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Fairfax County wants to transform Tyson's Corner into a more livable, pedestrian-friendly community — pictured above — but the task could present many challenges.

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Tysons Guidelines on Fast Track

Landowners, supervisors want redevelopment plan in place before Metro line.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Tysons Corner Land Use Task Force took three-and-a-half years to articulate its vision of the transit-oriented, green downtown it hopes to see Virginia's largest business district eventually become.

Now, Fairfax County planners have a matter of months to craft the precise language that will help make that goal a reality.

County staff will draft a new comprehensive plan for Tysons by July. The Board of Supervisors should be able to vote on the new Tysons land use when members return from their August recess in 2009.

"It is an aggressive timeline. The Board [of Supervisors] asked for an aggressive timeline," said James Zook, director of Fairfax County's Department of Planning and Zoning.

THE AUTOMOBILE defines Tysons today.

Nearly half of Tysons, the country's 12th largest business district, is taken up by streets and parking. There are 13 jobs for every single household located in Tysons and the vast majority of people who work there commute by car.

Through new development guidelines, the county hopes planners will reshape Tysons into a community where residents live, work and recreate — all without getting into a car.

The Tysons Task Force vision calls for 95 percent of all development to be located within one half mile of the four new Metro stops and 600 feet of a planned circulator route.

Over the next few decades, the number of Tysons households would go from 14,000 to approximately 100,000. And the number of jobs per resident would drop to four to one.

"The task force has proposed nothing short of a transformation of Tysons Corner," said Walter Alcorn, vice-chair of the Fairfax County's planning commission.

THE TASK is an immense undertaking for both the planning commission and staff.

"We have never done any plan amendment as complex as this ... The planning commission does have a large task," said Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence), who used to sit on the planning commission before being elected to office.

Over the next few months, commission

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COURTESY OF THE TYSONS LAND USE TASK FORCE

The planning commission and county staff will face numerous hurdles trying to transform Tysons Corner into the community as envisioned here.

Dulles Rail Moves Forward

Nearly a year after almost killing the project, the Federal Transit Administration approved \$900 million in funding for the Metro system's "silver line" extension to Dulles Airport and beyond. Though the decision is seen as a significant step forward, several people and entities, including the U.S. Transportation Secretary, the U.S. Congress and the federal Office of Management and Budget, must also sign off on the project before it can become reality.

If the Dulles rail extension is fully approved this spring, the first phase of the line, which would run through Tysons Corner out to Wiehle Avenue in Reston, would be completed in 2013. The second phase of the line, which would end in Loudoun County, would open two years later.

The following are some of the reactions people with a vested interest in the project had to the Federal Transit Administration's approval:



"This can't go on forever. We are ready for things to move. But do I wish it was going to be underground? Yes."

— Linda Smyth (D), Providence District Supervisor, who voted against the project in the spring of 2007 because it did not include a tunnel through Tysons Corner



"Not only are we moving forward on Dulles rail but we are also moving forward on the Tysons plan. We want to be ready."

— Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins



"Extending rail to Dulles will help ease traffic congestion on our roads and improve the quality of life for all northern Virginians who are tired of sitting in traffic rather than doing the things they want to do."

— U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), who secured more than \$250 million for the project through the congressional appropriations committee

Police Kill Robbery Suspect

Fairfax police shoot 19-year-old McLean bank robbery suspect in Arlington.

BY KEN MOORE
AND DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

The call to Fairfax police about a bank robbery in progress at a McLean bank came at 11:21 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Ten minutes later, just across the Arlington line, three Fairfax police officers fatally shot a 19-year-old bank robbery suspect, at 11:32 a.m.

The suspect, Hailu Brook Hailu, also known as Hailu Brook Hailu, was a senior at Yorktown High School in Arlington County. He lived on the 7400 block of Eldorado Street in McLean, according to Fairfax Police, but had been recently living with relatives in Arlington and enrolled at Yorktown in September, according to Arlington County Public School Spokesperson Frank Bellavia.

Hailu turned 19 years old on Nov. 4, according to search warrants filed by Fairfax officers.

Arlington County and Fairfax County detectives are coordinating an ongoing investigation, according to an Arlington County Police press release.

FAIRFAX OFFICERS were initially called to a reported bank robbery at 11:21 a.m., Dec. 10, at Branch Banking & Trust Bank at 6220 Old Dominion Drive in McLean.

"In that robbery, the suspect entered the bank, brandished a semi-automatic handgun and robbed the teller," according to a search warrant filed in Fairfax County Circuit Court. The suspect was wearing "a black-hooded sweat shirt with the hood over his head" as well as a mask, blue jeans, and white and black running shoes.

Two witnesses helped police locate the suspect, including one citizen who was at a drive-thru window when he observed the suspect enter the bank with the handgun, and then flee in a champagne-colored Honda, according to the court documents.

"The witness followed the suspect in his vehicle until the suspect crashed into a light pole," according to the search warrants. That crash occurred at Old Dominion Drive and Valley Wood Road, according to both Arling

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PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Area residents shop for holiday gifts during the 26th Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show at the McLean Community Center on Dec. 5-7.



Linda and John Chaconas of Gaithersburg, Md., browse some glass artwork at the 26th Annual McLean Holiday Crafts Show at the McLean Community Center on Dec. 5-7.

Holiday Crafts Show Attracts Area Residents

Rail Prospects Speed Up Tysons Planning

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members and staff will have to come up with solutions for several challenges, many of which were not addressed directly by the Tysons Task Force in their report, she said.

For example, the task force wants to see a grid of streets in Tysons, even though the area is already built up and existing buildings stand in the way.

The task force also envisions more open space, parks and a circulator system in Tysons. But the creation of such public amenities requires landowners to give up lucrative pieces of property — possibly already with buildings standing on them — for public use.

“We have a lot of existing buildings that are not going to go away for a very long time. And all of these things that task force didn’t really deal with at all,” said Smyth.

FAIRFAX COUNTY’S planning department is also relatively new to urban developments of the type envisioned for Tysons. Some wonder whether the county has expertise for this type of project.

“Planning is part of their job. It is what they do. But Tysons is getting some big changes to it and it is going to be more urban and more intense. They may lack some expertise and experience doing this. There may be a little bit of learning curve,” said Mark Zetts, who has followed the Tysons Corner redevelopment process for the McLean Citizens Association.

According to officials, the Fairfax County planning department is used to tackling different types of projects. Some of the staff planners and consultants have training and experience in urban planning.

They have also worked on projects like development around the Vienna Metro station, which is similar to what is being proposed in Tysons, said Zook.

“We have an extremely competent staff. Between our staff and the consultants, we have the ability and the talent to do the planning that is necessary,” said Zook.

STILL, supervisors and the county business community exerted pressure on Zook

and his staff members to speed up the overhaul of the Tysons plan language.

After threatening to back off the project last January, the Federal Transit Administration approved \$900 million for the 23-mile, \$5.2 billion Dulles rail project Dec. 4. The project — the focus of Tysons redevelopment — still faces some other hurdles, but the transit agency’s blessing is considered a milestone.

