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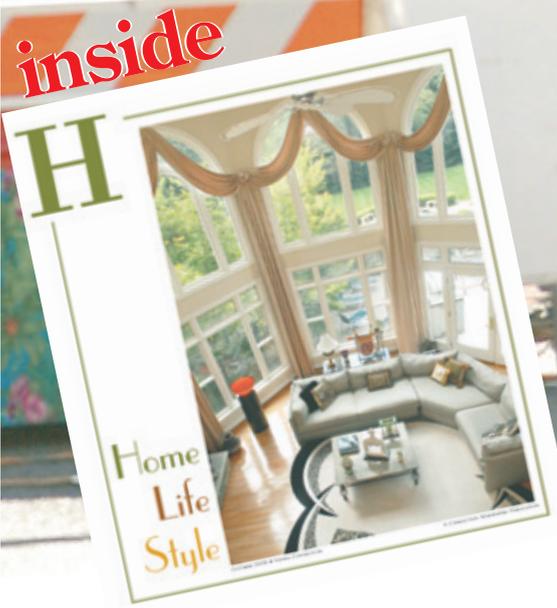
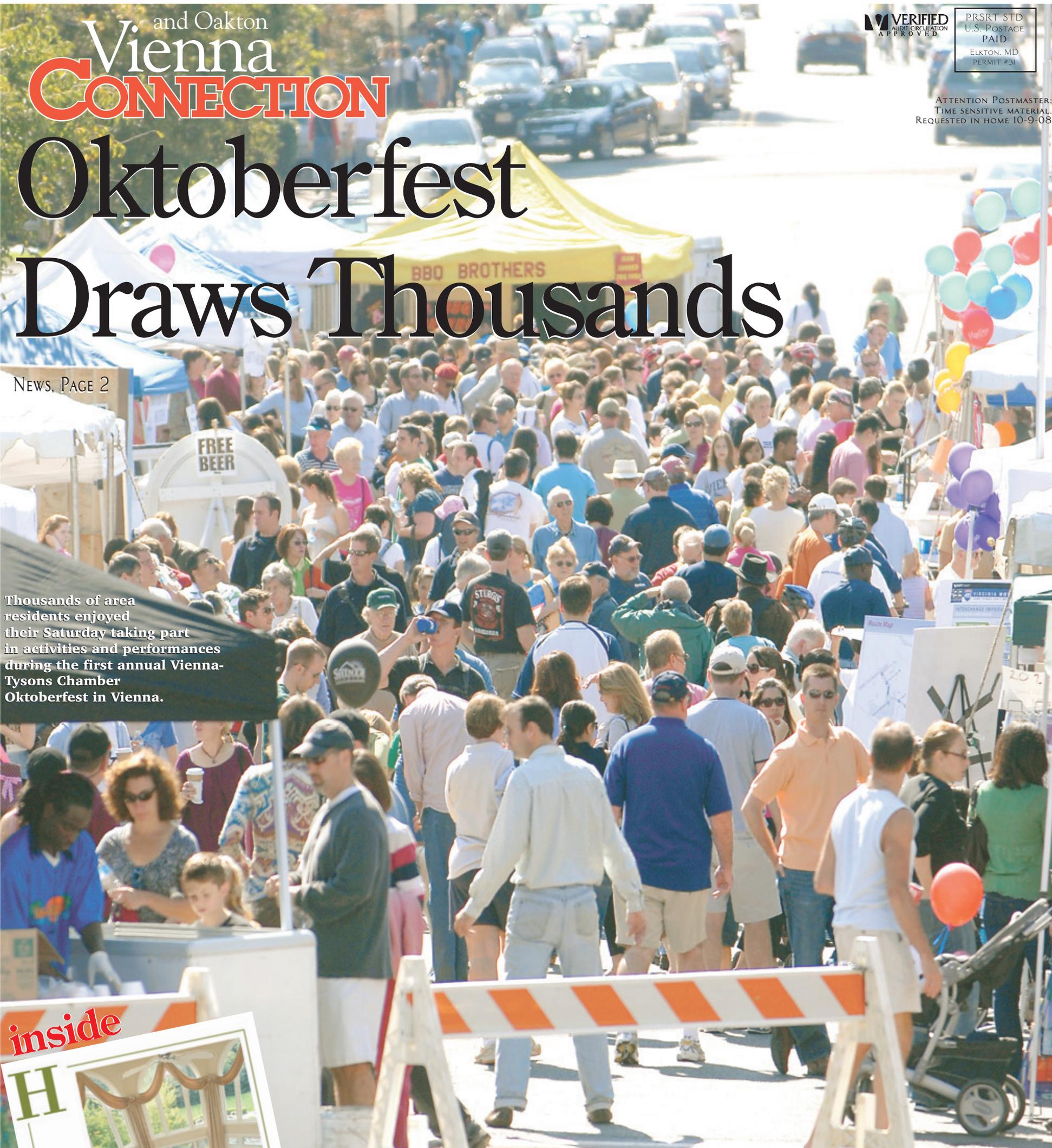
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Oktoberfest Draws Thousands

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Thousands of area residents enjoyed their Saturday taking part in a variety of activities and performances during the annual Vienna-Tysons Chamber Oktoberfest Celebration in Vienna.



Visitors to the annual Oktoberfest celebration in Vienna on Saturday, Oct. 4 enjoy one of the several performances by area groups on the town green.

Premiere Oktoberfest Draws Thousands

Food, entertainment, vendors and picture-perfect day start off new tradition.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, Oct. 4, more than 15,000 people packed Church and Mill Streets during Vienna's first annual Oktoberfest, sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (VTRCC) and the Town of Vienna.

Families, friends, and dogs mingled and browsed the vendors lining Church and Mill Streets, and on the Town Green, children tossed off their shoes and climbed on air-filled play equipment. The children's stage was set up on the Town Green's amphitheatre where musical acts performed.

"This is a huge turnout," said VTRCC Board Chairman Tana Keeffe, balancing a paper plate in one hand as she walked around the festival. "It's a stellar operation. Tom [Hanton] and the community worked very hard to put together a great event."

All-day live entertainment on two stages, free children's play activities, food and product vendors, and a tented beer garden highlighted the festival. Children sat on the front seat of Vienna's antique fire truck, and, on the grounds of Freeman House, learned the chicken dance and "hunted" for Halloween candy.

Attendance exceeded estimates by so much that the beer garden ran out of beer approximately one-and-a-half hours after opening.

"We've been here around 45 minutes," said Kirsten Evans of Vienna, there with her husband, Peter, and 4-year-old son, Kyle. "The food is good, there's lots of things for

kids. It's a fabulous way to spend an October day."

OKTOBERFEST CHAIR, Tom Hanton, reported the festival exceeded expectations by over 100 percent. Basing its estimates on traditional Vienna events such as the Fourth of July festival and ViVa! Vienna!, the Oktoberfest committee estimated attendance to come in at approximately 5,000. On Saturday afternoon, Vienna Police tripled that estimate.

