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Vienna Honors Veterans

American Legion Post 180 ceremony marks Veterans Day.

By DONNA MANZ
The Connection

On Nov. 11, veterans and their families gathered at American Legion Post 180 to honor the sacrifice of those who served their country in wartime. From the men and women who fought in the World War II, who came home to cheers and parades, to the servicemen whose homecoming from Vietnam was unheralded, Veterans Day is dedicated to their courage and will.

“Out of blood and sweat we learned of purpose, sacrifice, tolerance, bravery and discipline,” Acting Commander, Bob Renner said from the podium. “These are solid foundations upon which a great nation is built. In our continuing quest for an honorable world peace, we must cultivate these virtues.”

Guest speaker, veteran, Dan Dellinger, reminded listeners that “bravery is contagious,” and Third Officer, Ronald Patterson, alluded to the lesson of “voluntary obedience to the decisions of the majority.”

The commonality shared by the veterans of the World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf wars and the conflicts raging today was commitment to their country and pride in their service.

Those people who learn about our history get an understanding of what our armed forces have done for our country,” Vietnam veteran, retired Col. Mike Berger, said.

Speaker, Post 180 veteran, Dan Dellinger, reminds veterans and their families that “heroism becomes contagious.”

Larry Rentrop’s brothers called him this morning from Louisiana to thank him for his service during World War II. His daughter-in-law called him, too. He felt “proud” last Tuesday.

Carolyn Fix used a walker now to get around, but in 1942 she was making machine guns for the war effort. She served in the Women’s Army Corps from 1943 to 1948 and after the war, got two degrees and was a Fulbright scholar.

Russ Simpson was onboard the U.S.S. Philadelphia when German aircraft dropped an early “smart” bomb at the ship. The bomb missed, but just barely. In 1946, the Secretary of the Navy awarded the Navy Unit Commendation to the U.S.S. Philadelphia for “outstanding heroism displayed by her crew in action in the Mediterranean Theater” from July 9 to Sept. 19, 1943. Each crewmember was awarded a Navy Unit Commendation ribbon to wear on his uniform. Master Chief Radioman Russ Simpson wears one.

“TODAY, I’d like to thank every man and woman who’s served our country,” Dellinger said. “Any time we put the lives of men and women in harm’s way, it’s a war. “It’s up to you and me to perpetuate Veterans Day.”

Veterans Day has its roots in the Nov. 11, 1918, Armistice, marking the end of “the war to end all wars.” With the peace that followed yet another “great” war and the Korean conflict, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to honor all American veterans.

“I think America, in its heart, honors our veterans,” Vietnam veteran and Town Council member, George Lovelace, said.

“Looking at the type of conflict Vietnam was, you sense that not enough attention was given to the armed forces. When I came home, on a commercial aircraft, I was in uniform and I was just another passenger. “There’s more appreciation and expression of gratitude for the Iraq troops. On aircraft now, troops are applauded and thanked when they get home. “Overall, we could do a better job on a regular basis of honoring our veterans and soldiers.”

Tunnel Hope Revived

Advocates of underground Metrorail route look to new administration for solutions.

By MIRZA KURSPAHIC
The Connection

Tunnel supporters for the Metrorail extension through Tysons Corner have not given up yet, even as preparatory work for the aerial route for the “Silver Line” to Dulles Airport and beyond continues. They hope the next presidential administration will listen to their concerns and reconsider the way forward in connecting the nation’s capital with its international airport by rail.

“The presidential election kind of shuffled the deck,” Scott Monett, president of Tysons Tunnel Inc., the organization leading the charge for the underground alignment through the commercial center, said. He said the incoming U.S. secretary of transportation will be “sitting in a very nice spot to help us” reconsider the rail alignment.

“Everybody knows it’s the right thing to do,” Monett said about the tunnel. He said the most common term he hears about it is that it is a “smart” solution.
**Bulova, Herrity To Run For Chairman**

**County anticipates early February election.**

**By Julia O’Donoghue**

The Connection

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The countywide race to succeed Connolly is likely to be short and fast. The chairman will step down in early January and county officials expect a special election to replace him will occur in early February, about one month later. The new chairman would serve out the rest of Connolly’s term and has the chance to stand re-election in 2011.

**BOTH Bulova and Herrity said the economic downturn and Fairfax County’s budget shortfall would be their top priorities as chairman.**

“If the supervisors had to wrestle with a $400 million budget shortfall next year, they would be looking at cutting roughly 12 percent of Fairfax’s total operating budget. According to county staff, $400 million is equivalent to what the county sets aside for public works, courts, community development, parks and recreation, libraries, administrative and support services, county transit and Metro funding combined. Budget staff predicts that the tight fiscal situation would continue beyond next year and that the county could take several budget cycles to recover from the current downturn. Bulova, 60, who has sat on the board since 1987, said she is the most qualified person to steer the county through tough financial times. She has served as the supervisors’ budget committee chairman for all but four of the past 20 years. Former county chairman Tom Davis headed the committee in the early 1990s. Bulova said she played a pivotal role in guiding the county out of its last fiscal crisis in the mid-1990s. “I was the budget chairman when we took action to address the last downturn and we emerged from that recession in better shape than we had been when in the downturn began,” she said.

**Sharon Bulova (D)**

**Age: 60**

**Current Home:** The Cloisters of Fairfax, Fairfax County resident since 1999.

**Hometown/Grew Up In:** Piketown, Md.

**Education:** University of Virginia (classes via Fort Belvoir extension campus), Northern Virginia Community College, business management (1977)

**Family:** husband Lou DeFalaise, two adult children, three grandchildren

**Professional experience:** book keeper, sales and office manager

**Political experience:** Braddock District Supervisor (1987-present), former aide to Annandale District Supervisor Audrey Moore (1988-1987)

**Civic experience:** founding member of Virginia Railway Express Operations Board (1989 – present), Governors Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century (2004 – present)

The county found new and better ways to partner with the non-profit and faith communities to deliver services. As a result of the last recession, the supervisors also created a revenue stabilization fund, which the county is tapping right now, to provide “rainy day” money for the county if it ever faced a mid-year budget shortfall, she said.

