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Harrison Tellam, 6, tries to make a shot while his brother Douglas, 11, watches at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association.

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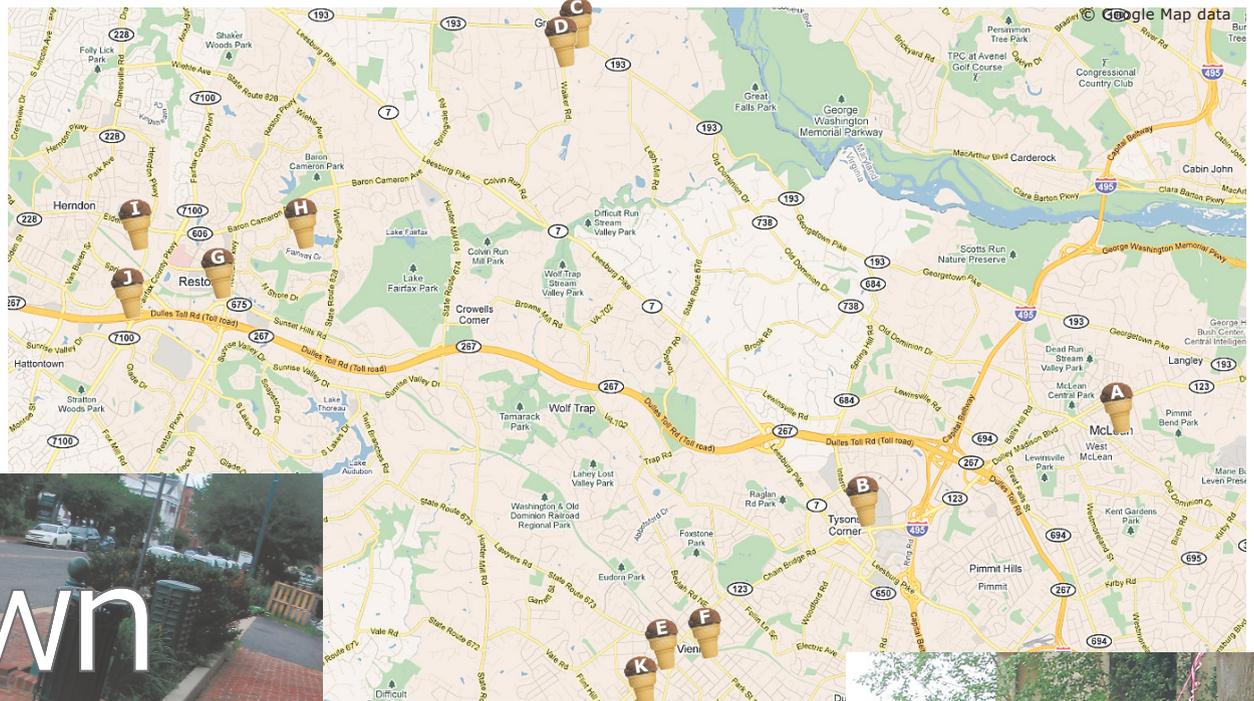
Summer Sweets

Nothing says summer more than a big, delicious scoop of ice cream. Yet our local stores can offer residents with a sweet tooth a whole lot more. Instead of ice cream, what not try frozen custard? There are more than a few local shops that specialize in cupcakes. Here is a list of local favorite dessert spots.

By Julia O'Donoghue
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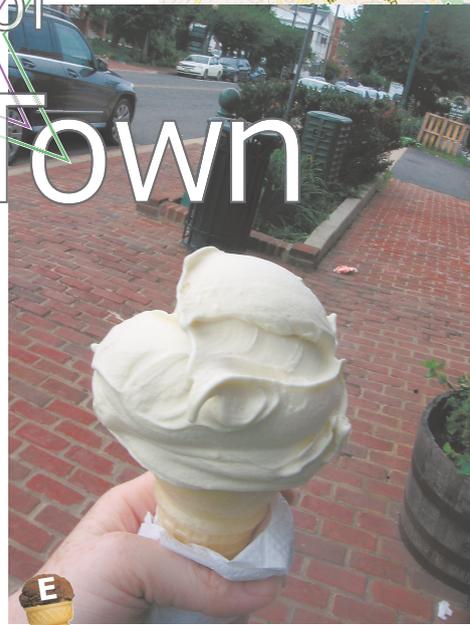


Summer Fun guide to desserts, ice cream and cake.



FLUFFY THOUGHTS CAKE

A little over a year old, this bakery offers cupcakes, macarons, truffles, brownies and other daily specials from its tucked-away office storefront. Owner Lara Stuckey previously worked at Cakelove. Stuckey rotates the cake flavors on a daily basis. Some of the "crowd favorites" include a white cake filled with passionfruit curd and blackberry buttercream and a pistachio cake brushed with a rose water syrup and filled with rose water buttercream and pistachio meringues.
1320 Old Chain Bridge Rd. McLean Va.
703-942-5538; <http://www.fluffythoughts.com/>



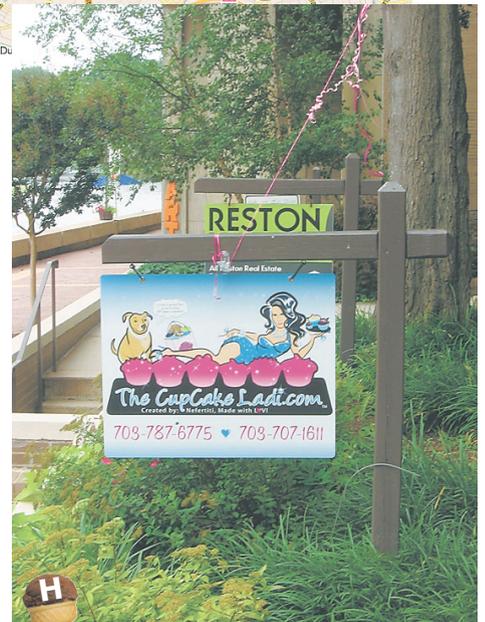
NIELSEN'S FROZEN CUSTARD

Nielsen's Frozen Custard recipe includes both rich dairy cream and eggs and should be compared to "super premium" ice cream, according to this shop's website. The atmosphere at Nielsen's is one of a traditional ice cream parlor, with wood-paneled walls and furniture. Though the store only features two flavors, vanilla and chocolate, it is possible to order a "concrete" where staff will mix toppings like blueberries, brownie bits, oreo and peanut butter directly into the custard.
144 Church St. NW Vienna, Va.
703-255-5553; <http://www.thecustardstore.com/>



LE GRAND APPETIT

This small cafe has been family owned and operated since 1982. Their homemade desserts include carrot cake, cheese cake and chocolate cake. Patrons can also buy truffles or baklava. Soft serve ice cream, homemade scooped ice cream and sorbets are also offered.
9853 Georgetown Pike Great Falls, Va.
703-759-4450; <http://www.legrandappetit.com/>



