

From the air looking west, construction along Route 123 shows both the HOT Lanes work and a future Dulles Rail Station.



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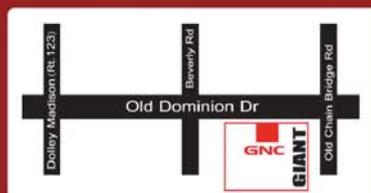
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The overpass at 236 is one infrastructure improvements that comes with the HOT Lanes project.

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UPDATE

Motorists will reap benefits by 2013.

BY MIKE SALMON
VDOT

The Dulles Metrorail and Interstate 495 HOT Lanes projects are moving full steam ahead, and the traveling public in Virginia will reap the rewards of these significant transportation additions by 2013.

Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail project began in Tysons Corner last March and over the summer, support columns for the aerial track went up near Interstate 66 and the Dulles Connector Road (Route 267). This is where the new line, unofficially tagged the "Silver Line," is branching off the Metrorail's Orange Line. Phase 1, which goes as far as Reston, is mostly above ground and features a tunnel along Route 123 between the Tysons Corner Center and Tysons Galleria malls. The tunneling began in October using a machine called the "Drill Jumbo," which uses the New Austrian Tunneling Method.

Work on five new Metrorail stations is underway, with four in Tysons Corner and one in Reston. The Tysons East station will be inside the Capital Beltway. The Tysons Central 123 station will be located at Tysons Boulevard and Route 123. Tysons Central 7 is along Route 7 near Route 123. The Tysons West station will be built at Route 7 and Spring Hill Road. The rail line then follows the median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway to Reston where the final station in this phase is being built at Wiehle Avenue. Trains are expected to begin servicing these stations in late 2013.

Although construction of the Interstate 495 HOT (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes overlaps Metrorail construction in Tysons Corner, it is a separate project. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is building the \$2.7 billion Dulles Metrorail Project while the Virginia Department of Transportation, in a public-private partnership with Transurban-Fluor, is building the Interstate 495 HOT Lanes.

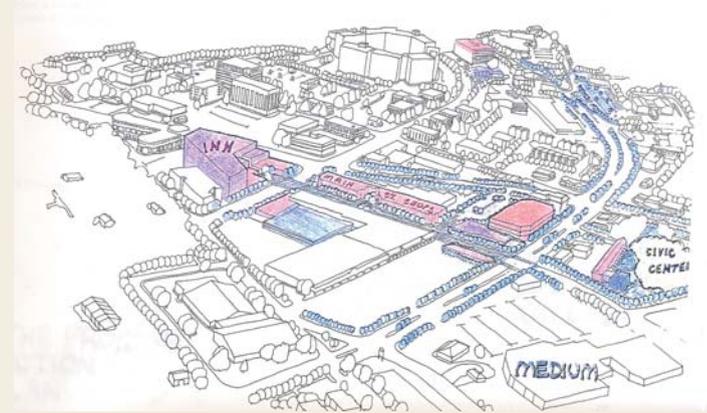
HOT Lanes are a system that will provide new travel choices for a faster and more reliable trip. On Inter-

state 495, there will be two new HOT lanes in each direction from the Springfield Interchange to just north of the Dulles Toll Road that will be free to HOV-3 cars, motorcycles and buses. Vehicles with less than three occupants can choose to pay a toll to enter the lanes. The amount of the toll will vary throughout the day and depend on real-time traffic conditions.

Construction on these lanes started in 2008 and will replace \$260 million in aging infrastructure. This includes overpasses and bridges at the Springfield Interchange, Braddock Road, Little River Turnpike, Gallows Road, Lee Highway, Interstate 66, Arlington Boulevard, Oak Street, Idylwood Road, Leesburg Pike, Chain Bridge Road and Lewinsville Road. Crews are demolishing the old bridges/overpasses and building new ones with the goal of keeping traffic moving. The toll lanes are scheduled to be open by the end of 2012 or early 2013.

Both of these projects will significantly expand transportation options in Northern Virginia. In the mean time, some delays could occur during construction. To mitigate these impacts, Virginia Megaprojects created a traffic management plan (TMP) to offer motorists alternatives to lane closures and detours. This plan includes three new bus services: Tysons Connector, a free shuttle serving Tysons Corner at lunchtime during the week; Tysons Express, a Woodbridge to Tysons Corner commuter bus with free Wi-Fi; and a Loudoun County express bus to Tysons Corner to launch in fall 2010. Another aspect of the plan empowers businesses in Tysons Corner. The Megaprojects Employer Solutions Team is trained to help employers develop customized transportation strategies to increase employees' commuting options. These may include shared-ride commute matching options (carpool, vanpool, bus, rail, metro and slugging); commuter services seminars or fairs; telecommuting programs; and employer and employee incentive information. To learn more about these free resources, call 877-9595-222 or e-mail: employersolutions@vamegaprojects.com.

Find more information about transportation alternatives and construction at www.Vamegaprojects.com. Drivers can sign up for an e-mail alerts and track the progress of all Megaprojects: Dulles Metrorail, Interstate 495 HOT Lanes, Fairfax County Parkway extension, Interstate 95 widening and Telegraph Road Interchange.



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In the 1997 plan, Main Street would run along Redmond Avenue between the plot designated "Inn," now the Staybridge Suites, and the block labeled "Civic Center," now the Palladium. An updated plan is expected soon.

