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McLean Orchestra executive director John Huling who presided over the Tuba Toss shows Jack Green the inside of the instrument during the Community Funfest on Saturday, July 18. Jack wanted to know what he was tossing the balls into.

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NEWS

Standing Up for Pedestrians

Pedestrian Task Force makes preliminary recommendations for bringing walkers and bikers downtown.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Even the Post Office on Elm Street presents a challenge to pedestrians in downtown McLean, at least for those with disabilities. Its three mailboxes are situated in the middle of the sidewalk, with a curb on each side. "If anyone is going by on a wheelchair, they have to either go into the street or into the Post Office parking lot," said Doug Potts, chair of the McLean Pedestrian Task Force.

Among the other difficulties for pedestrians and bike riders in the McLean Community Business Center (CBC) are sidewalks that end abruptly, broken sidewalks, worn-out crosswalks and a lack of any bike lanes. "There's a lot of stuff that needs to be fixed. A lot," Potts said.

For almost 11 months, the 19 members of the task force have been crisscrossing the business center and the surrounding area, looking for ways to make the CBC more traversable and better-connected to nearby destinations for those not behind the wheel of a vehicle. At a mid-July meeting, the group, which consists of 14 McLean residents, three county staffers and two members of Supervisor John Foust's (D-Darnesville) staff, presented its preliminary recommendations to other county staff and



Outside the Post Office on Elm Street, the mailboxes are placed in the middle of the sidewalk, presenting a challenge to anyone in a wheelchair.

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a crowd of 41 residents. "I'm told, for a mid-summer meeting, that was pretty good," Potts said.

THE TASK FORCE took suggestions and circulated a survey at the meeting and expects to deliver a final, prioritized list of recommendations to Foust's office no later than October.

Potts said the biggest obstacle to meeting many of the recommendations would be the jumble of many different landowners, with the stretches in need of improvement often traversing numerous properties. In these cases, he said, each landowner must be convinced to make improvements or at least allow an organization like the McLean Revitalization Corporation to work on the property.

"It's just a reflection of the age of McLean and the hodgepodge of development that's taken place in the last 50 years," he said.

Another challenge will be funding. Most pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the county are funded by a relatively newly enacted commercial-industrial tax, the revenues from which can only be spent on transportation. With the state cutting off virtually all transportation funding for the county this year, the tax is now the only source of transportation money outside of the occasional bond, said county Pedestrian Coordinator Chris Wells, noting that the next transportation bond would not come along for at least three or four years.

"Until the overall transportation picture improves, it's going to be hard for us to make significant increases in pedestrian funding," said Wells, who has worked closely with the task force. However, he said the Board of Supervisors had already voted

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Cooperation for Revitalization In Downtown McLean

Neighbors, county, property owners celebrate former home's new life as real estate office.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

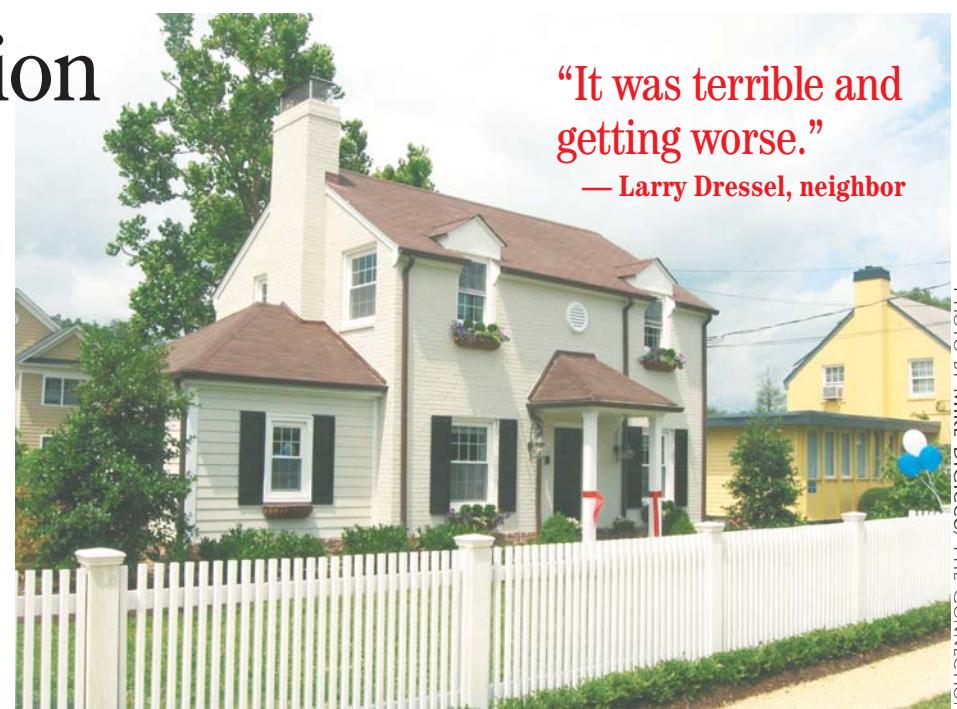
When Frank and Lyn McFadden bought a house on Ingleside Drive in downtown McLean two years ago, with the hopes of turning it into a satellite office for their real estate business, "It was the ugliest house in McLean," Frank McFadden said.

