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On Sept. 22, the Town will hold a public hearing on sidewalks. The first priority, says Mayor Seeman, is safety, especially safe walks to school.

Sept. 11 Victims Remembered

Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman discusses upcoming events and issues.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The “decent weather” was given credit by Mayor M. Jane Seeman for the large turn-outs for Town Green concerts. “We’ve had outstanding performances, and with little oppressive heat and humidity, more people are willing to come out for the outdoor concerts.” The Navy Commodores concert, Seeman noted, was packed.

There are several newsworthy events and issues coming up for the fall, that the mayor stresses.

“The Sept. 11 ceremony, a day of remembrance, is a significant public event,” said the mayor. “The Town cooperates with the American Legion by printing the programs and providing the sound system, but it’s really the American Legion’s event.”

HELD ON THE LAWN behind Freeman House, the beginning of the Sept. 11 ceremony is marked with the ringing of bells at Vienna Presbyterian Church at the appropriate time. The Vienna Band, the Vienna Chorale, and a speaker honor the memory of those whose lives were lost in the terrorist attacks of 2001.

“We don’t have the money in the Town budget now to start on the main enhancements on Maple Avenue, but Rep. Tom Davis
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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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‘Green Light’ For Traffic Calming

Hunter Mill Road improvements planned without widening.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

Engineering plans are now under way for the transformation of Hunter Mill Road after the Traffic Calming Study was incorporated in the Comprehensive Plan on June 30, said G. Mark Gibb, executive director of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.

The action follows a two-year cooperative effort to overcome traffic problems by citizens along the 7.2 mile route, Fairfax County officials, members of the Virginia State Legislature and the NVRC, a 60-year-old agency created to help local governments.

“We’re transforming Hunter Mill Road from an F level road to B level road and keeping it at two lanes which will relieve traffic congestion, reduce accidents and improve air quality.”

— G. Mark Gibb,
Executive Director, Northern Virginia
Regional Commission

Hunter Mill Road is a rolling, scenic 7.2 miles long, two-lane road passing through residential communities. Classified as a “byway,” it is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places and the Landmarks register, Hunter Mill is one of only a few such roads in Fairfax County.

The road runs from Route 123 at its southern end to Baron Cameron at its north end.

Like many arterial roads in the county, burdened by the population growth in Fairfax County during the past decades, Hunter Mill had become clogged with traffic, fraught with increased accidents and hard for the

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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.

“It means so much to us to hold this special event in Brian’s home town.”

— Mike Ryan

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



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



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

About the Foundation

Brian, his wife Amy and his sister Kristin established The Brian Bedell 2-Young Foundation in 2004 to help in efforts to find a cure for brain cancer.

For more information about the Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series or to donate to this special cause, visit www.brianbedell.org.

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.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Life Line Screening Offered in Oakton

Residents living in and around the Oakton community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke or heart attack. Life Line Screening will be at the Fairfax Unitarian Universalist at 9 a.m. on Aug. 19 at 2709 Hunter Mill Rd in Oakton. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

Recommended baseline screenings include Stroke/Carotid Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Peripheral Arterial Disease.

Additional screenings can be added for a more comprehensive risk assessment and include C-Reactive Protein, a blood marker for vascular disease and diabetes; complete Lipid Panel including HDL/LDL and total cholesterol; Glucose, a measure of blood sugar level which can determine your risk for diabetes; and an ultrasound screening for Osteoporosis.

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Area Mothers Share ‘Adventures in Mothering’

Mothers of preschoolers (ages newborn – Kindergarten), are invited to join Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) for the 2008-2009 MOPS season at McLean Presbyterian Church. The theme for the coming year is “Adventures in Mothering.” Registration is now open, and forms are available on-line at <http://www.mcleanpres.org/connect/find-a-ministry/children/mops> (where one can also find out more about MOPS). For more info, contact Leslie Riesenhuber at MOPS@riesenhuber.org.

Helping Those Who Took ‘Wrong Turn’

Weichert Realtors in Vienna received the “Marjorie Ginsburg Award for Outstanding Work with Family Members” at Opportunities, Alternatives & Resources’ (OAR) volunteer awards recognition reception. Weichert Realtors in Vienna, through the efforts of Joyce Taylor, a Weichert Realtor, have provided holiday toys for several years for children whose family members are incarcerated.

“The level of volunteer support that OAR of Fairfax County has generated in our community for helping those among us who have taken a wrong turn in their lives is truly amazing,” said keynote speaker, state Sen. Janet Howell (D-32). “Helping families through the wrenching crisis of seeing a loved-one sent to jail is perhaps one of the most important services our volunteers provide,” said Derwin Overton, executive director of OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.



Count Gore De Vol

Volunteers Needed for Halloween Parade

Calling for Halloween parade volunteers: Do you love a parade? Join in planning for the 62nd annual parade, or help out on parade night, October 29. The next parade committee meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 7 at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Call parade chairman Rebecca Diamond at 703-463-4241 or e-mail rdiamond@tysondodgejeep. The theme of this year's parade is "It's an Old-fashioned Halloween!" and the Grand Marshal will be Vienna's favorite vampire, Count Gore De Vol, online host of "Creature Feature."

CRIME

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police department from July 26 through Aug. 1.

ARRESTS

Maple Avenue at Niblick Drive, N.E. July 25, 2:46 a.m. Officer Wilkerson conducted a traffic stop in the early morning hours for a traffic violation. Further investigation revealed that the driver, a 17 year old male, was operating the vehicle without a driver's license. Officer Wilkerson also determined that the juvenile had consumed alcohol. The juvenile's parents were contacted and responded to the scene. The juvenile and vehicle were both released to the custody of the parents. The juvenile was charged with Reckless Driving, No Valid Operators License, and Possession of Alcohol Underage.

