

# Honor Guard

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Fairfax City firefighters Deborah Rothlein and John Jeniec learn the proper skills of being members of an honor guard in Fairfax last week while going through a mock funeral of a fallen firefighter as part of their training.

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# Woman Killed in Car Crash

## Koger Files Chapter 7

Other driver walks away with minor injuries, police investigating cause of collision.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax resident Jessica Doubleday, 24, died Friday afternoon, July 25, when her Toyota Rav4 collided head-on with a tractor trailer truck on the Springfield/Franconia Parkway near Rolling Road.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, crash reconstruction detectives determined that Doubleday was driving north on Route 7900 when her car crossed over the median into opposing traffic. Doubleday's vehicle crashed directly into a southbound truck.

The release goes on to say that the collision resulted in a fire. According to Don Gotthardt, spokesman for the Fairfax County Police Department, the truck was carrying twin 500-gallon gas tanks on its sides. Police speculate that when Doubleday's Rav4 made impact, one of those tanks may have caught fire.

"My understanding is as a result of impact one of those tanks might have ignited," said Gotthardt.

Doubleday was pronounced dead at the scene, while the driver of the truck, described in the release as a 48-year-old Woodbridge man, was treated at the site for minor injuries.

Because the cause of the crash is still be-

ing investigated, police are not commenting on why Doubleday's car suddenly crossed the median prior to the crash. When reached by phone, Jessica's father, Bruce Doubleday, said his daughter had Type 1 diabetes and was insulin dependent. She required what he called an "insulin pump" for instances where her blood sugar level rose too high. On Friday, according to Doubleday, his daughter left work with friends at Greenspring on Spring Village Drive. She was having trouble with her insulin device and was driving a mile down the road to her parents' house to have it fixed. It was there that Jessica Doubleday suffered from a diabetic blackout and drifted over the median, her father

said.

"She just went across the road. We don't believe anything happened mechanically," said Bruce Doubleday.

Fairfax County Police would not confirm whether or not Jessica Doubleday's condition was a contributing factor to the crash, citing the ongoing nature of the investigation.

**JESSICA DOUBLEDAY**, a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, was living in Fairfax at the time of the crash. Bruce Doubleday said his daughter was, at her core, a people person.

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**"She liked to be out front. It wasn't an ego thing. It was a 'follow me' thing."**

— Bruce Doubleday



FAMILY PHOTO

**Jessica Doubleday's car collided with a tractor-trailer on July 25.**

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Though not heavily into sports, Jessica Doubleday was a swimmer as well as coach for the local swim team. Bruce Doubleday described his daughter as having "found her niche" as a sales consultant for Erickson Retirement Communities at Greenspring the past two years. She loved her job and the people she interacted with on a daily basis.

"She didn't just leave it at 'Come on in, we'll sell you place.' She wanted to sell you a place and talk to you every day," said Bruce Doubleday, who added that his daughter was a catalyst of bringing people together.

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Filing leaves creditors with 'pennies on the dollar.'

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

On July 17, the Koger Management Group, Inc. won approval to shift its bankruptcy application from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 which will result in creditors recovering "pennies on the dollar" of the \$10 million in losses that were filed against Koger.

In June, Robert S. Koger sold his management firm to Gates, Hudson and Associates Condominium Management of Springfield for \$275,000. Gates official later said that about 100 clients remained of the some 440 that Koger once represented.

Once the firm was sold, Koger was free to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which means the court can only distribute the proceeds from the sale and some assets of the firm not sold to GHA.

Lella Amiss E. Pope, an attorney who represents some 60 home owners associations, many of which filed for a share of Koger proceeds, said it was likely her clients and other creditors will receive little more "than pennies on the dollar" of their losses.

The Chapter 7 ruling brought to an end the strange saga of Robert S. Koger and his firm, which had been one of the largest management firms in the Washington area. Pope doubted that Robert S. Koger, now 60, would be left with any significant wealth.

His son, Jeffrey Koger, who was accused of embezzling some \$2.2 million from his

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# Salvation Army: 'University View Closing'

Fresh hopes of parents, staff dashed as officials state decision is final.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

After telling parents last week that they would reconvene to discuss options for keeping University View Childcare Center open, Salvation Army officials reaffirmed their intentions this week to close the facilities.

"University View will be closing at the end of September," said Capt. Joe Burton, who oversees the childcare center. Those comments were made the day before Burton and members of the advisory board were scheduled to meet July 29 with University View Director Stacy Burke and parent James Chu.

That meeting was the latest in a string of

meetings conducted over the past few weeks between parents and Salvation Army officials since news of the center's closing was released to staff and parents. The original intent of the July 21 meeting was to inform parents of the Salvation Army advisory board's unequivocal intention to close the center by Sept. 30. However, officials were forced to backtrack after being bombarded by comments from angry parents, who argued they were kept out of the loop in regards to the center's financial difficulties. Chu presented a proposal to dramatically increase the center's revenue. His plan, based on the financial figures provided by the board to justify the closing, would finance the center through December and

possibly June of next year. Members of the advisory board initially rejected that consideration.

"If the center was making money, would it stay open?" asked Chu.

"The answer is no," said Keith Clark, chairman of the advisory board.

That answer was pointed to by numerous parents as evidence that the board was not being honest with them about their reasons for closing. The meeting ended only because the board announced its decision to reconvene over the next two-10 days to reconsider the matter, inviting Chu and Burke to join them.

"We're going to table this discussion," said board member Barry Bateman. "Allow us to table this and reconvene together to reconsider what needs to be reconsidered."

The impression that many in attendance got was that the viability of Chu's proposal would play a factor into whether board members changed their minds or not. That was apparently not the case, according to Burton on Monday, who

stated that the board's decision to close the center would remain final, regardless of the July 29 meeting. When asked why he and

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**"We were like a hidden treasure because a lot of people didn't know about us."**

— Laneica Hughes

## Police Charge Man With Assault of Child

Fairfax County Police have charged Fairfax resident Juan Miguel Sejas Castellon, 25, with the sexual assault of a 1-year-old child.

According to a police release, officers responded to the Inova Fairfax Hospital on Sunday, July 27, at 6:30 a.m. Investigators determined through interviews with the child's friends and family who were present that the assault occurred at the banquet hall of the Annandale Boys and Girls Club on Industrial Road earlier that morning.

The release goes on to say that the child was left with several family members in the banquet hall after a party celebrating her christening. Early that morning, an unnamed family member discovered the child in the arms of an unknown man and crying. After taking the child from the man and returning her to the mother, the family discovered injuries relating to sexual assault and took the child to the hospital. Authorities did not divulge how Castellon was identified as the suspect.

Castellon, of the 3000 block of Bradwater Drive in Fairfax, faces one count of animate object penetration and one count of abducting an infant child with the intent to defile.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON



Sejas Castellon

POLICE PHOTO

## Restaurant Fire Causes \$1M in Damages

A Tuesday, July 29 fire at a western Annandale restaurant caused \$1 million in damages, according to a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue release.

A uniformed fire officer called Tuesday, at 1:45 a.m. to report the fire at Squire Rockwell's, which is located about 100 yards from the Department of Public Safety Communications 911 call/dispatch center. While outside, the officer smelled smoke and promptly called firefighters to look for a potential fire in the area, according to the release.

Units from Fire and Rescue Station 23 were the first to respond to the call at the restaurant in the 8700 block of Little River Turnpike. Over 60 firefighters were present at the scene after the first firefighters called a second alarm upon their arrival.

"The restaurant was billowing with heavy black smoke coming from the eaves, the roof and the windows," said Daniel L. Schmidt, fire and rescue department spokesman. "The fire was not showing from outside." Active fire was found by the firefighters in the roof, ceiling and attic of the structure. It took about 90 minutes for the firefighters to get the fire under control.

The restaurant was closed when the fire began. "No one was in the restaurant when the fire started," said Schmidt. One of the firefighters was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital after sustaining a non-life threatening injury.

"The damage is estimated at \$1 million to the structure and contents," said Schmidt. Most of the damage is around the bar and seating area. The fire started in the ceiling above this area. Schmidt stated that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

— CIARA RICHARDS-BENSON

## NEWS



David Stanton, an instructor with the National Honor Guard Academy, talks about proper casket movement etiquette during a recent session of the National Honor Guard Academy.



David Stanton, of the Largo, Fla., Fire and Rescue Department, leads a group of National Honor Guard Academy students.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

# Practiced Perfection

Public safety personnel receive honor guard training as part of weeklong academy.

**W**hen the National Honor Guard Academy decided to conduct its annual training course July 20-25 in Fairfax, most of the firefighters and police officers who signed up thought they were in for some light drilling and a few classes on technique.

What they found instead was a grueling weeklong physical challenge, countless hours of training in the heat and rain and endless drilling on procedures and technique. Everything about the course, held at Lanier Middle School on Jermantown Road, was designed to form a more perfect Honor Guard, according to Doug Swartz, commanding officer of the NHGA.