“Looking ahead, I want to find those same opportunities to pull out of this current recession in a sound and improved manner,” said Bulova.

As chairman, Bulova wants to focus on “getting us back on our fiscal feet so we can emerge from the recession better than ever.”

**Patrick Herrity (R)**

**Age: 48**

**Current Home:** Clifton/Centreville

**Hometown/Grew Up In:** Springfield, Va.

**Education:** Virginia Tech., B.S. in Accounting (1982)

**Family:** Wife Nancy and two high school children

**Professional experience:** chief financial officer at Arrowhead Global Solutions, government contractor (2005–present)

**Political experience:** Springfield District Supervisor (2008-present)

**Civic experience:** former executive committee of Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, former board member of Northern Virginia Technology Council, youth athletics coach

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CRIME REPORT

Nov. 7, 2008

ARREST

100 Block Patrick St., S.E. Nov. 7, 9:43 p.m. Officer Ruddy observed a male subject stumbling towards an apartment entrance. The individual was arrested for Drunk in Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Arrested: a 25 year old male of Patrick Street in Vienna.

Vienna Rexall, 150 Maple Ave., West, Nov. 10, 5:10 p.m. Officer Maiorana responded to the Vienna Rexall for a shoplifter that was being detained by a store employee. The subject had concealed some prophylactics in his pocket and was observed doing so by a store employee. After his arrival, Officer Maiorana also determined that the subject was intoxicated. The individual, a 43 year old male of Cedar Lane in Vienna was arrested and charged with Concealment and Drunk in Public. He was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Neighborhood’s Restaurant, 262 Cedar Lane, S.E. Nov. 12, 11:37 p.m. Officer Vazquez responded to Neighborhood’s Restaurant for a disorderly male. After his arrival, Officer Vazquez interviewed the disorderly subject. After making contact with the management, Officer Vazquez interviewed the disorderly male. After being told to leave the restaurant, the individual began taunting Officer Vazquez and pulled a can of beer out of his pocket, opened it, and began shouting at Officer Vazquez. Officer Vazquez interviewed the disorderly male. After being told to leave the restaurant, the individual began taunting Officer Vazquez and pulled a can of beer out of his pocket, opened it, and began shouting at Officer Vazquez. Officer Vazquez asked the subject for his name to try and obtain an arrest warrant for a warrant which he had been obtained by Detective Leroux. Detective Leroux investigated the case and secured the warrant. The suspect was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There, he was formally charged with Identity Fraud and released on her signature as well as a $1000 unsecured bond.

ASSAULT

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Samsung Galaxy

On Nov. 10 a 24 year old female of Parkway Drive in Greenbelt, Maryland was arrested at Vienna Police Headquarters. She turned herself in as a result of a warrant which had been obtained by Detective Leroux. Detective Leroux investigated the case and secured the warrant. The suspect was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. There, she was formally charged with Identity Fraud and released on her signature as well as a $1000 unsecured bond.

ASSAULT

400 Block Center St., South, Nov. 8, 1:56 p.m. A citizen came to Vienna Police Headquarters to report an assault which had occurred involving her son. The citizen reported that an adult male subject working at a craft fair at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department had grabbed her 8 year old son. The adult male then belittled the child verbally and ushered him over to the complainant by the arm. PFC Shaw investigated the complaint and identified the adult male. PFC Shaw was able to successfully remedy the situation and the subject apologized for his actions. The complainant chose not to obtain warrants for the offense.

700 Block Nutley St., S.W., Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m. A citizen reported that after paying a cab fare, the cab driver became verbally abusive towards him because of the amount of the fare and tip. The warrant obtained process was explained to the complainant by PFC Lewis.

BURGLARY

100 Block Gaspar St., S.E. Nov. 13

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The July 7, 1941, Life magazine called itself the “defense issue.” Five months later, Pearl Harbor was attacked.

Vienna Remembers World War II

New exhibit opens at Freeman Museum honoring Vienna-area veterans.

S ounds of the 1940s swing era drifted through Freeman Store and Museum Nov. 11, and an antique military Jeep sat out front. A swarm of people, many of them men and women in their 80s and 90s, climbed the steep stairs to the museum. “Vienna Remembers World War II,” an exhibit dedicated to the men and women who fought for freedom under the American flag during World War II, officially opened.

Created by Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI), in cooperation with American Legion Post 180 of Vienna, the year-long exhibit features a photo wall, glass cases protecting original newspapers, medals, insignia, pieces of daily life in wartime. Eerily, someone saved a July 1941 Life magazine, before Pearl Harbor was bombed, identified as the “Defense Issue.”

“The past informs our future,” Laine Hyde, Historic Vienna Inc. president, said. “We have to honor our past, particularly in this case. We’re telling their stories. This is a way to recognize our veterans and honor their service.”

“A lot of family members are hearing these stories of the war for the first time,” Hyde said. Veterans brought in photos, artifacts and personal mementos. On behalf of veterans who have died, family members contributed something to recognize their veteran.

U.S. NAVY RADIO MAN, Russ Simpson, was onboard the U.S.S. Philadelphia when German aircraft attacked the ship with a “remotely-piloted bomb.” The bomb missed, but just barely. The light cruiser held its ground under enemy fire in the Mediterranean and in a tribute to the crew’s heroics, the Secretary of the Navy awarded the U.S.S. Philadelphia the Navy Unit Commendation. Simpson wears the Navy Unit Commendation ribbon.

Setting aside his cane, Simpson flips open a folder full of original photographs and documents. He sorts through the papers and pulls out some photocopies to hand out. One is a photo of a teenager in uniform, another, a copy of the letter sent out by the Secretary of the Navy.

“You have to go to the Air and Space museum at Dulles,” he said. “They’ve got a ‘smart’ bomb on display there.”

