

Twin Sisters, Twin Dogs

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McLean twin sisters, Lauren and Carolyn Shaw, pose with her twin dogs, Bailey and Riley. Carolyn and Lauren look alike but are not identical. In similar fashion, Riley is gray, while Bailey is blonde.



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Moran Tries To Protect Animals through Legislation

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) bought two Portuguese water dogs three years ago. He kept one, naming her Lulu, and gave the other, Lulu's sister, to his daughter.

"I like these dogs because they are incredibly smart but they are also a handful. ... Lulu will go jump in the pond and dig some holes in the garden. Then, she will come inside and dry off on the white carpet," said Moran.

Moran is not the only Democrat to own a Portuguese water dog. The late U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.) brought his three Portuguese water dogs to work with him on Capitol Hill most days. U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) also has a dog of that breed.

Perhaps the most famous Portuguese water dog is Bo Obama, the pup acquired by the nation's first family following the president's 2008 campaign.

BUT MORAN'S care for animals extends beyond his own pet. He is co-chair of the congressional animal protection caucus.

"I hear from constituents about animal protection. But I would do this if I had no constituents contacting me about it. It is important to me," he said.

Moran sponsored a bill currently moving its way through congress that would require all clothing with fur to have a label with the name of the species, the manufacturer, the country where the fur originated and other pertinent information listed.

Currently, clothing that is valued at under \$150 is exempt from such labeling, including coats or shirts with fur collars.

Of the fur trim jackets tested by the Humane Soci-



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U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) has owned Lulu, his Portuguese water dog, for three years.

ety, 96 percent were found to contain dog, wolf or raccoon dog fur but not to be labeled as such, according to Moran's office.

"It is easier to import fur from Russia or China than it is to produce faux fur," said Moran.

MORAN also backed legislation banning the sale of videos that include animal cruelty, such dogfights or sex fetish videos of scantily clad women crushing or burning animals. That legislation overwhelmingly passed in the House of Representatives.

The congressman is also working on legislation to protect wild horses in the western United States and to ban "puppy mills," large commercial breeders who avoid licensing and registration of dogs by selling puppies over the internet, he said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Political Pets

Fairfax County chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) got her cat Winston from the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. She calls him 'the love of her life.'



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Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) poses with his wife's white Maltese Bennie.

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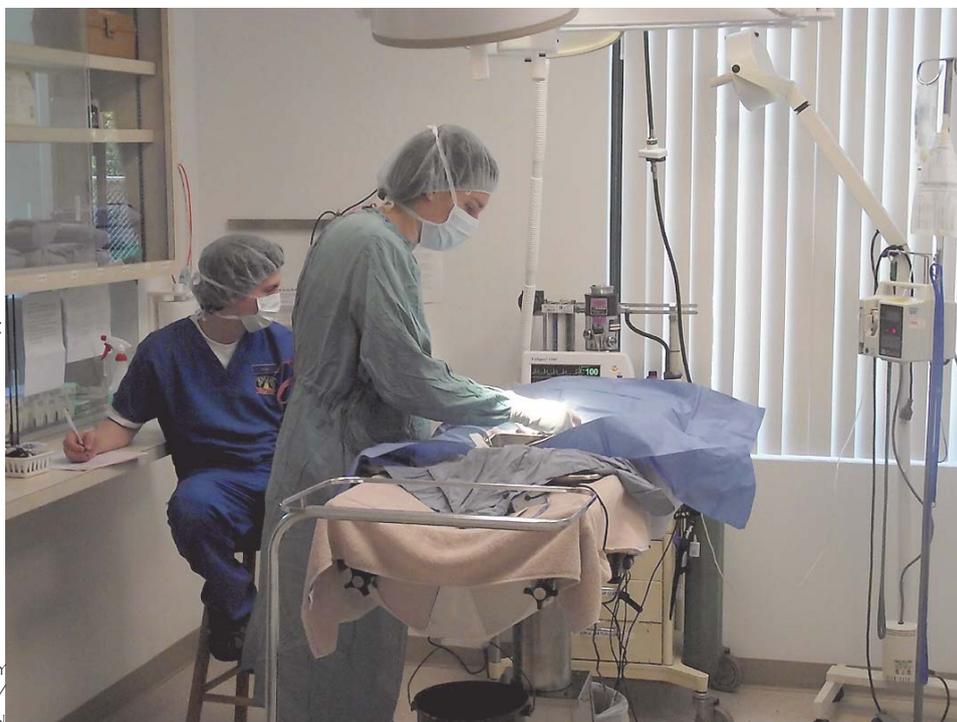


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Dr. Katherine Pepelko performs a spay operation while assistant Ryan Mannix keeps an eye on the dog's vital signs.



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Keeping Pets Cared For

Businesses offer pet care facilities, home-based care.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Pets need care whether their owners are at home, at work or on vacation. While the realities of modern life mean that pet owners can't always be there to take care of them, there are many local businesses that can help ease the burden.

Seneca Hill Animal Hospital, Resort and Spa in Great Falls offers pet care ranging from the life saving to the lifestyle, helping pets get and stay healthy. The goal at Seneca Hill is to make the facility "more like home," because that's what keeps pets relaxed.

The building, which Seneca Hill has been using for the past five years, houses the hospital on one end, the resort and spa at the other, and in between a shop featuring the latest in pet toys, training tools and healthy snacks.

The hospital area features an intensive care unit, dental clinic, ultrasound and X-ray equipment, lab facilities, a physical therapist and two surgical suites. The facility is capable of performing a standard spay or neuter service, basic repair of cuts and everything in between.

"We voluntarily adhere to American Animal Hospital Association standards for the pet hospital," said Heather Dallara, general manager at Seneca Hill. The hospital takes extra steps such as having separate laundries for animal surgical clothing in order to make sure the hospital meets the highest standards



Linda Looker, a supervisor of Seneca Hill's day care program, fills up a water bowl during playtime for several of the resort's 'guests.'

for cleanliness.

"We try to stay as cutting edge as possible," she said.

THE RESORT AND SPA area features two levels of "rooms" for the dogs, and a few luxury suites as well. Soft music plays in the background, as well as color TVs should the dogs want extra stimulation.

The spa also features a therapy pool, for dogs recovering from surgery or owners who want their dog to get some exercise in the water.

The dogs usually get three or four walks per day, plus a session of "play time" where they are taken to one of the six different yards surrounding the building. Some areas have more room to run around in, some have a lot of trees that provide shade.

"The time outside mentally and physically relaxes

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Twin sisters Lauren and Carolyn Shaw pose with their twin dogs, Riley and Bailey.

McLean Twin Sisters Befriend Twin Dogs

Twins Carolyn and Lauren Shaw have two Labradoodle dogs, also twin sisters.

BY ROSE LEE
THE CONNECTION

McLean residents Carolyn and Lauren Shaw are not only sisters but also twins. Their Labradoodle — half poodle, half Labrador retriever — dogs, Bailey and Riley, are also twin sisters.

As fraternal twins, Carolyn and Lauren look alike but are not identical. In similar fashion, Riley is gray, while Bailey is blonde. According to the Shaw family, Riley is about 23 pounds heavier than Bailey.

"She normally eats Bailey's food after she finishes her own," said Carolyn Shaw, adding that the dogs once ate half of their older sister Taylor's birthday cake off the counter.

BAILEY AND RILEY are now 6-years old, while Carolyn and Lauren are 19. The family made the dogs Shaws when they were

young puppies. At first, they were extremely rambunctious.

"When they were puppies, they chewed up shoes, newspapers, anything they could find," said Lauren Shaw, with a laugh. "They've gotten better over the years, but they still occasionally try to sneak food when we're not looking."

Although they have settled down in terms of behavior, they are still active in the sense that both Riley and Bailey love the outdoors.

"Our parents walk them in the local park every day," said Carolyn. "We also love to play things like tug of war with them outside in our backyard."

Carolyn and Lauren Shaw are part of a very active family. The twins, their older siblings Taylor and Bobby and their parents all enjoy exercising. The dogs effortlessly fit in with the family in that aspect.

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Twin sister Lauren Shaw sits with twin dog Bailey.



Twin sister Carolyn Shaw sits with twin dog Riley.



Hamlet Swim Club Pool Re-Opens

Supervisor John Foust (D- Dranesville), 3rd from left, with Bill Parks (Hamlet Swim Club Board Member), Julie Ide (Aide to Supervisor Foust), Scott Bartram (Hamlet Swim Club Board Member), Jane Edmondson (Chief of Staff to Supervisor Foust) and John Barrer (Hamlet Swim Club Board member) stand in front of the newly renovated Hamlet Pool and Tennis Club facility. The Hamlet pool opened on June 30 after Supervisor Foust's office helped the club coordinate efforts with various County departments to obtain the necessary permits.