“It is another important step toward ultimate approval. It doesn’t guarantee it but it is a very important point of progress,” said Bill Lecos, president of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

IN A JOINT resolution passed Dec. 8, the supervisors emphasized their desire for swift action on the drafting of new Tysons Corner plan language, in part due to the federal transit agency’s decision.

“This Board and the [Washington Metro And Transit Authority] Board of Directors want to make sure the enormous public investment into Rail to Dulles is supported by a land-use plan that emphasizes Transit-Oriented Development,” wrote the supervisors. Even before the transit administration’s announcement about rail last week, people had already indicated that county needs to work quickly to create a land use plan that accommodates metro.

Some Tysons Task Force members, who handed in their vision for the business district’s transformation Sept. 22, grumbled about the planners’ lack of progress during a Dec. 1 meeting, three days prior to the federal agency’s endorsement of the rail project. “Optimistically they think it will be [fall of] 2009 when the board will be able to approve the plan. That is quite a gap if the rail project gets approved in the spring. Landowners are going to know rail is a reality but they won’t know what is happening with Tysons and no good can come of that,” said Lecos.

IF DEVELOPMENT of the new Tysons land use regulations lags behind the Metro’s construction, the county could run the risk of not fully integrating the new stations with

the surrounding architecture, said Lecos, who is also on the Tysons Task Force.

If uncertainty about Tysons Corner’s new land use regulations lingers, landowners could also choose to develop their property under the current comprehensive plan, which means it would be built out as Tysons traditionally has been.

“If things start getting developed under the old plan, the citizens would be justifiably annoyed. If we build more in Tysons and get the same old, same old, I understand why that would be annoying,” said Lecos. But Fairfax County’s planning department took issue with Lecos’ characterization of the situation.

“I think developers have a relative degree of confidence on the predictability of the planning process,” said Zook.

Under Zook’s leadership, Fairfax County will keep stakeholders informed of what is under consideration as part of the Tysons plan. Planning staff will probably start meeting with landowners to discuss their plans for redevelopment and how they might fit into the new regulations governing Tysons, he said.

AT LEAST one Tysons task force member said she did not think it was fair to criticize Fairfax County planners’ work on the Tysons comprehensive plan so far.

Amy Tozzi, who lives on the east side of Tysons in The Regency at McLean, said county staff has been working slowly because the task force had given them much higher density and population numbers than they originally anticipated.

“In the last few weeks of the task force, we upped the ante by increasing densities by immense margins. None of the previous analysis they had done was valid at all ... I do not think it was the staff’s fault. The task force was, in good measure, to blame,” said Tozzi.

Zook’s memorandum does indicate that county planning staff will spend much of spring conducting or examining analysis of the potential build out of Tysons Corner, particularly its impact on traffic and existing public facilities.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Robbery, Wounding In Tysons Corner

Police responded to the report of a shooting in the area of Chain Bridge Road and Tysons Boulevard shortly after 3 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10.

Officers determined that a car broke down on Chain Bridge Road; the driver, a 23-year-old man from Greenbelt, Md. got out to work on his car and a second car pulled in front of the first. One occupant got out of the second car, approached the man working on his car, produced a gun and demanded money. A second occupant got out of the second car, approached the 43-year-old female passenger, from Brentwood, Md. in the first car and demanded money. The victims struggled with their assailants; the male victim was shot once in the upper body, the female was struck in the head with a hard object. Both victims were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

The suspect with the gun was described as being black, in his 40s, about 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 300 pounds. He had short hair in dreadlocks, a thick goatee and acne. He was wearing a gray, hooded sweater, gray pants and white sneakers. The second suspect was white, in his late 20s to early 30s. He was about 6 feet tall and weighed approximately 150 pounds. He had short, dark hair and a thick goatee. He was wearing tan pants and a sweater with white and black stripes.

The suspects were driving a silver or gray sedan, possibly a Ford.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text “TIP187” plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



Raedun Knutsen, one of the founders of the Terry Moore Scholarship Fund, congratulates Tracy Jenkins, winner of the original Chemis-Tree 5K, held in June.

Chemis-Tree 5K Returns

Run supports scholarship fund in honor of late McLean teacher and Burke resident Terry Moore.

This Saturday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m., the second annual Chemis-Tree 5K will be held at McLean High School. The run, hosted by graduates of the high school, raises money for the Terry Moore Scholarship Fund,

named for the McLean High School chemistry teacher and active member of the Burke community who died of brain cancer in October of 2007.

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Robbery Suspect Killed

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ton and Fairfax police.

Another witness then observed the suspect exit the vehicle with a white bag, later found to contain money.

"The second witness called 911 and stayed on the phone with the dispatcher as he followed the suspect," according to the warrants.

Officers confronted Hailu Brook in the 5300 block of North 36th Street, just over the Arlington County border.

"The suspect produced a hand-

gun and failed to obey the officers' commands. Three officers fired at the suspect, striking him in the upper body," according to both departments.

"The officers challenged the suspect, who matched the description of the bank robbery suspect, and then ended the encounter by utilizing deadly force," according to the warrants written by a Fairfax officer.

THE THREE OFFICERS, all assigned to the McLean District

Station, were veterans on the force, who had worked for 21 years, nine and three years, according to Fairfax Police.

Fairfax County Public Information Officer Shelley Broderick could not comment on how many shots were fired, how many times Hailu was shot, or whether he spoke English.

"Anytime there's a shooting, we're going to have an internal investigation," she said. "There is no estimate as to when the inves-

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OPINION

When To Chase?

How to judge when benefits outweigh risks to police, public?

In the past week, there were two instances of police chasing perpetrators through multiple jurisdictions that raise some questions. In one case, a tractor trailer driven by a man fleeing police in Montgomery County crossed the American Legion Bridge on the Capital Beltway into Fairfax County and then exited in Tysons Corner before crashing down the block from this newspaper's offices on Westpark Drive. Dozens of police cars from Maryland and Virginia participated in the chase, broadcast live on some channels via helicopter.

The chase ended with a few fender benders and the suspect being tasered. No one else was hurt.

But we wonder what kind of damage could have occurred.

When does it make sense to chase a suspect driving a vehicle with contents unknown into the center of one of the largest shopping districts in the United States during the holiday shopping season? With helicopters in pursuit perhaps this is a case where tracking the truck until it ran out of gas was a possibility.

Last week, a 19-year-old bank robbery suspect from McLean was shot dead by police within sight of a middle school after a foot chase led them to an Arlington neighborhood.

Last February, a Fairfax County Police Officer drove her police cruiser through a red traffic signal on Richmond Highway on the way to answer a call, striking the car of 33 year-old Ashley McIntosh and killing her. The officer

was cleared of charges of reckless driving.

We don't pretend to understand all of the factors that come into play in making such decisions in general or these decisions in particular. We do know that we would like police to be open with the public about their policies.