"It definitely adds an element of pomp and pageantry to a local department," said Swartz.

The organization, made up of instructors from around the country, takes its training course on the road every year. Based out of Seminole, Fla. the academy trained police and firefighters from Virginia, Maryland and Mississippi in everything from basic military drill and ceremony to flag etiquette to funeral services and protocols.

Along with style and technique, the academy also offered classes on developing a standard operating procedure for honor guard units, something Swartz said was a mission of his after traveling around the country.

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— Doug Swartz



Fairfax City firefighter John Jeniec salutes during a training session of the National Honor Guard Academy that took place last week at Lanier Middle School in Fairfax.

"I saw a real lack of consistency in drilling and performing [nationwide]," he said after graduation ceremonies Friday.

Nine of the 29 officers and firefighters that participated in the course were from the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County. Tim Butters, assistant fire chief for the City of Fairfax, said the week's events had better prepared his unit in the event of a line-of-duty death.

"You've got one shot to do this the right way, particularly with funerals," he said. "We'll be able to build a procedural manual now."

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

# Creditors Left with 'Pennies'

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father's clients, is in custody awaiting trial on charges of attempting to kill a Virginia State Trooper. Koger allegedly gave his wife Amber Lynn much of the embezzled funds. His wife told a Washington radio station that the couple is separated.

With more than a dozen attorneys working on different sides of the case, Pope guessed that attorney's fees alone would be some \$200,000 eating up a lot of Koger's sales proceeds.

The creditors have called a meeting for August to discuss the matter.

The U.S. attorney filed in the bankruptcy case as a representative of the Small Business Administration, which loaned Koger \$1 million to buy the Fairfax offices.

No public statements have been made concerning a federal investigation of Koger that began in 2007.

In a sense, Robert Koger blocked larger recovery by never seeking to get his son to repay the some \$2.2 million he allegedly embezzled from the firm.

The younger Koger and his wife, Amber Lynn Koger, allegedly invested some \$800,000 of this money in a Washington steak house on Capitol Hill. The arrangement for this investment would allow Amber Lynn Koger to receive 50 per cent of the restaurant's profits once it became profitable. The restaurant was profitable in 2007 and the owner filed a court case in Washington saying that he had monies that might be owed to Koger Management and asking the court to handle any distribution.

Some creditors can sue in D.C.'s Federal District Court to recover some of that money.

# Fairfax Woman Dies in Auto Crash

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"You know how you can go to a dance and everyone's standing around looking awkward and someone walks up and says 'Come on guys, let's dance.' She was that person."

A viewing for Jessica Doubleday will take place Thursday, July 31, from 2-4 p.m. and again at 6-8 p.m., at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The funeral and internment will be Friday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. at the same location. Her family has asked that in lieu of sending flowers, those wishing to express their condolences may make a contribution to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foun-

ation International.

Jessica Doubleday survived by her parents, Bruce and Theresa, as well as her older sister, Shannon.

## More

In lieu of sending flowers, those wishing to express their condolences to Jessica Doubleday's family may make a contribution to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF), 120 Wall St., (New York, NY 10005-4001, (800-533-CURE (2873) or info@jdrf.org.

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# Getting To Know ...

## Bill Barlow, participant in Virginia Governor's Foreign Language Academy.

BY ESTHER PAK  
THE CONNECTION

**B**ill Barlow is a lifelong resident of Fairfax, and a rising junior at Robinson Secondary School. He was one of two students from Robinson nominated to participate in the Latin Academy at Virginia's Governor's Foreign Language Academies.

Virginia's Governor's Schools serve more than 7,500 of the state's most able students with challenging programs beyond those offered in their home schools.

In this three-week residential Latin program at Virginia Commonwealth University, Barlow was introduced to classical Greek along with further intensive study of Latin.

### How did you first find out about the Governor's School program?

My teacher of two years, Magistra (magistra means teacher in Latin) Zeiner, suggested that I apply. She expressed confidence in my interest in and aptitude for the Classics.

### When and why did you first become passionate about Latin?

There hasn't ever been a remarkable moment when I realized I loved Latin. It's more something that grows on you if you keep at it. I've found charm in it for the lack of word order. The expanse of time between their world and ours also strikes me whenever I hold a piece of Ancient literature. What the study of Latin does for me is sort of preface the present, it provides context for society today.

### Describe a typical day at Governor's School.

They expected all 45 of us to be at the VCU cafeteria for breakfast by 7:25 each morning. After breakfast, we would attend three, one-hour classes on a block schedule, determined by the day of the week. On certain days it would be Greek, sight reading and epigraphy. On others we would attend conversational Latin, medieval Latin and religion. We would then eat lunch and commence with afternoon activities. Some students worked on a play by Plautus, others adapted scenes from Snow White for presentation on the final day. There was also a contingent of students compiling pictures and such for a yearbook-esque memory DVD. Professors and distinguished members of the Classics community regularly visited us and imparted their knowledge in the lecture hall. After dinner, we would watch movies and after mail call they permitted us to enjoy free time before lights were out at 10:45.

### What was your favorite aspect about Governor's School?

Every member of our community could contribute in some way. I haven't kept company with such an intelligent group that could relate to me and appre-

ciate my little puns and eccentricities. We understood each other and basked in the enthusiasm of the faculty. It almost angered me to return home because the dynamic at Governor's school was so stimulating.

### Any challenges?

Absorbing the Greek language in about eight classes was definitely challenging. We were also presented with difficult Latin passages to sort through. I can't say that I disliked any of it though. How can you dislike something so engaging?

### Do you see yourself pursuing a further study of Latin in the future? If not, what are some other future goals or ambitions you have for yourself?

If I could choose one grammatical construction to adequately summarize my thoughts about pursuing the Classics, it would be Future Less Vivid. I'm curious about a lot of things and I couldn't at this point restrict myself. I know I will forever enjoy delving into the past in one way or another. In terms of ambitions for the future, I simply want to wake up and do something that makes me happy most every day.

### Who has been your biggest inspiration?

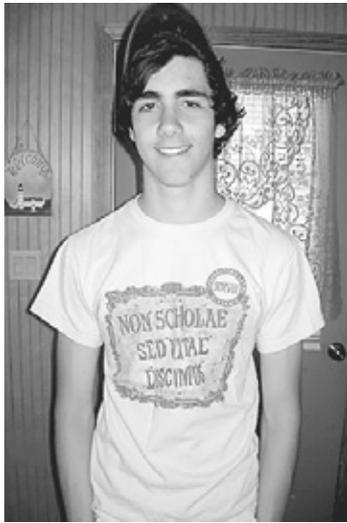
My uncle, Carlton Sexton, has always been an inspiration to me as he's engaged me intellectually and is willing to have conversations about anything.

### What would you tell someone who is considering Governor's School?

Expect challenges accompanied by a completely open experience. If you're willing to relinquish inhibitions and reservations about standard education, you can experience something unconventionally enriching.

### What are some of your extracurricular interests and activities?

I read a lot on the side and collect comics. I also program for a robotics team and help out on my school's newspaper. Debate is enjoyable for me and I have been known to attend a few Model U.N. conventions. Though I'm not a Christian, I sing in the choir at my parents' church. I also like to play the guitar a little when I'm alone. A new addition to my activities will probably be reading classical literature independently. Upon returning home I bought a Latin copy of Ovid's "Metamorphoses" and a couple books to continue studying Ancient Greek.



Bill Barlow

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## VIEWPOINTS

### What is your favorite Summer Olympic sport?



"Pole vaulting."

Steve Courtemanch, Centreville



"Swimming."

Ramsey Nofal, Clifton



"Aquatics and diving."

Wendy Leedy, Centreville



"Swimming. It's really fascinating to watch."

Laura Kehoe, Clifton

— ESTHER H. PAK

## COLLEGE NOTES

Cox Communications of Northern Virginia and the Virginia Cable Telecommunications Association presented seven area college students with 2008-09 Virginia's Future Leaders Scholarships. The area winners are among 58 Virginia students this year awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships by local cable systems across Virginia in partnership with the Donald A. Perry Foundation. The local winners are **Brian Allen Covington** of Oak Hill, Virginia Tech; **Tierra Che'von Smith** of Fredericksburg, Mary Baldwin College; **Gustavo Caballero** of Annandale, Northern Virginia Community College; **Jorge Antonio Campos** of Falls Church, George Mason University; **Dylan Jacob Wilkie** of Alexandria, Old Dominion University; **Alison Garcia Serota** of McLean, Virginia Tech; and **Nicollette Jacoutot** of Ashburn, Mississippi State University. This year's Virginia's Future Leaders'

and their parents were honored at the VCTA Annual Scholarship Luncheon on June 20 in Charlottesville at the Boar's Head Inn.

**William Malloy** has been named to the dean's list at Marquette University. Malloy is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish language and literature.

**Patrick C. Barron** of Fairfax Station has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Furman University, Greenville, S.C. Barron is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Barron.