But when local officials and neighbors gathered for a ribbon cutting at the building on Thursday, the property was tidy and attractive. The transformation had taken

more than paint and elbow grease.

The property was zoned for residential use, although it is surrounded on three sides by commercial operations. So when the McFaddens walked into to Supervisor John Foust's (D-Darnesville) office about a year ago seeking a special exception to use the building for their business, he said, he was concerned that neighbors would be uneasy about the expansion of the commercial district in a residential area. However, residents ended up working with the

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The house that was once a blight on the neighborhood is now a clean, attractive property.

"It was terrible and getting worse."

— Larry Dressel, neighbor

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

NEWS

Classic Theater in the Outdoors

Traveling Players Ensemble offers an alternative to the average summer camp.

BY ABIGAIL ALBRIGHT
THE CONNECTION

Summer camps often revolve around the outdoors and nature, but it is rare for a theater camp to do so. Enter the Traveling Players Ensemble.

TPE, which was started in 2003, brings kids out of the auditorium and into nature. The summer camp is a day camp with one weekly overnight, where campers ward off bugs and rain while perfecting their trait.

"Our mission is 'to bring great theater into the great outdoors,'" said Jeanne Harrison, TPE's Founder and Producing Artistic Director. "This is our seventh summer, and we are based here in residence at The Madeira School. We do classical theater, we do Moliere and Shakespeare, and generally we perform outdoors."

AFTER FOUR WEEKS of learning classical theater, TPE presented a festival of three classical plays on July 17. The middle school ensemble performed Moliere's "The Imaginary Invalid" and "The Bourgeois Gentleman," while the high school ensemble performed Shakespeare's "All's Well That Ends Well."

The festival was scheduled to be held outside, as per TPE's motto, but, due to the threat of inclement weather, was held inside Madeira's Chapel/Auditorium.

There are around 50 campers at a time at TPE, giving a one-to-four staff-to-camper ratio.

The camp focuses on teaching classical theater and Shakespearean English, rehearsal techniques, movement, and vocalization, as well as how to take care of yourself in the outdoors.

"The people here all instantly



PHOTO BY ABIGAIL ALBRIGHT/THE CONNECTION

A scene of Shakespeare's "All's Well That Ends Well," which was performed by the high school ensemble of the Traveling Players Ensemble summer camp on July 17.

Upcoming Performances

AUG. 7, TPE's most experienced performers will perform "Macbeth" at Riverbend Park.

AUG. 14, at The Madeira School For more information, visit www.travelingplayers.org.

feel like family, but the skills they teach are more advanced than anywhere else," said camper Joanna Miller, 16, of Bethesda. "They are going to help you get places that just your average theater student won't be able to get to. You come here because it's fun and family, but it's also a great place to learn. You come away actually having gained a lot of experience and knowledge about being outside and taking care of yourself, and being on stage and doing what you love, and doing it well."

This is Miller's third year attending TPE's summer camp. Miller and her friend Ellie Robb, 15, of D.C., will be performing in TPE's

most advanced performance of "Macbeth" on Aug. 7 at Riverbend Park.

IN 2007, TPE was selected by the National Endowment for the Arts as one of 25 of the "Summer School in the Arts."

TPE has been invited to perform at the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage, Colonial Williamsburg, Shenandoah National Park, Reston's Multicultural Festival and the International Children's Festival at Wolf Trap.

"It's not just some dinky little theater camp, you work hard here, but it definitely pays off," Miller said.

Harrison said that they are welcoming new campers to the upcoming sessions of camp, which includes a combat camp. In addition to camp, TPE teaches classes in Fairfax County, on improv, acting techniques, Shakespeare performance, monologues, auditioning techniques, and mask.

For more information, visit TPE's Web site, www.travelingplayers.org, or call 703-987-1712.

WEEK IN MCLEAN

J. Jill Hosts Event for Non-Profit Organization

Calvary Women's Services has been awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the J. Jill Compassion Fund. The grants are given to organizations whose mission matches that of the Compassion Fund — helping poor and homeless women become self-sufficient. Calvary was one of 28 non-profits from across the country selected to receive this grant.