2010 in McLean

What to look for in the year ahead.

MAIN STREET PLANS EXPECTED

A design for a revitalized "Main Street" area in downtown McLean is expected early this year.

Residents and community leaders met in spring of 2008 to revisit a plan drawn up a decade earlier, primarily concerned with the area around Redmond Drive. Since the original plan was created, some of its recommendations had come to fruition, such as the additions of the Palladium condo building and the Staybridge Suites hotel, anchoring either end of Redmond Drive. Now, the three blocks surrounding Redmond, including the Giant supermarket, have come under the ownership of a single landowner, who has expressed an interest

in revitalizing the area and asked for the community's input in 2008.

Residents weighed in on the mix of uses they wanted, the sort of transportation needed, building heights, parking and other questions. Following two widely attended public meetings and the submission of about 425 surveys, McLean Properties, representing the ownership, commissioned a market analysis and then, in the summer of 2009, contracted Boston- and San Francisco-based Sasaki Associates to come up with layouts for the redevelopment.

A design is expected to be unveiled sometime this month, and McLean Properties has said

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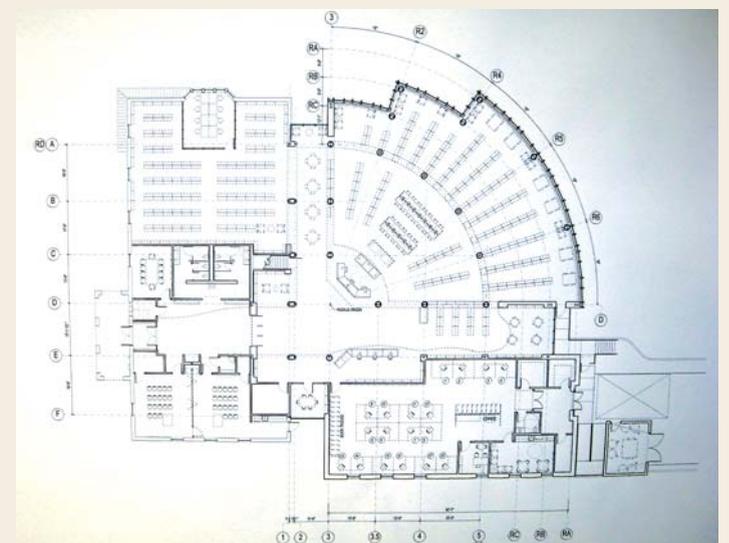


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This diagram shows the planned layout of the renovated Dolley Madison Library, which will begin construction this year.

OPINION

Happy New Year

Keep in touch.

At the Connection, we invite our readers to fill us in, literally. As we begin the New Year, we are reminded that we need to hear from our readers.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community, to give you the information you need to enjoy the best things in and near your community, to advocate for community good, to call attention to unmet needs, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones and events in community and people's lives.

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We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

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EDITORIAL

Facing Tough Budget Choices

Outgoing state delegate previews the 2010 session.

BY MARGI VANDERHYE

As state legislators head to Richmond for the 2010 Session of the General Assembly, competing budget proposals by outgoing Governor Tim Kaine and incoming Governor-Elect Bob McDonnell will be foremost on the agenda. These are tough times for state legislatures around the country. Since early 2007, Virginia has slashed \$7 billion from its two-year General Fund budget of roughly \$30 billion. State services across the board have been affected by layoffs and program reductions.

Still, Virginia has fared better than most states. Our unemployment rate has declined from its peak and is now nearly four points below the national average. We have attracted \$13.5 billion in new economic investments in the last four years, including five Fortune 500 companies. Both Hilton and SAIC moved their international headquarters to McLean this past fall. We have preserved our coveted Triple A bond rating, and we have maintained an excellent public education system from pre-K



through higher education, factors that have repeatedly earned us the designation as "the best state in which to do business."

In Virginia, the General Assembly is constitutionally required to balance its budget. Given that current revenue is not sufficient to fund existing programs, even at already reduced levels, the legislature must now find an additional \$4.2 billion in savings, spending cuts, or new money to offset current declines – preferably without

doing permanent damage to the structure of our economy. The theme of this year's Assembly will be: "What Do We Expect Government to Do?"

The underlying principles of the 2010 Session will center on the basic expectations for what we call "core government services." Can we maintain an acceptable pupil-teacher ratio in our schools? Hold the line on college tuition? Have an ambulance or fire truck to show up in less than five minutes? Find a caregiver for a disabled loved one? Do we expect the state to identify and assist the mentally ill? How will VDOT maintain our streets?

When revenue projections fall dramatically, how much are we willing to alter our expectations rather than fund the shortfall? Over the longer term we can find greater efficiencies and savings in government, such as my proposal to overhaul the state's cumbersome and costly workforce training programs. But these longer-term solutions are no substitute for the difficult work and tough choices before the legislature right now.

Governor Kaine has proposed \$2.3 billion in spending cuts and \$1.9 in income tax increases to be dedicated to local governments as reimbursement for the total elimi-

nation of the car tax. He has stated that further cuts to core services would jeopardize our ability "to climb out of this national recession" with our status as an economic and educational leader intact. Governor-Elect McDonnell has stated categorically that he will not raise taxes during his term. He can and will amend Governor Kaine's budget proposals and in doing so will have to identify nearly \$2 billion in additional cuts. He has also pledged to re-open the highway rest stops and to double the funds used to entice businesses to Virginia, requiring an additional \$25 million annually.

