born. Food re-

sources are scarce in Baja region, so these massive mammals must eat enough during the short summer to survive the whole year. This research project, now more than a decade old, is building a geographical predator-prey model on grey whales and their ecosystem which describes their habitat, the

whales’ use of it, and the distribution and abundance of prey. This research can help create a conservation plan to protect grey whales.

Arman Carter is considering a career in science, and sees this as an opportunity to understand what field research work is like. “I’m excited about this summer internship where I can learn something really important in a real world situation. Habitat protection and sustainable practices, as they relate to energy and other natural resources, will probably be the greatest challenge of my generation.”

Visit www.earthwatch.org/expeditions/megill_canada.html for more information on the research project “Whales of British Columbia.” For more information about Earthwatch research expeditions and how to get involved visit www.earthwatch.org/expedition.

“I’m excited about this summer internship where I can learn something really important in a real world situation.”

— Arman Carter

MCC Finds New Director

Governing Board taps Rasmussen of Alexandria Parks.

After nearly four months without an executive director, the McLean Community Center is about to come under the leadership of Julie Rasmussen, who will leave her job as chief of Capital Development and Park Operations for the City of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.

Jan Auerbach, president of the community center's governing board, said the board had chosen Rasmussen's out of about 225 applications. The selection process was ongoing since mid-April, when the last executive director resigned.

In addition to her "very well put-together résumé," the board had also been keen on Rasmussen's experience in capital projects for recreation, said Auerbach. "Given what we're going to be doing in the next few years, that's very interesting to us." The board is considering moving and expanding the teen center now housed in the Old Firehouse and is also discussing the possibility of constructing



Julie Rasmussen

a gym in the Spring Hill RECenter. Auerbach added that Rasmussen's undergraduate degree in theater presented an "unusual combination" and was of interest to a community center that includes a theater.

The board was also impressed by the way Rasmussen was described by her references, who said she was outgoing and formed "great relationships not only with her own staff but with other stakeholders," said Auerbach. "I think

people will start meeting her and getting to know her pretty quickly."

Although Rasmussen will not take over the center until Monday, Aug. 18, Auerbach said the director-to-be had committed to attend some critical meetings in the meantime. She said Rasmussen's first priorities would be the budget for fiscal year 2010 and negotiations around the Spring Hill gym, as those are the most immediate matters. Auerbach said the board was in talks with the county and hoped to decide whether to fund the gym by the end of the year.

In her previous job as chief of the centers division of Alexandria's Parks and Recreation, Rasmussen managed eight full-time, six part-time and 12 seasonal recreation centers. While her work with the McLean Community Center will be smaller in scope, said Auerbach, "from her perspective, she's now the top person. It's kind of her operation."

— MIKE DICICCO

New Location Boosts Farmers Market's Sales

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and president of the Village Center business condo Michael Kearney convinced Jorge Kfuory, one of the owners of a section of the Village Center, to allow the market to move onto the property. That part of the parking lot will one day be developed.

THE MARKET REOPENED on July 12 under the new management of the Great Falls Charitable Foundation, of which Kearney is a cofounder.

"When I thought about it, it's a perfect location," said Kearney, noting the many business attractions within walking distance. "This setup lends itself to a closer-knit farmers market," he added. Kearney said the market was also bringing Saturday traffic to some of the surrounding businesses.

"It's worked out really well," said Sue Lewis of Dragonfly Farms. "I'm glad I came back." She said that morning's rain had cut into business somewhat but estimated that average attendance had tripled or quadrupled.

"This location, compared to the last one, is so much better," said Jared Serr of Toigo Orchards, estimating that he was getting about twice the business he'd had before. "I think it's just that, here, people will just drive by and see the sign and come in." However, he said most of the customers seemed to come in the last hour before the market closes at noon and that he was trying to get the schedule moved back an hour.

Clyde Housell of Hiddencroft Vineyards said he hadn't fared too badly at the last location but business was better in the Village Center. "I like the fact that we're closer together and that it's on the pavement," he said, noting that the market was on the grass at the previous location. "I think the wet grass deterred people."

"IT'S A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE," said Chris Guerre of On the Gourmet, adding that customer traffic was "still a little weather dependent." He said he was beginning to get repeat business. "I figure, once most of the community knows we're here, then we've got a good chance of folks coming and being repeat customers."

"They tell me they're doing three times the business here," said James Monroe, the market's new manager. "As far as walk-in traffic, this is a much better location." He said the market had also picked up a couple more vendors. "I think Great Falls gets up later than most places, though," he added, saying there could be a case for moving the market back an hour, although it had only recently been mentioned.

One of the new vendors is Dahmane Benarbane of Baguette Republic, who said he joined the market in part because he was a good friend of Kearney's. He sells to the Old Brogue and used to operate a Marvellous Market shop across the street, by the Safeway. "I was doing food and bread before for this neighborhood, and so I'm back," Benarbane said.

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OPINION

Seek Help

Local governments, schools, authorities, should get expert, citizen input on budgets.

Local governments and school districts are facing the prospect of actually having less money in the next budget cycle, and higher expenses.

While the just-concluded budget setting included gnashing of teeth over "shortfalls," overall this meant that schools and government programs didn't get quite as much of an increase as they needed to continue spending at the same rate as before.

The looming year will be different. There will actually be less money, not less of an increase.

Many families and businesses in Northern Virginia have already been coping with higher costs and less income and without the option of raising the tax rate.

Fairfax County government and schools, like most local governments, are now tackling an overall analysis of where the money goes.

This is a critical exercise in a budget cutting cycle, but in addition to analyzing themselves, each locality and school system should seek the free, expert help that is available right next door in the process.

Northern Virginia is blessed with residents that include some of the top economic and policy minds in the nation. Some would be willing to donate their time despite busy lives to analyze and bring perspective to different parts of the budget.

Each branch of local government should establish its own "Blue Ribbon Commission" (using any name each one chooses) to study these

huge, complex budgets, most in the billions of dollars and containing thousands of programs.

Seek out citizens with budget and program expertise in particular areas, and set them to work assigned to specific parts of the budget. Then take their recommendations seriously.

But in tight times, it's important to resist ending programs that are needed and important, even if we could live without them for a few years. Some programs should be eliminated; many can operate on reduced funding for a few years. But it's important to recognize that if you cut something out entirely, it will probably not be back.