"With the record breaking high temperatures, this was an especially tough summer to have a delayed pool opening," said Foust.

Smith Chosen as School Board Chair

The Fairfax County School Board selected Kathy Smith (Sully) as chair and Brad Center (Lee) as vice-chair of the body at a meeting July 8.

The school board votes for chair and vice-chair on an annual basis in the summer. Smith was also school board chair during 2009-2010. School Board Member Tessie Wilson (Braddock) was the most recent vice-chair prior to Center's election.

As chair, Smith will receive an extra \$2,000 on top of the normal \$20,000 per year school board member salary during the 2010-2011 fiscal cycle. She will also be in charge of facilitating school board members' discussion during most meetings.

School Board Member Ilryong Moon (At-large) also vied for the chair position, losing in a 7-4 vote to Smith.

School Board members Jane Strauss (Dranesville), Liz Bradsher (Springfield), Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill), Tessie Wilson (Braddock), Jim Raney (At-large), Brad Center (Lee) and Smith supported Smith for chair.

School Board members Tina Hone (At-large), Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), Sandy Evans (Mason) and Moon supported Moon for chair.

School Board member Patty Reed (Providence) did not attend the meeting.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Tutor Training Workshop for English Instruction

More than 75 new volunteer tutors for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) are needed to help area immigrant adults learn to speak, read, and write English. The mission of the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) is to teach adults the basic skills of reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English in order to empower them to participate more fully in their communities.

Each year, LCNV holds eight tutor training workshops to prepare volunteer tutors to provide individualized instruction to adult students who want to improve their literacy skills. No teaching or foreign language skills are required. A \$40 training fee covers

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McLean and Great Falls residents gather at Cooper Middle School on a Saturday morning to dump their trash and recyclable material. The Cooper trash parkout has been a tradition in the area for years, and it is one that residents are fighting to maintain.

PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Trash Talking

Residents appeal to attorney general to keep Cooper trash parkout alive.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

For some residents of McLean and Great Falls, trash pickup isn't something they take for granted. Rather, it's something for which they have fought, and they are still facing an uphill climb.

For years, residents have been taking their trash to "parkouts" where trash trucks wait at a nearby school, and people just drop off their week's worth of trash at the trucks. This eliminates the hassle of dragging out a trashcan to the end of the driveway every week, and also prevents many of the winding, small roads in the area from being damaged by heavy trash trucks.

Residents have embraced this tradition, even as county funds have made their weekly ritual harder to come by. In 1996, then Dranesville District Supervisor Stuart Mendelsohn (R) was able to save it from the axe by adding in a provision that the parkouts pay for themselves. This worked for the next six years, with residents paying between \$100 and \$200 yearly. Great Falls Elementary and Cooper Middle schools became the last two in the county, at least until February 2002.

It was then that Fairfax County, while voting on a budget for Fiscal Year 2003, decided that the parkouts were not viable any longer, and that the more than 800 members paying the fee were not enough to keep it viable. They were about \$9,600 short of being able to continue the parkout as it was.

But residents were not to be deterred, as citizens, led by John Theon, started a nonprofit corporation for the Cooper Middle School parkout.

"By establishing a nonprofit, we were allowed to use county property, at around \$1,040 per year to continue the service," Theon said. "We were also required by the county to get \$1 million in liability insurance, which we also got."

THE CORPORATION has continued the trash parkouts at Cooper Middle School for the past few years, at one point attracting more than 340 mem-

bers. Private contractors handle 89 percent of the county's trash pickup, according to Supervisor John Foust's (D-Dranesville) office. Many residents joined the parkouts out of frustration over increasing prices and inconsistent services from the more than 30 companies that handle trash in the county.

"The money they charge yearly goes to paying the insurance policy and the rent to the school, which means the more people that join, the less we have to charge to pay those expenses," Theon said.

But earlier this year, they began to face more pressure from the county. People who live in the area who used the parkout began to receive notices that they would have to start using curbside pickup offered by the county.

"We're down to 110 members, because people are afraid of getting in trouble, they don't want to fight the county on this," said Joann McCoy, president of CS Waste, the company that now handles pickups at the parkout. "They're not letting people express their freedom of choice in what trash service and pickup mode they want to use."

Many people who come to the parkout have the option for curbside service, but they choose to make their weekly treks to Cooper Middle School.

"I find it's much better than any normal trash service," said Bob Mortenson, a customer. "They give us a recycling truck and a garbage truck, and I just take it down to Cooper. I find it much better than normal pickup. It's just a great service."

Theon became head of the corporation because he preferred taking his trash to Cooper rather than curbside pickup.

"I like not having to put out a trash barrel. When we go on vacation, we don't have to leave it out all week, so people know we're not home. CS Waste also lets us recycle phone books, which most services don't," Theon said.

THEON HAS PETITIONED the state attorney general's office for a resolution to the matter, and he expects the decision to favor the parkout.

"In Virginia, county and town governments only have the specific authority given to them by the state legislature, and trash pickup is not one of them," Theon said. "At this time of tight budgets, I'm just not sure why they won't let us do our own thing."

Theon composed the letter and got Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) to sign it. They expect a decision from the attorney general in the coming weeks.

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— John Theon

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Twins

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THE TWIN DOGS and the twin college students draw many parallels. Naturally, twins are not the same in every dimension, yet many of them struggle with separation.

Lauren Shaw prefers the bustle of city life and thus attends Boston College, while Carolyn Shaw enjoys the quaint feel of the University of Virginia where she is a rising second-year. Although they chose to attend different universities, they are quick to admit that they miss each other often.

"Bailey and Riley are like us in that they are different, from fur color and size to personality, but they can't stand to be separated," said Carolyn Shaw.

"Bailey's more like a poodle and sleeps on our couch and rides in the car with her feet on the console, while Riley is more like a lab and carries tennis balls around the house," said Lauren Shaw. "We love them, and the fact that we're twins with twin dogs just makes it better."



Labradoodle dogs, Riley, left, and Bailey sit in the Shaws' home.

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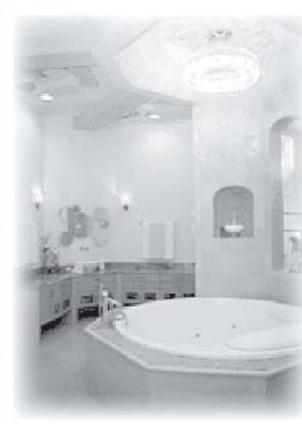


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Cats, Dogs Find 'Place To Belong'

**Pet fostering:
 A risk worth taking.**

BY JAYNE O'DONNELL

We share our McLean home with five cats and one dog. This was never the plan, of course.

Welcome to the world of pet fostering, where it's easy to get attached, but it's a risk is worth taking. Every new foster home is a chance for rescue groups to save a pet ready to be euthanized at a shelter or rescue them out of other risky situations. It also gives the groups a chance to learn more about the animals' health and behavior so they can best describe and match them with prospective adopters.

Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation, which has a ranch in Sumerduck, Va., hosts five adoptions fairs a weekend at Petsmart locations in Northern Virginia and finds homes for dozens of pets a week. Christina Perez-Bass, the group's foster coordinator, says the group's 94 foster homes are critical to its success.

"It helps us socialize the dogs and find their real personality," says Perez-Bass. "And it's fantastic for the dogs to have another place to belong."

Three of our five cats are among the 30 or so we've fostered for 4Paws. 4Paws President Barbara Lipson said adopting a foster cat often makes it easier for foster families to give up kittens and cats when they get adopted. The group has about 30 foster homes and has placed about 6,500 kittens and cats in permanent homes since 1995.

"They always have that furry reminder of why they are volunteering for 4paws and of all the good they are doing by fostering," said Lipson.

Despite being surrounded by pets, our 10-year old never stopped asking for a dog. So I convinced my husband to let us become a foster home for Lost Dog, as I knew it would help the dogs and might satisfy our daughter's desires. In our first weekend of fostering, my husband noted he would adopt the older, overweight beagle we were caring for "if we had more room." He casually noted that if we adopted the second, a 6-year-old terrier named Butterscotch, we'd have her through our daughter's high school years and "we wouldn't have to worry about boys."

I told him the idea was "ridiculous."

But by the time Sherlock, a peppy 1-year-old beagle/pug mix showed up, we were both starting to cave.

His name is now Mickey, and he's getting along fraternally with the cats.

"We call them 'foster failures,' but it's really a success," said Perez-Bass.



