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NEWS

McLean Celebrates 'First 100 Years'

Centennial celebrated with displays, speeches from residents.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
 THE CONNECTION

Citizens of McLean celebrated 100 years since the town's founding June 26 with a celebration of the town's generations past. The McLean Community Center hosted the event, and it was adorned with posters, drawings, photographs and other historical items from the last century.

Attendees walked under an archway to enter the community center, which was a re-creation of the archway that welcomed residents to the 1934 McLean carnival. A new logo for the town, which features a Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad car, was unveiled at an opening ceremony that also featured remarks by former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Charles Robb and Vince Callahan, who for



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Brandon, front, and Matthew Whitney listen to the Virginia Gentlemen barbershop quartet play in the lobby of the McLean Community Center for the McLean Centennial Celebration June 26.

40 years represented the 34th District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), Del. Jim Scott (D-53), Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) and Fairfax County School Board Mem-

ber Jane Strauss (Dranesville) were all recognized as honored guests during the ceremony.

After the opening ceremony, guests were free to roam the community center and the grounds in back. The Maffitt and Stedman rooms were fitted with 64 mounted and framed photographs

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Before Tiffany Ghani, second from right, and Trammy Hoang, second from left, went missing later that night, the two girls attended the graduation of their family members and friends at DAR Constitution Hall June 18.

Students Missing Since June 18

Missing teens now believed to be in South Carolina, 'not under duress.'

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

After 10 days of uncertainty, the families of Marshall High School students Tiffany Ghani and Trammy Hoang finally received some reassurance on Monday, June 28 that their children were believed to be OK.

The students, who had not been heard from since June 18, were spotted at a store in Columbia, S.C. on June 25, around 7 p.m. Detectives do not believe the girls were under any duress at that time. Detectives also received a tip June 28 that the girls called an acquaintance the same day.

“We’re still asking the public if anyone has seen the girls anywhere since the 18th.”

—Officer Shelley Broderick, Fairfax County Police

Fairfax County Police now believe that the girls ran away and were not taken, said Fairfax County Police Spokeswoman Mary Anne Jennings.

Ghani, 16, and Hoang, 15, were last seen at Ghani’s father’s apartment in the 1600 block of International Drive in Tysons Corner. The two sneaked out between 10 p.m. and midnight, when their absence was discovered.

A witness reported seeing a girl get into an unidentified car with two men



Tiffany Ghani



Trammy Hoang

in the apartment’s parking lot, and investigators said the other teen could have already been in the vehicle.

Investigators initially thought that the two had run away, but when almost a week had passed with no contact, concern for their safety grew.

Neither teen took any clothes or personal items, which raised alarm for their family and friends.

“They left with literally just the clothes on their back, no personal belongings” said Tina Hoang, Trammy’s older sister.

Both students missed the final week of classes, along with finals, which was another cause for alarm.

Family and friends spent last weekend passing out fliers with photos and contact information for the two families.

The investigation is still ongoing, and police are requesting more information on their whereabouts.

“We’re still asking the public if anyone has seen the girls anywhere since the 18th,” said Officer Shelley Broderick of the Fairfax County Police.

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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Cindy Eichberg (staff), Ann Fisher (co-founder), Ann Condit (owner/creator), and Susie Hardwick (staff) pose in the Fashion Exchange Boutique during the store’s 15th anniversary party.

Exchanging Fashion

Fashion Exchange in McLean hosts 15th anniversary party at the store.

BY ROSE LEE
THE CONNECTION

On June 26, 1995, Fashion Exchange opened in McLean, buying and selling previously owned women’s clothing at reduced prices. Fifteen years later to the day, the store’s owner, staff and customers gathered to celebrate and shop.

The store is stocked with clothing, shoes and accessories. Fashion Exchange’s customers are mostly in their 30s-40s, although the store often receives women of all ages. According to the owner, although Fashion Exchange has thousands of consigners, it rarely gets the same stuff. Many of the items have designer labels but do not have the department store prices.

Besides the discounted prices, it is difficult to tell that the items have all been previously owned. That is because most of the items are carefully inspected and evaluated before being purchased and sold by the store. Ann Condit, owner and co-creator of the clothing boutique, makes sure that the pieces she accepts are in excellent condition.

“I want to provide a place for people that is pleasant to shop and sell items in a comfortable environment where they are treated fairly,” said Condit, adding that her consignment store strives to provide fair prices for both selling and buying.

The store’s approach has garnered a large following, with many returning customers. The



Fashion Exchange Boutique offers quality, previously owned clothing at discounted prices.

welcoming atmosphere created by Condit and her staff, coupled with the small size of the store, allows customers to shop in an intimate setting.

“The store is small, personal and navigate-able, which makes shopping here fun,” said Alessandra Gelmi, who has been a customer of Fashion Exchange since it opened. “[Ann Condit] has a certain eye for picking things that are in great condition and that are fairly priced. This is the best consignment store I’ve been to.”

Throughout the party, customers filed in and out of the store, many knew the staff personally just from shopping there regularly.

“I like to shop here because they care about you,” said Stephanie Bolack, a longtime customer of Fashion Exchange.

To learn more about Fashion Exchange, visit shopfashionexchange.com.

OPINION

Summer Fun, Safely

Enjoy your summer fun, including our features on places to go with great beer selections, but plan ahead; SoberRide needs more sponsors.