“THIS EXHIBIT is about pride,” Larry Rentrop, who entered the service in 1944 and served his country for 20 years, said. “You see people’s pictures up here and you see they took pride in their service.” Rentrop hopes that other people will come to see what the people who served
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More Unlicensed Than Drunk Drivers at Checkpoints

The Fairfax County police set up a checkpoint over the weekend night, they are more likely to find people driving without a license than people driving under the influence, according to county executive Tony Griffin.

“Each police station has controlled stops in the district and they tend to arrest more people for not having an operator’s license [than drunk driving],” said Griffin at the Board of Supervisors legislative meeting Nov. 14.

Fairfax County officers wrote about 5,440 tickets for driving without a license from October 2007 through September 2008. Of the eight precincts, the Mount Vernon police district garnered the most offenders in this area last year, with about 1,120 tickets issued for this problem.

Some elected officials suspect that some of the people caught driving without a license are undocumented workers because illegal immigrants are prohibited from acquiring driver’s licenses in Virginia.

“Hundreds of people are getting pulled over and arrested for not having a driver’s license. … These are hundreds and hundreds of people who have never had a license, never had training,” said Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust (D).

Foust suggested Fairfax County look into a state legislative initiative backed by the Town of Herndon, which has seen several aggressive steps to crackdown on illegal immigrants. The town government proposed a measure that would allow police officers to impound a citizen’s vehicle if that person was caught driving with no license for a second time.

Some Fairfax County supervisors had reservations about the measure, partly because it was part of a Herndon legislative package focused on illegal immigrants that the county generally did not support.

Most supervisors wanted more information from the Fairfax County police about the problem before they backed a solution.

“I think this is a bit ominous. The owner and operator of the vehicle may not be the same,” said Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D).

In an interview this week, Springfield Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R) said something should be done to address the issue.

Herrity said one of the problems is the fines for driving without a license are not high enough to deter people, until someone is caught for the third time. Since many people regularly driving without a license use aliases with the police, the offenders rarely rack up the three charges that trigger a harsher fine and penalty, according to Griffin.

Herrity would like the police to run a background check on all people pulled over for driving without a license. But the supervisor is not sure the checks, which are time consuming for police, should take priority over other law enforcement duties.

“Do you want to pull police officers off the street to do this?” said Herrity.

The percentage of Fairfax County students who have considered attempting suicide, about 14.5 percent, is around the national average, 14.7 percent, and has also dropped from its 2001 figure, 18.5 percent. Those students who report a suicide attempt, about 3.5 percent, is approximately half of the nationwide figure of 7 percent.

About 35 percent of girls reported feeling sad and lonely to just 26 percent of boys. Approximately 18 percent of girls to just 11 percent of boys said they had considered suicide and the percentage of female students who said they attempted suicide, 4.7, was more than twice than of the boys, which hovered around two percent.

In terms of ethnic groups, Hispanic or Latinos appeared more prone to feeling depressed, 39 percent.

Who reported the least likely to report depressive symptoms, according to the report.

Since 2001, all student ethnic groups in Fairfax County have seen a decline in feelings of depression, according to the survey.

“My candid opinion is that we don’t do this well. … And there is still a tremendous stigma attached to suicide,” said Connolly. “A teacher who is trained a little bit could be a pivotal figure.”

Help is available for anyone who depressed or considering suicide by calling CrisisLink at 703-527-4077, or 1-800-SUICIDE.

Panel Recommends New Utility Fee

Fairfax County’s Environmental Quality Advisory Council proposed a new storm water management impact fee during a Board of Supervisors meeting Nov. 17.

The county currently pays for storm water management through its general fund. The supervisors dedicate one penny of Fairfax’s real estate tax rate, 92 cents per $100 of assessed value, to the cause, which would amount to about $21 million annually.

Due to budget constraints, the county has been using more of the funding from the storm water-dedicated penny to cover staffing and equipment, resulting in a 38 percent reduction in funding going to actual infrastructure upgrades.

The environmental advisory council would like to see a steadier stream of funding for storm water management, particularly in light of the county’s projected $300 million budget shortfall next year.

Julia O’Donoghue
People

Exhibit Features Local Veterans’ Memorabilia

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their country during World War II were like, the veterans who served to make life better for all Americans who came after.

“Two of my brothers called me this morning from Louisiana to thank me. My daughter-in-law called me just before I came here.”

ALDO BECCI RECALLS the Christmas dinner just before he was shipped out. His father, a WW I veteran, invited three of Becci’s buddies over for dinner with the Italian family. “You know how Italian families are.

“When my sisters sent me packages, I’d share them with my buddies. It was a long time later, at a reunion, I found out my sisters were sending my buddies packages, too, but they weren’t telling me.” Becci laughs at the recollection and shares his thoughts about the exhibit honoring people like him and his buddies and the many others.

“It makes vets feel proud of their history of bringing freedom to the world.”

ROSE MULVILLE, HVI board member and chair of the museum committee credits fellow board colleague, David Shelby, with the inspiration for the World War II veterans exhibit. “We were thinking of what we wanted to do next and David thought of the veterans,” Mulville said.

Shelby collected many of the items in the exhibit.

“It feels great for them to know that people remember their sacrifices for this country,” Shelby said.

To reach the veteran community, HVI contacted Post 180. Mike Berger of Post 180 produced a list of American Legion members for use by HVI, who sent cards to the members asking them to contact organization. HVI also asked the media and distributed flyers around town.

Mulville feels the exhibit and the work behind it has brought the community in and together, an ob

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Of Budgets and Buses

How everyone wins with better school start times.

By Sandy Evans, Phyllis Payne and Terry Tuley

As the budget crisis looms over all Fairfax County school issues, it’s important to remember that changed bell schedules can both improve student health and learning while also saving money.

Benefits of having the right schedules for our students and buses include: Students who are awake during class, reduced absentee, tardy, and drop-out rates, less depression, and improved performance in class, sports and behind the wheel. There are multiple health and academic benefits to all our students, both elementary and adolescents, to having them in school when they are most ready to learn.