The J. Jill store at Tyson's Corner Center will host an Evening of Compassion Thursday, July 30 to honor Calvary's achievement. The event will include dis-

counts on J. Jill merchandise for attendees, and \$5 from every purchase made will be donated to the Compassion Fund.

Calvary Women's Services' three programs — Calvary Women's Shelter, Pathways, and Sister Circle — offer safe housing and comprehensive services to homeless women, helping each woman identify her strengths, set personal goals, and build the skills she needs for independent living. For more information, visit www.calvaryservices.org.



CONTRIBUTED

MPAartfest committee chairs Devereux Sucas and Stacy Thal describe placement of the artists' tents in McLean Central Park for the third annual MPAartfest. The event will be held Sunday, Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MPAartfest Connects Art and Community

This year's event to be held on Sunday, Oct. 4.

Sponsorships

McLean Central Park came alive last Sunday as nearly 20 juried artists who will be exhibiting and selling their works surveyed the park area that will host the third annual McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) MPAartfest this October.

Led by MPAartfest Artist Committee co-chairs Devereux Sucas and Stacy Thal, the group toured the park for more than an hour learning about the location of their mini art galleries and other MPAartfest featured attractions.

Earlier in the day, the artists met with MPA staff and volunteers for an introductory session about MPA and MPAartfest.

Many of last year's MPAartfest artists, who will be exhibiting again, provided advice and answered questions from artists who will be exhibiting for the first time this year.

Artists will keep 100 percent of art sales proceeds. Donations from corporate sponsors, individual donors and a portion of the event's food proceeds benefit McLean Project for the Arts, helping to fund a multitude of high-quality art exhibitions and educational programs at its galleries located in the McLean Community Center.

NEWS

Cooperation for Revitalization

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McFaddens and the county to have the property approved for a low-intensity commercial use. "And the reason is, it dramatically improved the appearance of the neighborhood," Foust said. He noted that the couple had even added fences and a sidewalk, which they were not required to do.

BUILT IN 1947, the house had been empty for years. "It was terrible and getting worse," said neighbor Larry Dressel. "To me, the important part was that this property get improved, and it wasn't going to get improved as residential."

"This has been quite a process, and the community and the McFaddens played an exciting role," Stu Mendelsohn told the crowd at the ribbon cutting. The former Dranesville District supervisor had helped to represent the McFaddens as they sought a special exception. "It's unbelievable the effort they've put in and made this just a beautiful spot," he said.

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova said she wished she had seen the house before it was renovated.

"No, you don't!" someone shouted from the crowd. Bulova called the refurbished building "a remarkable, beautiful example of revitalization."

Mark McFadden said he and his wife had decided to renovate the run-down building for their satellite office, which they were moving from its previous location at Elm Street and Dolley Madison Boulevard, because they enjoyed restoring "eyesores" and because, as McLean residents, they had "a fondness



PHOTO BY MIKE DiCICCO/THE CONNECTION

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova prepares to cut the ribbon on the restored house on Ingleside Avenue, as Mark McFadden, Stu Mendelsohn, Lyn McFadden and Supervisor John Foust look on.

for the neighborhood."

The McFadden Group, which operates under the Coldwell-Banker umbrella, has its main office in Georgetown.

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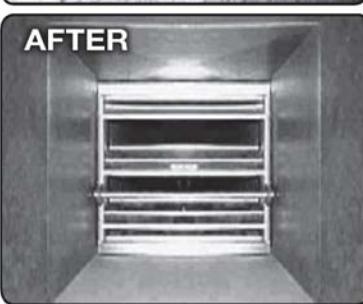
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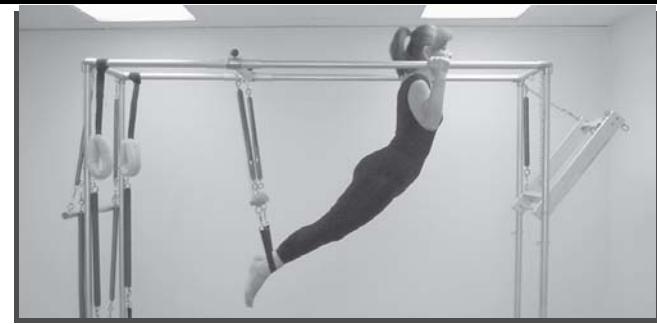
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OPINION

Some Swine Flu Risks

If you're sick, stay home from work; if the children are sick, keep them home from school.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Virginia has had more than 300 confirmed or probable cases of swine flu, and two deaths from the swine flu, including one in Arlington. A 27-year-old Alexandria man, hospitalized with a confirmed case of H1N1 flu, died in June.

