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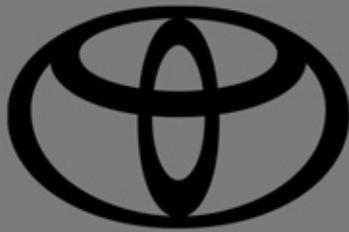


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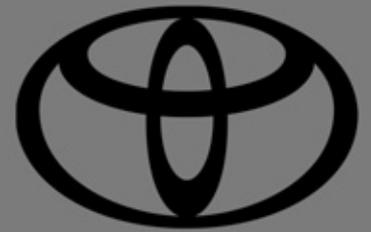
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Audubon Volunteers to the Rescue

Audubon Society relocates dozens of native plants from HOT Lanes site.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

When the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) began digging up the ground along Little River Turn-

pike near the Capital Beltway to make way for the HOT Lanes last month, the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia had a clear mission: save the plants.

That would be native plants, the types of flora that have populated Virginia forests, creeks and valleys since before the colonies of Jamestown and Williamsburg were established by Europeans in the early 17th century. American Holly, Ironweed trees, Partridge berries and a host of other species of vegetation were dug up by volunteers with the cooperation of VDOT, sometimes just hours before they would have met untimely ends under the crushing wheels of bulldozers and tractors. From there, they were relocated Friday morning, Aug. 8 to the Daniels Run Elementary School on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax.

"Anywhere in Northern Virginia is good for these plants. We're happy to help them survive," said Elaine

Franklin, naturalist and programs coordinator for the Northern Virginia chapter of the Audubon Society.

Franklin and her fellow volunteers spent most of Friday morning and afternoon replanting over a dozen different species of native plant life at the school's new Living Classroom, one of many gardens the society has set up at various schools, churches and parks across Northern Virginia. The goal of these open gardens is twofold: finding new, safe homes for these uprooted plants and providing easily accessible locations all over the region where members of the community can come to learn more about the vegetation surrounding them.

According to Darcy Levit, executive director of the Audubon Society's Northern Virginia arm, the sites serve as a valuable community resource. In addition to moving the plants to safe sites, the society also gives plants away to volunteers or visitors who are looking to take the fight to their homes.

"When you come out to place like this, you learn what's an invasive and what's a native. Then you can go and apply that to your yard," said Levit.

ACCORDING TO Franklin, though native plants are still prevalent within Virginia and are far from being endangered, the state could still benefit from having more of them. Aside from being better suited to the soil, they have adapted and evolved along with the local wildlife.

"Native plants are very, very beautiful plants."

— **Jeanette Stewart, Lands and Waters**



PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

Volunteer Madeline Pott spent Friday morning, Aug. 8, with her mother Sharon (not pictured) replanting over a dozen different species of native plant life at Daniels Run Elementary School in Fairfax.

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Not Guilty of Murder

Jury acquits Fairfax City woman of murdering her boyfriend.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

From his City of Fairfax duplex on Warwick Avenue, Dexter Otto Richardson told 911 operators that his girlfriend, Fawn Scott, stabbed him in the heart after she left the Woodburn Center for Community Mental Health on the afternoon of Oct. 18, 2007.

Richardson, 50, died from the 6-inch deep stab wound to his chest.

Scott argued self-defense during her weeklong trial, and last Friday, Aug. 15, 2008, a Fairfax County Circuit Court jury found Scott, 32, not guilty of murder after deliberating almost 13 hours.

"Justice was served. The jury heard all the evidence and realized Ms. Scott acted in self-defense," said defense attorney Dawn M. Butorac, following the verdict Friday afternoon.

Butorac represented Scott with Teresa McGarrity — both are public defenders.

"The case is a tragedy, it is a tragedy because Ms. Scott was forced to make a decision to take the life of Mr. Richardson, the man she loved," Butorac said at the beginning of the trial, presided over by Chief Judge Dennis J. Smith.

RICHARDSON BE-FRIENDED Scott as she battled drug and

alcohol addiction, and welcomed her in his home, according to Scott's attorneys.

But despite their ensuing multiple-year romantic relationship, Richardson had alcohol abuse problems and an inability to control his rage, Butorac told the jury.

Butorac and McGarrity told the jury that Scott lived through a history of domestic abuse, including a time Richardson broke Scott's nose when they were living in Newport News, and other times



FILE PHOTO

Fawn C. Scott

"This case is a tragedy."

— **Dawn M. Butorac, defense attorney**

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City Man Charged In Fatal Stabbing

Crime marks first murder in City of Fairfax since October 2007.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Juan De Dios Morales, a resident of the City of Fairfax was arrested and charged Sunday, Aug. 10 with the stabbing death of a Honduran man at his home.

According to a City of Fairfax Police release, a call was placed Saturday night, Aug. 9, from inside the residence in the 10500 block of Cedar Ave. advising of trouble. Police officials declined to identify the caller.

"It was basically a caller that said there was a problem at the house," said Sgt. Pam Nevlud, public information officer for the City of Fairfax Police.

Officers responded to the residence, a single family home, at approximately 11:47 p.m. When they arrived, police found

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SHERIFF'S PHOTO

Juan De Dios Morales

Patriot Center Gets Facelift

Last Week, George Mason University put the finishing touches on the first phase of a three-phase renovation of the Patriot Center. As part of the \$10 million project, workers added a new centralized box office at the west entry of the 10,000-seat arena.

Two new concession stands and bathrooms at the north entry are currently under construction as part of phase two of the project. Phase three, which will add the same features to the south entry along what Washington Sports and Entertainment release called a “cosmetic facelift” of the concourse.

“The entire concourse will have fresh paint and new ceiling tiles to finish off the renovation,” said Sheila Francis, GMU’s director of event and venue public relations.

Renovation of the facility, entering its 23rd year of operation, is scheduled to be completed in early 2009.

Senior Olympics Deadline Set

Organizers of the 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics have set Friday, Sept. 5 as the deadline for those interested in signing up for the competition. This year’s NVSO competition runs from Saturday, Sept. 20 through Thursday, Oct. 2.

Men and women who are 50, by Dec. 31, 2008, and over, and who live in one of the sponsoring jurisdictions are eligible to compete. Events take place at nine different venues in Northern Virginia. Many are divided into five or 10-year age groups and some are divided by gender.

Participants will compete in the following events: track and field, swimming and diving, pickleball, tennis, table tennis, yo-yo tricks, eight ball pool, ice skating, scrabble, shuffleboard, bunco, Frisbee throw, women’s 3x3 basketball, team line dancing, scrabble, duplicate bridge, chess, cribbage, bait casting, backgammon, golf, miniature golf, basketball free throw, bowling, softball hit and throw and chess. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be presented following each event.

