

Cunningham Park Elementary School principal Rebecca Baenig expresses gratitude to retiring teacher Sharon Gregg.

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Long-time Teacher Retires

Current students, former students come out to celebrate Sharon Gregg's career.

BY DONNA MANZ
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On June 2, nearly 200 former students, current students and their families and staff came out to Cunningham Park Elementary School to honor retiring teacher Sharon Gregg, who leaves the school with 26 years there behind her. Gregg moved to Virginia from Oklahoma in 1984 to begin her Virginia teaching career at Cunningham Park. She never left.

"Once I got acclimated here, I knew this is where I wanted to stay," said Gregg.

"Mrs. Gregg has the amazing ability to make every child in the classroom feel like the most important person in the world," said CPES principal Rebecca Baenig. "She's strict, but it's coupled with a nurturing and loving approach. It's such a nice balance."

That sentiment was echoed by the program's speakers and by parents. Jo-Lynn Westlund, the mother of two of Gregg's former students, described Gregg as the "perfect" first grade teacher. Like Baenig, Westlund said that Gregg made each child feel like the most important person in the world. Her kids loved coming to school. They adored Gregg and Gregg made sure each child in her class could read before leaving first grade.

For most of those 26 years, Gregg taught first grade. Occasionally, she had a second grade class, and in one of those second grade classes was a little girl named Karin Drinkuth. Today, Drinkuth teaches alongside Gregg at Cunningham Park.

Speaking at Gregg's retirement reception, Drinkuth recalled Gregg's pretty dresses and shoes, and, learning that Gregg was "as beautiful inside as on the outside."

When Gregg began at Cunningham Park, in the 1980s, the school had no air conditioning, no gym, Gregg recalled, as she spoke to her Cunningham Park family from the podium. She taught under six principals and pinpointed the physical changes in the school after it underwent renovation.



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First-grade teacher Sharon Gregg retires from Cunningham Park Elementary School after a 26-year tenure there.

In retirement, Gregg will shop for fresh vegetables early in the morning, travel with her husband and give back to the community as a volunteer working with seniors. In a few years, she might even open a gift shop.

In the cafeteria, tables were decorated with individual blocks denoting a particular year in Gregg's tenure. News highlights for that year were affixed. A table laden with gifts and cards to Gregg filled up quickly.

"Parents have said that Sharon knows her students as well as they do," said Baenig.

Mayor M. Jane Seeman read a Town of Vienna letter of recognition and instructional assistant Carolyn Birch read a poem she created especially for Gregg that would have made Dr. Seuss proud. Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) wrote a letter of recognition read by assistant principal Connie Dineen.

From the podium, several of Gregg's former students spoke lovingly of Gregg, recalling their deep affection for her and how much about character they learned from her.

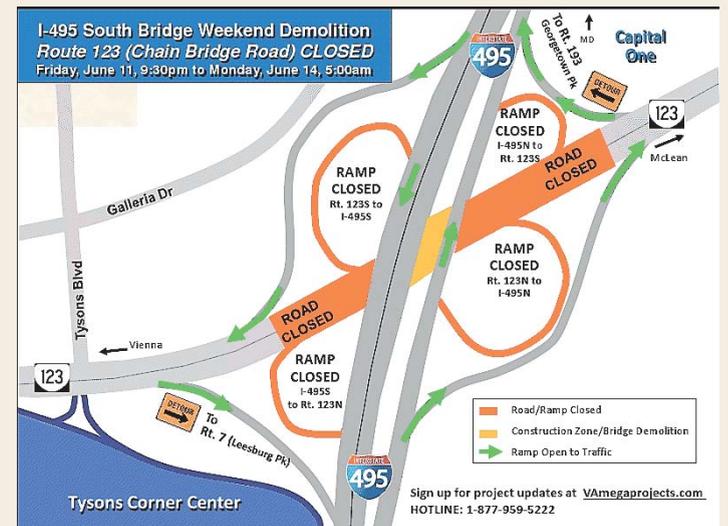
Gregg was the first lead mentor at Cunningham Park and served on and chaired school committees. She served on the Fairfax Education Association Board of Directors, as well as on the Board of the Virginia Education Association.

Over the years, Gregg has taught brothers and sisters. She has seen her young charges grow into responsible adults and has maintained connections with many of them over years. Quite a few of those former students returned on June 1 to say goodbye and wish her well.

"I've made relationships that I'll have forever," said Gregg. If the crowded cafeteria was an indication, she was right.

"Mrs. Gregg has the amazing ability to make every child in the classroom feel like the most important person in the world."

— CPES principal Rebecca Baenig



On the weekend of June 11, Route 123 in Tysons Corner will be closed for the whole weekend as crews demolish the old outer loop beltway overpass.

Route 123 Closes for Weekend

Beltway bridge coming down, delays expected.

In past weeks, the Tysons Corner area has been casually called the "ground zero" site for construction on the High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes and the Dulles Metrorail projects. The beltway is being widened through there, overpasses are being rebuilt, and the metrorail line will cross the highway in that area.

On the weekend of June 11, Route 123 in Tysons Corner will be closed for the whole weekend as crews demolish the old outer loop beltway overpass so construction on the new Beltway bridges and a new HOT Lanes connection into Tysons Corner at the Westpark Drive bridge can begin. Crews will also start construction of Dulles Metrorail guideway piers over the Capital Beltway. "The weekend closure is going to be challenging for motorists in the Tysons area, but when the HOT Lanes are completed, motorists will have transportation options

like never before," said Steve Titunik, VDOT Regional Transportation Program Communications Director.

Starting on Friday night, June 11, traffic on Route 123 north will be detoured to I-495 south, on to the Route 7 ramps to I-495 north and back to Route 123 north. Motorists should expect delays during the weekend closure as well as a left lane closure on I-495 north near Route 123.

Traffic heading south on Route 123 will be detoured to I-495 north to Route 123 south, and traffic heading south on Route 123 bound for I-495 south will be routed to I-495 north to Route 193 and back to I-495 south.

Motorists are urged to avoid the whole area if possible. By 5 a.m. Monday morning, all lanes of Route 123 will be reopened in time for morning rush hour.