This week's Connection includes Summer Fun pages, with information about waterparks, local baseball and golf, places to watch the remaining weeks of World Cup Soccer, highlights of coming Independence Day events and, yes, a map of places to go that offer great beer selection. Enjoy.

By week's end, you'll find the listings and stories from all of our papers online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com under Summer Fun.

That said, we know that Independence Day, like Halloween and Saint Patrick's Day, is a holiday that coincides with a higher rate of drinking and driving. When you head out for your celebration, plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

One safety net for those who might find themselves in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home is the Washington Regional Alcohol Program SoberRide. Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), has offered free cab rides home on the Independence Day beginning at 10 p.m. July 4 and continuing until 6 a.m. the following day as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. During this 12-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 50 fare), safe way home.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-

metropolitan area, but its work is endangered by a combination of growing ridership on key holidays and a drop in funding. At presstime, the organization was counting up donations to be sure they would be able to offer the service this year.

Last Independence Day, 331 people in the Washington-metropolitan area used the area's SoberRide program as opposed to possibly driving home drunk. A 60 percent increase in use of the program since 2008 combined with a 35 percent decrease in corporate underwriting is threatening the free cab ride service to prevent drunk driving.

Behind SoberRide's services is a three-person charitable organization (WRAP) paying a projected \$73,000 in cab fares this year alone. WRAP relies on corporate sponsorship to offset these costs, but the recent downturn has contributed to the drop in funding.

WRAP is actively seeking contributors to bridge SoberRide's \$31,000 shortfall.

Call 800-200-TAXI for a free carbide (up to \$50 fare) home if you need it on July 4.

See www.wrap.org for sponsorship opportunities and information on how to contribute.

EDITORIAL

School Food Contract Limits Health Options

BY MAGGIE SCHUMANN

The crackle of the wrapper sounds deafening in the hush of the early morning. School is beginning and the nauseating, repulsive smell of fake strawberries is just too much. Are

TEEN PERSPECTIVE

Pop-Tarts really necessary at such an early hour? All you want is tea — an idea is born. Why not have a fund raiser for your club and sell tea on Friday mornings?

"Great idea," you think. Nope. Not possible. The contract between the school and its Food and Nutrition service supplier, Energy Zone, decrees that "nothing can be sold in competition with the school food service program." This clause is meant to promote the health of

the students by limiting their options. However, this restriction not only is hypocritical of a governmental institution, it is also negatively affecting the students and protecting an unhealthy and unworthy service.

The United States' economy is built upon the principles of capitalism, characterized by free market competition. Although the government regulates it with legislation to ensure the safety of the consumer, it always maintains the ability of the consumer to choose for him or herself.

Therefore, it is hypocritical of the School Board, a subset of government-run public education, to ban all competition with the



Maggie Schumann

school's food service provider. If we students look at the overall effects of limits on competition, we see that quality decreases.

If schools are the place where we are to learn good decision-making skills, we must be given the occasion to practice. By limiting our choices

to either processed, unhealthy but tasty foods (Pop-Tarts) or bland, more healthy ones, the school is not providing a good option to us as consumers.

In Finland, all students eat the school lunch, which is healthy and generally liked by the students; only 3 percent of schoolchildren aged 13 to 17 are obese compared

to 18.1 percent of children in the U.S. from ages 12 to 19. For those students who receive free or reduced fare lunches (about 17 percent of Marshall's student body), the school meals may be their only choice.

Energy Zone products are unworthy of protection. With the pretext of keeping unhealthy options away from students, it allows its food to be of low quality. Many of the food items that the cafeteria sells are prepackaged, processed foods.

Student groups should have the right to sell alternative options as fund-raising opportunities during the school day. The cafeteria needs a little healthy competition.

The writer is a 15-year-old Oakton rising sophomore at Marshall High School. She has a deep love of soccer, cooking and French but mostly eating.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tightening Law On Seatbelt Use

To the Editor:

A new Virginia law will take effect on July 1. Anyone under the age of 18 will be required to wear his/her seatbelt while riding in the back seats of motor vehicles.

Traffic accidents are the number one cause of death for teenagers. Teenagers are four times as likely as older drivers to be involved in a crash, and three times as likely

to die in a crash.

Many teens (and people in general) believe they are safe in the back seat. They have a false sense of security, possibly because they are surrounded by seats. But that false sense of security is exactly that, false. When people are unbelted in the car, they can be ejected out of the back seat just as easily as they can be ejected from the front seat, which increases their chances of being killed by 25 percent.

There is much brain research

that shows that the region of the brain that inhibits risky behavior is not fully formed until about age 25. Teenagers will always be apt to engage in risky behaviors while driving. We may not be able to prevent all of their accidents, but we can require them to wear their seatbelts so that when they are involved in a crash, they will at least be strapped in and will be less likely to be killed or seriously injured.

This new law is the first seatbelt law that the Virginia Assembly has

passed in about 10 years. Preferably, all people, no matter what their age, should always wear their seatbelts, no matter where they sit in a car. Nevertheless, this new law is a good step forward. Many thanks to Virginia Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) for sponsoring this new law.

Barbara Glakas
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Library Opens at Temporary Location

The Dolley Madison Library, a branch of the Fairfax County Public Library, opened in a temporary location June 28 while the branch is undergoing renovation. To mark this occasion and the long-awaited renovations of the 43-year-old branch, Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville) and Library Board of Trustees member Kristin Cabral will host an official opening ceremony July 8, at 1 p.m. The temporary site of Dolley Madison Library is located at 6649-A Old Dominion Drive McLean, in the McLean Square Shopping Center.