Many families and businesses have faced cost cutting in the past year at a level that local governments will probably not have to achieve. But this year will require that they actually spend less than they did the year before.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Great Falls Takes Pride in Diversity

To the Editor:

I was pleased to see your coverage of the Islamic Heritage Center proposal ["Mosque Tries to Relocate," Great Falls Connection, July 30-August 5]. Your three-column article was an unusual and valuable effort to keep the community informed on a type of issue that most often passes us by. It is fortunate that the resolution was deferred to Sept. 30. The neighbors, the community, and the staff of the Board of Zoning Appeals need more time to review their assessments and attitudes about this apparently controversial matter. Hopefully good judgment, based on facts, precedent, and the open character of our community, will prevail.

I am beginning my second year on the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCFA) Board. In my first year I participated in the Land Use and Zoning Committee's program. I was present when the proposal

was presented to an unusually large group of GFCFA members, neighbors of the Heritage Center project, committee members and interested persons from the community. It was my first exposure to the proposal. The discussion was passionate and the arguments by those who questioned the project were wide ranging. The questions were based on understandable concerns for traffic safety, impact on the life of the neighbors, and impact on the intended development character of the Route 7 corridor.

The corridor from the Dulles access road to Seneca road has many houses of worship. Each must build a workable interface with its neighbors. Each at times adds substantial traffic to the corridor. Each provides a unique challenge to the drivers on the corridor or those drivers entering or exiting the house of worship. On balance the community welcomes

these houses of worship as essential parts of our way of life and finds a suitable accommodation.

Why is there opposition to this proposed house of worship? What is different about it that attracts public attention and led to your article?

At the committee meeting where I first learned of this proposal, I expressed the thought that some might see the objections based in part in the fact that this was a mosque. I said to the committee that GFCFA, before it endorses the rejection of the proposal, should consider this possible perception. Our community is a welcoming community that takes pride in our diversity. We do not want to tarnish our reputation over this not unusual request by the Heritage Center.

The GFCFA did not take a position on this proposal.

Robert Lundegard
Great Falls

Better Ways to Spend Tax Money

To the Editor:

While I fully support Great Falls' new Fire Department building that will eliminate the "cut through road," I do not understand why the Fairfax County Police has chosen this time to "enforce" that this road is on private property. I know I have been using it as a road to get me to Georgetown Turnpike West for at least 10 years. I believe Great

Falls Civics Association has agreed not to fight the closure of this road. There are better uses of Fairfax County Police's time (and my taxes) than stationing a police car on this road to tell people "not that I'm going to give out any tickets but I could." Two thoughts came to my mind when I was told that: why is the Fire Department seemingly purposely trying to annoy the

community and why aren't the police ticketing speeders going through town who drive over yellow lines to pass those of us driving the speed limit? Does anyone understand why this sudden interest in enforcing the private road status?

Lucy Dlhopsky
Great Falls

Best Friends Get Protection

To the Editor:

Last fall there was extensive media coverage of the numerous inhumane puppy mill facilities found throughout Virginia. People were outraged that dogs were forced to live in deplorable conditions, many caked with feces and forced to live their entire lives on wire floors. It was clear the state law needed to be changed so puppies would not be produced without any concern for their welfare. A family's best friend should not be produced like a cash crop.

Fortunately our own Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34th) introduced a bill to remedy the situation. She and other members of the legislature, from both parties, were able to work together to pass a new law that goes into effect this January. The new provisions limit to 50 the number of adult dogs that can be kept; require a business license to be obtained, ensure veterinarian involvement as well as cooperation with animal controls officers to ensure compliance with existing humane requirements.

Thank you, Delegate Vanderhye, for making Virginia a little more humane for us all.

Ann Church
McLean

Regional Director,
The Humane Society of the U.S.

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Marcia McAllister of Vienna and Georgia Jackson, representing the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, answered questions from citizens and exhibited drawings of the proposed Metrorail stations at the "Green University."

Going for the Green

'Green Race' and 'Green University' focus on environmental concerns.

More than 200 runners came from as far away as Washington State and Sweden to run in the Second Annual Friends of the W&OD 10K race, presented by the Arlington Cooperation Foundation (ACF), the evening of July 26. The course ran along the W&OD from the Ayr Hill train station to Hunter Mill Road and back.

Calling itself the Washington area's only "green race," the Friends of the W&OD 10K practiced environmental respect. The race announcements were printed on recycled paper, and at 1 p.m. new trees were planted by ACF and Friends of the W&OD supporters. Race trash was to be recycled.

From 2-5 p.m., ACF sponsored a "College of the Environment — Green University," at the Vienna Community Center. A panel discussion, "The Environmental Impacts of Transportation Alternatives in and around Vienna, Virginia," focused on Northern Virginia's environmental needs and the environmental impact of construction and density.

The Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, headquartered in Vienna, TysonsTunnel.org, and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation - Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, and Fluor-Transurban, contractor for Capital Beltway Virginia HOT Lanes project, were among organizations exhibiting promotional materials and fielding questions from the public at booths.

Marsha McAllister of Vienna, representing the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, gave a presentation on the environmental impact of construction, and spoke with interested residents. Not all visitors to the event were pleased with the Tysons construction project. One woman complained to McAllister about Bechtel's no-bid contract, and a man emphasized to McAllister that a tunnel is not impacted by weather conditions, as an aerial rail system is. On VDRPT's desk were drawings and reports.

"Some people have asked me 'when will I be able to use this,'" said McAllister. "I tell them, 'not before 2013.'"

— DONNA MANZ



More than 200 runners, from the metro area, and from as far away as Sweden, took part in the Washington area's only "green race," the Second Annual Friends of the W&OD 10K.

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Del. Margaret Margi Vanderhye (D-34th)

October Planned As 'Greenest Month Ever'

Public forum on environment and conservation to be held on Oct. 7.

Local elected officials and civic groups are banding together to make this October the "greenest" month ever in the McLean community.

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34), Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, and the McLean Citizens Association (MCA) have kicked off the planning process for a free educational and outreach forum at the McLean Community Center on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 7. This event will be one of several events being planned for this first-ever environmental awareness month.

MCA President Rob Jackson says that the steering committee will be looking for involvement from other community groups in this effort. Civic groups like the Great Falls Citizens Association, the McLean Chamber of Commerce, the Providence Dis-

trict Council, the McLean Rotary and others will be encouraged to participate.