— MARY KIMM,

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More on Poor Students

Several thoughtful emails were sent responding to our editorial, "Don't Lump Poor Students Together." (Dec. 3, 2008, www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=322904&paper=65&cat=110)

Some writers pointed to many factors besides concentration of student poverty that affect the quality of a school.

For example, Graham Road Elementary, with a high percent poverty rate, performs comparably to many schools with wealthy student populations. Graham Road, at least one writer said, is a good school because of great principal, great resources and parents who care.

The way the editorial was written does present too simplistic a picture.

While concentration of poverty in schools creates significant and often unnecessary chal-

lenges, and decreasing the concentration has benefits, this is far from the only factor involved in creating a successful school and student achievement.

Absolutely a great principal can inspire staff and parents; teachers and parents who care can make an incredible difference. And it is also quite possible for a school populated by affluent families to be mediocre.

Any yet, as the school system draws new boundaries, it is a mistake to create this additional challenge of concentrating poor students in one school.

But there is much more work than that involved in creating great schools.

— MARY KIMM,

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Churchill Road 'Girls on the Run'

A group of 20 third to fifth grade girls, staff members and parents from Churchill Road Elementary School completed the Reindeer Romp 5K race in Reston Town Center. As part of the nationally chartered "Girls on the Run" program, the girls learned the importance of being physically, mentally and emotionally healthy, all while training for a 5K race.

Sponsored by Churchill Road school counselor Katie Griffith and music teacher Danielle Menard and with the help of parent volunteers Terri Markwart and Robin Hoeymans, the girls have been convening twice weekly since early October, preparing to meet their goal of completing a 5K run.

Running along with the girls were several CRS teachers: Jordan Craig-Kuhn, Liz Underwood, Danielle Menard and Cindy Haines. Lindsay Gilchrist was praised for all of her help behind the scenes on race day.



In row 2: Jackie Litschewski, Cindy Haines (teacher), Alden Anthony, Hannah Curtis, Elizabeth Hoeymans, Jesse Smith, Alexandra Brooks, and Junko Holbrook (parent). In row 3: Katie Griffith (sponsor), Jordan Craig-Kuhn (teacher), Liz Underwood (teacher), Danielle Menard (sponsor), Marlen McKinney (parent), Liesl Curtis (parent), Sally Haines, and Terri Markwart (parent). Participating but not pictured are students: Victoria Bergeron, Laura Gordon, Natalie Hirsch, Kate Shapland and Isabelle Wolter.

Pictured from left are Churchill Road School Girls on the Run members, staff and parents. In row 1: Olivia Uzer, Lauren Markwart, Caroline Dougherty, Lauren Dean, Linsey Wenk, Karina Holbrook, Maggie Bellaschi, Claire Mullery, and Nina Chung.

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Tenant-Landlord Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-5959.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

Board of Supervisors Audit Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 530, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2531.

MONDAY/DEC. 22

Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9 and 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

Saturday/Jan. 3

Community meeting with Delegate James M. Scott, Delegate Margi Vanderhye and State Senator Janet Howell, 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Karol Straub, 703-938-1414.

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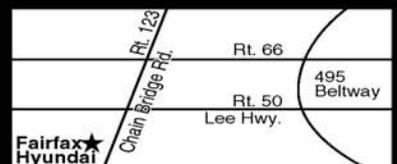
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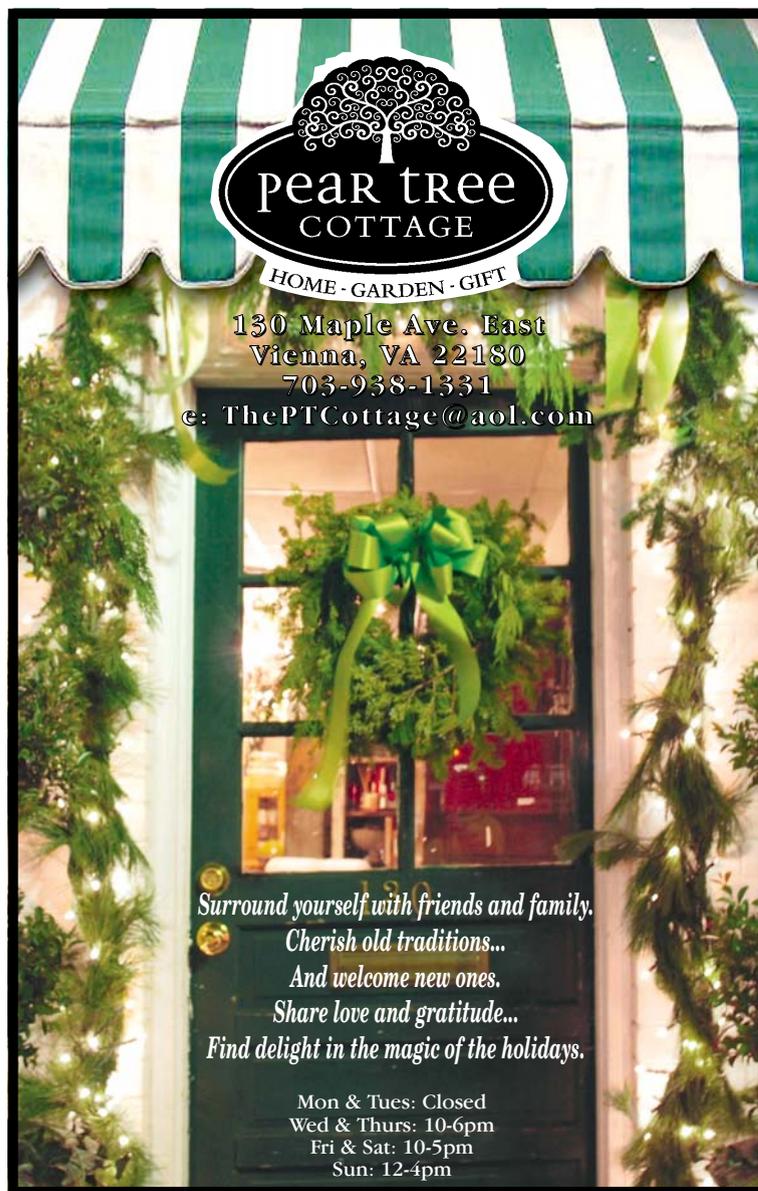
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Shooting Investigated

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igation will be completed." Arlington Police were alerted to the incident from a Fairfax Police helicopter, according to Arlington County information officer Crystal Nosal. "They were alerting us because they had sightings of the suspect near a school."

Williamsburg Middle School, Yorktown High School and Nottingham Elementary School were all locked down during the incident, she said.

Nosal added that she was once involved in a police shooting in the past, and that the investigation takes a significant amount of time.

"[That shooting] took place in October, and we didn't send the [information] to the Commonwealth Attorney until spring. They want to go through the whole investigation and they like to be very meticulous."