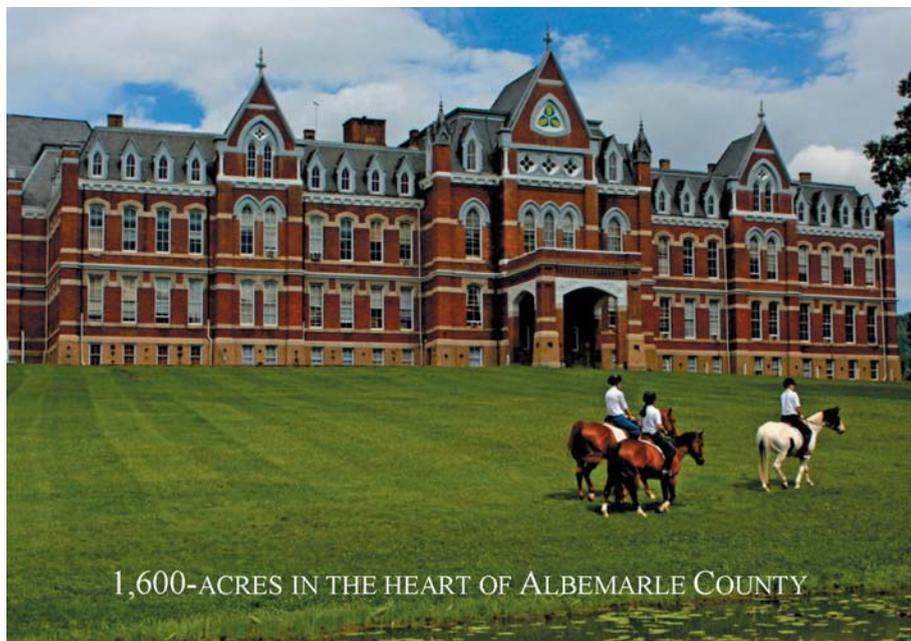
Cate Willing with Butterscotch, one of her family's former foster dogs.

PHOTO BY JAYNE O'DONNELL



Ferne, the disabled foster kitten, the family adopted last year.

PHOTO BY CATE WILLING



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Audra Meckstroth is fostering a Red-Eared Slider turtle named Ratchet. He was found with another hatchling abandoned in a small plastic container and brought to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. While these hatchlings are very small, the adult size for this species of turtle is well over 10 inches. They can live for more than 50 years.



FILE PHOTO FRIENDS OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER

This young beagle came to the shelter as a stray. He was evaluated by two vets who determined that, at some point in his short life, the little beagle had sustained a serious injury to his right front leg. The age and the extent of the injury indicated that the only treatment that would eliminate the pain the beagle was experiencing was to have the leg amputated.

“Animals give us unconditional love, and inspire us to be better human beings in order to return that love and care for them.”

— Cindy Stewart, Hunter Mill District representative on Fairfax County Animal Shelter Advisory Commission

“Everything we do is to help the animals at the shelter.”

— Audra Meckstroth, secretary, Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

Saving Lives, One Animal at a Time

Shelter works to find homes for homeless pets.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

“We strive toward the day when no healthy, treatable or rehabilitatable companion animal is euthanized for lack of space or other resources.”

Twenty two words describe the vision of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, an open access refuge where no animal, of any kind, is turned away.

Many of the animals that come into the shelter find either forever-homes or live their final days protected by nonprofit rescue groups. Some do not.

Puppies and kitten and bunnies rate high on the cute factor. Senior pets, that are frequently trained and calmer, aren't as highly in-demand. Yet, as Animal Shelter Advisory Commission member Cindy Stewart of Vienna said, every one of these lives has merit.

Volunteers, as well as staff, work to make that vision a reality. From fostering animals to playing with them at the shelter, from fund raising by Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to the mission of the shelter's director, giving homeless and unwanted animals a second chance at life and



CONTRIBUTED BY SUSAN KING

A sweet, 'sensitive' kitty, Pom Pom was adopted and unadopted twice before she was adopted out of Friends of Homeless Animals by Vienna's Susan King.

being loved is the essence of the work at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

“THE SHELTER makes assessments about its animals,” said Stewart, guardian of two cats, Tacitus and Pearl, both adopted from the Fairfax County shelter. Everyone who comes in contact with an animal at the shelter is invited to comment on him, his

temperament, needs, and joys. Does he get along with other dogs or cats? Is he an abused animal a bit fearful of humans? Does he purr or wag a tail when a human strokes him?

“The shelter is more objective, more upfront, about the animals that need a home than a seller is,” Stewart said. “Nobody at the shelter wants a companion animal returned to it.”

An issue greater than that of reputable breeders are the puppy mills. “Puppy mill animals may be sick or have congenital disorders you don't know about. Puppy mill animals may not get needed medical care. At the shelter, all the animals with medical problems are treated if they can be.”

Stewart volunteers in the cat room at the shelter and is a member of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, a private nonprofit dedicated to raising funds that are donated to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to be used for medical and shelter services, programs and special projects.

Several years ago, Stewart, a retired government lawyer, read a note in a local newspaper that the Fairfax County was looking for members of various specific commissions. Living in Supervisor Cathy Hudgins' district, Stewart applied for the Hunter Mill position on the Fairfax County Animal Shelter Advisory Commission. Hudgins appointed her upon application in 2006.

AUDRA MECKSTROTH of Vienna volunteers at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, fosters exotic animals on the shelter's behalf and is secretary of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. A graphic designer by trade, Meckstroth started volunteering in 2007 walking the shelter's dogs. She expanded her support by helping at adoption events. As an owner of four turtles, Meckstroth was approached by the shelter to

foster an abandoned turtle.

“People buy them in pet stores when they're tiny without realizing they grow to ten inches and live for 50 years,” said Meckstroth. Twenty turtles came through the shelter last year, and, at one time Meckstroth was fostering four or five. “We've adopted all of them out.” She credited the success to Dr. Karen Diviney, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter director.

Meckstroth said she fosters pets because a need exists and not a lot of people have experience with exotic pets. The shelter has many people stepping up to do everything in their power to find those animals a good home.

As a member of the Board of the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter [FFCAS], she sees the impact the Friends have made. Through its independent fundraising activities, FFCAS provides financial support to the shelter's programs, including subsidizing medical treatment that makes a pet more adoptable. “Friends only exists because of the support of the community,” said Meckstroth. “We're all-volunteer. Everything we do is to help the animals at the shelter.”

Before the difficult decision is made to euthanize an animal because of lack of space, the Fairfax County Animal Shelter calls on its rescue partners and foster homes, said Diviney. “We try to expand our resources beyond our shelter walls.

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OPINION

Welcome to the Pet Connection

It would be easy, based on some measures, to say that some areas love their dogs more than others, although we are quite confident that most families love their dogs and other pets in a way that defies quantification.

Nevertheless, we will point out that the City of Alexandria, with a population of more than 150,000 and more than 70,000 households, is also home to 17 different dog parks, including both fenced and unfenced areas for dogs to run free of their leashes and play with other dogs. (Nationally, 39 percent of households average 1.7 dogs, so even assuming a normal level of dog ownership in Alexandria (we suspect it exceeds national numbers), there are likely more than 46,000 dogs. That's one dog park for every 2,700.

In Fairfax County, with a population of about 1,038,000 people and more than 393,000 households, statistics would predict at least 260,000 dogs, but only eight dog parks. That's one dog park for every 32,000 dogs or so ...

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keeping Our Eye on the Prize

To the Editor:

A number of community groups, newspapers, and local politicians have criticized, often in strident tones, some recent decisions of the Fairfax County School Board. The decision to close Clifton Elementary School is one such example. According to the critics, members of the Board supposedly ignored the "wishes of the community," and relied too heavily on the Superintendent and his professional staff. One editorial accused the Board of depriving the citizens of information, and adopting a "we know what's best" attitude. By ignoring the unprecedented amount of information the School Board makes available and the open nature of the Board's processes, the critics miss the mark.

The voters of Fairfax County elected the School Board – not single issue or self-appointed "community watchdog" groups – to exercise responsible stewardship over the education of our children. This means it is our job to work harder, study more, and exercise sound judgment about what works best for all of Fairfax County and the children we serve. It means that the loudest, most persistent voices do not always carry the day, the supposed opinion of a "majority" of community members is not always right, and what may be the best decision for some community advocates is not always the best decision for all the children.

In Arlington, 217,000 people live in about 103,000 households, and a statistically likely 68,000 dogs also has eight dog parks, or one dog park for about every 8,500 dogs.

In Montgomery County, Md., about 970,000 people live in about 364,000 households, and so probably about 240,000 dogs, and just five dog parks, so more than 48,000 dogs per dog park.

EDITORIAL

Fortunately, we found no evidence of overcrowded dog parks in any of our areas, just happy dogs and owners enjoying one of the amenities of this area. And lots of dog parks mean less likelihood of dog owners running their dogs off their leashes in other less appropriate parks. In fact, the growing numbers of dog parks are just one more indicator of how important pets and animals are to us.

A third of local households are likely homes to cats, with the average household with cats having 2.4 cats, but there are not cat parks ... Most "cat people" agree that cats are safer indoors, although we all know exceptions.

this behavior from our own children. We should not tolerate it from adults.