THE CUPCAKE LADI

All of the cupcakes available at this Lake Anne storefront are made from scratch with organic ingredients. Special dietary restrictions — like gluten free cupcakes — can be purchased at this store. The owner's signature item is the Key Lime pie cupcake. Other cake flavors include vanilla bean chocolate fudge twirl, malted milk chocolate and lemon zinger strawberry cheesecake. The store also sells organic gelato. If a customer buys a Jaimie's Jimmi Jambo-ree cupcake, a portion of the proceeds go to the French Bulldog Rescue Network.
11412 W. Washington Plaza Reston Va.
703-787-6775; <http://www.thecupcakeladi.com/>

DANIELLE'S DESSERTS

Owner Danielle Poux serves everything from Sweet Potato and German Chocolate cakes to oatmeal raisin cookies and fudge brownies at her cafe located in the Tysons Galleria. A variety of cupcakes and pies are also available. According to the shop's website, the owner hopes to expand the menu to include gluten-free and sugar-free options this year. Patrons can buy pies and cakes whole or by the slice while in the store.
1770 International Dr. McLean, Va.
703-442-4096; <http://www.daniellesdesserts.com/>



MILWAUKEE FROZEN CUSTARD

"Custard is not pudding, yogurt nor ice cream, which it resembles, but something like heaven in your mouth," writes Al Casey, owner of Milwaukee Frozen Custard, on his website. When he moved to Northern Virginia, Casey found his new home lacking in frozen treats that satisfied him as much as the custard. According to the website, Milwaukee Frozen Custard uses premium cream direct from Wisconsin and egg yolk.
300 Elden St. Herndon, Va.
703-467-0900; <http://www.milwaukeefrozencustard.com/>

KATIE'S COFFEE HOUSE

This coffee house is attached to The Old Brogue, a popular Irish bar and restaurant. Katie's feature illy coffee, teas and other drinks. The shop also sells baked goods. Katie's does serve afternoon tea for \$19.95 per person Monday through Friday if advanced reservations are made.
760 Walker Road Great Falls, Va.
703-759-2759; <http://www.oldbrogue.com/>

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A few years ago, owners Alan Furman and Robyn Hanna found that their two flagship candy products — Robyn's English Toffee and Alan's Secret Recipe Fudge — were hot sellers at Dean and DeLuca in Georgetown. So, they decided open their own retail store in Reston Town Center. This retail outlet not only features cupcakes but over a dozen different kinds of fudge. The couple also sells gourmet truffles, according to their website. Red velvet, Butterscotch Baby, Chocolate Madness and Chocolate Oreo Lovers are some of the most popular cupcake flavors offered.
11917 Freedom Dr. Reston Va.
703-709-8200; <http://www.ediblesincredible.com/>

AMPHORA BAKERY

An expansion of the Greek diner, Amphora Bakery creates all the cakes and pastries that are featured in the local restaurants. The store features 20 pastry chefs, decorators and bread makers. Pies available include lemon meringue, pecan, coconut cream, cherry and banana cream. There are also several cupcake flavors offered in addition to baklava, cream cheese swirl brownies, lemon squares, chocolate peanut butter squares and rugelach.
294 Sunset Park Dr. Herndon, Va.
403 Maple Ave. W Vienna, Va.
Herndon: 703-964-0500; Vienna: 703-281-5631; <http://www.amphorabakery.com>

SUMMER FUN

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Douglas Tellam, 11, tries to perform a slam dunk while at the pool at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association.



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Staying Cool, Keeping Busy This Summer

McLean offers indoor and outdoor festivities this summer.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Douglas Tellam, 11, has a surefire recipe for having fun during the summer. “The pool is the best place to be,” he said. “It’s the place to escape the heat and have fun with your friends.”

Tellam says he can be found at the McLean Swim and Tennis Association most days, swimming, diving and playing basketball with the hoop next to the pool and any ball he and his friends can get their hands on.

“Basketball is the best thing to do at the pool, by far,” said Tellam’s friend Taz Ridgely, 13. The two plan to perfect the art of the alley-oop, where one of them sits in the pool and throws the ball to the other as he jumps from the edge of the pool, catches the ball and dunks it before hitting the water.

Spending time at the pool is just one way McLean residents stay cool during the summer. If air condi-

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This year’s annual Fourth of July Celebration will take place at Langley High School’s football stadium, featuring live music, activities, food and fireworks. The field opens at 6 p.m.

Summer Fun in McLean

July 3: Summer Concerts in the Park presents Furnace Mountain, McLean Central Park, 5 p.m. Lively and raucous, with spirited fiddle melodies weaving in and around the powerful rhythms of the bass and bouzouki.

July 10: Summer Concerts in the Park presents The USA Canteen, McLean Central Park, 5 p.m. A nine- to 17-piece big band with vocalists will deliver favorites from the swing era, while swing dancers entertain and encourage the crowd to join in.

July 15: Classical Theatre Festival, Madeira School, 8328 Georgetown Pike, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. The Traveling Players Ensemble will present three classic plays as part of its summer theatre camp. More information can be found at www.travelingplayers.org.

July 16-17: An 18th Century Summer Market Fair at Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6130 Georgetown Pike, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Purveyors of fine food and drink, proprietors of fine wares and goods, merchants and artisans as well as children’s games and activities. Visit www.1771.org for more information.

July 17: Summer Concerts in the Park presents The Natty Beaux, McLean Central Park, 5 p.m. A swinging jump blues and rockabilly act featuring music from Louis Prima, Ray Charles, Elvis Presley, Bobby Darin, Gene Vincent, Nat King Cole and more.

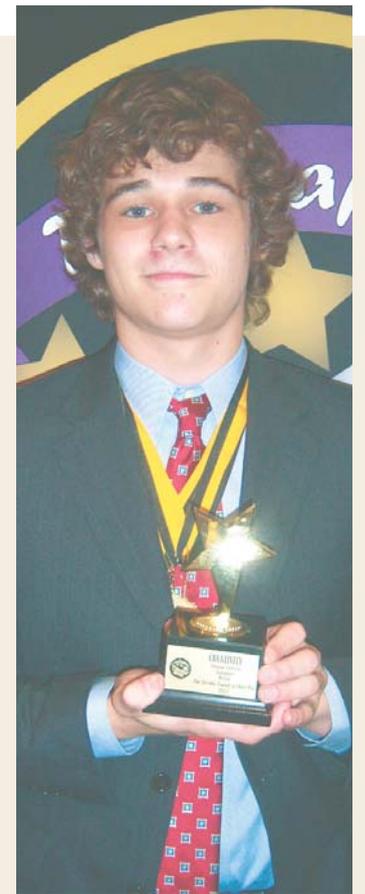
July 18: An Evening with new George Mason basketball coach Paul Hewitt, Maggiano’s, 2100 International Drive, 6 to 8 p.m. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce will welcome Hewitt to the Northern Virginia Area. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. Visit www.fairfaxchamber.org.