**Eileen Campbell** was designated a student distinguished in scholarship by the honors committee and named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Bethany College, Bethany, N.Y. Campbell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Campbell of Fairfax.

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# Charity To Close Doors of Childcare Center

FROM PAGE 3

members of the board were meeting with Chu and Burke if nothing they said would change the outcome, Burton responded that it was a matter of courtesy.

"[Maj. James Allison] told the parents at the meeting that the board would reconvene over the next two-10 days and meet with them and so I'm honoring that request," said Burton.

Staff members were first informed that the center was closing July 10. Assistant Director Duan Boomba described the mood of the staff as a mixture of sadness, anger and frustration.

"We function here as a family. The staff, kids and parents, it's all a second home for us," said Boomba. "There's sadness in the fact that we might be losing that. There's frustration and anger on the side of finding out in such a poor manner."

Staff member and chef Laneica Hughes said the staff was as taken aback by news of the center's financial woes as the parents were.

"We were so blindsided by it all," said Hughes, who said she had worked at University View since 2004 and had never heard that the center was losing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Hughes also expressed frustration at the center's seeming unwillingness to aggres-

sively advertise. The center has no advertising budget and its main source of marketing is word of mouth. After enrollment dipped to 45 children several years ago, staff and parents handed out flyers, conducted silent auctions and fund raisers for the school, resulting in enrollment almost doubling to 86 as of last week. Parents and staff believe those efforts are proof that keeping news of the center's money problems from them left the Salvation Army with no viable way of making the center a profitable enterprise.

"We were like a hidden treasure because a lot of people didn't know about us," said Hughes.

Boomba said that the staff's general feelings echoed Burke's comments at the July 21 meeting, in which she stated that while the staff is in support of keeping the center open through June of next year, they could not support a measure only extending the closing until December. Burke said the strains of holding a staff and curriculum together under the cloud of December's closing was too much for her to ask her staff.

"For us, it's all or nothing," said Burke at

the meeting.

Boomba reiterated those comments, citing staff members' need for the job security that comes with the full school year.

"We have full-day kindergarten here that runs on the same academic calendar as Fairfax County schools here," she said. "As a parent, who would you put your child in here for three months and then uproot them to another school?"

Boomba said that she was never made aware who was responsible for the center's closing. Confusion about what

to do or who to contact was widespread among the staff and parents. That confusion was partly caused by inconsistent answers given by multiple Salvation Army officials regarding who originally proposed closing University View and who ultimately had final say in the matter, according to parents and staff members.

Gary Brown, who sits on the Salvation Army's advisory board, initially declined to comment for the board.

"I don't have any comment to make at all. I think it's important that the Salvation Army speak with one voice and I don't speak

for the Salvation Army," said Brown.

When asked if he sat on the Salvation Army's advisory board that handled the center's closing, Brown agreed. When asked about the board's role in the closing, Brown responded that they simply made a recommendation and were not responsible for the decision.

**WHEN ASKED** who was, Brown responded "The local commander and [Territory Headquarters in] Atlanta."

Chris Priest, director of communications for Southern Territory Headquarters of the Salvation Army, said they usually depend on the local commanders to manage their own affairs.

"Those kinds of decisions are usually made on a local level," said Priest. "We have to be aware of it, but it's not our decision to close a local program."

Burton said the process the Salvation Army goes through when making these decisions made pointing the finger at any one individual impossible and unproductive.

"The board unanimously approved the closure of the University View Childcare Center," said Burton, who said that after the board made its recommendation, the proposal went to Maj. Steve Morris, the local commander for Virginia and Washington D.C., then the Divisional Finance Board, then Territorial headquarters

**"We function here as a family. The staff, kids and parents, it's all a second home for us."**

— Duan Boomba

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# OPINION

## Seeking More Diversity at TJ

Start by nurturing passion for science in young students from all backgrounds.

**W**hy does it matter how many students of different ethnic or racial groups apply or are accepted to Fairfax County's world-famous math and science magnet school?

The problem isn't so much what happens at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. In a county of more than a million people, and more than 165,000 public school students, the population at TJ is a drop in the bucket.

What matters is how the county is nurturing passion and talent for math, science and other subjects in all 137 elementary schools and then in its 26 middle schools.

In 2004, a Blue Ribbon Commission addressed concerns about under-represented minority groups at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The under-represented groups are African-American and Latino students, who do not apply for admission in numbers proportional to their enrollment in the school system.

That commission recommended that admissions look at students more holistically and depend less on strict cutoffs of grade point averages and test scores.

We don't really know how that "holistic approach" has worked in the admissions trenches. The initial pool of applicants to be considered has about doubled, but the number African-American and Latino applicants has, if anything, decreased.

The 2004 commission found black students accounted for 1.1 percent of TJ's students and Hispanics making up 2.4 percent. And though

one out of five students in Fairfax County is poor enough to qualify for free and reduced-price meals, only one out of every 100 students at TJ is poor by the same standards.

**THE STUDENT** population granted admission for fall 2007 was about 1.86 percent African-American (nine students) and 2.06 percent Hispanic (10 students).

It's time for schools to consider each individual student. Every first grade teacher in every elementary school should be asked to identify a half-dozen to a dozen students who have interest in math and science. All students should be exposed to hands-on science, field work in the natural world and experiments that will light up the interests of young minds.

Of course we know that the current curriculum is supposed to accomplish this, and that high stakes testing in elementary school has also put more focus on certain areas. But we wonder whether the focus on testing has forced more of an academic, paper and pencil approach, rather than investing in the excitement of discovery.

But by having a list starting in first grade and moving forward through elementary school of students with passion for science, the schools will have data and resources to nurture these students. It's a powerful motivator for a teacher to tell a student as young as six or seven or eight that he or she has a special talent or love for science, or math, and that the student might want to consider being a scientist when he or she grows up.

of the 11th Congressional District. I requested Mr. Fimian's stance on a woman's right to choose in instances of rape, incest or the health of the mother. I wanted to know where he stands on contraception and stem cell research as

these issues are, also, not to be overlooked.

### LETTERS

My letter has gone unanswered, I understand campaigns get busy or are understaffed but considering Mr. Fimian's declaration in this recent interview that the issues I inquired on were "irrelevant," I think, I have my answer with Mr. Fimian's unresponsiveness. This is unfortunate, but it would be even more troubling if Mr. Fimian chose to hide his unpopular views for the duration of the election.

Mr. Fimian is a Republican candidate with views that do not coincide with that of the 11th District. A man who wants to represent us in Congress owes his con-

stituency answers. I respectfully request that Mr. Fimian acknowledge social issues as being important and that he starts informing the people of the 11th District where he stands.

**Jane Blechman**  
Fairfax Station

### Fully Informed Voter?

To the Editor:

Last week, I was disturbed to learn that Congressional candidate Keith Fimian (R) thinks women's issues are irrelevant to voters of Virginia's 11th Congressional District. As one of the former chairs of the Fairfax Commission on Women and former member of the Virginia Commission on the Status of Women, I am concerned Mr. Fimian will hide his position on women's rights issues from voters.

### Applying to TJ

Eighth grade students who live with their parent or legal guardian who resides full-time in a participating school district (the counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, or Prince William or the city of Falls Church) are eligible to apply to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/tj.htm>, or <http://information.tjhsst.edu/admissions/>

Focusing on individual children in elementary schools that have the highest percentage of poor children is also essential.

**THIS SORT** of approach will result in more students, of all races and economic background, excelling in math and science across the board, not just at TJ.

But in addition, half the slots at TJ should be assigned by middle school, on a percentage basis, so that students from different geographic locations in the county have guaranteed access to the school. And encouraging students who qualify for free-and-reduced meals, students who are from poor families, is also critical.

Real passion for science, the kind of passion that results in young men and women choosing careers in science, is not measured in test scores and grades. It's measured in enthusiasm and attention. If as school board members say, they want to see TJ add to the number of people who go on to be leaders in math and science, they'll have to find a way to foster and measure passion and interest.

A recent proposal to have a 3.0 grade point cutoff for applicants is not a step in that direction.

— MARY KIMM,

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### Social Issues Relevant

To the Editor:

The voter's of Virginia's 11th Congressional District are presented with their first new Republican candidate in 14 years. Keith Fimian, a businessman and multimillionaire, is running a self-financed campaign in his bid for the open congressional seat.

Mr. Fimian is making his introduction to his constituency in a curious and incomplete way. Since, Mr. Fimian has little name recognition and no prior public service, I sent a letter to his Republican campaign in an effort to learn more about this relatively unknown businessman. Mr. Fimian's statement in a recent interview asserts that social issues are irrelevant to the people of the 11th District and his refusal to answer questions on social issues prompted my letter.

Social issues are relevant as they impact the daily lives of the people

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# CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Know something that should be featured in School Notes? Awards? Special events? School fairs? Send email to: schools@connectionnewspapers.com.