For a \$10 registration fee, participants will be able to compete in one event. Each additional event requires a \$1 fee. Additional fees are charged for bowling, golf and miniature golf. To learn more and to request a registration form, call 703-228-4721 or download from www.novaseniorolympics.com.

Libraries May Reduce Hours

Fairfax County Public Libraries is considering reducing its hours next year to cope with potential budget cuts.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors asked each government agency to put together a budget package anticipating a 15 percent cut in revenue for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009. In order to accommodate the 15 percent drop, the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees has proposed cutting back on hours, staff and materials at its 23 branches, said Mary Mulrenan, marketing director of the library system.

Under the budget proposal, Fairfax County’s eight regional libraries – which includes Centreville, Chantilly, City of Fairfax, George Mason, Pohick, Reston, Sherwood and Tysons-Pimmit branches – would open one hour later and close one hour earlier on Sundays. The remaining 15 community libraries would close on Thursday evenings and all day on Friday, said Mulrenan.

The library system would also eliminate 150 part-time positions and 26 full-time positions, she said.

“There would be lots of changes in order to meet the proposed budget cuts. Above just closing the libraries, programming would be impacted as well,” said Mulrenan.

Bloomberg Could Be On Ballot

The Independent Green Party of Virginia has collected enough signatures to place New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg (I) as a candidate for United States president and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (R-Tx.) as a candidate for the nation’s vice presidency on the Virginia’s ballot in November.

Though the appropriate signatures have been collected, the Independent Greens are missing one form – which lists Bloomberg’s full name and address – that is required for his

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

Brothers Coleman, left, and Chris Bunn of Fair Oaks have fun at the farmers market.

Bountiful Harvest in Fair Oaks

Weekly farmers market sets up in Whole Foods’ parking lot.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Vine-ripened tomatoes, homemade soap and lip balm, almond amaretto creamed honey, fresh flowers, sweet-potato bread and Japanese maple trees — all these things and more can be found at the farmers market outside the Fair Lakes Whole Foods store.

The store isn’t connected to the market, except to provide area vendors a free place to sell their wares. Hours are Wednesdays, from 3:30-7 p.m., and Sundays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Todd and Shaundra Riggleman of Little Rocky Run came on a recent Sunday with their son Ian, 3. “We come every other week,” said Todd. “Today we got peaches, nectarines and a scone. The produce is excellent and so much better than in a store because it’s ripened on the plant, instead of being transported for hundreds of miles.”

“I like supporting our local farmers,” said Shaundra Riggleman, a chemistry teacher at Chantilly High. “And our son is a seasonal eater. For example, he won’t eat blueberries unless they’re in season, and he’s not interested in strawberries unless it’s spring.”

Holding an armful of tall lilies at the Wollam Gardens stand, Ellen Deeb of Oakton said she visited the market because she “bought flowers here before and they’re spectacular. When these lilies open up, they’re phenomenal.”

In fact, she comes to this farmers market regularly. “Three weeks ago, I bought a bouquet of fresh-cut flowers for my sister-in-law, and she said they lasted a long time and were so bright and beautiful,” said Deeb. “Also, the honey products are fantastic. I bought the honey, lip balm and the honey-

granola bars. They taste so good and have excellent ingredients. And all of these things would make good gifts, too.”

FAIR OAKS RESIDENT Brent Bunn brought his sons Coleman, 7, and Chris, 4. “They wanted something fun and different to do this morning, and this is convenient,” said Bunn. Coleman said he liked the flowers the best “because they look and smell good.” Chris’s favorite thing was the bread because he liked how it tasted. Then they headed off to buy some fresh fruit.

Fairfax resident Priscilla Tern of Fairfax brought her daughters Courtney, 8, and Ashley, 9. “We like the fresh fruit and vegetables,” said Tern. She, too, believes it’s important to support local farmers, and she enjoys “giving the girls a feel of buying things from the open market.”

Jared Winick, formerly of Fair Lakes, said he and his family came to this farmers market “All the time, last summer,” and, even though they’ve moved to Falls Church, they returned to the market to shop. “I bought corn and peaches today,” he said. “It’s better than what you get at supermarkets and it’s fun to see all the fresh food.”

Fair Oaks’ Glenna Babst was also a repeat customer. “I’m buying corn,” she said. “I was here last year and the corn was excellent, so I came back again. I’d recommend this market to others because, if you like fresh, homegrown produce, it’s a good thing.”

Lindsay Brinckmeyer of Centre Ridge was at the market for the first time. “I was shopping at Whole Foods and stopped by,” she said. “I like participating in buying locally grown products.”

She purchased a jar of tulip poplar honey from vendor Shirley Dean of Bees and Blossoms, of Providence Forge, Va. “She gave me samples, and this had a different, new type of flavor, and I liked that,” said Brinckmeyer. “I might also buy some cranberry bread. I would definitely recommend this market because it’s neat to see what’s being made and grown locally, and it’s fresh.”

POLITICS

Riding the Wave

Grassroots Democratic groups hope national buzz will lead to November sweep.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

This is the first of two stories about the November election and the efforts of grassroots organizations to get the vote out. Next Week: Republican grassroots organizations and the fight to keep Virginia red.

Joseph Harmon feels good about presumptive Democratic Party presidential candidate Barack Obama's chances to win Virginia this year in the upcoming election.

Of course, as chairman of the City of Fairfax Democratic Committee, it's his job to be positive. Even so, changes in the political landscape over the past eight years have put Democrats in a position to take the Old Dominion state for the first time since 1964, when Lyndon Johnson defeated Barry Goldwater with just under 54 percent of the vote. That possibility has grassroots organizers like Harmon excited about their party's prospects this fall.

"The Obama campaign, in many ways, is kind of changing the way we do business,"

said Harmon, who has served as chairman of the FCDC for almost a year. "Because the reaction has been so big, it's almost been game changing in terms of getting people involved in politics."

It's not just the presidential race that has captured the attention of local Democratic organizations. The party is also fielding Mark Warner for the Senate and Gerry Connolly for the 11th Congressional District.

Warner, the former Virginia governor who left office in 2005 with an 80 percent approval rating, enjoys broad support among Virginians and was something of a dark horse pick in a crowded Democratic presidential primary field until publicly declining to run in October 2006.

Connolly, the current chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, has name recognition in Northern Virginia, where the 11th Congressional District is located.

In the latest polls by RasmussenReports.com, Warner, who earlier this month snagged the prestigious slot as keynote speaker at the Democratic Na-



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Madison High School student Sarah Cole makes phones on behalf of presidential candidate Barack Obama in his City of Fairfax campaign office.

tional Convention in Denver next month, is leading his Republican opponent Jim Gilmore (also a former governor) 59 percent-33 percent. Though Rasmussen and other polling organizations do not track individual House races, Connolly's campaign claims internal polls show their candidate with a 52 percent-21 percent edge over Republican Keith Fimian. However, as of June 30, Fimian has raised more money than his better-known Democratic rival,

banking \$1.3 million to Connolly's \$936,484, according to the Center for Responsive Politics [www.opensecrets.org.]