Hailu Brook was the son of an Ethiopian diplomat, Brook Hailu Beshah of McLean, who formerly served as Ethiopia's deputy ambassador to the United States and is currently a part-time professor at George Washington University.

OFFICER DON GOTTHARDT, another Fairfax County Police Department spokesperson, said Fairfax Police could not answer questions Friday because Arlington County is now in charge of the investigation.

When asked if police have guidelines when to pursue a suspect and when not to, Gotthardt answered, "there are general orders, when we will ... and when we shall not."

Gotthardt refused on Friday to answer questions about the specific guidelines.

NEWS

Remembering Terry Moore

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This will actually be the second Chemis-Tree 5K held this year, as the initial run took place in June. From now onward, the race is to be held on the first day of the school system's winter break.

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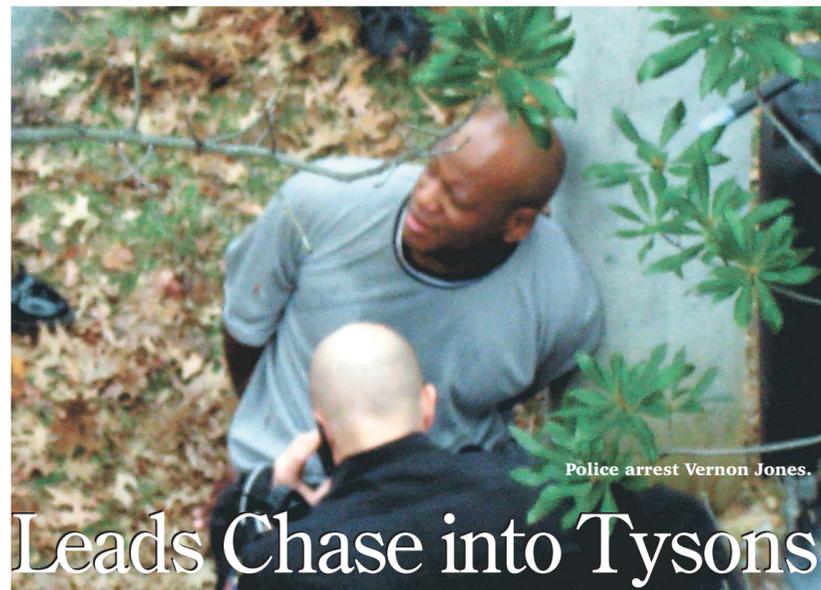
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The truck was badly damaged by the time it came to a stop on the sidewalk along Westpark Drive.



Police arrest Vernon Jones.

Fugitive Leads Chase into Tysons Corner

Police pursue wanted Maryland man's trailer truck from Hyattstown, Md., to Westpark Drive.

By MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't exactly a high-speed chase. Maryland State Police Sgt. Julianne Pritchard said the semitruck driver who led

police on a pursuit from Hyattstown, Md., into Tysons Corner Tuesday, Dec. 9, was never driving much faster than 55 mph. By the time he crossed the state line at the American Legion Bridge, with both the truck's front tires

blown out, he was going considerably slower.

"The suspect did attempt to strike a number of vehicles, including my own," Pritchard said.

She said the chase started at about 3:25 p.m., when Maryland

state troopers running a routine vehicle check at a scale house discovered that the driver, identified in a Maryland State Police press release as 36-year-old Vernon Jones of Randallstown, Md., was wanted in Baltimore City.

According to the press release, Jones was wanted "for failure to appear at a probation hearing for an original charge of assault with

intent to murder." Pritchard said he had been on the run for something like 15 years.

Police realized he was providing a false Social Security number, Pritchard said, and at about the time that the troopers were receiving confirmation that he was wanted, Jones ran to his truck and drove away. He got onto Interstate

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One of two police cars damaged when they collided in front of Tysons Galleria Mall during the chase.

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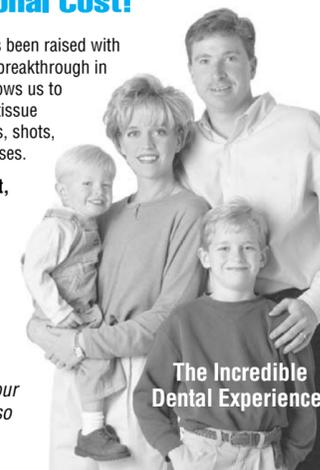
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Chase Ends with Arrest

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 270 and headed south.

FOUR STATE troopers gave chase and were joined by about 15 Montgomery County police officers, Pritchard said. At Father Hurley Boulevard, stop sticks were deployed, deflating one of the truck's front tires, and Pritchard took out the other front tire with stop sticks just south of Montrose Road. Nonetheless, Jones continued driving south and got onto the Capital Beltway.

Pritchard said Montgomery County Police stayed well ahead of the vehicle, making sure all other traffic was cleared. At one point, she said, she pulled up beside the truck and made eye contact with Jones, but "he was just waving his arms." At the American Legion Bridge, Virginia State Police joined the chase, having received word that the truck was coming, Virginia State Police Lt. Danny Glick said. "The vehicle was driving very erratically," he said, adding that Jones had attempted to run several police vehicles off the road.

Jones exited the Beltway at Tysons Corner and he ended up heading northwest on Westpark Drive. There, the chase ended with the truck drifting across the wrong side of the road and coming to a stop on the sidewalk between a row of trees and a retaining wall, just beyond the intersection with Park Run Drive.

Pritchard said she wasn't sure if Jones had lost control or given up, but she said smoke was pouring from the vehicle, while the front end of the cab, supported by badly damaged rims, was nearly touching the ground.

"He was giving up, however, he wouldn't come out," she said, noting that Montgomery County Police officers smashed the passenger-side window to gain entry to the cab. Once Jones was extracted from the vehicle, "immediately, he was tasered by Montgomery County," she said.

Jones was taken into custody by the Virginia State Police and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

GLICK ESTIMATED that the chase had run for approximately 25 miles. He said it was "obviously very fortunate" that no one was hurt in the long course of the pursuit, particularly since it involved an 80,000-pound vehicle driving without its front tires. "No serious