Cedar Lane and Park St., S.E. July 25, 10:53 p.m. Sergeant Clingerman observed a vehicle commit several traffic infractions and conducted a traffic stop. During the traffic stop he determined that the driver was possibly impaired. After some field investigation the individual was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. The driver, a 26 male of Cedar Lane in Vienna, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center for analysis of his breath to determine his level of intoxication. After the test, he was formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated- 3rd Offense in Five Years and held without bond.

Lawyers Road at Sharon Lane, N.W. July 26, 12:54 a.m. Officer K. Smith conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for committing a traffic infraction. After issuing the driver a written warning for the infraction, Officer Smith discovered marijuana

and various types of paraphernalia in the vehicle. The driver, an 18 year old male of Oldewood Road in Falls Church, was charged with Possession of Marijuana and released on a summons.

Vienna Inn, 100 Block Maple Ave., East. On July 26 at 2:45 a.m. the Town of Vienna Police Department received a 9-1-1 call from an individual reporting that he had been the victim of an assault. The victim was at the Vienna Inn located in the 100 Block of Maple Avenue, East in Vienna. Responding officers located the victim and administered first aid to control the bleeding until the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department arrived on scene. The Fairfax County Police Department's K-9 units as well as their helicopter were called in to assist Vienna Police Officers conduct a search for a possible suspect. The victim was transported to Fairfax Hospital via Fairfax County EMS. Subsequent to treatment at the hospital, he was moved to the Intensive Care Unit. Vienna Police Detectives are currently processing the scene to discover and collect evidence. No suspect information or motive for the offense has been developed as of this writing.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. on July 26 Town of Vienna Police Officers and Detectives arrested a 21 year old male of Vienna and charged him with Aggravated Malicious Wounding of the 38 year old Hispanic male victim; a Class 2 Felony. Detectives were able to identify the suspect as a result of multiple witness interviews. Follow up investigation also determined his current location where the suspect was taken in to custody without incident. The Vienna Police believe this is an isolated act

of violence. The investigation is continuing and further updates will be forthcoming as new information becomes available.

Vienna Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., South. July 27 1:15 p.m. MPO Borja served an assault warrant which had been sworn out by a tenant of the arrested. A 47 year old male of Windover Avenue in Vienna was served with the warrant and released upon his signature.

100 Block Carter Court, S.W. July 28, 12:48 p.m. MPO Evans arrested a 42 year old female of Carter Court in Vienna based upon an outstanding warrant which had been issued. The warrant was secured as the result of an investigation by another agency. The woman was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and released upon her signature by the Magistrate.

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. July 31 12:11 a.m. A security guard at Cedar Lane Shopping Center called to advise that there were intoxicated individuals that would not leave. Officer Finelli arrived and investigated. After his investigation, one individual was arrested for Drunk in Public. The 39 year old male of Battery Road in Vienna was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. A second individual, a 36 year old male of Cedar Lane in Vienna, was also found to be intoxicated and was arrested by Officer Simon and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Vienna Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., South. July 29 1:10 p.m. Officer Ruddy responded to Vienna Police Headquarters to serve 11 summonses which had been

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PEOPLE



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Animal Ambassador Becky Shore shows off Gus the possum to children and parents at Patrick Henry Library.

Backyard Creatures at Library

Wildlife pays visit in children's program.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

For an hour on Aug. 2, Patrick Henry Library went wild.

Forty-five to 50 attentive youngsters, and a sprinkling of parents, listened and learned, and ooh-ed and aah-ed, as Animal Ambassador Becky Shore brought backyard creatures out of secure crates ... a skunk named Scout, a possum named Gus, a box turtle called Daisy, and an albino corn snake named Colonel.

Daisy's shell was misshapen, the result of a young life spent in a confined aquarium, with little sun to shine upon her. Now seven years old, a tiny fraction of the turtle's long life, Daisy lives a natural life on the Animal Ambassadors grounds. The family who captured her, and turned her into a family pet, acknowledged the unnaturalness of Daisy's life. The small box turtle was donated to Animal Ambassadors of Loudoun County, where Daisy now spends her days outside, in a large grassy pen.

"When we see wildlife outside, what should we do?" asked

Shore of the spellbound children.

"Leave them alone," the children sang out.

"That's right. It's not fair to take in wild animals," Shore said.

SHORE, the owner of Animal Ambassadors, takes her program, and some of her charges, to each Fairfax County Public Library over the summer months. In the



Jessica Sova (right), with sister Victoria, says there are chipmunks, deer and squirrels in her yard, and she has learned that it's best to "leave wild animals alone."

Vienna-McLean area, only Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, scheduled for Aug. 6, remains.

"Everything I have here today are things you see in your own backyard," said Shore to the children. "How do we peacefully coexist with these wonderful creatures? We let them live a natural life in the wild, and we have to be responsible pet owners." Because dogs and cats are curious animals, Shore advises that pet families know what their pets are doing, especially at night when many animals come out looking for



Daniel, Franny, and Damian Maisano of Vienna were full of enthusiasm, and knowledge, at the Animal Ambassadors program at Patrick Henry Library.

"It's not fair to take in wild animals."

— **Becky Shore, Animal Ambassador**

food.

Corn snakes, at it turns out, have no interest in corn. They prowl the corn fields for mice and rats, who do have an interest in corn. Corn snakes, like Colonel, another donated pet, are to be thanked for "keeping our crops safe," said Shore.

"I really liked seeing the albino corn snake," said Damian Maisano of Vienna, one-third of the 9-1/2-year-old Maisano triplets enthusing over the program. "How

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BUSINESS PEOPLE

To have business notes listed, send them to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com or 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Deadline is Friday.

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.

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."

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.

Donleigh Honeywell of Vienna has become an independent consultant with **Tastefully Simple Inc.**, a national direct-sales company featuring easy-to-prepare gourmet products. As a consultant, Honeywell offers the company's gourmet foods and beverages at home taste-testing parties. Guests receive samples, meal ideas and recipes. For more information, call Honeywell at 703-849-8534.