Jaime Contreras, capital area director of the Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ, spent the past week canvassing the City of Fairfax for Democrats and registering Hispanic voters. According to Contreras, a combination of issues, prime

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Getting To Know ...

Lori Stillman, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board member.

BY ESTHER PAK
THE CONNECTION

This past June, Lori Stillman, the Springfield District representative to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board (CSB) was elected to the secretary position.

The CSB is a multi jurisdictional agency and public support network that partners with individuals, families and the community to support Fairfax-Falls Church residents affected by behavioral health conditions and intellectual disabilities.

As a member of the CSB, Stillman assists in planning, developing and helping to secure funding for programs to support and improve the lives of these individuals.

"It is critical that we work with other government agencies and in the private sector to secure stable sources of funding to enable CSB consumers to find employment, housing, recreation, transportation and other community-based support that they need to be empowered, valued and productive members of their communities," said Stillman. "Our approach is multi-pronged — to inform, educate, advocate and develop performance-based programs and services to help our consumers."

Stillman is a Nebraska native with a degree in political science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She has been a Fairfax Station Resident for 10 years. She and her husband Patrick Stillman have two sons, Tyler and Nathan.

How did you first get involved in the CSB?

My first son, Tyler, was born with Down syndrome and is autistic. As he was growing up, I became interested in helping other children with disabilities and their families and began advocating with the Arc. I was appointed to the CSB in 2005 by [former] Supervisor Elaine McConnell (R-Springfield). I was recently re-appointed to a second three-year term by Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield).

PROFILE

What are some specific issues that you are passionate about?

I have always been passionate about helping people, especially the most vulnerable individuals in our society. To me, the most important action we can take is to break down the negative stereotypes and discrimination that harm individuals with intellectual disabilities, mental health issues and substance abuse disorders through public information and education. One example is current efforts to change the term "mental retardation" to "intellectual disabilities" in local, state and federal regulations and laws. Then, we need to provide effective programs and requisite funding to meet the needs of CSB consumers, particularly to eliminate the waiting lists for services, especially Medicaid waivers for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

By the same token, I appreciate the need for effective stewardship of the tax-payers' dollar and recognize the need for productive and innovative provision of services to those in need. I value vigilance in this regard and enjoy the challenge of fostering



PHOTO BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL/THE CONNECTION

Lori Stillman

efficient and effective public-private partnerships.

How would you encourage other members of the community to help with the CSB efforts?

The CSB can always use the public's help in many different ways. Making a sincere effort to understand our consumers and recognize their needs, as well as their dreams and abilities, is very important in helping to end discrimination and stigmas. They can also educate friends and neighbors and encourage them to support needed programs. Individuals can help by advocating with their local and state legislators for services and funding for the CSB. In fact, the county has scheduled 20 Fiscal Year 2010 budget community dialogs for this fall which citizens can attend and provide their comments and support for CSB programs. They can also work with others in their

business or organization to provide opportunities for employment, housing and other supports for CSB consumers.

Favorite aspect about being a part of CSB?

I really enjoy working together with many exceptional individuals, including other board members, CSB staff and legislators, who share my commitment to assist those with intellectual disabilities and behavioral health problems. It is also very rewarding to see the positive difference that one can make in the lives of these individuals and their families.

What do/did you do professionally aside from serving in the CSB?

When I first moved to the Washington, D.C. area in 1981, I worked as a legislative assistant to Congressman Robert Lagomarsino from California and then as a legislative consultant on National Parks for the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for the U.S. House of Representatives. I have been a stay-at-home mom since the birth of my first son.

Hobbies?

As a pianist, I enjoy accompaniment work with other musicians for recitals, concerts and contests. I also enjoy physical fitness and running. I greatly appreciate nature and love all types of animals.

Favorite local restaurant or hang-out?

I enjoy a good burger at Glory Days Grill in Lorton or morning coffee at Dunkin' Donuts.

Anything else you would like to add?

I would welcome anyone to contact me, or the CSB staff, if they would like more information about the CSB or would like to help us with our efforts. You can find the CSB through the phone book or on the Fairfax County government Web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/>.

VIEWPOINTS

What has been the highlight of your summer?

Weatherhead Recognized for Volunteer Work



Georgia Weatherhead

Georgia Weatherhead, a resident at Greenspring Retirement Community in Springfield, was named Fairfax Railroad Station Museum's 2007 volunteer of the year by the Inter-Service Club Council of the City of Fairfax. Weatherhead, who has volunteered with the museum for 14 years, was recognized Aug. 6, at the City of Fairfax Old Town Hall.

In addition to volunteering with the Fairfax Railroad Station Museum, Weatherhead also volunteers with the National Zoo. Currently, she is helping research efforts by watching an octopus and logging her observations.

Built in the mid-1850s, Fairfax Station would go on to become a major strategic stop on the Orange and Alexandria Line during the Civil War. In 1975, local citizens began efforts to save the old depot, ultimately re-constructing the train station into the current, volunteer-run museum.

The Inter-Service Club Council of Fairfax City serves as a link among clubs and organizations that serve the community. The awards recognize individuals for outstanding service and accomplishments.



"I would say beach week."
Tessa Gedney, Burke



CARA RICHARDS

"Probably partying."
Kevin Miller, Burke



"Getting accepted to the University of Mary Washington."
Farrah Siltanen, Fairfax Station



"Seeing all of my old friends and making new ones."
Oriana Layendecker, Spokane Wash.

Jury Acquits Scott

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when he hit her with a brick and attempted to suffocate her with a pillow.

City of Fairfax Police responded to a domestic dispute call at their home in January 2007, according to police reports.

"Sadly, she did not have the fortitude, or temerity, to get up and leave Mr. Richardson," Butorac said, and "beatings would progressively get worse."

Scott began mental health counseling at the Woodburn clinic at the beginning of 2007.

On Oct. 18, 2007, Richardson first called Fairfax City Police requesting help for his girlfriend.

When Sgt. C. M. Buckley arrived, he found Scott with blood on her hands and arms, from self-inflicted injuries.

"I'm not going to lie to you, I did this to myself," Scott told the officer, according to Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Ian M. Rodway. "Ms. Scott tells Sgt. Buckley, 'I've got to go to Woodburn, I've been there before, they know me, and I have a problem.'"

Buckley drove and accompanied Scott to the treatment center in Annandale, where he left her in the clinic's care. But Scott left the treatment center approximately 45 minutes before Richardson's second 911 call.