When completed in summer 2011, the renovated Dolley Madison Library will include an additional 8,348 square feet, additional parking spaces, multiple meeting rooms with additional capacity, modernized facilities and 24 public access computers.

McLean Orchestra Music Director Steps Down

Wayne Winston Sharp Ph.D., president of the McLean Orchestra Board of Trustees, announced that the orchestra's music director and conductor, Sylvia Alimena, will step down from both positions on June 30. In her nearly seven years as music director, Alimena is credited with bringing the orchestra to its present exceptional level, and with developing a musical ensemble in which the community takes great pride.

The McLean Orchestra Board of Trustees is now actively searching for a music director and conductor and will draw on guest conductors for its concerts until a permanent person is found for this position.

Executive Director John Huling is in the process of engaging guest conductors of the highest caliber from a national pool of candidates.

The board is looking forward to a new season, offering five concerts for adults and one for children. With programming set for the season, themed "A Season of Enchantment," performances and special events will proceed as planned. The season will include music of Brahms, Bruckner, Weber and Bernstein.

Now in its 38th season, the McLean Orchestra offers six concerts per year and the McLean Youth Orchestra, its education arm, performs three additional concerts each year. More than 2,500 members of the community attend these concerts every season, which are performed at Oakcrest School in McLean.

More information on the orchestra is available at the McLean Orchestra website, www.mclean-orchestra.org.

Comstock To Honor Centennial Organizers

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) will be hosting a reception for all of those involved with producing the McLean Centennial Celebration on July 9, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, June 26, Comstock presented a proclamation from Governor McDonnell, which declared June 26, 2010 as "McLean Centennial Day."

"It was great to hear the stories of our community's history from so many distinguished, long time McLean residents," said Comstock. "I commend the Board, the staff and the volunteers who worked with McLean and Great Falls Celebrate Virginia and the McLean Community

Center to bring together this wonderful commemoration of the 100th anniversary of our community."

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THURSDAY/JULY 1

Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. revku@cox.net.

SATURDAY/JULY 3

T'ai Chi Beginners' Practice. 8 a.m. on the outdoor basketball court

behind Dolley Madison Public Library at 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-759-9141 or www.FreeTaiChi.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Chairman's Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Westfields Marriott, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. Share your ideas on what businesses must do to be right for the times, and what trends you foresee. \$35 members, \$50 non-members. Contact Eileen Curtis at 571-323-5301 or ecurtis@dullesregionalchamber.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 8

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Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

McLean AAUW Used Book

Collection. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Books, CD's and software accepted. No records, textbooks or encyclopedias. 703-356-8364 or www.mcleanaauw.org

Great Falls United Methodist

Church Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Space rental \$20. Contact Carol Wesley Wright at c.wright@longandfoster.com or 703-582-1640.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road N.E. in Vienna, invites ages 8-13 for Vacation Bible School, 5 p.m. July 19-23. Children will be swept into the magical land of Narnia where they will watch dramas, participate in games, learn original music, create theme related art projects and join in story discussions that relate the Narnia stories to lessons from the Bible. \$15 including a T-shirt. Register at Larthur@holyccomforter.com or 703-938-6521 ext.16

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. pammicholson@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.

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

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

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



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Supervisors Approve Tysons Blueprint

Many landowners had pushed for greater density than allowed under the new plan.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

To understand how automobile-centered Tysons Corner is, one only has to hear about the business district's "third rush hour."

In addition to traffic jams in the morning and evening, Tysons' roads also become clogged in the middle of the day, when many of the area's 100,000 workers take their lunch break.

Few places in Tysons Corner have easy pedestrian access to restaurants. Employees often have to hop in their cars if they want to grab a quick bite to eat outside of the office, which has led to noon-time traffic jams.

But the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors hopes to change the car-dominated culture of Tysons with a new, urban approach to land use.

The supervisors approved radically different guidelines for real estate development in Tysons Corner June 22. They hope the new rules, in tandem with the arrival of four new Metro stations, will help transform Tysons Corner from a suburban office park to a pedestrian-and-transit-friendly city.

THE SUPERVISORS' Tysons plan was similar to one proposed by the Fairfax County Planning Commission in late May.

Tysons Corner's new guidelines would focus the densest development in the quarter mile of land immediately surrounding the four new Metro stations. No limit is set on the amount of residential development that could be built in Tysons, though the supervisors did cap the amount of commercial development allowed before 2020.

Fairfax wants to find more of a balance between office and retail use and community life in Tysons Corner.

Currently, Tysons houses approximately 112,000 workers during the day but only has about 18,500 residents. That imbalance between work and residential development aggravates the area's traffic problems, since most people with jobs in Tysons Corner live

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Community Comments On Tysons' Redevelopment

Residents, land owners and community activists shared the following opinions with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at a public hearing on Tysons Corner's redevelopment June 22.



"The most difficult work is yet to come."

— Walter Alcorn, At-large Fairfax County Planning Commissioner



"We all have certain concerns about the plan amendment for Tysons Corner, but it is time to vote on the plan amendment for Tysons Corner."

— Keith Turner, West Group real estate development company



"For the sake of political expediency or fiscal short-sightedness, please do not destroy our neighborhood's character."

— Pamela Konde, Greater Tysons Green Civic Association



"The citizens of Vienna feel threatened by too much density and a lack of transportation planning."