Implementing healthy start times for our children can be a win-win for the students and the budget. Thanks to recommendations from the school board-appointed Transportation Task Force, the FCPS transportation department has updated routing maps and found many efficiencies. Compared with previous estimates to fix a broken transportation system, the most recent proposal would actually save about $16 million (so far).

ESPECIALLY IN TIMES of tight budgets, we must look to providing our students with the essentials. One of these essentials, as outlined in FCPs’ Strategic Governance Goal 6.7 is to provide a “healthful learning environment” for our children. Sleep researchers point to early school start times as a major culprit in our adolescents’ chronic and harmful level of sleep deprivation. Jurisdictions that have a start time of 8:30 to 9 a.m. show that teens do sleep longer with these start times. They fall asleep at about the same time (close to 11 p.m.) and use the extra time in the morning to sleep.

Research indicates that after a complete night’s sleep, memory is consolidated and test performance improves. Interrupted or incomplete sleep disrupts this process and impairs cognition. Not all sleep is equal. The deepest sleep, REM (rapid eye movement) is concentrated in the last hours of the normal sleep cycle. So when sleep is cut off, some of its most important functions suffer. The body will demand the sleep it needs in one form or another. Some students will fall asleep in class, while others will experience “mini REM’s” that make them miss a few seconds of instruction at a time.

At the International Conference on Sleep and Learning, held in Washington D.C. in March 2008, neuroscientists agreed:

❖ Adequate sleep helps you learn, retain and fully understand new material.
❖ Changes in sleep and circadian rhythm in adolescence are inconsistent with optimal learning when morning start times are too early (before 8:30-9 a.m.).

IT IS MORE important than ever to make sure that our tax dollars are wisely invested and that our teachers are providing instruction during a time when students are best able to learn. The right school schedule confers huge benefits for students, families and our community.

With more than 8,400 signatures on our petition and agreement from 85 percent of the more than 6,000 parents who participated in an FCPS FA poll this summer, SLEEP calls on the School Board to enact and implement healthy school start times in 2009.

Sandy Evans and Phyllis Payne are co-founders, and Terry Tuley is chair of SLEEP (Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal). Go to www.SLEEPInFairfax.org for links to research cited in this column.

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BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20
Vienna Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 19
Vienna Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6341.

TUESDAY/NOV. 25
John Lovas, Vienna Lovaas Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. For agenda information, call 703-255-6385.
CRIME REPORT

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Between 9:45 a.m. and 5:40 p.m. a citizen returned home to find her house in disarray. The citizen quickly exited the home and called police. PPC Shaver and MPO Williams searched the residence but found no suspects. Forensic evidence was discovered at the scene and collected. Jewelry and computers appeared to have been taken. This case is still being investigated.

FOUND PROPERTY

127 Center St., South. Nov. 3, 9:15 a.m. A handcuff key was found at Vienna Town Hall. The key was retrieved by MPO Williams and placed in to storage for retrieval by its owner.

FRAUD

Outback Steakhouse, 315 Maple Ave., East. Nov. 5 between 10-11 p.m. A citizen reported that there was a fraudulent charge made at the Outback Steakhouse which had appeared on her statement. This case is still being investigated. Update: Detective Leroux investigated this case and determined that the entry was made in error and it was not a criminal offense. The complainant asked that the case be closed.

500 Block Orchard St., N.W. Between Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 11 at 3:01 p.m. A citizen reported that a known subject had used his identity and fraudulently opened numerous credit accounts. This case is still being investigated.

GRAND LARCENY

Brooke Rental, 300 Block Mill St., N.E. March 21, 7 p.m. A business owner reported that an individual had rented a generator on March 21. As of this writing the equipment has yet to be returned. Attempts to contact the subject have been fruitless. Update: Detective Gary Lose investigated the case. After his investigation the equipment was returned and the business owner declined to prosecute the individual.

400 Block West St., N.W. Between Nov. 6 at 7 a.m. and Nov. 10 at 7:35 p.m. A citizen reported that during the listed times an unknown subject removed a college ring from his bedroom. This case is still being investigated.

PEPT LARCENY

900 Block Meadow Lane, S.W. Nov. 5 between 12:5-7 p.m. Two packages which had been delivered on Nov. 5 were taken from the front door stoop of a citizen’s home.

400 Block Marshall Road, S.W. Nov. 11, 10:56 p.m. A citizen reported that an unknown male subject went into his shed and removed his gas can. When the citizen confronted the man, he relinquished the gas can and left.

Between Nov. 11 at 10 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 3:45 p.m. A citizen reported that a large amount of cash had been stolen from his residence. The complainant believes it may have been taken during a poker game he hosted at the home. This case is still being investigated.

PETIT LARCENY

1100 Block Fairway Drive, N.E. Between Nov. 11 at 10 p.m. and Nov. 12 between 1-9 a.m. A car stereo, GPS unit, and amplifier were removed from a parked vehicle during the listed times.

Forensic evidence was recovered at the scene. This case is still being investigated.

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By Donna Manz

The Connection

Vienna, small-town Vienna, glows during the holidays. Church Street beckons with an old-fashioned ambiance, the town tree casts a kaleidoscope of vivid colors, Freeman House and Store recalls its 19th century past and the small, locally-owned shops outdo the megastores with their unique products and personalized attention.

Here’s a sampling of Vienna treasures.

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Signed Rachael Peden hand-painted Vienna collectible ornaments are $19.50. Vienna holiday cards — Freeman House in a December snowfall — created by shopkeeper, Alla Fiore, are $8.50 for a box of 10.

“Because we think it’s going to be a cold winter, we stocked up on a wide selection of puzzles for the family,” Brady said. “They have large interlocking pieces.” One thousand-piece puzzles, many focusing on Virginia, sell between $15 and $20.

Freeman Store and House will be decorated for the holiday season in late November. Ayr Hill Garden Club creates traditional green arrangements in tune with a theme. This year, Brady said, Freeman House is looking at something “along the lines of ‘Home for the Holidays,’” a nod to the museum’s ‘Vienna Remembers World War II’ exhibit.