July 24: Summer Concerts in the Park presents Zoso: The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience, McLean Central Park, 5 p.m. Since 1995, Zoso was formed to create the most accurate and mesmerizing portrayal of “the biggest band of the 1970s,” Led Zeppelin.

July 31: Summer Concerts in the Park presents The Reagan Years, McLean Central Park, 5 p.m. A band of seasoned musicians recreates the 1980s, when Ronald Reagan was president, acid washed jeans were cool, and alternative music was called “New Wave.”



Rising Critic — Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf, Langley High School.



Creativity — Damian Leverett, Composer, McLean High School, ‘The Terrible Tragedy of Peter Pan.’

Langley, McLean Both Win Cappie Awards

Lots of starry statuettes were presented Sunday night, June 12, at the 12th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. But in the end, it was Westfield High’s party.

Nominated for 21 awards for “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” the school walked off with a whopping 10 trophies – including the one for Best Musical. Stone Bridge High won the Best Play award.

Langley and McLean high schools each won one trophy. Freshman Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf took home the Rising-Critic Cappie for Langley.

“I’m just glad we can be recognized for our writing,” she said. “I’m glad the Cappies pro-

gram recognizes its critics. This is my first year, and I enjoyed it so much. I can’t wait to do it for three more years.”

Sophomore Damian Leverett captured the Creativity honor for McLean’s production of “The Terrible Tragedy of Peter Pan.” His award was for composing the score to the show.

“It took about a month and I kept having to make changes to it, up to the last minute, when we lost some instruments from the orchestra,” he said. “I got a lot of guidance from my friends and the director to help me understand the emotions of everything going on onstage. It’s such an honor to win this award and I’m thrilled about it.”

—BONNIE HOBBS

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— Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf, Langley High



Longfellow Middle School seventh grader Zoe Moore dances during the talent show at the school's 50th anniversary celebration Sunday, June 12.



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From left, Longfellow alum Robb Spewak tries to solve a Rubix cube faster than eighth grader Andrew Wendt. Spewak, current producer for the Mike O'Meara Show podcast and past producer of the Don and Mike Show on the radio, served as the host for the talent show during Longfellow's 50th anniversary celebration. Wendt not only beat Spewak, but he went on to solve the cube again in 27 seconds, as counted out by the audience.

Longfellow Looks Back on 50 Years

Middle school celebrates anniversary with past administrators, faculty, staff and students.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As Longfellow Middle School wraps up its 50th school year, past administrators, faculty and students gathered with current students at the school Sunday for the school's Long Fest celebration. Current Principal Carole Kihm said it was a testament to the school's illustrious history that so many Lancers past and present came out to celebrate.

"Longfellow has a history of developing excellence," Kihm said. "And at the end of the day, Longfellow is and always will be about our community."

Dr. Warren Price served as the school's first principal when it opened in the fall of 1960. He recalled that late that summer they weren't sure if the school would open on time.

"All through the summer of 1960, we wondered if the school would open for the first day of school," he said. "We didn't know if all the furniture would arrive in time. There have been a lot of challenges throughout the past 50 years, but the school has always handled them well."

LONGFELLOW IS RANKED eighth among middle schools in last year's Mathematics and English Reading SOL tests in the state. Maur Burnsworth, who served as principal from 1978 to 1990 said it wasn't a coincidence that the school is always highly ranked.

"Academic excellence doesn't



Longfellow Principal Carole Kihm welcomes Longfellow alumni, teachers, staff and parents to the school's 50th anniversary celebration June 12.

just happen," Burnsworth said. "People at this school have always extended themselves to give the students the love and attention they need."

Math teacher Heather Postlethwait has seen the school's academics from both sides. She attended the school from 1983 to 1985, and is finishing up her 12th year as a teacher at Longfellow.

"I love teaching here, I feel a real sense of pride, and I always tell my students every year that I understand what it's like to grow up in McLean," she said. "Being a student here is like being at a private prep school for free, the education is the best."

Postlethwait remembers when she started teaching at Longfellow



Ann Monday, who served as principal at Longfellow Middle School from 1990 to 1992, opens a time capsule created by students on May 9, 1991, and pulls out a Reebok sneaker attached to a CO2 rocket that was made in shop class.

and saw that some of her old teachers were still on staff.

"I thought that was amazing," she said.

The school is 2-1/2 years into a renovation that is scheduled to wrap up in March 2012. Kihm said the primary goal was to make sure the work didn't interrupt the school's educational mission.

"We didn't want to interrupt the academic progress, and it hasn't been that way because of the flexibility of the faculty, staff and students," she said.

The current renovation isn't the first one to happen at Longfellow. Ann Monday, who succeeded



Longfellow Middle School seventh grader Sarah Aberth performs a Chinese ribbon dance at the school's 50th anniversary celebration Sunday.

Burnsworth as principal from 1990 to 1992, remembers one that started in 1990: when the school was first outfitted with air conditioning.

Longfellow was the first place Monday served as principal, and she is currently superintendent for Fairfax City schools. Even in 1990, she said Longfellow had quite the reputation.

"I was humbled and grateful to come to a school with the reputation Longfellow has," she said. "It's always been a treasure in this community, and I'm grateful to have been a small part of it."

Monday got a chance to relive some of her days at Longfellow, as she joined Kihm in opening up a time capsule that was sealed May

9, 1991. The capsule was a dry-wall bucket with pictures of some prominent figures of the day on it, including President George H.W. Bush, Margaret Thatcher and Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf.

THE CAPSULE contained: a CO2 powered rocket made in shop class, a Reebok sneaker, a 3.5-inch floppy disk, a metal race car, baseball cards and a "Just Say No" T-shirt. It also contained several news publications, the Washington Post and USA Today, from May 8, 1991 as well as a VHS tape of a May 8, 1991 CNN broadcast.

Kihm, Monday and several students helped to put together two new time capsules made out of mailboxes, that are to remain sealed until the school's 75th anniversary in 2036 and their 100th anniversary in 2061.

In the capsule for 2036 they put in a cell phone, a program from the school's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," a copy of People Magazine, the school's 50th anniversary T-shirt, editions of the school newspaper and this year's yearbook.

The capsule for 2061 contained many of the same items, as well as a 2010 Kids' Almanac and information on the wedding of Prince William.

The current Longfellow students got a chance to show off their talents during the talent show portion of the event. Students displayed skills such as: guitar playing, singing, dancing and even solving a Rubix cube in less than 30 seconds.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Peer Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse. 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Co-sponsored by the Northern Virginia affiliate of Voice of the Faithful, meetings last Wednesday of every month. Free. 703-538-6128.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

Building Your Self Esteem. 6 p.m. The Women's Center, Room 32, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. A small group with techniques to help build self-esteem and develop a more positive self-identity. Five weeks, through July 28. \$90-\$100. komeara@thewomenscenter.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

Tai Chi for Health. 8 a.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Instructed by Maria Spearman. Free. 703-288-9505.