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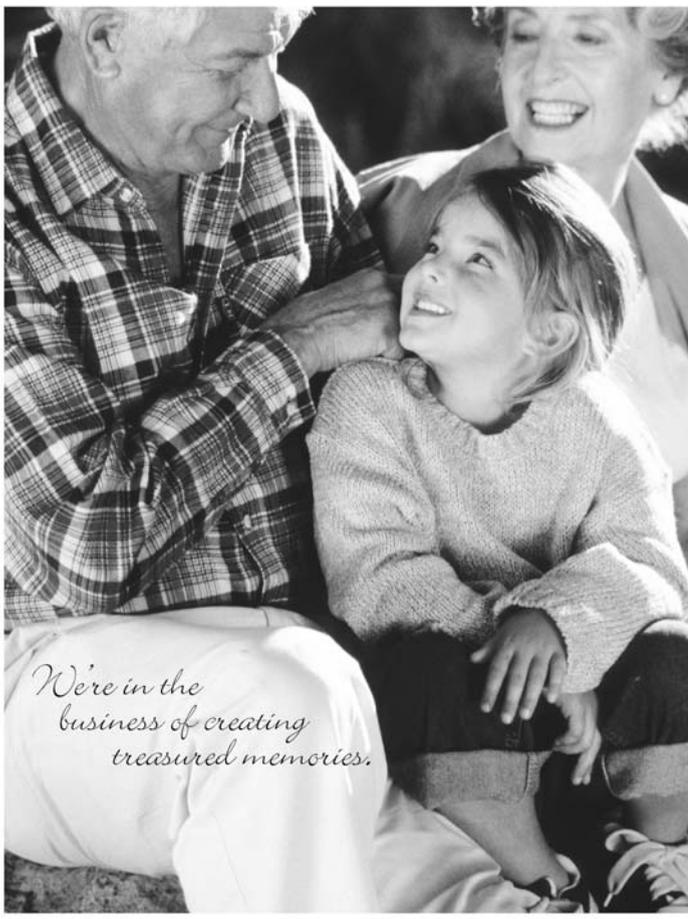
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Chase Closes Westpark Drive

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crashes for the public or the police," he reported.

However, that's not to say no crashes occurred. On International Drive, in front of Tysons Galleria Mall, two police cars had collided during the pursuit. A state police cruiser had crashed head-on into the driver's side of an unmarked police sedan.

The truck had been pulling a Western Express trailer and Maryland State Police spokeswoman Elena Russo said Jones was an employee of the transportation services company. She said the trailer was empty and it remained unknown where Jones was headed when he stopped at the

Hyattstown weigh station.

Russo said Jones was being charged in Maryland with "numerous traffic violations," as well as first- and second-degree assault on a police officer "for intentionally trying to ram our officers."

On one occasion, she said, the driver swerved to hit an officer who was deploying a stop stick on foot. However, she said Jones would not be formally charged until he was returned to Maryland after going through the Fairfax County court system. "It depends when you guys give him up," she said.

In Virginia, Jones is being charged with reckless driving, felony eluding and attempted ma-

licious wounding of an officer. He has a court date of Feb. 4.

Westpark Drive was closed down for hours last Tuesday evening. Long after Jones had been taken away, commercial tow truck operators were doing the slow, delicate work of extracting the semitruck from the tight spot it was in, easing it downhill into the intersection. One cypress tree had to be cut down to free the vehicle. The tires and beaten rims slowly stripped the sod from the ground and tree branches creaked and snapped as the truck was inched free.

Staff writer David Schultz contributed to this story.

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mid-20s. The woman was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, 125 pounds with short, black hair. She wore black pants and a black, hooded sweat shirt. The man was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, 150 pounds, with short, black, braided hair. He wore a black, long-sleeved shirt, black pants and a red baseball cap. The victim was treated at the scene for his injuries.

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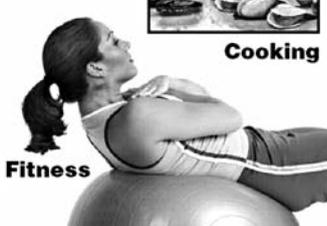
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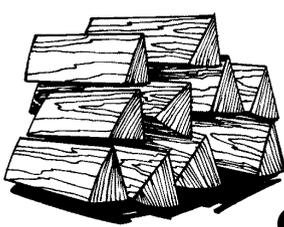
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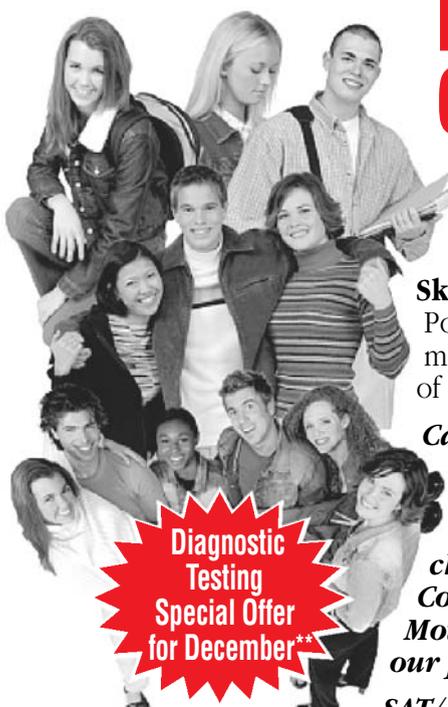
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White Out

While nearly one-third of the county is not white, 95 percent of its elected officials are.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

When he is sworn in on Jan. 20, President-elect Barack Obama will be the first African American to hold that office. He will also boost the number of people of color who represent Fairfax County by 25 percent.

Only four of Fairfax County's 80 current elected representatives, from United States President to Northern Virginia Soil and Water board members, are not white. None are Hispanic or Latino.

According to the 2006 U.S. Census, about 40 percent of Fairfax County defines itself as members of racial or ethnic minority groups.

Fairfax County Public Schools is a "majority minority" system, with white students making up just 48 percent of the total student population in 2008.

YET FAIRFAX COUNTY'S representatives hardly reflect the county's multi-ethnic and multi-racial make up. While nearly one-third of the county is not white, 95 percent of its elected officials are.

Until Obama takes office, none of Fairfax County's elected official at the federal level is a member of a minority group. Every person that represents Fairfax County in the state government, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, six state Senators and 16 members House of Delegates members, is white.

At the local government level, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), who is African American, is the only person of 10 sitting on the county board that is not white. Elected in 2003, Hudgins is the first African American and non-white person elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Ilryong Moon, Korean American, and Tina Hone, who is biracial, are both at-large members on the 12-member Fairfax County School Board.

George Lovelace, who is African American, sits on the Vienna's town council. He is the only non-white elected representative out of 20 in the county's three town governments of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton.

"The richness of Fairfax County is its diversity and, when you look across the room, you don't see that diversity across the leadership," said Hudgins.

From 2004 to 2007, just three of the 80 people holding public office in Fairfax County – 3.75 percent overall – were not white.

"It is one of the reasons I ran," said Hone about the lack of racial and ethnic diversity among Fairfax County's political leadership.



When Barack Obama, shown here at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax in July, takes office as President, he will increase the current minority representation of Fairfax County by 25 percent.



Tina Hone



Ilryong Moon



Cathy Hudgins



George Lovelace

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— Cathy Hudgins,
Board of Supervisors

"I know fully that one does not have to be a minority to understand and be passionate about issues that affect minorities. ... [But] I am someone who actually believes a government should reflect the diversity of the electorate."

"Especially for something like the school board, it is important to have various points of view represented on the board," said Bob Frye, an African American elected to Fairfax school board in 1995. "Having people from diverse backgrounds and occupations helped."

Elected officials also run the risk of leaving minority communities isolated or disenfranchised when the political leadership fails to reflect the electorate.