Commonwealth Home Remodelers Welcomes New Sales Manager **Vicki L. Lepianka**, AKBD, MIRM, ASID, has joined Commonwealth Home Remodelers, Inc. of Vienna as the company's Sales Manager, focusing on sales and conceptual design. She brings more than twelve years' experience to the newly created position, having worked in the industry in Florida, Hawaii, and Virginia. In addition to her sales background, Vicki has experience in Kitchen and Bath design and showroom management.

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**.

BB&T recently announced it has promoted **Mike Carpenter** to manage its residential real estate lending team for the metro D.C. area. The 12-member team, located in Woodbridge, also will include BB&T residential construction specialists **Mike Williams, Jason Paxton, Keri Jackson and Rob Lane**. A senior vice president, Carpenter has more than eight years of commercial banking and real estate lending experience, most recently as a regional executive with BB&T in Tysons Corner. Williams, assistant vice president, has more than eight years of real estate finance experience, most recently with BB&T's commercial real estate finance team.

CRIME

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secured by Fairfax County Zoning for building violations. A 43 year old male of White Mountain Court in Aldie was released upon his signature on all charges.

BURGLARY

100 Block Maple Avenue, East. July 31, 1:10 a.m.

In the early morning hours of July 31 an intrusion alarm began sounding at a business in the 100 block of Maple Avenue, East. Sergeant Juelharte was on the scene immediately and found missing glass from a back door. She called for the Fairfax County Police K-9 Unit and they responded to assist in tracking a possible suspect. Additionally, the Fairfax County Police helicopter was called in and began an aerial search. The interior of the business was searched by Vienna Police Officers but no suspect was located. Forensic evidence was recovered at the scene. This case is being investigated by the Criminal Investigations Section of the Vienna Police.

DOMESTIC DISPUTE

300 Block Orchard St., N.W. July 22, 6:54 p.m. A family disagreement over property was resolved by Officer Finelli.

FIGHT CALL

300 Block Maple Ave., East. July 27 4:46 p.m.

Officer Monaco responded for a fight call at the Exxon Gas Station. A citizen reported observing two individuals involved in an altercation. The situation was resolved by Officer

Monaco to the satisfaction of both parties.

GRAND LARCENY

1000 Block Cottage St., S.W. June 14, 10 p.m. A citizen reported that cash and a credit card were stolen from a wallet left inside an unlocked vehicle. The vehicle was parked in their driveway during a vacation trip. This case is still being investigated.

100 Block Maple Ave., East. July 25 between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. A citizen reported that his unlocked Mongoose bicycle was stolen from a bicycle rack behind the Town Green.

300 Block Maple Ave., West. July 27 3 p.m. A citizen shopping at the Al Nakheel grocery store had his GPS unit stolen from his unlocked vehicle.

MISSING PERSON LOCATED -

JUVENILE

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. July 28, 5:31 p.m. Detective Sheeran encountered a 14 year old male juvenile that he knew from previous involvements with the Vienna Police. While interviewing the subject Detective Sheeran was given false identification and information from the subject. Detective Sheeran knew the correct identity of the subject and a wanted persons check revealed that the juvenile was wanted based upon multiple detention orders. The juvenile was taken in to custody and transported to Fairfax County Juvenile Intake and remanded to their custody.

PETIT LARCENY

1000 Block Westwood Drive, N.E.

Between July 28 at 3 p.m. and July 29 at 1:26 a.m. While patrolling the neighborhood, PFC Bailey discovered a vehicle that appeared to have been tampered with. Investigation revealed that an XM Radio tuner had been removed from the vehicle. The owner was contacted and forensic evidence was recovered at the scene.

SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Commons Drive at Nutley St., N.W. July 28, 9 p.m. PFC Lewis responded to a call for an overdose at the listed location. The individual had taken a large amount of pills. The subject was transported to Fairfax Hospital by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue ambulance. She is expected to recover.

SUSPICIOUS EVENT

500 Block Beulah Road, N.E. July 26, 2:07 p.m. An individual was observed by an alert citizen entering a home through a window at the rear of a residence. The individual turned out to be a friend of the owner and had received prior permission to enter the home.

600 Block Creek Crossing Road, N.E. Between July 29 at 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. July 30. A citizen reported that unknown subjects tried to steal his bicycle from his carport. The bicycle had been moved from the carport to the front lawn during the night.

200 Block Locust St., S.E. Ongoing July 31, 9 p.m. A citizen reports that individuals are thought to be violating liquor and narcotics laws behind her apartment complex. This situation will receive follow up attention from the department.

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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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Oktoberfest Debuts This Year

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got money for us to do utility work there." The improvements are administered through VDOT.

"In September, the Town will be making a decision on our water," said the mayor. "We're discussing our options with both the county and the City of Falls Church.

"We have quite a few non-Town water customers. If we were not providing water to them, the county would have to lay its own pipes."

"On Sept. 22, we will hold a public hearing on sidewalks. We want to hear from our citizens on their sidewalk needs. The first criteria is safety, especially safe walks to school."

Seeman recently talked with the state Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) about Vienna's legislative priorities. "We need to get our priorities out to the state quickly," said the mayor.

Cedar Park Shopping Center and the Vienna Park Apartments continue to be looked at closely by the mayor and the Vienna Police Department.

"The police have a good rela-

tionship with the apartment management and the residents there. The chief has made several attempts to meet with the shopping center's new management, but so far, nobody from the shopping center has come forth."

"We have quite a few non-Town water customers. If we were not providing water to them, the county would have to lay its own pipes."

— Mayor M. Jane Seeman

The only time someone can be arrested for loitering is when the person is blocking a sidewalk, Seeman said. The shopping center is private property, and the police have to have the cooperation of the shopping center's owners.

"Our police are over there mak-

ing arrests," said the mayor. "People know the police are there. Store owners, residents, contact the police when there are problems. Many of these incidents are domestic disputes.

"Bill Murray [Vienna Police Public Information Officer] is doing a good job putting the whole crime report out there for the public to see. It's online and distributed to newspapers.

"The Police Department is at full-staff. Thank God they're catching these people, the law-breakers."

