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Daniel Saxton, a senior trumpet player with the South County marching band, marches in line with the rest of the band during a preseason practice on Tuesday morning.

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A Hole Sport In One
Miniature golf continues to be a summer favorite.

Miniature golf has been a popular pastime for many years, and it's no exception in the South County area. The sport is enjoyed by people of all ages, and it's a great way to spend a few minutes of your day. In fact, miniature golf is one of the most popular leisure activities in the area, and it's no wonder why. The sport is easy to learn, and it's a lot of fun. Plus, it's a great way to spend time with friends and family. So, if you're looking for a fun and relaxing activity, miniature golf is the perfect choice.

It's something the whole family can enjoy.
-Tom Fio, *TurfTalk*

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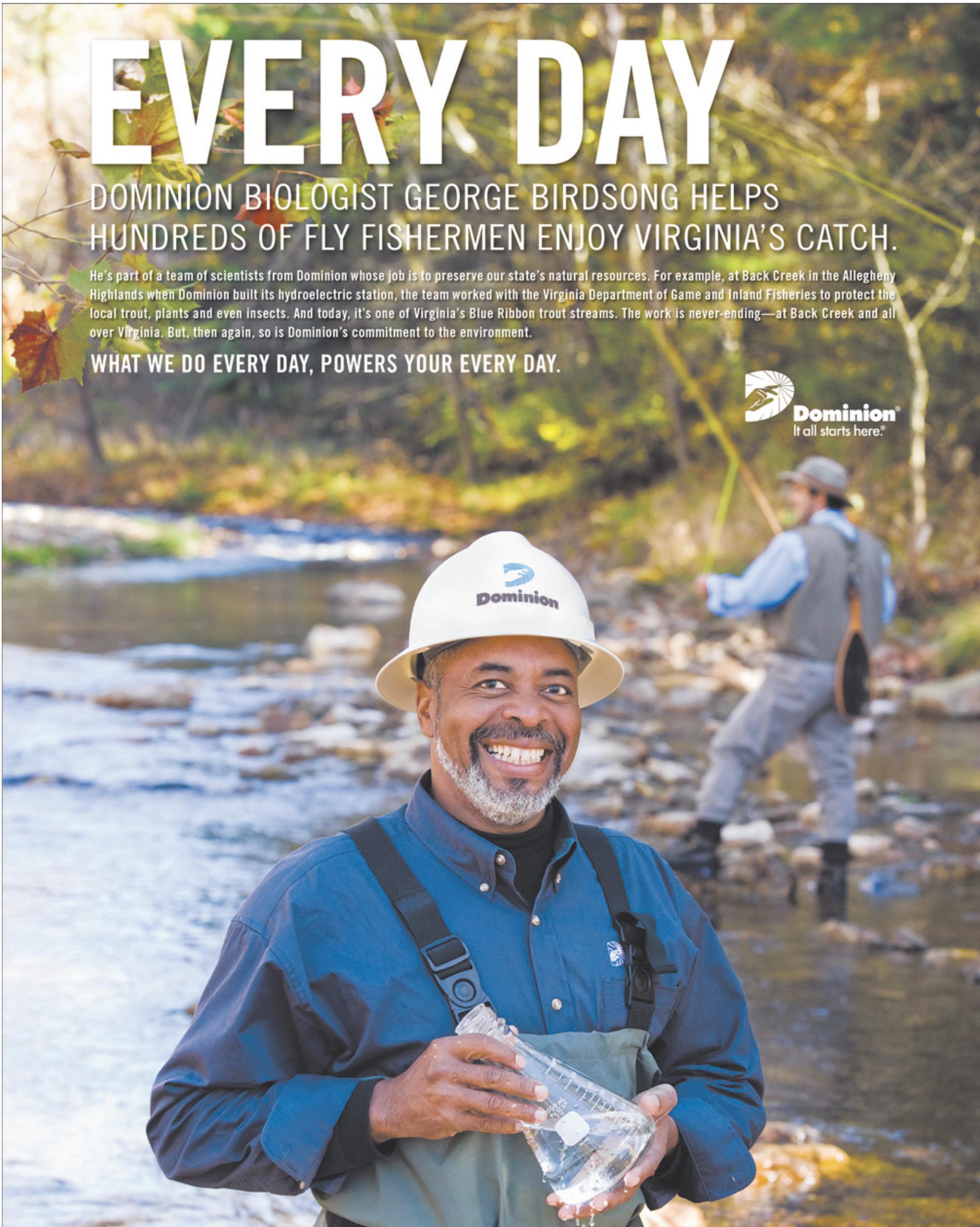
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DOMINION BIOLOGIST GEORGE BIRDSONG HELPS HUNDREDS OF FLY FISHERMEN ENJOY VIRGINIA'S CATCH.

He's part of a team of scientists from Dominion whose job is to preserve our state's natural resources. For example, at Back Creek in the Allegheny Highlands when Dominion built its hydroelectric station, the team worked with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to protect the local trout, plants and even insects. And today, it's one of Virginia's Blue Ribbon trout streams. The work is never-ending—at Back Creek and all over Virginia. But, then again, so is Dominion's commitment to the environment.

WHAT WE DO EVERY DAY, POWERS YOUR EVERY DAY.



Wait Continues for Cold War Museum

Museum's founder has already worked one decade to realize his dream.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Francis "Gary" Powers Jr. has been waiting a long time in his quest to open a Cold War Museum at the former Nike missile site in Lorton. Not long compared to the standard time it usually takes to get a museum open. Just long for, well, everything else.

"I've been waiting 12 years. I founded the museum in '96, my first business plan said I'd be done in three years," said Powers with a laugh.

Still, Powers remains optimistic. After all, sometimes it can take twice that long.

"I've heard through other museum officials

who have started or developed museums in their communities that 10 years is pretty quick. Usually it takes upwards of 20," he said. "So I think we're still ahead of the game."

For a dozen years, that "game" for Pow-

ers has been the slug-like process of red tape and obstacles he has had to wade through in order to secure funding and gain approval for redevelopment of a portion of the old Lorton Prison off Silverbrook Road which famously housed a genuine Cold War-era Nike missile site in the 1970s.

For instance, the Lorton site, known as Nike W-64, was not the location that first caught his eye. He initially wanted Nike W-83, in Great Falls, to house the Cold War Museum that has become his late-life ambition, but backed off after the residents of Great Falls, in his words, "didn't see the importance of it."

Then there's the fund raising. Though Vic Dymowski, capital campaign manager for the

Cold War Museum declined to divulge how much money has been raised to date, they hope to receive enough donations and pledged donations by the end of this year to fund the \$5 million foundation that will constitute Phase 1 of the museum's con-

struction. The problem with this comes from what Dymowski calls their "chicken and egg" scenario: some donors have pledged large amounts of money if the museum can come to a lease agreement with the Fairfax County Park Authority, which has been ongoing since 2006. The Park Authority, according to Dymowski, is not eager to sign off the lease until they see more money in hand.

"We just reported to the [Fairfax County Park Authority Board] the other day there are donors that say they are interested in giving six or seven figures once the lease is signed," said Powers.

Kirk Holley, manager of the Special Projects Branch of the Park Authority declined to discuss the specifics of the ongoing negotiations with the museum. He did say that the county doesn't necessarily expect organizations looking to use public land to have all their funding in the bank at the time they sign the lease agreement. They do, however, look very

carefully at the business plan provided to ensure that the proposal could indicate firm sources of revenue to sustain it.

"If revenue is entirely based on a particular source like donations, then they should have some evidence that they can get those donations. If revenue for a facility is going to come from gate receipts or something else, then they can indicate that," said Holley.

Powers, who had just this week received a review from the board concerning terms of the lease, has only just started scrutinizing the documents. However, he summed up the positions each side had taken.

"In a nutshell, they want us to pay for everything and we want them to pay for everything," said Powers, who gave a laugh before turning serious. "Some of their initial questions confused me. The clarification of the details need to be discussed [further] by the three of us."

Ultimately, both parties are confident that

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Cold War Museum logo

"There's a variety of artifacts and props that we've collected to tell the story."

— Francis Gary Powers Jr., founder of Cold War Museum

Fimian Has Cash Advantage over Connolly

Republican campaign is among wealthiest for an open seat.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Republican Keith Fimian has continued to out fund-raise Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D) in the race to replace Rep. Tom Davis in Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

Fimian had raised nearly \$1.3 million to Connolly's \$936,484 as of June 30. The Republican, who has never run for public office before, has an even bigger advantage when it comes to "cash on hand" — money that has not already been spent by the campaign.