What do we expect government to do? The answer may vary among the voters, but if the question is never asked, the predictable result will be the lowest common denominator of expectations and government service. Those of us who value public service would ask that the electorate be diligently engaged in the debate about the decisions that affect us most.

Thank you for your own diligence in sharing your ideas and your views. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Delegate.

The author has served as the Virginia state delegate in 2007-09 term.

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The first day of the 2010 General Assembly session is Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will hold a Regional Public Hearing on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. The hearing will focus on the Governor's proposed 2010-12 Biennial State Budget and is open to the public.

Fairfax County's delegation to the General Assembly will hold a pre-session public hearing on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Sign up to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

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CRIME

Activities reported by the McLean District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Dec. 30.

FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT

Fairfax County Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating Joseph Snow Schrotz, 19, of no fixed address. Schrotz is a white male, about 6 feet 1 inch tall and approximately 200 pounds. A bench warrant is on file for Schrotz in Fairfax County for failing to appear in court on two counts of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and one count of assault on a law enforcement officer. Schrotz is also wanted in Loudoun County and Virginia Beach. He may be operating a light blue, Toyota Sienna minivan, stolen from the Centreville area. 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 your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police Auto Theft Unit at 703-246-7519.

ROBBERY

8600 block of Leesburg Pike. Police are investigating a robbery that occurred around 8 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17 in the parking lot of the Sheraton Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike. A man was getting out of his vehicle in the hotel parking lot, when a sedan pulled up next to him and parked. In addition to the driver, there were two other men in the vehicle. One of the occupants got out, produced a gun and ordered the victim to lie on the ground. The victim, a diamond salesman, had multiple packets of diamonds in his

possession which the suspects allegedly found and stole. After taking the diamonds, and other items, the suspects fled. There were no injuries. The suspects were described as dark-skinned, wearing black clothing with ski masks or bandanas covering their faces, and were in their 20s. One suspect was approximately 6 feet 4 inches tall and thin. The other suspect was around 5 feet 9 inches tall. 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 your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN

The renovation of Dolley Madison Library is expected to begin in late February. While the library's collection and staff will not grow, the building will almost double in size, from the existing 10,000 square feet to about 19,000 square feet. The front wing with the main entrance will be left in place, while the smaller rearward wing will be demolished to make way for the expansion.

A temporary library is to be set up in the McLean Square Shopping Center, where Balducci's food market is located, although the lease has not yet been finalized. The temporary library will house about one-third of the library's collection in a space of 3,500 to 4,000 square feet and will open about a month after Dolley Madison closes for renovation.

Of the six libraries approved for

construction or renovation by a 2004 bond referendum, Dolley Madison will be the last where work will begin. The planning process was held up by conflicts over the initial plan for the library, which was to include the district supervisor's office. The office was since eliminated from the plan. The library is to be completed by the fall of 2011.

TYSONS CORNER: CONSTRUCTION ZONE

The final configuration of Route 7 in Tysons Corner could be in place by the end of this year, although it may take until early 2011 to get all the lanes in place. Service roads along each side of Route 7 will disappear and the road will widen to four lanes in each direction, with sidewalks on each side and Metrorail ultimately running down the middle.

All mid-block left turns along the road in the Tysons area have been shut down, as have service roads along the eastbound lanes from Koon's Chevrolet past Pike 7 Plaza. This is the first section of the road to get widened, to be followed in the middle of this year by the rest

of eastbound Route 7 past Tyco Road. The westbound lanes are to be expanded in the fall. The final curb and gutter work, however, will not be done until shortly before the new metro line is running in 2013.

On Route 123, foundations for rail and Metro stations are already being laid, but since the rail is to run along the northwest side of the road, rather than down its center, the construction is causing less disturbance to traffic. Where the road runs under the Beltway, though, one lane in each direction will remain shut down until mid-to late 2011. This is to accommodate both rail and HOT lanes construction.

DOWNTOWN STORAGE

Construction may begin this year on a four-story, 60,000-square foot personal storage facility in downtown McLean. The building is to be constructed on what is now a parking lot next to the Madison building, across Beverly Road from the Ashby Apartments and McLean House condominiums.

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Suspect Charged in New Year's Homicide

Police responded to an apartment in the 6000 block of Argyle Drive in Falls Church on Thursday, Dec. 31 around 5 p.m. for a report of a stabbing. Officers located the body of a 21-year-old female with apparent stab wounds. A male suspect, 29, was also located in the apartment and transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with stab wounds that were not life-threatening. Investigators believe the man's wounds were self-inflicted.

The victim has been identified as Claudia Nova, of 6077 Argyle Drive #12 in Falls Church. The suspect, of the same address, has been charged with homicide. Once released from the hospital, he will be taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

Police believe that the incident was domestic in nature and that the stabbing took place following an argument between the suspect and victim. Crime scene and homicide detectives are continuing to investigate.

Nearly 700 Use New Year's SoberRide

Six hundred and ninety-two people in the Washington-metropolitan area used the free cab ride service SoberRide on New Year's Eve instead of possibly driving home drunk.