According to Vanderhye, "The evening of Oct. 7 will give our citizens a chance to learn more about how each of them can help to lessen the stress on our local environment while saving money on energy conservation products. The forum is timed so that citizens can take full advantage of critical information about EnergyStar and WaterSense products that will help them make fiscal and environmentally smart decisions about purchases during October's state sales tax holiday."

Supervisor John Foust is arranging for enhanced recycling and paper shredding opportunities for Dranesville residents during October. Also, local gardeners and volunteers will be planting donated flowers and foliage throughout the district to enhance the beauty of the community while helping to reduce greenhouse gases.

"This is a chance for all of us to remember that we are temporary stewards of our environment. It is up to each of us to work toward protecting what we have by promoting energy efficiency and conservation," Foust said.



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Artists who will be exhibiting and selling their works survey the McLean Central Park area that will host the second annual McLean Project for the Arts MPAartfest this October.

'Cheerful Event' Expected

This year's MPAartfest planned for Oct. 5.

McLean Central Park came alive on July 24, as nearly half the 40 juried artists who will be exhibiting and selling their works surveyed the park area that will host the second annual McLean Project for

the Arts (MPA) MPAartfest this October. Led by MPAartfest chairwoman Bari Levingston, the group toured the park for more than an hour learning about the location of their mini art galleries and other MPAartfest featured attractions. Earlier in the day, the artists met with MPA staff and volunteers for an introductory session about MPA and MPAartfest.

Levingston said that this year's "community-spirited" MPAartfest-themed Connecting Art and the Community is expected to draw more than 5,000 attendees. The free, rain-or-shine event will take place Sunday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McLean Central Park located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean.

MPA Executive Director Nancy Powers Perry said that more than 100 professional and amateur artists submitted digital images of their works to be considered for the

More Information

For more information about MPAartfest visit the MPA Web site at www.mpaart.org call 703-790-1953 or send an e-mail to info@mpaart.org.

juried event.

New this year, small businesses, groups, families and individuals can sponsor one of the 40 juried artists tent galleries for just \$300. The individuals' or companies' names will be tastefully displayed in an artist's tent. Other levels of support range from Corporate Chairman Circle (\$10,000 and above) to Corporate Patron (\$600 to \$1,199).

MPAartfest attendees can purchase paintings, drawings, prints, sculpture, photography and fine crafts that will appeal to all levels of collectors.

Artists will keep 100 percent of art sales proceeds. Donations from corporate sponsors, individual donors and a portion of the event's food proceeds benefit McLean Project for the Arts, helping to fund a multitude of art exhibitions and educational programs at its galleries located in the McLean Community Center.

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Merritt Green, managing partner of General Counsel, P.C., announced that **Robert H. Jackson**, Esq., has joined the Firm as a partner. "Rob," who is also president of the McLean Citizens Association, is an experienced communications, technology transactions and government relations attorney. Currently, he is a sole practitioner in Washington, D.C.

Jackson was formerly executive director - federal regulatory for US West (now Qwest Communications) and had engaged in private practice at Arter & Hadden, LLP and Reed Smith, LLP before opening his own practice in 2005. He has handled all aspects of communications

law and transactions for large and small service providers, technology companies, customers and investors. Jackson has represented clients before numerous federal and state agencies and courts, as well as with Congress and other state and local officials.

"I have been looking for an enhanced platform for my law practice," said Jackson, "and General Counsel, with its focus on smaller businesses in the Metro D.C. area, fits that bill nicely."

Louise Foreman, Executive Vice President of Human Resources, Navy Federal Credit Union spoke at the annual World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU) conference during the week of July 13 in Hong Kong. In 2008 Navy Federal was selected as one of FORTUNE's 100 Best Companies To Work For - the first credit union to be selected for this distinction.

Foreman talked about strategies for creating and sustaining a Great Place to Work.

Over 1,400 credit union attendees from all over the world participated in the conference.

"There is something special about serving others, and at Navy Federal we take great pride in serving our members, each other, and our communities," said Foreman.

Several Fairfax County-based companies are among the 500 largest Hispanic-owned businesses in the nation based on revenue, according to the June issue of **Hispanic Business** magazine. The Fairfax companies include four Vienna-based businesses: **MVM, Inc.**; **Kemron Environmental Services, Inc.**; **SCI Consulting Services, Inc.**; and **MicroTech, LLC**.

Jim Gasparis has recently joined **Chase**, a residential housing lending company, as a senior loan officer at the Chase's McLean office at 8200 Greensboro Drive, Suite 900. The Reston resident joins Chase with 17 years of experience in the mortgage industry. Gaspari graduated from North Carolina Wesleyan College.

Soo Kim has earned the status of Ameriprise Private Wealth Advisor. With an office at 8150 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, in Vienna, Kim is one of approximately 3 percent of the more than 10,000 Ameriprise financial advisors to achieve qualifications necessary for this status.

MBH Concierge Services has returned to business with a new name, **McLean Concierge Services**. The company's services are divided into home

improvement services, which are provided by licensed, insured vendors and lifestyle management services help clients simplify and manage their lives. Visit www.mcleanconciergeservices.com or contact 703-714-8616.

Goodman & Company recently hired **Shane R. Campbell, ABCP**, as an associate in the Tysons Corner office. Campbell has seven years of analysis experience as a customer relationship management consultant for several Fortune 500 companies. As a certified associate business continuity professional, his expertise includes value realization, involving business case development and tracking performance impacts of client engagements. Campbell is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor of science in finance and electrical engineering.

SCHOOLS

Nationally renowned psychologist Sam Goldstein will speak about Raising Resilient Children: Harnessing the Ordinary Magic of Stress Hardiness, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. at Oakton High School. Parents and others interested in children's healthful development are invited to attend the free presentation, sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Office of Student Services.

Goldstein will introduce parents to the emerging science of resilience in this multimedia presentation. He will emphasize the critical role of parents in shaping the environment to help children gain happiness, success in school, satisfaction in their lives, solid friendships, and a resilient mindset. Goldstein will also provide a set of strategies and guidelines for parents of young people of all ages, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Goldstein is the editor-in-chief of the Journal of Attention Disorders and contributing editor to Attention magazine. He has authored, co-edited, or coauthored 23 clinical and trade publications, including 11 textbooks. He is currently completing books on topics including impairment, assessment of autism, intelligence, and achievement. Goldstein has served as executive producer for a number of film and training video projects, including the award-winning documentary Tough Times-Resilient Kids.