— Mayor M. Jane Seeman, Town of Vienna



"Growth is inevitable."

— Larry Murphy, Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce



"We should not be imposing additional taxes on residents and small business owners in Fairfax County for the benefit of developers."

— Rob Jackson, McLean Citizens Association

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SUMMER 2010



The roots-rock band Last Train Home entertains McLean residents and guests at the first of four free summer concerts organized by the Alden Theatre.

Sounds of Summer in Central Park

Alden Theatre presents first of four free summer concerts.

BY JESSICA LEVINE
THE CONNECTION

Fans braved the heat on June 27 to watch Last Train Home perform in McLean Central Park as part of Alden Theatre's free Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park series.

The group, a roots-rock band that began in Washington, D.C. in 1997, is the first of four regional bands featured this summer in the four-part concert series.

Nicole Arthur of Arlington, who attended the concert with her two daughters, is a friend of band front man Eric Brace from their days as coworkers at The Washington Post. She described herself as a "longtime fan of the band" and enjoyed watching the performance with her children.

"It's a great family event," Arthur said. "We're having fun."

Another fan of Last Train Home, Kirsten Huber of McLean, came with her family to enjoy the music despite the summer heat.

"We're fans of the band," Huber said. "It was fun until the sun came out," she joked.

Rose Staley of Alexandria found out about the concert on the Alden Theatre website after seeing another performance through Alden. She decided to check out the Summer Concerts in the Park and was not disappointed.

"Music and the arts is very important," Staley said. "This is fantastic."

Mia Petree of Arlington said she and her daughter are "big fans" of



PHOTOS BY JESSICA LEVINE/THE CONNECTION

Fans enjoy the music from roots-rock band Last Train Home at the first of four free summer concerts organized by the Alden Theatre at the McLean Central Park.

the band. Petree has seen them perform nearby at venues like Wolf Trap and was excited to hear they would be in McLean at a free concert series.

"To have them in a free concert in the park is great," Petree said. "It's fun to get out. I would definitely come back to see some of the other bands."

Mark Hurley of Arlington came to the concert with his family because he is a fan of Last Train Home, but he also said he would consider coming back for the other concerts in the series.

"Seeing the line-up, it would be

Upcoming Concerts

❖ Sunday, July 11, 5 p.m. - Frontiers: The Journey Tribute, "Don't Stop Believing!" Frontiers vocalist Jeremy Hunsicker was briefly tapped as a replacement vocalist for Journey in 2007.

❖ Sunday, July 18, 5 p.m. - Afro Bop Alliance, The Latin Grammy Award-winning Afro-Cuban jazz septet.

❖ Sunday, July 25, 5 p.m. - Difficult Run Jazz Band. DRJB is dedicated to preserving the sounds of the Swing Era, while presenting the unique, high-energy style embodied in contemporary Big Band jazz.

a nice thing to come back to," Hurley said. "It's a nice way to spend a late Sunday."



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The World Cup finals will take place Sunday, June 11. In Fairfax, the big game will be celebrated with a Fan Fest block party.

World Cup Fever – Catch It

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Fairfax July 11**

festivals of Berlin, Paris and Rio." Call 703-273-6097 for more information.

Hot spots for the World Cup contests include:

The thrill of World Cup 2010 and U.S. men's soccer fans celebrated a late-game miracle goal by Landon Donovan in a 1-0 win over Algeria on June 23. That goal catapulted the U.S. team into the round of 16 and went from being life support to perhaps the greatest moment in team history.

Here at home, that meant a huge shot of soccer adrenaline for the faithful. There are lots of places to enjoy the World Cup games over the remaining few weeks of competition.

One of the grandest celebrations in Northern Virginia will take place at the World Cup 2010 Fan Fest in Old Town Fairfax City on Sunday, July 11. The atmosphere and electricity surrounding Fan Fest in Fairfax is sure to be at a fever pitch.

"We're going to have a proper street party," said an event spokeswoman. "And the way things are going it should be the place to be."

The event, a soccer-inspired neighborhood block party as such, will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the game tabbed to begin at 2:30. There will be a big screen for viewing, live music and good food throughout the afternoon. Local food and business vendors will be on-hand.

North Street in Fairfax City, between Chain Bridge Road and University Drive, will be closed for the Fan Fest. Plenty of parking will be available downtown.

Don't miss a day that the City of Fairfax web site says will be "in the grand tradition of fan

World Cup 2010 Fan Fest in Old Town Fairfax City, Sunday, July 11. Celebration "in the grand tradition of fan festivals of Berlin, Paris and Rio." The soccer-inspired neighborhood block party will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the game tabbed to begin at 2:30. There will be a big screen for viewing, live music and good food. Call 703-273-6097

Babylon Futbol Café, located at 3501 S. Jefferson St. in Falls Church. They are soccer crazy at this place, where servers and waiters will talk World Cup with patrons. There are lots of TVs, including high definition, and World Cup decorations throughout the eatery to add to the atmosphere. Call 703-820-3900.

Kitty O'Shea's, located at 2403 N. Wilson Blvd. in Arlington. (703-522-5295). 'All Sports, All the Time,' is how things work at O'Shea's. All World Cup games are shown live, with replays shown at 6 and 9 p.m. They also carry DirecTV Package, including Major League Soccer Direct Kick games so locals can enjoy watching D.C. United whenever they play.