TUESDAY/JULY 5

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS). 6 p.m. St Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Lower Level, Herndon. A noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups with tools and programs for healthy living and weight management. Meetings are Tuesdays. www.tops.org.

Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Lunch. 12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Meets every Tuesday. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 9

Healthy Responses to Anger. 9:30 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Understanding the sources of anger, recognizing the associated feelings and thoughts and developing effective responses are the overall goals of this program for both women and men. The workshop will emphasize relationship-based anger and include practical exercises to assist in identifying anger sources and managing stress and anger responses. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. 703-281-4928.

The Smart Split: Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Learn the rights and responsibilities of parties involved in separation and divorce from experienced practicing family law attorneys. Learn how the legal process works in the Virginia courts and how to work with your lawyer. A support group will be available. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org.

AAUW Used Book Collection. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Gently used books, CDs, tapes, DVDs and software are needed. Records and textbooks are not accepted. This collection is in preparation for the 42nd AAUW Used Book Sale to be held on Sept. 16-18. 703-527-4206.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 13

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

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Housing Confusion

It's true that many aspects of housing in Northern Virginia don't make much sense. Some areas have a significant number of foreclosed properties sitting vacant, currently identifiable by their foot-high lawns.

Hundreds of families are homeless, tens of thousands of families spend far more than they can afford every month for rent. Some families live overcrowded into tiny spaces.

And tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of workers have moved far away from their jobs in Northern Virginia to housing that they can afford, only to clog the roads and foul the air commuting.

The sustained efforts in Fairfax and Arlington to provide a supply of affordable housing by developing some new and preserving existing housing has still left tens of thousands of families on waiting lists, and thousands more shut out of even the waiting lists.

But it is good policy to provide a range of high quality housing scattered around the area in all kinds of neighborhoods.

A current swipe at "luxuries" afforded to people living in some subsidized housing is misplaced at best. Pursuing policies that would make affordable housing stripped down, basic and concentrated would not save money, and would create a variety other problems. Many

cities and localities are still recovering from decades-old policies that resulted in concentrations of low income housing in one place.

We know better than that now.

The region will soon see its largest jump in new development, residential and commercial, around the Tysons Metro stops and the Dulles rail corridor. Developers, who will benefit from the rail and increased densities, will provide a percentage of affordable and mixed income housing there, a critical part of smart growth.

EDITORIALS

Fourth of July Safety Net

Parties and celebrations on the Fourth of July often involve alcohol, and the holiday is one of a handful designated as "high risk" for drinking and driving.

A local organization, Washington Regional Alcohol Program, provides free rides home for anyone over 21 by calling their SoberRide number.

WRAP's 2011 Independence's Day SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. Monday, July 4 to 4 a.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service. Callers are financially responsible for anything over \$30.

WRAP's SoberRide helps area residents have a safe way home on high-risk holidays. Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 52,000 safe rides home.

Parents are still the ones who must provide the guidance and safety net for their teens and young adults under 21. Summer is the most dangerous time for teen drivers. Remember to talk about it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Primary Choices

To the Editor:

Mary Kimm wrote a fine editorial about the upcoming primary and general elections for our neighborhoods ["Still Time to Be a Candidate," Connection, June 8-14, 2011]. Redistricting has left us with a changed and somewhat confusing landscape. As mentioned in the editorial, the Virginia legislature has just finished a redistricting process that affects our representation both in the House of Delegates and the State Senate. Here in Great Falls and McLean, we face an even greater change. Our new senatorial district, State Senate District 31, was redrawn so that it now extends all the way from Arlington, through McLean and Great Falls, to cover six precincts in Loudoun County. Moreover, the incumbent, Mary Margaret Whipple, is retiring. I am writing to introduce to you Barbara Favola, the candidate I will be supporting in the August Democratic primary for this seat.

Barbara Favola is a long-time resident of Arlington County. She has lived in Arlington since 1982 and has served on the Arlington County Board since 1997. While on the board, she immersed herself in regional issues and has demonstrated an ability to work

collaboratively with other Northern Virginia leaders to improve our quality of life. Here in McLean and Great Falls, we value our parks, trails and bike paths. Barbara worked to enhance the regional park system and spearheaded a campaign, through the Washington Council of Governments, to clean up the Chesapeake. Other highlights of Barbara's accomplishments are noted below.

Barbara's commitment to quality education has been widely recognized, and she has been endorsed by the Teachers' Association every time she has run for public office. Former Delegate David Poisson says of Barbara: "Barbara is solidly committed to ensuring that we fund K-12 public education at a level sufficient to put a great teacher in every classroom and produce graduates able to compete in every field against anyone anywhere in the world. I am proud to be in her corner."

Barbara is a strong advocate for children, youth, and families. She championed the establishment of mental health services in the public schools, and has worked hard to provide services and programs for poor and disadvantaged children and youths.

Great Falls has a thriving artist community, and Barbara has long recognized the contribution that

the arts make to society. She was the Chair of the Arlington County Board when the Board voted to transform the Newseum building in Rosslyn into a center for the arts, now called the Artisphere. Recent studies have shown that for every public dollar spent on the arts, seven dollars in economic activity are generated. Barbara made a solid contribution to the Arlington artists' community, and will be no less energetic in advocating for ours.

Janet Howell and many other leaders we know and respect have endorsed Barbara. Barbara is a proven leader who will be an energetic advocate for all aspects of our community. I will be voting for Barbara in the Democratic primary on Aug. 23, and I urge you to do the same.

Sarah O'Neil
Great Falls

Notifying Before Questioning

To the Editor:

On June 9, 18-year FCPS School Board incumbent Jane Strauss voted never to require Fairfax County public schools to notify parents before their children are questioned by school officials. On

June 16, the U.S. Supreme Court issued *JDB v. North Carolina*, a case where a 13-year-old boy was pulled out of class and questioned by policemen and school administrators before they called his family.

The Supreme Court reasoned that children need more procedural protection than adults, and asked whether a student might feel coerced into signing a false confession. Although the case involved a student who was questioned by the police at school, similar considerations should apply when students are accused of violating school policies and are questioned by assistant principals.

FCPS claims that students are never coerced to sign confessions when they are questioned. In reality, this depends on which administrator does the questioning. Some are courteous and let students know that they can call their parents at any time. Others conduct interrogations where children — especially those who are unfamiliar with the ins and outs of the FCPS discipline process — feel coerced.