We suspect the actual number of cases of swine flu in Virginia to be much higher, given the example of other states, e.g. Wisconsin, which reports more than 6,000 probably or confirmed cases of swine flu, but just eight deaths.

Cases have spiked in Virginia in recent weeks according to the Virginia Department of Health, during a time when health officials say anyone with flu symptoms of sore throat, fever and cough almost certainly is infected with swine flu. The regular, seasonal flu is almost unheard of this time of year. The CDC identifies the level of infection in Virginia as "regional," with the level of infection in Maryland as "widespread."

Overall, so far swine flu has been more mild than feared, with most people recovering without hospitalization. Seasonal flu, as differentiated from swine flu, kills about 36,000 people nationwide each year; about 1,000 people die in Virginia each year from influenza and pneumonia.

The CDC is predicting that swine flu will continue to spread through the summer and into the fall and winter, and will be a significant complicating factor when the seasonal influenza strikes when the weather gets cold.

EDITORIAL

The CDC reports: "The novel H1N1 virus, in conjunction with regular seasonal influenza viruses, poses the potential to cause significant illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths during the U.S. influenza season."

The primary method to avoid the spread of the swine flu is to tell people who are sick to stay home from work, keep sick children home from school or camp. Call your doctor's office, let them know you have flu symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat), so your doctor can determine if you would benefit from an antiviral medication. People who have had the swine flu are deemed contagious for seven days after the onset of symptoms, or until all symptoms have disappeared, whichever is longer.

All of our health in the coming year will depend on people following the advice to stay home if sick and seeking the right medical attention from a doctor's office, not the emergency room.

But what about the millions of workers who have no (or very limited) paid sick leave? What about the millions of people who have no health insurance and have no doctor to consult by phone?

According to a new report from an advocacy group, Health Care for America Now, In Virginia, about 12 percent of whites, 17 percent of African Americans and 45 percent of Latinos lack health insurance.

According to the National Partnership for Women and Families, about half of workers (excluding those who work for government) have no paid sick leave.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Official Who Guards Purse

To the Editor:

It's tempting to get discouraged at the way our country is headed with the out-of-control spending put in place by some of our legislators in D.C. We find out that they are not interested enough in the bills before them even to read them.

The one truly encouraging sign we have for our future is Ken Cuccinelli, currently a state Virginia senator who wants to become our next attorney general.

Ken has worked tirelessly in the Virginia legislature to oppose tax increases under our current and previous Governors. He has voted against every tax increase, regularly submitting budget cuts and he has never submitted an earmark request without submitting a request for an equal budget cut.

I like to be able to keep the money my husband and I earn and I like an elected official who guards the purse strings in our state.

I hope you will join me in support Ken Cuccinelli in his bid for Attorney General in November. It's important to keep Virginia worker friendly.

Olivia McFadden
McLean

Waiting to Hear Deeds' Stance

To the Editor:

Vice President Biden, an avid supporter of the "Cap and Trade" legislation, is now avidly campaigning in Virginia for Creigh Deeds. It is high time that Deeds make known whether he shares the Vice President's support of this critical bill, disingenuously labeled the "American Clean Energy and

Security Act." Deeds' silence on this legislation is telling because he surely recognizes that this nasty little bill promises to wreak havoc on Virginia's businesses and consumers alike while threatening thousands of jobs in southwest Virginia.

In the face of the worst recession since the depression, this bill would levy the largest energy tax in history, raising the price of electricity and consumer goods across the board. It thus threatens hyperinflation, already a concern due to profligate government spending, and will drive overseas what is left of U.S. manufacturing capability. It is a job killer in Virginia where even Governor Kaine has stated that the state is too dependent on coal for energy to imagine a near term future without it.

Even if the legislation succeeded in decreasing overall U.S. carbon emissions, that decrease would be more than offset by the economic

Frequently Asked Questions New H1N1 Virus (Swine Influenza)

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu: fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported vomiting and diarrhea.

What is the incubation period after exposure?

About 1-4 days. If a week has gone by from when you know you were exposed, it's not likely you will get sick.

Are there medicines to treat the new H1N1 virus?

Antivirals don't cure you of flu, but they do work to lessen the duration and severity of symptoms. ... Influenza antiviral drugs work best when started soon after symptoms appear, usually within two days. You must have a prescription to receive these medications.

How can people decrease the spread of the new (H1N1) virus?