Later in the summer, the whole process will be thrown into action again while crews rebuild the I-495 northbound overpass. For further information about this closure and Virginia Megaprojects, visit VAMegaprojects.com.

Magarity Road to Close Overnights

Drivers who use Magarity Road in the McLean/Falls Church/Tysons area may experience significant delays some weeknights through the week of June 14 when the road is closed between

Olney Road and Great Falls Street between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., weather permitting. Drivers are encouraged to detour by using Anderson Road, Chain Bridge Road and Great Falls Street.

Armed Robbery At 7-11 Store

On June 3, at 3:34 a.m. Town of Vienna Police Officers responded to an alarm activation at the 7-11 Store 537 Maple Ave., W. Arriving officers discovered that a lone black male had entered the store. He then brandished a semi-automatic handgun at the clerk and demanded money.

The clerk complied and while handing him the money a second employee entered the store and was ordered to lie on the ground. The man then ordered both employees in to the rear bathroom of the store and fled.

The suspect is described as a black male, 5-foot 8-inches and 250 pounds, wearing a black ball cap, two tone gray and blue jacket (gray on top, blue on bottom) and gloves.

Fairfax County patrol officers, K-9, and helicopter responded to assist. The suspect was not located. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call Det. Art Sylmar at 703-255-7834.

Used Book Sale At Freeman House

Historic Vienna, Inc. will conduct its annual Used Book Sale on the lawn of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., Vienna, on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, June 13, from 12-5 p.m. Prices are \$2 for all hardcovers, \$1 for all paperbacks, with children's books ranging from 25 cents to \$1. A small group of "Treasures" are priced separately. All books are donated to HVI, and include current bestsellers, classics, travel, cookbooks, biography and a large section of general history, Civil War and military history. This year one donor has included a significant group of children's videos, including many Disney classics, and a group of audio books on both cassette and DVD.

All proceeds of the sale support the on-going programs and activities of Historic Vienna, Inc., including placement of historical markers, costs of mounting exhibits, and administrative expenses. For more information call 703 928 5187.

Civil War Tour Of Hunter Mill

A Civil War tour along the Hunter Mill Road corridor for ages 12 and up, sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, is scheduled for Saturday, June 12. A charter bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., and return around 1 p.m.

Visit the locations of skirmishes, encampments, graves, and historical structures of the Civil War with a local historian from the Hunter Mill Defense League, who will discuss the ordeal of the local citizenry as well as the soldiers and raiders of the time.

The cost of \$45 for Town of Vienna residents and \$56.25 for out-of-town participants includes transportation and illustrated tour book. For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Free Workshop on Wills

"Why Good Wills Go Bad" is the title of a free presentation on Monday, June 14, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

Join attorney David G. Hoffman for a discussion of Virginia will law, organizing your assets, when to change your will, talking to your executor, reducing probate, will copies, do-it-yourself tax plans, and more.

The workshop is free of charge, and no advance registration is required. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Teen Center To Host Carnival

Vienna area sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to Summertime Carnival Day on Friday, June 11, 3:30 p.m., at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

This activity is free of charge. Challenge yourself in tests of skill and enjoy carnival snacks.

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Helping Children of Tanzania

Tanzania Education Fund, Inc. built school in Bagamoyo.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

When Madison High School senior Anthony Rahner began looking into potential Eagle Scout projects, he had to look no further than his mother's office.

Last year, Rahner was invited by Vienna attorney Charles W. Sloan, for whom Rahner's mother works, to spend a summer month in Bagamoyo where a school built by Sloan's son, Charles Sloan Jr., is located. The school, Nianjema Secondary and High School, was founded in 2000 by attorney Sloan and son. Father and son established the Tanzania Education Fund, Inc. to provide financial support and expertise to Nianjema.

Rahner spent July in Bagamoyo, helping out at the school and talking to students. Mostly, Rahner said, the students asked him about America.

"When I was walking through the school, the kids were sharing books," said Rahner. "A lot of the science equipment was broken. I figured these kids could use school supplies."

As he began thinking about his Eagle Scout project, the kids of Bagamoyo came to mind. Rahner began planning the school supplies drive six months ago. With the approval of his scoutmaster Al Fox and the cooperation of the troop's members, Rahner created and promoted a school supplies drive that took place over the weekend of June 5. A variety of school, recreational, and nursery school supplies were collected outside the law offices of Sloan and Swedish on Pleasant Street.

FOX'S SCOUT TROOP, sponsored by St. Mark's Church in Oakton, has 63 members, many of whom participated in Rahner's project. Scouts and parent volunteers worked unloading and packaging donations in hot and humid weather on June 5.

The scouts will inventory, sort and mark, and package in early June, and have the boxes ready to be shipped by sea by the Vienna headquarters of the Tanzania Education Fund as part of a larger shipment.

In late May, Rahner produced promotional fliers for his scoutmates and himself to distribute to neighborhoods and around town. He also put up signs in Vienna and at Madison High School advertising the collection on June 5. E-mails helped to get the word out, too. The community responded in full-force.

Madison parent Kathy Grant and her daughter Laura Wolff bought paper, crayons, binders, notebooks, even new footballs, for the collection. Why footballs? Laura is an athlete who said her favorite part of the school day was recess and gym. As captain of her school's "powder puff" football team, she thought of how much fun the balls would be.

In the early years of Nianjema's establishment, students occasionally walked for hours to get to the



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Eagle Scout candidate Anthony Rahner, Senior Patrol Leader Alex Barrett and Scoutmaster Al Fox, along with members of the scout troop, collect donations on behalf of the Tanzania Education Fund, Inc.

school. Nianjema began constructing housing for the students and has expanded its nursery school.

The boarded students live in 6 by 6 foot rooms with two mattresses on the floor, two desks and two trunks that are used as chairs. The students think they are living well.

Rahner said he was surprised by some of their cultural customs, not the least of which is payment for a bride. "They were surprised we don't pay a father to marry his daughter here," Rahner said.

Charles ("Charlie") W. Sloan Jr. is a former Peace Corps volunteer who returned to his home in Vienna envisioning an educational option for the children of Tanzania who had no resources available upon leaving the government-sponsored elementary schools. His father supported the vision and, in 2000, the Nianjema Secondary and High School opened in Bagamoyo.

