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Andrew Bolden, as the brutal criminal Bill Sikes, and Mimi Preda as his long-suffering girlfriend Nancy, stand over the hapless orphan Oliver, played by Forrest Brown, as the McLean Community Players prepare to stage the musical 'Oliver!' based on Charles Dickens' 'Oliver Twist,' for the next three weekends.

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Hannah Schlesinger, 10, skating to 'Foggy Mountain Breakdown,' a program she will repeat in August at U.S. Figure Skating's National Showcase Championships.

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McLean Sisters Skate with Stars

Hannah Schlesinger, 10, and her sister Becky, 6, both from McLean, skated with U.S. Ladies National Champion Alissa Czisny, top men's figure skater Parker Pennington and a cast of stars in Skate for Life, a benefit for Muscular Dystrophy research. The June 27 event in Cleveland, Ohio on raised tens of thousands of dollars for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Hannah and Becky raised more than \$1,700 for the event this year and were featured solo skaters in a cast that included Czisny, Pennington, four-time U.S. silver medallist ice dancers Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov, six-time

Canadian National Champion Jennifer Robinson, five-time national medallist Tonia Kwiatkowski and other nationally-ranked skaters. The Skate for Life show paired figure skating with dance, as So You Think You Can Dance finalists Gev Manoukian and Sarah von Gillern performed on an island stage right next to the ice, often in tandem with the cast of skaters. For more information about the event, see <http://www.mdaskateforlife.org/index.php>, where a video can also be purchased, with part of the proceeds going to benefit MDA. The event will also be available on demand at www.icenetwork.com.



Hannah Schlesinger with the U.S. Ladies National Champion Alissa Czisny.



Becky Schlesinger, 6, pictured with National Champion Parker Pennington.



Nicole Schmidt and Tracy McConnaughay, both 9, keep the ball rolling, running a course inside an inflated plastic bubble.



Kyle McConnaughay, a rising junior at Langley, takes a ride on the human gyroscope.



Julien, Jake and Patrick Nguyen compete in the sack race, one of many children's games and races held on the field.



Daniel Rodriguez, 'the singing cop,' sings 'America the Beautiful.'

Fun Fourth on the Field

McLean gathers on Langley football field for games, food, entertainment and fireworks.

Long before the fireworks began, hundreds of McLean residents of all ages were gathered on the Langley High School football field for games, refreshments and entertainment.

Children participated in water balloon tosses, sack races and other games, jumped around the moon bounce, and got their faces painted. For older children, there was the dizzying human gyroscope.

Entertainment at the celebration, which is sponsored each year by the McLean Community Center, consisted of a performance by "singing cop" Daniel Rodriguez and his wife, Marla Kavanaugh. Rodriguez, a New York City policeman, was catapulted to national fame after he sang at a number of events following the 9-11 terrorist attacks. His wife is a professional soprano.

— MIKE DICICCO



The Herbolsheimer family enjoys a picnic as festivities get underway on the Langley High School football field. From left are Hannah, 2; Sebastian, 4; Lawrence and Pia.

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CONNECTION

McLean Rotary Receives Honors

Club recognized for membership development, community service and other projects.

The Rotary Club of McLean received one international award, two regional honors and four other commendations last month to cap a year of accomplishment under outgoing President Lois Wilson, DDS.

The McLean club received an international award for extraordinary membership development and two district awards for outstanding joint community service projects. It also was recognized with four honors from outgoing Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee. The awards were presented at the District 7610 Awards & Installation Dinner on June 27 at Fredericksburg Country Club in Fredericksburg, Va.

"It has been an incredibly challenging year and I am immensely proud of our club for living up to its annual theme of 'Making Dreams Real,'" Wilson said.

Rotary International and District 7610 recognized the Rotary Club of McLean in the following areas:

- ❖ Extraordinary Membership Development - The McLean club increased its membership by seven, earning the highest percentage of new members for a large club in the Northern Virginia area.

- ❖ Outstanding Joint Community Service Project: Pimmit Hills - McLean Rotary, along with the Dunn Loring and Tysons Corner clubs, awarded six academic scholarships to graduates of Pimmit Hills High School. The scholarship recipients received a total of \$3,750 from McLean Rotary and will use this funding for college-level courses.

- ❖ Outstanding Joint Community Service Project: Michele Project - The McLean, along with Bailey's Crossroads clubs, is collaborating on a teach-the-teach program in



Outgoing McLean Rotary President Lois Wilson presents the extraordinary membership development award to outgoing McLean Rotary membership director Jeff DeMeglio.

which six educators from Northern Virginia will be providing supplies and teaching, learning and literacy strategies to their counterparts in Swaziland.

McLean Rotary also received Rotary International Presidential Citations for its work with the Interact Clubs at McLean and

Langley high schools in addition to its literacy project with Timber Lane Elementary. Also, for a second-consecutive year, the club achieved 100 percent full-sustaining members of the Paul Harris Society in support of Rotary International programs.



