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Visitors to the McLean Artfest are reflected in photographs by artist Newton More during the annual artfest at the McLean Central Park on Sunday, Oct 5.



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Hundreds of area residents view a variety of art during the annual McLean Project for the Arts' Artfest on Sunday, Oct. 5 in the McLean Central Park.

Artfest Attracts Thousands

Under bright, sunny skies Sunday, Oct. 5 more than 4,500 art enthusiasts from McLean and surrounding communities attended the second annual McLean Project of the Arts MPAartfest, a juried art show and sale.

Nearly 40 regional and local artists showcased their works in mini-galleries setup throughout McLean Central Park. The artworks included paintings, drawings, watercolor photography, ceramics, fine jewelry and more that MPAartfest attendees purchased during the event.

"This year's MPAartfest was an overwhelming success," said Bari Levingston, SEE ARTISTS, PAGE 9

Artist Bruce Fransen talks with potential buyers about some of his wood art during the annual McLean Artfest on Sunday.



VIEWPOINTS

What do you like most about the ArtFest?



Christine Galloway, Devin Rajan, Emily Gurian, and Kevin Casto, McLean

"It really brings the McLean community together." "And it's a lot of fun with the music, food, and stuff." "It's a good way to check out a bunch of artwork from the area too." "The people make it a really nice place to come and spend some time."



Glenn Wayborough, McLean

"My favorite part is that it allows for a bunch of talented people to exhibit their work."

— ANDREW JOHNSON

MCA Debates Tysons Authority

Citizens association responds to Tysons Task Force recommendations.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

At their business meeting last Wednesday, members of the McLean Citizens Association's governing board scrambled to fine-tune the association's response to the recently released Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force report in time to be out of the McLean Community Center before it closed at 11 p.m.

The board wanted to get the resolution on the record immediately, in hopes that it would help guide county staff as they examine the task force's recommendation.

A major topic of discussion was the Tysons Authority proposed by the Task Force to oversee the implementation of whatever plan is approved for the area. The citizens association has long said it would support a plan for greater development of Tysons Corner only if the plan assured that adequate infrastructure, such as roads, schools, parks, and water and sewer, would be put in place to support the growth without putting a burden on the surrounding area, and it has expressed concerns that impacts on infrastructure are not being addressed.

HOWEVER, the group had little knowledge of the task force's proposal for a local authority to oversee land use and the collection and distribution of funding for improvements, a recommendation that several MCA members said had not been publicized.

"I don't have any clear picture of what governance and finance should look like," said Rob Bates, a member of the citizens association's Tysons Liaison Committee, arguing that the MCA resolution drafted by Planning and Zoning Committee Chair Mark Zetts, although thorough regarding matters of land use and zoning, took an uninformed stand on the proposed Tysons Authority.

The draft resolution expressed concern that the authority, which is to consist of "relevant stakeholders" in the community, would usurp the county government's role in land use decisions.

MCA Board member Sally Horn said she wanted concerns about the authority expressed in the resolution. "They would be making decisions that would also affect those of us who live outside the area," she said.

Wade Smith, a member of the association's governing board as well as the Tysons Task Force, tried to convince the board that the Tysons Authority would be necessary and beneficial to the redevelopment

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Compassionate Conservative

Activists says
Wolf fights for
the voiceless at
home and abroad.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

This is the second in a series of articles about Virginia's 10th and 11th congressional district candidates. An article about 11th district Republican candidate Keith Fimian appeared last week. Articles about 11th congressional district candidate Gerry Connolly and 10th congressional district candidate Judy Feder will also appear.

In the backcountry of war-torn southern Sudan, Africa specialist Ted Dagney once found a picture of U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) stuck to a post. The message attached to it read: "This is Frank Wolf's road."

"This is in a very remote area. There is nothing out there," said Dagney who works for the nonpartisan congressional research service.

Wolf has fought tirelessly to stop the human rights abuses and genocide in Sudan since the 1980s, long before problems in Darfur gained mainstream media attention. His efforts gained him widespread recognition and appreciation from the southern part of the African country.

"He was there when no one else was there when it comes to the Sudan issue. He never shied away. He never said 'I don't have time for this.' He always has time for issues like this," said Dagney.

WOLF, a 28-year incumbent, faces Democrat and health care expert Judy Feder in an election for Virginia's 10th congressional district seat Nov. 4.

Many people consider the Republican a leader on human rights issues in the U.S. Congress. He is co-chair of the congressional human rights caucus and has taken a pro-active role on human rights and religious freedom issues in China, Burma, Tibet, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Balkans region, Egypt, Romania, Pakistan, Korea and Afghanistan — to name a few.

"We count on him all the time. He is one of the few leaders we run up to when we need something. ... He gives voice to the voiceless and he is well known around the world because of that," said T. Kumar, Amnesty International's advocacy director for Asia.



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) spoke at a Veterans for McCain rally in Ashburn's Lansdowne Town Center Oct. 4.

Wolf has sponsored anti-genocide resolutions in the U.S. Congress and established the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People around the Globe (HELP) commission, aimed at enhancing the leverage and efficiency of U.S. foreign aid.

As the ranking member of the foreign relations operations subcommittee, he has restricted assistance to abusive military dictatorships and pressured foreign governments to give up political prisoners, said Kumar.

The congressman does much of this work, despite the fact that it offers very little in the way of political gain or fanfare, said those involved in human rights causes.

"He doesn't get involved just because an issue is in the papers. He is involved even when an issue becomes unpopular or forgotten," said Dagney.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS wasn't always such a priority for Wolf. After two unsuccessful campaigns, the Republican was finally elected to Congress in 1980, the year Ronald Reagan won the presidency.

At the time, Wolf represented Fairfax County north of Route 50 and Arlington County. A former Nixon appointee to the Department of Interior, Wolf focused on domestic and local issues. He successfully lobbied to shift control of local airports to a regional authority, a talking point he brought up along the 1980 campaign trail.

But in the mid-1980s, Wolf took two trips that he calls "life-changing experiences."

He visited Ethiopia and stayed

at a feeding camp during the height of famine in 1984. The next year, he went to Romania, where he said the then-government was bulldozing churches and synagogues.

"The squalid conditions of the feeding camps and the faces of the individual Ethiopians who begged for help are unforgettable," wrote Wolf in his newsletter in 1985.

Wolf has also taken it upon himself to visit people and places around the world that he supports.

Wolf visited the Russian Gulag, has been to the Chinese prisons where those arrested in the Tiananmen Square protests are kept and gone "undercover" to Tibet when it was closed territory.

"He has done some amazing things at his own risk to understand what is really happening," said Kumar, of Amnesty International.

"If you visit a place and spend a night or several days, that is a life-changing experience. To feel it, touch it, smell it, hear it. That is different than reading about it or watching a movie," said Wolf.

WOLF BRINGS the same approach to local issues that he has to international problems.

The congressman often gets involved when he perceives there is an injustice or suffering.

"Frank is kind of hard to define politically. ... He takes on some little-noticed causes," said U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11).

He has railed against toll increases on the Dulles Greenway Toll Road in Loudoun County. Wolf also pushed for an investigation into the way Lyme Disease is di-

agnosed after a few constituents complained that they were having trouble getting proper medical attention for the illness.

In some cases, Wolf has gone up against powerful special interests on behalf of constituents.

Wolf publicly criticized Purdue Pharma company for aggressively marketing oxycontin when addiction to the prescription painkiller became a serious problem in the western part of his district. The congressman is also fighting Dominion Power — one of the top donors to Virginia elected officials — and their efforts to install high-voltage power lines in Loudoun County.

"He is truly one of the most decent people in politics. Nothing has ever gone to his head. He just keeps working hard, no matter what the issue is," said Fairfax County Supervisor Mike Frey (R-Sully), whose district overlaps with Wolf's.

THE REPUBLICAN has also been out in front on some key issues for the region over the years, said elected officials.

Through an earmark, Wolf has acquired federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force, which is credited with reducing local crime.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D) often points to it as one of the Fairfax County's most successful initiatives. Loudoun County Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) said the task force "has made a big dent in gang warfare."

Delgaudio added that Wolf has

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Vinson Hall To Host Aircraft Carrier's Crew

Vinson Hall Retirement Community (VHRC), home to many of the region's military veterans and their spouses, will host members of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, Oct. 9-10.