Charlie Sloan Jr. lives in Bagamoyo with his wife, a local doctor, and their three children. When he comes back to Vienna, he enjoys outdoor activities.

AS THE CONTRIBUTIONS CAME IN, the scouts sorted through them, books here, binders there, rubber blocks for preschoolers taped together. Approximately 20 of Rahner's scoutmates showed up to help during the morning.

"I don't think about what we're getting out of this," said Senior Patrol Leader Alex Barrett of Vienna. "I think about what those other kids are getting. The fact that we're helping them is really good."

All donations to Tanzania Education Fund (TEF) go directly to the Nianjema Secondary School in Bagamoyo, Tanzania.

For information on Tanzania Education Fund, a 501(c)(3), see <http://www.tanzaniaeducation.org/index.htm>.

NEWS

Teachers Honor Keam

Del Mark Keam (D-35) named Rookie of the Year.



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Del. Mark Keam (D-35)

Based on his record of strong support for public education, the Virginia Education Association named Del. Mark Keam (D-35) a "Rookie of the Year." VEA is a public education advocacy group with more than 60,000 members throughout the Commonwealth.

The award was presented to Keam by VEA President Kitty Boitnott at the Fairfax Education Association's Representative Assembly, which took place Wednesday, May 19, at Northern Virginia Community College.

"I am honored to receive this award and to be recognized by teachers for my work in the General Assembly," said Keam. "As a product of public schools and as a parent with two kids in Fairfax public schools, I have made public education my number one priority as a legislator."

In his first year in the General Assembly, Keam worked successfully with Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) to "unfreeze" the local composite index (LCI) formula that would have penalized Fairfax County schools by withholding \$61 million in state funds that would have been provided under an updated formula. Keam joined Republican delegates in offering amendments to the House budget that provided the additional funds for Fairfax.

During the 2010 legislative session, Keam also introduced two bills to provide additional funding for Fairfax County Public Schools. House Bill 1128 would have imposed a cap of 0.6750 as the maximum number under the LCI instead of the current state cap of 0.800, which means that no locality shall ever pay more than 80 percent for their schools while the state picks up the other 20 percent.

House Bill 1129 would have added an additional 13 teachers for every 1,000 limited English proficient students in Fairfax County. The county currently has more than 21,000 such students out of 173,500 students. Without additional ESOL teachers, Fairfax suffers from having to have a student/teacher ration of 59 to 1 in classrooms instead of the ideal 30 to 1 that most jurisdictions enjoy.

Unfortunately, both bills were defeated on straight party-line votes in a House Appropriations Subcommittee.

"Del. Keam has begun his legislative career as a solid supporter of our public schools. We have acknowledged his 100 percent pro-education voting record by awarding him VEA's Rookie of the Year award. He is a welcomed friend of public education," said Boitnott.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Shannon B. Lynch of Oakton has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Azusa Pacific University of Azusa, Calif. Lynch is a Cinematic Arts Major.

Nicole Barrea of Oakton has received a master of science in elementary education from The University of Mary Washington. Barrea is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. Barrea, and is currently volunteering in the Dominican Republic.

Vienna residents **Christina Fellows** and **Lauren Larkin** have been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport, La.

Vienna residents **Maritza Mullervy** and **Lydia Russo** have been named to

the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society at Marymount University.

Kim-An Tran of Oakton has been named to the Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honor Society at Marymount University.

Nicholas McCormick of Oakton has been inducted into both the Spanish National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society. The Randolph-Macon Academy sophomore is the son of Michael and Gabrielle McCormick of Oakton.

Mary Desmarais of Vienna participated in the American Advertising Federation's National Students Advertising Competition, for which they created and presented comprehensive advertis

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OPINION

For Scientists, Start Earlier, Learn Geography

After years of changes designed to increase diversity, Thomas Jefferson this year admitted nine poor students.

Each year, 480 students are admitted to the top high school in the United States, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. Back in 2004, a Blue Ribbon commission recommended a variety of changes to the admission's process to enter Fairfax County's top public school, an effort to boost the diversity at the school. The school's students have been about 90 percent Asian and white.

Many changes later, changes designed to consider students "holistically," the incoming freshman class has dramatically smaller percentages of black, Hispanic and poor students than the student body of the county as a whole. Four African American students were admitted, along with 13 Hispanic students, in a class of 480 incoming freshman.

More telling, there were nine students poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced price meals admitted to begin ninth grade next year at TJ. That's less than two percent. Children in a family of four with income of less than \$44,000 annually qualify for subsidized meals, and such children make up about 20 percent of all students in Fairfax County.

More than 70 percent of those admitted to TJ had completed geometry in eighth grade. But in some of the poorest and most diverse middle schools in the county, advanced math programs are not even offered.

In the overall state of the county, does it matter how many poor students, or black students, or Hispanic students, get to go to the best high school in the country?

It does matter that students from schools with more diversity and more poverty are not getting the opportunity to develop a passion for science and technology.

The school system's failure to prepare more poor students well enough to gain admission to TJ means a huge missed opportunity. It means that tens of thousands of stu-

dents who could be developing a passion for science at an early age that might transform their lives are not getting the foundation they need to go forward in rigorous programs, whether that's at TJ or AP or IB.

FCPS is cutting programs that benefit poor students and schools with a higher percentage of poor students, for example Project Excel and year-round school calendar, even as it is clear poor students have almost no access to the county's top programs.

It's time to add a geographic component to admissions at TJ, reserving some spots for students from every middle school.

This will also require starting earlier with advanced classes so that when those students arrive at TJ, they can succeed there.

EDITORIALS

Last Call for Father's Day photos

Father's Day is Sunday, June 20, and once again the McLean Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening

and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

Email photos to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com, or mail a disk or prints to McLean Connection, Father's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Post 180 Honors Vienna Reporter

To the Editor:

On Friday evening, June 4, the American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 in Vienna was pleased to present Vienna and Oakton Connection Reporter Donna Manz with a unique award.

Presented to Donna at our Post annual Installation of Officers for the coming year 2011, was a plaque inscribed as follows:

"Presented to Donna Manz, in recognition and appreciation of outstanding publicity for American Legion Post 180, Vienna to the advancement of the American Legion Programs and activities, presented For God and Country, this date of June 4th 2010."