Doctors at the center testified that Scott did not meet the criteria for being involuntarily committed and attempted to get her to go voluntarily for detoxification treatment.

But Scott left the center, and went back home.

"The evidence is not incredibly complicated," said Rodway, the prosecutor.

"Ms. Scott said, 'When I came back to the house, I tried to get in the door. ... We tussled and Dexter stabbed himself,'" Rodway said Scott told police.

Initially, Scott told Buckley that Richardson was in the house and was fine, said Rodway.

But Butorac and McGarrity said Richardson attacked Scott when she came back to the house, and choked her with one hand and beat her with the other. Scott grabbed a kitchen knife and stabbed her boyfriend once in the chest.

"Ms. Scott had no choice, no choice whatsoever," Butorac told the jury. "She was going to die if she didn't do what she did."

Following her arrest for murder, Scott was treated at Western State Hospital, a state psychiatric facility in Staunton, to restore her to competency to stand trial.

After she was restored, Scott's public defenders first announced her intention to claim self-defense in May.

City Man Faces Murder Charge

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the body of Adulio Bonilla-Morales, 36, a native of Honduras. He was pronounced dead at the scene with a fatal stab wound to his upper body.

Juan De Dios Morales, 37, who is not related to the victim, lived at the residence where the body was found. He was not there when officers arrived. According to the release, an investigation conducted at the scene determined that Juan De Dios Morales and the victim had been involved in an altercation, though officials declined to comment on the details of the confrontation.

The release goes on to detail a separate incident less than seven hours later, at about 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, when police arrested a man for public drunkenness in the 10600 block of Fairfax Blvd. According to Nevlud, an officer approached Juan De Dios Morales on the street and began talking to him.

"The officer walked up to him, initiated some conversation with him, and, based on that conversation, he appeared to be intoxicated," she said.

While in police custody, he was later identified as Juan De Dios Morales and subsequently charged with homicide. Nevlud declined to say whether police had recovered the weapon used in the murder. If convicted, Juan De Dios Morales could face life in prison. It marks the first murder in the City of Fairfax since October 2007.

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OPINION

In Praise of Local Olympians

Kudos to them, every one, for being there.

Lost somewhere in the quest for gold and medal counts and world records of the Olympics is appreciation for the effort and talent it takes to qualify, to go, to be an Olympian, whether or not an athlete comes home with a medal of any color.

Last week, we celebrated Justin Spring of Burke who contributed to U.S. winning bronze in men's team gymnastics.

We're proud of Kate Ziegler of Great Falls, who showed wisdom beyond her years in interviews after she failed to make the finals of either of her two events. The 20-year-old George Mason University student was disappointed, but smiled and said: "Even though I had disappointing swims, I still am an Olympian. ... I went to the Olympics. I'm going to enjoy my experience. This is ... the end of this four-year chapter, but I feel like I'm just ... beginning on my way."

Ziegler's best event actually isn't even an Olympic sanctioned race. The four-time world record holder shattered Janet Evans' 18-year

world record time by 10 seconds in the 1,500 in October 2007. (The 1,500 is only for men in the Olympics.)

TWO MCLEAN High graduates, **Giuseppe Lanzone and Sam Stitt**, are both members of the U.S. Rowing Team and are rowing in the Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

The two were McLean Highlander rowing team members during the spring of 2000. The Highlanders finished undefeated that season and earned several medals in several major regattas.

Lanzone, an All-Met rower that season, went on to row collegiately at the University of Washington. Stitt, meanwhile, competed in the sport at Rutgers University. Lanzone came to the United States from Peru and eventually became a U.S. citizen.

These two young men spent 10 years of hard work in hopes of making the 2008 Olympics' Team.

KARA LAWSON, who enjoyed a standout career at West Springfield and who was named among the Connection's Top-100 Athletes of all time, is on U.S. Women's Olympic basket-

ball team.

Lawson, a 5-foot-10 guard for the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs, will make her first Olympic appearance. She is a Tennessee graduate.

At West Springfield, she led the Spartans to the 1997 and 1998 Virginia Class AAA state crowns and perfect 30-0 seasons. In college, she led the Lady Vols to a 126-17 (.881) record, four Southeastern Conference (SEC) regular season titles, the 2000 SEC Tournament crown, and four NCAA Tournaments where UT advanced to the 2001 Sweet Sixteen, 2002 Final Four and 2000 and 2003 championship games.

And Northern Virginia will be represented by at least two athletes in Beijing this year. Tyler Byers of Sterling and Josh George of Herndon were the first two American finishers in the wheelchair division of the L.A. Marathon in March, making them automatic competitors in the marathon event of the Paralympics, which will follow the Olympic games in September.

If you know of local Olympic athletes we've failed to mention (and we're sure there are), please let me know.

— MARY KIMM

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Fresh Choice

To the Editor:

It is time for voters to relieve [Board of Supervisors Chairman] Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) from power. Connolly's career was carried by an unprecedented boom in revenue due to a now defunct housing boom. Without the historic revenue, Fairfax County faced a \$125 million budget shortfall this year and faces over \$300 million in deficit next year.

Connolly isn't a manager; he is a spender who had little foresight that the housing gravy train would come to a stop. It's time to entrust our county to someone new, like [11th District House of Representatives candidate] Keith Fimian (R), who has built and managed a successful organization and can provide fresh ideas for the people of Northern Virginia.

Peter J. Smith
Falls Church

What's the Big Deal?

To the Editor:

A lot of people are talking about the movie "Tropic Thunder" that opened in theaters last week. One of the reasons that it is being talked about is that the characters use the term "retard" over and over. They use it the same way that kids do all the time, to jokingly

insult one another. The people who made the movie, DreamWorks and Paramount, and many of the critics who have reviewed it, say that the term is being used by characters who are dumb and shallow themselves. You see, we are supposed to get the joke that it is only the dumb and shallow people who use a term that means dumb and shallow. My dad tells me that this is called "irony."

So, what's the big deal? Let me try to explain. I am a 26-year-old man with Down Syndrome. I am very lucky. Even though I was born with this intellectual disability, I do pretty well and have a good life. I live and work in the community. I count as friends the people I went to school with and the people I meet in my job. Every day I get closer to living a life like yours. I am a Global Messenger for Special Olympics and make speeches to people all over the country. I once spoke to over 10,000 people at the Richmond Coliseum. I realize that I am a voice for other people with intellectual disabilities who cannot easily speak for themselves. I thank God that he gave me this chance to be someone's voice.