Restaurants, almost all local, ran out of food and returned quickly to their kitchens for refills of food supplies. Gordon Biersch of Tysons Corner ran out of its eight kegs of beer by 1:30 p.m. and the first for three "beer runs" began. The bratwurst runs Gordon Biersch made back and forth were 40-minute one-way trips along a slow-moving Rt. 123.

"I sent my wife to the VI. [Vienna Inn] shortly after 1:30," said Hanton. "She bought three kegs then. We made two more trips to the VI. We bought seven additional kegs in total."

Hanton said Oktoberfest was "tremendously successful" and will definitely be an annual event. "There are multiple things we can build upon as far as successful components go," said Hanton. "Next year, we'll have some added space. We have to weigh the balance between coziness and

wide open space."

VTRCC envisioned the premiere Oktoberfest as a family-oriented event, a "cozy" one. "It sure as heck was," said Hanton.

The weather gets some credit, too.

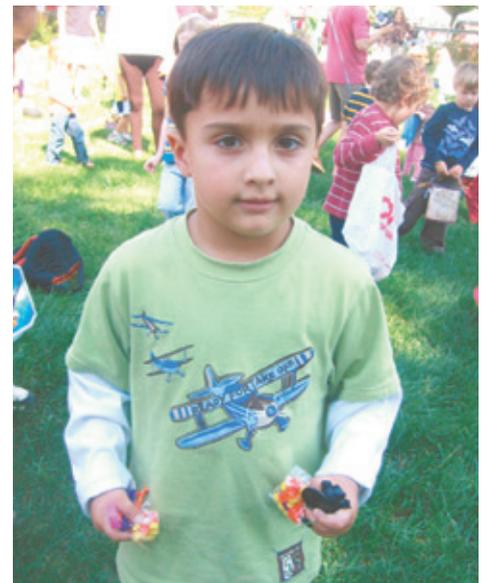
The Oktoberfest was cast under a Technicolor-blue sky, and the temperature hovered in the warm-not-too-hot range throughout the sunny day.

Tethered dogs became an attraction themselves as children — and adults — stopped to stroke them. State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) pushed his young son, Thomas, in a

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PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION
Six-year-old Abby Diamond danced with the All-Star Adrenaline Dance group ... and posed with an animated mummy as well.



Four-year-old Kyle Evans of Vienna came without a Halloween bag. He held his candy treasure in his hands during the Halloween "hunt" on the grounds of Freeman House.



Three-year-old Thomas Petersen accompanied his dad, state Sen. Chap Petersen, around the festival.



Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Chairman of the Board Tana Keeffe was delighted with the "huge turnout," calling the first annual Oktoberfest a "stellar operation."

Neighborhoods Sound Speeding Alarm

Traffic Calming meeting draws together community and officials.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Old Courthouse Road between Creek Crossing and Beulah Roads winds and winds its way along a shoulderless, tree-shrouded path. At Creek Crossing to Tysons, Old Courthouse opens up wider and straighter. This would be but another back county road were it not jammed with commuter traffic, choking the side streets sprouting off it. Speeding vehicles, particularly near Westbriar Elementary School, endanger lives and block adjacent traffic from pulling out, residents say.

Neighbors and families representing the Westbriar and neighboring communities have had enough.

On Sept. 30 at Westbriar Elementary, concerned residents, elected officials, and local and state transportation representatives convened an Old Courthouse Road traffic calming meeting to discuss problems, challenges, and options for improving safety on Old Courthouse Road.

"I strongly support traffic calming measures along this road," said Jack Mitchell,

president of the Westbriar Civic Association, and one of more than 50 people who showed up at the meeting. Paulette Selery, who lives off Old Courthouse, too, is opposed to anything that will slow down the movement of traffic.

SUPERVISOR CATHY HUDGINS, in whose district the area sits, moderated the meeting. "We're here to address safety and traffic congestion," said Hudgins. "This area is sandwiched between a great deal of traffic."

Cris Janoski is the driving force behind the Old Courthouse Road Traffic Calming campaign. She amassed data and statistics, and brought the community together for the meeting. Speaking to Vienna and Fairfax County officials, Janoski said, "on behalf of the homeowners on Old Courthouse Road, I am asking for your help in bringing traffic calming measures to the entire length of Old Courthouse Road."

Some points Janoski made: in 1996, on average, 2,295 cars rode daily on the stretch of Old Courthouse from Gosnell to Creek Crossing. Today, that number is up to 11,748, on average.

"Our objectives," said Janoski, "are to slow traffic to within posted speed limits; to reduce accident frequency and intensity; to increase safer access to the roadway from neighborhoods; to provide safer access to Westbriar Elementary School; enhance trails and crosswalks for cyclists and pedestrians; enhance the historic resources and natural



Mayor M. Jane Seeman, at podium, addresses the community. Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins moderated the discussion.

settings; and create a roadway that can accommodate existing volumes and some future growth."

On Creek Crossing Road, resident Sidney Skjei said, there are 12 bus stops, 11 cross streets, a bike trail crossing into Foxstone Park, and "no safe crosswalks. We would like traffic experts to look at the situation



Westbriar homeowner Cris Janoski is the driving force behind the Old Courthouse Road Traffic Calming effort.

and propose solutions to calm traffic on Creek Crossing Road before children are injured."

Bill Harrell, director of the Fairfax County Residential Traffic Administration Program, suggested posting signs that mandate an additional \$200 fine for speeding along that

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Former CIA Director Defrauds U.S.

Foggo, of Vienna, pleads guilty.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Former CIA Executive Director Kyle "Dusty" Foggo, who served two years as a Deputy Ethics official in the agency and completed CIA ethics training eight times, pleaded guilty last week to defrauding the United States.

Foggo, 53 of Vienna, used his position with the CIA to steer millions of dollars in contracts to businesses that involved his best friend, Brent Roger Wilkes, in exchange for hundreds of thousands of dollars in gifts, vacations and meals, including many expensive dinners in Fairfax County, according to court documents.

"Foggo caused the CIA to enter into these lucrative contracts without disclosing his interests," according to U.S. Attorneys Chuck Rosenberg, of the Eastern District of Virginia, and Karen P. Hewitt,

of the Southern District of California.

Wilkes also offered Foggo a "high-level, high-paying position" in Wilke's companies, as well as naming Foggo as one of the trustees of his estate, according to federal court documents.

Wilkes is currently serving a 12-year sentence following his conviction in the Southern District of California for bribing former U.S. Rep. Randall "Duke" Cunningham (R-Calif.), according to Hewitt and Rosenberg.

WILKES AND FOGGO were originally indicted together in California in February 2007, but following Wilke's sentencing in the Cunningham bribery case in February 2008, "the government elected to proceed against Foggo alone in the Eastern District of Virginia," according to Hewitt and Rosenberg.

Foggo faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in federal prison, a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release, according to Hewitt and Rosenberg.

U.S. District Court Judge James C. Cacheris is scheduled to sentence Foggo on Jan. 8, 2009 in federal court in Alexandria.