Post 180 has never before presented such an award, and it was our great honor and privilege to give Donna this special recognition. Our members and Executive Board voted unanimously to make this one time token of our appreciation and thanks.

She is an asset to your publications, and to the Vienna-Oakton community.

Post Commander Bob Hatter
Vienna



Pictured, from left, are Byron Sheldon, president of Chapter 227; Sen. Chap Peterson (D-34); Del. David Bulova (D-37); and Bruce Waxman, chapter vice president.

Virginia Welcomes Vietnam Vets Home

State Sen. Chap Peterson (D-34) and Del. David Bulova (D-37) presented copies of the resolutions passed by Virginia legislature declaring March 30 as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" in the Commonwealth to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227 at the chapter's monthly meeting

on May 20. The resolutions were accepted by President Byron Sheldon and Vice President Bruce Waxman on behalf of the chapter.

The resolutions designate March 30 as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Virginia to celebrate the service and numerous contributions of the

Commonwealth's Vietnam-era veterans and to coincide with the national observance of the day. The resolution had 138 co-patrons in the House of Delegates.

For more information on the national Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day movement go to <http://www.whvvd.org/>.

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NEWS

Winning Third Place in World Finals

Colvin Run Elementary students impress at the Odyssey of the Mind championship.

Colvin Run Elementary School's Odyssey of the Mind team traveled to Michigan State University over Memorial Day weekend to take part in the world championships, which featured over 5,000 participants from 34 states and 12 countries.

Colvin Run, the Virginia state champions, took home third place in the Column Structures competition, which requires teams to design and build balsa wood columns that function together to balance and support as much weight as possible. In addition to testing students' technical skills and knowledge, Odyssey of the Mind also rewards artistic creativity by requiring an original team-created performance to be included in the testing of its columns. The Colvin Run team's structure held 1,050 pounds, second only to the structure built by the team from Changzhou, China.



Back row, from left, Coach Peizhong Wang, Jessica Wang, Derek Kartalian and Coach Chuck Loving; and, front row, Aaron Granstedt, David Loving, Gwendolyn Rak and Annie Wang.

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NEWS

Where 'Something Special' Happens

1st Stage Theatre aims to create a 'pride of place' in Tysons.

BY NIKKI CHESHIRE

THE CONNECTION

Tyson's Corner has most of the elements required to classify it as a city, including the residential areas, retail, restaurants, businesses, malls, movies and a soon-to-be Metrostations. But one thing is missing — theater.

However, a recently opened establishment, 1st Stage Theatre, is changing that. Opened in the tail-end of 2008, the creators of the small 100-seat theater, two former Fairfax County school teachers



Carolyn Myers playing Cathy Hiatt in 'The Last Five Years.'



PHOTOS COURTESY OF 1ST STAGE THEATRE

John Loughney playing Jamie Wellerstein in the 1st Stage Theatre production of 'The Last Five Years.'

along with former students, parents of former students and a singing/acting teacher, had a vision of not only "creating a home for young local artists to launch and

nurture their professional theatre careers" but to also "provide the community with some wonderful

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Route 123 closed this weekend.

Route 123 (Chain Bridge Road) under the Beltway in Tysons Corner will be completely shut down from 9:30 p.m. on Friday, June 11th to 5 a.m. on Monday, June 14th. Crews will be demolishing the old Beltway bridge over Route 123 as part of Virginia's I-495 HOT Lanes Project, and a new bridge will be built over Route 123 in Tysons Corner.

Detour Routes:

- Traffic leaving the Tysons Corner shopping areas will be directed to Route 7.
- McLean traffic heading into Tysons will be directed to I-495 North to Georgetown Pike (Route 193) and turn around onto I-495 South back to Route 123 South to Tysons.

Tips for drivers:

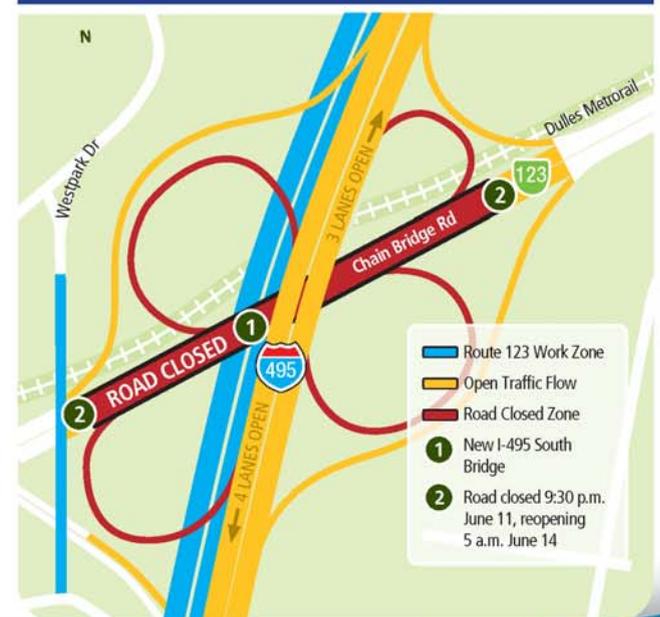
- Expect delays, and consider alternate routes if you're traveling through Tysons this weekend.
- Watch for detours. State and local police will be in the construction area and along detour routes for motorists' safety.

Get help navigating construction: Big roadwork projects like these can be challenging to deal with. But rest assured—when completed, they'll improve traffic flow, business efficiency, and personal mobility for everyone in the area. Until then, you can sign up to receive project updates and helpful information on commuter solutions at VAmegaprojects.com.

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Tysons Corner Construction Route 123 Closure at I-495



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NEWS

Vienna Police Officers Honored

Officers recognized for enforcing D.W.I. laws.

On May 7, Sgt. Tom Taylor and Officer Ryan Myers were honored for their enforcement actions against impaired drivers. The Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program (V.A.S.A.P.) in Fairfax County and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) had an awards ceremony at the Tysons Westpark Hotel in McLean. The Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Safety honored many local police officers and deputy sheriffs from various agencies for their efforts in combating drunk driving.