Erin Murray, daughter of Kevin and Nancy Murray of Great Falls, has been named to the Dean's List at JMU in Harrisonburg, Va.

Emily Overberg, Catherine Piescik and **Michael Ronayne** will each receive \$3,000 Alexander De Filippis Scholarships. Overberg is a graduate of Herndon High School and will attend The College of William and Mary. Piescik was homeschooled and will attend the University of Dallas. Ronayne, a graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School, will be attending Christendom College. These scholarships are awarded by the Women's Association of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Great Falls to incoming college freshmen who exemplify outstanding service to their communities, schools and families.

GT Preparation/Critical Thinking sessions: Learning Fun School is now offering GT prep classes for rising 1st and 2nd graders. Countywide testing will be done in fall, 2008.

Critical thinking instruction addresses a wide range of developmental levels and varied learning styles of children, which promotes higher level thinking skills by em-

Booster Shots Required for 6th-Graders

Prior to reporting to school, every student entering the sixth grade in Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) during the 2008-09 school year is required to receive a booster dose of the tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine (DTP, DTap, DT, or Td) was administered. Effective with the 2006-07 school year, Virginia law requires that students cannot begin school in the fall without documentation of having had the Tdap booster or having had a tetanus-containing vaccine within the past five years.

Each student who is 11 years old should get the Tdap immunization, and his or her parent or guardian should provide documentation to the school as soon as possible. If the student is still 10 years old, a parent or guardian should check with the child's physician to see if Boostrix is being used. If not, the student must wait until his or her 11th birthday to receive the immunization. In this case, and if the student's 11th birthday is after the first day of school, he or she must have a written medical exemption from the doctor stating when he or she will receive the Tdap vaccine.

The Tdap booster vaccine can be obtained from a pediatrician's office or from the Fairfax County Health Department. Fairfax County Health Department clinics will administer the vaccine at no charge on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the following locations:

❖ Falls Church Clinic, 6245 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, 703-534-8343.

❖ Herndon-Reston Clinic, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Suite 100, Reston, 703-481-4242.

❖ Joseph Willard Health Center, 3750 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 703-246-7100.

A student receiving the vaccine at a Fairfax County health clinic must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should bring the current immunization record with him or her to the clinic.

Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/hdclinicsite.htm> for up-to-date information on clinic times and locations. As of July 31, approximately 7,100 rising sixth grade students had not yet provided documentation regarding Tdap booster shots.

Questions should be directed to the public health nurse at the neighborhood school.

phasizing the thought process rather than a specific answer. Simulated test papers are practiced which helps the young students in various aspects of Cognitive abilities testing. Join us to raise your assessment scores or simply tickle your braincells! Ages- 7 and up. E-mail: mylearningfun@gmail.com

Starshine Theater of Great Falls is now enrolling students for its Summer Camps in Drama, Dance and Music/Voice. Student actors, dancers and singers, ages 7 thru 18, will perform in the full-production stage show: "The Dragons of Darkmoor Book One: How Magic Came Into the World." This original play will rehearse in Great Falls and perform onstage at The Waddell Theater, NoVa College, Sterling, in July. Every student receives a dramatic character role, as well as opportunities to perform in the dance/action and vocal/music sequences, if interested. Starshine is also offering its "Little Theater" camp for ages 3 thru 6, and its "Young Performers" camp for ages 5 thru 9. Teen Actor/Mentor positions for ages 15

through college are available; these counselors assist at rehearsals and also enjoy a dramatic role in the play. Call 703-790-9050 or StarshineTheater@aol.com

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

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Sandy Rubin, (pictured) owner, has over 27 years of jeweler experience. In addition to his experience, Sandy completed his undergraduate work at the University of Maryland in Chemical Engineering, as well as graduated from the Gemological Institute of America. Sandy is a resident of Great Falls and has been married for 21 years.

Anyone who has met Sandy feels very comfortable and confident in the advice he gives them. Sandy believes "treat others as you want to be treated." Sandy's experience and service differentiates himself from the competition.

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Keep Your Backyard Pool Safe

By G. Stephen Dulaney, Agent, State Farm Insurance Companies
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Taking a dip in your backyard pool can be a great way to beat the heat during the dog days of summer. It can be an excellent way to relax with family and friends or be a part of a regular exercise routine.

As much fun as a pool can be, it can also be a source of danger. Unsupervised or poorly protected swimming pools and hot tubs can be very inviting to young children. A curious child can enter a pool area before an adult realizes he or she is missing.

The Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) reports an estimated 350 children under age five drown in swimming pools each year. Another 2,600 are treated in hospital emergency rooms. Nationally, drowning is listed as the leading cause of death to children under five.

That doesn't mean you shouldn't have a pool in your backyard. There are a number of preventative measures you can take to ensure a safe and enjoyable backyard. With available self-latching gates, safety covers and underwater alarms, you can prevent young children from having access to the pool without appropriate supervision.

The CPSC has a number of publications available through www.cpsc.gov to help you.

When the weather heats up, a backyard pool can be a great way to cool down. Make sure yours is safe as well as enjoyable.

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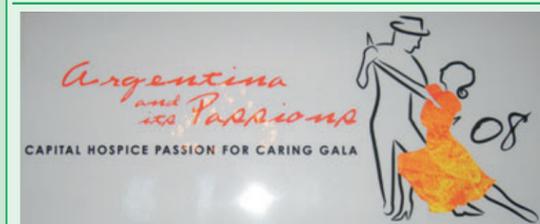
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Four 'snakes' sing and dance a tune in the debut of "The Children of Eden."

PHOTOS BY ANDREW DODSON/THE CONNECTION

McLean Theater Program Debuts

Children of Eden a success.

McLean Summer Theater Program director, Meg Baber, called the show ambitious, but saw the challenge that her young actors and actresses lived up to.

In its debut, the McLean Summer Theater Program performed

its first play, "Children of Eden" to a crowd of more than 150 people at Cooper Middle School last Wednesday. The play told the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden through song and dance.

Paul Goldberg played the role of the father, with Jack Flatley and Molly Moran starring as Adam and Eve.

— ANDREW DODSON



Paul Goldberg starred as the father in the debut of the McLean Summer Theater Program's "Children of Eden."



Molly Moran sings by the tree of knowledge in "The Children of Eden" last Wednesday by the McLean Theater Summer Program.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY/AUGUST 7

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.

Will Hoge, Old Springs Pike.