"This level of ridership translates into SoberRide removing a would-be drunk driver from Greater Washington's roadways every 42-seconds last night," said Kurt Gregory Erickson, president of the Washington Regional Alcohol Program, the McLean-based,

nonprofit organization conducting the region's SoberRide effort.

This year's SoberRide use represented a 47.86 percent increase from New Year's Eve 2008 — 468 to 692.

This most recent holiday allowed SoberRide — running nightly since Dec. 11, 2009 — to provide a record high of a total of 3,178 free cab rides to local residents ages 21 and older, who otherwise may have attempted to drive home after drinking. This surpassed WRAP's December 2002 record of providing 2,731 total holiday SoberRides home.

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For more information, visit WRAP's Web site at www.wrap.org.

After Christmas Sale at Claude Moore Farm

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm will conduct an After Christmas sale at its GateHouse Gift Shop, Wednesday, Jan. 6 through Sunday, Jan. 10 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The farm is located at 6310 Georgetown Pike in McLean with easy access off Route 123 and Georgetown Pike. Parking is free.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY JAN. 7

Asylum Street Spankers. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY JAN. 8

An Evening with SGG. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Chicago City Limits. 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolftrap, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improv comedy. \$22. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

John Jorgenson Quintet. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Why Don't My Kids Listen to Me? 10 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Workshop by the Parent Encouragement Program for parents looking to increase cooperation in their family. Pre-registration required at 703-242-8824.

Chicago City Limits. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns at Wolftrap, Wolf Trap



Shela Qamer, a member of Great Falls Studios, is having a solo exhibit, 'Peace in Colors,' Jan. 2 through Jan. 30, at Great Falls Library. Reception will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2-6 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. The picture shows her painting, 'Wind.' For more information, visit www.shelaqamerart.com

Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improv comedy. \$22. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Langley High School Choir Concert. 7 p.m. at Cornerstone International Church, 12113 Vale Road, Oakton. 703-264-1273.

Reston Contra Dance. 8 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Free beginners' workshop 7:15-8, dance 8-10:45. Admission \$8. 703-476-4500.

Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m. at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10
A Journey Through The Roots of Rock. 2-3 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park and Visitors Center, 2707 West Ox

Road, Herndon. With Katy Benko and Julie Crosson. Recommended for age six and up. 703-437-9101.

Old-Fashioned Game Day. 2-4 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park and Visitors Center, 2707 West Ox Road, Herndon. Dominoes, Backgammon, Monopoly and Parcheesi. Free. 703-437-9101.

Twelfth Night And The End of The Holiday Season. 1-3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Sip tea and make a craft to take home. A tour of the house is included in the fee. Age 8 and up; children under 12 years must be accompanied by an adult. \$20 per person. Reservations required at 703-437-1794.

Thatswhatshesaid, Counting Out Loud, Matthew Pablo and A+ Dropouts. 2 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. www.jamminjava.com.

This Day Waits, Sub-radio Standard, Streetlight Silhouettes, Bybrooke and Box Robots. 6 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. www.jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 11

Ultimate Fighting Championship, with Gray Maynard and Nate Diaz. 6:15 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$43-\$203, at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Good. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 12

Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. www.colvinrun.org.

Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle II. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. www.jamminjava.com.

Understanding Your Financial Situation. 7 p.m. at the Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Free. Registration required at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657 ext. 266.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 13

Winter Wonderland. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Stories, music and activities about snow. Ages 3-5 with adult. 703-757-8560.

Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle II. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. www.jamminjava.com.

The Escapades of John Singleton Mosby, the 'Gray Ghost.' by Donald C. Hakenson. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 703-757-8560.

THURSDAY/JAN. 14

The Grandsons. At The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 7:30 beginner lesson, 8-10 p.m. live music. \$10. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

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Historical Society, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With Carole Herrick. Free. schulm@erols.com or 703-442-9370.

Financial Planning During Separation and Divorce. 7 p.m. at the Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

Vienna Art Society Monthly Meeting. 10 a.m. at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. With Robert Liberace. 703-319-3971 or www.viennaartsociety.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 15

Capitol Steps. 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

U.S. Navy Band's 33rd International Saxophone Symposium. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With clinics, recitals and vendor displays, 3-7 p.m. 202-433-2525 or www.navyband.navy.mil/saxophonesymposium.

Chelsea Lee. 6 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. www.jamminjava.com.

Sonos. 10 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

The Gizmo Guys. 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 5 and up. 703-790-0123.

Capitol Steps. 8 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

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2127 KINGS GARDEN WAY	4	3	1		FALLS CHURCH	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.07		DOMINION
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8380 GREENSBORO DR #401	3	3	0		MCLEAN	\$525,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
2133 HUTCHISON GROVE CT	3	3	1		FALLS CHURCH	\$514,500	Townhouse	0.03		MARSHALL HEIGHTS
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2159 DOMINION WAY	3	2	2		FALLS CHURCH	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.04		MARSHALL HEIGHTS
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8340 GREENSBORO DR #626	3	2	0		MCLEAN	\$475,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
1258 SPRING HILL RD	3	2	0		MCLEAN	\$465,000	Detached	0.22		SPRINGHILL
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1872 KIRBY RD	3	1	0		MCLEAN	\$455,000	Detached	0.31		HIGHVIEW TERRACE
2622 PIONEER LN	5	3	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$435,000	Detached	0.27		SHREVEWOOD
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7784 MARSHALL HEIGHTS CT	3	3	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$425,000	Townhouse	0.03		MARSHALL HEIGHTS
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1801 GILSON ST	2	2	0		FALLS CHURCH	\$386,000	Detached	0.34		PIMMIT HILLS
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SPORTS