CharityWorks founder Leah Gansler, pictured with award presenter Mark Lowham of WestGroup, left, and her husband Jack, was named Benefactor of the Year.

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Kevin Long of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department (MVFD) was named Firefighter of the Year. Pictured, from left, are Jim Glassco of MVFD, Long's date Bernadette Thompson, Long, MVFD Chief Clyde Clark, and Josephine Podlasek and Arturo Vera, both of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department.

Chamber Recognizes Excellence

Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce presents 2009 Community and Business Awards.

When Police Officer Michelle Letellier of the McLean District Station arrived at an apartment just outside Fairfax in late March, she found a semi-conscious man bleeding out through a stab wound in his leg. Direct pressure failed to stop the bleeding, so Letellier pulled rubber tubing from a nearby water pipe to fashion a makeshift tourniquet that slowed the man's blood loss. Medical personnel who later treated the victim agreed that the officer's quick thinking had saved the man's life.

For her actions, the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce named Letellier this year's Police Officer of the Year at an awards dinner on Wednesday, June 24. She was one of 12 people and businesses recognized.

The Firefighter of the Year was Kevin Long of the McLean Volunteer Fire Department, who has volunteered more than 2,500 hours at the station since joining the department at the beginning of 2007. In addition to volunteering as a firefighter and emergency medical technician, Long sits on the department's board of directors, helped to develop the new McLean VFD Web site and the department's first business fund drive, served as the ambulance coordinator and shift leader for the past year and is a frequent presence at community events. He also spent many hours in late 2007 dressed as Santa.

Since she became the principal of McLean High School, Deborah Jackson has started a "McLeadership" program, after-school tutoring for freshmen and advanced placement students, peer-to-peer staff development and the "Principal's Corner" segment of the student news program. She has also nurtured partnerships with McLean business organizations. For her work, the cham-



Officer Michelle Letellier of the Fairfax County Police Department poses with Sgt. Erica Webb after being named Police Officer of the Year.

ber named Jackson Educator of the Year.

The award for Nonprofit Organization of the Year went to the recently renamed McLean Community Foundation, formerly known as the McLean Citizens Foundation.

The Hometown Hero award went to Paul Frank, who chaired the chamber's Chairman's Gala this year. It turned out to be the largest single fund raiser in the organization's history.

Benefactor of the Year Leah Gansler was one of two parties to receive awards for work on the carbon-neutral "Greenhouse" that builder WestGroup is constructing in McLean. Through CharityWorks, the philanthropic organization that she founded 10 years ago, Gansler organized a team of volunteers that has selected designers to incorporate environmentally friendly furnishings and finishes for the cutting-edge home.

Tysons Corner developer WestGroup was named Innovative Business of the Year for



School Board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville), left, presents McLean High School Principal Deborah Jackson with the Educator of the Year award.



Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce Vice Chair Lynn Gulick presents Robert Rosenbaum Jr. with the award for Most Valuable Person.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

Woman Charged in Bank Robberies

A 24-year-old woman was arrested after a bank robbery on Wednesday, July 1. Around 4:05 p.m. a woman entered the Cardinal Bank, located at 8270 Greensboro Drive, and approached two female tellers, 20 and 42-years old, at the counter. She reportedly brandished a handgun and demanded money from the victims. They complied and the suspect fled from the bank. No one required medical assistance.

Detectives investigating the bank robbery developed a suspect and in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 2, a 24-year-old from Holly Avenue in Fairfax was arrested. Further investigation determined she was reportedly responsible for an additional bank robbery on Friday, June 5 at the M&T Bank, located at 11721 Lee Highway in the Fairfax area.

She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with two counts of robbery and two counts of the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Pedestrian Task Force Hosts Public Meeting

The Dranesville Pedestrian Task Force will conduct a public meeting at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. on Wednesday, July 14, at 7 p.m. The Task Force will present its preliminary findings, answer questions and listen to discussion and concerns from those attending the meeting.

Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) appointed the Task Force in the late summer of 2008 to study the McLean downtown Community Business Center and access to it and make recommendations for how they can become safer and more accessible for pedestrians and bicyclists. The Task Force, chaired by Doug Potts, has been meeting monthly since September of last year and has examined nearly every street in downtown McLean. Feedback from the community will be incorporated into the final report, which will be presented to Foust this October.

"Pedestrian and bicyclist safety is a growing issue in Fairfax County as more residents walk and ride for health and economic reasons," said Foust. "The Dranesville Pedestrian Task Force's event will highlight the pressing need to make McLean more accessible to residents who want to be less reliant on the automobile."

For more information, contact Foust's office at 703-356-0551, TTY 711 or by e-mail at dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov, Doug Potts at 703-893-3505 x17 or by e-mail at dpotts@gimbertassociates.com.