Jackson 20, located at 480 King St., Alexandria. Here, soccer fans can watch World Cup games live either indoors or outside in the courtyard area. This modern American tavern serves regional cuisine with a southern accent. Call 703-894-2790.

—RICH SANDERS

Summer Fun

Talk of the Town

Brewing Up Choices

For years, restaurants have catered to wine connoisseurs with tastings, pairings and alternatives. But increasingly foodies are finding that some beers deserve same treatment as fine wine, and some craft beers approach the same alcohol content as wine as well.

Americans are no longer limiting their beer choices; now hundreds of smaller breweries have sprung up across the country offering a wider range of options for the public's palette.

Many stores and restaurants are also importing specialty beers from abroad for their patrons.

A few nearby restaurants have started hosting beer tastings, where they pair their favorite specialty beers with dishes that will complement the brews' taste.

For local beer lovers, here are some best bets for a good selection.

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208 Elden Street, Herndon; 571-203-7995;
www.carpoolweb.com



E MAPLEWOOD GRILL

This intimate American-style restaurant offers an upscale dining option with a high quality beer selection. Chef Paul Kuchler rotates two of his six beers on draft each week. During the fall, winter and spring, his restaurants hosts a beer night, where Kuchler pairs four-course meal with four different brews.

132 Branch Road S.E., Vienna;
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D NORM'S BEER & WINE

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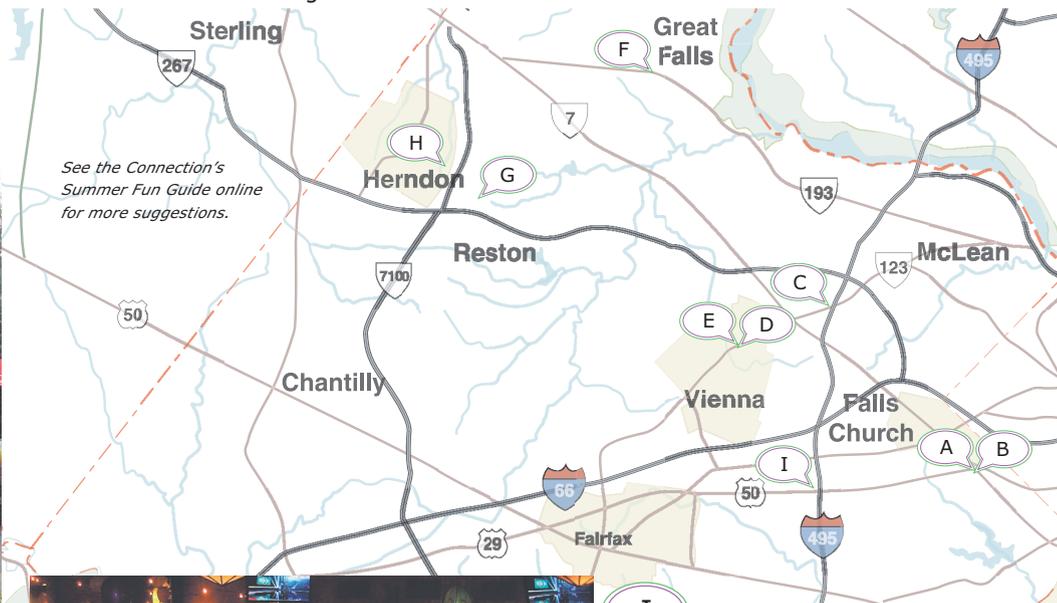
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Summer Fun Guide online
for more suggestions.



I SWEETWATER TAVERN

Head brewer Nick Funnell creates 35 different varieties of beer annually exclusively for distribution at Sweetwater. The restaurant employs some brewers who used to work for Old Dominion Brewing Company.

3066 Gatehouse Plaza, Merrifield;
703-645-8100;
www.greatamericanrestaurants.com/sweetmainster/



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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 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.

"Suburban Motel." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road in Tysons Corner. A funny cycle of plays with a pack of bizarre characters determined to survive. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageTysons.org/motel.

Old Firehouse Teen Center Dance. 7-10 p.m. at The Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Disc jockey, Chipotle's Burrito Bowls and customized Green Screen photo. For rising 7th graders and all other middle schoolers. \$15, \$10 McLean district residents. Activity No. 5444.410. Register at 703-448-8336 (TEEN).

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 tickets to the event. 703-324-3247 or www.celebratefairfax.com.

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Dork Diaries Book Signing. 3-5 p.m. at Simply Sparetime, 8310 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. Meet the author and illustrator. Prizes and giveaways.

Fireworks Top July 4th Celebration

Area residents to celebrate at Langley High.

Area residents to celebrate at Langley High. A red, white and rockin' 4th of July Fireworks Celebration is planned in McLean this year. The Chairmen of the Board will perform a rousing mix of South Carolina Beach music at the annual event. Sponsored by the McLean Community Center (MCC), the celebration takes place Sunday, July 4, on the athletic field of Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike. The grounds open at 6 p.m. In case of inclement weather, a rain date of Monday, July 5, has been set. Admission and parking are free. Smoking, pets, fireworks, sparklers and alcohol are not allowed on school grounds.

The fireworks display will be provided by East Coast Pyrotechnics. The Joint Armed Forces Color Guard from the Military District of Washington will present the colors and soloist Amanda Roberts will sing the national anthem. Other attractions at the celebration include carnival rides and amusements, field games by the staff



Soloist Amanda Roberts will sing the national anthem.

of Camp McLean, music, free face painting, free balloon sculptures and a variety of food and beverages. The fireworks will begin at approximately 9:15 p.m.