With all the publicity about the FCPS discipline process, savvy parents are telling their children not to answer any questions until mom

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Daniel Mooney of McLean is participating in the 2011 Summer Academy for Advancing Deaf & Hard of Hearing in Computing at the University of Washington, Seattle campus. Mooney is a freshman at Rochester Institute of Technology. The Summer Academy is a national academy teaching the fundamentals of computer science and aimed at boosting deaf people's participation in technical fields.

Michael Shipley of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Emory & Henry College.

Katherine Kies of McLean was awarded the Joseph Drown Foundation award at Cornell University of Ithaca, N.Y. The \$15,000 prize is awarded to a graduating senior in the School of Hotel Administration who demonstrates outstanding academics, entrepreneurial spirit and community involvement.

George Mahaney-Walter of McLean has received a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Rochester. Mahaney-Walter was previously awarded a Kauffman Entrepreneurial Year scholarship, and is owner of Free Play Fitness, Inc.

The 2006 graduate of Langley High School is the son of Mary Claire Mahaney and Herb Walter.

Daria Hafner of McLean has been awarded the Jefferson Davis Award at Bowdoin College of Brunswick, Maine. The Langley High School graduate is majoring in government and history.

Olivia Grady of McLean has graduated with bachelor of arts degrees in political science and economics from Rice University of Houston, Tx.

Gillian Eiserman of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bridgewater College of Bridgewater Va. Eiserman is a sophomore majoring in business administration and computer science.

Omeed Assefi of McLean has graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Ct. He studied public policy and law.

Jessica Donnell of McLean has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Hope College of Holland, Mi. She is the daughter of Charles and Janice Donnell.

Kathryn Anwyll of McLean has graduated with a bachelor of arts in history from McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

or dad arrives at school.

The School Board needs to provide all children — not just those with unusually knowledgeable parents — with reasonable protections. Schools have emergency contact information for parents in case the child has a medical emergency, and routinely call

when students are late or absent. Why not use that same information to contact parents before questioning children?

Louise Epstein
McLean

The writer is the candidate for School Board — Dranesville District.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

AMENDMENT TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY REGULATIONS, SECTION 1.16-1, AND THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY REGULATIONS, SECTION 1.16-1.

Notice is hereby given that the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in room 941 at the Herrity Building at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA, to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to FCPA Regulations, Section 1.16-1 Athletic Field Use.

Notice is hereby given that the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to the NVRPA Regulations, Section 1.16-1, Athletic Field Use.

The full text of the proposed amendment to the FCPA Regulations Section 1.16-1, Athletic Field Use, is on file and available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours of the Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, VA. For the convenience of the public, the full text of the proposed amendment to Section 1.16-1, Athletic Field Use, is available for review at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/press/html/pr073.htm

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All persons wishing to speak on this subject at the FCPA public hearing may call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, to be placed on the Speakers' List. Person's interested in speaking at the NVRPA public hearing may call Chris Pauley, Park Operations Director, at 703-359-4613 to be placed on the Speaker's List. Individuals are not required to register in advance, and may also sign up to speak at the public hearing.

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Chrissy Duggar and friend Michelle Minderleim shop for Elle Duggar's first Bitty Baby.



Josie Hamilton waits while stylist Dyanne Jackson does her doll's hair.



Ashley Schmidt and her dolls check out the new store.



From left, members of the Langley High School Cappies team: freshman Jamie Joeyen-Waldorf, sophomore Victoria Tovic, senior Tess Higgins, senior Becca Allen, senior Brian Patterson, senior Lauren Stewart, senior Nicole Kang and freshman Rachel Mayman. Not pictured: freshman Madeleine Chalk. Joeyen-Waldorf won the 2011 Rising Critic award.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

American Girl Comes to Tysons

Young fans descend on newest doll store.

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI
THE CONNECTION

The newest American Girl Store opened in Tysons Corner this weekend to the delight of girls all around Northern Virginia. Girls in the area have been waiting more than year for the store to open and have not been disappointed in the huge homage to all things doll. Ashley Schmidt, 9, summed it up saying, "I like shopping. I've been waiting a long time for this and I love it."

Thousands of girls were expected to visit the store over the opening weekend. Chrissy Duggar showed up early in the morning with a friend to buy her daughter her first Bitty Baby by American Girl. "I've been waiting for this," she said.

The two levels 23,000- square foot store features a styling salon for dolls, a Bistro where girls can dine with their dolls at the table and a Creativi-tee station where girls can make t-shirts for their dolls. There is also a book center that sells books that tie in with the historical character dolls and a series that offer advice and information for girls growing up and navigating the world of friends and changing bodies.

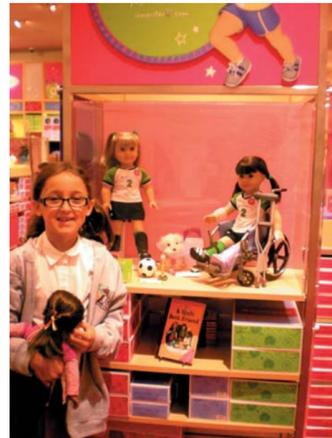
"We serve girls from three to 12, our target is a nine year old girl," explains Stephanie Spanos with

American Girl. "We are really excited. We know we have a lot of people traveling up from D.C. to our New York store. There will be some similar experiences here at this store. They all have a similar but different feel. For this location it's a bit more casual," said Spanos.

AMERICAN GIRL offers 10 historical dolls from periods ranging from pre-European Native American to hippy 1970 San Francisco. Each doll has outfits, accessories and furniture for their era. Every year a new Doll of the Year is released and there are 52 customizable My American Girl dolls that let children select the dolls hair color and texture, eye color, face shape and the color of their skin.

The American Girl phenomenon can take a parent by surprise. The dolls and accessories are not cheap but they are plentiful. That's one of the reasons the stores are built on a grand scale. The top display cases feature the dolls in their varied historic outfits. Underneath each Plexiglas case are nicely wrapped packages that contain each outfit. For larger items, like a teepee there are hangtags that buyers can pull off and bring to the register. On the lower level the clothing is contemporary. There are soccer outfits, back to school dresses, bathing suits and gowns for dolls.

On both levels there are pieces where girl and doll can dress alike. Sleeping gowns to playwear is available in miniature and human size.



Lucy Brown checks out the dolls in the sports section.

The lower level also features the popular doll salon where girls can choose from a display of hairstyles and wait while a doll stylist gives their doll an up do or braids. The salon also pierces dolls ears.

Josie Hamilton, 5, waited patiently as stylist Dyanne Jackson created a new look for her doll. Hamilton could barely contain her excitement at being in the store. "I'm walking around and putting things on my wish list. It's hard because I want everything," Hamilton said.

Store manager David Cohen was delighted to have the store open and be able to see the joy on children's faces when they walk into a world of American Girl everything. "Squealing girls are always a blast. We are here to se-

light girls from the mid-Atlantic and beyond," Cohen said.