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Wolf Hits Campaign Trail with McDonnell

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf joins gubernatorial hopeful Bob McDonnell in McLean.

Former attorney general and Republican gubernatorial hopeful Bob McDonnell couldn't have picked a better place to kick off a day of door-knocking. The McLean Family Restaurant in downtown McLean was packed for the lunch hour when the candidate strolled in with U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) at his side.



Bob McDonnell, center, and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) chat with Greg and Heather Powell at the McLean Family Restaurant last Wednesday afternoon.

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Wolf made an ideal campaign sidekick, a longtime Republican congressman who remains widely popular in a district that has trended bluer in recent elections. While many of his colleagues were ousted, Wolf won reelection last year by more than 22 percentage points.

After shaking hands and introducing themselves to every diner in the restaurant, stopping occasionally to chat, the two politicians hit the streets to spend the day knocking on doors and meeting voters across McLean.

In November, McDonnell will face off against Democratic State Sen. Creigh Deeds of Bath County for the governorship. McDonnell narrowly defeated Deeds in the race for attorney general in 2005, with a margin of 360 votes.

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No Texting While Driving

Virginia's new law banning drivers from texting while driving went into effect on July 1, and no one can argue that anyone should be behind the wheel of a moving car while they type or read information on a cell phone.

It's clear, given the state of transportation funding in Virginia (there is none) that we can all expect to be spending more time in traffic.

My new commute into Old Town Alexandria includes traversing almost the entire length of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (Alternatively, I can traverse nearly the entire length of the Beltway between the American Legion and Woodrow Wilson bridges.)

The GW Parkway is a beautiful drive, with views of the Potomac River; the road is still lined with forests, and a variety of birds sail overhead.

Over the course of a week, the trip invariably includes some time at a standstill, usually for one of several road improvement sites, at the "hump-back" bridge, and at Spout Run,

to name two.

Most commutes via auto in Northern Virginia probably include periods of standing still each week.

For the sake of productivity, it might make sense to amend Virginia's new anti-texting-while-driving law slightly for drivers actually stopped in traffic. Drivers over 21 who are in cars that are actually standing still (and in "park") should be allowed to use their phones for texting or checking email or even looking up traffic cameras to see what the hold up is.

EDITORIALS

New Law on Drunk Driving

Also beginning on July 1, 2009, drivers who have been convicted of driving under the influence in Virginia twice within a 10-year period are required to use ignition interlock devices for a minimum of six months.

This is an improvement over current Virginia law that mandates the same for drivers

twice convicted of driving drunk within five years.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving identifies ignition locks as an effective tool in the battle against drunk driving, with studies showing that they reduce repeat drunk driving offenses by 64 percent. The interlock device requires that a driver blow into the equivalent of a breathalyzer before the car will start.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program cites statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Drunk drivers killed in traffic crashes are eight times as likely to have a prior conviction than fatally injured sober drivers. People whom have been arrested for drunk driving are at greater risk for a future traffic fatality, and the risk increases with the number of drunk driving arrests.

In 2007, 378 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Virginia's roadways. Virginia recorded 28,787 convictions for driving under the influence in 2007.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lower Assessments, Higher Tax Rates

To the Editor:

Earlier in the year, like many homeowners in Northern Virginia, I assumed that this year's real estate taxes for my home would be less than last year's. I read in the papers that assessments would be lowered. However, upon inquiry, I learnt from the Fairfax County Department of Taxation that although assessments would be lower the tax rate would go up and I must wait for a notice in mail to know exactly how much I would have to pay in July and December.

July is upon us and I have not received the notice. I still do not know my real estate tax liability or the tax rate for this year. I presume it would be significant, even higher than last year because of the increase in the tax rate. More importantly, for many homeowners in the county whose homes are appraised at or above the median level, coming up with \$2,500 to \$3,000 as half yearly taxes in July will be a sudden financial hardship in these tough economic times. Several among them are out of jobs or reduced to one family income, or seniors living on limited income. I wonder why they have not sent notices early in May or June enabling

them to prepare for this payment thereby easing their financial burden.

Couldn't the county do at least this much for its law-abiding citizens?

Vijay Alsi
Vienna

Host Families Needed For Exchange Students

To the Editor:

It is that time of year again. The ASPECT Foundation is looking for host families for exchange students coming to the United States for the upcoming school year, 2009-10. Openings are available in most schools in our area.

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Kathleen Rawls
Sterling

Never Leave Child Alone in a Car

To the Editor:

On Saturday June 20, yet another child died of hyperthermia when left alone in a parked car. April Knight, 2, lived in Kentucky, and at the beginning of summer is already the 13th child in the U.S. to die in a hot vehicle this year.

How can we be sure this does not happen to the children and families in our own community?