Fimian, who did not face a Republican primary opponent, still had nearly \$1 million in the bank at the end of June. Connolly, who faced three Democratic challengers in an expensive primary June 9, had only \$275,990 at the same point.

Fimian also performs well in fund raising when compared to his peers across the country. According to Congressional Quar-

11th Congressional District Top Financial Contributors

This following is a list of the top contributors for Democrat Gerry Connolly and Republican Keith Fimian, candidates for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 11th Congressional district. Data only includes congressional campaign donations from Jan. 1 2007

to June 20 2008.

When a company or organization's donation is listed, the organization itself does not give the money to the campaign. Rather, the money listed is compilation of donations made by the

organization's political action committee, employees, owners, members and those immediate family members of the organization's employees, owners and members. The following is provided by www.opensecrets.org.

Gerry Connolly (D)

Name	Industry	Money (2007-08)
Lerner Enterprises	Real Estate	\$20,150
Peterson Enterprises	Real Estate Development	\$18,400
SAIC Inc.*	High Tech/Defense/Intelligence	\$15,550
West Group	Real Estate Development	\$9,950
Envirosolutions	Waste Collection/Recycling	\$6,900
MVM, Inc.	Security/Government Contracting	\$6,900

* Connolly is an employee for SAIC

terly, Fimian is the fifth best-financed candidate in the nation competing for an open seat in the U.S. House of Representatives. Among Republicans in that same category, he is ranked second.

"Keith is an extremely good networker. Because he started his business from scratch, he had to be a good salesman," said Zack Condry, Fimian's campaign manager, of his candidate's fund-raising success.

THE FIMIAN CAMPAIGN said their candidate's fund-raising ability has attracted some attention, both from donors and the

Keith Fimian (R)

Name	Industry	Money (2007-08)
Ditmar Co.	Real Estate Development	\$11,200
Dacor	Not available	\$9,200
IBM Corp.	Software/Computers/Mobile Devices	\$9,200
Park Ridge Community Bank	Banking	\$9,200
Reality Mobile	Communications/Mobile Devices	\$9,200

political leadership of both parties.

Condry said Fimian's financial advantage over Connolly, who has held a elected office in Fairfax County since the mid-1990s, has caused some political insiders to rate the 11th District as a "top targeted race" instead of one that leans Democratic.

"Keep in mind, until a month or month and a half ago, Gerry Connolly was this entrenched politician that couldn't be beat. Now, Keith has a 3-to-1 cash advantage and they are starting to pay attention," said Condry. "This is definitely a top race. Lots of folks have it rated that way and Keith's

fund-raising abilities is one of the reasons why."

Recently, Fimian has started to put his large amount of cash to good work. The campaign announced on Aug. 12 that it would be purchasing advertising time on broadcast television during the Olympics. Condry said Fimian will continue to have presence on television until the Nov. 4 election.

"The [television ad] helps us draw a great contrast between Keith and career politi-

SEE FIMIAN. PAGE 15



Fairfax County Police say that cleaning woman Mirian Martinez, right, stole this ring valued at \$42,000.



POLICE PHOTOS

Police Charge Cleaning Woman

Fairfax County Police are attempting to locate the owners of several pieces of jewelry recovered during an investigation pertaining to thefts from several homes allegedly committed by a woman who provided cleaning services. Mirian Martinez, 47, of the 2500 block of Byrd Lane, Mount Vernon District, was arrested July 17 and charged with grand larceny and selling stolen property.

The charges stem from the alleged theft of jewelry from a home in the 6100 block of Windham Hill Run and another in Fairfax Station. Police located a pawnshop in Arlington where some of the stolen jewelry had been sold.

They are still looking for a diamond ring with an estimated value of \$42,000. Other stolen property consists of clothing as well as jewelry, according to police.

In each case, the victims had employed Martinez for several years, police reported. She worked under the company name of Mirian Cleaning Service in Alexandria. Police are investigating the possibility there may be other victims.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477) or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

—CHUCK HAGEE

PTSA Hosts FAIRGRADE

The Robinson Secondary PTSA is conducting a general membership meeting on Monday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m., at the Robinson Media Center. During the meeting, FAIRGRADE, a parent research and advocacy group seeking a review of the Fairfax County Public Schools' grading policies, will be making a presentation. For more information, go to <http://www.fcps.edu/news/grading.htm> or <http://www.fairgrade.org>, or contact Terry Matlaga Bell at RobinsonPTSA@gmail.com.

Pet Food Pantry Opens

The Humane Society of Fairfax County will be opening a pet food pantry Saturday, Sept. 6, where they will give away food along with basic pet needs to families. Pet food along with items like dog biscuits, treats, litter, leashes and bowls will be provided to families at 4057 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax. The facility is open six days a week from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unopened and unexpired pet food may be donated at the same location.

For more information, visit www.hsf.org. Individuals or businesses looking to make donations can do so through mail or PayPal.



PHOTO BY CIARA RICHARDS/THE CONNECTION

Tyler Bentley's parents, Bob Bentley and Nancy Bentley, along with his older brother Jason Bentley and sister-in-law Candice Dugger organized the golf tournament in Tyler Bentley's memory.

Teeing Off for Tyler

Friends, family participate in Aug. 9 Tyler Bentley Charity Golf Tournament.

BY CIARA RICHARDS
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, Aug. 9, the Bentley family put on the first Tyler Bentley Charity Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton. Friends and family gathered together to celebrate and honor the memory of Tyler Bentley, who was killed in a car crash by a drunk driver in 2005.

Jonathan Tyler Bentley, who went by the name Tyler, was killed in a car wreck shortly before his 19th birthday on Nov. 24, 2005. He and two friends were stopped at a traffic light in a 1993 Honda Accord at 12:18 a.m. when a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck, driven by Pablo Cruz, hit them from behind.

Bentley was killed instantly while his two friends suffered non-life-threatening injuries.

Police reports revealed that Cruz was driving under the influence of alcohol. According to Bentley's sister-in-law, Candice Dugger, Cruz attempted to flee the scene. However, a Fairfax County Police officer, who was also at the red light, witnessed the incident and arrested Cruz.

According to Tyler Bentley's father, Bob Bentley, it was just under a year after the incident that Cruz's trial was concluded. He pleaded guilty and was charged with aggravated involuntary manslaughter and driving while intoxicated. On Oct. 6, 2006, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison and because he

is an illegal immigrant, he will be deported following the completion of his time.

Tyler Bentley graduated from W.T. Woodson High School in June 2005 and was studying at Northern Virginia Community College at the time of his death. Both friends and family described him as being fun loving, caring and dedicated to the people in his life.

"The things that were important to Tyler were having fun, his family and his friends," said his mother, Nancy Bentley. His father said that his son was athletic and enjoyed anything that involved a ball, especially golf.

Bob Bentley and Tyler Bentley's older brother Jason were both involved in the idea for the golf tournament. "We came to the realization that both were thinking about the same thing," said Bob Bentley.

"It was a horrible tragedy for the family," said Candice Dugger. "We wanted to turn it into something that was a positive aspect. We wanted to do something that meant a lot to the family." Jason Bentley described the idea as a little tribute to his younger

brother.

"We have talked about this for a long time," said Les Fraim, who was present at the tournament with his wife Cherryl Fraim and helping with the raffle. "We wanted to do something fun like Tyler."

Les Fraim and his wife have been long-time friends of the Bentleys. They were with Bob Bentley and Nancy Bentley on the night that Tyler Bentley died. Since that tragic night, they have continued to have regular Wednesday night dinners with the family.

AS FOR ORGANIZING the event, the entire Bentley

"Tyler always had a good time and he loved golf."

— Nancy Bentley

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COMMUNITY



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South County band director Alan Johnson talks with his band during a practice session at the school on Tuesday morning.



Senior C.J. Ervin participates in a pre-season practice on Tuesday.



South County band members line up.

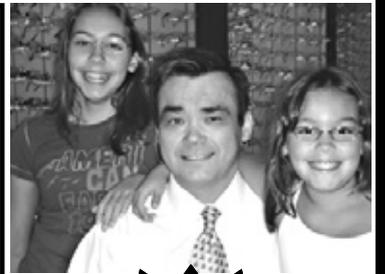
Stallions In Step

South County band begins marching season.