2009 — High School Sports Year in Review

Langley Boys' lacrosse won state crown; Oakton girls reached state hoops finals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The 2009 high school sports year was one in which numerous teams from the surrounding McLean, Vienna and Reston areas stepped up and put together breakthrough seasons. There were championships, dramatic turnaround campaigns and the magic that takes place when members of a roster come together as one to form a tightly knit unit. The following are a few of those teams that made memories that will last a lifetime.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McLean girls' soccer coach Laura O'Brien led the Highlanders to the Liberty District title and the Northern Region semifinals last spring.

BASKETBALL: The Oakton High girls were the champions of the Concorde District and Northern Region championships. Under Fred Priester, the Cougars displayed their talent, grit and heart throughout the winter by going unbeaten in region play in both the regular season and playoffs. In a region tournament semifinals game against Mount Vernon at Robinson Secondary, Oakton overcame an early 21-2 deficit to defeat the Majors, 47-39.

"You have to keep your cool because if one person freaks out [at being so far behind] then it's kind of a team reaction," said Oakton freshmen point guard Caroline Coyer, who scored a season-high 22 points in the victory.

Oakton also came from behind to defeat T.C. Williams, 74-66, in the region championship game after trailing by 11 in the first quarter. Coyer tallied 21 points to garner tourney MVP honors as the Cougars improved to 28-0. Other all-tournament selections for Oakton were senior leaders Erin McGartland and Brianna Johnson. Oakton went on to defeat Atlee (Mechanicsville) and Lake Taylor (Norfolk) in state playoff games before losing in the state finals, 71-61, to Princess Anne at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

THE LIBERTY DISTRICT had three girls' teams that experienced success — Madison, South Lakes and Langley. Madison, under former Warhawks' player and first-year head coach Kirsten Roberts, started the season 0-5 before putting things together. It entered the district tournament as the No. 4-seed but defeated McLean and top-seed South Lakes to reach the title game. There, the Warhawks defeated No. 2 Langley, 40-29, at South Lakes High School in Reston. Madison senior Danielle Landry scored 11 points in the finals win and earned tourney

MVP honors. Erin Kavanaugh, the other Warhawk player to make the all-tournament team, also tallied 11 points in the win over the Saxons.

Langley had shown great fortitude in getting as far as the district finals after starting the season 2-6. Like Madison, the Saxons came together following the slow start and went on to finish 15-10. Langley defeated regular season champion South Lakes two times in regular season district play. In the district tournament, Langley trailed No. 3 Woodson by eight points in the third quarter before rallying to win. Saxon senior forward Rachel Warrick scored 25 points in the semifinals win over the Cavaliers.

It marked the final season for Cheryl Buffo at the helm of the Langley program. Buffo, in 11 years, led the Saxons to six district finals. The title game loss to Madison hurt.

"Obviously, I was very happy for the kids that we got to the district finals," she said. "It was very disappointing not to play our best in that game."

On the boys' side., Langley captured its second straight Liberty basketball crown with a district tournament finals win over top seed Woodson, 52-36. The Saxons, who struggled early in the season with a 2-4 record, won eight of their final nine regular season games, then continued to stay hot in the postseason with three straight wins to garner the district title. Senior guard Derek Baker earned tourney MVP honors.

BASEBALL: With six starters back from its 2008 team that went 15-8, McLean took the next step forward in 2009 and became champions of the Liberty District. Behind starting pitching aces Sean Fitzgerald and Denis Buckley, the Highlanders enjoyed a 16-4 season. They captured the regular season district title before going on to win the

district tournament as well. The Highlanders trailed defending district champion Stone Bridge, 5-0, in the championship game before rallying for an 11-8 win. A nine-run fourth inning, following a stern pep talk from head coach John Thomas, turned the game around in dramatic fashion. "I've got to credit coach Thomas," said McLean catcher Erik Payne, one of just two seniors on the young roster. "He gave an incredible speech."

FOOTBALL: McLean put together memorable turnaround football seasons in 2009. The program had experienced several years of losing in prior years. But their fortunes turned around last fall.

McLean had gone 0-10 in 2008 under first year coach Jim Patrick. But Patrick's squad put things together in 2009, finishing with a winning record (6-5) and qualifying for the Division 5 region playoffs where the Highlanders lost to Lee. Perhaps McLean's biggest win of the season came on Sept. 25 when the Highlanders defeated Madison, 24-21, to improve to 3-1. Later in the season, McLean clinched a winning season with a 35-34 district overtime home win over rival Langley in the final week of the regular season.

LACROSSE: The Langley High boys' lacrosse team ran the table with a perfect 10-0 record in the postseason to win its first-ever state championship last spring. The Saxons defeated Madison for the Liberty District crown, Robinson in the Northern Region finals and Chantilly for the state title to finish 21-1 overall.