The crew will interview residents as part of an oral history program and will meet with students at Chesterbrook Elementary School in McLean. On Thursday, Oct. 9, at noon, six members of the ship's crew will record interviews with VHRC residents to capture stories about their lives. Interviewees will include Commander John Budzik, 91, a Pearl Harbor attack survivor.

On Friday, Oct. 10, at 8 a.m., crew members — all of whom are multi-media specialists — will arrive at Chesterbrook Elementary. They will be interviewed by students live on the school's closed-circuit television station.

They will then meet with students to share multi-media techniques and demonstrate new information technology equipment. Chesterbrook students also will launch a pen-pal program with the crew.

"The interaction between our residents, the Chesterbrook students and the ship's crew is very exciting," said Rear Admiral (Ret.) Kathleen Martin, CEO of VHRC.

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Tyson's' Numbers Debated

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ment, saying it would make sure the plan approved by the county was properly fulfilled. Smith said the authority would have a seven-member board appointed by the county Board of Supervisors and would consist of Tysons Corner employers, residents, developers and landowners. "This is the way we're going to get done all this stuff that never gets done, like the infrastructure," he said.

Several MCA board members still referred to the idea of the local authority as "the fox guarding the henhouse."

"They want to police themselves," said Zetts, who has attended many of the task force meetings.

ULTIMATELY, the board decided the authority could be beneficial if it had a heavy representation of citizens and neighbors of the development. The final resolution expresses "deep concern about the lack of clarity regarding the composition, the role of and the need" for such an authority.

Ted Alexander, MCA board

member and chair of the Greater Tysons Citizens Coalition, said that, while he had concerns about the Tysons Authority, he doubted that the county would surrender too much power to the body anyway.

High density and the stress it could put on McLean and other nearby communities has been the citizens association's main sticking point with the task force's proposal.

A STUDY by George Mason University predicted that there would be demand for about 88 million square feet of development in Tysons Corner by 2040, twice what is there now but just 14 million square feet less than the maximum currently allowed.

Board member Steve Del Bianco opposed mentioning the study in the resolution because it was based on demand only, giving no analysis to capacity, which is the MCA's only concern. "We don't care if the buildings stand empty," he said.

Zetts said he wasn't sure the county would even approve 88 million square feet, but he said the

number would not be intolerable. "While the GMU number is aggressive, I think it's acceptable," he said.

However, the board left a mention of the study in the resolution, hoping it would show that the task force's recommendation was excessive. "If you build by these numbers, less than half of them will come," board member John Schaefer quipped.

"You can have density go up, and it doesn't necessarily mean traffic will go up with it," Smith said. He noted that residential space holds fewer people and therefore generates less traffic than office space.

THE RESOLUTION calls for "density triggers" that would allow greater development after a certain level of infrastructure is built and recommends that growth be deliberately centered around Metro stops, with the highest density allowed within 1,000 feet of the stations.

It also requests that the Planning Commission conduct public workshops on the Tysons Corner planning process.



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Members of various churches in McLean participate in a prayer during a Community Day of Prayer cookout at McLean's First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Building Bridges

McLean's First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook holds Community Day of Prayer.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

When a racial slur defaced the façade of McLean's First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook on Aug. 17, the Rev. Todd Brown said the ignorant act would serve to bring people together, not tear them apart. On Saturday, Oct. 4, members of different congregations in McLean came together for a cookout at the First Baptist Church as part of an event designed to highlight McLean's unified and diverse community.

"Truthfully, McLean is a rich community and I am not talking about finances," said Brown at the gathering. "It's rich because of the people who make up the community."

Brown said the Community Day of Prayer was an opportunity to start new relationships and foster existing ones. "I'm excited about who's here and who's coming," said Brown.

During a prayer ceremony at the beginning of Saturday's event, pastors, elders and members of various McLean churches spoke to those gathered. The Rev. Stephen Shepherd of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church spoke about the need to build bridges of unity and implored God to help in that building. "It is a great commission you have given us to share love in McLean, in this community," said Shepherd.

"When we come together in the name of Jesus, there is nothing we can't do," said Lennell Quarles, an elder at the Church of God in Christ. Through unity, he said, "We are greater than anything that can come up against us."

The Rev. Robert Cheeks, of the Shiloh Baptist Church in McLean, said the day's



From left, Lennell Quarles, elder at the Church of God in Christ, John Cherry, member of the Chesterbrook United Methodist Church, the Rev. Todd Brown of the First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook, the Rev. Stephen Shepherd of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and Dr. Robert Cheeks of Shiloh Baptist Church.

"We are greater than anything that can come up against us."

— Lennell Quarles,
Church of God in Christ elder

event carried a similar meaning for him. "Today is about unity, solidarity and building our relationships," said Cheeks. "I think it's a start that will spread and it's needed." He said he appreciated an opportunity to meet with individuals from different churches.

Brown said there is discussion between the pastors to organize similar events on a quarterly basis. The Aug. 17 incident, he said, has only unified the community and strengthened the already tight bonds in McLean.



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THE CONNECTION

Christopher Weise.



Christopher Weise graduated from James Madison University with a degree in Music Education.

Smooth Transition

New band director takes over at McLean High.

BY DANIELLE LANDAU
THE CONNECTION

After graduating from James Madison University with a degree in music education, Christopher Weise has returned to his hometown to direct the band at McLean High School. He is replacing Jim Kirchenbauer, a well-respected mentor who has been leading the program for 26 years.

A GRADUATE of the rival James Madison High School, Weise said, "It has always been my goal to teach at a high school of McLean's caliber, so it is truly humbling to fill such an honorable position."

Weise feels that Kirchenbauer "has been grooming me for this position ever since I first asked him to have coffee and talk about my possibly joining his team."

"My involvement with the band has made the change effortless for me and the students," Weise said. Even though Kirchenbauer decided to step down this past summer, a year earlier than he had originally planned, he led Marching Band Camp alongside Weise in August. "His presence and guidance has been so beneficial to the music program," said Weise of Kirchenbauer. The transition from assistant director of the Marching Band to band director has been smooth and easy. Although he no longer works at McLean High School, Kirchenbauer supports the band at many rehearsals and competitions as their biggest fan.

WEISE HAS BEEN involved with music in the area, playing the eupho-

nium, a small baritone tuba, in a group of local music teachers called the Fairfax Wind Symphony and directing at Kilmer Middle School. Just a few years ago, the Kilmer Band, led by Weise, performed in the Music In The Parks band festival at Busch Gardens. Dr. Kevin Bartram, director of music at the University of Mary Washington and one of the judges of the competition, said in his critique of the band, "Bravo! What outstanding musical direction and dedication. This was a truly amazing and spectacular performance from one of the finest middle school band programs in the country!"

As for McLean's future, Weise said, "My goal is to maintain the level of excellence that Kirchenbauer has established and rejuvenate the program." Weise feels that no major changes need to be made, but

he looks forward to breathing new life into a few aspects of the thriving program.

His parents, who are proud of his run at Kilmer Middle School, believe he will make a profound impact on the students and faculty at McLean. Weise's father, Mike, said, "I know throughout his life Chris will draw from his deep background in music. I still consider myself his biggest groupie."

"My goal is to maintain the level of excellence that [Jim] Kirchenbauer has established and rejuvenate the program."

— Christopher Weise

WEISE SAYS he appreciates the opportunity to continue on the path that Kirchenbauer has paved for the school. "His work ethic, knowledge and drive put him on the short list of people that I felt comfortable trusting to lead the program that I have devoted so much of my life to," said Kirchenbauer of Weise.

With more than a few performances under his belt Weise said, "I am looking forward the upcoming football games, competitions and the Fall Symphonic Band Concert on Oct. 30, where we will again prove our ability to people near and far."



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OPINION

Signs of Life

Time to count our blessings in Northern Virginia; real estate market alive at both ends of the spectrum.

While the economic news is enough to ruin your breakfast (and lunch, and dinner), there are signs of life and resilience here in Northern Virginia.

While unemployment climbs in other parts of the country, employment is stronger here than almost anywhere. Proximity to the federal government in general, and to the Pentagon in particular, continues to boost our economy and employment.

We can look forward to new federal jobs created to support oversight of \$700 billion in federal investment in mortgage-related debt.