"Such imbalance does not help garnering support and buy-in from the under represented communities for policies set by the political leaders," said Moon. "Such imbalances also miss opportunities to tap resources and talents that minority candidates and communities can provide."

THERE ARE different theories as to why Fairfax County's political leadership does not reflect the county's population.

Some say Fairfax County's minority com-

munities have grown fairly recently and are still trying to grow roots establish themselves.

According to the U.S. Census, Fairfax was 81.3 percent white in 1990. By 2006, the county population was 67.9 percent white.

"When you compare [Northern] Virginia to the rest of the United States, our communities are still very young," said Isis Castro, a former county school board member.

MANY OF the new residents who make up Fairfax's fastest growing minority communities, Asian and Hispanic, are also immigrants. About 27 percent of Fairfax residents are foreign born and 32 percent speak a language other than English in their homes, according to 2006 census data.

The language barrier can make it very difficult for minority communities to get involved in politics and could also explain why certain groups have lagged in representation. "If you come here, you have to learn the language first, become successful and get involved in your community before you can move on to politics. That can take time," said Castro, who was a refugee from Cuba, moving to Florida as a child.

Fairfax Minority Elected Officials:

- George Lovelace:** Town of Vienna Council (1982-1996, 2003- present); House of Delegates (1997-1999)
- Bob Frye:** Fairfax County School Board, At-large (1996-2003)
- Ernestine Heastie:** Fairfax County School Board, Providence District (1996-2003)
- Ilryong Moon:** Fairfax County School Board, Braddock District (1996-1999); Fairfax County School Board, At-large (2004-present)
- Isis Castro:** Fairfax County School Board, Mount Vernon District (2000-2003)
- Rita Thompson:** Fairfax County School Board, At-large (2000-2003)
- Cathy Hudgins:** Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Hunter Mill (2004-present)
- Tina Hone:** Fairfax County School Board, At-large (2008-present)
- Barack Obama:** United States President (takes office 2009)

New immigrants may also have a hard time understanding the political process in the United States or have had negative experiences with government officials in their home country.

"Many minority communities have not been in Fairfax long enough to learn and become comfortable with the American political process. Some communities have also traditionally shunned politics due to their own cultural and historical experiences," said Moon, who moved to Northern Virginia from Korea in high school.

"In addition to candidate recruiting, more education on our political process needs to be provided to communities," he said.

MANY CANDIDATES don't believe people of color really need "majority minority" districts to get elected in Fairfax County. Every minority elected official in Fairfax County was chosen by a majority white elector-

torate. County voters seem willing to look past race when voting.

When Ernestine Heastie was elected Providence's representative on the school board in 1995, the district had one of the smallest African American populations, just 5.2 percent, of any in the county. According to 2006 census data, the Hunter Mill district, which Hudgins represents, is just 6.2 percent African American and

nearly 70 percent white.

"I think if a person of color runs for office in Northern Virginia, I think they are chosen based on what they bring to the table," said Lovelace, the Vienna Town Councilmember. "I am not naive enough to think that color doesn't matter but a person of color would get a fair look in Northern Virginia."

FAIRFAX COUNTY has a deficit of minority elected officials not because people of

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Little Diversity in County Leadership

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color can't get elected but because of a deficit of minority candidates.

"There have not been enough minority candidates running for public office," said Moon. "The political parties need to do a much better job of reaching out to minority communities to recruit, encourage, groom and train more minority candidates."

Mexican American and Republican activist Laura Varamirez Drain agreed with Moon. The Reston resident was focused on national politics this past fall as national co-chair of Latinas for McCain and Virginia's only Hispanic delegate to the Republican National Convention in early September. But she says she will direct more of her attention to local politics now. "Fairfax is a very diverse community and we are not well represented. I think we have to do a better job of running for positions," said Drain.

SCOTT SUROVELL hopes to increase minority participation in the Fairfax County Democratic Committee as the organization's current president.

"I think candidates will come from that," he said. The local Democrats are trying to have more of a presence at ethnic community events and fairs. Surovell said party officials are also reaching out more to the ethnic media.

The party's information piece for public schools' Back-to-School Night was printed in four different languages this year. Fairfax County Democrats are also working toward offering their "sample ballots" in several languages.

Surovell added that the amount of money and time it takes to run for office is also a barrier. "A lot of people simply can't afford to make the jump [to elected office]," he said.

MOST of Fairfax County's minority elected officials have been affiliated with the Democratic Party, though Rita Thompson, a former school board member, was a Republican. The Republican Party also ran Vellie Dietrich Hall, a Filipino American, unsuccessfully for Mason District supervisor in 2007.

"In my opinion, we have a very diverse Republican Party. We have a lot of people participating from very different backgrounds. Our party vice chair is Korean and the head of the Mason District Republican Committee is African American. ... But all that hasn't translated into candidates and candidates getting elected," said Jim Hyland, recent head of the Fairfax County Republican Party.

The local Republicans have a hard time recruiting candidates, whether they are

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— **Ilyong Moon, Fairfax school board**

Moon.

Time and money are major reasons that minorities in particular do not run for office, according to several current and former minority representatives.

"Being on the school board pays \$12,000 per year and it is a matter of people who can do it. In my case, I was retired so I knew I would have a pension coming in," said Heastie, former school board member.

The average household income of Asian, African American or Hispanic households in Fairfax significantly lower than it is for their white counterparts, indicating that people from minority communities may

from a minority community or not, he said.

"It is getting harder and harder to get people to run for office. It has gotten more expensive and time consuming so people are less inclined to do it. You essentially have to be wealthy or in a situation where you don't have to work," said Hyland. "There are lots of good people I would love to run for office and they say they like being active in the party but they are not sure they want to quit their job, raise money and get pummeled by the press," he added.

Several people who currently hold and previously held elected office agreed the running for election is an intimidating task.

"It appears to be an awesome venture to do something like that. The person either has to have the resources or the ability to raise the resources," said Frye.

For minority candidates, role models and mentors are also few and far between.

"That fact that there are not many minority elected officials itself is not encouraging to any minority who may be considering a run," said

have less financial flexibility to run.

"For people who have kids it is just very difficult to give up the time and the money," said Hone, current school board member.

She added that people of color are more likely to have grown up poor or working class and giving up the luxury of free space in their schedule or extra money can be particularly hard because they have never had that flexibility before.

"It was hard to give up time and that extra financial security because I had never had it growing up. If I have extra time and extra money, do I give it to politics or my family?" Hone said.

The local Democratic Party expects its candidates to be active in the community and local politics for years before they attempt to run for office so energy and financial investment can be a long one that some people can't make.

Still, Hudgins, on the Board of Supervisors, said the way to cultivate and encourage minority leaders is to get them involved in community and county leadership.

As a supervisor, Hudgins tries to make sure her appointments to commissions, boards and authorities include people from an array of backgrounds.

"Most people in serving in elected office in Fairfax County today have been involved in some part of county government as citizen activists," said Hudgins.