Taking the following steps can decrease the spread of flu: frequent hand washing; covering coughs; having ill persons stay home, except to seek medical care; minimizing contact with others; having household members of cases minimize contact in the community, to the extent possible; reducing unnecessary social contacts; avoiding crowded settings, when possible; keeping children home from school if they are ill. If you are sick, stay home and call your doctor, wash your hands often.

*SOURCE: Virginia Department of Health
<http://www.vdh.state.va.us/news/Alerts/SwineFlu/index.htm>*

The rest of us who are blessed with access to health care and paid sick days are at risk as other workers are under intense financial pressure to go to work even when they are sick, or their children are sick.

There are no simple answers, but it's also important to recognize the growing costs of the status quo on health care.

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growth of India and China which reject international regulation of emissions. China's emissions already exceed those of the U.S. even though China's economy is substantially smaller. India and China will not follow America's good example and have said as much. In short, this bill threatens considerable harm to the U.S. and the Virginia economy while doing little or nothing to mitigate global warming.

Deeds' opponent, Bob McDonnell, opposes Cap and Trade and proposes instead offshore drilling that could create both jobs and energy with the newest technology that is environmentally safe and sound. Deeds must clarify his position on this bill or Virginians will assume that he supports it as does his Campaigner-in-Chief Biden.

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CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean police department through July 24.

BURGLARY

8000 block of Leesburg Pike. Police responded to a burglar alarm activation at the Gucci store, located at 8075 Leesburg Pike, on Friday, June 17 around 4:25 a.m. An investigation determined a gray van pulled up in front of the store around 4:15 a.m. Two individuals shattered the front panel glass, ran inside and grabbed several bags. The suspects fled in the van. Both suspects were wearing black hats, shirts and pants. At least one of them was wearing gloves.

UPDATE: SHOOTING VICTIM DIES

7600 block of Lisle Ave. The victim from the shooting that occurred in the 7600 block of Lisle Avenue on Tuesday, July 14 has died. Hillary E. Bradford, 36, of the 5900 block of Chesterbrook Road in McLean, was pronounced dead on Friday, July 17 around 2 p.m. This is the seventh homicide in Fairfax County this year. Bradford went to a home in the 7600 block of Lisle Ave. on Tuesday, July 14. She got into an argument with a man over domestic issues. They were outside around 6:30 p.m. when the man allegedly shot her in the upper body and fled into his house. Officers responded to the area for a noise violation and located Bradford lying outside with an apparent wound to the upper body. She was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with life-threatening injuries. Throughout the next several hours, officers from the Crisis Negotiations Team made contact with people inside the house and attempted to have the occupants

exit voluntarily. On Wednesday, July 15 around 6:30 p.m., a team of SWAT officers forced entry into the house and located the suspect inside with a 44-year-old woman and an 8-year-old boy. The woman and child were unharmed; the suspect, a 44-year-old male of the 7600 block of Lisle Ave., suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the upper body and was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. At 4:12 a.m. on Thursday, July 16, he was pronounced dead.

LARCENY

2900 block of Lockport Drive. A 44-year-old woman had her purse stolen on Sunday, July 19. The victim was sitting outside talking with a family member in the 2900 block of Lockport Drive when a man walked past them. The suspect turned

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The Friends of the W&OD 10K race will take place at 6:30 p.m. in Vienna. The race is presented by the Arlington Cooperation Foundation and will run along the W&OD Trail from Ayr Hill Road to Hunter Mill Road and back. The event will continue its tradition as a "green" race with exhibits from environmental organizations including the Green Spring Master Gardeners, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club and the

around, grabbed the victim's purse and fled. He was described as black, in his 20s. He was between 5 feet 10 inches and 6 feet tall, with a thin build, short, brown hair and brown eyes. He wore a black shirt and hat. The victim was not injured.

LARCENIES

1400 block of Balls Hill Road. Passport stolen from residence.
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THURSDAY/JULY 30

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. The People on Privilege Hill by Jane Gardam and The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World, by Eric Weiner. Adults. 703-938-0405.

The Vineyard Wine and Beer

Tasting for Singles. 6:30-9 p.m. at 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. \$20. More than twenty wines, a variety of beers and a sampling of cheeses and charcuterie. Reserve at jessica@thevineyardva.com.

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"

By the St. Mark Theatre Ministry. 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. \$15 adults, \$12 students and seniors. Proceeds support outreach and mission projects. www.stmark.org or 703-938-5656.

Jukebox Serenade 'Bliss' CD Release. 9:15 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

NSO/Wolf Trap with Sarah Chang, violin, and Emil de Cou, conductor. 8:15 p.m. at the Filene Center. Tickets \$20-\$48. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Dairy Days, 1-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Churn butter, crank an ice cream freezer, and play 18th century games. Children must be accompanied by adult. \$5. 703-437-1794 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully/

English Conversation. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for non-native English speakers of all levels. Adults. 703-938-0405.