The Treasury, along with Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, should waste no time in fixing some of the problems at the root of the current housing and mortgage crisis. Adjustable rate mortgages should be rewritten or refinanced for a fixed rate of 6 percent for 30 years. Pre-payment penalties should be abol-

ished and banned. Every effort should be made to keep current homeowners in their current homes, and rescue them from the threat of foreclosure if they are able to make payments on the actual value of their homes at a reasonable and fixed interest rate. These steps will go a long way towards restoring a sense of confidence in the value of most families' primary investment. It's critical to let would-be homebuyers know that the end is in sight for prices dropping due to foreclosures.

On the home front, August home sales showed signs of life here, even during a month notorious even in good times for low sales activity.

In communities that are served by the Connection Newspapers, in the month of August, more than 120 homes sold for more than \$1 million.

To give a sense of the variety of sales, the home that sold for the most money in the area in August was a four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath condo in Arlington,

which sold for \$5.3 million.

A three-bedroom, three-and-a-half bath home on an acre in Alexandria sold for \$3.875 million. Two homes in McLean and one in Great Falls each sold for more than \$3 million.

A dozen more condos and townhouses in Arlington and Alexandria sold for between \$1.09 million and \$2.325 million.

A four-bedroom home in Vienna sold for \$1.6 million on Aug. 27. A four-bedroom home in Oakton sold for \$1.45 million on Aug. 29. Ten more homes in Vienna and Oakton sold in August for more than \$1 million each.

A five-bedroom, six-bath home on more than five acres in Clifton sold on Aug. 1 for \$2.388 million. A seven-bedroom home on five acres in Fairfax Station sold on Aug. 25.

Several homes with Lorton addresses topped \$1 million, along with at least one in Springfield and one in Centreville.

A home on a little less than an acre on Broad Creek Place in Herndon sold for \$1.275 million

on Aug. 21.

A six-bedroom home on half an acre in Ashburn sold for \$1.845 million on Aug. 6.

At the other end of the spectrum is a glimpse of affordability that we haven't dreamed of in this area in nearly a decade.

Some examples: In Arlington, 10 condos sold in August for less than \$200,000, six of those for under \$150,000.

In Reston, 14 homes — condos and townhouses — sold for under \$200,000, with another 16 selling between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

In Herndon, more than 40 homes, mostly townhouses, sold in August for less than \$200,000, 15 of those under \$150,000. More than 20 more sold for between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

Even in McLean, more than a dozen condos sold for less than \$300,000.

With homes at the top of the market selling, and new opportunities opening up at the affordable end of the market, our area's real estate market and home values should be reassuring.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doctors Appeal For Disclosure

To the Editor:

In America, it is expected that the public be apprised of the state of health of the President. It is even more important that the public be fully aware of the state of health of a potential President.

In May of this year the McCain campaign released details of his medical records in a peculiarly restrictive manner, permitting review of 1,173 pages to a selected group of reporters for only three hours, with photocopying of material prohibited. There are valid medical questions about Sen. McCain's prognosis that have not been satisfactorily answered by that session.

In 2000 presidential candidate John McCain was diagnosed with a particularly serious cancer, an invasive malignant melanoma. Sen. McCain's doctors have represented his 2000 tumor as Stage IIA, which has an 80 percent five-year survival rate and a 60 percent 10-year survival rate. But reporters' notes from the released records raise concern that this staging may be overly optimistic regarding a potentially lethal cancer, Stage III, in which the 10-year survival is more like 30 percent.

There are those who observe that it has been eight years since this tumor was removed and there has been no recurrence. But it is important to note that late recurrences are not uncommon in melanoma, and that remission is not a cure.

On Friday, Oct. 3, The New York Times pub-

lished a statement calling for full disclosure of John McCain's medical records. This request was signed by 2,817 physicians, including myself.

The American people are entitled to a full understanding of the health risks to Mr. McCain. Lack of candor fuels speculation that there is something to hide.

It is imperative that the McCain campaign put an end to fear and speculation about the seriousness of the Senator's invasive melanoma by releasing all records from the original diagnosis, treatment and subsequent evaluations. The American people deserve no less.

Nancy V. Bruckner
MD, dermatologist
McLean

Voting for Area 'Renaissance Man'

To the Editor:

In a congressional campaign, some things need sunshine — and Frank Wolf is no exception. What on earth has Frank accomplished for us, his constituents, over the years?

We hear he's traveled to countries that practice abusive human rights, but hey, what has he done for us lately?

❖ Frank Wolf traveled to Darfur and pressed for aid, also traveled to Russia and China;

❖ Frank Wolf exposes foreign abuses against political prisoners and women;

❖ Frank Wolf warned about youth gangs in Virginia, got federal funds to get rid of them;

❖ Frank Wolf excels at bringing leadership to the table to solve problems with constitu-

ents;

❖ Frank Wolf strongly supports the surge in Iraq;

❖ Frank Wolf warned for months that we are \$9 trillion in debt that flows to China;

❖ Frank Wolf warned about \$54 trillion of unfunded liabilities backed by U.S. government;

❖ Frank Wolf warns the U.S. will lose its AAA bond rating in 2012;

❖ Frank Wolf has consistently pressed for improved transportation infrastructure in NoVa;

❖ Frank Wolf obtained the funds improving the George Washington Parkway;

❖ Frank Wolf, along with John Warner, led the fight for Federal dollars for rail to Dulles;

❖ Frank Wolf supported the Iraq Study Group headed by Lee Hamilton and Jim Baker and worked for bi-partisan implementation of their findings;

❖ Frank Wolf warns that China is pulsating with infrastructure development, Shanghai is unbelievably advanced while our infrastructure, bridges, roads, crumble;

❖ Frank Wolf reports in 2006 China and India graduated 900,000 engineers. The U.S. graduated 40,000 and 40 percent were from foreign countries;

❖ Frank Wolf reminds us U.S. students rank 24th on the list of countries around the world.

I'm voting for this Renaissance Man. I'm voting for Frank Wolf Tuesday, Nov. 4. How about you?

Olivia Jenney
McLean

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NEWS

Artists Meet Community

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event chairwoman. "The beautiful day echoed MPAartfest's theme of 'Connecting Art and Community.' We look forward to the third annual MPAartfest next fall."

The MPAartfest featured a Children's ArtWalk (sponsored by the McLean Citizens Foundation), a Children's ArtTent (sponsored by the Rotary Club of McLean) and "Thinking Outside the Box", an art exhibit featuring works by area seniors. Additionally, MPA offered live entertainment by local and regional performers including Chelsea Lee and the Nighthawks as well as refreshments from several local eateries

An army of more than 200 volunteers, including the New Dominion Women's Club, Rotary Club of McLean, Woman's Club of McLean, Vinson Hall and local Boy Scout troops, helped make the event a success by donating their time and skills. For more information visit www.mpaart.org.



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Michael Prendeville has lunch with his kids, Michael, 3, and Katie, 5, while attending the annual McLean Project for the Arts' Artfest on Oct. 5.



Laura Peery talks with potential buyers about some of her art during the annual McLean Artfest on Sunday.

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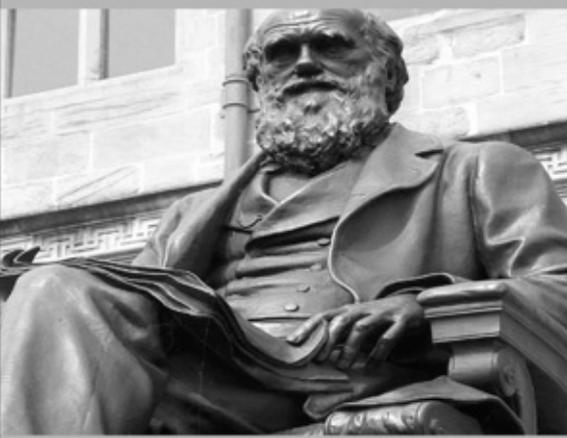
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Voter Profile: Military Veterans

Virginia veterans active in both McCain and Obama campaigns.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Retired Brig. Gen. John Johns supported Sen. John McCain's bid for the U.S. presidency eight years ago.

"The first political sign I ever put in my yard was for John McCain in 2000," said Johns, who lives in the Lansdowne development in Ashburn. The retired Army officer attended the National War College with McCain and considers the Arizona senator a friend.

But Johns, who left the military 30 years ago, will not be supporting McCain in the upcoming election Nov. 4. The veteran was the keynote speaker at a "Veterans for Obama" event Oct. 4.