Even though we have to make decisions about many things, the Board must always focus on one thing: student achievement. By all measures, we are succeeding. More children are achieving greater success than ever before. Achievement gaps are steadily shrinking. In some schools they have disappeared altogether. We have achieved our successes by working together with parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff. That is how we should be working.

At the end of the day, we must make decisions that focus on supporting our mission to "inspire, enable, and empower students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship." When we start trying to please or pander to vocal, well-organized groups of single-issue advocates, or elected officials trying to make political hay, we will have lost sight of our goal. And when some Board members and the public treat the professional staff as adversaries, not as partners, student achievement will suffer. No one can afford that.

Stuart D. Gibson

Member,
Fairfax County School Board
Hunter Mill District

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Member,
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Of all these animals, 19 percent of dogs and 22 percent of cats are adopted from animal shelters. Most pets (75 percent of dogs, 87 percent of cats) are spayed or neutered. There are so many pets that need homes, it's a local and national crisis. If you are considering adding a pet to your family, please consider the humane society, the shelter or a rescue organization.

In the pages of our Pet Connection this week, you'll find stories of many families and their pets, plus information on how and where to adopt dogs, cats, birds, small animals and even horses that desperately need homes.

For much more information, look online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, and click on Pet Connection.

If you'd like to share information about other pet resources, or about your pet, we still look forward to hearing from you.

Statistics from U.S. Census and the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association 2009-2010 National Pet Owners Survey.

Decisions First, 'Dialogue' Later

To the Editor:

Re: Kathy Smith's letter [School Board Welcomes Dialogue, Connection, July 21-27, 2010].

The process the School Board has used to reach every important decision has been flawed, because in each case the outcome was predetermined by how the board framed the questions and restricted the discussion. Hosting "community dialogs" in which the scope of the discussion is limited only to the answers the School Board wants to hear is a sham. That was the case with redistricting, and it was the case with the bell schedule discussion. The only options provided were "bad" and "worse," with the board nudging people toward retaining the current bad schedule. They said at the time that other alternatives, made possible through more efficient bus scheduling were not possible. Then, only months later when the budget crunch hit, they miraculously found new bus schedule efficiencies that permitted them to save money by making adjustments to some school's bell schedules.

The fact is that this School Board routinely predetermines its decisions and then structures false debates to create the appearance of engagement and support for those predetermined decisions.

Dan Carney
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NEWS

WEEK IN MCLEAN

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the cost of books and materials. All tutor training workshops take place at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road in Falls Church, but the tutoring will take place in a library or community center in the tutor's neighborhood.

The next ESOL tutor training workshop will be held on three consecutive Saturdays (all three sessions are required): Aug. 14, 21, and 28 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road in Falls Church.

For more information, e-mail volunteers@lcnv.org or call 703-237-0866 x111.

Salon Daniel Honors Military Families

Salon Daniel in McLean is offering one free haircut and 50 percent off a second salon service, including massages, nail or coloring services for any military member or family now through Aug. 15. The offer is extended to all military with active duty, reservist or retiree status only and/or one dependent. Valid military and military dependent identification is required.

Salon Daniel is also collecting AT&T international calling cards from their clients to donate to the military via Operation Uplink, an organization with Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. International calling cards will be sent to military members

overseas who rely on calling cards to communicate to family members in the United States.

One free haircut and the second discounted service can only be redeemed once per military family. Appointments must be booked by Aug. 15, while the hair services will be honored until Sept. 1. Services are based on availability.

For more information about Salon Daniel's military promotion, call 703.893.5000.

County Starts Work On Disaster Recovery Plan

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin is asking non-profit organizations, local businesses, county agencies and other municipalities for help in developing a local disaster recovery plan.

Fairfax received a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland security to assist with planning for local disaster relief. Griffin sent out a letter in early July inviting stakeholders to register for a disaster recovery workshop held on Aug. 4 at the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center.

For information on the workshop, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp/

According to the letter written by Griffin, Fairfax is susceptible to natural hazards like floods, hurricanes and tornadoes as well as man-made problems like terrorist attacks or accidental releases of dangerous materials.

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THURSDAY/JULY 29

"The Pajama Game." 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. A musical comedy about a pajama factory labor dispute. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Proceeds support mission projects in Haiti. www.stmark.org or 703-938-5656.

Aretha Franklin. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Maryland Youth Ballet: Caroline Goes to the Zoo, 11:15 a.m. Bob Brown Puppets: Dragon Feathers. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

The Winstons Band. 7:30 p.m. Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Motown. Free. 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers and Matt Hires. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. jamminjava.com.

English Conversation. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Conversation group for adult non-native English speakers of all levels. 703-938-0405.

Parent-Child Time Together. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Bring a bag supper to the Picnic Area and enjoy garden-based activities. \$2 per adult-child duo. Reservations required. pdietly@nvrpa.org.

"Curtains." The McLean Summer Theatre Program presents a hilarious musical/comedy whodunit at Langley High School (6520 Georgetown Pike), 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door.

Naturally Curious. 2-4 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Activities and discussions about nature and science. People and plants: taxonomy, nomenclature, and style. For grades 6-9. \$15. pdietly@nvrpa.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 30

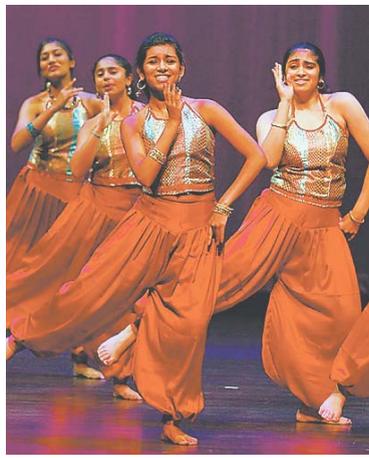
Summer on the Green: Cravin Dogs - Rock. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No alcoholic beverages allowed. It is recommended that pets be left at home. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

"Little Women, The Musical." 8 p.m. McLean Community Players, Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Based on the Louisa May Alcott story. \$17-\$19, group rates available. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleanplayers.org.

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NSO@Wolf Trap: Distant Worlds, Music From Final Fantasy. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Arnie Roth, Conductor. \$20-\$52 www.wolftrap.org.



Dhoonya Dance's Bollywood & Hip Hop Dance Camp will be Aug. 2-5 at James School of Dance, 6723 Whittier Ave., McLean. Ages 7-10 and 11-15 can attend Dhoonya Dance's summer camp intensive, for a combination of Bollywood and Hip-Hop styles that culminate in a performance at the end of the session. Register at tinyurl.com/dhoonyacamp.

SATURDAY/JULY 31

Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. Maryland Youth Ballet: Caroline Goes to the Zoo, 11:15 a.m. Bob Brown Puppets: Dragon Feathers. Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

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Asylum Street Spankers at 7 p.m., The Chuck Shaffer Picture Show, Conditions and Madrone at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Masters Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension answer gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

"The Pajama Game." 7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. A musical comedy about a pajama factory labor dispute. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Proceeds support mission projects in Haiti. www.stmark.org or 703-938-5656.

Artist's Reception. 6-9 p.m. at Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W., Suite C, Vienna. Lark McPhail will be on hand to answer questions about her artwork. Refreshments served. Exhibition open July 31-Aug. 25. info@applegateframing.com.

Summer Gala and Fundraising Auction. 7:30 p.m. at 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Springhill Road, McLean. Musical performance, announcement of next season's shows, champagne reception with hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and an auction of theatre mementos, lessons and more. Tickets \$50. Reserve at 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage.com.

Tropical Plants. 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. A free walk through the gardens to learn how to grow, propagate and over-winter tropical plants. pdietly@nvrpa.org.

Folsom Prisoners. 5 p.m. outdoors at the Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Country music. Free. 703-288-9505.

NSO@Wolf Trap: The Planets in HD. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emil de Cou, conductor. \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 1

Summer on the Green: Difficult Run Jazz Band. 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.

Hamburger James. 6 p.m. Great Falls Village Green, at the corner of Georgetown Pike and Walker Road in Great Falls. Rock. www.gfcitizens.org.

Butterfly Garden Guided Tours. 3 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. An introductory guided stroll. Learn how the gardens attract butterflies. Members free, non-member adults \$4, seniors and age 7-17 \$1.50, under age 6 free. Rental binoculars available at the Visitor Center. 703-255-3631, ext. 0 or www.nvrpa.org/park/meadowlark_botanical_gardens.

"The Pajama Game." 2 p.m. St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna. A musical comedy about a pajama factory labor dispute. \$12 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Proceeds support mission projects in Haiti. www.stmark.org or 703-938-5656.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. www.vvfd.org.