The truth is summer may be a fun time of year, but it can present difficult, sometimes dangerous challenges for parents. From inconveniences like bug bites to tragedies like drowning and death, children themselves are often unaware of these issues or too young to understand. Fortunately, many of these accidents are preventable. As parents, babysitters and caregivers, it's our job to ensure that every child remains safe and healthy in the coming months. Taking a few moments to be aware of these situations is a small sacrifice to make for our children's wellbeing.

Parents might leave their children alone in a vehicle if they want to avoid waking a sleeping baby or getting the child out of and back into a car seat. But a child can get overheated quickly — it only takes 10 minutes for a car's temperature to increase 19 degrees Fahrenheit. Long lines or a broken register can

make a quick trip in the store unexpectedly longer; meanwhile, the vehicle is growing warmer. This and countless other safety issues for children in parked or running vehicles are very real and very dangerous. A child should never be left alone in a car.

Parenting can be tough at times, and summer safety issues pose a special challenge. Luckily, resources are available dedicated to helping parents make the season both fun and safe. Visit the Parent Resource Center on Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia's Web site at www.scanva.org and look for the feature on summer safety. Reading through tips on children in cars, preventing sunburns, water safety, finding supervision and other topics in our summer safety section is an easy way to increase your knowledge and prepare for this season. Take time to learn more now, and keep summer the fun-filled time it should be for you and your children.

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Chamber Presents Awards

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its work on the Greenhouse, the first building of its kind in the area. The chamber named Merritt Green, founder of the McLean-based law firm General Counsel PC., Outstanding Member of the Year. Green sits on a number of business-related boards, including the chamber's board of directors and executive committee.

Bookkeeping Express was named New Business of the Year. The company is the first nationwide bookkeeping company and the only franchise in the country focused solely on bookkeeping services for the national small business community. Since launching in the middle of last year, Bookkeeping Express has sold development rights for 113 territories across the mid-Atlantic region, Florida and the Midwest, and Washington Business Journal ranked it among the top 10 locally based franchises.

Since opening its McLean Branch in 1999, the Business Bank has demonstrated its commitment to the local business community

by supporting and sponsoring the chamber's networking luncheons. For its longstanding support, the bank received this year's Commitment Award.

The chamber named Robert Rosenbaum Jr. Most Valuable Person, citing his chairmanship of the organization's afternoon Leadshare program, his co-chairmanship of the membership committee and his work on special events. Every year, Rosenbaum has sponsored the chamber's galas and golf tournaments, and he is also a member of the board.

The Outstanding Business Citizen Award went to Jeff DiMeglio, owner of McLean's Kwik Kopy franchise. DiMeglio has served three times as a member of the chamber's board of directors. Since he bought Kwik Kopy in 1996, the franchise's sales have tripled and the staff has grown from five full-time employees to eight. Later this summer, DiMeglio will open a new business, Cartridge Depot, next door to his current location.

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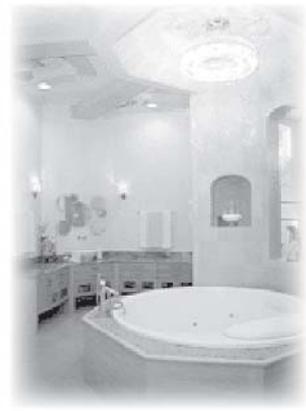
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Classic Novel Becomes 'Classic-Style Musical'

Upcoming 'Oliver!' combines rich source material, memorable tunes.

By MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Catchy songs, a fast-paced plot with a happy ending and lead actors with "very strong voices" will make the McLean Community Players' upcoming production of the musical "Oliver!" a fun summer show for the family, said co-director and choreographer Pam McCormack. "And cute kids. It's hard to stop cute kids."

Stage manager Doug Yriart called the show, which is a reworking of Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist," a "classic-style musical," one that is full of memorable tunes, unlike some modern musicals that are sung more like opera. "The audience will leave with some of the songs stuck in their heads," he said.

"I love the music. I think the music's terrific," said Lyle Blake Smythers, who plays the criminal Fagin. He said the play had a combination of upbeat numbers and

"beautiful" ballads.

Smythers said he especially liked his character's songs, which are lively and humorous. The adult leader of the gang of boy pickpockets into which the young title character is lured, Fagin is conniving and dishonest but a likeable personality, making him "a loveable rogue" and a joy to play, Smythers said. "He's like a James Bond villain."

He said he had tried out for the role when the Arlington Players staged the play in 1985 but ended up in the chorus. "I've been waiting 24 years to do it and now I'm doing it."

Mimi Preda said she also enjoyed her character's moral ambiguity. Nancy is the girlfriend of Fagin's brutal criminal associate, Bill Sikes, but also develops a motherly affection toward the orphan Oliver. "I like that she's a little bit good and a little bit bad throughout the show," Preda said. She said she also sought out strong alto roles and had always wanted to play the character.