Each year since 1991, M.A.D.D. and V.A.S.A.P. have honored area law enforcement officers and others for their efforts in enforcing and prosecuting the drunken driving laws. This year's Master of Ceremonies was Bob Marbourg from WTOP News.

Taylor and Myers spent numerous hours detecting,



Pictured, from left, are Officer Ryan Myers, Sgt. Tom Taylor and Capt. Michael Miller.

investigating, and prosecuting impaired drivers in 2009. As the result of a Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles grant, targeted D.W.I. enforcement took place within the Town of Vienna and resulted in additional arrests.

These officers also detected and arrested impaired drivers during their regular shifts in addition to their normal duties.

Taylor is also an Intoxilyzer Operator for the Commonwealth of

Virginia in addition to being an enforcer of the D.W.I. laws. The Intoxilyzer instrument, which analyzes the breath of suspected violators to determine their blood alcohol content, is strategically located in the Vienna area by the Commonwealth of Virginia. Taylor and other Intoxilyzer operators continually perform blood alcohol tests for many law enforcement agencies at Vienna Police Headquarters.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 10

Swing Dance with King Teddy. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Sally Seltmann and Tamarama. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. jamminjava.com.

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. John Capobianco, on 'Styling Your Chrysanthemum Bonsai.' Free. 703-560-8776.

FRIDAY/JUNE 11

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 6 p.m.-12 a.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Rusted Root performs at 8 p.m. General admission seating is available for all performances at the Bud Light Main Stage. Six stages will be located throughout the festival site. All shows are free with daily tickets to the event. 703-324-3247 or www.celebratefairfax.com.

Cirque Dreams: Illumination. 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$245. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Summer on the Green: Annapolis Bluegrass. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for



Diamond Alley performs at Great Falls Summer Concerts 2010 on Sunday, June 13, 6-8 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Centre.

seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

"Tinner Hill: Portraits in Black and White." 7:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Falls Church, 410 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Theater based on the stories of local civil rights pioneers. \$15 for Adults, \$10 for students and seniors. www.creativecauldron.org or 571-239-5288.

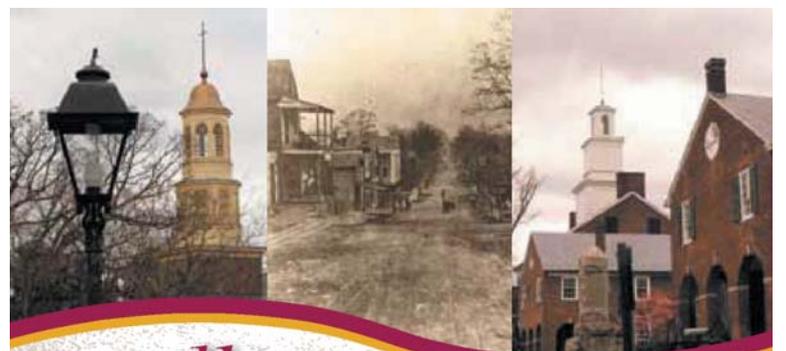
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English Conversation. 10 a.m.

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

SATURDAY/JUNE 12

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 10 a.m.-12 a.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Carolina Liar performs at 3 p.m. and KC & The Sunshine Band at 8 p.m. General admission seating is available for all performances at the Bud Light Main Stage. Six stages will be located throughout the festival site. All shows are free with daily

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Historic Vienna, Inc. Used Book Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman House, 131 Church Street, NE, Vienna. Current bestsellers, classics, travel, cookbooks, biography and history. All proceeds support the programs and activities of Historic Vienna, Inc. 703-928-1587.

Commemorate the Confederate Victory at the 1861 Battle of Vienna. 4 p.m. at the historic marker on W&OD Trail at mile marker 11.5, about 100 yd. north of where the trail crosses Park St., Vienna. Frank Stringfellow Camp #822 Sons of Confederate Veterans will host a short talk about the battle. Free and open to the public. 703-250-8705 or stringfellowbuva@att.net.

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Dulcie Taylor. 5 p.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Country. Free. 703-288-9505.

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Quarterly Meeting, Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association Board. 8 p.m. at the Clifford residence, 2908 Oakton Ridge Circle, Oakton. Jim Whipp, 703-281-1873.

FRIDAY/JUNE 11

VTRCC Business 2 Business Trade Show. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Tysons Corner Marriott, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Register at www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 12

Old Bike Collection: Boy Scout Eagle Project. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton Shopping Center Parking lot, 2858 Hill Road, Vienna. Useable bikes will be collected for Bikes for the World, to be shipped to developing countries for transportation to jobs, school and health services. Contact BS Troop 13, 703-255-2387 or tylermontanino@me.com

Community Shred. 11 a.m. at the Vienna Shopping Center, at Maple Ave. and Courthouse Road in Vienna. Free face painting, balloon art and sno-cones. Office paper, manila

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AR Rahman, Musician and Composer from Slumdog Millionaire film. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$45-\$500 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.arrahman.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

Summer on the Green: Kingsley Winter Band - Rock. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

Bluegrass Brunch with Dead Men's Hollow. 1:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. jamminjava.com.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 15

Kina Grannis. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 16

Josh Hoge, Joe Firstman and Marianne Keith. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. \$20. jamminjava.com.

Blood of the Moon. 6 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Author Richard Gazala discusses his novel, Blood of the Moon. Books available for sale and signing. Adults. 703-938-0405.

The Laws of War. 7:30 p.m. at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Historian Keith Young on the Union Army's General Order 100, dictating the conduct of soldiers. Free. 703-591-0560.

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MONDAY/JUNE 14

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna Quarterly Lunch N' Life. Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Free blood pressure screenings at 11 a.m., lunch served 12 p.m. Barbara Ferguson to speak on "What Do One Billion Muslims Really Think?" \$10. Register at 703-281-0538.