Wilkes, of California, controlled numerous businesses and maintained an office in Chantilly. Foggo misrepresented to his colleagues at the CIA "the background and experience" of Wilkes and Wilke's associates "in order to influence the CIA to hire them as contractors or employees," according to court documents.

Foggo also gave Wilkes classified information to help Wilkes pursue government contracts.

Examples of gifts Wilkes gave Foggo in exchange, according to the federal superseding indictment against Foggo, include:

- ❖ Paying more than \$50,000 for a vacation in Scotland for his and Foggo's families in August 2003 and more than \$30,000 for a vacation in Hawaii in December 2003.

- ❖ Paying more than \$700 for a dinner with Foggo at the Serbian Crown restaurant in Great Falls in November 2004.

- ❖ Paying for \$2,900 for a dinner at The Capital Grille in Tysons Corner in June 2005, as well other meals there in November 2004 (\$700), March 2005 (\$800) April 2005 (\$1,000), and June 2005 (\$600).

- ❖ Paying \$2,000 for a cigar humidor.

- ❖ Paying \$900 for dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House in Fairfax in November 2004.

- ❖ Paying \$400 for dinner at P.F. Chang's China Bistro in Fairfax in February 2005.

- ❖ Paying \$180 for a dinner at Damon's Restaurant in Chantilly in June 2005.

"Foggo admitted that he allowed Wilkes to conceal their close relationship by adopting false cover stories regarding their relationships and using 'straw men' and shell companies to conceal Wilke's interest in CIA contracts," according to Hewitt and Rosenberg.

FOGGO served 23 years in the CIA, becoming the executive director in November 2004. He resigned in May 2006, according to Hewitt and Rosenberg.

Assistant U.S. Attorneys Valerie H. Chu, Jason A. Forge and Phillip L. B. Halpern, from the Southern District of California, were designated Special Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Eastern District of Virginia to prosecute the case.

School Lends a Helping Hand

Students wash cars for hurricane relief.

The high school students at Vienna's Cedar Lane School showed their community spirit — and compassion — on Oct. 3 when they volunteered at the school's third annual car wash. The proceeds, of \$400, from the school-wide benefit event go to schools in the gulf states affected by the recent hurricanes.

In keeping with the motif, students and volunteers wore Mardi Gras beads, and some school staff dressed in colorful accessories, standing along Cedar Lane waving placards at motorists.

"What I get out of this is helping people in New Orleans," said Vienna 10th-grader, Eugene Price. "If people come here to get their cars washed, they're helping a lot of people."

A band of students played live music to draw attention to the car wash, and, in two parking lots, students and staff cooperated, thoroughly sudsing, rinsing, and drying. Motorists contributed whatever they wanted to the cause.

"I was driving by and saw people holding up signs," said Jane Gurin of Vienna. "I thought it was for a good cause."



"... helping people in New Orleans" is what Eugene Price, a 10th grader from Vienna, gets out of volunteering at Cedar Lane School's benefit car wash.



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION
Diana Amsbaugh's car needed a wash, she said. The car wash at Cedar Lane School was for a "good cause."

Seniors Patricia Rector and J.J. Dowdy, both of Centreville, have participated in Cedar Lane's charity car washes since the program's inception, three years ago. Rector is happy to know she's helping people hit by hurricanes in the gulf.

"The kids work so hard and they're really into giving back to the community," said school librarian Carmen Halmon. "They do service projects during the year, such as sending gifts, cards, and letters to troops in Afghanistan and those at Walter Reed."

Diana Amsbaugh of Vienna stopped by to have her car washed because it's "filthy,"

she said. "It needed a washing, and I'm always on the prowl for service organizations who are running car washes. I read about it in the Connection.

"This was perfect today. It's a good cause."

From last year's car wash, Cedar Lane School brought in approximately \$1,200, which was sent to New Orleans.

"It's nice we can give back to the community," said Dowdy. "And we're part of history, helping the communities hit by hurricanes get back together."

— DONNA MANZ

Free Lunch or Dinner For Area Veterans

Veterans will receive a free lunch or dinner entrée at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants and M&S Grill restaurants Sunday, Nov. 9 in tribute to Veterans Day. Veterans should show proper identification (VA card, VFW card, veterans ID, discharge papers, etc.)

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Mccormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants in Reston Town Center, 703-481-6600, opens at 11:30 a.m.; 8484 Westpark Drive, McLean/Tysons, 703-848-8000, opens at 5 p.m., as well as M&S Grill Restaurant at Reston Town Center, 703-787-7766, opens at 11:30 a.m.

For more information visit www.McCormickandSchmicks.com

Jean Rickard Wins 'Beauty Spot' Award

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest "Beauty Spot" award — for her attractive landscaping and upkeep of her home — goes to Jean Rickard, 109 Kingsley Road, S.W.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

Vienna Firefighters To Host Open House

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will again be hosting an open house on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

This year's fire safety open house will feature activities as well as some new learning programs centered on the theme of "Prevent House Fires". Activities include fire station tours, free hot dogs and popcorn, a fire safety house, the chance for children to use a real fire hose, and much more.

Visit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department website at <http://www.vvfd.org>

Annual Fall Fair At Vale Schoolhouse

Friends of Vale Schoolhouse will host Annual Fall Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The event promises "lots of fun for everyone" at the century-old Vale Schoolhouse located on the corner of Vale and Fox Mill Roads in Oakton. There will be children's games, moonbounce, pony rides, shopping, used books and toys, food, drinks and a bake sale. All proceeds benefit the upkeep of the historic schoolhouse. Free admission and parking. Public is also welcome to the monthly meeting on Oct 14 at 7 p.m. For more information visit www.valeschoolhouse.org.

Vale Schoolhouse Welcomes Friends

On the lawn of the Vale Schoolhouse, neighbors gathered to feast on an old-fashioned fried chicken dinner during the annual Neighbor Day celebration. Afterward, guests moved into the school to hear a speaker discuss the history of the 125-year-old property.

The Sept. 21 gathering continued a tradition begun in 1948. Today, Friends of Vale Schoolhouse carry on the legacy of maintaining the historic building, and fostering a sense of community. The Friends hold monthly meetings that feature guest speakers, host an annual fall fair, and raise funds to support the upkeep of the schoolhouse.

Vale Schoolhouse is located at the corner of Vale and Fox Mill Roads in Oakton. See valeschoolhouse.org for more information.



FRIENDS OF VALE SCHOOLHOUSE
Friends of Vale Schoolhouse host an old-fashioned fried chicken dinner on the grounds of Vale Schoolhouse on Sept. 21.

CRIME

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police Department through Oct. 3.

ARRESTS

300 Block Cabin Road, S.E. Sept. 27, 1 a.m. PFC Shaw and other units responded for an intruder call. Upon their arrival, the individual was reported to be more of an unwanted guest. The subject was found by MPO Williams on another property in the area. After investigation, the subject was placed under arrest for Drunk in Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Arrested: a 20 year old male of Center St. in Vienna.