THE FIRST Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce [VTRCC]/Town of Vienna Oktoberfest is planned for Oct. 4, noon-6p.m. Spreading itself between Maple Avenue and Church Street, along the Mill Street corridor, the festival features a beer garden, two stages, food vendors, children's activities, and a market-place.

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Visit http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/towngreen.htm



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Approximately 150 people of all ages turned out to hear local musician, Susan Savia, perform on Aug. 1. Savia, accompanying herself on guitar or ukelele, sang popular songs, esoteric songs, and her own compositions, in a repertoire ranging from folk to pop, with an accent on nature and the environment. Vienna Shopping Center provided colorful plaid lawn blankets to the audience.

“We enjoy the concerts a lot,” said John Hynes. Hynes and his wife, Liz, have lived in Vienna Woods since 1959. “We try to be regulars here,” Hynes said.

A large crowd turned out on a balmy Aug. 1 evening to hear local musician Susan Savia perform on the Town Green.

“The performances are wonderful and the sound is excellent.”

Town Council member Edythe Kelleher



Edythe Kelleher, with husband, Gary, has come to the Town Green concerts more than six times this summer. Gary Kelleher signed up for the Open Mic Night on Aug. 10, along with a musical partner.



John and Liz Hynes, Vienna Woods residents since 1959, are regulars at the Town Green concerts. The performances are “good entertainment.”

Town Green event committee is debuting Open Mic Night on Aug. 10, at 6:30 p.m. Open Mic Night, which features eight musicians or groups, each performing in 15-minute slots, is sponsored by Friends of the Town Green.

“I’ve come more than six times this year,” said Town Council member Edythe Kelleher. “The performances are wonderful and the sound is excellent. There’s usually a little breeze blowing in the evening. The Navy

Commodores were great, just fabulous.”

A dozen volunteers work the concerts over the season, handing out promotional material and keeping order. Concerts are free, sponsored by community businesses and individuals. Remaining August performances feature Nightwork on Aug. 8; Open Mic

Night on Aug. 10; Mystic Warriors, music from Bolivia and Peru, on Aug. 15; Redstone Rock on Aug. 17; the U.S. Navy Band Country Current on Aug. 22; the Richard Walton Group on Aug. 24, and the U.S. Navy Band Cruisers on Aug. 29. Additional details are on <http://www.viennava.gov/>

[Town_Departments/towngreen.htm](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/towngreen.htm). Fall concerts and events information becomes available in late August.

“This is good entertainment,” said Hynes. “Definitely worth the money.”

— DONNA MANZ

COMMUNITY

Send community notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Volunteer ombudsman advocates are needed for local nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. They make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents and work with the residents, their families and the staff of the facility, to ensure that the residents' rights are being protected. Applicants must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours. Volunteer ombudsmen must not be employed by a long-term care facility. Interviews of

applicants will be held this summer in preparation for the next annual training, scheduled for Sept. 15, 16, and 26, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is a public service, funded in part by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging. For information and an application, call 703-324-5422 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Chinese Conversation Group meets for practicing speaking the language, 7:45-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays at the group study room of the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 571-225-7697.



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

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.

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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.

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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.

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An Evening with the Greencards. Americana/bluegrass. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.
Smokey Robinson. 8 p.m. \$42 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

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.
Mystic Warriors: Andean music in the Bolivian/Peruvian traditions. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call to register, 703-255-6360.
G. Love and Special Sauce. 7 p.m. \$34 in house, \$30 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/AUGUST 16

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Civil War Weekend Encampment at Sully Historic Site, August 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, August 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Skirmishes both days illustrate military tactics of the period. Costumed interpreters demonstrate the work of the army, including drill practice and rifle firing. Fall in as a recruit and learn marching maneuvers. Civilian reenactors portray the experiences of Northern Virginia residents during the early years of the Civil War. Play historic games and enjoy music on the lawn performed by Evergreen Shade. On Saturday, see a parade of 19th century fashions and learn what is needed to be a reenactor. \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children, including a guided tour of the first and second floors of the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman and uncle of Robert E. Lee. On view will be rarely seen 19th century artifacts from the Fairfax County collections. Last house tour begins at 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly, located on Route 28, one quarter mile north of Route 50. Call 703-437-1794.

SUNDAY/AUGUST 17

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. 2 p.m. In German with English supertitles. Tickets \$28 to \$68.
Redstone Rock. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call to register, 703-255-6360.
The Beach Boys. 2 p.m. \$38 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolftrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolftrap.org.
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MONDAY/AUGUST 18

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SCHOOLS

Oakton High School's class of 1988 is holding its 20-year high school reunion on Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner in McLean. For details, call 1-800-655-7971 or go to www.GreatReunions.com.

Fairfax County Public Schools honored its Business Partner of the Year — Reed Smith LLP — for its work with Graham Road Elementary School, at a special ceremony on May 21 at Falls Church High School.

Reed Smith has partnered with Graham Road in Falls Church for 10 years. The company raises \$30,000 annually through creative fund-raising so each Graham Road student can receive a complimentary backpack and school supplies. It also provides complimentary homework/agenda books for students and teachers.

Employees mentor Graham Road students, 80 percent of whom are eligible for free and reduced price lunch. Mentors also attend school events, spend time with the children on weekends, and welcome them to their offices during the school year.

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, coedited, 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.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students

Booster Shots Required for 6th Grade

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.

must attempt at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

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◆ **David A. Coronel of Oakton** is a senior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business.

◆ **Christina C. Duell of Oakton** is a sophomore majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture, Life Sciences.

◆ **Emily A. Gerald of Oakton** is a sophomore majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

◆ **Alia C. Ghannam of Oakton** is a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

◆ **Erin A. Hamblen of Oakton** is a junior majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business.

◆ **Dennis D. Hoang of Oakton** is a sophomore majoring in marketing management in the Pamplin College of Business.