"John McCain is the only one that insists we need to stay the course [in Iraq.] It is tearing our Army apart. ... It is wrecking our military and John McCain is stubbornly staying the course," he said.

A political independent, Johns said he has supported other veterans, including retiring Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), but does not think military service should be a prerequisite to the presidency.

"I commanded at higher levels than John McCain but to say this would qualify me to be president is nonsense," he said.

JOHNS' OPINION is far

from the norm. Veterans, both locally and nationally, have thrown a significant amount of their support behind McCain.

Only a few miles from the "Veterans for Obama" event where Johns spoke, the McCain campaign held a much larger event for supporters who are veterans. Twenty-one former leaders of the nation's largest veterans' organizations – the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars – also endorsed McCain Oct. 1.

"I have a wide audience of veterans and everyone I know supports John McCain," said John Hunter, an Arlington resident who is one of the McCain campaign's 31 "area coordinators" for veterans in Virginia.

"I am definitely more likely to support a veteran because of his military training and love of country," he added.

Approximately 13.5 percent of Virginia residents are veterans, the fifth highest percentage of veterans in any state population.

Arlington County (12 percent), the City of Alexandria (13.3 percent) and Fairfax County (11.8 percent) also have a higher



Arlington resident John Hunter attended a Veterans for McCain-Palin rally in Ashburn Oct. 4.



Loudoun County resident Thom Beres is a state director for Veterans for Obama.

PHOTOS BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

percentage of veterans among their residents than the United States on average (10.4 percent), according to 2006 census data.

Overall, about 138,200 veterans live in Northern Virginia, including Loudoun County, according to census figures.

"Are we critical? I think the race will be so close in Virginia that we are critical," said Thom Beres, the former head of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee and volunteer co-director of Veterans for Obama in Virginia.

"THE MILITARY is very conservative and so people in the military tend to align better with the Republican Party," said Don Raines, an Ashburn resident who graduated from the Air Force Academy and served in the military until 2006.

Raines, a McCain supporter, said he has a hard time identifying with or condoning Obama's recreational drug use as a young adult. "I didn't smoke a single joint in high school," he said.

Veterans also put a premium on a strong national defense and the Republican Party is perceived to favor a stronger approach to national security.

"In presidential elections, I tend to lean Republican because of national defense issues," said Springfield resident Bill Hurd, who also supports McCain.

But veterans supporting Obama said there is misconception about the link between the military and the Republican Party.

"I think you will find that officers skew Republican and enlisted folks skew Democrat," said Beres, a retired colonel who served for 26 years.

Beres added that recent reports also show people currently serving in the military – about three-percent of Virginia's total population – prefer Obama to McCain. Accord-

ing to the Center for Responsive Politics, active soldiers had contributed more money in larger numbers to Obama than McCain by the middle of August. Among those people who were deployed, Obama had a six-to-one advantage over McCain, the same analysis revealed.

Despite what Republicans might say, Democrats are not "weak" on defense, added Beres.

"The defense budgets increase under Democrats. Republicans tend to spend more money on fighter planes and bombers. Democrats spend more money on soldiers and benefits," he said.

VETERANS on both ends of the political spectrum agree that the next president should to focus more attention on the needs of retired and wounded soldiers.

"We veterans are looking at how our future president is going to take care of vet-

erans and our issues. ... I haven't really heard either presidential candidate talk about veterans issues," said Lew Lipscomb, commander of American Legion Post 176 in Springfield.

Lipscomb knows several local veterans who are having problems acquiring adequate health care. Many veterans feel their illnesses are getting lower "ratings" and that they are receiving fewer benefits than they would if they had the same problem in other regions of the country, he said.

"We have veterans coming to us needing money. They think we are rolling in money and we aren't," said Lipscomb, at the Springfield Post's annual "Pig Roast."

According to Lipscomb, there are approximately 8,000 American Legion members in Northern Virginia and Post 176 is the largest, with about 1,600 members.

MANY VETERANS said they thought McCain, a former prisoner of war, would better meet the needs of the military and veterans if elected.

"He is one of us. He knows what it means to get shot at," said Charlie McKinney, an Ashburn resident and coordinator of the "Veterans for McCain" effort in Virginia's 10th congressional district.

But Beres said McCain does not have a track record of being interested in veterans' issues.

"During [McCain's] 27 years in congress, he never volunteers to be on any committee or subcommittee

that deals with veterans and veterans' rights," said Beres.

"I think you will find that officers skew Republican and enlisted folks skew Democrat."

— Thom Beres, Veterans for Obama in Virginia

"I have a wide audience of veterans and everyone I know supports John McCain."

— John Hunter, Arlington

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Fairfax Pushes To Extend Voting

Fairfax County wants to having the option of leaving the polls open later should the region experience inclement weather or another calamity on election day.

Over the objections of county staff, the Board of Supervisors may ask the Virginia General Assembly to provide them with the option of extending voting hours in special circumstances. The bill would not be considered until after the presidential election takes place Nov. 4.

Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D) said he was upset on presidential primary day last February when Maryland was able to keep their polls open late during an ice storm but Northern Virginia was not.

"People were prevented physically from voting because they got stuck on a roadway," said Connolly.

Still, staff members said giving elected officials this power could open the voting process up to abuse. People could start extending polling hours in certain places as part of an effort to turn out more votes for the candidate of their choice, staff said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean district of the Fairfax County police department through Oct. 3.

BURGLARY

8900 block of Leesburg Pike.

Employees of the McLean Bible Church, at 8925 Leesburg Pike, notified police of a burglary on Friday, Sept. 26. An investigation determined that two people broke into the building during the night, around 2:29 a.m., and walked throughout the building, causing damage inside. The suspects were described as 5 feet 6 inches to 5 feet 8 inches tall. One was wearing a camouflage jacket, a dark backpack and baggy, dark pants. The other suspect had a thin build and was wearing a long, dark trench coat and white socks with dark shoes. He also wore a large red hat.

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Purse stolen from business.

2000 block of Corporate Ridge.

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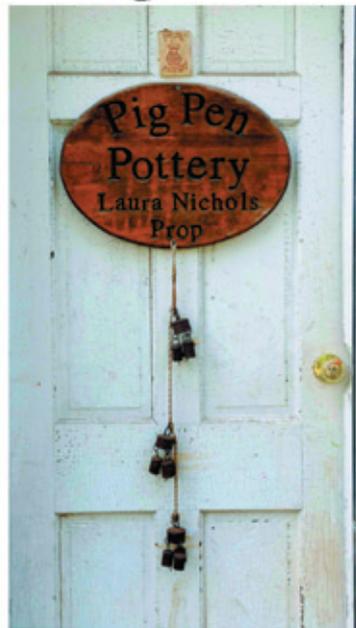
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Wallet stolen from residence.

Lee Highway/Gallows Road.

Laptop computer stolen from vehicle.

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For complete details, including a directory and map, visit www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

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Our Moon Up Close. 7 p.m. Explore the moon through family activities. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

The Influence. Atomic Tom, The Wellingtons and Mitch Hood. Pop/rock. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/OCTOBER 11

Bach to Rock. The Bach to Rock Music School presents a rock band. 4-6 p.m. at Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call 703-288-9505.
The Iguanas. 7:30 p.m. Zydeco and Latin rock fusion at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.
Riverbend Park Second Annual Moon on the River Concert. with the Jim & Ashley Cash Band. 5-7 p.m. \$10. Bring blankets and a picnic. Riverbend Park. 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. 703-421-7210.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Saffire -The Uppity Blues Women. 7:30 p.m. Post feminist traditional blues at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.
Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society presents a sneak preview to the 2008 Annual Show, and demonstrate simple techniques on how to improve the appearance of mums and garden flowers for home or show presentations. Entries will be received from 2-3 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Open to the public. Free admission. Jim Dunne, 703-560-8776.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

Tea Tasting. 10 a.m. Black Teas from India \$20. Cathy's Corner in the Village Centre, Great Falls. 703-757-6209 or www.greatfallsteagarden.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

W. Dudley Oakes, organist and choirmaster at Saint John Episcopal Church in Georgetown who also teaches at several Virginia and Washington D.C. universities. 1 p.m. Free lunchtime recital. Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-0670 or www.musicmclean.org.



Paul Stanley gives the guitar a rest.

"Tokyo Rain" is one of several of Stanley's paintings based on the circle.