The following students were honored by the Northern Virginia District PTA in its PTA Reflections Contest. Those with additional awards in parentheses were also recognized by the Virginia PTA.

### Dance Choreography

Primary — Katherine Barbano, Canterbury Woods Elementary School (Virginia PTA Award of Merit)

Intermediate — Kristen Stephens, Canterbury Woods Elementary School (Virginia PTA Outstanding Interpretation)

### Photography

Primary — Nick Falvo, Wakefield Forest Elementary School

**Lauren Palmucci**, 2008 graduate Fairfax High School, Fairfax, is one of 15 recipients of a scholarship from the Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation (NWFCU Foundation).

**Fairfax High School's** class of 1988 is holding its 20-year high school reunion on Oct. 11 at the Hilton Old Town in Alexandria. For details, call 1-800-655-7971 or go to www.GreatReunions.com.

**Evan Wilson** of Annandale was honored during the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards ceremony on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, June 11. He is a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School and was honored as an Hispanic role model for his peers.

**Dana Riley**, a fourth-grade teacher at Fairhill Elementary School in Fairfax and 23 other educators from across Virginia

will bring to their classrooms new knowledge and experience gained during the 2008 Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Summer Teacher Institute, held July 13-18 at Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center history museums. Correlated with the Virginia Standards of Learning, the institute emphasized interactive, inquiry-based methods of teaching American history. A major component of the program was the opportunity for participants to work in period costumes alongside museum historical interpreters.

The institute included tours of the museums' exhibition galleries and outdoor interpretive areas — re-created Powhatan Indian village, 1607 ships and 1610-14 colonial fort and riverfront discovery area at Jamestown Settlement, and re-created Continental Army encampment and 1780s farm at the Yorktown Victory Center. Teachers also toured Historic Jamestowne, site of America's first permanent English settlement administered by the National Park Service and APVA Preservation Virginia, and Yorktown National Battlefield, site of the decisive military engagement of the American Revolution.

**Ten Fairfax County Public Schools students** have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of approximately 2,800 National Merit® finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions.

Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are: **David Fox** of Lake Braddock Secondary School (engineering), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Valerie Vargas** of Lake

Braddock Secondary School (medicine), National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship; **Richard Jacobson** of Oakton High School (music, government service), National Merit St. Olaf College Scholarship; **Morgan Bell** of Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology (TJHSST) (animal science), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Henry Bosco** of TJHSST (medicine), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Michael Dunn** of TJHSST (computer engineering), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Hanna Howard** of TJHSST (journalism), National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship; **Andrew Stebbins** of TJHSST (software engineering), National Merit Rochester Institute of Technology Scholarship; **Alyson Yee** of TJHSST (international relations), National Merit Tufts University Scholarship; and **Colleen Zhu** of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

**George Mason University** Assistant Vice President/Director of Athletics Tom O'Connor announced that Paul Bowden and Nena Rogers have been promoted to Associate Athletic Directors, Bowden in compliance and Rogers in Life Skills.

Bowden has been the Director of Compliance for Mason athletics since Aug. 21, 2006. He spent four years in the compliance office at Hampton University, his alma mater. At Hampton, he also was the Director of Tennis, Golf and Bowling for the athletic department and supervisor for the Academic Support and Life Skills staff. Prior to that, Bowden was a retirement plan representative and business systems analyst with T. Rowe Price.

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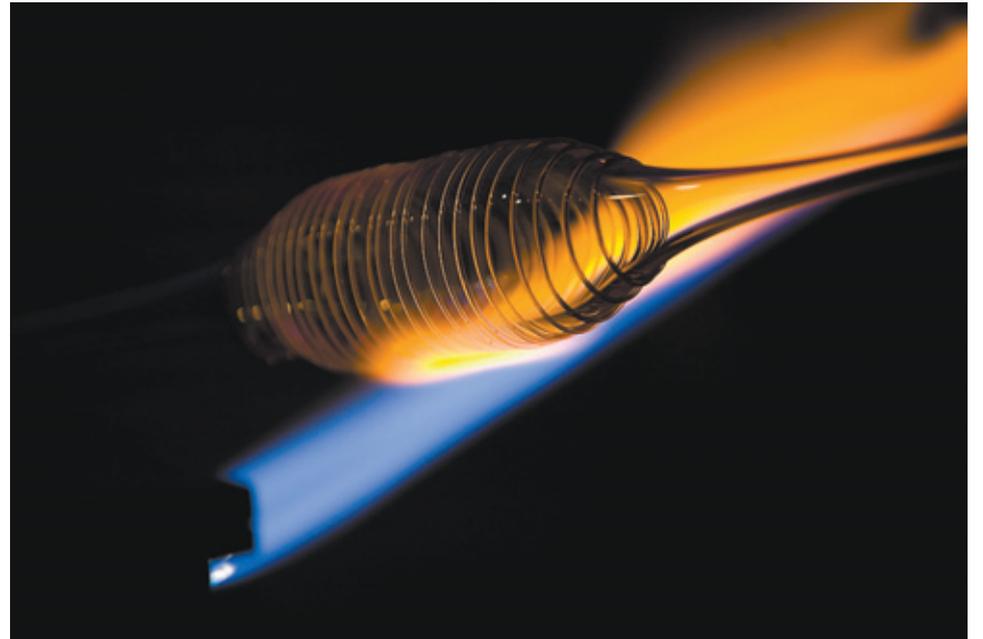
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## FINE ARTS



Michael Higgins puts the final touches on the globe for the hummingbird feeder on Tuesday, July 22, in the studio at New Dynasty Glassworks & Gallery in Fairfax. New Dynasty has four employees who create glasswork for wholesale.



Michael Higgins heats a glass rod that he is going to turn into a hummingbird feeder. Higgins makes hummingbird feeders for stores in the area.

# Liquid Fire

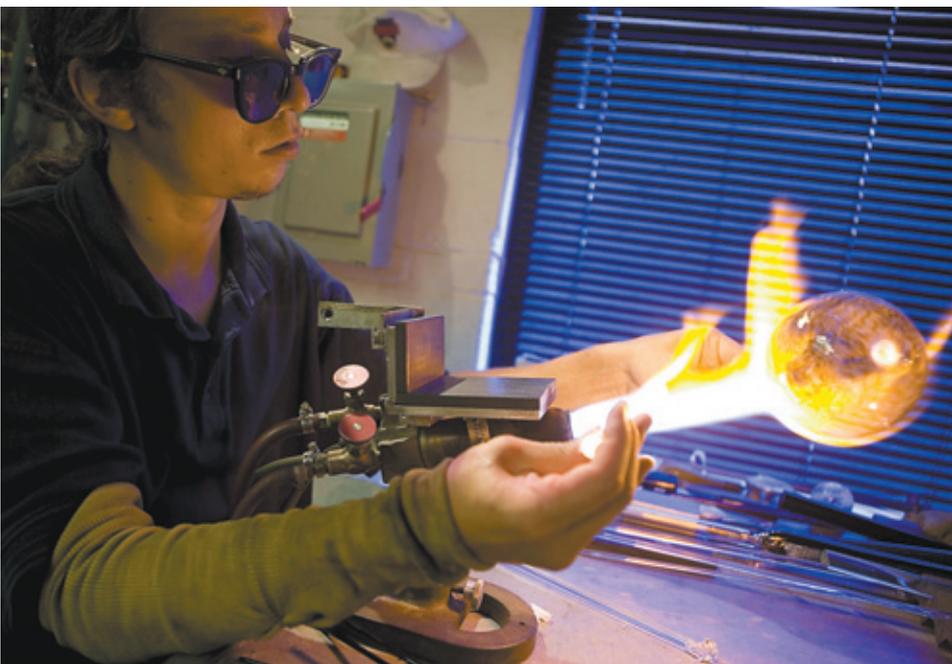
Fairfax glassworks offers classes for novice and advanced glass blowers.