The Goodnight Anthem, Jonas Sees In Color, The Love Light and Forever Is Forever. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Reggae: For the Love of It with Beres Hammond, Inner Circle, Kenyatta Hill of Culture, Lenya Wilks and DJ Inferno. 3 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 2

Alejandro Sanz. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$30-\$48. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Dhoonya Dance's Bollywood & Hip Hop Dance Camp. 2 p.m. at James School of Dance, 6723 Whittier Ave., McLean. Ages 7-10 and 11-15 can attend four days for a combination of Bollywood and Hip-Hop styles, culminating in a performance at the end of the session. Register at tinyurl.com/dhoonyacamp.

TUESDAY/AUG. 3

Willie Nelson. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25-\$45. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

Wolftrap Children's Theatre in the Woods. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. 10 a.m. PROJECT Trio: From Hip-Hop to Bach, 11:15 a.m. Wolf Trap Opera Studio: Instant Opera! Free workshops follow the 10 a.m. performance; reservations required at 703-255-1824. \$8-\$10. www.wolftrap.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/JULY 29

Job and Career Fair. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Harper Park Middle School on Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg. More than 40 federal agencies and private companies will participate. Hosted by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). Participating employers to date include BB&T Bank, Cox Communications, Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, M.C. Dean, Inc, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Middleburg Bank, Prince William County Police, Telos Corporation, Volkswagen Group of America, and Windward IT Solutions. A complete list of expected participants is at wolf.house.gov/jobfair. Free and open to the public. 703-709-5800.

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.

FRIDAY/JULY 30

VTRCC Executive Level Leadership Development Program. 7:30 a.m. at The Tower Club, 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. Learn

how to influence others, set priorities, create positive change, solve problems and more. With David MacGillivray, licensed business and executive coach. Members \$39, non-members \$49. Complimentary breakfast buffet.

SATURDAY/JULY 31

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/AUG. 4

Oak Marr Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Oak Marr ReCenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Local vendors and producers, and a Master Gardener Plant Clinic on site. 703-642-0128 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm.

THURSDAY/AUG. 5

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FAITH NOTES

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

Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna, is now registering children for a "High Seas Expedition" Vacation Bible School, 9:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. from August 2-7. Crafts, games, music and Bible stories. Registration is open to the public for all pre-K to 6th grade classes and nursery is available to VBS volunteers. Grades 7 and up are invited to volunteer. \$10 per child, maximum of \$25 per family. www.oaktonbrethren.org or 703-281-4411.

Vacation Bible School SonQuest Rainforest will be at the Alliance Church Centre of the Christian & Missionary Alliance, 12113 Vale Road, Oakton, from Wednesday, Aug. 18-Friday, Aug. 20. The Toddler Program will be 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Ages 3-12 will be divided in 3 age groups from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Songs and skits, Bible stories, games, arts and crafts. Children are to bring lunch; afternoon snack provided. Free. 703-264-1273 or 703-391-7819.

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.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to

the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

English classes at McLean Baptist Church on Mondays, including beginning, intermediate and advanced levels. Advanced electives are Literature, U.S. Government, World Religions, and current events. Free class and registration, but students must buy their own books. 9:30 a.m. at 1367 Chain Bridge Road. 703-356-8080 or www.mcleanbaptist.org.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

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.

PET CONNECTION



George, a cat staying in one of Seneca Hill's 'cat-o-miniums' keeps a watchful eye over the reception area from the cat playroom.

PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION



Jellybean, a mixed breed puppy, examines his surroundings during playtime at the Seneca Hill Pet Hospital, Resort and Spa.



Dogs enjoy their morning playtime at Seneca Hill Pet Hospital, Resort and Spa. 'Guests' at the resort are taken on walks four times a day, plus a session of playtime.

Pet Sitters Provide Comfort

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them," said Linda Looker, a supervisor with the day care program, which lets owners drop their pets off for the day. "Some of our dogs aren't big into playing, but they like to be outside."

Looker said the class is helpful for dogs "because they're not just sitting at home, they're being stimulated."

According to staff members, part of the resort aspect comes with transparency, it's not one of those facilities where owner can't see where their pet goes. Staff is more than willing to give owners a tour of the facility anytime during their normal hours.

FOR THOSE who want to give their pet some stimulation, but can't bring the pets to a resort, pet sitting is a common trend in the area. Several big agencies serve the Northern Virginia area, and they offer pet care that can be done while the owners are at work during the week or even on vacation.

"A large amount of our customers are away at work during the day, but the pet still needs to be walked," said Mike Lausten, general manager of Business Ventures, which owns the Virginia Pet Sitting Group, based in Great Falls.

Owners will call the group, who will set up an interview between the dog-walker and client. With so many issues arising from the walker being able to get into the owner's house, the larger pet-sitting companies are better able to deal with them.

"It's definitely a trust issue, basically the pet owner is giving us the access to their house while they're at work, or on vacation," Lausten said. "We have an extensive process that includes background checks, to vet our sitters, and that's something you might not get with the kid down the block."

Any type of pet can be cared for. Lausten said that his company most often deals with dogs and cats, but birds, lizards and even snakes also need care while the owner is away.

THE SITTERS do the job because they love animals, and it's a way to be around them as much as possible.

"I love dogs, and I also like to be outside a lot, so this is a great job because it's a combination of that," said Candy Mallon who walks dogs herself as well as supervises a network of dog walkers. "I've gotten pretty close with a lot of clients, my family always laughs because I have photos of other people's pets on my phone."

Mallon said she enjoys the connection that she has made with her clients through the simple act of caring for their pets.

"Most of my clients are very committed to their pets, but they just can't be home all the time," Mallon said. "Convenience is the big thing, there's no drop-off and pick-up."

Geoff Wilson, one of Mallon's clients, always walked his 180-pound Saint Bernard, until back surgery last year left him unable to do so.

"My doctor forbid me from walking the dog, so I got in contact with a dog-walker," he said. "She still walks our dog. At the end of the day, it's about doing what's right as a pet owner, and it was very important for us to get our dog exercise, and I can't tell you how happy we've been with the experience."

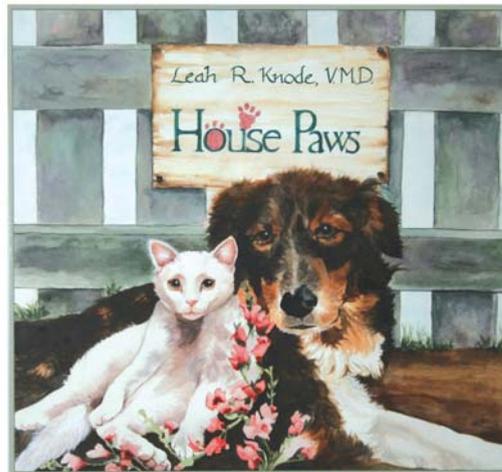
Lausten said his business caters to the dedicated pet owner who also has to deal with the reality of keeping a job.

"There are a lot of benefits to having a pet-sitter. It's usually less money than a kennel, and it's much less stress for the pet, they're in their own environment, and there's no transport," Lausten said. "The common thread in our clients is that they

all love their pets, they think of them as members of the family and they want them taken care of."

"There are a lot of benefits to having a pet-sitter."

— Mike Lausten



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Capacity: 42 dogs
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Photo by Chloe Mulliner/The Connection

Olivia Wagner and her dogs Zena and Zoey spend time at the South Run dog park.



Dogs are free to run around and play at the fenced-in South Run dog park.



Ari Alvarez of Alexandria brought her 5-months-old Presley the Pug, right, to the Herndon Dog Park on a puppy date.

D GRIST MILL
4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy, Alexandria
Established: April 2006
Capacity: 64 dogs
Special Features: Interior space is one acre of bluestone dust surface. Clean and dry.
Sponsor: Mt. Vernon Dog Opportunity Group

E QUINN FARM
15150 Old Lee Rd., Chantilly
Established: March 2006
Capacity: 90 dogs (80 large/10 small)
Special Features: Separate area for small dogs (under 25 lbs.)
Sponsor: CentrevilleDogs

F MASON DISTRICT
Intersection of Alpine Drive and Pinecrest Parkway, Annandale
Established: June 2002
Capacity: 62 dogs
Sponsor: Mason District Dog Opportunity Group

G SOUTH RUN
7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield
Established: December 2001
Capacity: 85 dogs
Sponsor: Lorton Dogs, Inc.



Photos by Deb Cobb/The Connection

Kathy Hale, a Herndon resident, is pictured at the Herndon Dog Park with two of her dogs — and the pug Presley hoping for a treat — her 9-year-old black border collie mix Rosie, far right, and her 5-year-old beagle/pug mix, Carly.

H TOWN OF VIENNA VIENNA DOG PARK
700 Courthouse Road
www.viennadogs.org

This new off-leash dog park is situated in Moorefield Park. The fenced 90 x 150 area is shaded with on-site water. Owners and dogs must follow posted rules and regulations. Dogs must be licensed by the Town of Vienna or Fairfax County. The park is open from dawn to dusk. Please respect others by following the posted rules and picking up after your dog. To find out more about the Vienna Dog Park. Open: Daylight to Dusk.