HUDGINS also emphasized the importance of having a diverse county workforce, particularly among the civil servant leadership.

Currently, about 65 percent of county employees, excluding those in the school system, are white. Senior management in county government, however, is 82 percent white, 12 percent African American, two percent Asian and four percent Hispanic.

"I am someone who actually believes a government should reflect the diversity of the electorate."

— **Martina Hone, Fairfax school board**

Fairfax County Government Employees By Race/Ethnicity

The Asian and Hispanic communities – Fairfax County's two largest minority groups -- are underrepresented in the Fairfax County government. The following information is provided by the U.S. Census and Fairfax County government.



Fairfax County Public Schools Employees by Race/Ethnicity

Fairfax County Public Schools is a majority minority system, where white students make up less than half of the school population. But Fairfax County's teaching core and administrators are still overwhelmingly white.



Though students in Fairfax public schools are only 48 percent white, 84 percent of its teachers are white. About seven percent of teachers are African American, three percent are Hispanic and four percent are Asian.

IN TERMS OF elected officials, Obama could prove inspiration for other people from minority communities who might want to run for public office.

"The Obama campaign did a lot to bring people in that we have not seen before. I am hoping that it will have a lasting impact," said Surovell of the local Democrats.

Several of the people of color who have been elected to office said they were inspired by previous campaigns.

"I reflected on the success Doug Wilder had running for Governor. I had been an appointed school board member so I thought I would try to run and I was successful," said Frye of his decision to become a candidate for school board.

Hudgins said she and others were inspired by Jesse Jackson's run for the U.S. presidency in 1984 and 1988. Jackson won the Virginia Democratic primary in 1988.

"There was a ground swell, particularly after '88, of folks who started running for office. When you are not seeing your face in a leadership role, it takes a bit more effort to say 'I can make that move,'" she said.

Hot Shooting Highlanders Land First Win

Fitzgerald's clutch free throws force overtime in win over Centreville.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

McLean's first boys basketball win of the season last Friday night probably tasted extra sweet for a Highlanders' team that opened the winter season with three straight losses.

"It's great for the kids," McLean coach Kevin Roller said of his team's 72-62 overtime triumph over visiting non-district opponent Centreville.

The coach said the win served as a confidence-builder for his team and what it takes to earn a precious "W." The Highlanders had been struggling in various areas of their game over their first three losses — a season-opening setback to Stuart and two defeats at a tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., two weeks ago. One of McLean's biggest problems was its poor outside shooting. McLean, a physically smaller team, has to do a lot of things well, including shooting the ball, in order to be successful.

And McLean's shooting touch from long

range came around in the win over the Wildcats.

"Centreville came out pretty aggressive," Roller said. "They had won the night before against Falls Church. We were able to get a couple of outside shots in the second quarter to keep [within] six or seven points."

But Centreville still had a fairly comfortable 28-19 lead at halftime. Both teams, Roller said, played a good third quarter of ball. The game's momentum changed in McLean's favor when senior point guard Peter Brosnan connected on a 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter to pull the Highlanders within three points.

"That really sparked the effort anew," Roller said of the important long-ranger by Brosnan.

IN THE FINAL quarter, the game went right down to the wire. Senior reserve center Ben Glauber (10 points), off an inbounds play, tied the game with a clutch 3-pointer with 15 seconds remaining. Centreville regained the lead moments later, however, by two points.

But on an inbounds play with six seconds left, McLean junior forward Sean Fitzgerald gathered in a missed shot by a teammate before going up to the basket. He missed the shot, but was fouled with no time left on the clock.

McLean's hopes rested on Fitzgerald, who coolly sank both free throws to tie the game at 56 and force overtime. No players were on the floor when Fitzgerald shot the free throws because regulation was over.

"Everyone likes to say he has ice in his veins," Roller said of Fitzgerald, a standout baseball pitcher for the Highlanders during the spring. "He was all by himself and he hit two to force overtime."

In the five-minute overtime session, Centreville took the lead at 58-56, but the Highlanders did not fall further behind and eventually overcame the Wildcats and won. McLean hit several free throws down the overtime stretch to hold off Centreville and get the much-needed first win of the season.

McLean knocked down eight treys in the win, including five by senior guard Matt Baruch (18 points), two by Brosnan (22

points) and the one by Glauber (10 points) late in the fourth quarter. Six of McLean's 3-pointers came after halftime.

"In the second half we cut down on turnovers and handled their pressure better," Roller said of a key to McLean's ability to get back into the game. "We've got some good athletes who can shoot well if we can spread the floor. When we shoot it well, teams have to extend [their defense]. They had confidence shooting and really that's one of the things we need to do to win — shoot it well."

THE COACH SAID his team did feel a sense of urgency going into the game at 0-3. Then, falling behind early to Centreville added to that pressure. But the Highlanders, behind their home crowd, ultimately got into a nice groove.

"When we got down early, the kids kept fighting and believing this is what we have to do to be successful," Roller said of stressing the Highlanders' keys such as continuing to play hard and working the ball around. "They had the commitment to stick with it and didn't get down."

McLean received a good game from senior center Leonard Gjino, who scored eight points.

This week, McLean was scheduled to play at Jefferson Tuesday. This Friday night, the Highlanders will host local rival Langley in a girls-boys doubleheader.

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— Kevin Roller, McLean High boys basketball coach

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The **Madison High** girls swim and dive team defeated Marshall, 232-83, in a recent Liberty District meet. First-place finishers for the Warhawks included Becky Shaak, Devin Youngblood, Katarina O'Reilly (double winner), Julia Tanes, Bev Dobrenz, Lindsay Mottola and Kelly Lloyd (diving).

Also, the Madison boys were 216-96 winners over Marshall. First-place finishers for Madison were Joseph Capra, Justin Dutta (double winner), David Fallavollita, Sean Fletcher (double winner), Matthew Russiello, Austin Chute and Ryan Fox (diving).

The **Flint Hill School** boys and girls swim teams both lost in a recent meet against St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School of Alexandria. The Huskies' boys fell by a 90-80 score, while the girls lost 107-73.

Double-event winners for Flint Hill included Jessica Spiegel (200 free, 500 free), Jenna Jacoby (50 free, 100 free), Chan Park (200 IM, 100 free) and Brian DeMocker (500

free, 100 breast).

The **Vienna girls** ages 13-14 Division I Fairfax County basketball team, coached by Thomas Joost, recently kicked off the new season by winning the Maryland Flames Thanksgiving Tournament.

Vienna went undefeated in pool play with wins over both Team Sol (Washington, D.C.-metro), 38-17, and the host team from Gaithersburg, the Maryland Flames, 44-31.

Vienna advanced to the championship game where it defeated the Maryland Elite (Baltimore), 43-36. Despite being decidedly out-sized at every position, Vienna used its speed, strong outside shooting and a high free throw percentage to clinch the tournament championship.

The **Vienna boys** 10 and under Division 1 travel basketball team took home the championship in the recent annual Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC) Youth Basketball Thanksgiving Tournament. They faced tough competition in their five games, but a solid team effort resulted in a 5-0

record.