Freeman Store, Freeman House and Freeman Museum operate under the umbrella of Historic Vienna Inc. in the white-clad building on Church Street. The Freeman Store and House is located at 131 Church St., NE. Store hours are Wednesday-Saturday, noon-4 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

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Tunnel Supporters Argue Their Case

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“no-brainer.” Monett believes the incoming Democratic administration will focus on job creation and building new infrastructure. “There is a heavy union component to the Democratic Party and unions want jobs for their members,” Monett said. He said the rail extension would serve as a huge job generator for the region.

The U.S. secretary of transportation may have a large role to play in the determination of how the project proceeds. According to McLean resident Bill Coleman, a transportation secretary in President Gerald Ford’s administration, a federal statute established the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA), which took over the rail extension project. “It is therefore a federal entity,” Coleman said. “You need to demand that the secretary of transportation take another look at it,” Coleman said about the project and the current contracts driving it.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) said the contracts signed to date do not necessarily bind the public in the future, especially as the new president comes to Washington, D.C., and a gubernatorial race takes place in Virginia next year. “I don’t believe we are bound by that till kingdom come,” Petersen said.

Both Petersen and Monett said U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-Minn.), chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, had stated that the issue of the rail alignment, above or underground, is up to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Petersen said he wished to clarify a misconception that the federal share of the funding for the extension, $900 million, depends on the alignment. “The $900 million is not contingent upon over ground or underground,” Martin said.

MORE THAN 200 tunnel supporters gathered at the Tysons Corner Sheraton Wednesday night. Now, they are focusing on the hope for the tunnel through Tysons Corner. All of the speakers at Wednesday’s forums said they are supporters of rail to Dulles, but not of the aerial alignment, which the Dulles Corridor transit-oriented development (TOD) is currently in the planning phase.

Speaking of the environment, Roger Dietrich, a representative of the 8,000-member Sierra Club in Northern Virginia, said the tunnel would prove more effective in getting people out of their cars and onto public transit to visit Tysons Corner. “We need to make it a quality place that attracts people and quality development,” Dietrich said. He said that would be impossible to accomplish with the elevated alignment. It “flies in the face of everything you might want to do with smart growth and quality development,” Dietrich said.

Rob Jackson, president of the McLean Citizens Association, said that while the public has different views on the benefits Metrorail would bring to surrounding communities, there is unanimity that the elevated track through Tysons Corner is “plain wrong.” He said an elevated line would divide Tysons Corner. Jackson added that the solution is simple and involves getting elected officials to enable a bidding process on the project to serve the public good.

Carroll Carter, a retired publisher of Mass Transit magazine, said the tunnel would bring about a different landform for Tysons Corner. “What kills you here is that you are giving over so much land to a transportation system,” Carter said.

“There ARE A LOT of small businesses that are going to suffer because of the aerial alignment,” Matt Wallace, president of the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, said. He said the “biggest transportation blunder” in our area is still preventable. “Get it right,” he said.

Richardson and the federal government to understand that this is a decision that will affect our children and our children’s children,” Wallace said.

Roger Cryan, president of the Mantua Citizens Association, said Tysons Corner, if planned right, could transform into a great American city as the Washington-metropolitan area continues to grow. “To make this impossible, there is only one thing, an ugly, concrete, elevated metro line,” Cryan said.

“We don’t want a Tysons Mixing Bowl, we want a walkable Tysons,” Hutch Douglas of the McLean Hamlet Citizens Inc. said. “It’s inconceivable that Ballston and Rosslyn are underground and the current plan for Tysons calls for an elevated structure,” Jack Mitchell, president of the Westbriar Civic Association, said.

“There are 15,000 residents in Vienna and we are very proud to be behind the tunnel,” Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman said. While Monett continues to fight for the tunnel option through Tysons Corner, he is pursuing a more balanced funding formula for the project. He wishes to see the federal share of the funding increase in order to limit the financial exposure of the Dulles Toll Road users whose contribution to the project is not capped. “Everyone has a cap on their financial exposure, except us locals,” Monett said.

Reston resident Rob Whitfield said he agrees with Monett’s wish, especially since the Toll Road users’ share of the funding jumped from $361 million to $1.3 billion from January 2006 to May 2007. He said the Toll Road users are stuck with paying for half of the project already and the operating agency, MWAA, is not accountable to them. “How can you expect me to support this project anymore,” Whitfield said. He added that the federal government should also contribute more since a large percentage, more than 40 percent, of the commuters in the Dulles Corridor during the rush hour are federal employees.

Coleman, the former U.S. secretary of transportation, said he has written letters to the current transportation secretary. He also urged the attendees at Wednesday’s forum to contact the incoming presidential administration and the incoming U.S. senator from Virginia, Mark Warner. Coleman said Tysons Corner is currently the 12th largest commercial area in the United States and if the tunnel is built it would rank as high as the eighth largest within the next 10 years.
Chairman Race Heats Up

**News**

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...doubled, resulting in significantly higher taxes and more revenue for county government. Supervisors should have been more conservative about spending the additional money and adding new county programs, said Herrity.

The Springfield District supervisor also implied that Bulova and Connolly had not focused new revenue on the county’s most critical needs. As the local economy boomed, traffic got worse and the locality, which is looking at cutting public safety funding, saw a spike in crime this year, he said.

In his short time on the board, the Springfield supervisor has also been an advocate for more community involvement in Fairfax’s budget process and supported the board’s decision to hold community dialogues about county budget priorities this fall.

“[In recent years], we haven’t had outside input into the budget process other than public hearings,” said Herrity.

BULOVA said she, Connolly and the other veterans on the board couldn’t be blamed for the county’s current financial problems.

“This is a worldwide economic downturn and Fairfax County is affected by it. I have done a very good job of steering the county through tough fiscal times before and I will again. Tom Davis was chairman of the board the last time we were affected by a recession and it certainly wasn’t Tom’s fault,” she said.