200 Block Maple Ave. N.W. Sept. 27, 11:23 p.m. Sergeant Clingerman observed a vehicle committing various traffic infractions. He conducted a traffic stop and observed signs of possible impairment. After performing field sobriety tests, the driver was arrested and transported to Vienna Police Headquarters for analysis of his breath. After analysis, a 41 year old male of Ashburn was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The suspect's car was towed to a storage location for safe keeping.

Safeway, 200 Block Maple Ave. N.E. Oct. 2 between 12:09 a.m. and 2:12 a.m. At 12:09 a.m. PFC Shaw responded to the parking lot area of the Safeway Store for a reported screaming individual. Upon his arrival he found no person in distress and cleared the scene. Approximately 2 hours later, the same complainant notified police that the same individual was at a bus stop near the store. PFC Shaw located the individual and detected signs of impairment. The subject was subsequently arrested for Drunk in Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Arrested: a 41 year old male of Nelson St. in Arlington.

BAD CHECK

200 Block Maple Ave. West. Feb. 4. A business owner reported that a known individual had written two bad checks to his establishment. This case is still being investigated.

BURGLARY

700 Block Kingsley Road, S.W. Sept. 29 between 12:30-7:30 p.m. A citizen returned home to find that her home had been burglarized. As soon as she discovered things out of place, she safely exited the home and called police. A search of the home by officers found no suspect but some forensic evidence was recovered. This case is still being investigated.

DOMESTIC

200 Block Locust St. S.E. Sept. 30, 3:40 p.m. A family dispute over a bandana escalated into a physical confrontation. No probable cause for an arrest was observed so both parties were advised about the warrant obtainment process by PFC Bailey.

400 Block Glyndon St. S.E. Oct. 1, 6 p.m. A woman reported that her husband engages in verbal abuse of his family. The woman was advised of the various services available to her and her family as well as the process for obtaining a protective order.

EMBEZZLEMENT

Eastern Business Machines, Inc., 200 Block Dominion Road, N.E. Aug. 11, 9 a.m. The owner of Eastern Business Machines reported that a former employee had embezzled money from his business. Additionally, after being terminated the employee refused to return various pieces of company owned property. This case is still being investigated.

FRAUD

500 Block Park St., N.E. Aug. 29 4:06 p.m. A citizen reported that while checking activity on a money market account, they noticed several unauthorized withdrawals from the account. This case is still being investigated.

600 Block Bruton Place, N.W. Between Sept. 25 at 6:34 p.m. and Sept. 26 at 5:55 a.m. A

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Members of the Unity of Fairfax Church and the World Prayer Peace Society dedicate the newly installed Peace Pole at the church in Oakton last week.

Peace Begins Within

Unity of Fairfax Church hosts World Peace Prayer.

Rainy weather encouraged an indoor World Peace Prayer Ceremony on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at Unity of Fairfax Church in Oakton. But the community spilled outside for a brief dedication and blessing of a newly planted Peace Pole and the “peace garden” surrounding it. Indoors, a ceremony involving 190 flags from the world’s diverse countries was conducted by visiting representatives of the World Peace Prayer Society. Senior Minister Donna Johnson encouraged all present to “feel the peace within” as the first step to creating a peaceful world around us.

World Peace Prayer Society representatives Masayo Shibamoto, Maki Yamoto and Uran Snyder shared their vision for peace in this ceremony. Their visit to the D.C. area is part of their quest to travel the globe, planting peace poles and conducting ceremonies for peace. Local Peace Prayer Society member Terry Liu helped to make the connections for this event, as well as for a peace pole to be received by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The peace pole planted at Unity includes the words “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in four languages, written on the sides of the

pole. The Unity community chose English, Japanese, Spanish and Arabic as its four languages.

The pole is planted in the midst of a peace-symbol garden. The peace symbol was created with white quartz rocks from the surrounding area, and is filled with colorful array of flowers. The children, teens and adults of Unity all worked together to create this symbol of our commitment to a peaceful world.

“This was an intergenerational effort, fulfilling a vision we’ve long held in our hearts,” said Kathryn Ashera, Director of the Youth and Family Ministry.

The pole is a natural cedar wood, reflecting the fact that the meditation garden is an official wildlife sanctuary. The “Heart Haven” meditation garden at Unity also houses a variety of plantings, a bubbling fountain and a native American-inspired medicine wheel. According to Unity’s landscape designer Rick Hartley, the garden reflects Unity of Fairfax’s commitment to the environment. Unity also hosts a living “green roof” on its flat-topped Mildred Park Center.

Unity of Fairfax Church is located at 2854 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton. For more information, see Unity’s Web site at www.unityoffairfax.org. Members of the greater community are welcome to come and visit the campus and meditation garden.

Spirituality Unleashed

Operating room voice leads to first publication on faith for local doctor.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHC
THE CONNECTION

Vienna resident Neeraj Bhushan keeps Tuesday mornings for himself, clearing off his busy schedule to take a long walk before stepping foot in his office at Reston Hospital Center where he works as an internal medicine specialist. During a Tuesday morning walk late in 2005, Bhushan felt a terrible pain in his knee, rendering him unable to finish his walk.

“The knee suddenly started to hurt really bad,” said Bhushan, recalling the experience. The pain was a result of a torn meniscus, an injury he sustained playing basketball 10 years earlier. Bhushan saw a colleague, an orthopedic surgeon, whose office was on the same floor as Bhushan’s. The surgeon recommended surgery as an answer to Bhushan’s woes. What transpired in the operating room the day of the surgery changed Bhushan forever and drove him to write his first book, “The Wide Open Door.”

“I panicked because of possible complications, I even envisioned myself dying,” said Bhushan, who understood complications from surgery having practiced internal medicine for more than 25 years in Reston at that time. As the operating room lights became brighter and the surgeon and the anesthetic technician made final preparations to put Bhushan under for surgery, Bhushan heard a third voice. It was a man’s voice, he said, that whispered to him, “Why are you afraid my son, I’m right here.” Bhushan said he was scared to hear the voice. “It was just me on the operating table and I was talking to this voice,” he said. Bhushan then calmed down and “surrendered” himself to the voice, before the surgery started.

WHEN BHUSHAN woke up from the surgery, which involved drilling three holes into his knee, he walked into the bathroom without any crutches, not limping and not feeling any pain. The surgeon prescribed strong medications to ease the pain once he got home, but Bhushan never did feel any pain in his knee as he went to sleep. Doubting that he had surgery, Bhushan waited until his wife went to sleep and undressed the knee. When he saw where the surgeon drilled, evidence that surgery did take place, Bhushan broke down.

“I felt that some power, which I believe is God, touched my knee,” said Bhushan. “I started feeling that some other power than what we [doctors] do healed me,” said Bhushan. “I was healed by spirituality, not medicine.”