WITH A CAST of 40 people of all ages, "Oliver!" is one of the larger plays McLean Community Players has staged. Wesley Coleman, a rising high-

school freshman, said his character, the Artful Dodger, was sly and deft of hand and mind. Right-hand man to Fagin and leader of the boys, it is the Artful Dodger who introduces Fagin and Oliver after the orphan has escaped from the funeral home to which he was sold. "I like the fact that he can get away with almost anything," Coleman said, adding that the character also had entertaining songs.

"I think it's got a good message," he said of the play. "That even if you feel like no one loves you, there's someone out there who does."

This is the first community production that Forrest Brown, 11, who plays Oliver, has been a part of, but he participates in an after-school program taught by the actor who played the title role in the McLean Community Players' production of "Evita" last year. "It's great. This is a very enjoyable cast of characters and people who are very supportive," he said. Forrest said he was having fun playing such an innocent and gullible character that kept getting tricked into so much trouble. "He read a scene and it was like he'd been dipped in innocent juice," McCormack said. She said

competition had been tough not only for the title role but also for all of the children's roles, with 65 children trying out and only room for 12 in the cast.

Yriart said the scenery was also a major part of the show, which takes place in settings from the interior of a workhouse to the thieves' kitchen occupied by Fagin and his boys, Paddington Green, the Three Cripples Inn, London Bridge and others.

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Mimi Preda's Nancy looks on in worry as her abusive boyfriend Bill Sikes, played by Andrew Bolden, broods.



Professional schemers, the Artful Dodger, played by Wesley Coleman, and Fagin, played by Lyle Blake Smythers, eyeball Forrest Brown's guileless orphan Oliver. The McLean Community Players will stage the musical 'Oliver!' for the next three weekends.

Tickets and Times

"Oliver!" will show on July 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25, at 8 p.m.; and on July 12 and 19, at 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre in the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Tickets cost \$19 for adults and \$17 for students and senior citizens. Group rates are available. Tickets can be purchased through the box office by phone at 703-790-9223 or by mail. An order form is available at HYPERLINK "http://www.mcleanplayers.org" www.mcleanplayers.org. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or online at HYPERLINK "http://www.ticketmaster.com/Alden-Theatre-tickets-McLean/venue/172035" www.ticketmaster.com. The box office is also open for an hour before all shows.

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Miss Belle's Family Sing-Along. 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Join us for songs and hugs. All ages. 703-356-0770.

Author Jan Elvin, 11 a.m. at Books-A-Million, 1451 Chain Bridge Road. McLean. Elvin will sign and read from The Box From Braunau, her father's story of the Braunau slave labor camp in 1944. 703-356-3675.

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Great Falls Summer Concerts on the Green. Tom Principato - King of Blues. 6-8 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Centre.

MONDAY/JULY 13

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Chesterbrook United Methodist Church, 1711 Kirby Road, McLean, is having a special Sunday for visitors Sunday, April 19. A special children's Sunday school will be held 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., worship with Pastor James Siddons preaching will be at 11 a.m., followed by a church supper. A Hymn Sing will be the feature event at 2 p.m., with guest song leader Rev. Ileana Rosario. Call 703 356-7100 or visit www.chesterbrookumc.org.

"**From Doubt to Faith**," an After-Easter Sermon Series, will take place Sunday, April 19 at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Good Shepherd Pastor Mark Burgess will explore the positive role doubt has played and continues to play in the life of God's faithful people. Call the church office at 703-281-3987 or visit www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

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COMMUNITY

Langley High Junior Receives Award

Lea Mulder, a Langley High Junior, was honored on June 24, by Gospel Rescue Ministries (GRM), when they presented her with a named award: The Lea Mulder Youth Leadership Donor Award. Gospel Rescue Ministries, located in D.C, is a Christ-centered, faith-based, drug treatment program with services for sheltering and feeding the homeless, job training and employment assistance and other services that will facilitate re-entry into society.

Lea Mulder has been a fundraiser for GRM for over two years. Her interest

in GRM began during her 8th grade confirmation at McLean's Immanuel Presbyterian Church, under the guidance of Jim Stover, Director of Youth

Ministries. The youth group put their "faith into action," says Stover, by volunteering at the GRM homeless shelter in 2007. Mulder was moved by this initial experience and decided to raise monies for the Help the Homeless



CONTRIBUTED

Lea Mulder and Michael Cortese, President & CEO of Gospel Rescue Ministries (GRM) on the left and Dr. David Allen, Director of Treatment and President of the International Center for Addiction Support at GRM on the right.

Walkathons, dedicating the dollars to Gospel Rescue Ministries. She raised over \$4,000 by writing and calling friends, family and the McLean community to support the GRM mission. Recognizing her work, GRM decided to honor Mulder and inspire other youth by creating this award.