The hardest thing about having an intellectual disability is the loneliness. We process information slower than everyone else. So even

normal conversation is a constant battle for us not to lose touch with what the rest of you are saying. Most of the time the words and thoughts just go too fast for us to keep up, and when we finally say something it seems out of place. We are aware when all the rest of you stop and just look at us. We are aware when you look at us and just say, "uh huh," and then move on, talking to each other. You mean no harm, but you have no idea how alone we feel even when we are with you. That is why I love being a Global Messenger. I work for days telling my dad what I want to talk about and he tries to write it down for me. Then we do it over and over until we have something that says what I mean. We wrote this letter the same way.

So, what's wrong with "retard"? I can only tell you what it means to me and people like me when we hear it. It means that the rest of you are excluding us from your group. We are something that is not like you and something that none of you would ever want to be. We are something outside the "in" group. We are someone that is not your kind. I want you to know that it hurts to be left out here — alone. Nothing scares me as much as feeling all alone in a world that moves so much faster than I do. You don't mean to make me feel that way. In fact, like I say in some of my speeches, "I have always depended on the kindness

of strangers," and it works out OK most of the time. Still, it hurts and scares me when I am the only person with intellectual disabilities on the bus and young people start making "retard" jokes or references. Please put yourself on that bus and fill the bus with people who are different from you. Imagine that they start making jokes using a term that describes you. It hurts and it is scary.

Last, I get the joke — the irony — that only dumb and shallow people are using a term that means dumb and shallow. The problem is, it is only funny if you think a "retard" is someone dumb and shallow. I am not those things, but every time the term is used it tells young people that it is OK to think of me that way and to keep me on the outside.

That is why using "retard" is a big deal to people like me.

John Franklin Stephens

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CRIME

ASSAULT

11200 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Giant Food. Officers responded to the business for a report of an assault. The victim was discovered lying in front of the store with multiple small abrasions. The victim appeared to have been involved in an assault and was transported to the hospital with non life threatening injuries. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

BAD CHECK

9600 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Farrish of Fairfax. The manager reported that on July 5 a customer presented a check for a down payment on a vehicle which was written on a closed account. The customer has failed to respond to subsequent notifications. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

BURGLARY

9900 block of Main St. / Carlos O'Kelly's. On Aug. 13, at 2:17 a.m., officers responded to the business for an alarm. It was determined that unknown person(s) broke a lock on a door and entered the business. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

FORGERY CASE

3600 block of Hill St. On Aug. 13, at 12 p.m., the victim reported that sometime between June 2008 and August 2008, his roommate forged his name on several checks and cashed them. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

LARCENY

3600 block of Parklane Road. The victim reported that sometime between 4 p.m. on Aug. 7 and 8:45 a.m. on Aug. 8, unknown person(s) entered his unlocked vehicle and stole his wallet

4100 block of Addison Road. Sometime on Aug. 8, between midnight and 12 p.m., unknown person(s) siphoned gasoline from his pick up truck.

10900 block of Woodhaven Drive. On Aug. 8, at 3:44 p.m., the victim reported that while roofing contractors were doing repairs, a Stihl leaf blower was stolen.

10400 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Exxon Gas Station. On Aug. 8, at 11:25 p.m., the clerk reported that an unknown male entered the store, took a soda and ran out of the business without paying.

3500 block of Pickett Road / Church of the Apostles. Sometime on Aug. 13, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:44 p.m., unknown person(s) stole a catalytic converter from a vehicle that was on the lot.

3900 block of Pickett Road / McDonalds. The victim reported that at on Aug. 13, on 11:06 p.m., unknown person(s) stole his back pack that was left on a table.

VANDALISM

10500 block of James Wren Way. Sometime on Aug. 7, between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., unknown person(s) spray painted graffiti on the sidewalk.

3800 block of Farrcroft Green. The victim reported that sometime between July 9 and Aug. 9, unknown person(s) scratched her vehicle with a sharp instrument causing extensive damage.

3900 block of Bradwater Drive. Sometime on Aug. 12, between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., unknown person(s) broke a rear window of a vehicle that was parked in front of the residence.



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An important accessory to a wheelchair is the seating cushion. Cushions help in the prevention of pressure sores and increase body comfort and support. The user's physical condition and way of life should determine the type of cushion needed. A good wheelchair cushion should contour well into the shape of the buttocks, distribute the persons weight evenly, and not create any pressure points. A cushion should not slip from the wheelchair. A cushion that slips while a person is sitting can cause a lot of discomfort and undesirable consequences, such as sores and rashes. A wheelchair cushion should also be a shock resistant so that it can be used in all conditions.

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More than Just Tea and Scones

Local businesswoman brings traditional tea party to variety of situations.

BY ESTHER PAK
THE CONNECTION

Tea events are no longer pinky-fingered affairs reserved for the British gentry. Kimberly MacDonald, owner of To a Tea, LLC, makes tea events an approachable and enjoyable affair to all.

"[Tea events] used to be something you would think was for older ladies who wanted to be pampered. Now, people of all different ages want that kind of venue in all different settings," said MacDonald.

MacDonald's repertoire of events includes bridal showers, birthdays, retirements, anniversaries, as well as business meetings. She also offers princess tea parties for the youngest tea drinkers.

Her expertise, however, is not limited to event planning. Her years of experience baking in the kitchen allow her to showcase her desserts and baked goods as well as the tea service. MacDonald was also the catering director at the Bailiwick Inn in Fairfax before she decided to use her combined experiences to start To A Tea, LLC and promote a new way to entertain.



A tiffany cake and matching petit fours

"I think that people are looking for more than just going out to lunch. Tea relaxes you and inspires conversation. At the same time, the idea of being served tea and scones makes it an elegant type of venue," said MacDonald.

"Taking tea began many years ago with the English, but afternoon and high teas have become especially popular in the states," said MacDonald.

"I've always enjoyed entertaining and planning events, and I love working with clients from start to finish to make their event special," said MacDonald. "Of all the types of events that I have planned, teas are the most special. I think that people are looking for more than just going out to lunch. Tea relaxes you and inspires

conversation."

From the baking, to the linens and china, MacDonald promises to work with each host in planning a theme, selecting a menu, and setting up. The result is an elegant tea ex-



A table is set with a variety of pastries for a business breakfast tea.

"I think that people are looking for more than just going out to lunch."

— Kimberly MacDonald

choose what kind of loose tea they want, and I would serve it to them. I also walk them through the process of eating a scone the traditional way with jam and clotted cream," said MacDonald.

Dannette Wolfe, a Chantilly resident for over 20 years, is a loyal fan of MacDonald's cakes — especially her specialty cheesecakes. "[Her cakes] are amazing. She's just got a gift. Every time I have taken them to any function or given it as a gift, family and co-workers have fought with each other over the last bite," said Wolfe.

WOLFE HAS also enjoyed many of MacDonald's tea services. "It's really comfortable. You don't feel like you're in a stuffy atmosphere. Other places that I've gone have been very stuffy, prim and proper. She listens really well about what you want," said Wolfe.