A free shuttle bus service will be available from St. John's Episcopal Church (6715 Georgetown Pike) and MCC (1234 Ingleside Ave.), beginning at 7 p.m. A handicap-accessible bus will be available at both sites.

For more information, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

www.simplysparetime.org or 703-288-9393.

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. 703-928-5187.

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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Fitness Practice. 8 a.m. at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Yoga and Pilates. Bring yoga mat and water. Free. 703-288-9505.

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

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with a pack of bizarre characters determined to survive. \$25 adults, \$15 students. www.1stStageTysons.org/motel.
Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, techniques and advice. 703-293-6227.

SUNDAY/JUNE 13

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Josh Thompson and Jimmy Wayne perform at 4:30 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.

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.arrassman.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.

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Guests examine the poster of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad routes, which led to the founding of McLean.



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Jan Bender, left, and Terry Bender explain to guests how a calliope works.

Centennial Celebrated

FROM PAGE 2

of early McLean. The photographs featured landscapes and buildings as they appeared throughout the last century. The collection was made up of private and public sources, and are the largest such collection of photos in Fairfax County.

A display in the lobby had wall-length posters displaying the original routes of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad. Started in 1906 to provide scenic tours of the Potomac, the railroad had a stop at Chain Bridge Road in what was then called Ingleside. The name was changed to McLean — after trolley founder John L. McLean — in 1910. Also in the Maffitt and Stedman rooms were collections of items from 1910, including clothing, a phonograph and an old telephone. The display painted a picture of the evolution of McLean.

“It’s an impressive collection of memorabilia they had on display here today, it really paints a picture of a town over the past 100 years,” said Troy Lyman, who was in town visiting family for the weekend. “It’s nice to see a community that not only has such a sense of where it came from, but takes pride in their past.”

THE COMMUNITY HALL room was dedicated to past and present residents who wanted to share their own memories of the town. Community members shared their memories of growing up in the town and the changes they witnessed over the years.

Don Burns, who started Burns Brothers Cleaners in McLean’s first shopping center, recalled when phone numbers were only three digits long. Since his phone number was 330, his business advertised by saying “for clothes to go, dial ‘three-three-oh,’ for clothes

that are dirty, dial ‘three-thirty.’”

Chuck Rieger recalled growing up in McLean in the 1950s and the rapid changes that soon transformed McLean.

“In 1960 and several years following, it seemed like many changes were in the air ... Dolley Madison [Boulevard] was built, providing a quick bypass to Tysons Corner, where the mall opened a couple years later. They built and opened the Beltway in 1961-62 of course, Dulles Airport opened in 1961 ... in other words, the sleepy McLean of the 1950s had awakened,” Rieger said. “In 2010, we have two wonderful sons, five beautiful grandsons ... and the happiest wish I can have for those five little guys is that they all have childhoods as magical as mine was in McLean in the 1950s.”

Whether indoors or out, visitors could not escape from a festive musical background. The Virginia Gentleman barbershop quartet wandered around the community center for much of the afternoon, belting out their four-part harmonies from the second floor terrace as well as walking around the main area interacting with the audience.

The outdoors had a carnival feel to it, as a calliope — a steam organ that was popular 100 years ago — played throughout the afternoon. Commissioned and owned by Terry and Jan Bender, they brought it out to give the afternoon a true feeling of history.

“The original idea [for a calliope] was the loud sound would let the surrounding community know that there was a show going on,” Jan Bender said. “It would have been a new instrument in the early days of McLean, the first one came out in 1913.”

THE MCLEAN Volunteer Fire



Don Burns shows a diagram of the first shopping center in McLean. His store, Burns Brothers Cleaners, was a part of that shopping center.

Department brought out one of their old engines, as well as a collection of photos from their history. A 1929 Ford Model A Depot Delivery Truck and a 1931 Ford Model A Tudor Deluxe Sedan were also on display. Children were invited to join in on some popular turn-of-the-century games such as marbles, jacks and checkers.

Carole Herrick, a community historian and co-chair of the McLean Centennial Celebration, said that the afternoon represented the spirit of McLean’s first 100 years well.

“I thought it was fabulous,” she said. “The speakers inside and all the things outside represented a great effort on behalf of the community. McLean has a lot to offer as far as history goes, and not a lot of people know that. It’s nice to show off what we have and what we’ve had.”

For those unable to attend, DVDs of the entire event can be purchased for \$15 by calling Ventures in Video, at 703-532-3400.

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The Oakton Otters squeaked past the Highlands Whomping Turtles, 202-200, in the NVSL Division 2 season opener on Saturday at Oakton. Single event winners for Highlands were: Diego Cruzado, Jessica Cruzado, Aedan Collins, Claire Collins, Teresa Dolan, Chris Hylton, Anna Murphy, Griffen Romanek and Chiara Tartaglino. Double winners for Highlands were: Scott Callander, Ben Charles, Charlie Putnam, Stephan Richards, Olivia Tripodi and Helen Yablonski.