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From Face Paint to Acrylics

KISS singer Paul Stanley appears with his art at the Wentworth Gallery at Tysons Corner.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Following a European tour with his seminal arena rock band KISS, front man Paul Stanley is coming to the area on a different kind of tour. The venue for his upcoming show: the Wentworth Gallery at Tysons Galleria, where Stanley will appear with a collection of his acrylic paintings on Saturday, Oct. 11, 12 noon-3 p.m.

Like his band, Stanley's largely abstract art is big and bold, with bright colors on large canvases. "I love art that's vibrant and has a lot of color," Stanley said. "I think life is vibrant. On its worst day, life's always a miracle." This is why, no matter his mood, his palette is never somber, he said. "In a warped way, depression is as vibrant as anything else."

Stanley said he was interested in art from a young age, and he graduated from the High School of Music and Art in Manhattan. "I was originally, according to a lot of people, a young talented artist," he said. However, he added, "I found I wasn't fond of people telling me what to do or how to do it." So he found an outlet for his artistic knack in the creation of a rock band that is as famous for its visual impact as its music.

STANLEY'S HAND was behind the makeup and costumes that helped make KISS world-famous, as well as some of its set designs, album covers and apparel. "I always had a very clear vision for the band and what I wanted it to be," he said. He created the KISS logo sitting at a table in his parents' house while he lived there. "That's why the two S's are not completely

parallel," he said, adding that when the band's design team offered to straighten them, he declined.

He didn't start painting again until about eight years ago, when he was going through a divorce and a friend suggested he resume the hobby. "It became a very interesting way of confronting a lot of things that were going on, and it turned out to be a journey I'm still on," he said. Stanley said he'd had no intention of showing his art, but when he hung one of his paintings in his house, visitors wanted to know whose work it was.

So he did a few small shows about four years ago. He has now done 18 shows in the last year and a half, "and it's been successful beyond anything I could have imagined," he said. "If money is a measure of success, I'm told my art generated \$2 million last year, so I guess it's not too bad." He said he appreciated the commercial success because it meant people connected with his work. "The idea that I might be a starving artist — that wasn't going to happen."

THE SIMILARITY between his approaches to music and art is that he sets about both "with the idea of no boundaries and pleasing myself," he said. "I think that when you approach something to please yourself, you can't go wrong. Even if no one else likes it, you've got one big fan."

He listed Pablo Picasso, Mark Rothko and Vincent Van Gogh as some of the artists who had influenced his work, adding, "Loads of people have been influences on my art. I think anything you're exposed to will turn up in your art one way or another."

The art is not a side project to his work with KISS, he said. "I

think I give 100 percent to everything I do. I don't bring paint brushes onstage, and I don't bring guitars into my studio."

Whatever the art form, Stanley said he was grateful that he had been able to do what he loved and that his work had resonated with others. "I'm on a journey I'm enjoying immensely."

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Contact Dan Thomas at 703-356-3042 or dthomas@ipcmclean.org.

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What lessons do yesterday's Progressives have for us today? Admission is free. Sunday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m., at the **Northern Virginia Ethical Society**, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. www.esnv.org or 703 437 3161.

All Souls Day Concert on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. Saint Luke Festival

Choir, Paul Skevington, artistic director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor, perform the Rutter Requiem and Barber's Adagio for Strings.

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, will hold a Pumpkin Sale from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, October 12-31. Proceeds benefit the church's Outreach Program. 703-442-0330.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

Open House at Pauline Shirley Toastmasters. 6:45 p.m. at the McLean Dolley Madison Library. Learn about the benefits of joining Toastmasters, develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet, build strong leadership abilities. Buffet will be offered. Hilda Harnack, P.S. Toastmasters Club, 1226 Ranleigh Road, McLean. 703-893-5506.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

McCain-Palin Victory 2008 Reception, with Gov. Sarah Palin and Sen. John Warner. 6 p.m. at the Ritz Carlton Tysons Corner, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. 703-912-6000.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools community dialogue sessions. 7-9:30 p.m. Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, discussing Barriers to Voting. Two events, 12:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, Room # 2, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean; contact Anne, 703-448-6626; or 7:45 a.m. at 9516 Rockport Road, Vienna; contact Liz, 703-281-3380. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

NARFE (National Association Retired Federal Employees) monthly meeting. 1:30 p.m. Guest speakers Gerald Connolly, Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and Keith Fimian, Chairman and Founder of U.S. Inspect, LLC. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Contact Kathy Arpa at 703-205-9041.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

CFO Series Event. Recent regulatory developments related to the adoption of IFRS, the potential impact of the upcoming election and the recent turbulence in the financial markets. This event is limited to senior financial technology executives only. Service providers must register with and bring a senior financial technology executive. 7:15 a.m. The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. NVTC members \$45; non-members \$75. www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=CFOFRS-10.

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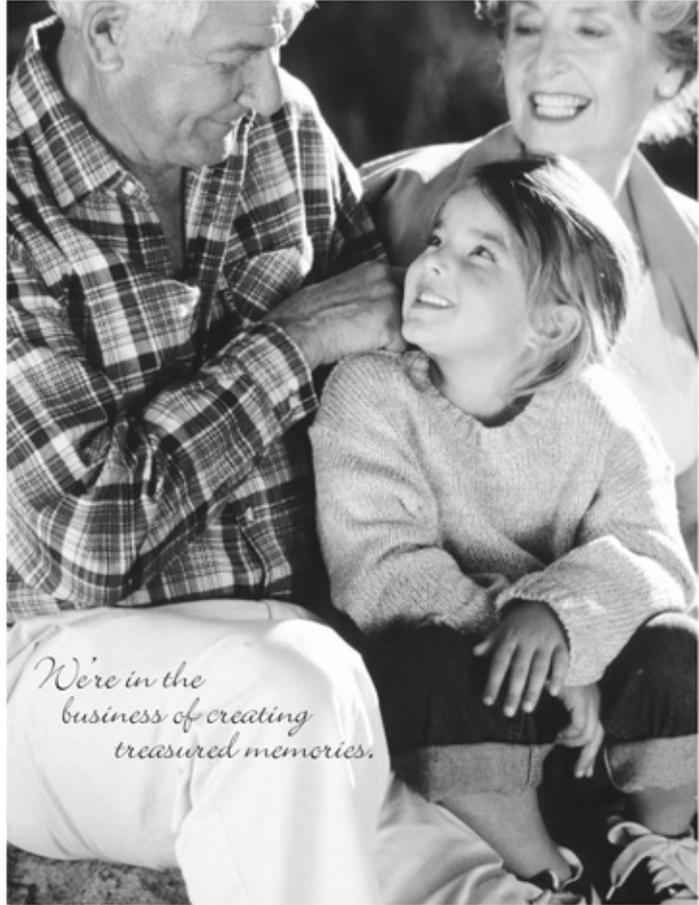
Five transportation experts will discuss "What You Need to Know About Transportation in 60 Minutes," covering five important topics in 60 minutes or less, on Thursday, Oct. 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Capital One Auditorium, 1680 Capital One Drive in McLean.

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Public Meeting On Park Expansion

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m. regarding the proposed acquisition of property in the Dranesville District. The property consists of approximately two acres of land referred to as the Birge-Fadoul properties. These properties are located near the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard in McLean. The addresses of the properties are 1300, 1308, 1312 and 1316 Ingleside Avenue (Tax Map Nos. 30-2 ((1)) Parcels 1A, 5, 6, 7 and 8). The properties are surrounded on three sides by McLean Central Park. The acquisition of these parcels would provide an addition to McLean Central Park. The public meeting will be held at the McLean Community Center; Park Authority staff members will provide a brief presentation. Written comments on the acquisition will be received by the Park Authority until Oct. 24. For more information visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/birge.htm> or contact Kay Rutledge, Manager of Land Acquisition at 703-324-8708.