8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

call > Friday/August 8

Vienna Youth Players in Stephen Sondheim's musical 'Into the Woods'.

Tickets are \$10 general, \$9 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, Vienna. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Shane Hines. Pop/rock. 8 p.m.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Fat Chance. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna.

Call 703-255-6360.

The Gipsy Kings. 8 p.m. \$42 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/AUGUST 9

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B. B. King will be performing at the Filene Center on August 10 at 8 p.m.

www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.

Gretchen Wilson. 8 p.m. \$42 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

The Grandsons. 6-8 p.m. Free. A roots rock quartet performs outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/AUGUST 10

Open Mic Night for Musicians.

6:30-9:30 p.m. Family-friendly musical act invited to sign up for a 15-minute performing block; acts will be scheduled in the order received. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue, Vienna. Contact Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356 or csaldo@viennava.gov with a description of the act, including number of performers and types of equipment.

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MONDAY/AUGUST 11

Open Mic Night: Sign up for 15-minute sets. Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call to register, 703-255-6360.

Herbie Hancock. 8 p.m. \$42 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the

Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

TUESDAY/AUGUST 12

Los Lonely boys. 8 p.m. \$40 in house, \$22 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

A Change of Pace, Houston Calls, You Me and Everyone We Know. Rock. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

George Thorogood and Buddy Guy. 7:30 p.m. \$40 in house, \$22 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/AUGUST 14

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FRIDAY/AUGUST 15

Richard Strauss's Ariadne auf Naxos. A lighthearted look into the themes of art versus realism, and the capriciousness of love. Barns at Wolf Trap. 8 p.m. In German with English supertitles. Tickets \$28 to \$68.

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Even in McMansions, with living rooms large enough to hold a convention, everyone ends up around the kitchen island because it is the only room with scale and a sense of place.

Dreams Are Hard To Resist

In a house tailored to your life, you're more likely to use every room every day.

BY WILL DENNEHY

We begin with a good idea of what we can afford. Then we weigh our options, make hard choices and set a budget. Unfortunately, dreams are hard to budget for and some dreams are hard to resist. Budgets tend to grow. So, if we are going to keep our budget and our dreams in balance, we need to plan for our dreams. Here's how.

Begin by valuing quality over quantity. A house is, after all, more than square feet and expensive options – neither of which has anything to do with comfort or the way we live. The goal is to build only what we need and then to give what we need character. You may well be able to afford a 6000-square-foot house, perhaps even a 20,000-square-foot house. But a house half that size may actually fit your life better. In a house tailored to your life, you're more likely to use every room every day, to spend more time enjoying your family and your home and less time maintaining it. As a bonus, you can use all that money you saved filling your home with beautiful materials and details.

IF YOU BUILD LESS, it will cost less. This is an obvious, but all governing fact. You can build less by thoughtfully designing every room. Paring your Wish List down to your Must Have List was a good beginning. You know what rooms are used and who uses them. Unfortunately, most homes are designed for the way our great-grandparents lived — as a series of self-contained rooms clustered around a central stair, each accommodating a separate activity. The living room is reserved for guests and the dining room is used on Sunday, if then. Everyone lives in the kitchen. Even in McMansions, with living rooms large enough to hold a convention, everyone ends up around the kitchen island because it is the only room with scale and a sense of place. People gather there naturally. Because these houses are based on a for-

mal way of life that no longer exists, they do not fit us and they waste space. How much better would it be, if our homes reflected how we actually lived?

Opening the floor plan solves most of these problems. It uses space efficiently by combining small rooms with single functions into an informal area that serves many. If properly designed, this space encourages both social interaction and quiet conversation. The host is part of the action even when stuck in the kitchen. You know where your kids are because you can see them. The floor plan is well organized, which means building less and, therefore, saving more. We all need privacy for sleeping and working, but most of us would equally enjoy an open, informal area for eating and talking and socializing. When these spaces are in balance, there is a rhythm to the house that draws you around the corner or to a window seat to see what lies beyond. These glimpsed views are never boring, because they are seen fleetingly as you move from place to place. This simply can't exist in the typically over-glassed, two-story great rooms where no one knows where to stand or in the isolated rooms of a chopped up floor plan.

GOOD HOUSE



WILL DENNEHY

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Sometimes, good design is free. Take advantage of it. It cost no more to build a beautifully composed wall of windows than an ugly one. A well-proportioned addition costs no more than one that appears stuck on with Elmer's glue. It costs no more to frame a dogwood with a carefully placed window than to end up looking at your neighbor's garage. Why give up the view?

I am not suggesting you live in a small house. I am suggesting you live in a house filled with light, beautiful materials, and objects that have meaning to you. A home that is closer to a jewel box than a barn.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Fairfax Approves Foreclosure Plan

County expects to purchase 10 properties.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors moved forward with a plan to address the rising foreclosure rate Aug. 4.

The board voted 8-2, with Republican supervisors dissenting, to direct more resources toward county programs or non-profit organizations that assist homeowners struggling to keep their homes or buy new ones.

Fairfax also took the step of moving forward with the purchase of 10 foreclosed properties. County staff expects to fix up and sell the 10 properties for a maximum of \$385,000 each. The 10-home program should cost Fairfax about \$2.85 million overall, according to documents.

The supervisors laid out certain criteria for the 10 properties to be purchased by the county:

- ❖ It must be a townhouse or single-family home.

“If we are purchasing 10 homes in a county of this size, there is no excuse to purchase more than one in a single subdivision,”

— Jeff McKay, Supervisor,
Lee District

Fairfax County is looking to buy up foreclosed homes, like this property in Springfield, and resell them to homebuyers as part of a new program passed by the supervisors Aug. 5.

- ❖ The property has to have had a “negative impact” on the surrounding community.

- ❖ The price of home — including the initial purchase, rehabilitation and settlement costs — cannot exceed \$385,000.

Each of the properties is also subject to a preliminary home inspection. The properties must be vacant and bank-owned for at

least 180 days before the county makes a bid on them, to ensure that private owners have had a fair chance to buy it before the government does.

The properties are also supposed to be spread out across the county. No more than one property can be purchased in a particular subdivision or neighborhood.

SOME SUPERVISORS, particularly Jeff McKay of Lee District, had expressed the concern that Fairfax could do more harm than good if it bought several homes in one



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area. McKay has a few neighborhoods in his district which have been hit hard by the foreclosure crisis and have more than one vacant, foreclosed home on a block, not just in a particular neighborhood.