For almost a year Bhushan tried to come to terms with the belief that he benefited from direct contact with God. “I was bothered that I was given that privilege,” said Bhushan. When he could not, Bhushan started to write “The Wide Open Door,” a

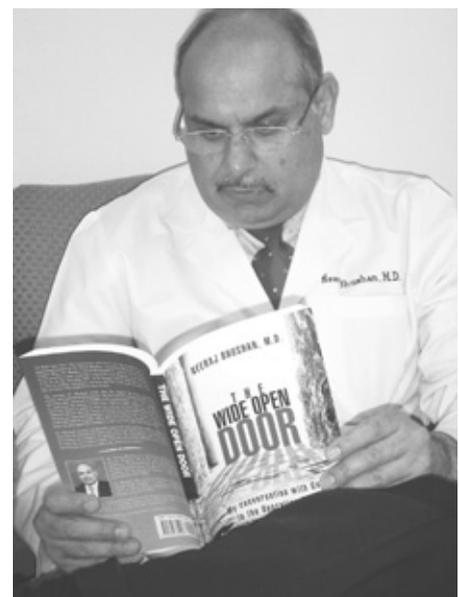


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Vienna resident Neeraj Bhushan reads from “The Wide Open Door” in his Reston Hospital Center office.

recollection of his experience, and other stories of patients he has had in his 29 years at Reston, who had quick recoveries not explained through medicine. Although he was always a man of faith, growing up in a Hindu family in India and joining a temple once he immigrated to the United States, Bhushan said his experience has taught him to surrender to God’s will. “This experience has led me to believe in unconditional surrender,” said Bhushan, chairman of an advisory council of the Rajdhani Mandir Hindu Temple in Chantilly.

“**WE MEET OFTEN,**” said Vikram Khushalani, Bhushan’s friend of more than 30 years and patient for 28 of those years. “When we used to meet before we would talk lightheartedly,” said Khushalani. “Now, we are talking more and more about spirituality,” he said. “He [Bhushan] seems to be little more at peace.”

Khushalani said Bhushan has always been a sensible doctor whose goal is to put his patients at ease. Since Bhushan’s surgery, however, Bhushan’s devotion to relaxing his patients has increased. “It is more so now,” said Khushalani.

Jisele Alter, Bhushan’s office manager who has worked with him in some capacity since 1981, said compassion is Bhushan’s top characteristic. “He has an unbelievable amount of patience with patients,” said Alter. Bhushan, she said, does everything in his power to calm his patients, even the most difficult ones. “He’s a fantastic physician,” said Alter.

“The Wide Open Door” is scheduled for publication in November, according to Bhushan. There is also a tentative book signing date at Borders in Tysons Corner scheduled for Nov. 29. Bhushan said there has been “tremendous interest” expressed in the book from his patients and friends.

The strengthened spirituality Bhushan has found since his knee surgery has unleashed a series of ideas on other books Bhushan hopes to author, each of which will center around faith. He has started writing two of those books already and has conceived an idea for another. “This has opened another part of my brain,” said Bhushan.



Masayo Shibamoto of the World Peace Prayer Society from Japan, hands out flags for the World Peace Prayer Flag Ceremony.



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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.

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

Another Perspective

To the Editor:

The government's promise to back mortgage giants Freddie Mac & Fannie Mae now seems to be just the tip of the iceberg. As I write this, Congress is debating a massive \$700 billion bailout for financial institutions [the bill adopted last week]. Many are blaming the "greed" of Wall Street, and many others are bemoaning the fact that there were inadequate regulations on mortgage and financial entities.

These are complicated and intricate problems that many of us do not understand well. Yet we cannot simply allow the "experts" to deal with these difficulties because they clearly did not prevent the current mess. Our first instinct is probably not to ask what our faith tells us about these issues which affect our lives so

much. And yet we know that Christians have long offered another perspective on financial matters. The early church pooled their financial resources to care for those who were unable to "make it" without help. For many centuries, the church taught that lending money at interest was morally wrong. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued a major teaching document on the right of Christian workers to form and join labor unions.

Perhaps the most profound Christian perspective was put forward by the U.S. bishops in their 1986 pastoral letter, "Economic Justice For All." It applied Biblical teachings and the church tradition on areas such as employment, poverty, agriculture and international development. The basic moral principles set forth by the bishops still speak to us: "Every economic decision and institution must be judged in light of whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person," and "All members of society have a special obligation to the poor and vulnerable." Their fundamental insight that the economy exists for the benefit of all people offers an important counterbalance to the belief that the economy is there to create wealth for investors only. As our country struggles to stabilize our economy, let us be advocates — a voice — to be sure that those representing us do not just "bailout" corporations and banks, but also find ways to lift up those who are in foreclosure or in danger of losing their homes.

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SALT Coordinator
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CRIME

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citizen reported that two credit cards were missing from her purse after leaving it in her vehicle overnight. After reporting the cards as stolen, the citizen learned they had already been used fraudulently to make several purchases. This case is still being investigated.

Giant Food, 300 Block Maple Ave. East. Sept. 27, 11 a.m. A citizen reported that someone stole her wallet and contents from inside her purse while she was shopping. After reporting the credit cards as stolen, the victim learned that they had already been used fraudulently at various locations. Some forensic evidence was recovered at the scene. This case is still being investigated.

GRAND LARCENY

900 Block Cottage St., S.W. Aug. 27 between 9:30-11 p.m. A citizen reported that his wedding band was stolen while moving in to his new home. The complainant does not want to pursue a criminal investigation regarding the ring.

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. Sept. 26 between 6:30-6:50 p.m. A citizen reported that her purse and contents were stolen from a closet within her apartment while she was away for a short period of time. This case is still being investigated.

Town Hall, 127 Center St. South. Oct. 1 between 9 a.m.-12:29 p.m. A wallet and contents were stolen from a town employee's desk. As the victim was notifying her credit card companies of the theft, she learned that her cards had already been used fraudulently at multiple locations throughout Northern Virginia. This case is still being investigated.

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Waters Field, 130 Cherry St., S.E. Sept. 27 between 1-1:30 p.m. A citizen reported that he lost his cell phone while at Waters Field.

MISSING/ ENDANGERED PERSON

100 Block Battle St., S.E. Sept. 26, 10 p.m. A suicidal adult female was discovered to be missing from her residence. Through various means of investigation to include "pinging" her cell phone, it was learned that the missing woman was in the McLean area. "Pinging" is a means by which a cell phone company can triangulate an approximate location for the phone using cell towers. The Fairfax County Police were notified and assisted Vienna Police in locating the woman. She was found unconscious inside her vehicle. Attempts by officers to resuscitate her failed and the woman died.

PETIT LARCENY

500 Block Creek Crossing Road, N.E. Between Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. and Sept. 28 at 2:45 p.m. An Obama election sign was taken from the front yard of a residence. This is a reoccurring problem at this particular location as two others had been removed prior to this event.

300 Block Beulah Road, N.E. Sept. 27 between 7:15-10:15 p.m. An "Obama for President" sign was stolen from the front yard of a residence. This is the third time an Obama sign has been stolen from this location.