Members of the South County marching band prepare for the upcoming marching season on Tuesday morning at the school. The band will spend eight-hour days for a couple of weeks to prepare for the season.



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Getting To Know ...

Alex Greidinger, high school student and intern at NASA's Langley Research Center.

BY ESTHER PAK
THE CONNECTION

Just last week, Lake Braddock Secondary School rising senior Alex-Greidinger returned from an eight-week summer internship at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. The internship was part of the Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research & Educational Experience (INSPIRE). The program allows students with an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to gain experience in the workplace and receive guidance on future career options.

Greidinger's interest in engineering inspired him to apply for this program. The insight into the engineering career he gained from the program went beyond expanding his college resume. Not only did he learn about the latest NASA projects, but he also had the opportunity to work side-by-side with NASA engineers on these projects. At home now in Springfield, Greidinger is able to share memories of his experience with others.

How/when did you first discover your interests in engineering?

I think my first interest in "engineering" or technology came after I watched a program on T.V. in third or fourth grade about a guy I later learned was named Woody Flowers. I really wanted to be an inventor, but I was discouraged mostly by family who told me it would be safer to work as an engineer.

Who serves as your role model and why?

I guess that would have to be Christopher McCandless. He was an honors graduate and star athlete at Emory who then donated the remaining \$24,000 of his college fund to charity and left home on a journey of self-discovery. He reached the Alaskan wilderness where he eventually died of starvation. He knew what he wanted to do and

he didn't let anyone stop him.

What are some projects you worked on?

I worked in the Systems Engineering Directorate, Mechanical Systems Branch mainly with three engineers. The people in our branch worked on various computer-aided-design programs. This was my first experience using anything like them. It was an interesting, while at times slow, first couple of weeks familiarizing myself with the software. My real contribution there was designing a more reliable latch to be used on the legs of the new Altair Lunar Lander, which NASA will be sending to the Moon aboard the Ares-5 rocket some time around 2020.

PROFILE

Describe your typical workday at the internship.

I woke up around 6:30 and got to NASA at 8. I'd usually walk into my office and spend the first couple minutes checking e-mail and talking to the other people in my office. I'd spend a couple hours working on whatever I was working on at the time, maybe go to a seminar on green energy or flying cars and usually arrive late to lunch with all the other interns. I would then work diligently until around 4:30 or 5 when I would get a ride back to the dorm I was staying at Christopher Newport University. A lot of the time, I would go with the other interns to a mall, a movie theater or the bowling alley on the Air Force base.

How did this internship shaped or changed your future goals and ambitions?

Before I even started my internship, I was starting to doubt my choice of becoming an engineer. The program showed me what the career is like and dispelled some of the assumptions I had about what it involved. I still don't know if I want to be an engineer or not. I do know that I enjoyed what I did there.

Where do you see yourself 10 years



Alex Greidinger

from now?

Had you asked me this three months ago, I would have said something like working on a degree or managing some business. Now, I'm not so sure. I see myself hopefully doing something I enjoy, whether it's engineering, inventing or something completely different. I've sort of decided to build my career or job around my life rather than the other way around.

What was your favorite aspect about the internship?

I enjoyed just about everything I did at work. I not only enjoyed what I was working on, but the freedom. I enjoyed being able to meet new people every day on the center. I really liked getting to experience working in an office setting and being treated like an employee, not a student. I think one of the things that really made me feel like a real part of it all was getting my own land line telephone at my desk.

Challenges?

One of the challenges I had at the beginning of the program was learning how to use the software. In order to do anything that my job required, I pretty much had to learn it on my own. Everyone in my office had jobs to do. They weren't teachers or instructors, and I didn't want to force them to be constantly looking over my shoulder.

Extracurricular interests/ hobbies?

The one thing that I'm probably most passionate about is environmental protection. However I also play guitar in a guitar ensemble and in a band with a couple of my friends. I'm also on the mechanical team of a robotics team at Chantilly Academy. I play basketball occasionally with friends, and I lift weights.

Favorite local hangout or restaurant?

I guess that would be the Caribou Coffee in King's Park Shopping Center.

Streets, Schein To Wed

Sally Streets and Michael Schein will be married on Saturday, Sept. 6 at Leola Village, Penn. The bride, 27, graduated from Robinson High School in 1999. She is a makeup artist through Artists by Timothy Priano in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. and the daughter of James B. Streets of Midlothian and Carolyn Waters of Hermosa Beach, Calif.

The bridegroom, 31, is vice president for product development at Results Technology. He is a graduate of Miami Country Day and the University of Pennsylvania, and the son of Alan and Susan Schein of Miami.



Sally Streets and Mike Schein

VIEWPOINTS

How much time do you spend on the Internet during an average day?



"In this Facebook generation, maybe 30 minutes."
Sean Follin, Falls Church

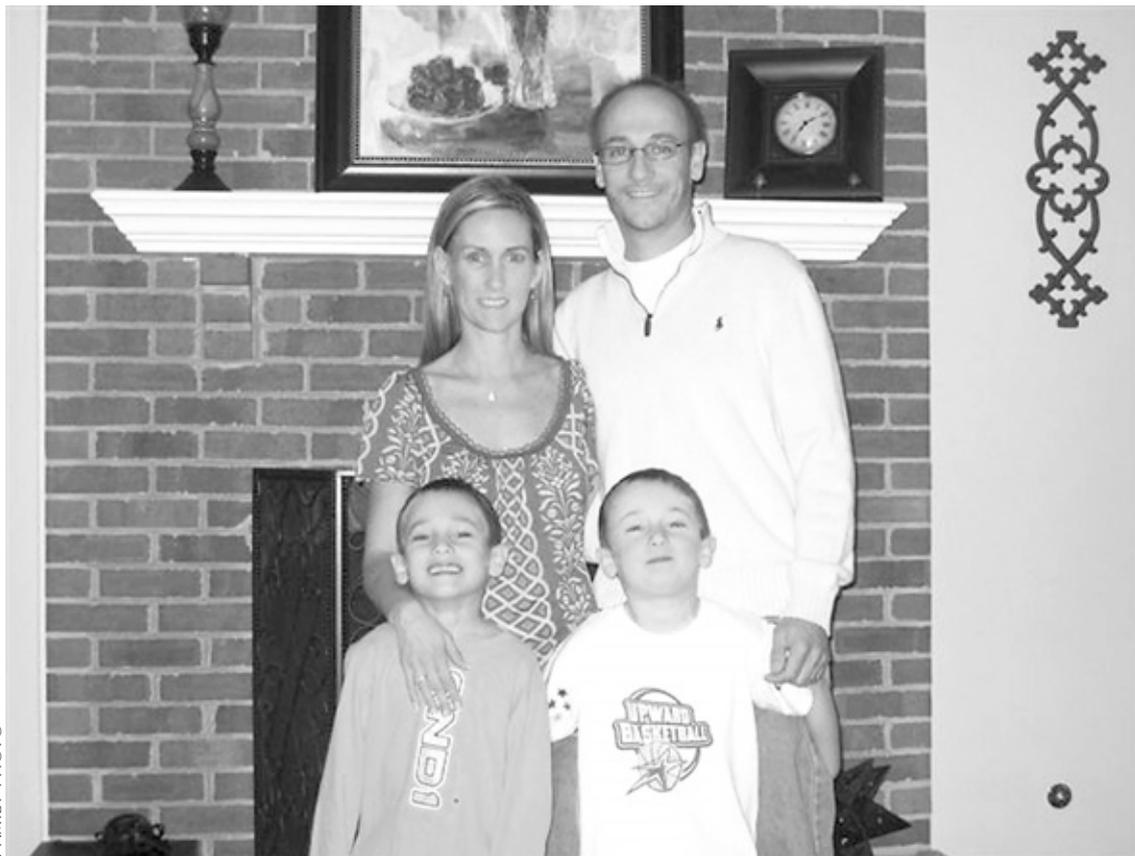


"Maybe an hour."
Kathryn Kime, Fairfax



"Two hours."
Rick Neave, Fairfax

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



FAMILY PHOTO

Bill and Alyson Kiser with sons Brady and Josh.

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Running in Bill Kiser's Name

Woman competes in half-marathon to honor Fairfax man.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When Crysta Fischer competes Oct. 19 in the Nike Women's Half Marathon, she'll do so in honor of Bill Kiser, her former Little Rocky Run neighbor who died June 29 of Hodgkins disease.