Many of Bulova’s Democratic colleagues have already expressed support for her and said her experience as budget chairman would be a valuable asset.

Others, mostly Republicans, have already come out for Herrity.

“Sharon was chairman of the budget committee last year when they put off a lot of their decisions. They didn’t do what they might have done because Gerry was running for Congress. They didn’t make any of the tough decisions,” said Davis.

HERRITY could face an uphill battle getting elected countywide as a Republican.

Fairfax has not had a Republican chairman since Davis left the post 13 years ago, and all but two of the nine district supervisors are Democrats. Michael Frey (Sully) is the only other Republican on the board.

The Nov. 4 election also wasn’t encouraging. Sixty percent of Fairfax County voters chose President-elect Barack Obama, giving the Democrat over a 100,000-ballot victory over Republican John McCain in the locality.

Bulova also has a track record of getting elected as a Democrat in one of the county’s more moderate-to-conservative magisterial districts, said Scott Surovell, head of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

But Davis pointed out that his successor, Kate Hanley, won the county chairman seat in a similar, unfavorable climate for the Democrats in 1995.

Davis, who was then chairman, was one of over 50 Republicans to win new seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994. His move to Congress triggered a special election for county chairman in an era when Republicans had the advantage, but Hanley, a Democrat, still won the countywide seat.

In some ways, the Democratic blowout on Nov. 4 could help Herrity, according to Jim Hyland, head of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

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“We have all price points and different occasions call for different kinds of gifts,” Angolia said. “We have a lot of beautiful and unique hostess gifts that people can pick up on their way to a party. A floral and fruit accent basket, created with Gerber daisies and chili peppers is tied with a grass handle and sells for $15.”

If tropical plants aren’t enough to transport someone to the islands, the Tortuga line of Caribbean coffee and rum cakes just may do it. A bag of flavored coffee is $9 for 8 ounces.

The gift baskets are designed in-house and explore varied themes. A “Loukoumi” baby basket, priced at $125, includes two children’s books autographed by the author, Nick Katsoris, a baby T-shirt and organic Kiss Me in the Garden baby products. Angolia said the basket can be scaled up or down. “We know Nick well,” Angolia said. “His books are something you can only get here or on his Web site.”

Hostess baskets feature food, wine and fresh fruit and are priced in accord with inclusions, per customers’ requests. A stock of pick-and-go baskets is available for on-the-spot purchase.

Florentine-style gift wrap decorates a box of Di Camillo cookies. A still life of Di Camillo Baba Limoncello, packed in an elegant 23-ounce jar sells for $37.50. Stems of fiery torch ginger and wavy calla ilies sell for $7.50. And a furry Gund penguin flaps his arms to Feliz Navidad; he’s $40. Jingle bells the size of grapefruit are $7.50, larger ones go up to $15.

Living hostess gifts are indoor potted plants, such as a Christmas cactus or cyclamen, starting at $25. Even the 5-foot-high toy soldier is looking for a good home; he’s $375.

Karin’s Florist is at 527 Maple Ave., E.

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The miniatures collection — furnishings, decorations and figures — is dazzling. Collectors into miniature design, and dreamy young girls, have hundreds of items to choose from.

Betsy Ann Childress, an avid collector and shop staff member, said she works to support her “habit.” A living room, with sofa, chairs, chest and fireplace, can be put together for $75.

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Gifts with Touch of History

THE VIENNA QUILT SHOP has made its home in Vienna for 21 years. But it’s more than just a shop that sells handmade quilts. The shop restores quilts, creates memory quilts and customized teddy bears from cherished cloth and produces miniature bears from gentlemen’s ties, all in the on-site atelier. Vienna’s only baby boutique, specializing in hand-smocked clothes, occupies a corner of the shop.

Shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, a woman whose husband died in the Pentagon attack brought in her husband’s grayish colored corduroy pants. From that fabric, owner Nancy Preston and her staff created a memory bear with leather button eyes. “It really was beautiful,” Preston said. “The woman told me the bear is the last thing she sees at night and the first thing she sees in the morning.” The client then had made other memory bears for family. Mini-jointed memory bears made out of neckties are $55 each.

Preston travels throughout the world, seeking out women creating things in their homes, supporting their families through their craft. She’s visited a convent in Asia where the nuns teach the children handicrafts.

“Our atelier [workshop] is predominantly what makes us differ

This memory quilt, made of up a daughter’s T-shirts, commemorates 10 years of Coast Guard service. Memory quilts begin at $150.

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“Madeline’s Christmas,” 7:30 p.m. at the Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Tickets are $10 adult, $5 students. 703-790-5450 or www.oakcrest.org.

“Noises Off,” 7:30 p.m. at Langley High School, 6620 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-287-2700 or www.langleydrama.com.

Oakton Church of the Brethren’s 15th Annual Christmas Craft Show, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Free admission. All proceeds go to the church’s handicapped access renovation project loan. 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

Sunday/Nov. 23
Iona performs pan-Celtic music 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Snuggerby of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required. $15. 703-759-2300. Visit www.iona.org.

29th Annual Holiday Bazaar, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill road, Oakton. Mellarkins@verizon.net.

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Monday/Nov. 24
Giving Thanks. 2 p.m. Age 3.5 with adult. Stories and activities. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-775-5560.

Oakton Kids Read: Listen to This! 2:30 p.m. Age 6-12. Audibooks for traveling. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. 703-242-4020.

Tuesday/Nov. 25
Tea Tasting. 10 a.m. Green Tea. $20. Cathy’s Corner in the Village Centre, Great Falls. 703-757-6209 or www.cathyascorner.org.

VTCC Chamber 101. 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Lofty Salon & Wellness Center, 354 Maple Ave. West, Vienna. How to maximize chamber membership; prospective members learn how membership can benefit. Free. 703-281-1333.

VTCC Holiday Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Lofty Salon & Wellness Center, 354 Maple Ave. West, Vienna. Mona Harb, owner of Lofty Salon will host a VTCC holiday event. $15 members, $15 non-members. 703-281-1333.