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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 including costumes, musical instruments, recycling, puppets, and park history. Free; for ages 5-12. www.nps.gov/wotr/forkids or 703-255-1893.

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Milkshake CD Release

Rock music for children. 11 a.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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MONDAY/AUG. 11

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Jack Green warms up for a go at the Tuba Toss.



Immediate past president Ann Page, current president Elizabeth McDaniel and vice present Mary Kingman take turns selling raffle tickets at the funfest.

Summer Funfest Supports Orchestra

McLean Orchestra summer fundraiser was held at St. Francis Church.

BY SHANNON McCULLOUGH
THE CONNECTION

in future as well as other events that reach out to the community. Alimena is also plays with the National Symphony.

Many members on the board of directors were also present at the Funfest. Page said that the orchestra "gives the musicians a chance to play in their community." She emphasized the community and the orchestra's interdependence. The McLean orchestra also has a youth orchestra comprising local aspiring musicians. The youth orchestra holds four or five concerts per year.

The musicians themselves were also present at the Funfest. McLean is a professional orchestra with a great conductor, and I am thrilled to be a principle flute," said Amy Thomas. She elaborated on the quality of the music played by the orchestra. This fundraiser provides the necessary funds to continue their musical tradition.

The Funfest included a raffle, an auction, a barbecue, a moon bounce and live music. Various musicians from the orchestra have smaller ensembles, such as Darren Shumate. For more information on the McLean orchestra, visit www.mclean-orchestra.org.

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Shumate is a cellist with the orchestra, but he plays the banjo with a smaller group of friends who call themselves the "Park-lawn Ramblers." The Ramblers were one among multiple smaller ensembles to donate their music to the event.

All people involved with the orchestra were in attendance: the conductor, the Board of Directors, the musicians, and the patrons of all ages.

"The orchestra has become essential to the community," said the conductor and music director, Sylvia Alimena. She emphasized the accessibility of the McLean Orchestra for Mc

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Northern Virginia Ethical Society presents "The Ethics of Harry Potter," Aug. 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, Vienna. Free. A copy of the curriculum, which covers ethical themes in all 7 Harry Potter books, is available for \$25 (individual) or \$50 (organization). For all ages; includes a discussion of ethical issues raised in the sixth book and movie. 703-876-9054 or ALAnderson@yale.edu.

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McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul fitness. Balance is key, energy is renewed, strength is gained, and friendships are formed. Mondays 9:15 a.m. and Fridays 9:45 a.m. Childcare is free for registered students. E-mail bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org for more information.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

Great Falls United Methodist Church at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-759-3705 offers "All Things New," an ecumenical worship service, every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Based on the Beatitudes of Jesus, for people affected by anger, fear, stress, dealing with rejection, credit abuse, drug/alcohol abuse, physical/sexual addiction or eating disorders.

A Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays, 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at mmthomas211@hotmail.com or call the church at 703-759-3509.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

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SPORTS

Tomlinson: Head First After Olympic Dreams

Great Falls native has spent summer sledding, training for 2010 games.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

The temperature hovered around 90 degrees this past Sunday morning in the parking lot of South Lakes High School, and yet Great Falls native Keslie Tomlinson had her sled out.

With no snow in sight, though, this was no ordinary sled. Then again, what Tomlinson is attempting to achieve in the next year and a half isn't exactly orthodox. Just ask her trainer, 51-year-old Greg Petrosian, to describe what his pupil is training for.

"She's a crazy woman going head first down a track at 80 miles per hour," he said with a laugh in his Russian accent from the recently renovated weight room in the basement of his Reston home. It serves as Tomlinson's training headquarters for the time being.

An avid horse back rider as a child growing up in the area and a college field hockey and lacrosse player at Denison University, Tomlinson is in the midst of what has become a seven-year quest to qualify for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics in the sport of skeleton.

Skeleton is the competitive form of sledding — or sliding if one goes by the sport's vernacular — in which athletes travel down bobsled courses headfirst on their stomachs at speeds sometimes exceeding 80 mph



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During the summer, Great Falls native Keslie Tomlinson has to practice her starts on a makeshift skeleton sled in the parking lot at South Lakes High School. She's attempting to qualify for the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics in the sport.

while experiencing forces up to 5Gs. A skeleton sled, though, has no steering or braking mechanisms.