Spano adds that the historical characters and the books are educational and carefully researched to provide accurate information about the dolls life and lifestyle. "Some girls get into one historical time piece and get into that way. They read the books, they have the clothes from that period and they see it and learn about that period in a different way," Spano said.

THE DOLLS AND ACCESSORIES are not cheap, which may be one reason Northern Virginia fit into the American Girl demographic so well. It's not just the initial cost of a doll, upwards of \$100 but the additional outfits and accessories and the desire for more dolls that starts to be expensive. "I know one little girl who has a whole room of [dolls] and their stuff. I can't begin to think how much that is. I'm not going to do that. I'm here without my daughter so I can look and check it out first. So I can set some limits," said Heather Griffiths.

"It is an investment for some families but you can get into the brand just from the books for just \$6.99. Some girls just collect the books," said Spano. Throughout the year the store will sponsor girl friendly events and activities based on its characters.

"We aim to create a girl's best day ever," said Cohen.

Cappies Teams Come Together

Langley, McLean High School Cappies teams form bond.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Though their schools are rivals when it comes to sports, the Cappies critics teams of McLean and Langley High Schools have found a common ground that begins with their love of theater. Both teams are among the area's most published Cappies teams.

Cappies critics is a program in which students travel to other school's theater productions and write up reviews. Many students say the experience broadens their theatrical horizons. "As a high school theater department, you're kind of introverted, students don't often see many outside plays," said McLean sophomore Teddy Dean. "But being a member of the Cappies critics team helps you become a better member of the local theater community."

The students went to more than 20 shows this past school year, all across the county. With the same team members going to the same show, it was only natural that students would start to see familiar faces.

"They're someone we can bounce things off of, we see the same people at all the shows, and I think both groups

have a lot of really dynamic personalities," said Langley senior Tess Higgins.

MANY OF THE CAPPIES CRITICS are also in their theater program, so seeing the process from a critical eye helps them when it comes to making their own schools. "I saw 23 shows, and it's cool to see how well other schools do, and as theater students, it always helps to know what critics are looking for, what a show is supposed to be like," said McLean sophomore Siena Richardson. "A lot of schools have fantastic singers, actors and dancers, students that can do it all, and that's inspiring."

Langley senior Brian Patterson said it's all part of the learning experience that comes with trying to increase their knowledge of theater.

"Any experience you can get helps," Patterson said. "You learn more about the whole process behind putting on a show, and even if you don't use things in a written review, you're still learning about how to be better."

While the team members are technically critics, students say they always try and keep their reviews constructive. Richardson said they are trying to help each other grow as thespians, not tear each other down with attacks.

From left, members of the McLean High School Cappies team: sophomores Siena Richardson, Damian Leverett, Max Johnson and Polina Tamarina. Leverett won the 2011 Creativity award as composer for McLean's production of 'The Terrible Tragedy of Peter Pan.'



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Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Play Ball. 2:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Discover the science in sports. Presented by Maryland Science Center. Age 6-12. 703-938-0405.

Circus in a Suitcase. 10:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Ringmaster Harold Wood becomes a magician, juggler, clown and more. All ages. 703-790-8088.

Freedom In Creation Benefit Concert with Alex Mejias and

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Tim Easton and Madison Square Gardeners. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

African Connection Relief Event (A.C.R.E.) Concert featuring Banky W., Wizkid and Naeto C. 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$39-\$109, available at www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT.



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Marie Miller. 5:45 p.m. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Live music and painting, and a silent art auction of fair trade jewelry and products from Uganda to support the non-profit Freedom in Creation. Youth can participate in a collaborative art project with former child soldiers. See "The Story of Freedom," an exhibition of art by former child soldiers. \$15 at www.jamminjava.com. www.freedomincreation.com.

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. The musical, based on the songs of ABBA. Tickets \$20-\$80. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 1

Art Reception. 7 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., Vienna. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Mamma Mia! 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. The musical, based on the songs of ABBA. Tickets \$20-\$80. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

Sir Alan & the Calypso Ponzi Schemers. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

The Tommy Lepson Band. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

The Choir Boys at 6:30 p.m., followed by **The Resistance** at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Mid-Summer Tour of the Potomac Valley Native Plant Collection. 2 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Learn about perennials such as culvert's root, Asclepias, Monarda, mountain mint, black-eyed Susan, bee balm, cone flower, wild petunia and more. Free and open to the public. 703-255-3631.

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JULY 3

Daryl Davis. 6 p.m. Concerts on the Green, Great Falls Village Center, Great Falls. Jazz. www.gfvcca.com/concerts.

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MONDAY/JULY 4

The Town of Vienna's Annual July 4th Celebration. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Free admission. In the event of rain, call 703-255-7842. www.viennava.gov.

❖ **Activities from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. will include games and rides,** a magician, arts and crafts vendors, community organization booths, antique cars, a chili cook-off and live music. Food and drinks available for purchase.

❖ **The Annual 17th District American Legion all-star baseball game** will begin at 10 a.m. at Waters Field.

❖ **A fireworks show will be held at Southside Park,** 1315 Ross Drive S.W. in Vienna, at 9:15 p.m.; spectator seating areas open at 5 p.m. The rain date for fireworks only is Tuesday, July 5.

McLean 4th of July Celebration. 6 p.m. Langley High School stadium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Children's games, a DJ and various food concessionaires. Last Train Home, a roots-rock band, performs at 7:30 p.m., followed by a fireworks display. Free shuttle buses stops include St. John's Episcopal Church at Douglass and Georgetown Pike and the McLean Community Center. Free admission. Rain date for the fireworks only is July 5. www.mcleancenter.org/special-events/july4.asp.

Great Falls 4th of July Celebration. Great Falls Village Centre. 571-293-0474 or CelebrateGreatFalls@gmail.com.

❖ **5K Walk/Run.** 7:30 a.m. Meet at the GF Freedom Memorial.

❖ **INOVA Blood Drive.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Great Falls Professional Building, 733 Walker Road, Great Falls.

❖ **Little Patriot Parade Baby & Toddler Parade.** Registration at 9 a.m., parade starts 9:15 a.m. at the Village Green Gazebo.

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❖ **Fireworks.** Beginning at dusk at the Turner Farm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Fireworks.

Falls Church 4th of July Celebration. George Mason High School, 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Live music beginning at 7

p.m. followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Free. Rain date July 5. www.fallschurch.gov.

TUESDAY/JULY 5

Jammin Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle 5. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 6

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Jammin Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle 5. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 7

Alte Kameraden. 8 p.m. Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Gemütlichkeit folk music, polkas, and festmusik. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

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FRIDAY/JULY 8

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"We're not there to savage these plays or rip them apart," Richardson said. "We don't directly criticize actors, if there's something off, we try to say it in a subtle way, or we don't say it at all. Maybe we say it was 'unique,' or 'they weren't as tight or precise as expected.' Our purpose is to encourage school theater, and if you start blasting a show saying it was terrible, no one will show up."