Fairfax County Park Authority has always welcomed leashed dogs in all of its parks. Now, well-mannered canines can enjoy a good run or a friendly romp in one of 8 dog parks - fenced areas where unleashed dogs can have free play. Additional off-leash dog areas are in the planning stage. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-offleash.htm> for more.

All of the dog parks are public/private partnerships, developed in cooperation with sponsoring organizations of pet owners. The sponsors are the agency's liaison between users and local residents, Animal Control and the Police Department. They monitor and clean up the facilities, publicize dog park rules and regulations, and report maintenance needs to the Park Authority.

The hours of operation of all off-leash dog areas are dawn to dusk, unless posted otherwise.

All dogs four months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are good for one year and must be purchased by January 31st.

1. The off-leash dog area is for dogs, their handlers and those accompanying them. No other use is allowed.
2. All dogs must be legally licensed and vaccinated, and shall wear a visible dog license.
3. Dogs under 4 months of age and female dogs in heat are prohibited.
4. Dogs must be on leash when entering and exiting the off-leash dog area.
5. Dogs must be under the control of their handler and in view of their handler at all times.
6. Spiked collars are prohibited.
7. Children 8 years and under are not allowed in the off-leash dog area; children ages 9 - 15 years must be accompanied by an adult.
8. Handlers must be 16 years of age or older.
9. Handlers must have possession of the dog leash at all times.
10. Handler is limited to a maximum of two dogs.
11. Handlers must "scoop the poop" and fill any holes dug by dogs under their control.
12. Food and drinks in glass containers are prohibited; training treats are allowed.
13. Dogs must be removed from the off-leash dog area at the first sign of aggression.
14. No animals other than dogs shall be permitted in the area.
15. Handlers are responsible for any injuries caused by the dog(s) under their control.
16. Users of the facility do so at their own risk. Neither Fairfax County nor the Fairfax County Park Authority shall be liable for any injury or damage caused by any dog in the off-leash area.

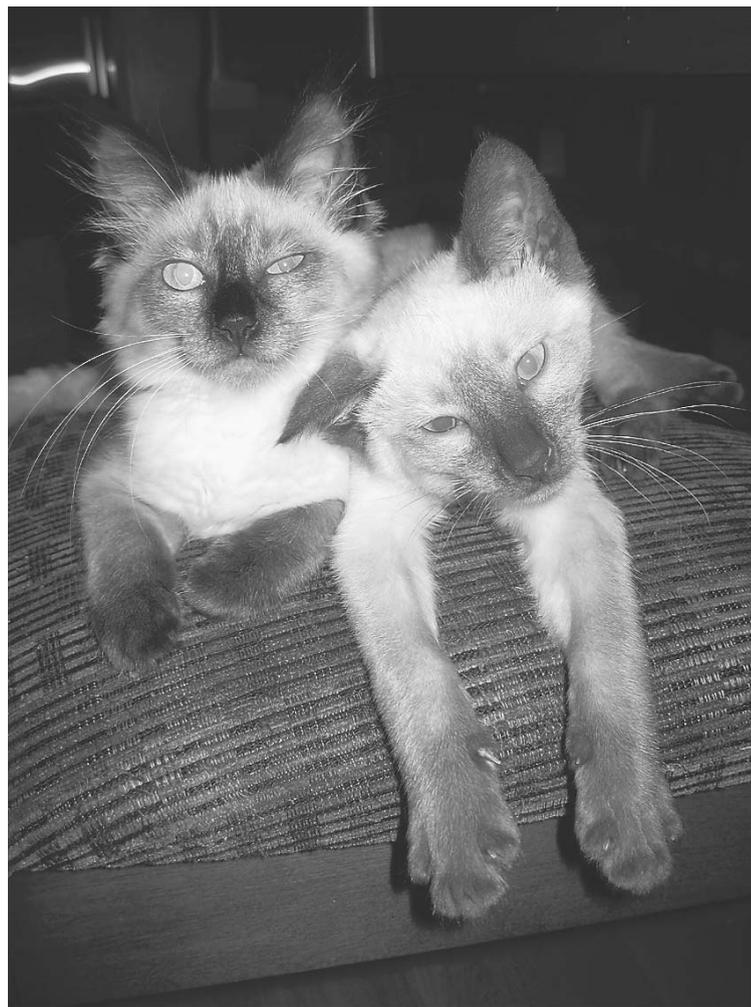




PET CONNECTION

Siamese Kittens

Wendy Reinsel of McLean sent this photo of her two Siamese kittens.



Animal Shelter In Search of Love

FROM PAGE 4

"Right now, we have over 80 active rescue partners," Diviney said. "Our Friends group does what a private sector group can do to support our mission."

Diviney emphasized the importance of spaying and neutering pets to prevent unwanted litters. Six million to 7 million unwanted pets pass through the country's shelters. The Humane Society of the United States estimates that 3 million to 4 million of those animals will be euthanized.

AT THE FAIRFAX SHELTER, a dog deemed dangerous by the courts may receive a death sentence, but for non-aggressive, treatable, adoptable animals, the shelter uses all its resources to save the animals' lives.

"Animals give us unconditional love, and inspire us to be better human beings in order to return that love and care for them," said Stewart. "They bring a never-ending source of pleasure and joy into your life."

Although senior pets are more of a challenge to place than younger ones, Stewart hailed the attributes of senior pets, noting that for senior humans, older pets — particularly cats — do have some advantages over younger friskier ones. They are more relaxed and calmer around humans and are more gentle and affectionate.

Some senior residence facilities understand the therapeutic nature of pets. Frequently, the senior living facility has house pets that were adopted and encourages pet visits from volunteers, even in skilled nursing units where seniors cannot take care of themselves, let alone an animal.

Sunrise Senior Living sees pets as important in the life of many seniors, said Paul Kelley, Northern Virginia regional director of Operations for Sunrise.

Sunrise permits residents in independent living facilities to bring their pets to live with them.

"Sunrise works with each resident on a highly individual basis regarding their pets," said Kelley. "We understand that, for some

residents, caring for a pet is part of their daily lives."

"And if the resident can no longer care for the pet, we explore innovative ways to keep the resident and pet together. Some of those approaches include adopting the resident's pet as a community pet or gaining additional pet-care support from families or volunteers," Kelley said. "A lot of people think animals are something you buy and can dispose of when you grow tired of it, like shoes or a coat. They're living creatures, not commodities. They shouldn't be classified as property or an item rather than as a living being."

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is located at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax. Phone: 703-830-1100. The shelter is open to the public Tuesday-Friday, 12-7 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

To learn more about adopting a pet or to volunteer at the shelter, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animal/>.

To join the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter or to contribute, see <http://www.fccas.org/>

Join us at the McLean Pet Expo!

Save the date!
Saturday, October 16
11am. - 5 pm.
Lewinsville Park
1659 Chain Bridge Rd.
McLean, VA. 22101
Free Admission!



This event will be lots of fun for the entire family:

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Parade participants report to the starting line at 3 pm.
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Prizes for Best Costumes!



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703-790-0123; TTY: 711
www.mcleancenter.org/special-events

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Lewinsville Park,
1659 Chain Bridge Rd.
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A limited number of exhibitor spaces are still available for this outdoor event targeted to upscale pet owners who want the best of everything for their special family members.

We anticipate a large crowd and will advertise the event extensively in the local media, including display ads in *The Washington Post*. We've moved to a new venue to allow for more patrons based on ever-increasing interest in the event.

Download the Pet Expo Exhibitor Application at: www.mcleancenter.org, click on the "Special Events" tab and then, "Exhibitor Applications." Applications must be received no later than **Saturday, Sept. 25.**



The McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101
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www.mcleancenter.org/special-events

 **PET CONNECTION**

Zara and Bijou, shown here in January 2001, are at their McLean home. Zara is 23 now and lives in California.



SKETCH BY CAROL RUTH AXELROD

Zara and Bijou: The Dali Period

BY CAROL RUTH AXELROD

When my daughter Zara and Bijou, our pug, were young, I would find them in the funniest positions. However, when I tried to take a picture, the camera's clicking startled Bijou. She'd cock her head and stare. My pictures took on a look of sameness, with Bijou, invariably looking startled.

I recalled that as a teen, I took a sketchbook with me everywhere. It occurred to me that calling on my old skills might be the only way to

capture those funny positions as it didn't involve any clicking.

Those were busy days, but even when slumbering, they might suddenly shift position: so I had to work fast if at all. Just hurry and get it down before we had to go to a doctor's appointment or music lesson, or before one of them moved. As a teen, I seemed to have all the time in the world to draw, but I had to admit that having to work fast improved my skills.