**N**ew Dynasty Glassworks & Gallery is owned and operated by Michael Higgins and his mother Cherry Brown. Michael Higgins began glass blowing in 1999 and opened New Dynasty in the fall of 2004. New Dynasty is located at 8440-A Lee Highway in Fairfax. Classes in both basic

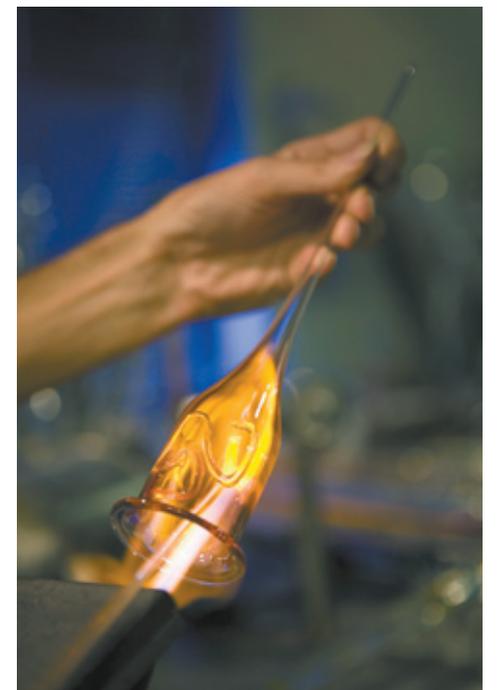
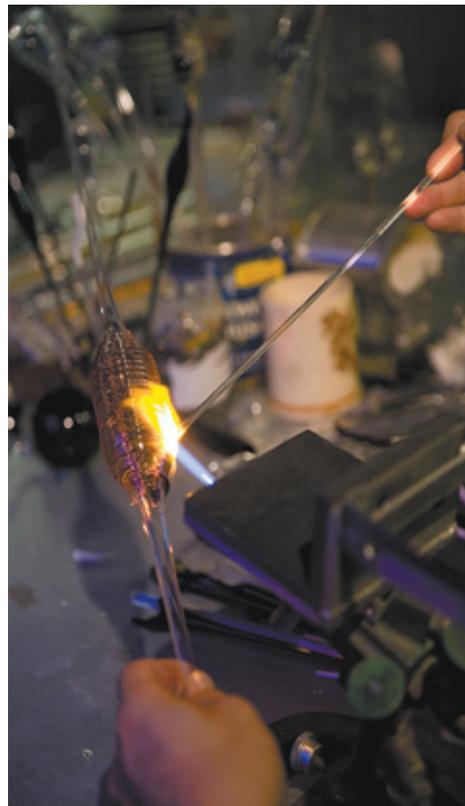
flame working and hollow-form work are offered at New Dynasty. Private lessons are also available for glass blowers ranging in skills from beginners to advanced. Bench time in the studio is available for rent for both hobbyists and professionals. To reserve a spot in the upcoming September class call 703-560-0961 or visit [www.newdynastyglass.com](http://www.newdynastyglass.com).

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— PHOTOS AND TEXT BY SAM FUNT



Higgins shapes the globe for a hummingbird feeder. Higgins does a type of glass blowing referred to as flame work. He has been glass blowing since 1999.



Higgins creates a design on the glass rod as he works on making a hummingbird feeder.

# Sex Offender Sentenced Again

Nan used 'unsecured wireless networks' of neighbors to talk in online incest chat rooms.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION



Steve Houck

POLICE PHOTO

Steve Ray Houck, a former computer specialist with the Federal Communications Commission, was sentenced last week to 15 years in prison after pleading guilty to transportation of child pornography.

Houck, 53 of the 4300 block of Selkirk Drive in Fairfax, had been convicted of distribution of child pornography in 2000.

He "just completed a term of supervised release when he was arrested in this case," according to Jeffrey A. Taylor, United States Attorney for the District of Columbia.

Because of his previous conviction, he faced a mandatory minimum term of 15 years in federal prison, according to Taylor.

U.S. District Court Judge Emmet G. Sullivan also ordered lifetime supervised release for Houck, following his release from prison.

Using fictitious personal information and name, Houck told an undercover detective in an online incest chat room that he wanted to pay for sex with a

10-year-old girl, according to U.S. District Court documents.

Houck "stated he wanted to exchange 'commitment pictures'" with the undercover detective, and would "commit to the price for having sex with the child" after seeing the photos, according to a criminal complaint filed against Houck.

Houck requested specific types of photos of the 10-year-old, who he thought was the daughter of a prostitute. After the detective sent him photos of a fictitious child, Houck "repeated his interest in meeting the 10-year-old child at a hotel in the District of Columbia for the purpose of having sexual intercourse with her," according to the complaints.

Metropolitan Police officers and FBI agents seized thousands of images of child pornography from his Fairfax home, according to Taylor.

Houck had been a telecommunications analyst at the FCC and was employed by a computer technology company in Reston at the time of his arrest in July 2007.

He spent time chatting about incest and his interest in young girls while logged onto the Internet via the unsecured wireless networks of his neighbors and employer.

Two of the IP addresses Houck used during his conversations with undercover detectives in the incest chat room linked to Houck's employer.

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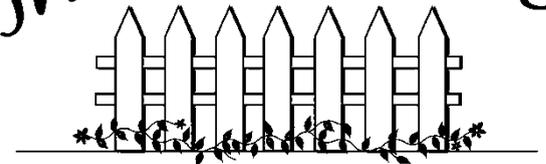
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**Teen Cinema.** Chill with a movie and popcorn. Age 12-18. 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

**Rude Buddha.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**NSO at WolfTrap: Beethoven's Best.** 8:15 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20 to \$48. 877-WOLFTRAP.

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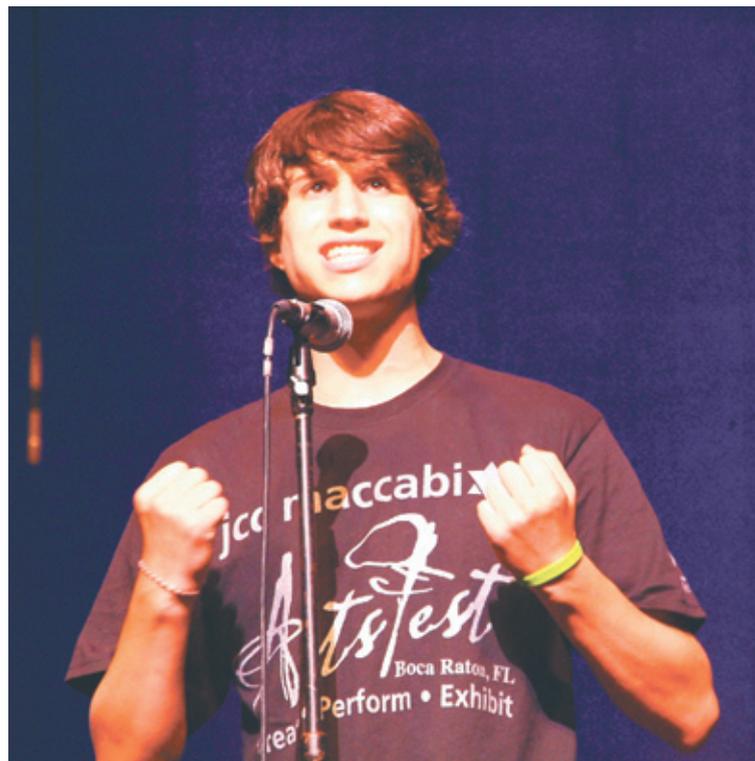
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**Fairfax Corner Summer Concert Series: Marcus Johnson.** 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza, 11951 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Call 703-227-0894 or www.fairfaxcorner.com.

**What on Earth?** 10:30 a.m. Simplified look at some earth science topics. Age 6-12. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

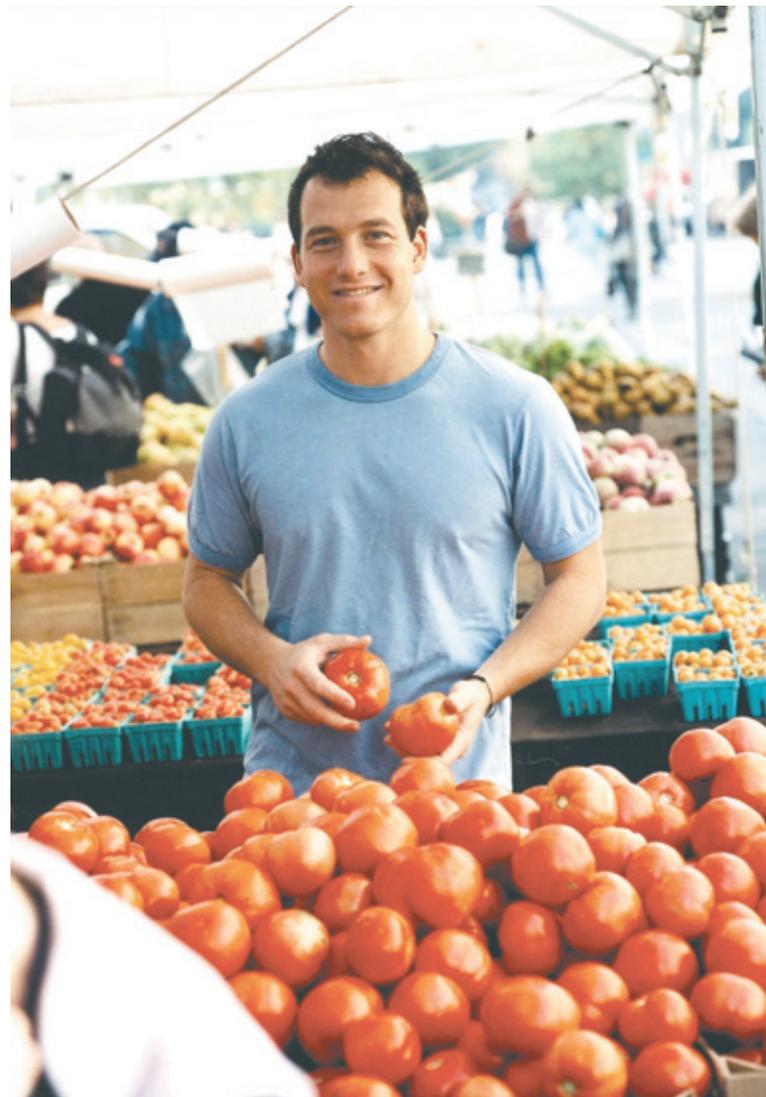
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**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. No registration necessary. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