OTHER STUDENTS said it has helped them with writing and communicating in general. Langley freshman Madeleine Chalk said it is a good opportunity to get writing experience with something she was already interested in.

"Going to so many shows, for free, helps you develop that critical eye," said Langley Freshman Madeleine Clark. "In high school, it's sort of rare to get to write about things you're passionate about."

Langley senior Lauren Stewart said it "helps improve your overall writing skill, you have to learn how to portray things you're seeing the right way."

"It's also a lot of fun to meet a lot of students that go to other schools and live nowhere near you," said Langley freshman Rachel Mayman. "But we all have something in common, our love of theater."

SPORTS

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The Great Falls Nationals, wearing championship blue cage jackets, have won eight tournament titles over the past 18 months.

Great Season for Great Falls 11-U Nationals

The Great Falls Nationals (age 11 and under) travel baseball team started their spring season in Aberdeen, Md., playing in Cal Ripken's Leadoff Baseball Tournament, March 19 and 20. The tournament hosted 10 teams from Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland. Going undefeated during the tournament, each of the boys on the Nats' 15-boy roster recorded a hit in the scorebook.

A few months later, the team ended their spring season at America's Pastime 20-Team Tournament, held at Sports at the Beach, in Rehoboth, Del., over the Memorial Day weekend. There, Great Falls, facing teams from up and down the East Coast, did it again — capturing another title. They played eight games and took the championship.

Managed by Ryan Novak and coached by Jim Volpicelli and Todd Norris, the 11-under Great Falls



Jason Volpicelli hit four home runs over the fence for the under-11 Great Falls Nationals in helping them capture the title at the recent America's Pastime 20-Team Tournament in Rehoboth, Del.

Nationals have entered 10 tournaments in the past 18 months, winning eight championships and two runner-up positions.

The Great Falls Nationals are a program within the Great Falls Little League. The Great Falls Little League regular baseball and girls



Danny Hosley was voted MVP by the umpires for his pitching during America's Pastime 20-Team Tournament.

softball season recently concluded. Now, Great Falls has put together several postseason All-Star teams at various age groups. Some of the All-Star games in the weeks ahead will take place locally at Nike Fields, off Route 7 and Utterback Store Road. Visit www.gflittleleague.org.

— BARBARA KELLEY

WEEKLY SWIM REPORT

Records, Photo Finishes Mark Swimming Weekend

In Dominion Country Club League (DCCL) action last Saturday, the RiverBend StingRays beat Trump National by a score of 275-234. Micaela Grassi led the way for the StingRays, winning four events — the 50-free, 50-back, 50-fly, and 100-IM. Ryan Bond, Savie Seebald, Will Koeppen, and Eliza Pastore each won three blue ribbons while Carter Bennett, Connor Smith, and Ryan Windus each scored two first-place finishes. Other first place winners included: Sabrina Slavin, Haley Smith, Emma Grassi, Davis Riffe, Devlin Wesolowski, Andrew Kvasnicka, Matthew Dungan, and Jack Hall.

In addition, Jack Hall broke a RiverBend team record with a 28.66 time in the 50-fly as did the boys mixed age (18 and under) 200-free relay team of Ryan Windus, Will Koeppen, Carter Bennett and Hall with a time of 2:03.94.

The Great Falls Rapids, moving up two divisions this summer to Div. 9, had many exciting races with photo finishes in their first summer swim meet on June 25, but lost to the Hollin Meadows Barracudas 240 - 160. Double event winners for the Rapids included Julia Bullock, Mary Liz Elliott, Will Kemmerer, Ana Mulligan, and Alexandra Zeidan. Single first place winners included Veronica Dolan, Eric Eichler, Paige Hall, William Long, Annie Mahoney, John Mulligan, Annie Thomas and Andrew Vinter.

The Langley Wildthings swam against Mosby Woods on Saturday in an NVSL Div. 4 meet. The competition went down to the last few relays, with the Wildthings losing 195 to 207. Even though they lost



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RiverBend StingRays 8-under swimmers, left to right: Rebecca Schulman, Hayley Blankingship, and Leah Schulman.

the team meet, Langley broke several pool records. Those record-breakers were: Jinwon Bailar (11-12 free, 28.12 and fly, 30.44); Elena Shklyar (11-12 fly, 35.24); Schuyler Bailar (15-18 back, 31.83 and breast-stroke, 35.60); the girls 8-under free relay team of Audrey Wallach, Kate Walter, Liliana Schone and Addison Collins (1:23.07); and the girls 15-18 medley relay of Meghan Overend, Schuyler Bailar, Sarah Horan and Sarah Woodford (2:13.41). Double event winners for Langley were Jack Hoeymans, Jinwon Bailar, Emily Wallach and Nathan Johnson. Single winners were Vincent Watson, Kevin Kalde, Audrey Wallach, Whit Walter, Izzy Schone, Mitchell Farah, Isaac Peress, Katie Robinson, Callan Cramer, Tommy Slade, Meghan Overend and Schuyler Bailar. The Wildthings had one event sweep - that coming in the 8-under boys breaststroke (Kevin Kalde, Sean Mullery and Matthew Buchanan).

All-Region Lacrosse Team

First-team attack: Nick Lalande (Annandale, senior), Sean Ahearn (Langley, junior), Alex Clough (South Lakes, senior), Dylan Maltz (Stone Bridge, sophomore), Michael Crowe (Yorktown, senior).

First-team midfield: Andy Craig (Annandale, senior), Nathan Miller (Annandale, senior), Thomas Petrocci (Robinson, senior), Devon Westerman

(Chantilly, senior), Stephen Kang (Yorktown, senior), Greg Smith (Edison, senior).

First-team defense: Brenden Dwyer (Langley, senior), Logan Hancock (Woodson, senior), Brady George (Robinson, junior), Rory Devine (Yorktown, senior), CJ Kelliher (Madison, senior).

First-team goalies: Connor Anderson (Oakton, junior), Andrew Spivey (Langley, junior).

Second-team attack: Jake Flewellyn (West Springfield, senior), JP Giroux (Stone Bridge, senior), Ryan O'Sullivan (Westfield,

senior), Sean Schweiker (Oakton, junior), Clark Pietruszka (Robinson, junior).

Second-team midfield: Jared Golden (Chantilly, senior), Tom Hillenbrand (Thomas Jefferson, junior), Luke Salzer (Langley, sophomore), Marcus Berry (Woodson, junior), Lee Gleason (West Springfield, senior), Michael Morton (Westfield, senior).

Second-team defense: Chandler Suk (Langley, junior), Peter Hagen (Annandale, senior), Drew Mullins (West Springfield, junior), Justin Cherry (Lake Braddock, senior), Drew Cormode (Chantilly, junior).