This drawing is from their "Dali Period" —melting as if boneless over the couch cushions, like Dali's dripping timepieces — always blissfully entwined.

Political Pets

Dranesville School Board member Jane Strauss sits at a computer with her cat Rezzie.



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Providence District School Board member Patty Reed poses with her dog Abigail.

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SPORTS

SWIM REPORT

The Trump National swim team finished third overall at last Saturday's Relay Carnival at the Country Club of Fairfax, but it set three new Dominion Country Club League (DCCL) records.

The first league record was set by the first place 9-10 girls' 200-medley relay team of Corinne Bates, Elizabeth Ellinger, Erica Barton and Sophia Divone, with a time of 2:25.59. The second record was set by the 13-14 girls' 200-relay. The foursome of Annika Kollevoll, Mary Bishop, Caitlin Rose and Courtney Cantrick broke a 28 year record with a time of 2:16.87. And the third record was broken by the 13-14, 200-freestyle team of Maggie Natal, Annika Kollevoll, Caitlin Rose and Courtney Cantrick with a time of 2:04.01.

The 5-0 RiverBend Stingrays are the new Dominion Country Club League (DCCL) champions after defeating Trump National, 283-233, on Saturday, July 24. Will Koeppen, Micaela Grassi and Jessica Hawken each won four first place ribbons. Ryan Windus won three events. Christopher Blankingship and Max Trautwein were double winners. Other first place winners included: Carter Bennett, Kelsey Campbell, Anna Phillips, Jack Hall, Anna Takis, Jake Trautwein, Julian Villacorta and Maya Valcourt. In addition, the girls mixed age 9-18, 200-free relay team of Kelsey Campbell, Micaela Grassi, Anna Phillips and Jessica Hawken broke a pool record, lowering the mark to 2:10.69.

In another recent meet, the Stingrays continued their winning streak with a decisive victory over Evergreen Country Club, 435-81. Ryan Windus, Jack Hall and Jessica Hawken each won four events (freestyle, breaststroke, fly and IM) for River Bend, as did Colin O'Connor (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and fly). Anna Phillips, Carter Bennett, Micaela Grassi, Kelsey Campbell and Anna Takis were triple winners. Other first place winners were: Charlotte Bell, Lauren Bell, Connor Smith, Allison Franke, Allan Spiegel, Maggie Duff, Chloe Bennett, Will Ferrer, Julian Villacorta, Sabrina Slavin, Grant Youngkin and Conor Wesolowski. Special mention goes to Caroline Maruca, age 12 of Great Falls, who swam up in three events - the 15-18, 50-backstroke; 13-14, 50-breaststroke; and 15-18, 50-fly, winning two silvers and one bronze.

The Highlands Whomping Turtles trounced Vienna Woods 276 to 126, in their final Division 2 swim meet last Saturday. Double winners for Highlands were: Ben



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Age 13-14 girls' relay record holders, from left, Maggie Natal, Caitlin Rose, Annika Kollevoll, Mary Bishop and Courtney Cantrick, each of whom is a resident of McLean or Great Falls.

Charles, Patrick Dolan, Colton Heuple, Chuck Katis, Jayme Katis, Zach Tripodi and Helen Yablonski. A new NVSL record was set in the boys' 15-18, 200-medley relay by the Whomping Turtles' foursome of Charlie Putnam, Chuck Katis, Chris Barnard and Stephen Richards, with a time of 1:50.62. A new Highlands team record was set in the girls 13-14, 50-breaststroke by Claire Collins with a time of 37.53. At the recent All Star Relay Carnival, a new Highlands team record was also set by the girls' 8-under medley team of Catherine Kiyonaga, Chiara Tartaglino, Teresa Dolan and Amanda Moore.

The Highlands' dive team defeated host Ravensworth, 44 to 28. Maggie McDonough won freshman girls, with Carolyn Brown-Kaiser placing third. Evelyn Gray and Bobby Trono won the junior competitions, with Olivia Pope finishing third. In intermediate girls, Lizzy Brown-Kaiser and Sammy McAlonan placed second and third. Stephen Clark won intermediate boys, besting his own team record, and Johnny Bowman finished third. Ian Clark won senior boys and the Highlands swept in senior girls, with Cameron Hancock, Abby Neuberger, and Lauren Tangney finishing first, second and third. Highlands was scheduled to finish up its regular season at Dunn Loring on Tuesday, July 27. It will host the Div. 3 Championships on Sunday, Aug. 1.

The Great Falls Rapids (4-1) finished their season in Division 11 with an exciting win over the Long Branch Dolphins (3-2) by a score of 217-185. Double winners included James Cutler, Mary Liz Elliott, Annie Kemmerer, Will Kemmerer, Ana Mulligan, Annie Thomas and Max Wingo. Single winners included Julia Bullock, Jason Guidi, Kendall Heebink, Grace Hetherington, Elizabeth Longosz, Jaimie Mulligan and John Mulligan. The Rapids are looking for numerous individual great swims at the Saturday, July 31 Divisional Meet at Springboard.

The Langley Wildthings beat the South Run Seahawks in another close meet to finish the season with a 3-2 record in Division 5. The final score was 205-197, with the outcome hanging in the balance until the last relays. Six races were decided by less than one-tenth of a second. The Wildthings broke three more records. Double event winners against South Run included Derek Proxmire, Elena Shklyar, Schuyler Bailar and Meghan Overend. Single event winners included Chris Dillard, Maggie Bellaschi, Zach Thompson, Nathan Johnson, Alexandra Cramer, Jinwon Bailar and Jack Reilly. Team records were broken by Elena Shklyar (9-10 back, 38.03); Nathan Johnson (11-12 back, 32.58); and the 13-14 girls relay team (Katie Robinson, Schuyler Bailar, Sarah Horan, Alexandra Cramer - 1:02.94).

At All Star Relays earlier in the week, five relay teams broke records: the 9-10 girls 100 free (1:04.82); 13-14 girls 200 free (2:02.73); girls mixed age (2:02.89); boys 11-12, 100 free (58.03); and boys 11-12, 100 medley (1:02.33). Nathan Johnson also broke the 11-12, 100-IM record (1:16.64).

The rain and chill couldn't stop the McLean Marlins as they defeated Vienna Woods, 226-176, in a recent summer swim meet. Double winners for the Marlins were: Erin Barth, Christopher Murphy, Caitlin Nguyen, Isabella Rongione, Andrew Seliskar, Stephen Seliskar, Will Soobert and Madalyn Ulrich. Single event winners for the Marlins were Henry Brooks, Thomas Brooks, Akshay Krishnan, Hannah McCarron, Danny Mittel, Justin Nguyen, Megan Murphy and Libby Ulrich. Andrew Seliskar set a new team record in the 13-14, 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 33.90. Earlier in the week Isabella Rongione set new records in the 10-and-under 100-meter IM with a time of 1:17.42, and in the 9-10, 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 41.75.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MCLEAN TEAM

The McLean girls' softball All-Stars not only made it all the way to the Virginia state finals, but they received rave reviews for their sportsmanship.

McLean 10-11 Girls Reach State Finals

Local softballers settle for second in state.

The McLean girls softball team (10-11-year olds) reached the finals of the Virginia State Little League tournament in Yorktown.

McLean qualified for states by capturing its District 4 tournament with a pair of shutout wins over Great Falls, 15-0 and 10-0. Then, at states, the locals put together a string of four consecutive wins over Green Run, 10-5; Honaker, 15-0; Tuckahoe, 11-2; and Essex, 13-3.

The semifinals win over Essex advanced McLean to the title game where it lost to Grayson, 7-1, to finish second overall.

In the win over Essex, McLean used four pitchers — Sabrina Sanchez, Victoria Bergeron, Lucy Mulligan and Mariah Zwirb. The foursome combined for six strikeouts and just two hits allowed. At the plate, Victoria Bergeron led McLean with three hits, while Allie Clarke and Lucy Mulligan both had two hits. Also getting hits in the win were Sabrina Sanchez and Samantha Stacey.

In the championship game against Grayson, McLean starting pitcher Mulligan threw the first two innings, allowing just one run and two hits.

McLean, trailing 1-0, scored a run in the top of the third inning to tie the game. Anna Harris and Zwirb started the inning off with base hits before advancing to

second and third on a sacrifice bunt by Clarke. Harris eventually scored on a wild pitch.

Grayson, however, scored three runs apiece in both the bottom of the third and fourth innings to go ahead 7-1.

Sanchez opened the fourth inning for McLean with a double but was stranded. In the top of the fifth, Samantha Stacey and Lia Kapani reached base for McLean, but the Grayson team made all the fielding plays to get out of the inning unscathed.