“If we are purchasing 10 homes in a county of this size, there is no excuse to purchase more than one in a single subdivision,” said McKay, a Democrat, at the meeting Aug. 4.

McKay and Penelope Gross of Mason District floated the idea of purchasing one home in each magisterial district, ensuring that county’s home purchase is spread out across the county. But the other members of the board, including the chairman, did not appear to back this idea.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins of Hunter Mill pushed for more flexibility in the guidelines. With the consent of the district supervisor and chairman, it made sense for the county to have the ability to purchase more than one property in a single neighborhood in some cases, she said.

AS IT STANDS, each supervisor and the chairman are already given veto power over the county purchase of a foreclosed home in their own magisterial district. This could allow supervisors to unilaterally block the purchase of any foreclosed homes in their area.

Supervisor Pat Herry of Springfield wasn’t sure whether he would automatically block the purchase of a foreclosed property in his magisterial district but said it would be something he would consider.

“I don’t have any area with major challenges,” said Herry, a Republican who voted against the county’s foreclosure plan overall.

Tyson's Task Force Promises Report in September

Tyson's Corner transportation study won't be ready.

The Tysons Land Use Task Force will present an initial report on its overall vision for the future of the Tysons Corner area Sept. 22 despite recent objections from some county staff and supervisors.

Chairman Gerry Connolly (D) started to push for a September report from the task force at the supervisors’ July 21 meeting. The group should be able to produce a report on its broad recommendations for the area after more than three years of meetings, said Connolly. At an Aug. 5 meeting, Tysons Task Force chairman Clark Tyler agreed with Connolly.

“The task force owes this board after three and a half years. There is no reason to delay our recommendations,” said Tyler.

BUT SOME PLANNING staff and supervisors had been in favor of taking more time with the report. In July, James Zook, director of the department of planning and

zoning, had said it would be difficult for the task force to put together a comprehensive report in time for the Sept. 22 meeting.

Supervisors Linda Smyth (D-Providence), a former county planning commissioner, also wondered about whether the report should be delayed until the task force had more of an idea of what type of building might go on individual pieces of property. She said she saw the overall vision of Tysons and the individual developments as “integrated,” and dependent on each other.

Since the task force is working on a plan for Tysons that extends decades into the future, Connolly and Tyler said they did not think the details of Tysons Corner overall development were necessary for the report.

“A lot of what we are talking about is almost science fiction,” said Connolly.

Smyth and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) had also advocated waiting on the task force report until the completion of a Tysons Corner transportation study —

which is being done in conjunction with Task Force’s work. The study, which gets underway this fall, will not be finished by Sept. 22.

BUT TYLER said the transportation study is likely to mostly be a reaction to the recommendations presented by the task force anyway and did not need to be complete before the task force presented to the board.

Yet Smyth and Foust were also worried about whether all the task force’s recommendations had been adequately vetted with the public. Foust said the task force was looking at a higher rate of density than had previously been considered and citizens should have a chance to comment on it.

“I really don’t think you have vetted [the higher density] with the community. ... You can’t hide from them. ... You as a task force

“I really don’t think you have vetted [the higher density] with the community”

— John Foust, Supervisor,
Dranesville District

can’t avoid that issue,” said Foust.

Several people, including Zook, said they thought the community had had enough chance to comment on the task force’s work. According to a memo written by Zook, the county had held over 100 public

meetings on the future of Tysons, including those where the higher density level was discussed.

Zook, Connolly and others also noted that it rare for a community to reach its maximum level of build out and much of Tysons Corner’s higher density level is only likely to come into play several decades into the future.

“[To put out the higher density number], this is a typical way of scaring citizens,” said Connolly in response to Foust’s statements.

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Guest Speaker Bob Sorge at Christian Assembly, 8200 Bell Lane, Vienna, on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Sorge served for thirteen years as senior pastor of Zion Fellowship in Canandaigua, N.Y., and now bases his writing and traveling ministry in Kansas City MO. Among his works are: Secrets of the Secret Place, Exploring Worship, The Fire of Delayed Answers and Pain, Perplexity, and Promotion.

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SPORTS

The Scenes at Redskins Park

Burgundy and gold fans get their training camp fix.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Last weekend was a banner one for the Washington Redskins, who saw two of their best-ever former players— Art Monk and Darrell Green — get inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio on Saturday. The next evening, in the annual Hall of Fame pre-season game, the Redskins defeated the Indianapolis Colts.

The following piece is in regards to the Redskins' recent training camp week that was made open to the public.

FOR FANS of the burgundy and gold, the recent open practice sessions at Redskins Park were probably akin to going to football heaven.

Local fans, for the most part of the weeklong open practice sessions to the public, swarmed towards the NFL team's headquarters, located off the Loudoun County Parkway in Ashburn.

The most overwhelming numbers of folks, approximately 30,000, swarmed the facility on July 26 for 'fan appreciation day.'

From a fan perspective, it was easy to get overwhelmed during one of the open practice session visits. Thousands, many seated in bleachers and attired in team t-shirts or ball caps, focused on the team's every move — from its offensive pass plays, exercise drills, or anything else coach Jim Zorn and his staff were directing the players to do.

Near the end of a morning practice session during the middle of the week, the Redskins' offense ran plays against the defense, attempting to move the ball down the field. Although it was not a full contact exhibition, the fans on-hand cheered loudly with each well-run play. When veteran wide receiver Santana Moss caught a long ball down field, the faithful erupted as if the popular No. 89 had just cradled in a ball in front of a packed out crowd at Fed Ex Field against a division rival.

Another time, quarterback Jason Campbell threw a long strike to tight-end Chris Cooley. Following the impressive hook-up, fans began yelling, 'Cooley,' as they would on a game day.

EARLIER in the morning, one renowned Redskins player of the past, former linebacker great Sam Huff, watched the Redskins' newest defensive standout, former Miami Dolphin Jason Taylor, who in recent weeks was traded to Washington.

Taylor, under the tutelage of a Redskins position coach, was participating in a drill

in which a defender tried to shed off the blocking attempts of an offensive lineman. The drill was taking part on a backfield, not in front of the fans. After one short blocking/shedding drill exchange, Taylor fixed the shoulder pads of fellow defensive end Chris Wilson. Huff, standing off to the side by himself, keenly focused in on the players, and in particular Taylor.