The Langley Wildthings, in a close meet, lost to Lakevale Estates, 204-198. But the Wildthings swam well, breaking two records. Elena Shklyar broke a 1973 mark in the 9-10 fly with a time of 16.68 and the girls' mixed age relay broke last year's record by more than 5-1/2 seconds with a time of 2:04.02. Double winners for the Wildthings included Elena Shklyar (9-10 free and fly), Meghan Overend (15-18 back, fly) and Chris Overend (15-18 free, back). Single event winners included: Will Rupli, Thomas Dillard, Emily Wallach, Zach Johnson, Jack Hoeymans, Megan McCreary, Sammy Bennett, Isaac Peress, Katie Robinson, and Nate Johnson.

The McLean Marlins won their season opener against the Little Rocky Run Stingrays, 235-167. Double winners for McLean were: Thomas Brooks, Danny Mittel, Christopher Murphy, Isabella Rongione, Andrew Seliskar, Will Soobert, Libby Ulrich and Madalyn Ulrich. Single event winners for McLean were: Karynne Baker, Erin Barth, Henry Brooks, David Case, Hannah McCarron, Megan Murphy, Caitlin Nguyen and Luke Saunders. Isabella Rongione set two new team records in the 9-10, 50-meter freestyle with a time of 30.56 and in the 25-meter butterfly with a time of 15.48. Christopher Murphy set a new team record in the 11-12, 50-backstroke with a time of 30.54. Andrew Seliskar broke a 35-year-old team record in the 13-14, 50-breaststroke with a time of 34.44. Earlier in the week, Thomas Brooks set a new team record in the 9-10, 50-breaststroke with a time of 41.56, and Christopher Murphy set a record in the 11-12, 50-freestyle with a time of 27.25.

In Dominion Country Club League (DCCL) action last Saturday, the RiverBend StingRays dominated Country Club of Fairfax, winning 371.5-144.5. Micaela Grassi won first place ribbons in four events: 50-freestyle, 50-backstroke, 50-fly and 100-IM. Winning three events each were Carter Bennett, Ryan Windus, Colin O'Connor, Kelsey Campbell, Anna Phillips and Jessica Hawken. Christopher Blankingship, Jack Hall, Charlotte Bell, and Anna Takis each won two first place ribbons. Other first place winners included: Sam Maruca, Connor Smith, Max Trautwein, Clair O'Connor, Chloe Bennett, Connor Wesolowski, Matthew Dungan, Amanda Maruca, and Kathleen Welch. The StingRays have a 2-0 record this season.

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McLean's newest 14-under softball team, the NoVa Flash, took first place in the May Madness tournament in Sterling. Coached by Mike Wheat, this team has players from McLean, Vienna and Arlington.



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The McLean boy' lightweight four crew were second place finishers at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships this past spring. Team members, from left, are: senior coxswain Michael Freeman, senior Drew Sanders, sophomore Albrey De Clerck, senior Nick Tobat, sophomore Chris Vignaly and Coach Zach Steinmart.

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positions. Tryouts are Saturday, July 3, from 12-1:30 p.m. at Shreveview Elementary School, 7525 Shreve Road, Falls Church. The field is behind the school. Contact coach Lester Calliste at callistel@msn.com for more information.

McLean Youth Soccer's Premier Soccer Academy Summer Camp for ages 5-to-18 is accepting registrations for its summer camp running through Aug. 27. MYS welcomes players from any club to register for its camp in McLean, directed by the Club's Technical Staff. For information and to register, please visit www.mcleansoccer.org. For more information, e-mail admin@mcleansoccer.org, or call the MYS office at 703-506-8068.

Great Falls Flag Football registration is now open for the upcoming fall season players in kindergarten through eighth grade. Games will return this season to Great Falls Elementary School. Register now by going to www.nfflag.com.

The Great Falls girls U10 All-Star soccer team won its division championship at the Fairfax Police Youth Club Father's Day All-Star soccer tournament this past weekend. The Great Falls team was made up of six, U-9 house league players and eight, U10 house league players.

In their first tournament game on Saturday morning, Great Falls tied Prince William South, 4-4, but then won later that afternoon, 2-1, against Springfield. On Sunday morning, the girls won 3-0 against Southwestern Youth Association (Centreville/Clifton area). Unbeaten in their first three games of the weekend, Great Falls next advanced to Sunday afternoon's finals against Chantilly girls U10 All-Star team. Despite the sweltering 90-plus degree heat and blazing sun, the Great Falls girls continued their weekend long, spirited attacking game and solid defensive performance with a 2-1 finals win over Chantilly. The game was tied at 1-1 going into the latter part of the second half. Pinned deep in its' own defensive end, the Great Falls girls broke out on a solid defensive play and charged up the field to counterattack. With less than 5 minutes remaining, Great Falls scored to go ahead 2-1. Great Falls then held off an ensuing aggressive Chantilly attack to win the game and bring home an All-Star championship for themselves and the Great Falls girls' soccer program.

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Magnetic Personality



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

This column is not about me. It is about nearly every home I have been in (including my own) and nearly every kitchen in any office where I have ever worked, played or visited: magnets abound, with their phone numbers ever present. Local franchises of somebody's favorite food: fast, slow, Chinese, Italian; pizza, sub joints, sandwich shops, etc. Ah, the memories. More importantly, the reminders. Any and all magnetic comers, all within easy, eye-viewing convenience, are encouraged to stick around.

What would any of us do without our magnetic maestros orchestrating our nearly every gastronomic move? Not that I, or the next person, can't think outside the take-out box (or need constant visuals), but when that box - make that a rectangular or square magnet, has a phone number on it, and its position is level with your eyes and placed in a can't-miss location, it's nearly impossible to ignore its nudge.