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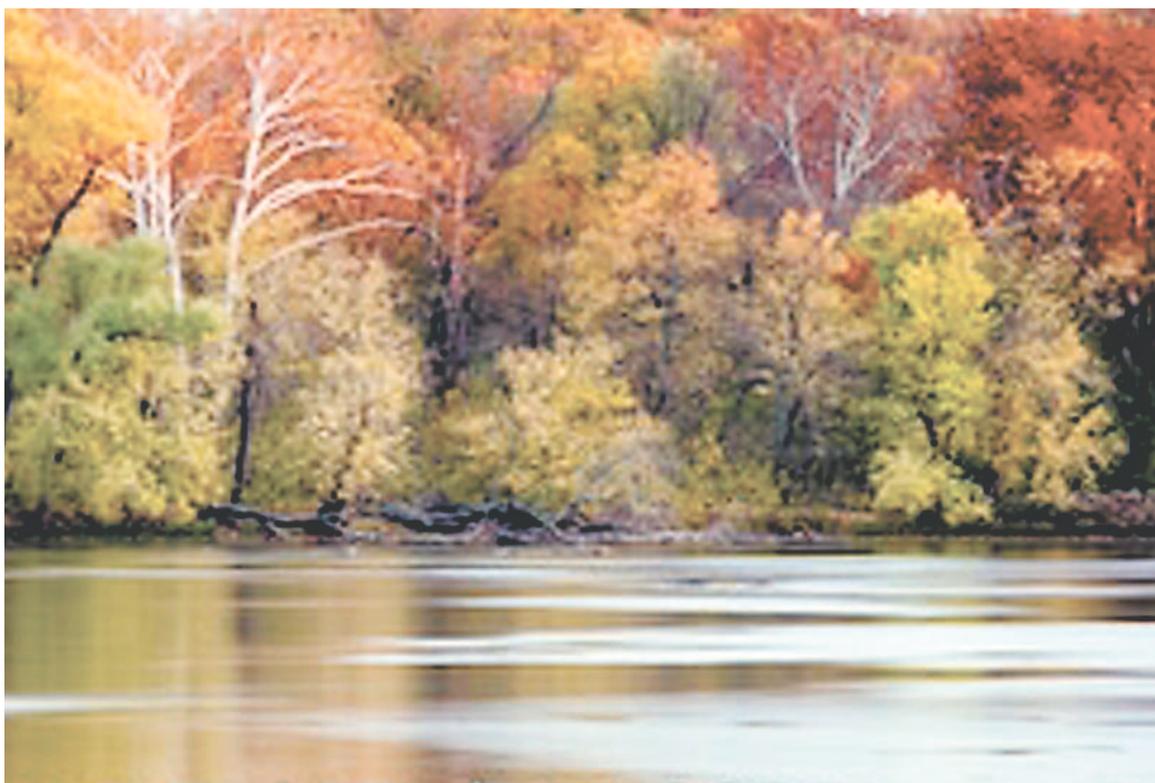
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Waterfall, by George Lovelace

Lovelace Exhibits at Vienna Arts Center

The Vienna Arts Center's August Featured Artist is George Lovelace, who will be showing his "Enjoying Nature." The show will run through Aug. 23. Lovelace is a member of the Vienna Photographic Society, Carolina's

Nature Photographers and the North American Nature Photography Association. The Vienna Arts Center is at 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

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THURSDAY/AUGUST 7

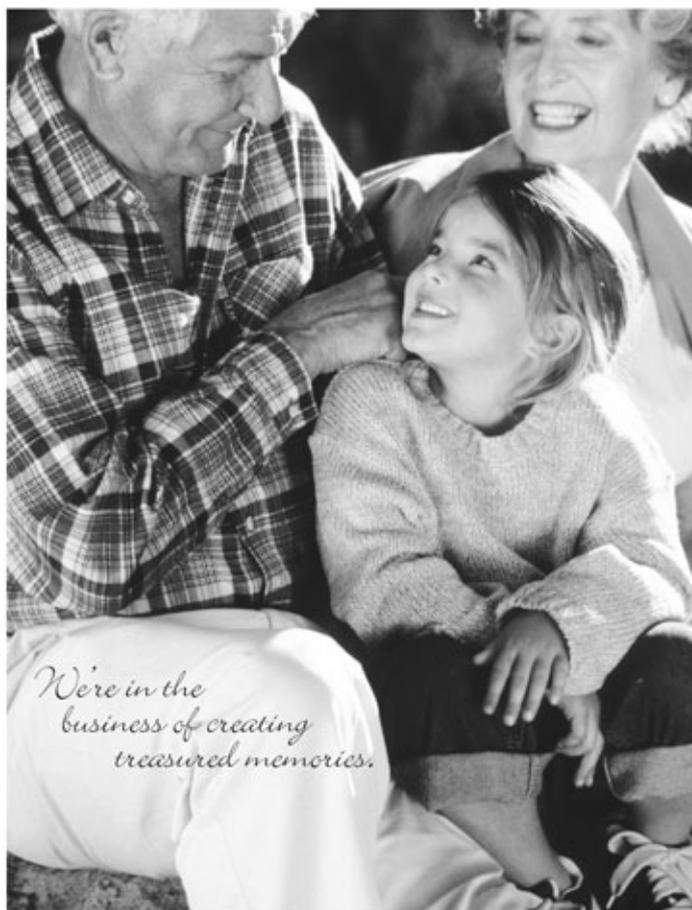
Art Contest at the Teen Center. An art contest for Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders will be held on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Show off artistic talent. Free; refreshments provided. Call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov. Club Phoenix features a big screen TV, VCR, jukebox, CD player, video games, pool and ping pong tables, food area and a state-of-the-art sound system.

THURSDAY/AUGUST 14

VTRCC Monthly Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Café Renaissance, 163 Glyndon St., Vienna. Speaker to be announced. Contact info@vtrcc.org or call 703-281-1333.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

The Virginia Area Public Information Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous will be holding a free workshop for Professionals in Northern Virginia who are interested in learning more about the AA program. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the 2008 Virginia Area Convention and Southeastern Regional Conference of AA. Workshop Topic: What AA is and isn't. Refreshments in the hospitality suite. RSVP to pubinfo@aavirginia.org 3 - 4:30 p.m., Sheraton Premiere Tyson Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Tel: 703-448-1234.