Carol Khalsa has also used MacDonald's

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A typical tea event would feature the tea and sandwiches or desserts buffet-style at one end. "People would come around,



One of the events that MacDonald specializes in is a bridal shower tea.

More

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Kimberly MacDonald has made a business of bringing traditional tea parties to business and social events.

tea and dessert services for numerous business-meetings. "Kimberly creates such memorable events. The presentation is impeccable and the desserts are absolutely delectable," said Khalsa.

MacDonald adds a personal touch to her services that extends beyond tea events. "Last Thanksgiving, I had Kimberly make individual pumpkin cheesecakes and had her hand-deliver them to different patients of ours. The cakes were beyond delicious and boxed beautifully. Everyone loved it because they were so unique," said Khalsa.

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Let's Hear it For The Girls. 7 p.m. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 9-11 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Verny Varela y su Orquesta. Arranger, composer, singer and flutist from Colombia. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring 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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners

Association gives tips and strategies. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Fairfax Corner Summer Concert Series: John Ireland and Bicycle Thieves. 6-8:30 p.m. at Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza, 11951 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Free. Call 703-227-0894 or www.fairfaxcorner.com.

4Paws Rescue Team Cat Adoptions. 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Petco at 10708 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

Fairfax High School Field Hockey Team Car Wash. Stop by and support the team from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Fairfax Exxon located near the intersection of Route 123 and Lee Highway in Fairfax City.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Auction of Rare and Unusual Azaleas. The Northern Virginia Azalea Society is conducting a public auction of rare, native, and evergreen hybridized azaleas. A slide show will provide pictures of most of the azaleas being auctioned. Refreshments served. 1:30 p.m., at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, in the second floor meeting room. Call Rick Bauer 703-455-4850 or Eve Harrison 540-778-1945.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 12-3 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Viento A Favor Tour: 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 or visit www.patriotcenter.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 25

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26

Twenty Minutes 'til Bedtime. Stories and activities about bedtime. Age 3-6 with adult. 7 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-



Alejandro Fernandez will perform on Sunday, Aug. 24 at the George Mason University Patriot Center in Fairfax.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

Big Smelly Trucks. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register 703-293-6227.

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. Call 703-324-7469 or visit 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.

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

Sandra Y. Johnson. Jazz singer; winner of second place at the 2006 & 2007 Billie Holiday Vocal Competitions. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

Friday Flicks. Bring 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.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Book Signing and Model Trains. 12-5 p.m. HO, N scale and Lego trains will be running, plus "The Train to Maine," a story of a family's summer train vacation along the east coast, will be signed by children's author and illustrator Rebecca Harrison Reed of Clifton. One of the story's characters, a train conductor, will be on hand with giveaways. Adults \$2, children \$1. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Rd., Fairfax Station. Call 703-425-9225 or visit www.fairfax-station.org.

Potomac Hosta Club. 12 p.m. Picnic, Hostas auction and plant exchange. Heather Hills Nurseries at 8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. New members always welcome. For more information, call 703-866-2211 or

visit hostaclub@gmail.com.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 2

Teen Book club. 7 p.m. Read, talk, snack and make friends. Call for this month's title. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Inova Blood Drive. 1:30-7 p.m. Photo ID required, appointments preferred. Call 1-866-256-6372. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Monkey Tales. 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities about monkeys. Age 13-23 months with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

Genealogy Databases. 7 p.m. Search for ancestors using the library's genealogy databases. Age 13 and up. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Bring lunch SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 13



The City of Fairfax's Blaskapelle Alte Kameraden Bavarian band performs authentic fest musik and 'gemultichkeit' on Aug. 29, in a free concert at Lake Accotink Park.

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and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

Book Signing. Ellen Posner has written a book of poetry, and in her effort to pay it forward, she has decided to donate all sales of her book, minus the printing costs, to Capital Hospice, which helped the author's mother during her final days. She will be having a book signing at the Burke Starbucks on Burke Center Parkway from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Burke Starbucks, 5749 Burke Center Pkwy, Burke.

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Adoptions. 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Petco at 10708 Lee Highway, Fairfax.
Virginia Indian Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Explore Indian lore and crafts, dancing, culture and storytelling. Purchase native pottery and crafts, learn to throw a spear or shoot a bow and arrow. Refreshments available. \$8 per adult, \$5 per child under 16 years, free for children 2 years and under. Riverbend Park in Great Falls; take Beltway exit 44 west, approximately 4.5 miles to Riverbend Road. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.
Microsoft Excel. 2:30 p.m. Introduction to creating spreadsheets. Age 13 and up. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360

North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

AARP Dulles Chapter hosts a Classic Car Show, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in downtown Herndon near the Municipal Center and Town Hall. The Car Show proceeds will provide scholarship support to Nurse Practitioners specializing in Geriatric Nursing at George Mason University. Free admission, auction, raffles, food and more. To register your car,

become a sponsor for this event or for more information email president@aarpdulles.org or visit www.AARPDulles.org/classic.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 12-3 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

The Ashley Fister Cole Foundation sixth annual Driving for Surviving Melanoma Charity Golf Classic. 1 p.m. at Stonewall Golf Club on Lake Manassas, 15601 Turtle Point Drive, Gainesville. All net proceeds from this year's

tournament will help fund the trial study programs of researcher Dr. Wen-Jen Hwu at the University of Texas' MD Anderson Cancer Center. Play golf with free-range balls, a cart, greens fee, lunch, unlimited beverages on the course and dinner, \$175. Hole sponsors with signs and a message on one of the tee boxes, \$200. Visit www.ashleyfistercolefoundation.org.
Calling all Guys. 7 p.m. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 9-12 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6:30-9 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners

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Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Adult summer Reading Program Closing Celebration. 7 p.m. Join for book discussions, refreshments and prizes. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11 book signing. 7:30 p.m. Authors Patrick Creed and Rick Newman discuss their book "Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11." Books will be available for sale and signing. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free; registration not required, call 703-324-8428.

Audiobooks. 7 p.m. Learn to download audiobooks and podcasts to MP3 players, iPods and computers. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group. 7:15 p.m. Adults. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Book Discussion Group. "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Tracy Kidder. 1 p.m. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road,

Burke. Call 703-644-7333.
A is for Apple. 7 p.m. Stories and activities about apples. Age 3-6 w/ adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

Science and Stories. 4 p.m. Stories and simple science experiments. Age 4-6 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

Teddy Bear Time. 10:30 a.m. Bring your teddy bear and share stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Time for Twos: Pass the Peas Please. 10:15 a.m. Stories, activities and fingerplays about fruits and vegetables. Age 24-35 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

King Teddy at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Complimentary swing lesson, 7:30-8 p.m. King Teddy, 8-10 p.m. \$12. Visit www.headoverheelsdance.com or call Tina Foley at 703-424-1745.