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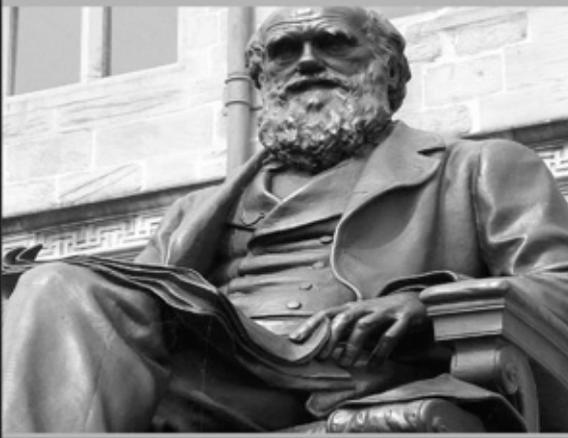
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Residents Urge Slowdown

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posted area, and striping lanes. "Narrowing a road slows traffic," Harrell said.

RESIDENTS were given the opportunity to air their grievances: speeding vehicles, too much traffic, accidents, foliage impairing vision at intersections, and moving vehicle violations. Speakers applauded the Town of Vienna's success with traffic calming measures currently in-use. Some hoped for targeted enforcement, particularly when Westbriar students are walking to and from school and at bus stops, and during rush hour. A man who asked for four-way stop signs at several intersections drew applause.

Anna Lueji made notes and spoke as a bicyclist and as a pedestrian. "The car is king here," Lueji said. "I hope the mentality is expanding to recognize roads are for everyone."

Hudgins supports pedestrian-focused initiatives, including stopping for pedestrians. "It's a priority of ours.

"As we become a closer community, our roads need to reflect that. What we're doing is trying to retrofit old neighborhoods ... There's not a lot of money on the table."

NO OFFICIAL STATISTICS were presented that linked speeding to the 13 accidents that were reported since August 2007. During this same time frame, the Town of Vienna issued 288 speeding citations, and Fairfax County Police issued eight speeding citations, along Old Courthouse Road.

Don Ostrander, area manager for VDOT traffic en-

gineering, described what steps could be taken to "calm" traffic, and outlined some "cons" of the audience-suggested calming measures. Speed humps, Ostrander said, slow down emergency response times, and require agreement from homeowners along the route impacted by the humps. Striping the roadway, narrowing it in essence, is an effective tool for slowing down traffic, Ostrander said.

The Town of Vienna was represented by Mayor M. Jane Seeman, and in the audience were Town Council members, as well as Matthew Randall of the Department of Public Works.

Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) and state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) sat in on the meeting and fielded questions from constituents after it.

Capt. Steve Thompson, new commander of the McLean District Police Station, promised to take a closer look at traffic enforcement on Old Courthouse and Creek Crossing Roads. "We will take another look at traffic studies," he said. The county police department can place stealth pads on the roadway, which record speed, time of day, and exact location of the vehicle.

Marcia McAllister of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project presented images and explanations of the proposed Metro stations at Tysons Corner. "Dulles Metro is on-track," she said. Confirmed construction start date is March 2009, with completion scheduled for late summer, 2013.

"The most pressing issue is protecting our children," said Westbriar resident Jennifer Lucus. "We need enforcement of the laws, and speed-calming mechanisms, particularly at Pine Valley Drive."

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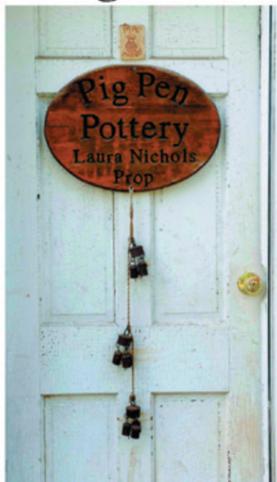
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From Face Paint to Acrylics

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



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Paul Stanley gives the guitar a rest.

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



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

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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Oktoberfest Exceeds Expectations

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stroller and greeted people by name. Mayor M. Jane Seeman came, not as mayor, but as a Vienna resident enjoying the bright day.

"I love it," said Seeman. "I'm so pleased with this. Everyone is in such a good mood, the weather is perfect. You can't beat this day."

Fund-raising chair Rebecca Diamond agreed with Hanton that the festival was beyond the chamber's expectations. "We planned 30 booths, and ended up selling space to 65," Diamond said.

NEXT YEAR, Hanton said, Oktoberfest will definitely have a "more German" theme to the event, such as "oompah" bands and more German-style food. "We weren't able to get an oompah band until the last minute, and that was too late for planning purposes," said Hanton. As a first-time event, Oktoberfest had no history behind it. Now, it does.

"In 2009, we have history which helps to understand what works best in this atmosphere. History also helps the vendors. They know what to expect.



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Jim Tozzi of Vienna bought a beer at the Gordon Biersch table and asked where the oompah band was.

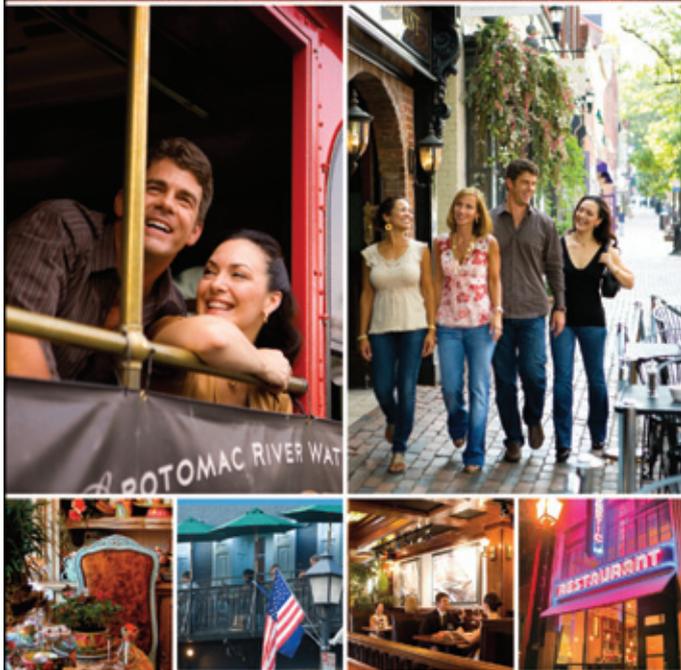
"Now, they know there's strong support from the community and that the community loves events like this. The crowds came out in tremendous numbers."

Hanton estimated proceeds from event "made somewhere in the low teens." Funds support the chamber and community activi-

ties, such as the Halloween parade and the December holiday party for shelter children.

Teresa McCarthy, a former Vienna resident, drove in from Leesburg for the newest Vienna festival. She thought the event was great, as is Vienna. "I miss Vienna," she said.

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Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee meeting, 7 p.m. at Town Hall. For information, call 703-255-6341.

Vienna Newcomers Club meets the second Thursday of each month at Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna. Lunch, informative programs, bridge, bowling and more. \$20 cost for luncheon. Call Nancy Crowley at 703-938-4835 to reserve.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

The Business and Professional Women of Fairfax, monthly dinner meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. at the La Madeline Bakery & Café. 1915-C Chain Bridge Road at Tysons Corner Mall in McLean. Guest speaker Gerry Connolly, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Chairman Connolly is running for the 11th Congressional District of Virginia. Meeting attendance \$5. Individual dinner checks. Contact: Sandy Amato, smamato@comcast.net or 703-405-2631.