At one point, Huff, a color commentator on Redskins radio broadcasts, could be heard telling someone, with a chuckle, "Since they got Jason, I thought I'd watch practice. Like Sonny [Jurgenson] with Brett Favre."

Taylor, tall and lean and wearing No. 55, did not appear as a superstar player as he practiced with his new teammates.

But he certainly displayed his pizzazz later in the morning after the a.m. practices had wrapped up. He enthusiastically moved towards the throng of fans who were calling out his name. Taylor, a potential Hall of Famer who recently basked in the national spotlight as a participant in Dancing With the Stars, easily mixed with the adoring onlookers as he signed footballs and tee shirts.

Taylor and the rest of his teammates would not have been talking to fans, media or going along their ways had it not been for the heroics of a pair of Redskins linemen, who prevented the long, morning workouts from being extended simply by both successfully catching a punted ball.

Zorn, who replaced the retired Joe Gibbs this past offseason, had huddled the entire team together at what appeared to be the end of practice. Seconds later, Redskins players Ryan Boschetti and Justin Geisinger, both linemen, briskly jogged down the field before turning around. As the players and coaches at the other end of the field looked on, a Redskins punter, Durant Brooks, booted a high, towering ball towards Boschetti, a defensive lineman. In impressive fashion, Boschetti successfully cradled in the ball before spontaneously punting it back towards the herd of Redskins players. Fans and players burst into cheers for the 289-pound Boschetti, who had caught the ball and even played up to the crowd with his return punt.

Next, it was Geisinger's turn. And, just like his teammate moments before, he also caught the punted ball.

The successful punt catches by the two-some meant that the Redskins, as a team, would not have to take extra running. It also meant an extra hour of curfew later that night.

Reporters at practice's end mobbed Geisinger, a third year offensive lineman from Vanderbilt.

"It was something fun for the guys at the end of practice," he said, of the lineman punt catching display. "I probably would have gotten ripped [by teammates] in the locker room the rest of camp if I hadn't



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/THE CONNECTION

Jason Taylor was a crowd-pleaser during the Redskins' open week practice sessions.

caught it. I played a little tight-end in high school."

REDSKIN Ladell Betts, a key running back over the past five years, said players' spirits have been high under the new coaching staff.

"Everything is good, the enthusiasm is definitely up with the new regime in place," said Betts, as he headed towards the dressing room. "We focus on our work but you can't help but pay attention to the fans. They're a real pick-me-up."

Redskin star lineman Chris Samuels echoed the same sentiments in regards to the Redskins faithful.

"It's been great," said Samuels, the eighth year standout from Alabama. "We have the greatest fans in the NFL. They come out and support us thick and thin. And [coach Zorn] is doing a great job."

Fred Smoot, the talkative Redskins cornerback, spent several minutes after practice with military personnel who were visiting Redskins Park.

"Where are you from?" he asked one individual. After getting an answer, Smoot replied, "I'm from Jackson, Mississippi."

Then, Smoot told the group, "I appreciate you all."

Moments later, on an outdoor media platform, Cooley, the popular and talkative Redskins' tight-end, told reporters about a beard-growing contest he is running on his blog site. The scruffy Cooley, who was married this past offseason, said he alone would pick the contest winner.

"They'll get two tickets to the Bills game," he said. "None [of the beards I've seen] are as good as mine yet. I'm really happy with my beard. Originality is the key to a good beard."

Cooley then expressed his appreciation to Boschetti and Geisinger for coming through

with the clutch, end of the practice punt catches.

"I've got an added hour of curfew," said Cooley, with a big grin. "I was pretty confident in them. [Geisinger's] catch was sketchy, but he pulled it off."

Cooley, who played in last year's Pro Bowl game in Hawaii, said his offseason was a whirlwind of activity as a result of getting married and travel.

"I've been real busy," he said. "I wasn't sure if I was ready to come to camp, but I got [good workouts in] the first four days."

Following Cooley, coach Zorn came onstage and addressed the press. He talked about being impressed with Jason Taylor's attitude since coming aboard from Miami.

"I've been most pleased and surprised how he has jumped right in, taking reps and enjoying it," said Zorn. "He's trying to get himself mentally up to speed on the [defensive] terminology. He's a pro."

Of his new starting quarterback, Campbell, Zorn said, "I think he's coming along very well with the knowledge of [the new system]. I'm throwing so much to him and the other quarterbacks. The recall is what takes a little time."

Zorn, a born again Christian like Gibbs before him, had to answer questions about the fact that he does not like to curse.

"I don't try to say cuss words, but I've muttered some," he said, with a smile. "I'm not 'St. Jim.' But [cursing] is not necessary. I hope that by saying words and speaking truth to guys, it will have an impact on them."

Zorn, the former left-handed QB, said he sometimes feels like he could get in there and throw a few crisp passes.

"I'm 55 and I think I could still play," said Zorn, in a light moment. "I think I could still chuck the ball."



Musical performances are scheduled throughout the two-day festival on Saturday, Aug. 9, and Sunday, Aug. 10.

Asian Celebration

The Fifth Annual Asian Festival takes place this weekend.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

The world will be watching Friday night when Beijing opens this year's Summer Olympics. With much attention drawn to Chinese culture, history and tradition, the local Asian community will showcase its many traditions at the Fifth Annual Asian Festival.

"We want to raise awareness of Asian cultures," said Joanne Duangmanee, a board member of the Thai Tennis Organization in America (TTOA), the main organizer of the festival. "There will be so many things there that you can't find anywhere else in the area."

The festival's four stages will feature live entertainment, including music and martial arts performances. The two-day festival also offers its guests sports tournaments and demonstrations, food and other activities.

Authentic foods are also a part of the festival. Duangmanee said the participating restaurants were asked to prepare specialty foods. "A lot of it is off the menu" at area Asian restaurants, she said. One of the offerings that has her excited is the Burmese food, especially since there are not many Burmese restaurants in the area, she said.

The organizers are also striving to present live entertainment as would be seen in the participating countries. "There are a lot of dances that I've never seen from different countries," said Duangmanee of prior festivals.

"The festival recognizes the cultural diversity that Reston has and was founded on," said Larry Butler, the Parks and Recreation Director for Reston Association, one

of the festival hosts.