"He told me he was honored to have her running for him," said Kiser's wife Alyson, who now lives in Fairfax Station. "He thought that was the coolest thing. And if we can help in any way, we will, so nobody else will have to go through what we did. We think it's awesome that Chrysta and her girlfriends are doing this."

Bill and Alyson Kiser were together 14 years and were married for the last 10 years. "He was an excellent dad and an avid fisherman with his buddies, on the Shenandoah River," she said. "As a family, we'd go to the beach, up to my dad's cottage on a lake in

New York or to his parents' home in Virginia's Northern Neck."

CALLING HIM a "laid-back guy" that everybody liked, Alyson Kiser said he was also devoted to his work as a general manager for a subcontracting company. He also fought his illness with all his might. He had a stem-cell transplant in January 2007 and underwent three, different types of chemotherapy, plus radiation. He was in remission from May 2007 through this February, when the Hodgkins returned aggressively.

"Bill was a great guy and he's missed," said Alyson Kiser. Now, she and their sons, Brady, 5, and Josh, 7, are living with her mother and stepfather, and she says the boys have lots to keep them busy during the summer.

"They miss Daddy, but they have five uncles, three grandfathers and lots of boy cousins, so we'll get through it," she said. "It's hard but, so far, so good. We'd rather have Bill here, but he's no longer in

"He told me he was honored to have her running for him."

— Alyson Kiser

pain."

On Oct. 4 in the Reston Town Center, she and her family will participate in the Light the Night walk to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. "Last year, Bill walked in it as a survivor," she said. "This year, it's come full circle."

For more about the organization, see www.lls.org.

VOLUNTEERS

The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office is seeking volunteers to provide inmate programs and services at the Adult Detention Center and Pre-Release Center, including mental health counseling, religious services, alcohol and drug support groups, health education, library services and job training. Volunteers work with deputies and civilian staff to help inmates improve their lives during incarceration and to pre-

pare them for a successful transition from jail into the community. Call Sgt. Donna Honse at 703-246-3763 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/jobs/volunteer.htm>.

Haven of Northern Virginia needs volunteers to provide emotional support to the bereaved, the seriously ill, the dying and their families and friends. Volunteers must commit to a

minimum of 2-1/2 hours of weekday telephone duty on for at least one year and attend a 30-hour training course, from Sept. 29 through Oct. 10. Training sessions will be Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Call 703-941-7000 to attend an orientation meeting and to register for the volunteer training or visit www.havenofnova.org.

OPINION

Keep Your Eyes Open

More people are walking, bicycling and biking; let's be careful out there.

There are so many good reasons to get out of your car. Gas costs a fortune. Traffic is nearly unbearable. The weather is beautiful. Bicycling and walking are good exercise. Driving less reduces pollution and is better for the environment.

Particularly as gas prices soar, many people are turning to their two-wheeled friends, be it bicycle or motorcycle, for lower cost transportation.

Motorcycle sales have spiked, quadrupling in recent years with more than a million motorcycles sold in 2006.

But bicyclists and motorcycle riders are vulnerable on the roads. Motorcycles are sometimes hard to see in traffic, and drivers of larger vehicles must be on the lookout.

Since June, there have been at least eight motorcycle fatalities in the Washington area. Last weekend, a 26-year-old Centreville man was killed when he lost control of the 2001 Honda motorcycle he was riding, according to police reports. In 2007 there were 2,601 motorcycle crashes which resulted in 126 deaths and 2,284 injuries in Virginia.

For motorcycle riders, the keys to survival are wearing an approved helmet and protective clothing, taking safety courses, practicing in a controlled setting and riding defensively.

For drivers of larger vehicles, allow a motorcyclist plenty of room, including the full width of a lane, and more following distance. A motorcycle can stop faster than a car. And motorcyclists may need to react quickly to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings and grooved pavement — road conditions which are minor annoyances to cars pose major hazards to motorcyclists.

Justin Spring, Bronze Medal Winner

Justin Spring, 24 and a graduate of Lake Braddock, helped lift the U.S. men's gymnastic team to an Olympic bronze medal on Monday night (Virginia time) in Beijing.

Spring had exceptional performances on the high bar and parallel bars. His triple somersault for his dismount from the high bar brought elation to his teammates. NBC changed plans to televise the team competition as it became clear that the U.S. expectedly had a shot at a medal. But here at the Connection, we think any local that makes the Olympic team is worth watching, with or without being in contention for winning a medal.

In early July, when he was named to the team Spring spoke with Connection reporter Eric



DONATED PHOTO

Lake Braddock graduate Justin Spring, 24, earned a bronze medal Monday at the Beijing Olympics.

Gilmore:

"The only way I can explain it is that I love my life right now," Spring said. "It's been a dream come true."

We'd guess that's all the more true today, and that many, many local people can share in his success.

— MARY KIMM

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Conservative Candidate

To the Editor:

Contrary to the belief of Republican congressional candidate Keith Fimian, social issues are important to voters in the 11th Congressional District. He is an extreme ideologue seeking to replace a moderate Republican statesman and represent an increasingly Democratic electorate in the 11th District.

The status of women in American society has skyrocketed in the last 50 years thanks in large part to increased concern for women's health and sovereignty, but his views could well contribute to reversing this progress. Contraception is a vital part of women's empowerment, allowing women to make their own choices about their families and their bodies but Fimian supports a radical conservative group which opposes contraception. His deep-seated and fanatical opposition to abortion rights contrasts to the majority of Americans think who that women should be able to choose whether to have an abortion. His opposi-

tion to abortion in all cases, including situations in which the mother's life is at risk, is out of touch with the lives of those he seeks to represent.

Emilie Larson
E-mail Submission

Vote for Voter Accountability

To the Editor:

The time has come that we hold voters across the state accountable for their votes — elected officials are definitely not accountable to anyone for their actions. I just read in the Connection, that Fairfax County is expecting an "unforeseen" 2,500 additional students entering our school system, resulting in additional mega dollars to service them. Of course, the reason for this is clear — our elected chairman, Mr. Connolly, has put out the welcome mat for all those illegals leaving Prince William County. The same with our elected governor, Mr. Kaine, who is trying like

hell to raise our taxes, to include the gasoline tax. Simply put, since I have not voted for either politician, nor would I ever vote for any politician who consistently wants to raise my taxes and turning our republic into a Marxist state, I feel that I should not be burdened with the extra funds which are going to have to be collected to pay for such services. Therefore, I propose that we freeze the financial baseline of our budget at the point where the new politician takes office, and for any overruns or underruns, the voters should share in the profits or the burden. Therefore, if the voter votes for a certain politician who makes stupid decisions, such as Connolly and Kaine have done, and more funds are needed to support this stupid decision, then the voters who elected him should be the ones whose taxes are raised to come up with the needed revenue. This way, a voter would have to actually be knowledgeable of a candidate's position because the voter will either pay for their elected candidates' lack of judgment and common sense, or reap the rewards of their elected offi-

cially actually doing the people's work, successfully. This approach will mitigate voters voting for candidates solely because of affiliation (Republican Vs. Democrat), race, gender or good looks, and at the same time, perhaps raise the awareness of our citizenry.

Thus, I call for an immediate referendum making all voters in this state accountable for their votes. Accountability now, good fortune tomorrow.

Chris Feudo
Fairfax Station

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NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. NARFE works to protect the earned retirement benefits of current, former, and retired federal civilian employees. Join Springfield Chapter 893 for their Wednesday, Sept. 10 meeting. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor, will update on what is being done to combat the blight issue brought about by foreclosures. Come for discussion and questions. Meet at American Legion Post 176, 5620 Amherst Ave, Springfield. Call Chapter President Sharon Forrest at 703-960-9017 or taffyjoe@aol.com for details.

The Republican Women of Clifton is hosting its Annual BBQ and Candidate Meet and Greet on Sunday, Aug. 24. Rain or shine from 4-7 p.m., at 6900 Clifton Road, Clifton. Visit www.CliftonGOP.com.

A new Jewish Boy Scout Troop has been formed to serve boys from 11 to 17 years old. Troop 1818 will be affiliated with Cub Scout Pack 1818, although prior Cub Scout experience is not necessary. Troop 1818 will observe Shabbat, Jewish holidays and Jewish dietary laws, and meet weekly at Congregation Olam Tikvah, 3800 Glenbrook Road, in the Mantua area of Fairfax. Upcoming activities include camping, hiking, first aid and emergency preparedness. For Troop 1818, call Robert Book at 703-766-0187 or e-mail rbook@pobox.com. For Pack 1818, call Steve Lamar at 703-846-0373 or email lamarsteve@gmail.com.