"It was Lea's heart and success that moved us. No other youth had done anything like this for GRM," said Marjorie Brown, GRM's Associate Director of Com-

munity Outreach. Mulder was surprised at the Gospel Rescue Ministries' Appreciation Reception when they announced the creation of this award in her name. When receiving the plaque, she said, "You touched my life and I am grateful to you all at GMU." Lea Mulder will present this award in the coming years to other young people who dedicate their time and talents to Gospel Rescue Ministries.

CALENDAR

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Let's Go Fishing. 10:30 a.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Underwater stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-356-0770.

The One-Man Band. 2:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Clap and sing along as Peter McCory plays all your favorite instruments. All ages. 703-757-8560.

Book Discussion Group. 6:30 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Call for title. Adult. 703-356-0770.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

Children's Concert in the Park. 2-3 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Spread a blanket under the trees and listen to the Fairfax Symphony Percussion Duo on a journey through "What is Rhythm?" Free. 703-759-2771.

Mid-Atlantic Band Battle. 7 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Improvisation. 2:30 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. A fast-paced, high-energy, creative workshop with Lois Walsh for actors and non-actors alike. Age 12-18. 703-356-0770.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Luke Brindley and Parliament Hill. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

42nd Street. 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$20 - \$70. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts Junior Ranger Day. 12-3 p.m. Includes activity books, scavenger hunt and a variety of ranger programs with topics

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SATURDAY/JULY 18

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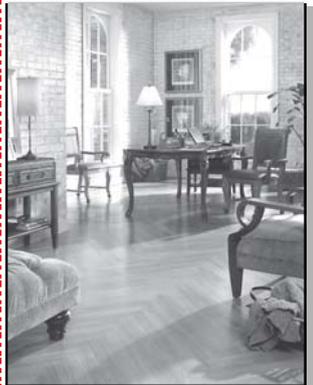
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SPORTS

Cable Caddies His Way to PGA

Once a star golfer at Oakton, G.W. Cable becomes full time caddy on PGA Tour.

By MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE CONNECTION

The golfer-caddy relationship is rare in sports. While pitchers and catchers collaborate closely every fourth or fifth game, they have other teammates on the field. The same is true for quarterbacks and centers. But in golf, the caddy doesn't just carry the bag, he measures yardages, reads putts, quiets the gallery, keeps tabs on the player's mental state and occasionally lines up the golfer before a shot. The most skilled PGA Tour caddies are indeed co-players.

The Tiger Woods-Steve Williams and Phil Mickelson-Bones MacKay teams are great examples of smoothly functioning and successful player-caddy teams. Fairfax native and third-year PGA Tour player Steve Marino hopes that he and his caddy — G.W. Cable of Oakton — can eventually emulate the success of those pairs.

Cable has been on Marino's bag for the past 12 months. Marino called him last June and asked him to caddy for last year's AT&T National. The two had known each other since their junior golf days in the 1990s, and Marino hoped a caddy change would help his play on Tour.

"I was working at Lakewood Ranch Country Club in Bradenton, Fla., when Steve called," Cable said last week at Congressional. "We agreed to a week-to-week try-out."

"I wanted to change it up and try a new caddy," Marino said last year. "So I gave him a call, figured I would get him out of



COURTESY OF MICHAEL K. BOHN

Oakton grad G.W. Cable tried several times to make the PGA Tour. Now he's caddying for longtime friend and Fairfax native Steve Marino.

the cart barn, so he wouldn't have to wash carts for a couple weeks."

THE DECISION looked sound when Marino held the lead, following a smooth 5-under 65 at last year's AT&T National. Although he faded down the stretch, finishing T-24, he and Cable meshed immediately. They have been together since. "I hope to stay with him as long as he plays on Tour," Cable said.

Theirs is a mutual admiration society. "G.W. is a great caddy," Marino told the media last week. "He's a very good golfer and he makes it fun out there. He helps keep it light and that's what I need."

Marino's plan seemed to be working at this year's AT&T National, at least through the third round. At the start of the final day, he stood at 4-under, six shots back of the

co-leaders, Woods and Anthony Kim. But he ballooned to a six-over 76 on Sunday and fell out of the hunt. Nonetheless, Marino is now 27th on the 2009 PGA money list with \$1.46 million earned so far.

A caddy's salary is commission-based, depending on how well their golfer does. Most make a base of between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a week, with a certain percentage of a golfer's earnings from week-to-week added on, a number that is contingent on a player's performance.

WHEN CABLE graduated from Oakton High School in 1995, his golfing resumé suggested a future as a Tour player, not one carrying golf bags. A three-time All-Met, Cable twice won the Frank Emmett Schoolboy, one of the Washington area's top junior tournaments. He also won an American



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G.W. Cable came on as Marino's caddy at last year's AT&T National and has stuck on his bag ever since.

Junior Golf Association event in 1994 and gained honorable mention honors on the 1994 Rolex Junior All-American team.