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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.

Tysons Task Force Promises Report in September

Tysons 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 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.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

FAITH

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6428. Deadline is Friday.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church hosts Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures vacation Bible school, Aug. 11-15. 9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. For children ages 4 to sixth grade. \$15 per child, \$40 maximum per family. Visit www.ipcmclean.org or call Dan Thomas, 703-356-3042, ext. 207.

Oakton Brethren Vacation Bible School. Aug. 11-Aug. 15, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call 703-281-4411 or register online at www.vacationbibleschool.com/oaktonbrethren. Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna.

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 Canadaigua, 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.

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

Vienna Assembly of God has ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays is also available. 703-938-7736 or visit www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms: a place to receive healing. Every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane, a team of Christians is available to pray for anyone requesting prayer. The rooms are open to the public without charge. For more information call 703-698-9779 or visit www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

The **Baha'i community of McLean** holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, beginning at 8 p.m. every Friday. The fireside is an opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith and why Baha'is find hope in a seemingly hopeless world. Call 703-556-3400.

English classes. McLean Baptist Church is offering free conversational English classes on Mondays. Classes include beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. There is no cost for the class or registration, however students must buy their own books. Classes are from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. New student registration begins at 9 a.m., until Oct. 30. McLean Baptist Church, 1367 Chain Bridge Road. Call 703-356-8080 or visit www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, located at 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, invites all to come for the Third Sunday Service every month at 10:15 a.m. This service allows the children to play active roles during the service, particularly in the music and as greeters and ushers. In addition to the Third Sunday Service, traditional services take place every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. Call the church office at 703-356-7533 with questions.

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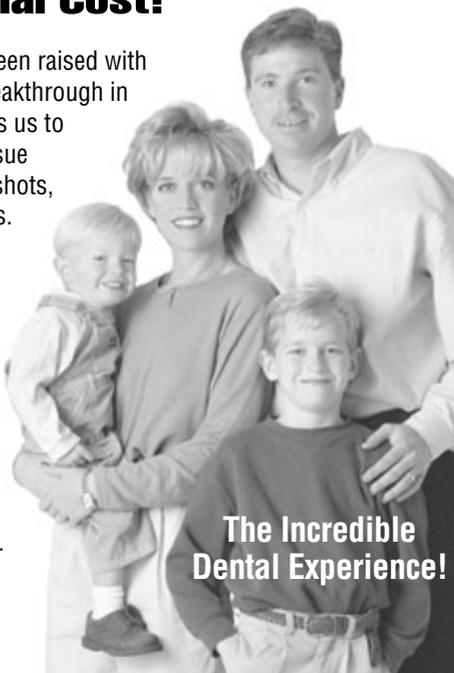
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"Dream Free" picnic for parents of children with epilepsy, Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lake Fairfax Park, Canopy G, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Cost per family \$45, per person \$15. Please bring a side dish. To register contact Dana at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

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Support meetings for parents of children with AD/HD are held every **first Wednesday** of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the offices of Annette Spector, 6845 Elm St., Ste. 710, McLean. E-mail Aspector@DER-online.com, call 703-641-5451 or visit www.novachadd.org. Free.

The Alzheimer's Association of the National Capital Area is starting a new caregiver support group that will meet on the **second Monday** of each month at 1 p.m. at The Sylvestery, 1728 Kirby Road in McLean. The Sylvestery is Vinson Hall Retirement Community's new assisted living residence for the care of people with memory impairments. Barbara Adams, M.S.W., will be the support group leader.

Improvements Planned

FROM PAGE 3

residents along the route to get in and out of their homes.

"Normally when you have as situation like this," Gibb said, "you widen the road." But this would have chopped into the property of many home owners, allowed cars to go faster on the residential streets and changed the character of area.

Instead, citizens along the road, county supervisors from those districts and the NVRC organized a study to come up with something better. Then state Del. Vincent Callahan, as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, got \$75,000 provided to conduct the Hunter Mill Road Calming Study which

was completed in 2006.

Not only did the study establish the growing traffic congestion, but it recommended a whole set of innovative ways to ameliorate the problems from "roundabouts" as they use in Europe to redrawing intersections. The developers of this plan believe it will transform Hunter Mill without widening it to four lanes.

"We're transforming Hunter Mill Road from an F level road to B level road and keeping it at two lanes which will relieve traffic congestions, reduce accidents and help air quality. This is a win, win, win, situation," said Gibb.

Construction on some physical changes is expected to begin this fall.

Lesson in Wildlife

FROM PAGE 6

often do you get to see an albino creature at all?"

Daniel Maisano voted for the skunk as his favorite creature from those in the room. "A lot of people are afraid of skunks, but I know the spray is just a defense mechanism," said Daniel. "I'm always cautious with creatures like that."

SCOUT was born in captivity and de-scented. The black and white striped skunk is one of two species native to Virginia, and is friendly and comfortable around

humans.

Franny Maisano voiced her preference for the tiny possum, a little ball of soft fur. "I like how they can play dead when they're scared. I learned that skunks give more warning signs than just the standing up tail and spray."

Danny Oeland, who came from Fairfax for the program, said he likes seeing wild animals. In his yard are squirrels, foxes, and deer. Squirrels and deer are found in Evan Zhang's backyard, and Jessica Sova's, as well. There's also chipmunks in Jessica's yard, which is a good thing because she says

she likes animals. "I learned to leave wild animals alone," said six-year-old Jessica.

Shore talked about habits of her animals, reminding guests that even nocturnal animals occasionally come out during the day for food or safety, and it does not mean that they are sick. A wild animal knows what to eat; a captive animal eats what he is fed, which may not be its healthy diet.

"These animals live among us, and we should be grateful they are our neighbors," said Shore. "We should respect them and let them live in the wild."