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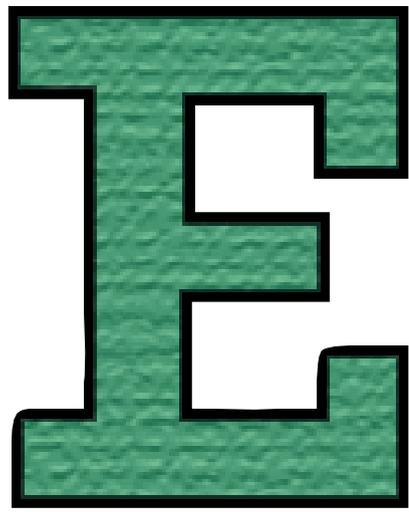
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Closeup of The Gesture, by Gwen Lockhart

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LEISURE

A Hole Sport In One

Miniature golf continues to be a summer favorite.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

Maybe it's the menagerie of dinosaurs and elephants, fire pits and waterfalls, jokers and gargoyles, pirates and explorers, loopy-loos and right angles. Perhaps it's the rainbow hued balls littering the links, or merely the ridiculous addicting challenge of staying on par.

What draws us, as humans, to miniature golf, one of the summer's staples?

More than its more professional uncle, the sport — or is it? — transcends age, gender and social background. The winding courses, often impossible to follow even with a map, are a destination for families, vacationers and couples. Heck, it's even spurned a professional industry.

Locally at TopGolf USA, located across the road from Edison High School and a favorite for professionals playing hooky, the Kingstowne golf complex has 36 holes spread over two 18-hole courses. The two par-60 courses are of varying degree of difficulty and possibly more importantly, both are themed, one catering to the mountains and the other a desert theme.

According to Terry Fife, the general manager of TopGolf USA, the golf complex accounts for approximately 6-8 percent of the total revenue. During the summer, the peak season, Kingstowne brings in 1,200-1,400 mini-golfers weekly.

"It's certainly a small piece of the pie, but it's also a very important piece as well," Fife said. "Our numbers have been consistent if not better this year over previous years both at the facility itself and in mini-golf. We're not seeing a decline."

However, economics are different throughout the miniature golf landscape, as exemplified by Herndon-based Woody's Golf Range, where owner Woody Fitzhugh maintains a driving range, putting green, batting cages and miniature golf course. His

"Perils of the Lost Jungle" course includes stoned-faced statues, snakes, alligators, treasure hunters and a T-Rex. Woody's is one of the most expensive courses (a regular round costs \$9.25), but is also interactive and has more attractions.

But Fitzhugh, who opens his course in mid-May and closes once school restarts, likens the experience to a movie — the better the theater, the higher consumers are willing to spend. It translated to a record season in 2007, but with approximately 700 weekly visitors this summer, his numbers are down.

"I don't know whether last year was exceptionally good because of the weather or whether the economy has slowed down a little bit," said Fitzhugh.

"It's something the whole family can enjoy."

— Terry Fife, TopGolf USA

MINIATURE GOLF'S origins can be traced to 1916, when James Barber hired architect Edward

Wiswell to design a course behind his summer home in Pinehurst, N.C. In 1926, New York City's first outdoor miniature golf course was built on a skyscraper roof. Miniature golf was no longer miniature.

A year later, businessman Garnet Carter built a miniature golf course on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee to attract patrons to his hotel and full-length course. After a while, the miniature course had become so popular, more people wanted to play on it than on the regulation greens. Carter eventually discovered an artificial surface.

In short, miniature golf was no longer miniature.



A golfer walks across the 'green' at TopGolf USA in Kingstowne.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

By the fall of 1930, more than 25 million people were miniature golf fans and 50,000 mini-golf courses littered the landscape. The fad died off briefly, but experienced a rebirth in the baby-boom 1950s.

In some respects, however, miniature golf is as popular as ever. The sport boasts several trade associations: the US ProMiniGolf Association, the Miniature Golf Association, the Professional Miniature Golf Association and the World Minigolf Sport Federation among them. There's even a pro circuit, with Master's and U.S. Open events that attract players from around the world.

Miniature golf may not show up as an ESPN primetime special — the national championship was aired for four years — but the game is still played by millions every year with approximately 5,000 miniature golf courses throughout the country.

"First and foremost, it's something the whole family can enjoy. Realistically, there aren't too many activities where that's true," Fife said. "It's something the parents can look forward to because they can bring their children as well."



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Centreville Mini-Golf	6206 Multiplex Drive, Centreville	703-250-9124
Fountainhead	10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax	703-573-0444
Jefferson Falls	7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church	703-430-8337
Woody's	11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon	703-339-6104
Pohick Bay	6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton	703-281-6501
Oak Marr	3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton	703-339-3122
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LANGUAGES

English Classes. Free English classes for adults Saturdays from 5-6:30 p.m. Free testing to determine which level students should be in. Text is \$20. Classes in Trailer Rooms 5A, 5B, 6A and 6B at Christ Church, 8285 Glen Eagles Lane, Fairfax Station. Contact debbie-tim-mccrory@cox.net.

Practice English. Kingstowne Library sponsors a conversation group for adults learning English. Classes take place on Wednesdays, at 10:15 a.m. Call 703-339-4610. Kingstowne Library is located at 6500 Landsdowne Centre.

Group English Practice. Adults practice English with group of others learning the language 3 p.m. every Monday at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. 703-451-8055.

English Classes. Registration is in session for English classes for adult foreign nationals sponsored by ESL and Immigrant Ministries. The classes are offered in 16 locations in Northern Virginia. Childcare is available at some locations. \$20 processing fee. Scholarships are available. Check www.eslim.org for class locations and schedules or call 703-841-0292 and leave a message. Calls will be returned in English, Spanish, Korean, or Vietnamese.

The Literacy Council of Northern Virginia (LCNV) helps adults learn to read, write, speak and understand English through one-to-one tutoring programs and English classes. LCNV

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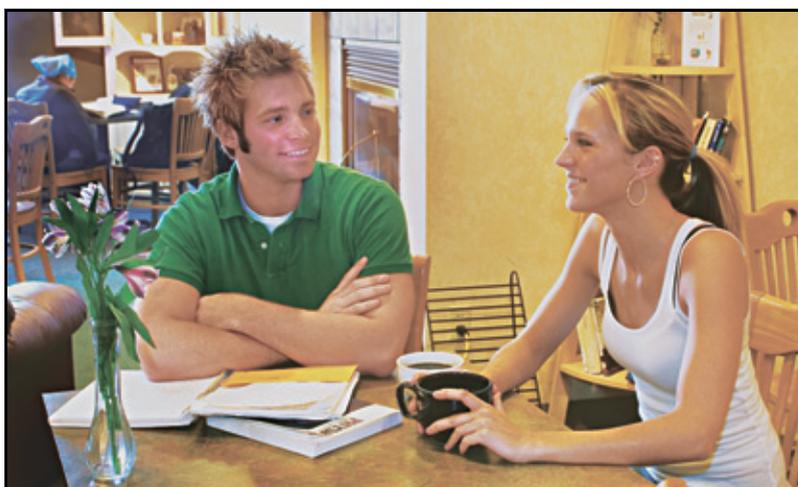
ESL Classes. Tuesdays and Thursdays, from Sept. 30 through Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. Registration \$10; textbook \$25. School age childcare provided. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Call 703-323-9500 or visit www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

FINANCE AND BUSINESS

The Financial Education Center for Women Entrepreneurs conducts several classes at the Community Business Partnership, 7001 Loisdale Road, Suite C, Springfield. Limited scholarships available for all classes. For more, call 703-768-1440 or visit www.cbponline.org.

PAINTING & DRAWING

Registration is ongoing for art classes for children and adults in drawing and watercolor painting at the Ponds Community Centre, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke. Classes are Drawing Plus Color for 5-8-year-olds on Tuesdays or Saturdays, Art Lessons for Youth 8 and up on Tuesdays or Saturdays, Art Workshop and Chinese Brush Painting for teens/adults on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sessions 8-10 weeks. Call 703-250-6930 or see www.geocities.com/czeitlinschneier.