Alex Devlin's overtime goal was the game-winner in the state championship game win over the Chargers in the contest played at Westfield High. The senior midfielder's siz-

zling shot off the right side found the net and started a spontaneous on-field Saxon celebration as Chantilly, the 2008 state champions, looked on in disbelief.

"I love these players and I love this team," said an emotional Earl Brewer, the program's longtime head coach.

SOCCER: McLean's girls were determined to garner a Liberty District crown in 2009. The year before, the Highlanders had reached the finals before falling to Madison. But last spring, McLean took that next step. It wasn't easy for the Highlanders, who needed an overtime goal by Kristina Bettner to defeat Woodson, 2-1, in the title game. From there, McLean won region playoff games over Centreville and Lake Braddock before seeing its season end with a 4-2 semifinals loss to Chantilly in a game played at Robinson.

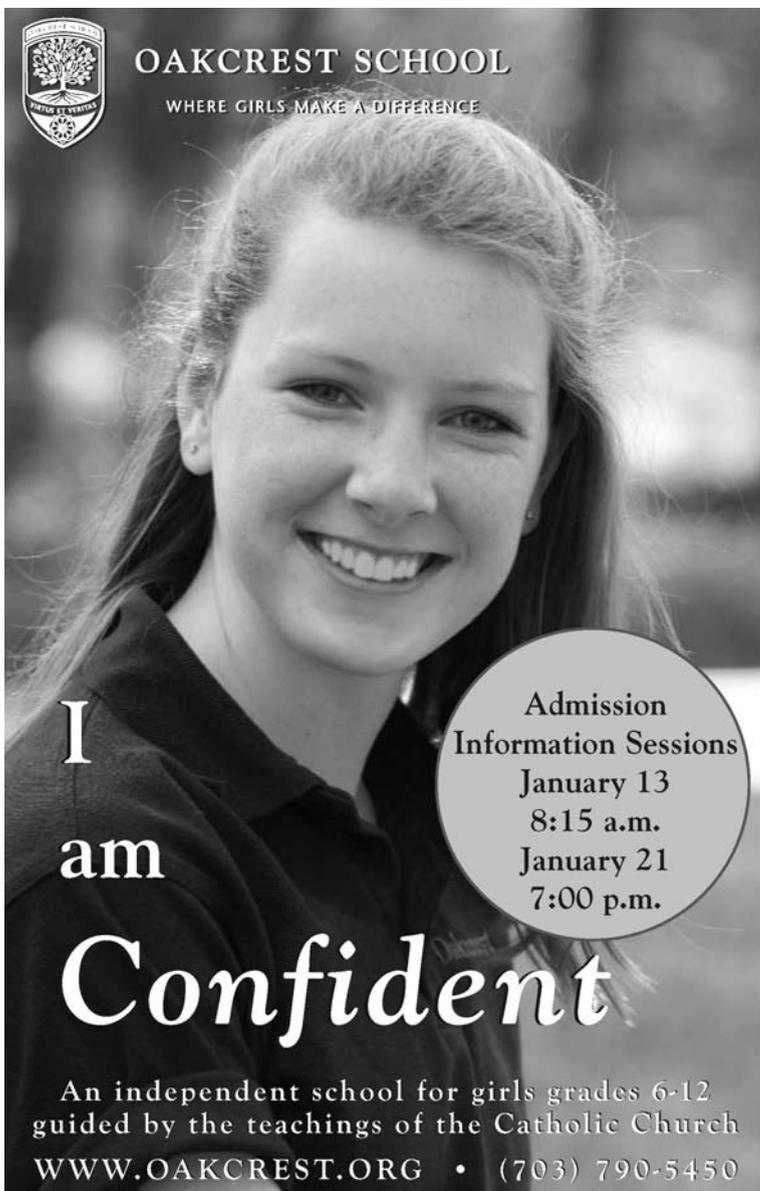
"A complete, total success," said McLean coach Laura O'Brien, of her team's 14-5 season. "We won the district championship and wanted to go as far as possible."

VOLLEYBALL: Behind standout players Elysse Richardson and Kathryn Caine, the Langley girls reached the state playoffs for the second time in three years this past fall. The Saxons lost in the Liberty District finals to Stone Bridge but came back strong with Northern Region playoff wins over West Springfield, Hayfield and Robinson to reach the finals, where they lost to South County. Langley's outstanding season ended with a setback to Loudoun Valley at states. The upset region semis win over Robinson was perhaps the highlight of the season for the Saxons. "We just played so well against them," said Langley coach Susan Shifflett. "We had to play one of our best matches to beat them."

OTHER GREAT TEAMS OF 2009: The underdog Langley girls' field hockey team which, as a No. 6 seed at the Liberty District tournament, upset No. 3 Marshall and No. 2 Madison to reach the finals where it gave top seed Fairfax all it could handle in a 1-0 loss. ... McLean softball, behind ace pitcher Jamie Bell, captured the regular season Liberty District crown and ultimately defeated West Potomac in a region playoff game to reach the semifinals, where the Highlanders' season ended with a setback to South County. Coach Maurice Tawil's squad went 20-4 on the season. ... The Marshall girls' tennis team won 12 straight matches during the spring season before losing to Woodson. The Statesmen received outstanding leadership from seniors Amanda Crider, Astrid Adam and Christina Nguyen. ... Langley's wrestling team, under coach John Belyea, captured its ninth straight district title last February. Three Saxons — David Helmer, Jay Ives and Anthony Kotoriy — won district crowns.