Teen book chat. 7:30 p.m. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 12-16 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Burke Centre Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., plus a wine garden 5-8 p.m. Focus on recycling, with a canned food collection, recycling area to

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drop off old cell phones and eyeglasses, free children's activities, a misting tent and pet watering sites, arts and crafts show, antiques and food vendors, live entertainment, pony rides, hay rides, moon bounces, face painting, wildlife show and more. Free shuttle bus to and from the festival, with stops along Burke Centre Parkway; additional parking at Knollwood Community Church across from the festival entrance. 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Call 703-978-2928 or www.burkecentreweb.com.

The W.T. Woodson Marching Band and Color Guard will visit area homes from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. As part of the annual tag day fund raiser, band and color guard members in full uniform go door-to-door in the Woodson community asking for donations. Proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms, music, and instruments for the Woodson band programs, and enable the band and color guard to travel to festivals, performances, and competitions.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is sponsoring the Third Annual ASMBS "Walk from Obesity" at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax. 8 a.m. This local event is part of a national program to raise awareness of the life-threatening disease of obesity. Proceeds benefit the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery for Education, Research & Prevention. Registration is \$25.00. Register online at www.walkfromobesity.com or onsite at 7 a.m. Door Prizes and Samples. Call 703-391-3783.

Chuseok: Stories and activities

about the Korean harvest moon festival. 10:30 p.m. Age 2-5 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Thirty Years and Counting: Archaeology in Fairfax County, with Elizabeth A. Crowell, Ph.D., Manager of Cultural Resources, Fairfax County Park Authority. 2 p.m.; free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-8414 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov.

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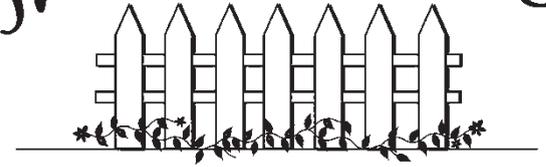
MONDAY/SEPT. 15

Bob Brown's Puppets. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax, 703-352-ARTS or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Russian Cultural Heritage Night: an evening of traditional Russian music, played on traditional instruments such as the balalaika, will be Thursday, Aug. 28 at Ossian Hall Park in Annandale.

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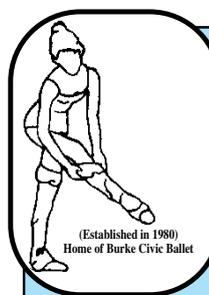
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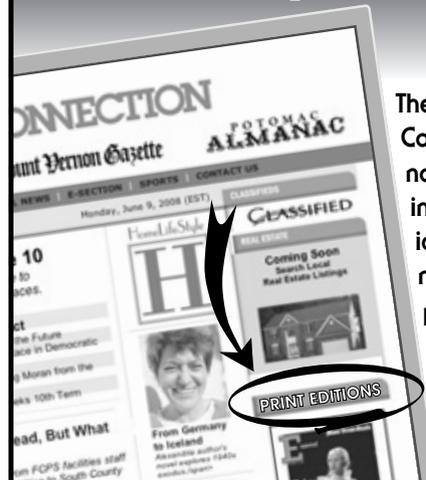
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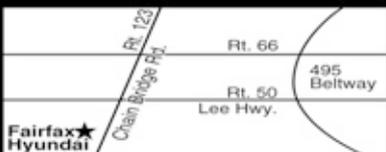
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Local Players Littering College, Pro Rosters

Schmitt, Vaughn among area players excelling in college and pros.

Ever since graduating from Fairfax, Owen Schmitt has grown used to — pardon the cliché — making the most of his opportunity. Starting at Paul VI, and then moving onto Fairfax before eventually morphing into a fan favorite at West Virginia, Schmitt is now poised to make the Seattle Seahawks roster as a fifth running back.

Schmitt was set to attend the University of Maryland, when an academic snag forced him to Wisconsin-River Falls. There, he ran for 1,000 yards before transferring to West Virginia.

Outside of pocket communities in Fairfax and River Falls, Wisc., Schmitt was a little-known commodity and one few thought would be a candidate to make the six-figure minimum on an NFL roster.

Schmitt became a legend in the WVU weight room, transforming his body into a 6-foot-247-pound fullback. As a Mountaineer, Schmitt started for three seasons, first as a tight end and then as a fullback and was eventually elected captain.

Schmitt was drafted in the fifth round during the June draft, and even reportedly signed a four-year contract with a \$158,000 signing bonus. But in the NFL, where annual contracts can be terminated immediately, Schmitt still had to have a strong training camp. In a couple of pre-season games, he's had two receptions for 15-plus yards and contributed several tackles on special teams. His versatility is almost assuring him a roster slot. He's even acquired a fan club, aptly named "Schmitt Happens."

Westfield graduate Eddie Royal is also impressing as a rookie in the Denver Broncos training camp and has potential to be the No. 1 starter while Brandon Marshall is suspended for the season's first two games. Former Episcopal running back Tim Hightower, also a rookie, is the No. 2 run-

ning back, while former T.C. Williams standout Tony Hunt is transitioning to fullback for the Philadelphia Eagles.

IN COLLEGE, Chip Vaughn, Robinson alum, is a safety staple in Wake Forest's senior-laden secondary. Vaughn, who led the Deacons in tackles (105) and passes broken up (14) last season will help to lead a defense that returns nine starters. He's one of Robinson's four graduates — the other three play either at Army or Navy — who are on Bowl Subdivision teams.

Almost 50 players from Northern Virginia schools are currently on Bowl Subdivision rosters, including two — Peter Lulich (U-Va./West Springfield) and Sean Glennon (Virginia Tech/Westfield) — who are tangled in ACC quarterback competitions.

It was reported that late Wednesday that Mike Glennon (N.C. State/Westfield) will redshirt this season.

SEVEN SENIORS have committed to college before the start of the school years, including West Springfield's Bryn Renner, one of the country's premier quarterbacks. He announced his verbal to the University of North Carolina on March 26, ending his recruiting process that included offers from Maryland, Virginia Tech, West Virginia, Michigan State, Ohio and Delaware.

David Wang, a senior defensive tackle at Stone Bridge is one four Stone Bridge seniors to verbally pledge his collegiate allegiance. Wang will follow his brother, and 11 current Northern Region alums to Virginia Tech next season.

Edison's Frank Figueroa committed to Penn St. this summer, while teammate Stephon Robertson is another Eagle likely to sign a scholarship. Robertson was a first-team all-region linebacker in 2007.

—ERIC J. GILMORE



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West Springfield quarterback Bryn Renner is one of three potential Spartans who could play Bowl Subdivision football next season.