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The Nicolo Whimsey Show. Nicolo the Jester shares his juggling, clowning and comedy. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010

Balloon Animals. Learn how to make your own balloon animal. Age 6-12. 1 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

Kings Park Concert Band. 55 adult volunteers under a professional conductor will play Big Band style. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Teddy Bear Picnic. Stories, songs, and activities about teddy bears. Bring your favorite bear. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

Gorgeous Frankenstein with BellaMorte, The Banner, and more. 7 p.m. All ages; \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

After Dark in the Park - Night

Flyers. From 8 to 9:30 p.m. the Hidden Pond Nature Center naturalist covers moths, nighthawks and other creatures that take wing after the sun goes down. Weather permitting, enjoy a campfire with s'mores. Suitable for children ages six and older. Reservations required. \$6 per person. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. To register, call 703-451-9588.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Sting Things. Who are the creatures that can sting? Learn about the bugs and even a plant that can sting, as well as how to avoid getting stung. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. 7-10 a.m. Launching from Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton.

Flavored Vinegars. 1-3 p.m. Blend vinegar with herbs, fruits and vegetables. \$25 fee includes an English tea. Historic Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987.

Ruthie & the Wranglers, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Hayfield Elementary School. The Wranglers play rockin' American roots music and are known for their original upbeat songs. Kingstowne Nights is a summer concert series each Saturday night at Hayfield Elementary. Free. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner. Call 703-324-SHOW after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates. Hayfield Elementary School, 7633 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

Nature Nook with a Book:

Stingers. Hidden Pond's naturalist visits the Richard Byrd Library for a free, all-ages program about plants and animals with stingers from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

Video - Insects. 10-10:30am. Take a close-up look at the amazing world of insects. Free. Huntley Meadows Park, 7701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria 703-768-2525

SUNDAY /AUG. 17



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MONDAY/AUG. 18

Discover Art. Play bingo around the world, participate in reader's theater and make an international craft. Age 6-12. 2 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

Mother-Daughter Book Discussion. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

It's a Colorful World. A rainbow of stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Book Discussion Group. Call for title. 7:15 p.m. No registration necessary. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Pet first aid and CPR. 6-10 p.m. \$45 fee includes book and certificate of completion. Prepaid registration required. Lake Accotink Park, 7550 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-0285.

Bookworms - The Very Busy Spider.

Relax to a reading of Eric Carle's The Very Busy Spider at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 10-11 a.m., and meet live spiders. Suitable for children ages three to eight. Reservations required. The cost is \$4 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. 703-451-9588.

THURSDAY/AUG. 21

Vietnamese Cultural Heritage Night. Celebrate traditional and folk Vietnamese music and dance. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Springfield Writers' Group. Share work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055

Garden Sprouts: a Peck of Peppers. 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$6 per child. Learn to make salsa. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Night Music. Classic rock and top 40s hits. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

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SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Live Show. Alejandro Fernandez performs 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center. Tickets range are \$58-\$203 per person and available through all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Patriot Center box office, or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT or 410-547-SEAT. For more, see www.patriotcenter.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 25

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Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

Flora Fauna - Worms. Children ages two to five years meet worms at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 10-10:30 a.m. Try out a worm stake clanger. Reservations required. \$2 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-9588.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26

Evening Book Discussion Group. "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Joy Fowler. 7:30 p.m. No registration necessary. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

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Gorgeous Frankenstein plays Jaxx Night Club in Springfield on Aug. 15.



CALENDAR

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Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Kingstowne Library Writer's Peer Review Group. Review peers' works and receive in-depth feedback. Call for more information on submitting work prior to meeting. No registration necessary. 7:00 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

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Flora Fauna - Worms. Children ages two to five years meet worms at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 10 - 10:30 a.m. Try out a worm stake clanger. Reservations required. \$2 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-9588.

THURSDAY/AUG. 28

Russian Cultural Heritage Night. Traditional Russian music played on traditional instruments such as the balalaika. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Time for School. Stories and activities about starting school. Age 3-5 with adult. 1 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre,

Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

The Wild Creatures of Fairfax County. Learn about the wildlife found at Hidden Pond Nature Center and other parts of Fairfax County, and meet some live critters. Presented by Hidden Pond Nature Center. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

Sonata Arctica with Blood Corps. 7 p.m. All ages; \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

City of Fairfax Alte Kameraden German Band. Featuring the Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden Bavarian band. You are invited to AUG-toberfest with authentic fest musik and "gemutlichkeit". 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469.

Ponderings - Local Geology. Try panning for gold and use a microscope to spy on micro minerals at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This program is suitable for children ages 6 to 10 years. Reservations are required. The cost is \$6 per child. To reserve, Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. call 703-451-9588.

After Dark in the Park - Eels. Explore creek life at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 7:30-9:30 p.m. The program ends with a campfire and s'mores. Wear shoes that can get wet. For children ages six years and older. Reservations required. \$8 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-9588.



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Fimian Outraises Connolly

cian Gerry Connolly," said Condry.

BUT IT IS going to take a lot more than a fund-raising advantage or television advertising to beat Connolly, according to the Democrat's campaign.

"He would have to spend \$100 million to even compete with the reputation Gerry has," said James Walkinshaw, Connolly's campaign manager.

Two-thirds of the 11th Congressional District is located in Fairfax County, where Connolly has served as chairman since 2004. Walkinshaw said Connolly is popular, winning his last election for county chairman in November 2007 with nearly 60 percent of the vote. In the June 10 Democratic primary,

"Until a month or month and a half ago, Gerry Connolly was this entrenched politician that couldn't be beat."

— Zack Condry, Fimian's campaign manager

Connolly also beat out his three opponents with nearly 58 percent of the vote.

Internal polling in mid-July also showed that Connolly has a 52 percent to 21 percent advantage over Fimian in the 11th Congressional District, said Walkinshaw. He added that this polling shows Connolly farther ahead of Gary Baise, the Republican Connolly faced in his 2007

election, or Leslie Byrne, his most formidable primary opponent in June.

"The recent polling shows that he is well known and well liked. He starts with a significant lead because he produced results," for Fairfax County, said Kyra Jennings with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Jennings said that Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) and other in the Democratic congressional leadership are not concerned about Connolly's ability to raise money.

"Chairman Connolly has shown himself to be a prolific fund raiser before, and he will be able to put together a significant amount of resources," said Jennings.

The Democrat Congressional Campaign Committee has already "reserved" \$1.3 million worth of television advertising specifically for Connolly, according to documents obtained by The Connection.

FIMIAN'S ABILITY to raise money does not necessarily reflect support in the district either.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Fimian has raised just 41 percent of money inside the Commonwealth of Virginia. By contrast, Connolly has raised nearly 77 percent of his money in Virginia.

The Center for Responsive Politics also reports that only one of Fimian's top 10 fund-raising ZIP codes is actually located inside the 11th Congressional District [Vienna, 22182], whereas six of Connolly's top 10 fund-raising

11th District Top Industry Contributions

The following is a list of which industries are contributing most to Democrat Gerry Connolly and Republican Keith Fimian, the candidates running for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 11th Congressional District. The data covers congressional campaign contributions from Jan. 1 2007 through June 30 June 2008. It does not include contributions from Connolly's campaign for Fairfax County Chairman.

Information provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org.

Gerry Connolly (D)

Industry	Contributions
Real Estate	\$118,500
Retired	\$54,914
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$41,650
Business Services	\$37,000
Defense Electronics	\$17,550
Computers/Internet	\$13,509
Construction Services	\$12,100
Candidate Committees	\$10,000
Unions*	\$10,000
Finance*	\$9,900
Lobbyists	\$9,350
General Contractors	\$9,300
Civil Servants/Public Officials	\$8,600
Automotive	\$7,550
Miscellaneous Business	\$7,101
Education	\$6,600
Public Sector Unions	\$5,750
Securities and Investment	\$5,600
Home Builders	\$5,550
Business Associations	\$5,000
Political Leadership	\$5,000

*Excluding some who fit into other categories

Keith Fimian (R)

Industry	Contributions
Retired	\$62,100
Real Estate	\$60,050
Securities and Investment	\$45,150
Lawyers/Law Firms	\$32,275
Computers/Internet	\$28,850
Commercial Banks	\$21,650
Finance*	\$19,250
Accountants	\$19,150
Construction Services	\$12,250
Health Professionals	\$11,200
Food & Beverage	\$10,200
Business Services	\$9,450
General Contractors	\$7,600
Air Transport	\$5,600
Republican/Conservative	\$5,450
Candidate Committees	\$5,139
Education	\$5,100
Insurance	\$5,050
Political Leadership	\$5,000
Miscellaneous Business	\$4,850

*Excluding some who fit into other categories

ZIP codes are located in the 11th Congressional District.