Wednesday/Nov. 26
Turkey Trot. 10:30 a.m. Age 2-5 with adult. Stories and activities. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-7070.

Reggae Night with The Internals and The One Band. 9 p.m. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Friday/Nov. 28
The Grandsons. 8 p.m. Roots rock at The Barns. Tickets $16. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Showcase, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Tyson’s Corner Borders, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Admission $3. A wide range of unique art and craft items. Visit www.nvgh.org.


Saturday/Nov. 29
John Eaton. 7:30 p.m. Classic songs at The Barns. Tickets $25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Songwriters Circle featuring Anthony Flora, Shaun Hines and Todd Wright. 7 p.m. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Jody Marshall. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required. $15. Call 703-759-2300.

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Everything in the exhibit is on loan and the inventory will be rotated over the course of the year.

Shelby said that he was inspired by the people he met, “It was an honor to talk to these veterans, to get their stories.”

The Freem...
Oakton Outlasts West Springfield, 49-43

Now the Cougars are set to host Chantilly for the region Div. 6 title.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

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the end, the Oakton High defense made the stops when it had to in the Cougars' 49-43 scoring feast. Postseason football win over West Springfield last Friday night.

The Div. 6 Northern Region semifinals playoff contest took place in foggy, light drizzling conditions at Oakton High School.

Oakton (12-0) was on the verge of seeing a second half, 27-point lead evaporate. But Oakton junior lineman Daniel Watts believed Oakton's defense would hold down the potent West Springfield attack on its final two possessions after the Spartans had cut the deficit to six.

West Springfield's an unbelievable team,” said Oakton senior running back and tri-captain Trey Watts, who caught two passing touchdowns in his team's win. “They hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion field hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion field hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion field hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion field hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion field hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion.

Next up for Oakton is the Div. 6 region title game this Saturday afternoon at 1 against Chantilly, which defeated Westfield in its semifinals game. Meanwhile, West Springfield, with the loss to Oakton, sees its season end at 8-4 overall.

OAKTON'S DEFENSE was certainly challenged down the stretch after a turnover gave West Springfield the ball at its own 20 with 6:33 remaining. The Spartans, trailing by the 49-43 score, moved the ball into Oakton territory on a Renner (25-of-48, 427 yards, 4 TDs) completion of 16 yards to the Oakton 49.

But Oakton junior lineman Daniel Aevermann came up with a huge sack, for a loss of eight yards, on the next play. Over the next few plays after that, West Springfield hurt itself with a penalty and two dropped passes, including an incompletion on a fourth down play that ended the drive. Later, West Springfield began its final possession of the game from its own 30 with 1:21 left to play. The Spartans, with Renner running the offense, still had a chance. But the Spartans could not get a single first down. On a fourth-and-six at the 34, Spartan running back Brandon Bailey picked up five yards. A measurement confirmed that the Spartans were a yard short of the first down. That set off a huge, victorious roar from the Oakton side of the stadium.

Oakton, with the ball back in its possession with just 54 seconds left, ran out the remainder of the clock to conclude the pressure-packed, high scoring affair.

Watts believed Oakton’s defense would step up over the Spartans’ final two possessions. “We knew we could stop them at the end,” he said. “It came down to who was more physically tough. I think we were the tougher team.”

Afterwards, Oakton coach Joe Thompson described the game as “emotionally draining.”

Thompson had seen his defense try to hold down the potent West Springfield attack throughout the game. But often, Renner’s offensive line gave him plenty of time to set up in the pocket and throw. And when he didn’t throw, the 6-foot-4 inch, 195-pound QB would often scramble out of trouble with large chunks of yardage. On 17 carries, Renner ran for 99 yards.

“I felt like we had the formula to stop them, we just had to get them out of their rhythm,” said Thompson. “Their team scored 72 (in a playoff win over Woodson) last week, so holding them to 43 [was not embarrassing].”

Of Renner, Thompson said, “The kid’s amazing, a great warrior with great accuracy.”

WHILE RENNER was sensational for West Springfield, Oakton quarterback Chris Coyer was equally as valuable to his team. The senior tri-captain ran for two long touchdowns runs (65 and 49 yards) in the first half. He also hurt the Spartans through the air, tossing four touchdown passes, as did senior wide receiver Jay Young.

Oakton’s special team contributed a huge play in the win, accounting for the Cougars’ final touchdown and giving the home team what appeared to be an insurmountable 49-22 lead in the third quarter. The scoring play occurred on a West Springfield squib kick-off that backfired. Oakton senior Derek Gleich fielded the ball and bolted down the left sideline for the improbable score.

The Northern Virginia Football Officials Association (NVFOA) is seeking new members for who can become on-field game officials and electronic clock operators for games at the youth, middle school, and high school levels throughout the Metropolitan area. NVFOA is the sole supplier of football officials to all high schools in the Virginia counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun, and Fauquier. It also supplies officials to numerous private schools in Northern Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. For those who have the time to commit, NVFOA has the resources to teach and develop football officials. NVFOA seeks men and women who have reached the age of 18 and who have a desire to be a part of the most exciting and popular scholastic game in America. Information and application forms are available by contacting commissioner Dennis Hall by phone at 540-837-1316 or by email at commissioner@nvfoa.com.

The Vienna Youth Soccer (VYS) U-13 girls held their season championship game on Sunday, Nov. 2 at Cap One Field in McLean. The winning Vienna team was coached by Leslie Chappell and Serena Leogue. Pictured are the Vienna U-13 team members. Front row - Catherine Arendt, Cheyanne Megonigal, Aoiife Leogue, Ana-Clara Caldwell, Maggie Chappell, Chelsea Yun and Katie Juliana. Back row - Leslie Chappell (head coach), Martha Byrne, Emma Hastings, Laura Stange, Emma Carollan, Gabi Nmadar and Serena Leogue (assistant coach).