Skipping college, Cable won the prestigious Dixie Amateur in 1997. He soon turned pro and, between club-pro jobs, wandered the wilderness of mini-tours. He unsuccessfully sought a PGA Tour card through Q-School several times. Although he played his way to the 2007 Q-School finals in December 2006, he fell short of qualifying for the Tour.

"By that point, my back was in terrible shape," Cable said. "I finally realized that I was never going to get to the Tour as a player." Cable had always taken a vicious swing at the ball. "I used to swing like a maniac," and he said that by late 2006, his body had simply worn down.

Cable rarely plays now, and when he does, it's usually casual matches with Marino during off weeks. He is single and lives in Sarasota, Florida. His parents left Oakton when they retired and now also live in Sarasota.

"I love being out here," he said at a spot near Congressional's bag room. "You can't beat the life."

VIENNA/OAKTON SPORTS BRIEFS

National Champions

The Fairfax Stars Gold, a U-11 girls' basketball team, which features players from Vienna, Oakton and Fairfax, defeated the Dayton Lady Hoopstars, 46-42, on Wednesday, July 1 to win the 2009 11-and-Under Girls' AAU Division I National Championship, which was held in Kenner, La. The Stars won the 10-and-Under Girls' AAU National Championship last year in Orlando, Fla. and entered this year as the No. 1 seed. They completed the season at 52-1, with the only defeat being a four-point loss to a team from Tennessee during the pool-play portion of the 52-team tournament. The Stars ran off five consecutive victories against the best teams in the country to take home the trophy.

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George C Marshall High School will be hosting the Lady Statesmen Lacrosse Camp this summer on their new stadium turf field. The three-day camp begins July 30 and ends Aug. 1. The camp is for girls ages 8-16 and is \$125 for those who register before July 10. For an additional \$15, students can rent the equipment they need to learn the sport (goggles and a stick) for the duration of the camp.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Fairfax Stars include Breeja Wilkens, Marta Snizek, Lindsey Abed, Leeah Betourd, DeJanae Boykin, Lauren Turner, Sharon Hull, Karlie Cronin, Kelly Koshuta, Taylor Murray and Jessie Daguilh. They're coached by Jeff Boykin and assistants Kevin Hawkins and Kirsten Cronin.

“The extraordinary aspect of this award is that it was the residents of Chesterbrook who prepared the application.”

— Board President Judy Seiff

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More than 30 Board members, residents and staffers attended the award presentation ceremony.



Chesterbrook Residences Receive ‘Best Practices Award’

Chesterbrook Residences, a mixed-income, assisted-living facility in Falls Church, was honored for its diversity-oriented housing program with a Commonwealth Council on Aging 2009 Best Practices Award.

Chesterbrook Residences was selected as the only statewide honoree in the “Housing” category from a competitive field of applicants. The honor was presented to Chesterbrook Residences, Inc. Board President Judy Seiff, Executive Director Marilen C. King, residents and other Board members during a ceremony at the Government

Center. More than 30 Board members, residents and staffers were in attendance.

The Commonwealth Council on Aging’s Best Practices Awards recognize model aging programs for innovation, cost-effectiveness, ease of replication as well as impact on the quality of life of older Virginians, their families and their caregivers.

“We want to replicate programs like Chesterbrook because of the positive impact on the quality of life of our seniors, their families and their communities,” said Gene Ecton Davis, chairman of the Best Practices Committee of the Council on Aging, while presenting the award.

Opened in November 2007, Chesterbrook Residences was nominated by its Resident Council, which is chaired by Marjorie Lohre, a long-time Northern Virginia resident. “We like everything about Chesterbrook. But the people, they are the best. Everybody is on a first-name basis. We keep track of each other and the volunteers are just wonderful,” she said.

“The extraordinary aspect of this award is that it was the residents of Chesterbrook who prepared the application. In it they specifically state how they have grown to love their new home and to appreciate the unique community partnership that helped

create a safe haven for them,” said Seiff, who also is a trustee of Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church.

Additionally, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors presented a certificate of recognition to Chesterbrook Residences. “It creates a feeling like home for residents, family and friends in a familiar place,” said Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville), who represents the area around the community.

Chesterbrook Residences-home to 109 residents in 85 private one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom apartments-is the first and only mixed-income, assisted-living community in Fairfax County.

Babe Ruth League Announces All-Star Teams District play scheduled for July 8-12.

The McLean/Great Falls Babe Ruth league has announced its All-Star teams for the 2009 season. McLean/Great Falls has entered a team in the 13, 14 and 15 year old division, as well as fielding an Alliance Team. This year, the 14-year-olds will host the District tournament at Langley High School. The 13 year old All Stars will be hosted by Vienna Babe Ruth and will be played at Waters Field in Vienna, and the 15 year old team hosted by North Fairfax County Babe Ruth will be played in Herndon at Dulles Corner Field. The Alliance Team play has begun with McLean / Great Falls holding a 1 and 1 record as of July 3. District play for all the 13, 14 and 15 All Star teams will be July 8-12.