Tomlinson, who now resides in Potomac Falls, discovered the sport when it made its return to Olympic competition at the 2002 Salt Lake City games, where she was working for the United States Olympic Committee. Then, in December 2002, Tomlinson made the trek to Lake Placid, N.Y., one of only three skeleton training facilities in the country, to try it out, "not having any in-

tentions of pursuing it," she said. The only instructions given were, "Have fun, hang on, and don't fall out ... It turned out I wasn't too bad at it."

In January 2008, Tomlinson took home the U.S. National Championship for skeleton, and after impressing on several minor skeleton circuits over the years, made her debut on the World Cup Tour this past winter. She was named the 2009 Women's Skeleton Athlete of the Year.

NOW SHE'S BACK in Northern Virginia for the first summer in a long time. It's the offseason in skeleton since there are currently no tracks with ice anywhere in the world. That doesn't mean Tomlinson's taking any time off, though.

She and Petrosian — they met in 2002 and began working together extensively this past April — train six days a week, working on speed, strength, endurance, and acceleration. Tomlinson spends hours with her makeshift sled on wheels in the parking lot at South Lakes, practicing her starts along the curb since steering can be a problem with "a glorified skateboard" made of plastic and held together with layers of duct tape.

Sometimes she'll take the sled out in her neighborhood, which usually elicits some curious questions from youngsters and adults alike. Tomlinson remembers one parent came up to her and asked where she got the sled because her child would not stop nagging her about getting one.

When she's not rolling around, Tomlinson usually makes the five-minute drive from South Lakes to Petrosian's place. An unassuming house near Southgate Community Center in Reston, a look into the backyard reveals a new addition that houses a split level, two-room basement gym.

Tomlinson will do a litany of exercises

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To make a tax-deductible donation on Keslie Tomlinson's behalf, a check can be made out to the United States Bobsled and Skeleton Federation (USBSF). On a note of letter accompanying the check, request that the donation be put into the Athlete Training Fund of Keslie Tomlinson. Send to the following address and a Tax ID # will be sent back by the USBSF:

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there, all aimed at perfecting her race start and fitness. Aside from the usual array of weights, benches, and elliptical machines, there's a set of bungee cords that Tomlinson hooks herself into so she can simulate bursting from a kneeling position.

There's also a set of bars in a corner where Tomlinson strengthens her core muscles, including a Petrosian favorite that he brought over from Russia in which his pupil must repeatedly raise her legs completely over her head.

"The goal is not just to make the team," said Petrosian. "My goal and her goal, too, we're going for top three. If she put together everything and finishes strong, she's capable of doing that."

"We spend six months basically training for the first five seconds of the run," said Tomlinson.

BUT THE SACRIFICES Tomlinson has had to make span years, not months. Because there are only three skeleton training facilities in the country (Colorado Springs, Colo., and Chula Vista, Calif., are the others) Tomlinson, who in her down time is also pursuing a master's degree in

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Hot Starts Finished for McLean

McLean American Majors All-Star team drops 9-5 decision to Central Chesterfield.

BY JASON MACKAY
THE CONNECTION

If only baseball were football, Armen Clark might find himself deferring quite a bit during the ceremonial pregame coin toss. Clark has enjoyed his McLean American 11-12-year-old All-Star team's recent stint on the third-base side of things, which generally means that McLean American is the visiting team and bats first.

Batting first, Clark feels, gives McLean American a chance to make a quality first impression, something it certainly did during a state quarterfinal game against Central Chesterfield on Monday afternoon at the Lincoln Lewis Vanoy Fields in Fairfax.

With one out in the first inning, third

baseman Jameson Culp reached on a single and first baseman Cam Hester sent a shoulda-been-sponsored-by-Southwest shot over some trees in left field. Just like that, McLean American had a 2-0 lead.

"That's been our mantra," said Clark, whose team went 2-1 in pool play, topping both Warwick (3-1) and Norton (20-1). McLean American lost to West Springfield National, though, and finished as the Pool A runner-up.

The rest of the Central Chesterfield game, however, didn't match Clark's preconceived plan, as McLean American dropped a 9-5 decision. Still, McLean American can savor the District 4 title it won this season, which included come-from-behind wins over Vienna American and Vienna Colonial. The

Vienna American win (7-6) came after McLean American faced a 5-2 deficit and rallied. The second victory came against a team that had outscored its opponents, 54-4, in six games prior.

Facing a similar offensive dynamo in Central Chesterfield, McLean American wasn't intimidated. In the bottom of the third inning, Culp notched his second single and was driven home by Hester, who finished 2-for-3 with two RBIs and two runs scored. An inning later, catcher Grant Newsome blasted a solo home run to tie the score at 5. In addition to Hester, Culp and Newsome, Caleb Beatty went 3-for-3 with two RBIs.