SPORTS

Champions Crowned at All-Star Meets

BY MICHAEL GARCIA
AND PAUL FROMMELT
THE CONNECTION

Hundreds of swimmers, parents, team reps, and fans gathered on Saturday hoping to witness an exciting finale to another Northern Virginia Swimming League season. The NVSEs annual All-Star meet, held this year at Little Rocky Run, did not disappoint.

Top swimmers from each of the 17 divisions competed for the honor of league's best swimmer in their respective event or events. In the interest of time and competition, the meet had a different structure than regular season contests. Individual medley races started first and the team relay events were eliminated. Regardless of the abbreviated contest, those in attendance witnessed close finishes and dominating performances alike.

Though all the swimmers who competed represented the elite in the NVSL, a few stars shone brightest. Winners of multiple events included: Cassidy Bayer of Mount Vernon (girls eight and under backstroke and butterfly); Miller Surette of Lee-Graham (boys 9-10 breaststroke and IM); Suzanne Dolan of Overlee (girls 9-10 freestyle and backstroke); Janet Hu of Mosby Woods (girls 11-12 freestyle and IM); Alessandra Troncoso of Old Keene Mill (girls 13-14 breaststroke and IM); Sean Fletcher of Hunter Mill (boys 15-18 butterfly and IM); and Ashley Danner of Cottontail (girls 15-18 breaststroke and IM).

Hu and Danner turned in some of the day's most impressive performances. Hu won her freestyle event by almost two seconds (27.85) and her IM event by more than five seconds (1:08.45). Equally as dominant, Danner won her breaststroke event by almost two seconds (32.73) and her IM by three (1:04.23). Danner returned to Cottontail after swimming in the Olympic Trials earlier this summer.

And there was no shortage of thrilling finishes, either. Fletcher captured his first win, in the individual medley, by only .03 seconds over Bradley Phillips of Pinecrest. Even closer, Matt Weinberg of Orange Hunt defeated Michael Hallock of Fox Mill Woods in the boys' 15-18 backstroke by only .02 ticks in the day's most heart-pounding finish. In all, 12 races were decided by .18 seconds or less.

Still, perhaps nothing captured the thrill of All-Star Saturday quite like the final race. In the last heat of the last event - girls' 15-18 butterfly - Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree sped to a record finish of 28.93 seconds. The time broke the record she had tied at the Divisional Meet the previous Saturday and which had been set 24 years ago, by a mere one-hundredth of a second - the smallest of margins.

THE COLONIAL SWIM LEAGUE had its fair share of impressive performances as well, as 13-year old Christopher Crapco of Hayden Village won all three of his events for the third consecutive year. The Broadlands Piranhas had three of their own three-time winners, with Isaiah Fitzgerald, 8, Kristin Haufler, 12,

and Alli Haufler, 14, all taking three gold medals. The Burke Centre Penguins' Matt Jones, 12, won his fourth, fifth and sixth gold medal this year, winning all three of his events.

Double-winners at the meet were Madelaine MacPhail (Chinquapin), Andi Mack (Ashburn Village), Vince Marrocco (Cascades), Meghan Thompson (Chantilly National) and Micheal Herrmann (Barrington).

At the meet, 35 different swimmers took first-place medals. Eighteen different teams boasted a gold-medal winner, with Broadlands taking ten gold medals, followed by Hayden Village with six, Burke Centre Penguins with five and Ashburn Village, Burke Centre Stingers and Cascades each taking home four gold medals.

THE WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB swim team had a big day at the Dominion Country Club League All-Star meet, winning 13 gold medals at the meet, with Laura Kellan winning three events and Kayla O'Malley, Matt Callahan, Bohe Hosking and Palmer Lloyd each winning two gold medals. Lowes Island Country Club won 10 gold medals, with Ryan Natal and Torrie Zarella each winning three events. The Boggs family from the Mount Vernon Country Club won a total of four gold medals, with Jeff Boggs winning three events and Clara Boggs winning one. Other multiple winners at the meet include, Kate Klimkiewicz from International Country Club, Megan Byrnes of International Country Club and Riverbend's Jessica Hawken.

THE NVSL DIVING All-Star meet crowned eight champions over the weekend at the Dunn Loring Swim Club in Vienna. More than 170 divers from across Northern Virginia earned the privilege to compete at All-Stars through the performances at the eight individual division championship meets that were held on July 27. Boys and Girls in the following categories competed - Freshman (age 10 and under); Juniors (age 11 through 12); Intermediates (age 13 through 14); and Seniors (age 15 through 18).

Cassie Self, representing the host pool, won the senior girls competition while John Trope of Rolling Hills in Springfield took the senior boys. Truro Homes' Simone Freidman took the intermediate girls, with Carl Buegler of Arlington Forest taking the intermediate boys. Allison Stickel of Vienna Woods and Matthew Hubbard of Truro Homes won the junior boys and girls, while Stephanie Chewing of Old Keene Mill and Grayson Campbell of Vienna Woods took the boys and girls freshman titles.

In addition, the league recognized those competing All Star divers who were competing in their final NVSL meet. These divers included Hal Cogan (Rutherford, Fairfax), Raymond Curry (Lee Graham, Falls Church), David Garaffo (Hayfield Farm, Alexandria), Bobby Horton (Sleepy Hollow B&R, Falls Church), Jim Kuhn (Mansion House, Alexandria), Maureen Reed (Dunn Loring, Vienna), Cassie Self (Dunn Loring, Vienna), Dale Tornell (Springfield) and Samantha Winter (Tuckahoe, McLean).