The 13 Year Old roster includes:

Will Bollinger , Nick Casso , Blake Coolidge , Josh Crummer , John DeFriest, Bryan Even, Yuhei Hashimoto, Cal Jadacki, Austin Jenkins, Jake McSteen, Cole Oldenburg and Kevin Wood.

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Anthony Baskin, Michael Byrne, Hardy Cox, Gray Decker, Donnie Eckrod, Nathan Flagg, Kevin Green, Brock Hunter, Michael Kelley, Bobby Klein, James Norden, David Paul, Daniel Richardson, Brian Ristig and James Vivenzio.

The Alliance roster includes :

Jeff Antetamaso, Joseph Aulisi, Cam Ayoub, Matthew Bielamowicz, Hunter Eckrod, Charlie Fitzner, Matthew Hansan, Cody Jones, Matthew McCreary, Vinnie Neri, Mark Ramsey, Michael Sanders and Timmy Sanson.

Helping Fight Breast Cancer

Nancy Kane, a sales associate at the Vienna Office of Weichert, Realtors, joined more than 3,000 participants in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Event that took place in May in Washington, D.C in May. In the fight against breast cancer, Kane raised over \$3,800 this year.

Kane joined her team, “Refuah Shlema” which means “Complete Healing” in Hebrew, after being inspired by her own battle with breast cancer. This was Kane’s third year participating in the event. The team walked a marathon and a half (39 miles) and raised over \$24,000 for local, regional and national breast cancer organizations throughout the weekend.

“There are so many women who have been affected by breast cancer. My team and I feel honored to have participated in an event like this because it gave us the opportunity to be proactive in the fight against this terrible disease. Together, we know we made a difference,” said Kane. “I walk this event each year in memory of my friends and family who have lost their fight against breast cancer and in honor of my friends who are still battling with it today.”

For more information visit <http://www.avonfoundation.org/>.



Nancy Kane of Weichert’s Vienna Office participated in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer Event.

Nature? Nurture? Not Sure

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Now I don't exactly know what to make of the following observation, but I am going to make it nonetheless. Our two cats, brothers Biscuit and Cappuccino – 3 years old come this September, rescued May 12, 2007 at approximately 7 months old – seem to be hanging around me (the one with cancer), touching me, maintaining body contact with me, staying in close proximity to me, more than they do with my wife, Dina. Not that they ignore her, either. Hardly. But they do seem to find me.

"The Buff Boys" are uniquely affectionate and attentive; in fact, at this very moment, Biscuit is lying on the dining room table, not two feet away from me as I write, back to me of course, but still within meowing distance. And not that I don't have a certain amount of animal magnetism, but the kind of attention I'm receiving from the cats who, as a breed are generally speaking not so instinctively inclined (certainly not in the same manner as dogs are), is somewhat unsettling. Unsettling, with respect to the alleged/presumed animal instinct to want to comfort the sick and dying. We noticed this behavior twice before: once with our previous cat, Smokey, who tended to our first rabbit, Pirate (who was sick at the time) by laying around her cage, making contact with it even, and currently with our two "newer" cats who likewise have tended to our current rabbit, Chester (again, by laying around his cage, literally) while he's had some health issues of late. Heck, for all I know, this is how animals communicate; perhaps they understand more than we do.

So what I occasionally take from this uncharacteristic attention and body contact is a sort of cross-species aid and comfort; an instinctive, centuries-old, attempt at healing the sick. And being that I'm sick, I am getting their attention, deservedly so, I may add (and I'll take as much as I can get, by the way). But how much attention is my concern, and is their attention, varying as it may be, reflective of something that either my oncologist doesn't know or hasn't told me, or something only the animal kingdom is privy to? And if it is the latter, then what am I doing writing this column? I should be under medical observation somewhere with doctors attempting to discern the cause of our cats' peculiar interest in my whereabouts.

But perhaps I'm overreacting. Perhaps the cats are simply exceptional in some intuitive, non-verbal method of connecting emotionally with people they see on a regular basis (who feed and water them, no doubt)? Or maybe the cats are merely expressing their gratitude and appreciation for our having "rescued" them and in turn providing them a permanent home (ours) where they can live in cozy comfort for the next 15 years or so? Or maybe they do know more than we give them credit for? Maybe I am sicker than either my doctor or I have admitted; I'd hate to believe that.

No, I choose to believe that our cats are loving and affectionate and they want to be around me as much as is "catly" possible. Thinking anything else would be unhelpful, and right now, given my rather precarious health situation, I can use all the help I can get; however, and from whomever.

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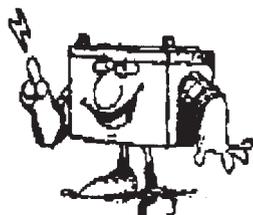
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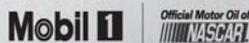


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