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Its exterior is to resemble an office building, and it will be accessible from Beverly Road. The owner has offered to include a mid-block pedestrian walkway for walkers and bikers traveling between McLean House and the Safeway shopping center across Old Chain Bridge Road.

Architect Jack Wilbern has said he is hopeful that construction will begin in 2010.

METRO YARD NOISE LIMITS?

The county's Planning Commission has twice deferred a decision on an application to expand the Metro yard at the West Falls Church Metro Station. At issue are requirements for noise abatement at the yard, where neighbors have complained about high-pitched "wheel squeal" for at least a decade.

The yard is expanding to support the coming Rail to Dulles, and as part of the project, a sound box will be built over the track loop there, which generates most of the noise. Fairfax County code sets noise limits at 55 decibels but does not specify whether this is an absolute maximum — which residents are pushing for in this case — or an average, which would allow much louder bursts of noise. Part of the problem, neighbors have said, is not just the level of the noise but its high pitch.

A decision is now scheduled for Jan. 21. The sound box is to be built in 2013, shortly before the new rail line becomes operational.

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McLean residents **Matthew L. Barba**, **James A. Cook** and **Peter A. Lang-Stanton** have graduated from Boston University in Boston, Mass. Barba was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Cook a master's degree in criminal justice and Lang-Stanton a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

George "Alex" Mackaronis of McLean, Denison University class of 2011, is studying off-campus for the 2009/2010 with the University of Canterbury program in New Zealand. Mackaronis majors in psychology at Denison.

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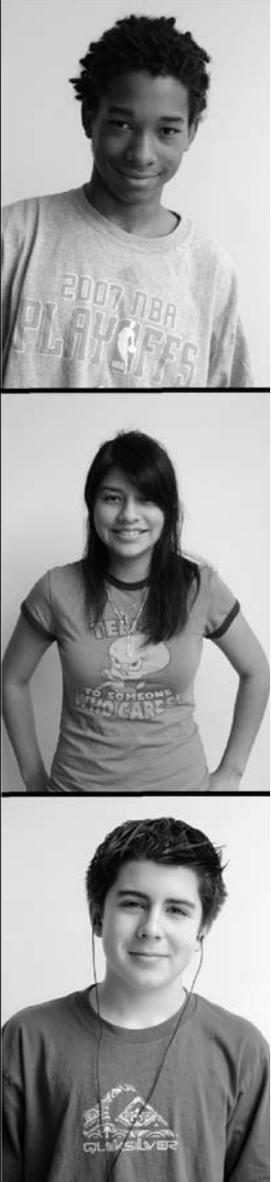
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McLean residents **Matthew L. Barba**, **James A. Cook** and **Peter A. Lang-Stanton** have graduated from Boston University in Boston, Mass. Barba was awarded a bachelor of science degree in business administration, Cook a master's degree in criminal justice and Lang-Stanton a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

Hana Betts of McLean has been named to the Hill School of Pottstown, Pa. Student Philanthropy Council for this academic year. Members are chosen based on the quality of their applications, interviews, and their sincere ability to commit time to the group. The SPC was created to allow Hill students to learn about the value and processes of philanthropy. Each year, students will award Pottstown charities approximately three to five grants with a total value of \$10,000.

George "Alex" Mackaronis of McLean, Denison University class of 2011, is studying off-campus for the 2009/2010 with the University of Canterbury program in New Zealand. Mackaronis majors in psychology at Denison.

McLean resident **Ben Chang**, a James Madison University student, will compete for a spot at the 34th Global Battle of the Brains Software Competition on Nov. 7 at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Chang will team with two other James Madison University students in a regional competition against teams from George Washington, American University, George Mason University and University of Virginia. Students will use programming skills and mental endurance to solve complex computing problems under a deadline. The winning team will advance to the world finals on Feb. 5, 2010, at Harbin Engineering University in Harbin, China.

Lucas Rooney, a 2009 Marshall High School graduate, is the first freshman ever invited to join BASIS, a group of Virginia Tech students who run a \$4million-plus fixed-income securities fund on behalf of the Virginia Tech foundation.

Isabel Smith of McLean, a senior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences in Blacksburg, Va., was recently presented the Moody, Pratt, Minor Scholarship. The scholarship is available to undergraduate students involved in exploring issues related to international affairs.

Mistafa Hafid of McLean, a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of College of Science, was chosen to be a resident advisor at Virginia Tech.

Jason Sarfati of McLean, a junior majoring in international studies in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was chosen to be a house supervisor at Virginia Tech.

Roger Chavez, 69. Former McLean Resident, Dies

Roger Chavez, 69, of Millwood, Va., died at home Dec. 29, after a two-year battle with pancreatic cancer. His death came less than seven weeks after the dedication of the Clarke County Historical Association Museum, which he had shepherded into existence and considered his most important legacy.

Born and raised in what was then rural McLean, Chavez graduated from McLean High School and American University. In the summers, he and his brother, Joe, sold the farm's tomatoes and corn off the back of a roadside truck. Roger Chavez married Kathy Chavez in 1961 and later raised his family in Falls Church and Dunn Loring. He had two daughters, both of whom worked at Virginia Lithograph over the years, Kristin Chavez Ballance and Ursula Chavez.