The Vienna Steelers anklebiters’ football team, a member of the Vienna Youth Incorporated (VYI), finished their season 9-0 and beat the Chantilly Eagles, 27-0, in the 2008 Fairfax County Youth League championship game on Nov. 8. The team finished the season with 279 total points scored, while only allowing 36. The Steelers were coached by Todd Casey, George Casey, David Freidman, Joel Friedman, David Buckingham, Paul Campo, Michael DeChristopher, Mike Godwin, and Mike Turner. The players on the squad were Jimmy Glenn, Paul Campo, Matthew Ziegelbauer, Isaiah Turner, Nicholas DeChristopher, Kevin Lanzas, Patrick Casey, Nick Evan, Joseph Schaffer, Bennett Jackins, Jack Felgar, Ethan Robertson, Tucker Mitchell, Mark Godwin and Vincent Pizzano.
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Oakton Elementary students celebrated Veterans Day with a morning assembly that paid tribute to America’s veterans and active duty personnel. The assembly was organized by counselor Kathleen Marshall and her Character Education Committee students. The honored guests of the assembly were 20 veterans and active duty personnel, including one World War II veteran.

After Principal Beverly Worek welcomed the students and honored guests, the Character Education Committee students presented the American Flag and PFC Jerome Pastor, a WWII Bronze Star recipient, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Alexandria Harmonizers then wowed the crowd with an a cappella medley of armed forces anthems.

The guest speaker, Maj. Gen. Robert Murray, spoke to the assembled students about the courage and honor that are exemplified by America’s veterans. He ended his remarks by quoting from a note he received from a fourth-grade Oakton Elementary School student following last year’s Veterans Day assembly. This student had written to thank Murray for speaking at the school’s assembly and for his service to our country. The student went on to say that because of heroes like Murray, he felt safe and protected when he went to sleep at night. Murray then reminded the students that the simple act of recognizing a service person’s service to America by thanking him or her means so much to a veteran because it demonstrates that their service and sacrifice are appreciated. After the Alexandria Harmonizers sang several patriot songs, Kevin McGrath performed “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes and a moment of silence was observed to honor all of our country’s veterans, those missing in action and heroes. The assembly was concluded with everyone joining together in singing “God Bless America.”

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will coordinate about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcmva.org.

Learning the history and meaning of the Christian Faith as practiced at Oakton United Methodist Church, Sundays through Nov. 23. 9:45-10:30 a.m. at 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton, at the intersection of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Road. 703-938-1234.

Rabbi Lia Bass, on “Living a Life of Torah,” 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. Rabbi Bass, the first woman from Brazil to be ordained as a Rabbi, will address the challenges facing modern Jews who wish to integrate tradition with modernity. Congregation Beth El, 15223 Lawyers Road, Herndon. $18 for members of Beth Emeth and Etz Hayim, $25 for non-members. 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Tenth Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 25, Hosted by St. Mark’s Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. Volunteers will do the service with prayers for peace and thanksgiving. Choirs from various congregations in our community will join together to provide an evening of inspiring music. An offering will be collected for Our Daily Bread and the Committee Helping Others (CHD). Call the Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna at 703-281-0338.

Epiphany United Methodist Church Annual Christmas Bazaar, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6. Silent auction, crafts, Poinsettias, wreaths and centerpieces for sale; baked goods and lunch also available. Located at 1014 Country Club Drive N.E., Vienna. 703-938-3494.

Jone Johnson Lewis discusses what people mean by “spiritual but not religious” at the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 11:00 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Free admission. Address: 225 N Euclid St., NW, Vienna. 703-437-3161 or www.env.org.


Vienna Assemblies of God Motion for Missions Banquet, following service on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. 100 Ayr Hill Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-938-7736.

Redeemer Lutheran Church Annual Living Nativity, Dec. 18 and 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Redeemer is located at 1585 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. 703-356-3346 or www.redeemermclean.org.

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Holiday Gift Guide

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ent in this area,” Preston said. “Quilts come in from all over the world for repair.” In back of the storefront, artisans match fabric pieces in-line with period and motif to restore damaged quilts. The staff buys old fabric, new fabric and accepts donated fabric, as well.

Preston’s creativity gave birth to a design, which is patent pending. She calls it a quilt “palette,” a “frame” of quilt on which quilted blocks are sewn. The blocks can be clothing pieces or new designs. “The palette is my idea, my baby,” Preston said. A 4-foot by 6-foot palette starts at $129.

Memory quilts are constructed from pieces of cloth that have a personal history behind them. Prices start at $150.

Restoration work is charged by the hour and complexity. “Our famous baby things are Christening gowns,” Preston said. The dresses, most smocked, some with seed pearls, start at $90.

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**Letters to the Editor**

**Electoral Provention Shows Democracy Alive, Well**

To the Editor:

There will be many memorable images from election 2008, but perhaps none is more heartening than that of Americans voting in staggering numbers at the polls. It is an affirmation that our democracy is alive and well. Voters deserve to be congratulated for their deep commitment to voting and for their patience and perseverance. They showed real dedication by voting early, standing in long lines when necessary and making sure their voices were heard.

In Fairfax County, 78.7 percent of the 665,674 registered voters voted for president/vice president. Election Day went smoothly and after the early morning rush, there was little waiting to vote at most precincts. Voters were greeted with the option of using the “old” WinVote computer or the new optical scanning paper ballot. The paper ballot option sped up voting and seemed to be well received by those who chose to use it.

Democracy got a big boost this election with such enthusiastic participation from voters, especially younger voters ages 18-29, but there is always more to be done to make it work well for all Americans. The challenges we face will require our continued participation in this democratic process. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area works year-round to inform our community about candidates and advocate on issues that affect our daily lives. We were immensely gratified to see so many people engaged in the political process this year and were proud to be a part of the process in various ways such as producing our Voters Guide and registering voters.

As president of the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters, I invite others in the community to maintain their commitment to civic improvement by joining the league and helping us continue the good work. Together we can keep our community strong, healthy and vibrant. For more information, call 703-658-9150 or go to our Web site, www.lwv-fairfax.org.

Sherry W. Zachry, president
League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

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