"We firmly believe that we could've won that game, but we reminded them that they're one of the top eight teams in the whole state of Virginia," Clark said. "We're playing baseball all the way through the end of July ... and most kids are hanging out at the pool right now."

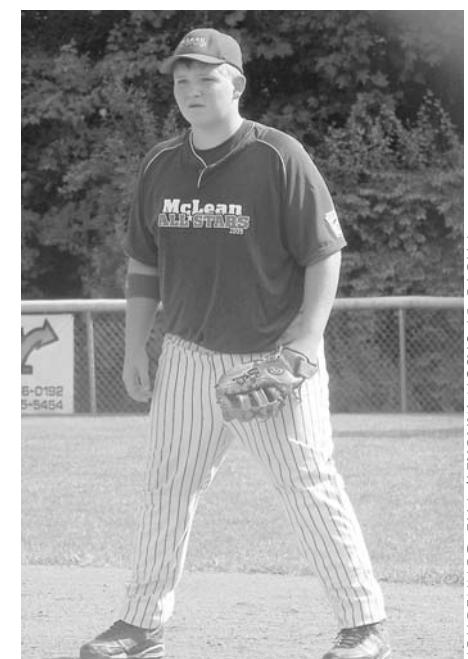


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Cam Hester went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, two runs scored and a home run during McLean American's 9-5 loss to Central Chesterfield on Monday afternoon.

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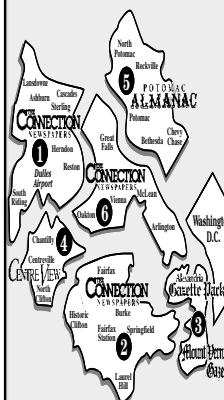
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Next to Domino's Pizza, a sidewalk along Elm Street comes to an abrupt stop at a dumpster, one of many examples in the downtown area of sidewalks starting and stopping.

Standing Up for Pedestrians

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to direct funds to a number of the group's preliminary recommendations, such as pedestrian signals at Dolley Madison Boulevard and Churchill Road, as part of a \$19 million, countywide pedestrian, bike and bus package on the day before the task force presented its preliminary results to the public.

"Money is tight, but I was able to secure funding for a lot of pedestrian, bicycle and spot improvements, several of which will support the goals and recommendations of the task force," Foust said.

He said fulfilling the task force's final plan would be a long-term project, made longer by the shortage of transportation funding, and goals would have to be prioritized. "We will begin to implement it immediately and fund the projects we can and continue to use it as a road map to fund future projects."

Potts said the task force had broken up into four subcommittees. While the pedestrian safety committee focused on the business center's lack of sidewalks in some areas and lack of pedestrian signals and crosswalks elsewhere, the design committee looked at how crosswalks could be created — with alternate surfaces, slight grading or perhaps embedded lighting — to get more attention from drivers. He said the design group also considered traffic calming measures like "bump-outs," which narrow the road at key points, as well as streetscape factors, such as the creation of buffers between the sidewalk and curb. "Pedestrians feel much safer when there's a buffer between them and traffic on the road," Potts said.

THE PEDESTRIAN connectivity group examined ways that destinations on the periphery of the CBC, such as Chesterbrook Shopping Center, Longfellow Middle School and Cooper Middle School could be connected to the downtown area with sidewalks, asphalt and crosswalks. And the committee on bicycle access and safety concluded that bike lanes were necessary along main routes within the business center, as well as major arteries that connect the downtown to Arlington, Tysons Corner and Falls Church.

Potts said a lower speed limit on Old Dominion Drive, pedestrian-only green lights at some intersections and signage alerting drivers to watch for pedestrians were also among the measures being recommended.

He said many of the changes, such as altering the speed limit or putting up signage, would cost little or no money.

Initially, the group had contemplated suggesting possible locations for street art, but Potts said art did not end up being included in the recommendations. "There's a lot on

the plate already," he said.

Foust said the recommendations would be held up against the county's Comprehensive Plan to determine whether any out-of-turn plan amendments would be in order, but he said most recommendations appeared to be in line with the plan. Also, any changes that require amendments may not receive funding before the plan comes up for review again in a few years. "I think it's very unlikely that there will be an out-of-turn plan amendment coming out of this process," he said.

The task force will meet in September to finalize and prioritize its recommendations.

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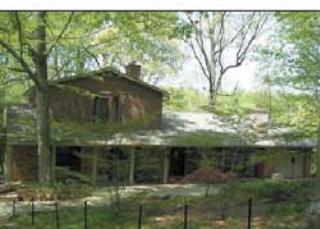
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