College Essay Lessons. 8 p.m. at 6721 Curran St., McLean.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 15

Design-Build Institute of America, Mid-Atlantic Region June Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. at MWAA DCMP / Dulles Transit Project Office, 1595 Spring Hill Road, Vienna. Students free, owners \$10, members

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Body & Soul Strength & Flexibility class. 12 p.m. at McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Exercise led by ACE certified instructor Dana Elsnick. Tuesdays and Thursdays through June 24. Register at 703-847-9814 or great314dane@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 17

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Jim Thur, Virginia's Wounded Warrior Regional Director and Vietnam War veteran, will discuss the program to assist Virginia military veterans including National Guard and reservists and the new Presumptive Eligibility for Agent Orange benefit. Free, open to the public. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

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Tysons Corner Kiwanis Club Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at George C. Marshall High School, Room 229A 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Meeting is public and individuals looking to volunteer in their community welcome. www.tysonscornerkiwanis.org.

SCHOOLS

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ing campaigns for State Farm Insurance that targeted 18 to 25 year-olds. Desmarais is a senior at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Penn.

Georgetown Preparatory School senior **Nick Loftus** of Vienna has been named a 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholar. Loftus was one of 141 high school seniors honored with the award, which recognizes students who demonstrate academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community. This is the first time since the program's creation in 1964 that a

Georgetown Prep student has been selected for the award.

Ashley Lauren Brown of Vienna has been awarded the Maury Carter Scholarship at the University of Florida. Brown is a graduate student in the master of science in real estate program, and the daughter of Brian and Robin Brown. Brown is a graduate of James Madison High School where she was a member of the dance team. At the University of Florida, she is involved in the UF Friends and Alumni of Real Estate Association and a volunteer in the Shands at the University of Florida hospital pediatric unit.

Joseph Chen of Vienna has been

named the Fairfax County Champion in Math Challenge 24. The Wolftrap Elementary School fifth-grader is the son of Young Chen.

Randi Myers of Oakton has graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Coastal Carolina University.

Kathryn Donohue of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in interdisciplinary studies from Coastal Carolina University.

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SPORTS

Madison Captures Region Softball Title

MVP Brady leads Warhawks past McLean.

BY R. KYLE ROSENBLUTH
THE CONNECTION

The Northern Regional girls' softball finals had the feel of an outdoor country concert last Friday night, June 4. The music was loud, the crowd was louder and the atmosphere was energetic.

The Madison Warhawks, in front of a large, enthusiastic crowd, faced the McLean Highlanders under the lights at Lake Braddock Secondary School. The matchup was a repeat of the Liberty District finals.

"We know them [McLean] quite well and we know they are a very talented team," said Madison head coach John Schneeberger.

The two teams faced off in a 15-inning district tournament title game two weeks ago, with Madison winning in dramatic fashion. Two regular season match-ups took place as well, so the teams know each other's style.

The Madison girls rode a 20-game winning streak into the region finals and were



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Madison's Khristin Kylo slides safely into home plate during last Friday night's region softball championship game at Lake Braddock. Madison defeated the McLean Highlanders, 10-6.

not looking for it to come to an end in Friday night's meeting. And it didn't as the Warhawks defeated their rivals, 10-6.

"We've been playing so well," said Sam Brady, Madison pitcher and tournament

MVP. "We were not going to let this one slip away."

The offensive slugfest began for Madison in the bottom of the third inning. Madison put eight runs on the score board

and that would prove to be enough. The hitting for Madison was too much to handle for McLean, who put up a sincere effort.

Madison excelled when it came to the little things, including, base running, digging out ground balls in the field, and hitting with runners in scoring position.

Both teams have the honor of playing in the Virginia State AAA tournament this week. Madison was scheduled to host Loudoun Valley of Purcellville in a quarterfinals round game on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The season is still far from over for both Madison and McLean as they delve into the state tourney.

Madison is no stranger to winning big games. The Warhawks have won six state titles in school history.

"Now we go back to work," said Madison senior Stephanie Buchko, who played an important role in the victory on Friday evening. "We have to keep our focus in the right place."

Madison had three players selected First Team All-Region. Those players are: Brady (tournament MVP), Kaila Conlon and Laura Wolff. Also, Toni MacReynolds made Second Team All-Region. Schneeberger earned Coach of the Year honors.

Warhawks Reach Region Softball Finals with Win Over Marshall

Brady allows just three hits in shutout win.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Going into Wednesday's Northern Region girls' softball semifinals game against Marshall, the Madison Warhawks knew enough about their Liberty District and Vienna-area rivals not to take the underdog Statesmen lightly.

"They're one of those teams that will sneak up and surprise you," said Madison senior shortstop Khristin Kylo, of the Marshall team.

Marshall put up a good fight in the region postseason contest, played the evening of June 2 at Robinson Secondary School. But Madison, behind pitching ace Sam Brady, was just a bit better in a 2-0 shutout victory over the Statesmen, who entered the 16-team region tournament as the No. 4 seed from out of the Liberty District.

Brady, a junior right hander who had tossed a perfect game and a no-hitter in Madison's first two region playoff wins over Mount



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Marshall pitching ace Christine Grilliot pitched an outstanding game in her team's region semifinals loss to Madison last Wednesday, June 2 at Robinson Secondary School.

Vernon and Centreville, continued her playoff dominance against the Statesmen, allowing just three singles over seven innings while

striking out 11 and walking two. Along with her fastball, Brady occasionally threw her change-up pitch to keep the Statesmen batters off balance.

"I just try to stay loose on the mound and focused," said Brady, following her team's win over a scrappy, winning Marshall squad which had beaten both Hayfield and Woodson to reach the region's final four. "Our defense did awesome. They always do."

Marshall, which lost all four games it played against Madison this season, finished a highly successful season at 17-8.

In Wednesday's region playoff meeting, Brady allowed a single to right field to the game's first batter, Marshall center fielder Olivia Ellis, before striking out the next three Marshall hitters to retire the side. After that, she did not allow another base hit until the top of the sixth inning when freshman Meghan McNabb, Marshall's No. 9 batter in the line-up, sent a soft single into right center field.

That sixth inning was the toughest for Brady, who later in the inning went on to walk two batters — Mina Dunn and star catcher Michelle Tilson. But the Warhawks made two outstanding plays to

quench Marshall's rally, the first coming when Madison catcher EmJ Fogel made an outstanding throw to first baseman Ally Grasso to pick off a Marshall base runner.