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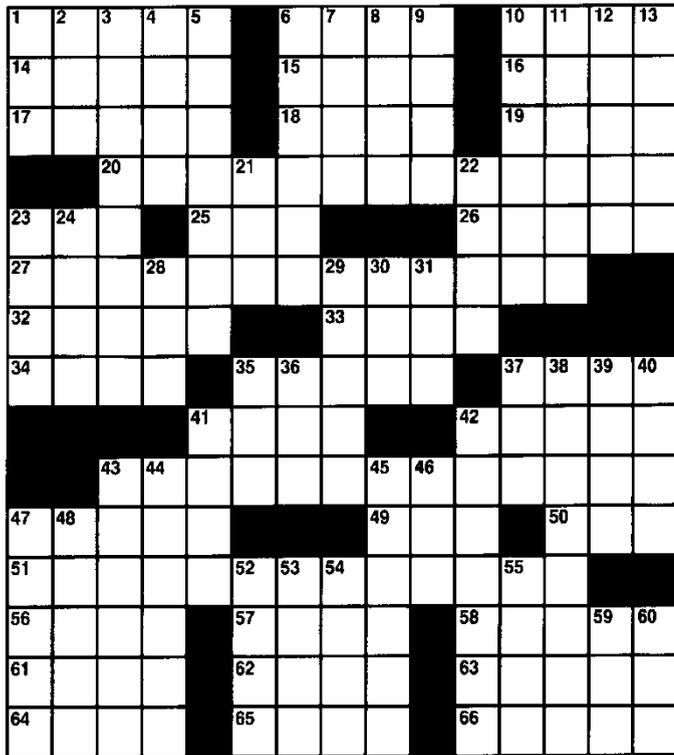
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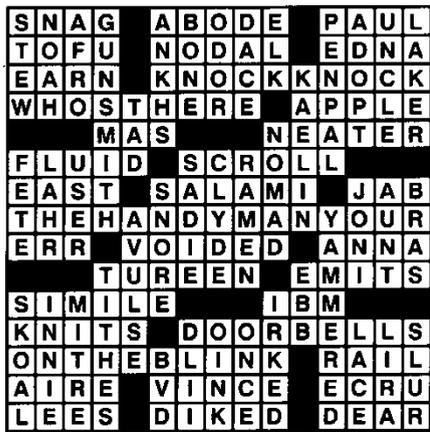
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Puzzle by Kelly Clark

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cutoffs, maybe, before they were cutoffs
 - 6 Sound of breaking up?
 - 10 Masterpieces
 - 14 Sylvia Plath book
 - 15 Religious image
 - 16 Baker's need
 - 17 Oft-quoted Yogi
 - 18 Old Spanish kingdom
 - 19 Coin no longer being minted
 - 20 What happens when Kansas City wins a World Series?
 - 23 Sea's partner
 - 25 Draw
 - 26 Boston team, in brief
 - 27 Why is the milk production survey so screwy?
 - 32 Kind of wrench
 - 33 Like a Burns acquaintance
 - 34 Sharp
 - 35 Detroit's county
 - 37 Item in which to do a plié
 - 41 Resistance units
 - 42 Not just a franchisee
- DOWN**
- 1 Elbows do it
 - 2 Before
 - 3 BB gun, e.g.
 - 4 Peter Lorre's role in "The Story of Mankind"
- 28** Compose
29 Authority
30 Press for payment
31 Ginger _____
35 "_____ me?"
36 Band aid?
37 Air letters?
38 Making whole
39 Make known
40 Bear with us at night
41 Voiced
42 Times when you're not at your peak
43 Pinafores
44 Thirstiest
45 "Hey, check that out!"
46 Guitarist Paul
47 Class
48 Cop _____
52 It's the truth
53 Spanish pot
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55 Vicinity
59 _____ standstill
60 Mateo or Miguel, e.g.

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You Make The Call



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

As a long-time customer server, I have had ample opportunities to do what I'm supposed to do; do what is right; and to do what is above and beyond, sometimes all together and sometimes independent of one another. As such, I feel somewhat qualified to discuss some of the customer service I receive and some of the customer service that I don't receive. And though \$4 per gallon gasoline and \$4.29 per gallon for home heating oil doesn't exactly put me in the best of moods, I'll try to be reasonable in my rant.

To quote the actor Peter Finch, in his role as "deranged ex-anchor," Howard Beale, from the 1977 release of the Oscar-winning movie, "Network," "I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it anymore." And furthermore, I have decided that I am no longer going to confront the foot soldiers, those front-line customer-servers with whom customers/consumers initially and most often engage, in their pursuit of truth, justice and what was once the American way, fairness. Henceforth, I am going to stop dealing with the infantry and follow Lt. Col. Sherman Potter's advice to Radar (from the long-running television show, M*A*S*H): "Always go to the top, Radar." To which Radar responded, "You're closer to it than I am, sir."

Well, I'm not any closer to the top than Radar was, but I am as close to a telephone as anyone else is, and since I am extremely comfortable and capable speaking on it, I have decided to complain up. The lack of on-site accountability has forced my hand — and fingers. No longer will I mumble in disbelief when treated disrespectfully, no longer will I grin and bear it when "policy" gets in the way of courtesy and this customer's satisfaction, and no longer will I attempt to resolve disputes with in-house management while backing up a line of frustrated customers waiting impatiently. I will remain calm. In fact, it will be as if I'm Katie Winters from the Secret brand deodorant commercials from yesteryear, "I will be cool, calm and collected." I will simply ask for a phone number for someone in customer service/customer relations at the main office/regional/corporate level to whom I can speak at a more convenient time.

I have never been a squeaky wheel, but after years of getting greased and neglected, of being disagreed with and generally speaking, taken for granted, I am officially mad as hell and I am now going to start doing something different about it. Enough is enough!

It is too difficult, especially in this economy, to make the money I make, incur the expenses I do and pay the bills I must, simply to be treated as if there's plenty more where I came from. And there may very well be, but that fact doesn't feed or assuage this bulldog. I'm done, locally.

In the future (heck, make that the present), I will be communicating my dissatisfaction to those in a position of authority. I am not going to waste my breath or expend my energy complaining to the unempowered person standing in front of me. I am going to follow Sherman Potter's advice. I have tried the other way and it doesn't work. It's time to start at the top and work my way down. Wish me luck. I'll probably need it.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Unrealistic Densities in Tysons Report

To the Editor:

As a member of the Tysons Task Force, I am concerned about key aspects of the report submitted to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors on Sept. 22. I believe the Task Force lost credibility with the public in proposing densities far in excess of scenarios vetted with the public or even perceived in the outreach process.

The most glaring omission in the report is the lack of traffic analysis. It was our understanding that the density levels would go through the transportation and infrastructure analysis before any report was issued. The Task Force should not have appeared to endorse densities until the related analyses were completed and members were able to review and use them in forming recommendations. The Board of Supervisors instructed the Task Force to mitigate traffic impact of development, yet we moved ahead without the related traffic study, thus being in non-compliance with one of the most basic tasks we were assigned.

The report acknowledges the importance of adequate infrastructure to support the redevelopment of Tysons, the need for a financing plan for this infrastructure, and the phasing of development consistent with the availability of infrastructure. I strongly advocated these concepts, but the information in the report on public utilities is inadequate. The list of new public facilities required is based on County analysis of the impact of serving 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs, and was based on an assumption of 114 million square feet of develop-

ment, not the increased densities projected in the report. Requirements for stormwater management, water supply, and wastewater management are vaguely stated, with no cost estimates provided, nor any indication of how much of the costs will be borne by taxpayers.

The report refers to a future of 100,000 residents, yet there is only cursory reference to schools. Original scenarios vetted with the public cited a shortage of some 86 elementary classrooms, 1/2 a middle school, and 1/2 a high school. The new density levels are so far beyond these scenarios that the school issue must be addressed.

The report cites the need for new urban standards for parks and recreational facilities, but the standards under consideration would both short-change Tysons residents and have a significant negative impact on recreational facilities in neighboring communities. The report is thus inconsistent with the Task Force goal of protecting surrounding communities.

The average absorption rate at Tysons has been roughly one million square feet per year. The proposed densities are far, far greater than realistically possible, and proposals that each station be at same density are faulty, particularly at the two malls.

I hope the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will address these concerns as county staff begins to draft the new Comprehensive Plan.

Amy Tozzi
 McLean
 Member of the Tysons Task Force

Putting Numbers in Perspective

To the Editor,

In your last edition a simple typographical error creates a major misconception about the finances of the McLean Community Center. In the article "MCC Cuts Tax Rate" you state that the existing operating fund was "more than \$10 million" and the total operating fund is expected to grow from \$10,825,476 to \$11,476,201 in the 2010 fiscal year."