Additionally, Fimian, who owns one of the nation's leading home inspection businesses, has contributed \$325,000 of his personal money to his campaign. Connolly works part-time at SAIC, Inc. in addition to his job as county chairman and has contributed no personal money to the campaign.

"Absolutely not. We do not think his money is an indication of support from the district," said Walkinshaw. "The fact that he has self-financed his campaign has done a lot to motivate our supporters."

Condry said Fimian's fund-raising success is a reflection of support both inside and outside the 11th Congressional District.

"He is getting support both in the district and throughout the country. He has a lot of friends and those friends support him running for Congress," said Condry.



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Olympic Suits Aiding In Record Times

Speedo LZR Racer swimsuits reportedly cost up to \$700.

SIMON BROWN
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

The hottest item at Sport Fair Incorporated in Arlington isn't even for sale. Yet. The swimwear specialty store has one of Speedo's new LZR Racer swimsuits, and even though it won't be available for purchase until mid-October, numerous customers have stopped by to get a feel for the suit that made a splash at the U.S. Olympic trials in Omaha last month, when swimmers wearing them (including Fairfax native and George Mason student Katie Ziegler) set nine world records, up from six at the 2004 trials.

"The suit can't leave the store and it can't be tried on yet," Tiffany Wattenbarger of Sport Fair Incorporated said. "But a lot of people have come in just to feel it, and I wouldn't be surprised if it sells when they

arrive."

The LZR (pronounced 'laser') Racer was developed over three years with the help of, among others, NASA and Michael Phelps, and cost millions of dollars. According to Speedo the suit reduces drag up to 10% more than Speedo's previous high-tech suits, thanks in part to its complete lack of stitching. The fabric, known as LZR Pulse Material, is water repellant, chlorine resistant and quick-drying. Within three months of the LZR Racer's February debut, 37 records were set while wearing the suit.

In a sport where fractions of a second separate Olympic dreams from nightmares, the LZR Racer would seem a must have for any swimmer, regardless of level. But detractors of the suit liken it to "technological doping," saying it creates an unfair advantage.

And then there is the cost. While the suit

is currently unavailable to anyone not in the swimming elite, it will retail this fall for \$300-\$500, which is \$100-\$200 more than Speedo's previous top-line suits, the TYR Tracer Light series.

Young swimmers will naturally want to emulate Phelps and the rest of the sport's royalty, and it is likely they will want to buy the LZR Racers. Some would be reluctant to spend the money because it can't be proven that the suit is in fact the cause of the records.

"If it is the suit is making the athletes swim faster then at the upper levels the cost may be worth it, but if the swimmers are training harder and breaking records, then maybe not." Northern Virginia Swimming League President Bobby Winterbottom said.

Even if the suit is making swimmers faster, Winterbottom says he wouldn't recommend anyone in his league spend that much

2008 Olympics

Local athletes competing at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing include, Giuseppe Lanzone (Annadale, McLean High School, Rowing), Margot Shumway (Arlington, Rowing), Susan Stitt (McLean, McLean High School, Rowing), Kara Lawson (Alexandria, West Springfield High School, Women's Basketball), Kate Ziegler (Great Falls, George Mason University, Swimming) and Justin Spring (Burke, Lake Braddock, Gymnastics).

money.

"At the level of competition I deal with (eight to 18-year-olds) I think the cost is too high, and hope that training and conditioning makes the swimmer the best they can be," he said.

Most likely it is the Olympics in Beijing that will decide the demand for the LZR Racers. If the U.S team continues to break records wearing the suits, \$300 may seem like a bargain to some. And if that's the case, stores like Sport Fair Incorporated may find the suits move as quickly as the swimmers who wear them.



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Stingrays are CSL Blue Division Champs

The Armfield Farm boys 13-14 medley relay team consisting of Harlan Mantelli, Matt Louis, Brady Caslavka and James Kovach celebrates after winning their event. Not only did their victory help defeat Chantilly National by a narrow margin of 14 points, but they broke Armfield Farm's own pool record for the event. Armfield Farm ended their season as the CSL Blue Division champs.



Bluehens Win SYA Title

On Aug. 6, the SYA Bluehens won the Middle School SYA league championship, 59-53. With the win, the Bluehens finished 12-1 on the season and avenged their only loss of the summer. The Bluehens were coached by Doug Sawitzky. Pictured, top row, from left, Coach Doug Sawitzky, Mike Bowanko, Nate Robertson, Daniel Frick, Joon Cho, Zain Khan, Ethan Kalcheff. Bottom row, from left, Badri Salih, Mike Sullivan, Nick Collins, David Verguard.

SPORTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 16U Fauquier Freeze girls **softball** team will be conducting tryouts for athletes that want to play competitive softball. This is a new team under the Fauquier Freeze organization. Tryouts will be held on Aug. 17, Aug. 23, and Sept. 5, from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m., at Fauquier High School. Please contact Dave Augustine at augie4@comcast.net or 540-341-0090

On Aug. 25 and Aug. 27, BRYC girls **softball** will be holding open tryouts for the 15U select girls softball team. Tryouts will be from 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm at Rutherford Field #1. Please see

our website at www.brycsoftball.org/select.htm. For more information, call Doug Heffner at 703-934-2989.

The 2008 Yorktown varsity **softball** staff are hosting tryouts for their Northern Virginia Blaze Travel teams. Tryouts for a new 14U and the existing 16U Fastpitch 2008-2009 tournament season will be held at McLean H.S. on August 17 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For questions about the 14U team, contact Damian Rodriguez at 703-774-5361. The 16U contact is Eric Snyder at 703-926-6950.

The Chantilly Lace '97 11U **softball** team will be holding tryouts for the 2008-09 season on Au-

gust 16 at Franklin Farm Park in Herndon. Tryouts will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you would like more information please visit our website at www.chantillysoftball.org/lace97.html.

The Virginia Patriots, a tournament **softball** team consisting of high school girls, will be having tryouts for the 2009 team at Falls Church High School on Saturday, August 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and August 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Please call or email EJ Thomas to register at 703-255-2613 or ejt1609@aol.com.

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Northern Virginia **Football Officials** Association (NVFOA) is seeking new members 18 and older who can become on-field game officials and electronic clock operators for games at the youth, middle school, and high school levels. Information and application forms are available at www.nvfoa.com or contact the commissioner, Dennis Hall, by phone at 540-837-1316 or e-mail commissioner@nvfoa.com

COMMUNITY

Tournament Honors Woodson Grad Tyler Bentley

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family chipped in. First, they needed to find a golf course that was affordable as well as finding sponsors, which involved approaching various organizations and proposing their idea. "It was a process of just trying to figure out what to do and getting the information out there to people," said Bob Bentley.

He described how they "hit a wall" as the holidays approached in November. "We were not in the mindset," he said. However, it was during February that they began to continue with the plan, resulting in the first Tyler Bentley Charity Golf Tournament last Saturday.

The proceeds from the charity event will be going to Johns Hopkins Pediatric Urology and to a scholarship fund in Tyler's name at W.T. Woodson High School. Before he reached the age of 2, Tyler Bentley had undergone five surgeries at Johns Hopkins University. As a result, Nancy Bentley described how they wanted to give back to the organization that had "contributed to a large portion of Tyler's life." As for the scholarship fund, W.T. Woodson approached the family and suggested the scholarship as a way of honoring Tyler Bentley.

The success of the event was clear. According to Candice Dugger, all of the spots made available to the Bentleys by Westfields



PHOTO BY CIARA RICHARDS/THE CONNECTION

Golfers arrive early to practice on the putting green before the start of the Aug. 9 tournament at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton.

Golf Club were filled as 76 golfers signed up to participate along with about 20 other people who arrived to show their support. Bob Bentley described how most of the participants consisted of friends and family who heard about the event through the

Bentleys.

Rick Polesak and his son used to play golf with Tyler Bentley and his father. "It is happy and sad," he said. "It is a sad even to recall that Thanksgiving, but [the golf tournament] seems kind of fitting."

Through the sign-up for the tournament and the raffle, Candice Dugger estimates that the event raised about \$6,000. The Bentley family hopes that this will become an annual tournament. "We want it to get bigger and better as the years go on," said Jason Bentley.