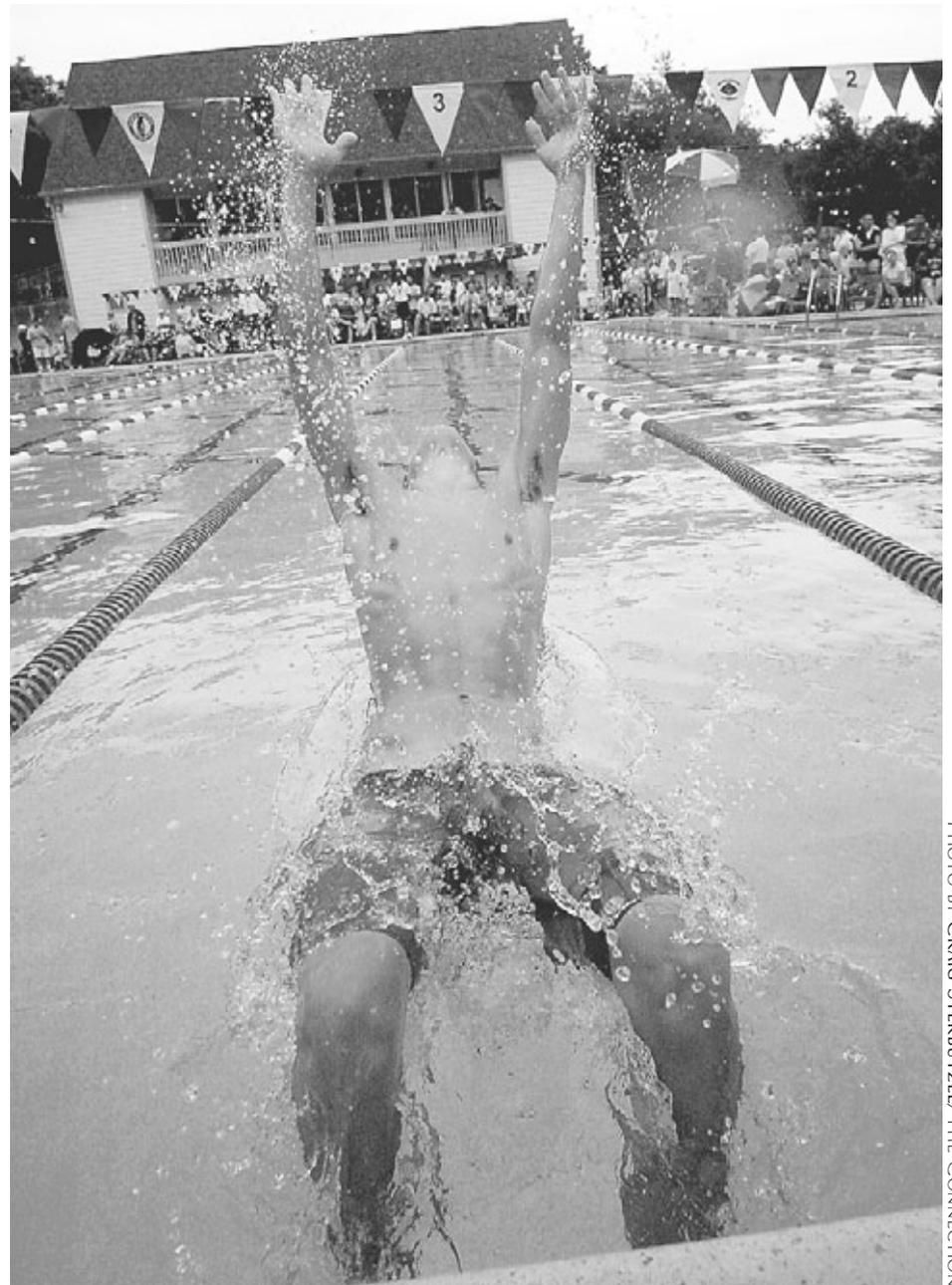


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The Colonial Swim League All-Star meet was held at Burke Centre on Aug. 2, where 35 different swimmers took home at least one gold medal.



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Ryan Stomvoll pours an ice bucket over his teammates as the Westwood Country Club swim team celebrates winning the Dominion Country Club swim league championship.



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>.

COMMUNITY



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

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," 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.

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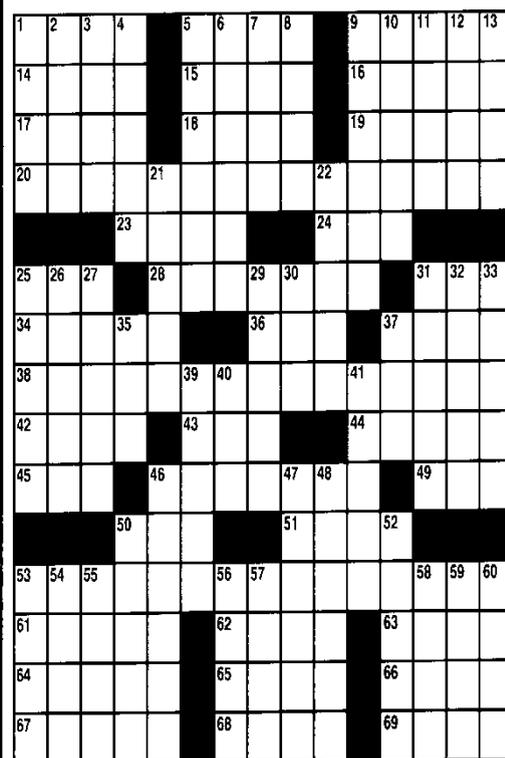
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- 1 Not so much
- 5 The "A" in N.E.A.
- 9 Spelunker
- 14 Very much
- 15 Partner of potatoes
- 16 Martini garnish
- 17 Neighbor of Senegal
- 18 100%
- 19 Actress Braga of "Kiss of the Spider Woman"
- 20 Jean Harlow, e.g.
- 23 Goodyear product
- 24 Grassland
- 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
- 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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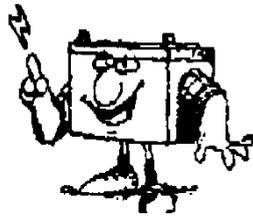
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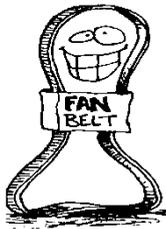


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