**A Day at the Beach With Under the Sea.** See creatures you'd find at the shore and learn about sand, waves, tides and sun. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450

Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

**Writers' Roundtable.** Discuss your work with other writers. No registration necessary. 7:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

**Little Tots Summer Fun Series, with Flumpa & Friends.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. An interactive family adventure combining music, physical movement and colorful sets with science fun facts and biological, earth and physical sciences. Featuring the 6-foot-6, blue-eyed tree frog and its creator, Wendy Whitten the Singing Scientist, the show engages curiosity and stimulates imagination. Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza, 11951 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Call 703-227-0894 or www.fairfaxcorner.com.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 7

**Peruvian Cultural Heritage Night.** Celebrate Peru's cultural heritage with dancing, poetry reading, music, crafts and food. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

**Teen Cinema.** Chill with a movie and popcorn. Age 12-18. 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

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**Will Hoge, Old Springs Pike.** Rock. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 8

**Trio Caliente.** A mixture of jazz and pop complimented with flamenco, bossa nova and salsa. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

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**Friday Flicks.** Bring a lunch and enjoy videos. Age 1-6 with adult. 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

Shane Hines. **Pop/rock. 8 p.m.**

**Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.**

**Truro Church Book Sale.** 12-5 p.m. Books, videos, CDs, DVDs, and cassettes. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-631-1275 or visit www.trurochurch.org.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 9

**Microsoft PowerPoint.** Learn to put together an attractive presentation. 2:30 p.m. Age 13 and up. City of Fairfax Regional Library. 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register 703-293-6227

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**Teen Beach Party.** Enjoy fun in the sun with great food and outdoor sports. Age 12-18. 12 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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**Truro Church Book Sale.** 12-2 p.m. Books, videos, CDs, DVDs, and cassettes. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-631-1275 or visit www.trurochurch.org.

**Virginia Power Shift 5k Fun Run.** 9 a.m., at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. The money earned will go to funding Virginia Power Shift and shoe drive donation for www.soles4souls.org. Online registration is \$20, includes a race shirt. Packet pickup day of race. Contact Lyndsay McKeever at 571-214-8805 or mckeelva@vt.edu. Visit www.vapowershift.org.

## MONDAY/AUG. 11

**Bugs, Garden, and Food with Forensics 101.** Learn how bugs and plants are used to solve crimes in this hands-on forensic science program. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call to register 703-978-5600.

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**Mother Goose & Fabulous Puppet.** Join Mother Goose and her puppet friends Jack and Jill for fun-filled stories and songs. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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## Home Care NEWS

Presented by  
Laura & Michael  
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### BATHROOM SAFETY

Studies have shown that the bathroom is the most dangerous room in the house for seniors. At a certain point in life, bathing and hygiene can go from a pleasant routine to a painful, embarrassing hassle. It's hard enough to accept assistance in many areas of life, but getting help with bathroom routines is especially difficult. Many elderly and disabled individuals end up avoiding the bathroom at all costs, which leads to all sorts of problems including poor personal hygiene and unpleasant odors. Reconfiguring a bathroom, even with slight modifications, can make life easier. Using proper design techniques, an accessible bathroom can restore pride and allow the elderly to live life in a more normal manner.

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# Central Fairfax Chamber Turns 50

Chamber marks anniversary with Oct. 3 event at GMU Center for the Arts.

BY REBECCA KOENIG  
THE CONNECTION

For 50 years, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has been representing the small business community in and around the City of Fairfax, and it plans to honor that legacy this fall at its annual gala.

The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has evolved in name and scope from its beginnings in 1958. That year, 27 businessmen from the then Town of Fairfax formed the Courthouse Square Businessmen's Association. The group supported legislation in 1961 for the creation of the City of Fairfax, and three years later changed its name to the City of Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, Inc. In order to extend its reach to business organizations outside of the city limits, the group took on the name Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce in 1985. It now has more than 900 members throughout the region, and represents businesses ranging from chiropractic offices to bakeries.

Though its name has changed several

times over its half-century existence, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce has stayed true to its motto: "small business focus, big business results." According to Steve Mohyla, who is currently serving as chairman of the CFCC Board of Directors, members often remark, "This Chamber feels like a family.' They feel, 'there are other people looking out for me.' Our focus is on the small business to help them succeed."

Businesses and individuals join the Chamber for a variety of reasons. "I joined because I wanted to get active and get my name in front of other businesses here," said Mohyla, the owner of a Bridgeland Wealth Consultants, LLC, which provides fee-based financial planning for individuals and private businesses. The experience has been positive for Mohyla, and he advises his clients to follow his example. "When I have clients that have started their own businesses, my first piece of advice is, 'join your chamber of commerce.'"

The leadership provided by Mohyla and the other directors is one way the CFCC promotes the success of its member businesses. "We're answerable to the members,"

said Mohyla. "We advocate on the behalf of the businesses and the community. The president or I will attend council meetings to give elected officials insight as to how their actions will affect the business community."

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) is the Board of Supervisors' liaison to the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and has served in that capacity for approximately 15 years. According to Bulova, the CFCC occasionally voices opinions on matters that come before the Board of Supervisors.

"The Chamber was very interested in the commercial tax rate the Board just adopted," said Bulova. "They were concerned that the tax rate would be too high on small businesses. We adopted one that was considerably less than what we had been authorized to adopt. The Chamber has been an effective voice in making that case."

According to Bulova, she and other local officials value the input the CFCC has had over the years. "The smaller chambers play a role in being the voice for small and mod-

erately sized businesses. They provide a forum for the Board of Supervisors to engage the small business community. Having that institution for us to work with is very important and effective."

The Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce offers many programs that benefit its members, including lunch and breakfast seminars on varied topics, such as updates on business technology. Speed networking events teach members to ask questions of other businesses in three minutes or less. Evening mixers, which are hosted by different member busi-

nesses, offer a way to provide them with additional publicity. A formal annual dinner and an annual awards banquet honor members for their leadership, community service and innovation. Less serious activities available as well. This past June, the CFCC conducted a mini golf tournament, in which Bulova hosted a hole.

In addition to serving the business com-

**"Our focus is on the small business to help them succeed."**

— Steve Mohyla, chairman of the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

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# CRIME

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through July 25.

## ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

**9700 block of Ox Road.** A deer was rescued from an abandoned water treatment plant pit at Occoquan Regional Park, in the 9700 block of Ox Road on Sunday, July 20. The deer was seen swimming in about 8 to 10 feet of water and could not get out. The water pit had not been used in over 10 years and was not contaminated with sewage. The animal control officer sedated the deer with a dart, and with the help of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel, was able to rescue it. Shortly after, the deer recovered and walked away.

## LARCENIES

- 6400 block of Blarney Stone Court.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 5800 block of Chase Commons Court.** Wallet stolen from vehicle.
- Coffer Woods Road/Burke Lake Road.** Stereo stolen from vehicle.
- 7800 block of Dasset Court.** Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
- 5200 block of Lonsdale Drive.** DVD player stolen from vehicle.
- 10200 block of Marshall Pond Road.** Watch stolen from residence.
- 5300 block of Nutting Drive.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 8300 block of Old Keene Mill Road.** Gasoline stolen from service station.
- 7900 block of Orange Plank Road.** GPS and iPod stolen from vehicle.
- 9200 block of Wrights Hollow Lane.** Cell phone stolen from vehicle.
- 5500 block of Yorkshire St.** License plates stolen from vehicle.

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through July 25.

## BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING

**7200 block of Commerce St.** An 18-year-old Springfield woman awoke to find a man crawling through her bedroom window on Wednesday, July 23 shortly after 3 a.m. The victim had been sleeping in her ground floor apartment in the 7200 block of Commerce St. when she felt her blanket sliding off. When she opened her eyes, she saw a man, halfway through the window, pulling on her blanket. She screamed and was not injured; the suspect fled. The suspect was described as a white or Hispanic male in his late 40s to 50 years old. He had short, brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a black T-shirt.

## WEAPON DISCHARGE/ARRESTS

**9600 block of Hagel Circle.** Two men were arrested after police responded to a report of shots fired on Tuesday evening. Officers were called to the 9600 block of Hagel Circle on July 22, at 8:10 p.m., after residents heard the gunfire. Officers learned that one man allegedly stood outside and discharged a handgun then left in a vehicle driven by a second man. The vehicle was located nearby with both suspects inside. Corey W. Johnson, 32, of the 8000 block of Long Creek Drive in Rutherglen, Va., was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with discharging a weapon in a public place. The driver of the vehicle, Randy C. Geanes, 24, of the 13700 block of Kellingwood Circle in Woodbridge, was issued and released on a summons for having a concealed weapon. No one was injured.