For the tournament, Grace Chambers led McLean with eight hits, while Victoria Bergeron added six more. Zwirb and Anna Harris each had three hits and Samantha Stacey had two. Allie Clark, Amanda Glasenapp, Erin Stuver, Lia Kapani and Ellie Frank made outstanding defensive plays. On the mound, Sanchez and Mulligan combined to pitch 22 strong innings. Erin Stuver, Bergeron and Zwirb all pitched well over the other three innings.

The McLean team was under manager Gerry Megas, who was supported by assistant coaches Bill Goodman, Mike Chambers, Liz Milloy, John Mulligan and John Stacey. Rose Sanchez was the Team Mom and was the MVP (most valuable person) for the team.

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2102 WICOMICO ST	4	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$686,000	Detached	0.20		POWHATAN HILLS
7301 GORDONS RD	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$685,000	Detached	0.54		FALLS HILL
6522 HITT AVE	4	3	0	MCLEAN		\$674,000	Detached	0.27		PIMMIT PARK
2417 CLAREMONT DR	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$657,000	Detached	0.25		FALLS HILL
2107 POWHATAN ST	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$625,000	Detached	0.59		CRIMMINS
1826 BIRCH RD	4	2	0	MC LEAN		\$620,000	Detached	0.30		GRASS RIDGE
6537 FAIRLAWN DR	4	3	0	MC LEAN		\$595,000	Detached	0.24		EL NIDO ESTATES
1134 PINE HILL RD	4	3	1	MC LEAN		\$590,000	Townhouse	0.04		KINGS MANOR TOWNE HOUSES
6684 MIDHILL PL	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH		\$580,000	Townhouse	0.04		WESTMORELAND SQUARE
6606 ROSECROFT PL	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$580,000	Townhouse	0.07		WESTMORELAND SQUARE
1915 HILLSIDE DR	4	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$577,000	Detached	0.25		PIMMIT HILLS
2150 KINGS GARDEN WAY	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$570,000	Townhouse	0.04		DOMINION
2537 HILLSMAN ST	4	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$565,000	Detached	0.26		POMPONIOS KINGWOOD PARK
2027 MAGARITY CT	4	4	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$565,000	Townhouse	0.05		MAGARITY MEWS
1839 WESTMORELAND ST	5	2	0	MCLEAN		\$560,000	Detached	0.27		KENT GARDENS
6703 KIRKLEY AVE	3	2	0	MC LEAN		\$555,000	Detached	0.25		KENT GARDENS
2122 KINGS GARDEN WAY	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$554,000	Townhouse	0.05		DOMINION
7817 ROSWELL DR	4	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$550,000	Detached	0.33		OMPONIOS KINGWOOD PARK
6804 LEMON RD	4	3	0	MC LEAN		\$550,000	Detached	0.25		DEVON PARK
2231 CAPRI CT	3	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$545,000	Detached	0.26		CHURCHILL
7007 DUNNINGHAM PL	3	2	2	MCLEAN		\$545,000	Townhouse			DUNNINGHAM SOUTH
1528 WESTMORELAND ST	3	2	1	MCLEAN		\$540,000	Townhouse	0.04		STONELEIGH
2211 WESTMORELAND ST	4	2	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$507,500	Detached	0.25		CHURCHILL
7027E HAYCOCK RD #505	2	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$505,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			GATES OF WESTFALLS
7315 ROCKFORD DR	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$499,000	Townhouse	0.03		CHURCHILL SQUARE
7417 CHUMMLEY CT	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$485,000	Townhouse	0.03		CHURCHILL SQUARE
2276 CARTBRIDGE RD	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$475,000	Townhouse	0.03		IDYLWOOD STATION
6826 DEER SPRING CT	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH		\$470,000	Townhouse	0.03		MONTIVIDEO SQUARE
7334 ROCKFORD DR	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$470,000	Townhouse	0.03		CHURCHILL SQUARE
2121 HUTCHISON GROVE CT	4	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$470,000	Townhouse	0.03		MARSHALL HEIGHTS
6822 DEER SPRING CT	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH		\$465,000	Townhouse	0.03		MONTIVIDEO SQUARE
7729 TREVINO LN	3	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$384,000	Townhouse	0.03		PINEWOOD GREENS
7054 FALLS REACH DR #7054	2	2	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$380,000	Townhouse			VILLAGE THE
7078 FALLS REACH DR #301	2	2	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$370,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			VILLAGE THE
7804 SNEAD LN	3	3	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$369,000	Townhouse	0.04		PINEWOOD GREENS
1800 OLD MEADOW RD #219	2	2	0	MCLEAN		\$363,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			REGENCY AT MCLEAN
8220 CRESTWOOD HEIGHTS DR#1306	1	1	0	MCLEAN		\$352,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			PARK CREST
7800 OAK ST	5	3	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$340,000	Detached	0.74		OTHER
7421 BETHUNE ST	3	1	1	FALLS CHURCH		\$330,000	Detached	0.23		PIMMIT HILLS
8340 GREENSBORO DR #424	2	1	1	MCLEAN		\$320,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
2797 MIDDLECOFF PL	3	2	2	FALLS CHURCH		\$305,000	Townhouse	0.03		PINEWOOD GREENS
1525 LINCOLN WAY #203A	2	2	0	MCLEAN		\$290,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR#519	3	2	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$270,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			RENAISSANCE 2230
1808 OLD MEADOW RD#1007	2	1	0	MC LEAN		\$245,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ENCORE OF MCLEAN
1532 LINCOLN WAY #301	1	1	0	MCLEAN		\$238,290	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
8380 GREENSBORO DR #616	1	1	0	MCLEAN		\$235,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ROTONDA
7651 TREMAYNE PL #207	2	1	0	MCLEAN		\$232,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE COLONIES
1530 LINCOLN WAY #104	1	1	0	MCLEAN		\$230,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOUNTAINS AT MCLEAN
2230 GEORGE C MARSHALL DR#625	1	1	0	FALLS CHURCH		\$220,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			RENAISSANCE 2230
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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
IMPROVED REAL ESTATE**

Improved by the premises known as
2993 Oakleigh Lane, Oakton, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Madhav P. Ghimire and Rima U. Ghimire, dated June 27, 2007, and recorded June 28, 2007, in Deed Book 19423 at page 518 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 25, Oakleigh, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5793 at page 1627, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2993 Oakleigh Lane, Oakton, Virginia 22124.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
IMPROVED REAL ESTATE**

Improved by the premises known as
814 Leigh Mill Road, Great Falls, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Fahraneh S. Sohrabian, also known as Farzaneh S. Hashemi and Shawn Sohrabian, dated February 23, 2006, and recorded March 1, 2006, in Deed Book 18249 at page 934 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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Tax Map No. 013-1-01-0085

Commonly known as 814 Leigh Mill Road, Great Falls, Virginia 22066.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$300,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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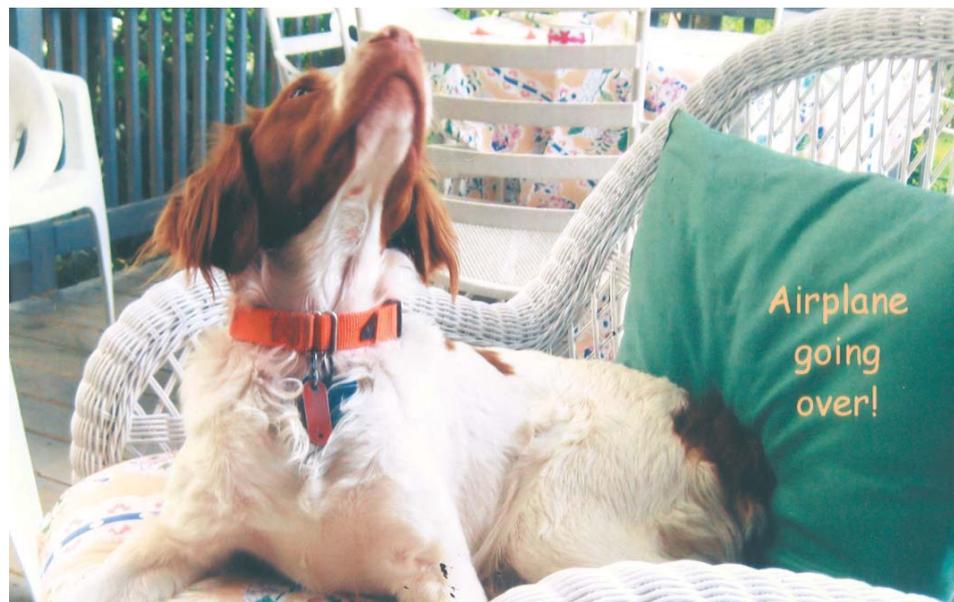
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A Plane Over McLean
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Meeting Buddy
 Vickie Trunnell of McLean sent a photo of her son Mason Trunnell with her sister's collie — a great introduction to Buddy the dog. In this photo, Mason is about 6-months old. He's now a rising eighth grader at Cooper Middle School.

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