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

Vienna Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For information, call 703-255-6341.

Help clean up and fix up Club Phoenix. 4:30 p.m. Participants can earn service hours to meet school requirements while sprucing up their favorite after-school club. For information, call 703-255-6360.

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=CFOSRS-10.

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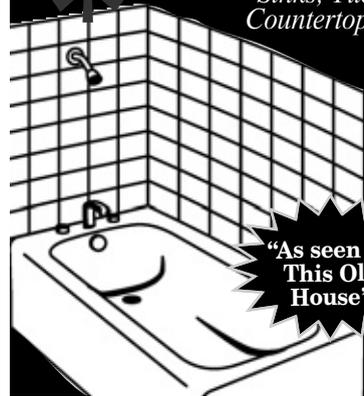
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Seniors Matt Laird and Libby Nuss display the 2008 White House Christmas ornament

Madison Band Kicks Off Ornament Sale

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The 2008 ornament honors the administration of President Benjamin Harrison (1833-1901), the 23rd President of the United States. Inspired by the Harrison family's Victorian Christmas tree, this 24-karat gold finished ornament interprets the first recorded tree to decorate the White House.

Ornaments may be purchased for \$20, and will be available at Election Day polling places; the annual Vienna Turkey Trot 5K race sponsored by the JMHS Band on Nov. 9, and booth sales at local grocery stores beginning in November or contact a favorite JMHS band student. Ornaments also may be ordered through the JMHS Band Web site: ornaments@jmhsband.org

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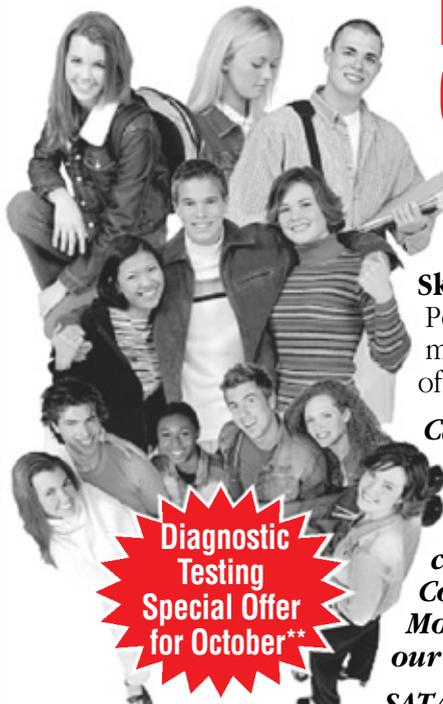
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Kelsey Holland and Alex Schmitt, both graduated from Oakton High in 2006 and they both shared the challenging task of being drum majors of the 150 member Oakton Marching Cougar Bands. They each went away to college the next year – Kelsey to James Madison University and Alex to Virginia Tech. And they took their leadership skills with them, both working their way up to become drum majors in their nationally-ranked university bands.

And they will bring their university bands to Oakton for the 24th Annual Oakton Classic. According to Oakton Director of Bands, Cheryl Newton, Ph.D., this is the first time that she's had two college bands perform at the Oakton Classic. It's also the first time that both drum majors have been Oakton graduates and her former students. The college bands will be marching in exhibition only, meaning they will not be competing.

The Oakton Classic will draw 30 high school bands from across Virginia and several thousand fans to the Oakton stadium. Each band will hope to take home top honors. According to Dr. Newton, this is the largest number of bands ever to compete. And for these bands and their schools, the event is just as serious as a football game.

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Church Seminar: Understanding the Building and Development Process. Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For church building committee members and churches considering expansion. Ministry needs assessment, programming, master planning, site development, municipal permits and approvals, architectural services, budgeting, fund-raising and financing, contracting and construction. At **Vienna Presbyterian Church**, Vienna. Presented by Scott Long Construction, LeMay Erickson Willcox Architects. Jackie Ryan, 703-802-7633 or jryan@scottlong.com.

Robyn Muncy, U.S. historian from the University of Maryland, will analyze the Progressive Party of 1912 in relation to today's politics. In that first modern presidential election, Teddy Roosevelt and Progressives called for an activist government to "humanize" capitalism: to defend the interest of workers and consumers against the power of corporations. 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.

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Oakton quarterback Chris Coyer keeps his footing as a Chantilly player attempts to bring him down in last Friday night's Concorde District football game at Oakton.

Cougars Remain Unbeaten

Oakton football wins in front of exuberant home crowd.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Oakton High football team remained unbeaten last week, but it was not easy as the Cougars had to hold off a fierce second half rally by Chantilly on way to a 17-15 win. The Concorde District meeting took place in front of a large crowd at Oakton.

The Cougars, in winning, improved their overall record to 6-0, surpassing last year's win total when Oakton went 5-5. Chantilly, meanwhile, saw its record fall to 4-2. The Chargers' only other previous loss had come to Westfield on Sept. 19.

Oakton appeared to be on its way to a relatively easy win after building a 17-0 halftime lead over Chantilly. A late 37-yard scoring pass strike from quarterback Ryan Harris to Trey Watts, in which the left-handed throwing senior QB rolled left before hitting the senior running back in stride at about the 17, resulted in six points and put the game's momentum clearly in the Cougars' favor. After Watts, who ran untouched into the left side of the end zone after making the catch, scored, kicker Ray Goins booted in the extra point conversion to make the score 17-0 with just 37 seconds remaining in the half.

With the home team ahead by the same score at the intermission, it looked as if the Cougars were well on their way to a decisive win.

But it did not turn out that way as the Chargers fought their way back into the

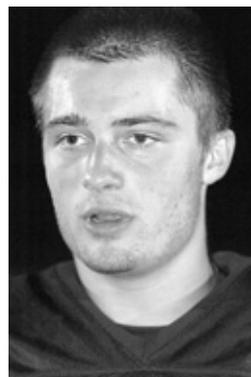
game in the second half.

"We figured that was something that could happen," said Oakton coach Mickey Thompson, on a second half charge by Chantilly. "They weren't playing poorly and we knew they had the ability and resiliency to come back. One of the hardest things to do is close [a game]."

The second half comeback by Chantilly started off slowly, the team's first points of the game coming on a 30 yard field goal by Ryan Abott with six minutes, 32 seconds left in the third quarter. While it was a relief for the guests to have gotten onto the scoreboard, it was also a little disappointing for Chantilly to settle for just the three points after having gotten the ball inside the Oakton 10-yard line on the scoring drive.

But the Chargers were not done. A late third quarter interception by Brian Abatemarco gave Chantilly the ball at the Oakton 48. Nine plays later, Chantilly quarterback Roger Strittmatter connected on a 22-yard scoring pass to Aj Johnson in the left corner of the end zone. Johnson came up with the well thrown ball despite blanket coverage by the Oakton secondary. Following a failed fake kick extra point attempt, the Chargers trailed 17-9 with 8:59 left in the final quarter.