The second huge play of the inning for Madison came with two outs and Marshall base runners on first and second. The batter, Marshall clean-up hitter Christine Grilliot, grounded a single into center field. Laura Wolff, the Madison center fielder, fielded the ball and threw a laser towards home. The ball got past catcher Fogel and went to the backstop. Fogel then retrieved the ball before making a quick toss to pitcher Brady, who was covering home. Brady applied the tag on the base runner trying to score from second and the inning was over.

"That's the first time I've actually gotten dirty all season," said Brady, with a smile.

MADISON SCORED SINGLE runs in both the bottom of the second and fifth innings to account for the game's only runs. Brady led off the second inning with a line drive double down the left field line off Grilliot, the Marshall pitching ace. Three batters later, with two outs and Brady still on second,

Kylo, the Warhawks' shortstop, grounded a single up the middle and into center field to score courtesy runner Michelle Mittel to give Madison a 1-0 lead. From her No. 7 spot in the batting line-up, Kylo would go on to get on base two more times in the game, by a walk in the fourth inning and on a double down the right field line in the sixth.

"This game, our team was struggling at the plate," said Kylo. "I knew I had to pick my team up. That's what I tried to do in the game. I've faced Christine so many times in my four years."

Madison's second run came in the fifth inning on an RBI line drive single into left field by Stephanie Buchko with one out. Fogel, who had walked one batter earlier before going to second on a wild pitch, scored on the base hit to make the score 2-0.

The win over Marshall, of course, qualified Madison for states as well.

"That's awesome," said Brady. "Getting to states this year was definitely one of our goals. We're really excited about that."

"This is my first time going to states and it's pretty overwhelming," said Kylo.

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A Question of Answers

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



As much – and as hard – as I try, it's difficult to forget that I have cancer. There are reminders everywhere. But the reminders that arrive/appear unexpectedly – thwack, are the worst. Let me give you two examples: my application for Social Security Disability benefits (which is merely a reduced percentage of your retirement benefit paid early, before you're eligible for that retirement, if you are determined to be "disabled," that is, a determination which is not easily or quickly made).

These days, even applying for Social Security disability is an online exercise (hopefully not in futility, but there's certainly no guarantee) and one that is somewhat daunting at that. My joke has been that if an applicant is able to successfully complete their online application for disability benefits, it immediately disqualifies them from receiving those benefits since the applicant has proven he is not so disabled that he can't sit and type at a computer; (the definition of disability according to Social Security is extremely general, so much so that if you can do anything for which you have background, training, education or experience, Social Security can deny your claim). The process is supposed to take 45 minutes, the site advises; it took me two hours, but I did finish and was able to submit my application online.

The questions begin simply enough; the non-medical ones, all the relevant facts; name, address, phone numbers, date of birth, social security number, employer, income, etc. Soon enough, the medical questions follow. About half-way through these questions, (treating physician, facility, medications, symptoms, date disability began), all of which were very reasonable and expected, humdrum even (sort of, given the seriousness of the matter at hand), came the following question which, had I not already been sitting, would have likely knocked me off my feet: "Is this disability likely to result in death in less than two years?" I hesitated then, as I'm hesitating now, writing the next sentence. Try asking yourself that question and then realizing you have to answer "Yes." Heavy doesn't begin to describe the weight I felt. Within a few minutes, I got my bearings and eventually re-engaged and ultimately completed the application. (By the way, when you answer "yes" to that "do you expect ..." question, you are fast-tracked to a special page within the application for extra-special attention.)

The second example of an unforeseen reminder that I didn't need, and one that came totally out of the blue, unlike the application for Social Security which certainly had the potential for such reminders but one that nevertheless I did not anticipate, came in the mail from my HMO. It was an innocent-sounding, customer service-type survey, asking me questions about my most recent visit with my oncologist: courtesy, efficiency, punctuality; did the doctor explain my treatment, discuss options, clarify procedures and so forth. There were maybe a dozen questions with each answer requiring a check mark beside "no experience" to "excellent," with multiple other characterizations in between. It took five minutes to complete.

At the bottom were a few additional questions, more general, summary-type questions about the responder/patient: "Would you recommend this doctor/HMO to another person?" "Overall, are you pleased with your level of care?" Then, the unexpected two by four: "How would you describe your health? "Poor, Fair, Good, Very Good, Excellent?" Again, I hesitated; gulped and said out loud: "I'm a cancer patient, I guess I'd have to say 'poor.' As much as I'd like to think otherwise, and as "above average" as my oncologist has described my diagnosis-to-date reaction/condition, I'd have to say/think that checking a box other than poor would be naive on my part so I checked 'poor', stuffed and sealed the envelope and then wrote this column.

In general, I feel fine. My oncologist is "pleased." However, I have stage IV lung cancer. Sometimes, the less said – and the less asked about it, the better.

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BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The McLean Citizens Association has proposed several changes to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance for Tysons Corner, which the group will testify on at a June 22 hearing by the Board of Supervisors.

The MCA has raised several concerns with the current proposal, including a lack of planning for parks and athletic fields and who will assume costs for the new infrastructure. Although the MCA does have its concerns, Rob Jackson, president of the MCA, said that the Planning Commission's recommendation is much more consistent with the MCA's resolutions than they expected.

In addition to the MCA, the lack of athletic fields was also a concern of Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue (Dranesville), who was the only "nay" vote when the 11-member Fairfax Planning Commission voted on the plan last month. The cause for concern is that the language of the Planning Commission's recommendation does not require parks and athletic fields to be part of the design. This lack of facilities, Donahue worried, will cause the parks in nearby Vienna and McLean to become overburdened with use by an expanded Tysons Corner.

Another major concern from the MCA was the proposed financing for the Tysons Corner development, with taxpayers footing 57 percent of the bill and the land developers paying for 43 percent.

"We'd like them to model the plan off of the Route 28 plan, where landowners paid 75 percent of the infrastructure costs," Jackson said. "After all, they're the ones who will benefit the most from the added density. We feel that Route 28 set a successful precedent, so why do something different?"

According to the proposed Tysons Plan, there are a total of 14 road projects to be completed by 2030 that are needed to "improve access points from the Dulles Toll Road and I-495 and Tysons and to improve traffic flow within the area." These 14 projects would cost \$646 million, of which the taxpayers are required to pay \$436 million, or 67.5 percent.