Second-team goalies: Alex Kawchak

(Westfield, senior), Matt Haden (Madison, sophomore).

All-Americans: Devon Westerman (Chantilly), Nate Miller (Annandale), Brenden Dwyer (Langley), Dylan Maltz (Stone Bridge), Greg Smith (Edison), Thomas Petrocci (Robinson).

Sportsmanship: West Springfield.

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Man of the year: Bill Russ (Mount Vernon).

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Law & Order: Ocala, The Day After



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After sleeping on it, I woke up the next morning wondering what the bank was doing/planning to do – if anything, to catch this thief and retrieve the \$3,500, which was now really their money since I'm likely to be made whole. I had been told – and saw, actually, when I went to my branch yesterday, a photocopy of the actual withdrawal slip with my wife's signature on it from the Ocala, Fl. branch where this fraudulent transaction had occurred. Moreover, it was explained to me that this woman had a copy of my wife's driver's license as well (presumably altered with this woman's photograph), which provided enough of a signature and identification match that the bank felt compelled to authorize the withdrawal. After all, the depositor is entitled to withdraw their own money. And so it happened with nary a flag waved, red or other wise – until I raised it the day of. (See last week's column: "Law & Order: Ocala, The Day Of.")

Since the bank was following procedure – as it seemed to me during our phone and in-person meetings, I, too, started to follow a procedure – in my head, the procedure the bank might follow to identify and locate this thief and retrieve her ill-gotten gains. Given my hours of experience watching the CBS "procedural dramas" CSI/NCIS and the NBC Law & Order franchise on television, I felt fairly capable of solving this crime.

Since the bank had a copy of the actual withdrawal slip used for this transaction, I wondered then, presuming the "withdrawer" was not wearing gloves – in Florida, in May, that perhaps there were usable fingerprints or even DNA from the slip itself. And if there were, accessing AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) and/or CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) might "get a hit," as they say on television (maybe even real life, too). In addition, from personal observation (and from watching these programs), I know banks have video cameras pointed at the teller windows. It seems plausible to me that the bank could use the time stamp on the withdrawal entry (since such transactions are routinely processed by computer) to sync up with the time stamp on the video to generate a photograph of the woman who made this withdrawal.

If this means of identification was not sufficient, due to camera angles or clothing or whatever, perhaps the bank could use the same video camera – if it had a wide enough view, to follow the movements of this woman as she exited the bank. Once outside, the camera in the ATM machine or any other local security/surveillance cameras might capture her "leaving the scene." And if she left by car – which was likewise captured on video, traffic cameras (presuming they are in use in Ocala, Fl.) could be used, according to the shows I watch, to further track her movements. Also, in one of the camera angles, perhaps the car's license plate number and state of registration could be enhanced providing the authorities a potential means of identifying the owner of this vehicle. "Running the plate" through the Motor Vehicle Administration database could provide a current name and address and, Bob's your uncle, the thieves could soon be captured at their home – counting their/my/our money.

Now if the car was a rental, the authorities could get a copy of the credit card used for the rental and garner even more information. In learning that number, its usage could be monitored. Now having a name and a credit card, perhaps other personal-type information could be learned, like whether the suspect has a cell phone, which most people have. Once having that cell phone number, its calls could also be monitored and "pings" from cell towers would indicate, in real-time almost, where the suspects were at a certain time.

If the suspects used "throw-away" cell phones, had no credit cards, stole the car and all the video cameras showed no compelling means of identifying or even tracking the thief, then CSI:Ocala likely won't make it onto the fall schedule.

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This year's Summer Concerts in the Park series kicks off July 3 at McLean Central Park with Furnace Mountain, an Appalachian folk band.

Celebrating Summer in McLean

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tioning seems more appealing, the McLean Project for the Arts, located on the second floor of the McLean Community Center, has an exhibit that will be showing until July 30.

The Strictly Painting 8 exhibition features 80 pieces by 37 different artists, as selected by a juror.

"It's a great exhibit that really shows the gamut of painting styles," said Nancy Perry, executive director of McLean Project for the Arts. "There's abstracts on wood and other surfaces, some art with a more digital feel, it's all very colorful and exciting."

Juror Jayme McClellan chose the pieces for the show, and Perry said McClellan was impressed by the turnout from young local artists.

"There are a lot of young artists from George Mason University, and Jayme said at the opening that she was excited to see so many young, promising artists on display," Perry said. "There's so much new talent in this area, and we're glad to help give them a launching pad."

The McLean Project for the Arts is also hosting a summer art camp for youth and adults with both morning and afternoon sessions. More information on classes and the current exhibit can be found at www.mpaart.org.

THE SUMMER CONCERTS in the Park series will kick off July 3 at McLean Central Park, and this year looks to be another exciting one. With jazz, rock and roll, swing and more, there's a concert for everyone.



Audience members watch Last Train Home during last year's Summer Concerts in the Park series. This year's series kicks off at McLean Central Park at 5 p.m. July 3. Last Train Home will play at Langley High School for this year's Fourth of July Festivities.



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The McLean Project for the Arts will feature the Strictly Painting 8 exhibit until July 30, featuring 80 works by 37 artists of all ages, many of them local.

"I'm really excited about Zoso, the Led Zeppelin tribute band," said Mark Gutierrez of McLean. "I live near the community center and the park, and we had a great time last year. The Central Park is a great venue, they've got the gazebo where the band plays, and a whole lot of grassy space to spread out, relax and enjoy a summer night."

In between the McLean Community Center and McLean Central Park is the newly renovated Dolley Madison Library that will open July 9 at 10 a.m. Local historian Carole Herrick will present "Dolley Madison Flees the White House," a program that will tell the famous story of the library's namesake.

Even though children might not be too keen on picking up the books in early July, there will also be a magical storyteller Steve Kissell and music from the Northern Virginia Hammer Dulcimer as part of the day's events. The festivities are sponsored by the Fairfax Library Foundation and the Friends

of Dolley Madison Library.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing the new library and all it's capable of," said Emily Gavin of McLean. "I'm not so sure my kids want to hear about books and new ways to learn during the summer, but I think they'll enjoy the stories and magic."

LANGLEY HIGH SCHOOL will also host this year's Fourth of July festivities for McLean. Starting at 6 p.m., visitors can find a spot on the football field or sit on the bleachers to enjoy live music before night falls and the fireworks come out.

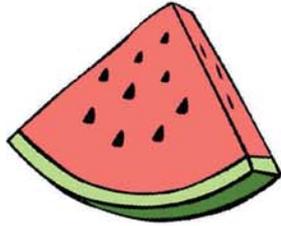
"I love going to Langley for the fireworks every year, the stadium is a great atmosphere to watch them," said Caleb Nockman of McLean. "The games and everything beforehand are nice for the kids, but being in a stadium and field full of people watching them is just a great experience, and I think it's something we remember fondly as well as look forward to every year."

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