The first game was a seven-point win against a tough, aggressive, well-coached Falls Church team. Thereafter, wins versus Southwestern Youth Association (SYA), Arlington and BRYC set up a championship game meeting versus undefeated Chantilly.

Vienna jumped out to a 12-point first-half lead, led by solid defensive play and key second-chance opportunities. Chantilly mounted a late second-half rally that cut the Vienna lead to three points with under a minute to go. Solid defense and key rebounds preserved the win and the tournament championship. Vienna was led in scoring throughout the tournament by Patrick Ryan, Brett Wellde and Chase Barrand. Tyler White, Jelani Murray and Joey Irwin led the team in rebounding and solid defensive efforts came from Daniel Ungerleider, Kyle Hayes, Khalid Darab and Steven Johel.

Vienna is coached by Mark Murphy and Nick Maison, who are in their seventh season within the VYI county basketball program.

The **Langley High** girls basket-

ball team, under head coach Cheryl Buffo, hosted the recent 1st Annual PeacePlayers International Tournament, the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6, at Langley High School. The participating teams were host Langley, along with McLean, Hayfield and South County high schools. The teams competed in a round-robin format. Admission to the games came in the form of a donation to PeacePlayers International.

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The **Thomas Jefferson High** gymnastics team, coached by Pete Novgrod, has team members from throughout the local area. The Colonials opened the new season with a first-place finish at their own six-team meet held Dec. 6. Jefferson won the team competition with 136.7 points, finishing ahead of second-place Edison (121.925) and third-place Fairfax (105.7). Rounding out the field were fourth-place Oakton (101.075), fifth-place West Potomac (69.8) and sixth-place T.C. Williams (35.575).

The meet's top all-around finisher was Kelly Watson (36.05) of Alexandria. Jefferson senior Mary Linnell, a McLean resident, finished sixth on the vault event (8.9). Jefferson's Ariel Coronel, an Oakton resident, also took part in the competition.

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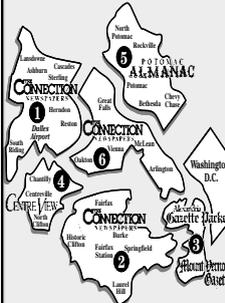
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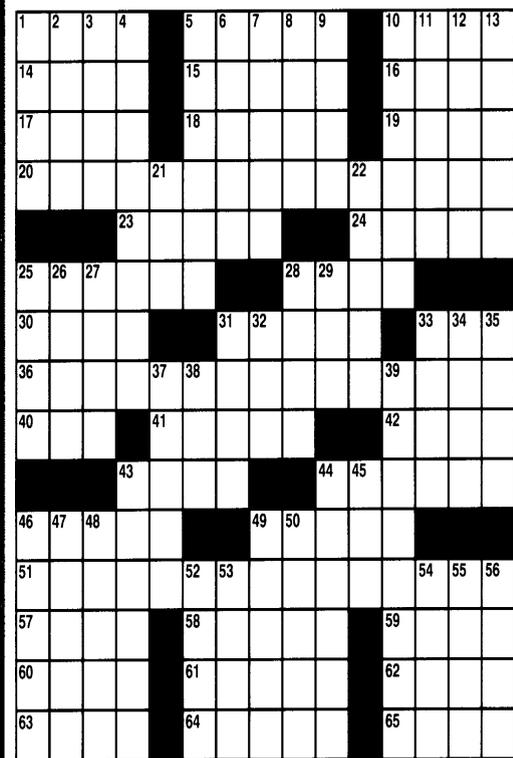
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I rescued a damsel in distress earlier today and I did it by sitting on my rear end and thinking (remembering, actually). I received the semi distress call from my wife, Dina, at 9:25 this morning. I was in McLean, she was still in Burtonsville, 45 minutes away by car. Dina was calling to say that she had accidentally locked her keys in her car, and did I have any suggestions or words to that effect.

Being an experienced husband, I knew that inquiring (I use that term loosely) as to how such a thing, accidental though it may have been, could have possibly happened would serve absolutely no purpose, and most likely exacerbate an already unpleasant and inconvenient situation, so I refrained.

It happened. Why/how is irrelevant. Finding the solution was the proper course of action, at that particular time, anyway. And so we discussed our options: calling AAA, yours truly driving home to unlock her car with my key, attempting to use her car's second key-less entry key fob (the one I had on my key chain) to transmit a signal via cell phone in an technological trick to unlock the door while she held her cell phone against the car (something I had read somewhere — unfortunately, it didn't work), calling a locksmith, or even consider alternative modes of transportation: neighbor, taxi, subway, etc. After discussing all these options, I said I would call her back in five minutes after asking around the office in the event there was some idea that we hadn't considered.

A few minutes later I called her back. After speaking with other car owners in my office, some of whom had actually experienced the identical keys-locked-in-the-car problem, the consensus was that Dina should just call AAA. I called Dina back and advised her how best to proceed, and so she called AAA, with whom we've been members going on 25 years. I hung up and told her to call me back if she encountered any problems. At which point I figured my assistance was no longer needed so I resumed my morning duties and re-focused on the newspaper tasks at hand.

And as I returned to my desk and sat back down, I felt my car/house keys in my pant's pocket where I had put them in anticipation of possibly driving home after Dina had initially called to explain her plight. And while doing so, I felt again, saw again, the key fob to her car that I had on my key chain, that moments ago, in crisis mode, we had used (via our cell phones) unsuccessfully to unlock her car, and it hit me.

Dina doesn't use her car's key fob. She doesn't even carry it on her key chain. In fact, I think I remembered seeing it in the house, by itself, in an ash tray under a mirror in our living room where, if I wasn't mistaken, it had taken up permanent residence, so I called her back immediately, and somewhat excitedly, with news I thought, if true, would eliminate whatever cost and inconvenience waiting for AAA to arrive would cause.

And, before I could even finish my thought, Dina had, per my suggestion, looked in the ash tray, found her key fob and was already on her way outside to her car, a mere 10 yards or so from where the key fob was (and the front door is) and voila, one button press later, "presto chango," like magic, or shall I say exactly like key-less entry technology was designed to do, the car door opened. Dina quickly called to cancel the AAA Road Service and off to work she drove, with nary a hint of the disaster/delay that might have been.

Mighty Mouse would have been proud as I "saved the day!" And though I didn't exactly swoop down from the sky like he often did, it sure felt like it. For a low-tech, mechanically declined, tool twit like me, this rescue was as good as it gets.

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Permit name: State Operating Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the Air Pollution Control Board

APPLICANT Name, address and registration number: Verizon Business; 2400 North Glenville Drive, Richardson, Texas 75082; Registration Number: 73726.

Project description: Verizon Business has applied for a new permit to operate fuel burning equipment at Verizon Business located at 1320 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia 22201. The permit would allow the source to operate one diesel fired engine-generator set.

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