The funding in question is really the end-of-year fund balance. This is the surplus made up largely of vaguely defined pots of

money resulting from the windfall in tax receipts created by the bubble in housing prices and the refusal of MCC Governing Boards to reduce the tax rates correspondingly. Even in FY 2010 the pot grows by \$959,424. I have proposed reducing this growth to zero, leading to a reduction in the tax rate to 1.83 cents (say 1.90, to give the MCC the benefit of the breakage).

John B. Walsh
 McLean

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SPORTS

Marshall Football Getting on a Football Roll

Statesmen defeat McLean for second straight win.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Marshall High football team put together its second consecutive win last Friday night, defeating visiting McLean, 38-16, in a Liberty District game.

With the win, the Statesmen improved their record to 3-3 overall after a 1-3 start to the season. Two weeks ago, Marshall had beaten non-district opponent Stuart, 28-0, in a road game.

Marshall trailed McLean (0-6) by a 9-0 score in the first half. The Highlanders opened the game with a 95 yard kickoff return to go ahead 6-0. The Statesmen did not score in the first quarter but came to life with 17 second quarter points in the second quarter to grab the lead at halftime, 17-16. Then, in the second half, Marshall, which was celebrating its Homecoming, played outstanding both on offense and defense to garner total control of the game.

Marshall, in the win, got touchdowns from junior receiver Dan McClain, senior running back Jamie Cleer, senior running back Christian Ovando and senior Harold Sweet, who returned from an injury to give the Statesmen a nice boost.

On the special teams' front, Marshall received good kickoff return yardage from both senior Eddie Stevenson and Cleer. Also, senior kicker John Peterman booted a successful field goal.

On the defensive side of the football, Statesmen McClain and Cleer both had several hard hits and junior defensive back Steven Savage came away with an interception.

It was a sweet victory for Marshall because it was the school's Homecoming and because it got the Statesmen to the .500 mark. This Friday night, Marshall will travel to district opponent Jefferson where it will



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Marshall Statesmen will travel to Jefferson High for a Liberty District game against the Colonials this Friday night.

be looking to notch its fourth win of the season.

The Statesmen won their season opening game way back on Aug. 29 over Hayfield before losing their next three games to Fairfax, Stone Bridge and Langley. But the win over Stuart two weeks ago got Marshall back into the 'W' column.

"It was great," said Marshall coach J.T. Biddison, of defeating the Raiders, members of the National District. "We definitely needed it."

The coach said his team executed well in the triumph over Stuart, with the exception of some turnovers.

"We started to do things right on offense and defense and we put things together," said Biddison. "We ran the ball well and finished our blocks and runs."

The area that concerned Biddison about the Stuart game was the fact that the Statesmen lost three fumbles. The first occurred when Marshall, leading 7-0, was marching the ball for another potential score. The lost fumble ended that threat. Unfortunately, Marshall fumbled on its next possession as well. But, despite the consecutive turnovers, Marshall still went on to win the game with

relative ease.

Marshall, which led Stuart 14-0 at the half, received strong running games from Ovando (90 yards rushing) and senior running back Brandon McCullen (60 yards).

Biddison was especially pleased with his team's play on the defensive side of the football against the Raiders.

"It was their best game of the year," said Biddison. "The defense really stepped up. They were flying towards the ball."

Defensive lineman Andrew Embree, a two-way player who is a tackle on offense and an end on defense, has given his team an outstanding season. Defensively, Embree, a junior, has helped lead the Marshall charge. A year ago, he earned Second Team All-Liberty District honors at defensive end as a sophomore.

"He's a real good football player," said Biddison. "He's one of the better players around."

Another stellar season on the defensive side has come from senior outside linebacker Aaron Gooding, who has also helped the Statesmen offensively at both quarterback and wide receiver positions.

"He had a real good game at linebacker

[against Stuart]," said Biddison.

ONE OF THE TEAM'S best all around players is Cleer, a cornerback on defense who plays running back and some wide receiver on offense. Cleer, going into the McLean game, led Marshall's defense in tackles. A year ago, he missed most of the season as a result of a broken hand. This season, Cleer has been healthy and played well. In the season opener win over Hayfield, he returned a punt for a touchdown.

Offensively, Sweet was penciled in to be the starting quarterback at the beginning of the season. But he broke his left hand (non-throwing hand) in Marshall's first scrimmage and has missed the most part of this season. He also battled injury problems last year as the Statesmen's starting QB.

Handling the QB duties for the most part this season have been junior Justin Stalcup, who started the team's first three games at signal caller, and Gooding.

Biddison said Sweet has displayed a great attitude this season. Although his hand injury prevented him from playing over the first half of the season, he has helped out during practices as the scout team quarterback and also worked with some of the program's younger quarterbacks.

Biddison, following the Stuart game, said there were still questions in regards to his team's potential.

"We're still trying to figure out where we're at," he said. "We took a big step [by beating Stuart]." He knew his team would have to come out strong against McLean. Even though the Highlanders have not won a game yet under new coach Jim Patrick, they do have some offensive firepower.

"McLean's a pretty good football team and a much improved team," said Biddison, prior to his team's Homecoming affair with the Highlanders.

McLean has already played some of its tougher opponents, including defending state champion Stone Bridge. Following this week's Jefferson game, the Statesmen will play its final three regular season games against Woodson, South Lakes and Madison, all district affairs.

ROUNDUPS

The three-day pickleball competition, held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, was the final event in the 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO). Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to seniors in four age groups: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and 80-89. A Gold medal in men's doubles went to David Sandidge (60-69 age group) of Vienna.

Over 500 seniors, 50 years of age and over, competed in this year's NVSO, which was sponsored by the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. Gold Patron sponsors were Goodwin House Incorporated, Greenspring

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More Senior Olympics Notes: Tennis and diving competitions in the 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics were held at Wakefield Park, Annandale and Lee District Park, Franconia. A gold medal in diving was awarded to Muraji Nakazawa (age group 50-54) of Herndon. At Wakefield Park, a gold medal winner in tennis singles went to Jean Barsaloux (women 60-69) of Leesburg. In women's doubles, Jean

Barsaloux and Harriet Middlebrook (women's 60-69 doubles) of Leesburg earned a gold. In mixed doubles, Gordon Shingleton of Sterling and Fern Walmer of Potomac Falls earned a gold in the 80-89 division.

The swimming competition was held Sept. 26 at Lee District Park in Franconia. Gold medals in breaststroke were awarded to James Chang (men 70-74) of Oakton; Bruce Herbert (men 75-79) of McLean; and J.R. Cassidy (90-94) of McLean. In backstroke, Dan Elliott (men 55-59) of Great Falls earned a gold. Gold medals in freestyle were awarded to Muraji Nakazawa (men 50-54) of Herndon and Daniel Elliot (men 55-59) of Great Falls. In the half mile race,

a gold medal went to James Chang (men 70-74) of Oakton.

The 26th annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics drew a record number of new participants with 186 new athletes registered to compete for the first time. A total of over 500 adults registered and competed in more than 25 events held at eight different venues in Alexandria, Arlington, Annandale, Fairfax and Franconia.

Open Water Championships took place on Sept. 20 at Smith Mountain Lake. The Curl-Burke Swim Club had the following athletes compete from Fairfax County: Brad Phillips (Oakton High School); Brian
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Supporting Those Who Serve

Golf tournament in Herndon brings together old friends for military family support.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

It happened decades ago, but Brian Doherty and Joe Yohe still remember the play that led to the first of the three consecutive championships they won with their McLean Little League team. Doherty, a 1977 McLean High School graduate, and Yohe, a 1976 Bishop O'Connell grad, now share something entirely different: Each have a son in the United States military.

Yohe's 23-year-old son is a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps and Doherty's 21-year-old son will be a lieutenant in the United States Army upon graduation from the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech.

"John [Yohe] interviewed with several defense contractors after graduating from VMI [Virginia Military Institute]," said Yohe about his son. "He had some nice job offers, but said, 'Dad, I had a calling to do this,'" Yohe said about his son's decision to pursue a commission in the Marines.

Doherty said when his son broke the news that he decided to pursue a commission with the Army, some of his family members and friends did not receive it well. "Because rich kids aren't supposed to do that," said Doherty about the reason for the reaction. Doherty added that people should not be bemused to see an economically well off young man join the military. "If an inner city kid from Detroit or Washington can do it, so can a rich kid," said Doherty.