Viewing these refrigerator adornments is somewhere between reading somebody's tea leaves and looking right into their soul. There is no pretense here. There is no attempt at subterfuge. It is simply in your face, for any and all to see; what matters, what matters not, and who it all matters to: who to call and who's calling whom.

Salesmen are encouraged (instructed might be too strong a word) when they first arrive on site for an in-person appointment, to look around, take in the scenery, and to pay most attention to what's on the walls: diplomas, artwork, family photos, memorabilia, as an informal way of gathering information and arriving at an agreeable end; a casual form of reconnaissance, you might call it. It's important to know something about the person/people with whom you're speaking, and to be keenly aware as well of what interests them. Your intention is to get their assistance in order to get their attention. It's not complicated or difficult, it's informative and instructive. It's common sense; heck, it's common courtesy.

Refrigerator magnets are simply smaller, more concise versions/indicators of what you get from what you see. They tell the tale of the tape. They show what's really going on, what every day life is really like. Of course, they don't explain or justify, they just represent. Their appearance is not about why, it's strictly about how. They're the nuts and bolts, the guts, the grease that "wheels" the family/business to whatever it's doing and however it plans to get there: by maintaining the status quo and/or providing a convenient blueprint for the many mundane activities of daily living that matter most and tend to last.

Magnets are a kind of modern day Rorschach inkblot test, but without the abstract designs, shapes, etc.; still subject to interpretation, though. But to what end? Certainly one can interpret what product-type service magnets mean and whether they're truly reflective of the personality of the magnet owner or simply something used to keep something in place and in sight, sort of like the garters my father snapped in place on his calves to keep his socks from falling down. He wasn't making any kind of statement, he was simply solving a problem with his socks. Nor do I think he was passively-aggressively attacking the sock manufacturer for making socks that wouldn't stay up. He was just getting dressed for work.

Maybe magnets are today's garters; they mean nothing, they indicate nothing; they just solve something. They're a convenience; nothing more, and probably a lot less. Still, I'm amused and intrigued by them. Perhaps it's their omnipresence (or is that omnipotence?). If they weren't everywhere, maybe I wouldn't be so curious about their underlying significance. They are more than a novelty, more than capitalistic America satiating its citizen's every need. They are, to quote Artie Johnson's character, Wolfgang the German Soldier, from Rowan and Martin's Laugh-in (1967-1973): "Very interesting...but shtupid."

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Tyson's Plan Approved

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elsewhere and have to commute to the business district during the week.

By encouraging residential development, Fairfax would attract more people to live in Tysons Corner and alleviate some congestion problems, said supporters of the plan.

SUPERVISOR Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) did vote against the Tysons Corner plan over concerns about the restriction on commercial development.

Commercial buildings are often a net gain for the county when it comes to tax revenue and residential development increases the demand for expensive county services like public education, he said.

"My fear is that we have capped our commercial tax base in Tysons," said Herrity.

Several business community members, including real estate developers with a financial stake in Tysons, had similar complaints to Herrity's.

"The commercial development cap is too conservative," said Jim Corcoran, incoming president of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, at a public hearing before the supervisors June 22.

County staff said Fairfax could reevaluate the Tysons plan in the coming years if concerns about the commercial development cap persisted.

The supervisors could always undertake a study to see if the cap on commercial development was too low, especially if a large demand occurred for new office space in the future, said James Zook, director of the county's department of planning and zoning.

SEVERAL REAL ESTATE developers had been pushing for far fewer restrictions on Tysons growth in general than the supervisors ended up approving.

"This plan, I believe, is a cautious one. ... There should be no floor-to-area requirements and no upper limit on development," said Brenda Krieger of Dweck Properties during a public hearing.

Specifically, many landowners were upset by the steep decline in density allowed outside of the area immediately surrounding the four new Metro stations.

"Greater density must be allowed outside the four Metro station areas," said Corcoran.

But many local residents were pleased with the limits placed on development farther away from the Metro stations. The amount of development being pushed by the business community would have overwhelmed local public facilities and roads, said citizens living in nearby Vienna and McLean.

"We strongly believe density should be concentrated within a quarter-mile radius of the Metro. ... We are concerned about traffic overwhelming Vienna," said M. Jane Seeman, mayor of the Town of Vienna.

THE MORE MODEST density limits adopted by the supervisors would still require a significant investment in new public facilities and transportation measures. Fairfax's own studies concluded that ap-

Community Comments



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— Stella Koch,
Audubon Naturalist Society



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— Stewart Schwartz,
Coalition for Smarter Growth



"Greater density must be allowed."

— Jim Corcoran,
Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

proximately \$1.4 billion would be needed to fund the necessary transit and road improvements alone, including a new grid of streets and bus circulator system.

"If there is a tipping point, it is in the transportation area," said Zook.

The supervisors have released few details about who would pay for the transportation upgrades and how. But citizens and landowners are already lining up to give their own opinions about who should be footing the bill.

"We should not be imposing additional taxes on residents and small business owners in Fairfax County for the benefit for real estate developers," said Rob Jackson, president of the McLean Citizens Association.

Jackson said members of the private sector who would financially benefit from a new Tysons Corner should cover 75 percent of the costs of the upgrades.

But several business owners said they already contributed a substantial amount to public facility projects through development proffers. Local landowners in Tysons were also subjected to a special tax that helped cover the construction costs of the new Metro stations, said Corcoran.