CHANTILLY scored another touchdown on its following possession. The drive started at the Chargers' own 37. On the first play, Chantilly running back Torrian Pace broke through for a 20 yard run off the left side. A 15-yard defensive penalty on the same play gave Chantilly a first down on the Oakton 28. Six plays later, Pace, on a



Oakton High QB
Chris Coyer

crucial fourth-and-one from the five yard line, carried the ball left and into the end zone after breaking through an arm tackle. The touchdown pulled the Chargers within 17-15 with 2:59 remaining in regulation.

Naturally, Chantilly had to go for the two-point conversion following the score in hopes of tying the game and perhaps forcing overtime. But a five-yard penalty moved the ball from the three to the eight yard line for the conversion play. Chantilly tried to pass the ball,

but the screen play to the right did not succeed and the Cougars still held the lead.

Chantilly got the ball again in the final minute, but could not get past midfield. Oakton, to the relief of its numerous fans, came away with the win.

The Chargers, going into the game, knew they would have a tough battle on their hands.

"They have a lot of returning starters and a lot of talent," said Pace, the Chantilly senior running back. "We just have to play as a team with discipline. If we play our game and believe in ourselves, we can win."

And the Chargers almost did just that. But in the end, the Cougars prevailed. Thompson, the Oakton coach, said he has stressed playing fundamentally sound football all season long to his players. And overall, Oakton played a good game.

"Since day one, our goals have never been about wins and losses," said Thompson. "That's the honest truth. We've been focused since the end of last year to being a better football team. I'm real proud of the way we're playing."

It was not an easy win, but Oakton was
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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 Village, Sunrise Senior Living, Humana, BB&T and Verizon Wireless; silver patrons were Realtor Debbie Miller, McEneaney & Associates and Ruxton Health of Alexandria. For more information, call 703-228-4721 or check the website at www.novaseniorolympics.com.

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.

In recent **Madison High girls' field hockey** action, the Warhawks defeated South Lakes in Liberty District play. Hallie Dominick, Lindsay Weber, and Alex Gauthier each scored for Madison. The Warhawks then traveled to Thomas Jefferson for a Wednesday district game. Both teams played extremely well and with high intensity. Both the Madison attack and defense had some great efforts, but the Warhawks could not put the ball in the net and lost 1-0. Madison goalie Bri Gillis, a senior, had some amazing saves throughout the game. After 60 minutes of regulation, the game was tied at 0-0. The seven-on-seven sudden victory period was no different with both teams playing composed.

In a district game played on Oct. 1, Madison lost to Woodson, 1-0. Woodson got a goal early on in the first half, but Madison held them for the remainder of the game. Both coaches agreed that it was an extremely fast game of field hockey for the full 60 minutes. The Warhawks had some opportunities to score, but were stopped by the Cavaliers. Bri Gillis played in the net for Madison and had some spectacular saves against the Woodson attack. It was a great game of field hockey from both opponents.

The upcoming Liberty District tournament will take place with first round games on Oct. 16 and with semifinals play on Oct. 21.

The Cougar Clinics will be held this month by the Oakton High girls' basketball program. Girls ages seven to 12 are encouraged to sign up for the basketball skills clinics. Instructors will include members of the Oakton High coaching staff as well as returning varsity players. The clinics will be held on the following Sundays: Oct. 12, 19 and 26 from 10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$15 per week or \$50 for all four sessions. Checks should be made out to Oakton Athletic Boosters. Send to Fred Priester at: Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Rd., Vienna, Va. 22181.

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.



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

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 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]."

Oakton Keeps Winning

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thrilled to still be unbeaten at 6-0.

"It was always an expectation to be where we are now," said senior QB Chris Coyer, who all season long has split time at the QB position during games with fellow team captain Ryan Harris. "Our preparation throughout last week was outstanding. Our coaches prepared us all week so well. Our offensive line was outstanding throughout the game."

Oakton will play at Centreville this Friday night in the annual Glory Days Bowl game. The Cougars are hardly content at this point of the season.

"We know we haven't reached the top of our game and don't plan to until we get 15 wins [and a state title]," said Coyer.

Game Notes: Oakton senior running back Jonathan Meadows carried the ball 20 times for 127 yards and a first quarter touchdown run. The Cougars outrushed Chantilly 200 yards to 118. ...One of the game's best defensive plays came late in the first quarter when Oakton lineman Bret Halleran hit Chantilly QB Strittmatter in the passing pocket. The jarring hit resulted in a fumble, which was recovered by linebacker Jack Tyler. As a result of the play, Oakton had the ball at the Chantilly 14 yard line and cashed in with a 23-yard field goal by Ray Goins moments later to give the Cougars a 10-0 lead.

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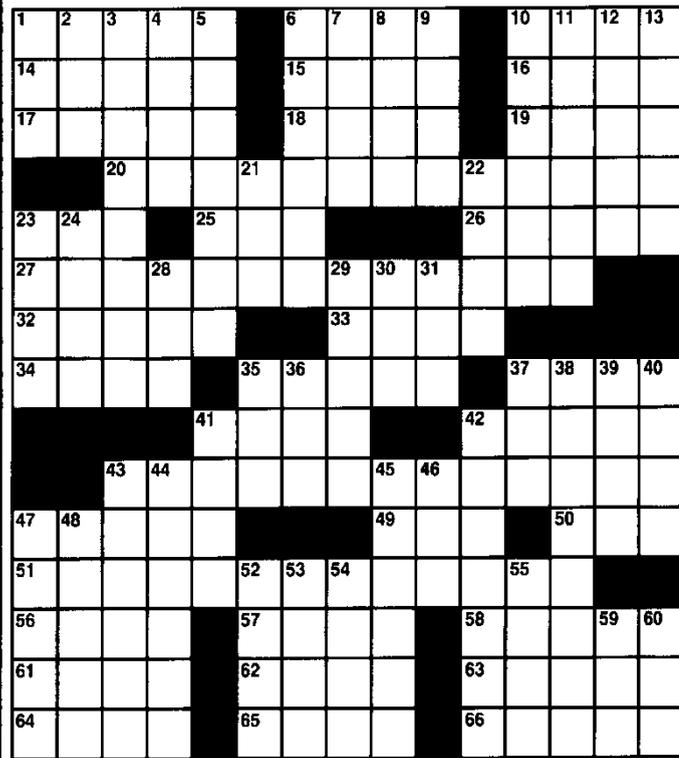
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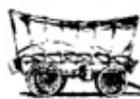
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You Make The Call



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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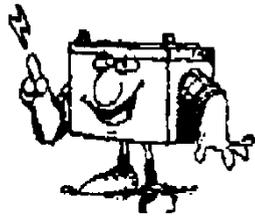
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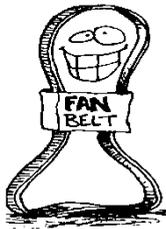


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