The MCA also supports a recommendation to limit most commercial density growth to within a quarter mile of the four proposed Metro rail stations.

The Board of Supervisors will conduct a hearing on the final Tysons Corner plan on June 22.

PEOPLE

Connolly Presents Flags to Hatter, Renner

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11th) presents a flag flown over the Capitol and its certificate to American Legion Post 180 Commander Bob Hatter and outgoing Auxiliary Unit 180 president Janet Renner on June 4.



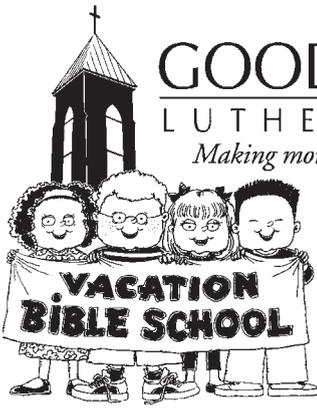
Celebrating 50th Anniversary

Chuck and Gloria Kruse of Vienna celebrate 50 years of marriage. Their loved ones — Terri, Kevin, Jason, Kristine, Justin, Diane, Joe, Ryan, Danielle, Max, Jason Jr. and Megan — wish them many more years of love and happiness together, with love.



Five Hills Garden Club Installs New Officers

Five Hills Garden Club of Vienna installed new officers. Mary Ellen Alden, president of National Capital Area Garden Clubs was the installer. Pictured, from left, are Alden; Jill Hecht, president; Noreen Linneman, recording secretary; Kathy Nebhut, vice president; Karin Dunn, corresponding secretary; and Ann Balch, treasurer.



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Oakton Church of the Brethren's Family Fun Day will be Saturday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the church at 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Painting a peace mural, face painting, crafts, games, a moon bounce, a bake sale and more. Free. 703-281-4411 or www.oaktonbrethren.org.

The Hearts Afire Church Picnic will be at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 12, at The Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna. The community is invited to enjoy the picnic and assist assembling 'birthing kits' for Haitian newborns and their mothers. Moonbounce and games, praise band J.C. Reigns, burgers and hotdogs. Donations for church mission projects welcome. www.goodshepherdva.com.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road in McLean, will collect for a Food Drive, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. June 19. Donations can be dropped off outside of music suite A. Volunteer sorters, drivers and special needs shoppers are also needed. dmheier@yahoo.com

or 703-573-2969.

Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, invites the community to Vienna Family Fun Night, 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, June 26. Food, activities and games, including a movie, for all age groups, with prizes for certain events. Free. 703-938-6753 or www.antiochdoc.org.

Church of the Holy Cross, 2455 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, is offering an evening Vacation Bible School at 5:30 p.m. from Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 23. Dinner is included. Ages 3-1/2 to 12 are welcome. \$15 includes registration, a t-shirt and a CD. pamnicholson@cox.net or 703-573-0250.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

Charles Wesley and Chesterbrook United Methodist Churches invite the community to a 20-minute weekly service of prayer and Holy Communion in the Charles Wesley sanctuary, 6817 Dean Drive in McLean, at 12 p.m. Thursdays. At the conclusion of the service, there is a time of individual blessing, anointing and healing prayer. 703-356-6336.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

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.

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1st Stage Presents 'Suburban Motel'

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theatre experiences," as stated on their website, 1stStageTysons.org.

"I read somewhere that in the daytime, Tysons is one of the largest cities on the East Coast. By night though, it's almost deserted," said Mark Krikstan, the artistic director at 1st Stage, as well as one of the founders. "One way to build an exciting, thriving, strong city is to ignite the culture. A theater can create a 'pride of place' that will make this city thrive. Tysons has to be more than a mall or an office building or a parking lot."

"I think that [the theater] can survive at Tysons," said Lori Hardee, a real estate agent for Weichert Realty, adding that its success is based on if it can weather the continuing growth of Tysons Corner and catch on through word of mouth. "It was wonderful and the theater inside is a jewel. I love the way they did the seating and the stage," Hardee said.

INSTEAD of just simply bringing live theater to Tysons Corner, the founders of 1st Stage wanted to take a step further. One of their main goals is to provide a place for budding actors to improve upon themselves by performing in a professional atmosphere. "I also thought that ... students 'emerging' from theater programs need[ed] a place where they could build a résumé," said Krikstan.

The small yet charmingly intimate theater, located off a back turn down Spring Hill Road, brings in a "completely different experience" than watching a show in a much larger venue, according to Krikstan. "Something special happens between the actors and the audience in a space such as ours."

Recently, 1st Stage Theatre presented "The Last Five Years," which, told through song, "recounts the intimacies of dating and marriage over five years between a young New York couple." The play unfolds in a way much differently than expected, as the male role, Jamie (played by John Loughney) tells the story chronologically, whereas his spouse, Cathy (played by Carolyn Myers) starts from the end of their marriage and goes backwards to their first meeting.

'Suburban Motel' Opens June 11

Onstage: "Suburban Motel." 1st Stage presents this cult hit, a dark and screamingly funny cycle of plays that introduces us to a pack of bizarre characters with a determined instinct to survive, but without the capacity to think their way out of trouble, bad luck or a seedy motel room. Parental notice: contains strong adult content.

Only portrayed through two actors and a few instrumentalists, the production highlighted the intimacy of the theater. "It's a perfect musical for a small house such as ours," said Krikstan.

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Mark Krikstan,
artistic director

"It was an interesting production of a bittersweet romance," said Jackie Merz, a member of the audience. "The musical ensemble that accompanied them was particularly astounding, and the two lead characters carried the show with flair."

Performs are Fridays, June 11, 18 and 25 and July 2, at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, June 12, 19 and 26 and July 3, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, June 13, 20 and 27, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 1st Stage is at 1524 Spring Hill Road in Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students, at 703-854-1856 or <http://www.1stStageTysons.org/motel>.

THIS RENDITION of the play, which was originally written by Jason Robert Brown and later played off Broadway and in a New York production under Marty Bell, greatly differs from the original. "Certainly, the set is different but, more importantly, our actors have changed the dynamic," said Krikstan. "I remember taking sides in the New York production. I thought Jamie was clearly to blame for the downfall in the relationship. In our production, I go back and forth as to who to be angry with."

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