One of the requests made by the Bentleys was that the golfers would refrain from drinking alcohol, in honor of Tyler Bentley, during the tournament. This request only touched upon the tragedy of the circumstance of this young man's death.

"A couple of questions never got answered ... what was so important that night that he had to sit in a bar for 12 hours and then drive and why didn't somebody take the keys?" asked Nancy Bentley. "If you protect your friends and even people you don't know then you protect yourself. There are so many lives that you touch and you don't realize You don't really heal whenever you lose a child or lose someone, you just have to keep going, for them."

"The one thing I wanted to do with the golf thing was to make sure everyone had a good time because Tyler always had a good time and he loved golf," said Nancy Bentley. "He came home with stories about what happened on the golf course and some of them were hysterical. He had a wonderful time doing stuff like that."

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.

Jubilee Christian Center has a revised schedule for August; no evening service on Wednesday, Aug. 20, and a free Family Movie Night is scheduled on Aug. 13, 7:15 p.m. Regular Wednesday evening service and family activities will resume on Aug. 27. Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170.

Gospel singer-composer Andre de Villiers of South Africa will perform in a free concert on Sunday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m., at Jubilee Christian Center. Also, included is a free picnic at the church on Aug. 17, following the 11 a.m. worship service. Jubilee Christian Center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170. www.jccag.org.

Messiah United Methodist's next session of GriefShare starts Wednesday, Aug. 20 and runs for 13 weeks. Contact Irene Rich, Director of Congregational Care for more information at 703-569-9862 x212 or irich@messiahumc.org.

Springfield Church of Christ Back-to-School Give-Away of Clothing and School Supplies, on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. While this event is geared toward helping students get ready for school, clothing is available for infants, toddlers, and adults as well. Springfield Church of Christ, 7512 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. 703-451-4011.

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The Church of the Good Shepherd will offer registration for fall ESOL classes on Wednesday, Sept. 3 and Thursday, Sept. 4 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and again 7-9 p.m. The church is located at 9350 Braddock Road. Fall classes run Sept. 16 through Dec. 4 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. A \$50 fee will be collected at the first class. Call 703-323-5400.

Community Fun Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 12-5 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, between Rolling and Guinea Roads. Free pony rides, a giant slide, face painting, games, food and more. Visit www.ststephensfairfax.org or call 703-978-8724.

Lunch N'Life for 50 or Better on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 12-2 p.m., at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax. Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock), will speak on volunteering and the Capitol Reunion Quarter will entertain. For reservations, 703-620-0161 by Sept. 11. \$8 per person. If transportation is needed, call 703-323-4788.

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5917 Heritage Square Drive, Burke, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Sherri R. Ligon, dated September 16, 2005, and recorded September 21, 2005, in Deed Book 17766 at page 1166 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

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 39, Section 2, Heritage Square North as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4590 at page 773, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 5917 Heritage Square Drive, Burke, Virginia 22015.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 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.

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

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

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

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

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee
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21 Announcements

TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
Improved by the premises known as
8419 Carmela Circle, Springfield, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jairo Morales and Francisco Morales, dated July 13, 2005, and recorded July 15, 2005, in Deed Book 17515 at page 2047 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

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 80, Section 1, Forest at South Run, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 10667 at page 1342, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 8419 Carmela Circle, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 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 8.425 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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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.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
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3502 Pence Court, Annandale, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Yury Inturias and Patricia Medina, dated June 23, 2005, and recorded June 28, 2005, in Deed Book 17448 at page 195 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, Virginia, on

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 52, Section 2, Holmes Run Village, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5007 at page 99, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 3502 Pence Court, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$45,000.00 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 5.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Park Authority Negotiates Lorton Museum Proposal

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an agreement can be reached. When asked if he was optimistic that the lease would be signed, Holley said yes.

"[The Park Authority] was aware of the interest in the community for a Cold War site," he said. "If there was a way to make this work, they would be a terrific tenant. They would make great use of this site."

POWERS, WHOSE father, Francis Gary Powers Sr., carved out his own place in Cold War history when his U2 plane was downed over Soviet territory in 1960, hasn't been sitting on his hands while waiting for the process to unfold. He relished describing some of the artifacts and exhibits he has collected from around the world as he waits for the bricks and mortars to come together. The artifacts include Cold War-era radios, transceivers and transponders used by county, state and federal officials to navigate through potential emergencies and a nuclear fallout forecast chart, used by officials to plot and project how factors like wind velocity and rain might effect the path of dispersing radiation in the event of a nuclear attack. All will be featured in the museum's "Civil Defense" exhibit, a coordination apparatus used during the Cold War for emergency disaster and attack management that Powers likened to today's Department of Homeland Security.

Another featured exhibit he described was the museum's planned 5,000-square-foot account of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Powers has collected 1960s-era couches, tables, lamps and telephones, in order to create a flashback environment where visitors can immerse themselves in the period and style of the 13-day standoff that nearly saw the United States and Soviet Russia engage in cataclysmic war.

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"We wanted people to go into the exhibit and get saturated in the 1960's," said Powers. "There's a variety of artifacts and props that we've collected to tell the story."

THOUGH THE Cold War Museum has come so far from its conception back in 1996, and though Powers said they could have a grand opening as soon as two to two and a half years from the date the lease is signed, the reality is that more waiting remains in his and the museum's future. In order to build the

entire 100,000 square-foot structure, his non-profit organization will have to raise 50-60 million dollars to fund construction over the next 8-10 years. While Powers admitted it was frustrating at times dealing with the bureaucracy, he preferred putting the work in now instead of fast tracking it and leaving those disputes down the road.

"In order to have a world-class attraction in Fairfax County, we need to make sure our 't's are dotted and our 't'-s are crossed," said Powers. "We want to make sure all these details are worked out now so that two, three years down the road we're not pointing fingers at each other saying 'You said you were going to do that.'"

"If revenue is entirely based on a particular source like donations, then they should have some evidence that they can get those donations."

— Kirk Holley, Fairfax County Park Authority

AROUND TOWN

Local Hair Cuttery salons launch the ninth annual Share A Haircut program to provide a fresh haircut to children starting the new school year. From Aug. 1 through Aug. 15, every time a child 18 or younger receives a haircut at a local Hair Cuttery salon, a free haircut will be provided to a disadvantaged child in the community. Through partnerships with local service agencies and non-profit organizations, Hair Cuttery has donated more than 380,000 haircuts since the program's inception in 1999, always giving back to children in the same community where the salon is located. Hair Cuttery also supports Locks of Love, a non-profit organization providing hairpieces to children who have lost their hair through illness or genetic conditions, and a range of national and local charitable organizations.

area to discover and experience natural and historic regional sites. The first Kids' Day Event is to take place Aug. 21, providing a fun and educational day of activities exploring the Chesapeake Bay near Solomons, Md. Plans include a visit to the Calvert Marine Museum, an hour cruise on-board the Tension, a refitted 1899 "bugeye," and fossil-hunting at Flag Pond Nature Park. Groups attending the inaugural Kids Day Event include Boys and Girls Clubs, Campfire, USA, and BeFriend-A-Child. Volunteers or financial donations would be appreciated in making this and future events successful. Contact Kids' Day Events, 7901 Yarnwood Court, Springfield. Call 703-569-7704.

The City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with Activenet to create a new online "office." This will allow online registration for classes and trips, and facility rental inquiries. Online registration will be provided at the same fee as in office. To learn more, visit www.visitfairfax.gov.

Carl T. Jones Corporation, an engineering consulting firm located in Springfield, has started Kids' Day Events. The new non-profit organization is committed to creating opportunities for under-privileged children from the

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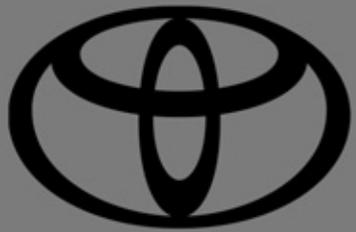
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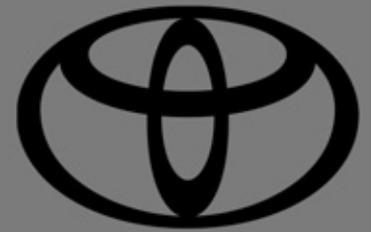
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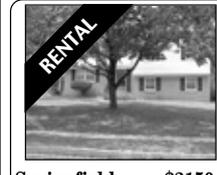


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Falls Church **\$400,000**

Garden Oasis Inside Beltway
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\$549,900

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