THE TWO-DAY free admission festival at the Lake Newport Tennis facility off of Baron Cameron Avenue in Reston will present special performances from traveling dance troupes and welcome special guests on Saturday, Aug. 9, and Sunday, Aug. 10. They will include performances from the Cambodian-American Dance Company and the Columbia University Indian bhangra team. The Chinese Olympic Village will present an Olympic parade and traditional Chinese dances. The key note speaker at the festival's opening is Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, an Olympic gold medalist in the 100-meter hurdles event at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

While environmental concerns are clouding the Olympic Games in Beijing, the Asian Festival organizers are doing their best to promote sound environmental practices.

"It's something we had thought about last year," said Butler, but the implementation of the green practices was a challenge. This year, he said, the goal is to recycle as much of the material that is generated as possible. With almost 50,000 visitors expected, the festival could generate much recyclable material, such as water bottles. Butler said festivals create a large amount of waste because they host many people in a confined space and in a short amount of time. He said he thinks festivals in the future will follow the example of the Asian Festival and implement green practices for their celebrations.

ANOTHER POINT the hosts are stressing is that visitors should not attempt to park at the festival site. "We are absolutely discouraging people parking locally," said Butler. Instead, the organizers are urging visitors to park by the Reston Association headquarters at Isaac Newton Square and ride a shuttle bus to the festival.

For more information on the 5th Annual Asian Festival, or to see the schedule of events, visit <http://asianfestivaldc.com>.

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Amy Bedell, co-founder of The Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation, alongside of the Washington Nationals mascot during the last year's event.

Facing Brain Cancer

Vienna event in support of brain cancer research and treatment.

The Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation is holding the 13th Annual Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series on Saturday, Aug. 9, at Waters Field in Vienna. Proceeds from the event will benefit The Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation, supporting brain cancer research.

Gates will open to the public at 8:30 a.m. Former major league baseball player Curtis Pride will throw out the first pitch at 9 a.m., followed by Town of Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly who will face-off in a Home Run Derby. Forty-one teams will compete in an all-day tournament beginning at 10 a.m. and the finals will begin at 5 p.m. Admission is \$5; children seven and under are free.

In addition to the wiffle ball tournament, there will be events for the whole family. There will be a raffle for items such as a Wii, iPods and more. There will also be plenty of activities for children, including

moon bounces, carnival games, face painting and clowns. There will also be a toddler field for children aged six and under to hit balls and run the bases.

"This year's event is going to be another special day in the heart of Vienna," said Mike Ryan, commissioner of the Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series. "This is the third year in a row that the Town of Vienna has opened its doors to us. It means so much to us to hold this special event in Brian's home town. We have a wonderful opportunity to raise money to fight brain cancer, in addition to a fun-filled day full of love and support for Brian and those afflicted with brain cancer."

The Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation has donated over \$124,000 to the Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke University, which is internationally recognized as a leader in research and treatment of

brain tumors. In addition, The Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation has reached out to the community by awarding two \$5,000 grants to area families facing brain cancer.

A native of Vienna, Bedell was diagnosed with a grade IV glioblastoma brain tumor on Sept. 8, 2003. Despite extensive treatment at The Brain Tumor Center at Duke including four craniotomies, radiation, and participation in experimental trials, Brian lost his battle and died on May 23, 2005.



Mike Ryan, commissioner of the Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series.

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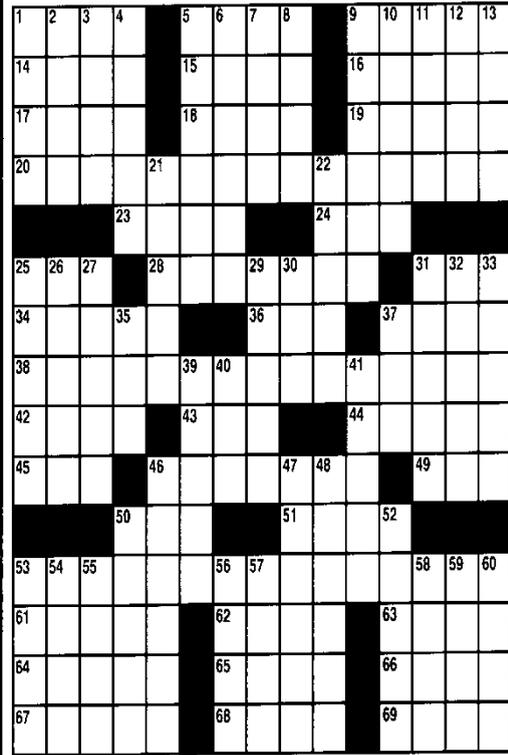
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ACROSS

- 1 Not so much
- 5 The "A" in N.E.A.
- 9 Spelunker
- 14 Very much
- 15 Partner of potatoes
- 16 Martini garnish
- 17 Neighbor of Senegal
- 18 100%
- 19 Actress Braga of "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
- 20 Jean Harlow, e.g.
- 23 Goodyear product
- 24 Grassland
- 25 Gift decoration
- 28 Sawbuck
- 31 12th graders: Abbr.
- 34 Sailor's "stop!"
- 36 Cpl. or sgt.
- 37 Came to a perch
- 38 Beatles transport
- 42 Nothing but
- 43 Sun, e.g.
- 44 Wound up
- 45 Springsteen's "Born in the _____"

DOWN

- 46 Aspen attire
- 49 Hair stiffener
- 50 Gorilla
- 51 Stiffly neat
- 53 Popular apple
- 61 Put up with
- 62 Chunks of history
- 63 Filly's father
- 64 Had a crush on
- 65 Trig function
- 66 Additionally
- 67 Skeptical
- 68 Popular sneakers
- 69 O'Neal of "Love Story"
- 12 Like Darth Vader
- 13 Down-to-earth
- 21 "Same here!"
- 22 Blossom
- 25 Louisiana marsh
- 26 Pizzeria fixtures
- 27 When repeated, a Washington city
- 29 Gives the brushoff, maybe
- 30 Toxic compound, for short
- 31 Broken arm holder
- 32 Post-wash cycle

- 33 Man of — (Superman)
- 35 Underhanded
- 37 "What — you getting at?"
- 39 No longer asleep
- 40 — Lanka
- 41 Storage area
- 46 Rapid
- 47 Higher ground
- 48 Van Gogh painting that set an auction record in 1987
- 50 Puff snake
- 52 Scrooge, e.g.
- 53 Chutzpah
- 54 Instrument that's blown into
- 55 In person
- 56 Drawer site
- 57 Cleveland's lake
- 58 In need of a shampoo
- 59 — Major
- 60 Witnessed

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