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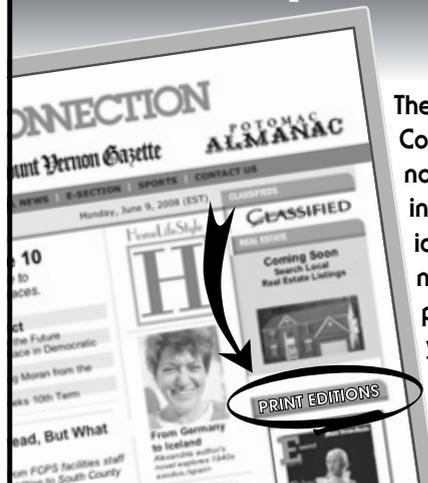
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# SPORTS

## Senior Sluggers Put on Show

### Northern Virginia Senior Softball hosts annual All-Star Game.

BY ANDREW DODSON  
THE CONNECTION

**B**en Fisher remembers playing Little League baseball against Gary Parks in Arlington over a half century. After the days of Little League, they did not see each other until they met up on the diamond again — 50 years later.

“We always played against each other,” Fisher said. “And now we get to play against each other again.”

Fisher and Parks, both 65, are All-Stars of the National League of Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) along with several others. Teammates and managers elect the best players from their respective team and those players compete for either the Washington or Wilson Division.

NVSS offers a unique opportunity for seniors — who are at least 50-years-old — to continue play the game that they grew up loving.

“Whatever level of play you are and as long as you are in some kind of shape, we’ll have a team for you to play on,” said NVSS Publicity Chairman Dave Scheele. “It’s great for your health and it’s just a great opportunity to have fun.”

The league has three sub-leagues: Continental, American, and National. The Continental is the equivalent of AA ball, American is AAA, and the National League is the premier division. League managers evaluate players at the beginning of the season to determine which league fits their respected abilities.

**DO NOT LET** the gray hair fool you; these boys play with as much heart and strength as Major League All-Stars of today. Many of them have the ability to crank the ball over 300 feet out of the park — ask any of the players about Bill Grewe.

“Those are automatic for him,” said outfielder Bob Williams. “He can hit homers at will.”

Both dugouts lock focus on his smooth swing each at bat waiting for another ball to go the yard. Last year, Grewe set the NVSS record, clobbering 58 homeruns in a single season.

While other sports like tennis and golf provide great recreational and healthy activity, softball offers something more, according to outfielder Peter Shockley.

“The thing about softball is it’s a team sport and you have that atmosphere,” Shockley said. “You can make a lot of friends out here.”

Shockley sat the all-star game, nursing a back injury. He said he is saving his back for the games that really matter in the coming week. His team currently sits in a tie for first in the division.



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Tom Garofalo high-fives Jim Ridgell after Ridgell made a nice catch to end the inning.**

Defense was pivotal in the first two innings for both teams. The Wilson division All-Stars scored the first run of the game in the third inning.

Powerful hitting continued in the fourth and fifth inning for the Wilson team, racing to a 7-1 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth.

One memorable highlight came when second baseman, ‘Crazy’ Jerry Sviatko laid out for a diving grab in the infield. Sviatko threw the ball to the shortstop covering the base for the inning-ending out while still on the ground. Teammates and opponents both applauded the play by the retired schoolteacher and Sviatko walked back into the dugout with a small grin on his face. Washington Division’s All-Stars rallied for an extra run in the seventh inning, but Wilson’s All-Stars answered with two runs. Going into the ninth inning, Washington trailed 9-2.

“Come on guys,” one player shouted. “Let’s do this one bat at a time.”

A controversial out at first caused the Washington dugout to jeer at the first base umpire.

“Come on Blue,” shouted one player. “Yeah, we need all the help we can get right now,” echoed another.

Power hitter Tom Wells pelted a ball into centerfield. The outfielder quickly threw back to first, causing the first baseman to leap for a catch. When the first baseman came down,

Wells collided with him. The collision forced the Washington manager to pull the injured Wells out of the game.

With two outs, the Washington Division All-Stars strung together a slew of hits and pulled in a run, but it was not enough to overcome the 9-3 deficit. The game ended with a grounder thrown to first.

**AFTER THE GAME**, both teams met at centerfield for a line of handshakes. The game proved that you are never too old to enjoy America’s favorite pastime. Each player comes from a different background, yet the 500-plus members of NVSS each join for the same love for the game.

First baseman Jerry Sheetz said he feels privileged to play with some of the greatest guys he has ever met.

“It’s amazing when you look around and see that this guy had bypass surgery, or this guy has cancer. It kind of makes it hard to complain about a paper cut,” said Sheetz.

A picnic followed the game and as players headed over for it, all they talked about were certain plays during the game and what they would have done differently. It was quite evident these grown boys truly love baseball.

“It doesn’t matter who you are,” said Scheele. “As long as you love the game, come on out and play ball.”

**“Whatever level of play you are and as long as you are in some kind of shape, we’ll have a team for you to play on.”**

— Dave Scheele, NVSS Publicity Chairman

### 2008 All-Star Selections

#### National Conference: Washington

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Wayne Masefield	Reston
Tony Giannini	Oakton
Steve Adamson	Sterling
Mike Kosar	Vienna
Don Webber	Springfield
Pete Shockley	Alexandria
Ben Fisher	Fairfax
Jerry Sviatko	Alexandria
Tom Ramberg	Reston
Jerry Sheetz	Lorton
Alan Gillespie	Springfield

#### National Conference: Wilson

Dave Shultz	Ashburn
Mike Burchfield	Annandale
Frank Jacobs	South Riding
Mike Bellows	Fairfax
David Black	Burke
Tom Bowers	Herndon
Donzell Jackson	Fairfax Station
Larry Scarlata	Springfield
Wayne Cowles	Springfield
Steve Turchan	Burke
Dan Barolo	Alexandria
David Hobson	Arlington
Paul Math	Annandale
Jeff Harrison	Springfield
Bruce Remick	Springfield
Bryon Stiflar	Springfield

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Jim Fuller	Burke
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Bruce Pels	Arlington
Barry Newman	Annandale
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Ron Sarson	Oak Hill
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Jim Meyers	Annandale
Baz Baziliuk	Burke
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John Miller	Lorton
Ted Ringelheim	Springfield
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Howard Walton	Fairfax
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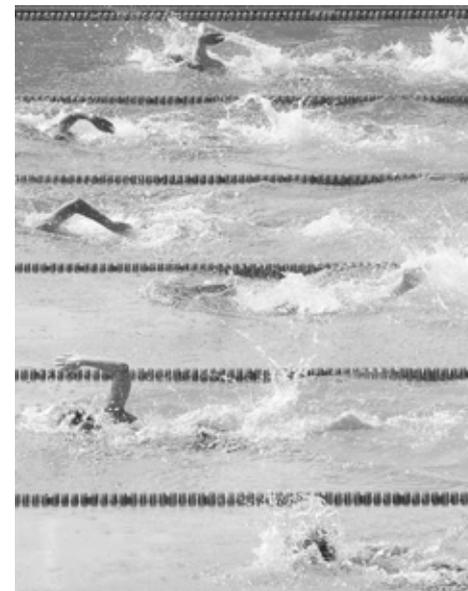
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Ray Holt	Arlington
Eric Garand	Fairfax
Jesse Christian	Arlington
Chuck Leone	Vienna
Don Beless	Oakton
Bob Davey	Fairfax Station
Brian Payne	Fairfax
Tony DiDonato	Fairfax
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Jerry Reichel	Falls Church
Lew Glasener	Vienna
Don Meli	Annandale
Michael Brazie	Sterling, Va.
Herman Porter	Fairfax



Katarina O'Reilly of the Vienna Aquatic Club competes in the 50-meter freestyle.



Swimmers race in the 50-meter freestyle during the Northern Virginia Swimming League Division I meet at Lee-Graham pool on July 26.

# The Best of the Best

The Northern Virginia Swimming League and the Colonial Swim League held their divisional championships over the weekend and the top swimmers in each division didn't disappoint, with three records falling in the NVSL and four in the CSL. Mosby Woods' Janet Hu set her 13th NVSL record at the NVSL Division 10 championships by breaking the 11-12 girls 100-meter individual medley with a time of 1 minute, 7.81 seconds. Two records fell in the NVSL Division 2 championships, with Eva Greene breaking the 13-14 girls 50-meter backstroke record with a time of 30.59. Later, Sean Fletcher broke the 50-meter butterfly record with a time 25.28.