FOR THE LAST FIVE years Doherty and Yohe have come together with other alumni from McLean, O'Connell and Langley High School for a golf tournament at Herndon's Centennial Golf Course. Jackie and Jeff Johnson, owners of Herndon Centennial's JJ Deli and 1980 and 1977 McLean High graduates, respectively, hold the tournament for two reasons. One is to bring together old friends. "It's a great way to get together and not be rivals any more," said Jackie Johnson. She said that even though participants went to three different high schools in the McLean area in the 1970s, they all knew each other well, a sentiment echoed by Yohe and Doherty.

"All the guys know each other, no matter if you



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Jeff Johnson, an alumni of McLean High School, takes his putt shot during the annual Alumni Golf Tournament.

went to McLean, Langley or O'Connell," said Doherty. "You know if you come here once a year you will run into all of them."

THE OTHER REASON JJ Deli has sponsored the alumni tournament for the last five years is to support the injured soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and their families staying at the Fisher House. The Johnsons, now Herndon residents, thought of the annual fund-raiser after Jackie Johnson went to Walter Reed for a regular medical appointment in 2003, the first year of the Iraq War. While eating at the center's cafeteria and pondering what charity to support with their holiday drive, the Johnsons saw an injured soldier walk by. Jeff Johnson, retired from the Army after 20 years of service, and his wife knew the soldiers faced extended stays at Walter Reed, as did their families staying at Fisher House. Five years later, Jackie Johnson said, "We're still in war and it's important for everyone to get together and support them."

The Johnsons will also host their annual Spirit of Giving open house with a date to be announced in December. To see a list of desired items, or to learn more about the needs, visit www.fisherhouse.org.



COURTESY PHOTO

The McLean High field hockey team will celebrate its Senior Night next Tuesday evening, Oct. 14. Game time is 4.

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Phillips (Oakton); Michael Grimmer-Norris (South Lakes High); Cyrus Hashemi (Kilmer Middle School); Kurt Ratcliff (Westfield High); Christopher Grimmer-Norris (Franklin Middle School); and Tara Banks (Westfield High).

Place finishers from the Curl-Burke Club included: Brad Phillips (first place); Grimmer-Norris (fifth place); Brad Dillon (South Lakes, sixth place); Cyrus Hashemi (10th place); Kurt Ratcliff (12th place); and Brian Phillips (Oakton High).

All the Curl-Burke swimmers are coached by John Flanagan, who has coached extensively Open Water Champions

On Sept 21, **Smith Mountain hosted a one-mile race.** Bradley Phillips finished first with a time of 21:44, while Ian Decker of Leesburg placed sixth with a time of 22:17. Nick Mason of Ashburn placed 12th with a time of 22:55, Cam Lucas of Ashburn placed 14th with a time of 23:10, and Mark Sarman of Ashburn placed 15th with a time of 23:11.



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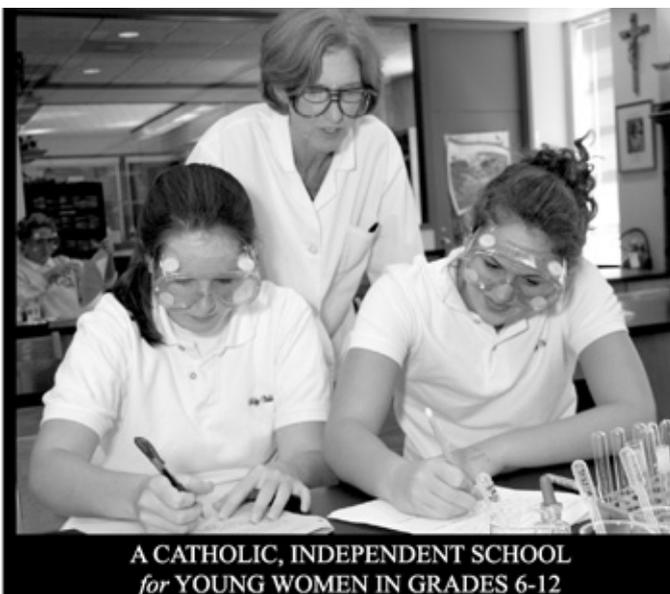
McLean High senior boys' cross country runner Joe Thompson competes at the recent Oatlands Invitational meet in Leesburg. The Highlander boys' and girls' teams are looking forward to the upcoming Liberty District Championships, set to take place Oct. 22 at Burke Lake Park.

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Praise, Questioning on Dulles Rail

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also been instrumental in getting federal officials to work on the gang issue.

"I needed help from the FBI. I discovered no one on the board [of supervisors] knew what MS-13 was. ... The FBI briefed the board privately but they would not have come had it not been for Congressman Wolf's help," said Delgaudio.

Others said Wolf is responsible for the federal backing of the Dulles rail extension project.

Wolf "has done more than either [Rep. Tom Davis] or I or even John Warner to get us where we are today," on Dulles rail, said U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), while speaking at a rail rally in the spring of 2007.

Wolf is on the House of Representatives' transportation appropriation subcommittee and "every year [Wolf] could, he got an appropriation for this, to keep this project alive," said Moran at the same rally.

BUT WOLF'S CRITICS wonder why, as member of the transportation appropriations subcommittee, the congressman cannot secure more funding to address the region's transportation problems.

The federal government has not signed off on the Dulles rail extension yet and, as recently as this year, members of George W. Bush's administration made serious threats to yank funding from the project

entirely.

Wolf, a 28-year incumbent, should have been able to do more to get the project funded and started earlier, said his critics.

"If Frank Wolf had any influence, to get this rail to Dulles, it would be a piece of cake," said Scott Surovell, head of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

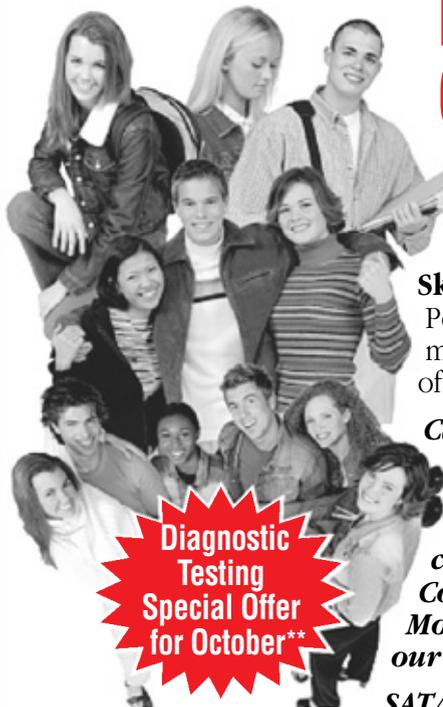
Wolf's opponent, Feder, said the voters are also looking for a "change" on Capitol Hill.

"Mr. Wolf has been a member of congress for 28 years and I, along with many others, appreciate his service. ... [but] I don't think Mr. Wolf can be a force for change and I am running to bring that change," said Feder.

STILL, OTHERS appreciate what Wolf has done over the years. The Good Shepherd Alliance and LINK food bank — which serve homeless people in Loudoun County — said Wolf has been instrumental in getting federal funding for their efforts.

The congressman has also helped the organization solicit private funding. In 2002, Wolf sent out approximately 200 letters to Loudoun County businesses and faith communities on behalf of the Good Shepherd Alliance. "There is no more tireless fighter, in our view, for the cause of the indigent and homeless in Loudoun County than Frank Wolf," said Nicholas Graham, volunteer spokesperson for the Good Shepherd Alliance.

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Zachary Groff of McLean and a student at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C., has been named as a 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalist.

Two McLean students, **Olukemi O. Adegoro** of the Madeira School, and **Stacey L. Manjong** of McLean High School, have been named as semifinalists in the 2009 National Achievement Program.

Nia A. Roberson of Oakton High School in Vienna has been named a semifinalist in the 2009 National Achievement Program.

Praveen Kumar Dasari of McLean has been awarded a master of science degree in liberal arts and sciences from Northern Illinois University.

Kristin N. Loadwick of McLean has received a bachelor of science degree in liberal studies from Clarion University of Clarion, Penn.



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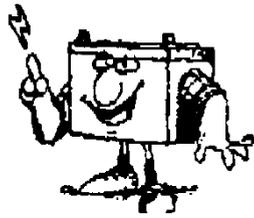
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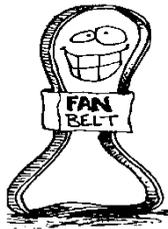
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