While serving in the National Guard in the 1960s, he helped patrol the streets of the District of Columbia after the riots following the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. He also served as editor of the Brigade newspaper. He spent his life dedicated to liberal political causes had a life-long appetite for history and the New York Times.

Roger got his start in printing working with his father at Old Dominion Printing

Service. He subsequently created the Oak Street Press, which he ran out of his home in Falls Church. In 1970, he bought Arlington Printing and Duplicating and soon changed its name to Virginia Lithograph, a premier printer of art and photography for the fine-arts community.

He ran the company for three decades, often more interested in the artists than in profit. During his 32 years printing, Virginia Lithograph became known as one of the top printers in Virginia and included many accomplishments, such as sweeping the 1986 Printing Industries of the Virginias awards competition, capturing the Dillard Award for the best printer.

Roger Chavez moved to Millwood in 1996. Together with his partner and second wife, Snow Fielding, he restored a 1786 stone mill and the house beside it. The mill, in turn, became a frequent venue for local fund-raising activities and social gatherings.

As an active member and later president of the Clarke County Historical Association, Roger Chavez was intimately involved in the association's semi-annual art shows. He also helped conceive the association's museum celebrating the county's rich agricultural legacy and was the driving force behind bringing the vision to reality.

He never left the Virginia he loved. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Clarke County Historical Association, P.O. Box 306, Berryville, VA 22611.

Can't Handel It



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I imagine the confession I'm about to make likely will get me banned from future similar cultural events (good!). But, since I'm sitting here (here being the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.) semi-listening to their Choir & Baroque Orchestra, I have to do something, even if some might consider writing on the very program describing the music, musicians, conductor and author to which I'm listening (I didn't say subjected; after all, it was with my consent that I agreed to this outing) a defamation of my character (or lack thereof) and a defacing of sacred text. Nevertheless, as Popeye the Sailor Man said so famously, "I'yam what I'yam." And what I am not, as has been proven by this musical interlude is, a fan of George Frederick Handel's Messiah, (God forgive me) "arguably the most widely shared musical experience in our culture. Each year the oratorio is sung by tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of people." And it is "mid nave" that I find myself not so enthralled on Sunday, Dec. 6.

And though the National Cathedral is an elegant and magnificent environment for this most traditional of presentations, I am not sure if my eyes and ears can truly appreciate its suitability. However, as I am writing (and then pausing and thinking about what to write next) I have to admit, the music and words (many of which I can't actually discern) do provide a soothing backdrop, conducive almost, to this creative process. I don't imagine, though, that the cognoscente of this music appreciate it for its inoffensive/barely noticeable/backdrop-type white noise as I do.

I mean, the Cathedral is nearly full, at \$54 a ticket – not exactly a cheap thrill (and in a challenging, shall we say, economy to boot). Apparently, these many listeners put their money where their ears are. It's only people/non-patrons of the arts like me who don't know any better and can't process the melodies sufficiently to find joy in "them thar" notes and we're nearly two-thirds ("Part The Second") through this holiday tradition. (The extremely famous "Hallelujah!" chorus is close, I'm told.)

Let me be clear, none of this commentary has anything at all to do with the amazingly talented musicians, soloists, conductors and choir performing this evening. Nor is it a reflection of the courteous and patient staff ushering (voluntarily no doubt) the hundreds of ticket-holding Handel enthusiasts to their assigned seats. It's more about an experience I have now shared with many before me, and heard much about, that I officially "don't get." I wouldn't say attending this event was worth the money we spent (like The Allman Brothers concert I saw in October was) but in an odd way, I do feel better having experienced it.

Would I go back? No. Do I regret having gone? No. Am I planning my next cultural soiree? Absolutely not! For me, enjoying such fare is an "achoir'd" taste. A taste which I have not yet acquired. (I did find a great parking space on Wisconsin Ave. directly across from the Cathedral, though.)

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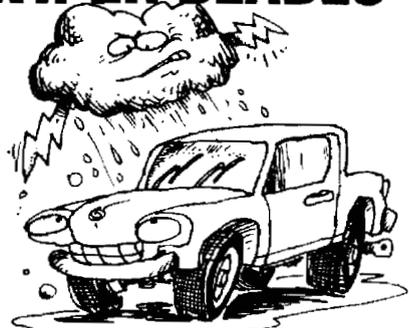
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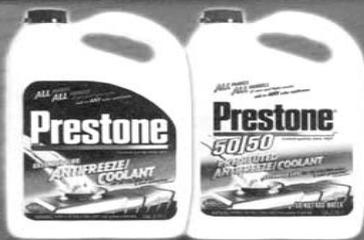
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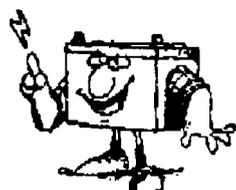
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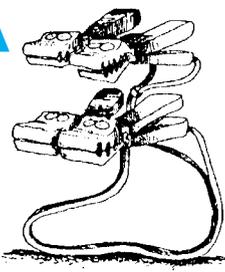


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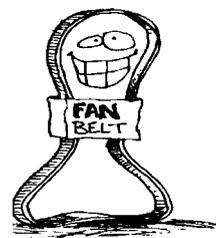
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