In NVSL Division 9 at Walden Glen, Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree tied the mark for the girls 15-18 50-meter butterfly with a time of 28.94 – set by Forest Hollow's Mary Quinn in 1984.

At the CSL Blue Division championships, Chase Club's Ellyn Baumgardner lowered her own 15-18 50-meter breaststroke record with a time of 33.07. It was the third time that Baumgardner lowered the 15-18 50-meter breaststroke mark in two seasons.

At the CSL Red Division championships, Chantilly Highlands' Robert Grimmert-Norris set three CSL marks. Grimmert-Norris set the boys 15-18 100-meter individual medley record with a time of 1:01.38 – besting his own time by .09 seconds. In the boys 15-18 50-meter butterfly, he swam a time of 26.52, beating a 11-year old record. Grimmert-Norris finished his day by breaking the 15-18 50-meter backstroke record, with a time of 27.44.

—PAUL FROMMELT



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Michael Southern, above, of the Lee-Graham Swim Team prepares for race in the 50-meter freestyle. Dacid Emson, left, of the Overlee Swim Club competes in the 50-meter freestyle.



Mia Cleary of the Lee-Graham Swim Team competes in the 50-meter freestyle.



Matthew Kuhlik of the Chesterbrook Swim Team competes in the 50-meter freestyle.

# Chamber Turns 50

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munity, the CFCC sponsors many events that benefit the entire community. It runs a scholarship, works with George Mason University's Halloween Child Safety Program and sponsors Cox's Movies Under the Moon event.

"We work with the Robinson DECA [a high school student marketing association] for shadow-a-businessperson-day," said Mohyla. "They see what goes on in the businessperson's office."

"The members help to create a sense of community in Fairfax County," said Bulova. "They host events that bring people together."

CFCC President, Melissa Choate, agreed that the Chamber's ability to bring people together is one of its greatest strengths and believes it is the reason some businesses have remained since the group's inception. "Members join for the Chamber's personality, which is friendly and welcoming," she said. "It makes an impact on people's lives."

This fall, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce will mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its annual gala. George Mason University will host the Oct. 3 event at its Center for the Arts. A group of GMU students from the jazz studies program will provide musical entertainment, one of more than 50 service events the program conducts each year, according to Jim Carroll, the director of jazz studies at George Mason University.

With regard to the Chamber's connection to the university, Mohyla said, "We've really nurtured our relationship and are extremely appreciative of the help GMU is giving us."

The Oct. 3 gala will include swing dance music and a presentation with photographs spanning the group's 50-year history. The CFCC plans to invite Gov. Tim Kaine (D) as well as members of the Senate and House of Representatives and local politicians, many of whom have supported the Chamber for years.

"I'm very excited about the Gala and the fact that the Chamber is celebrating this important anniversary," said Bulova. "They have a lot of fun while serving an important role in the community."

## FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Metropolitan Community Church** of Northern Virginia, located at 10383 Democracy Lane, Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and choir practice (open to all) on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. Visit [www.mccnova.com](http://www.mccnova.com) or call 703-691-0930.

**Church of the Nativity** offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

**The Catholic Diocese of Arlington offers the USDA Special Milk Program** to eligible children at St. Leo the Great School in Fairfax and St. Bernadette School in Springfield.

Burke Presbyterian Church, located at 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, offers a **coffeehouse worship service** on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., for people who may be unavailable Sunday mornings or are seeking a break from a more traditional style of worship. The service offers the same lesson and sermon as the Sunday service, but in a less formal environment. A nursery is provided for young children. Burke Presbyterian Church is located at 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke.

**Arabic Bible Baptist Church** is located at 5424 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Pastor: Tony Ghareeb. Call 703-273-5599 or e-mail to

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The Fairfax Church of Christ sponsors a **16-week Divorce Recovery support group** every Monday at 7 p.m. at the church. Call 703-631-2100 or visit [www.fxcc.org](http://www.fxcc.org). Fairfax Church of Christ is located at 3901 Rugby Road, Fairfax.

A **new casual worship service** with a praise band is at 9:45 a.m. at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. Visit [www.sumdisciples.org](http://www.sumdisciples.org) or call 703-451-8223.

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church** offers **Crossroads**, a new 'come as you are' worship service each Saturday evening at 5 p.m. at 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Call 703-978-3500.

**Truro Church MOPS** would like to invite all mothers of preschool-aged children to join MOPS for relevant speakers, small group time with other moms and food. The group meets the second Thursday of every month, at Truro Church, located at 10520 Main St., Fairfax, in the church fellowship hall on the lower level. Call 703-222-2332.

Jubilee Christian Center is offering **free English classes** as a second language during its Sunday School time, 10:10-10:50 a.m. on Sundays at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170.

All are welcome to join the **Fresh Fire congregation** every Sunday for a service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Sackey and his congregation invite all to participate in preaching and teaching, praise and worship, in a Christ-centered min-

istry. Fresh Fire International Center meets at the Chinese Martial Arts Building, 8426-B Lee Highway, Fairfax, opposite the BMW Fairfax; entrance is in the back. Call 703-815-8950.

**Faith Communities in Action** meets the first Wednesday of every other month from 2-4 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

The **Baha'i of Fairfax County Southwest** offers "Interfaith Devotions: World Peace and Unity" for the general public on Saturdays. These free devotional gatherings meet at the Pohick Regional Library, Room #1, located at 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 22015.

**International Calvary Church** is a Christ, Bible and Spirit-centered church. Sunday services are as follows: English services at 9:45 a.m., Korean services at 11:30 a.m. and youth services at 11:30 a.m. Sunday School is as follows: English classes at 11:30 a.m. and children's classes at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study and Youth Meeting are at 8 p.m. and Friday Prayer and Youth Meeting take place at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-569-1918. The International Calvary Church, 5700 Hanover Ave., Springfield.

**The Church of the Nativity in Burke offers a Grief Support Group** for all who have suffered the death of a loved one and are in need of the comfort that sharing can bring. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month, in the school building, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. 703 533-2951.

## COMMUNITIES OF WORSHIP

 <p><b>Messiah</b> United Methodist Church 6215 Rolling Rd., Springfield (Near West Springfield High School) <b>(703) 569-9862</b></p> <p><b>Sunday Services</b> 8:15, 9:30 &amp; 11:00 am Heartline Contemporary Service 7:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sunday School</b> 9:30 am &amp; 11:00 am "Serving God by Serving Others" Visit our website: <a href="http://www.messiahumc.org">http://www.messiahumc.org</a></p>		<p><b>ONE GOD MINISTRY</b> A Global Church A Non-Denominational Multi-racial Bible-based Christian Church Dedicated to the Spiritual Empowerment and Enrichment of the Human Race ~ Join Us For Worship ~ At 4280 Chain Bridge Road • Fairfax, VA 22030</p> <p><b>Sundays</b> 10:00 am-10:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am-12:30 pm Worship Service</p> <p><b>Wednesdays</b> 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Worship Service</p> <p>Phone: 703-591-6161 Fax: 703-591-6262 Email: <a href="mailto:PraiseGod@OneGodMinistry.org">PraiseGod@OneGodMinistry.org</a> Visit Our Website: <a href="http://www.OneGodMinistry.org">www.OneGodMinistry.org</a></p>	
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## HEALTH NOTES

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#### OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Hadi A. Ashour, dated June 21, 2007, and recorded June 22, 2007, in Deed Book 19409 at page 2149 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 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Unit 622, Phase 6, The Residences at Fair Chase Condominium

Tax Map No. 056-1-24-0622

Commonly known as 4640 Battenburg Lane, #622, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

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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.

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DAVID N. PRENSKY

Substitute Trustee

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE

#### OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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8809 Southwick Street, Fairfax, Virginia

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Commonly known as 8809 Southwick Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22031.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$60,000.00 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 6.50 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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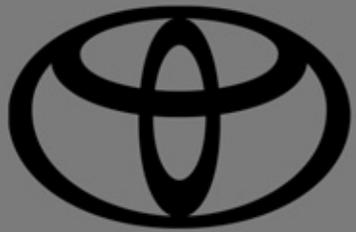
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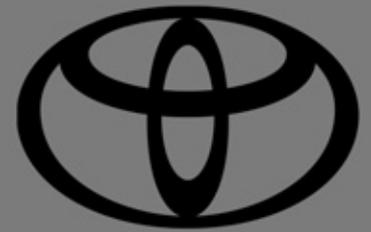
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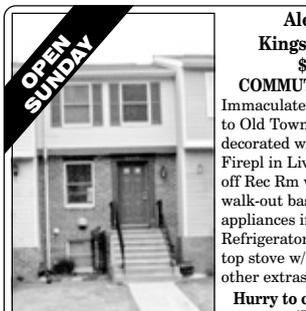


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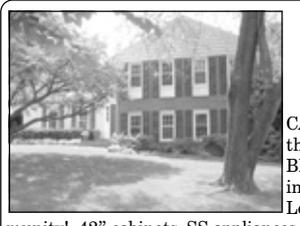
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