CONCORDE DISTRICT

Pat Sheil	Centreville	Boston College	OT	6-6	273	Junior
Richard Taylor	Centreville	U-Md.	DB	5-11	193	Senior
Beau Warren	Centreville	V-Tech	C	6-3	276	Sophomore
Daniel Bailey	Centreville	Syracuse	RB	5-7	167	Junior
Van Chew	Centreville	Syracuse	WR	6-1	165	Freshman
Andrew Lewis	Centreville	Syracuse	DE	6-3	282	Sophomore
Colin Miller	Centreville	Central Michigan	OL	6-3	280	Sophomore
Sean Glennon	Westfield	V-Tech	QB	6-4	224	Senior
Mike Glennon	Westfield	N.C. State	QB	6-6	195	Freshman
Johnny Pickett	Westfield	U-Va.	WR	5-11	165	Freshman
Brent Bowden	Westfield	V-Tech	P	6-3	202	Junior
Donte Davis	Westfield	Syracuse	WR	6-0	169	Sophomore
Evan Royster	Westfield	Penn St.	RB	6-1	212	Sophomore
Josh Haley	Westfield	Temple	LB	6-1	220	Junior
Keith Payne	Oakton	U-Va.	RB	6-3	236	Sophomore
Jared Green	Oakton	U-Va.	WR	6-2	178	Freshman
Cody Grimm	Oakton	V-Tech	LB	5-11	198	Junior
Ervin Garner	Oakton	V-Tech	WR	5-9	162	Freshman
Matt Pick	Oakton	East Carolina	LB	6-0	215	Sophomore
Chip Vaughn	Robinson	Wake Forest	S	6-2	215	Senior
Craig Schaefer	Robinson	Navy	LB	6-2	215	Junior
Kevin Campbell	Robinson	Navy	FB	5-11	193	Junior
Michael Meier	Robinson	Army	FB	6-0	207	Freshman
Austin Decker	Chantilly	V-Tech	QB	6-0	218	Freshman
Olu Hall	Chantilly	Kansas St.	LB	6-3	230	Junior
Kevin Grant	Herndon	Akron	LB	6-2	245	Senior

LIBERTY DISTRICT

Andrew Holoman	Stone Bridge	Duke	LB	6-4	240	Sophomore
Ed Wang	Stone Bridge	V-Tech	OT	6-5	310	Junior
Devon Brown	Stone Bridge	Wake Forest	WR	5-9	185	Freshman
Andrew Nuss	Stone Bridge	Notre Dame	DE	6-5	292	Sophomore
Jeron Gouveia-Winslow	Stone Bridge	V-Tech	S	6-2	180	Freshman
Jeff Beyer	V-Tech	W.T. Woodson	QB	6-4	221	Junior
Gregg Pugnetti	West Virginia	W.T. Woodson	P	6-2	228	Sophomore
Andrew Gully	Madison	U-Ga.	DE	6-4	250	Junior
Jonny Harrison	Madison	U-Tenn.	DT	6-2	235	Junior
Daniel Cunningham	South Lakes	Army	OG	6-2	286	Sophomore
Austin Walker	Langley	U-Md.	DB	6-0	185	Freshman

SENIORS ALREADY COMMITTED TO COLLEGE

Bryn Renner	W. Springfield	UNC	QB	6-3	190	
Brian Slay	Stone Bridge	N.C. State	DE	6-2	240	
Zach Thompson	Stone Bridge	Wake Forest	DE	6-5	240	
David Wang	Stone Bridge	V-Tech	DT	6-2	310	
Mike Olson	Stone Bridge	Wake Forest	OLB	6-3	200	
Luke Buwanko	Centreville	U-Va.	OT	6-6	260	
Frank Figueroa	Edison	Penn St.	OG	6-4	275	

AREA PLAYERS IN THE NFL

Eddie Royal	Westfield	V-Tech	Broncos	WR	5-10	180	R
Owen Schmitt	Fairfax	WVU	Seattle	FB	6-3	260	R
Eric Barton	Edison	U-Md.	Jets	ILB	6-2	244	9
Tony Hunt	T.C. Williams	Penn St.	Eagles	RB	6-1	233	1
Curome Cox	Gonzaga	U-Md.	Saints	DB	6-1	204	3
Tim Hightower	Episcopal	Richmond	Cardinals	RB	6-1	225	R



As a senior at Westfield, current Virginia Tech quarterback Sean Glennon passed for 1,840 yards with 26 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

Grassroots Effort for Dems

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among them being comprehensive immigration reform, have started to sway Latino voters to the Democratic side.

"We happen to be one of the largest unions in the area with some of the most Latino members. That's the reason why a lot of folks are interested," he said. "Obviously, immigration reform is an issue that people care deeply about, and Obama has said all the right things about it."

The emerging Latino vote, a key block of voters that led to Republican victories in both the 2000 and 2004 presidential race, is slowly starting to swing more Democratic. According to a report by the Pew Hispanic

Center, approximately 65 percent of registered Latino voters surveyed nationwide said they identify with or lean toward the Democratic Party, while just 21 percent identify with or lean toward the Republican Party.

Contreras said the tide of Latino voters began turning away from the GOP after the Republican-controlled House of Representatives passed the Border Protection, Anti-terrorism and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005. The bill, which Contreras described as "an attempt to intimidate people"

"The Obama campaign, in many ways, is kind of changing the way we do business."

— **Joseph Harmon, Chairman, City of Fairfax Democratic Committee**

and "basically unenforceable," set stricter standards on a host of immigration-related laws and required the construction of a 700 miles fence along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Though the largely GOP-backed bill ultimately failed to pass the Senate, Contreras pointed to it as an example of the Republicans losing touch with the Latino voter.

According to Harmon, that opened the door for local and national Democratic organizations to begin courting Latinos more heavily.

"We've had a number of events and training sessions on how to register Latino voters, as well as African Americans and other groups," he said, adding that he didn't quite know how much of an impact that would have in Fairfax, where

a majority of voters are still white. "We certainly welcome it with open arms. It will be interesting to see how that plays out."

Frank Blechman, a member of the Springfield Democratic Committee, said that grassroots organizations typically have less impact during a presidential election cycle because of the prominent role that the state and national branches play along with the campaign itself in coordinating election-related activities.

"In a presidential election year, 75-80 percent of the people are going to vote,

whether you do anything or not," said Blechman. "My own experience shows that a neighbor talking to neighbors is a powerful tool and it's going to contribute in some small way, but I don't think any of us can say at this point how much."

Toni Travis, professor of government and politics at George Mason University, said that assessment was partially true. However, she said that grassroots organizations could have a powerful effect on national races in regards to mobilizing turnout.

"I think they can have a tremendous impact in this election, certainly at the presidential level, which depends very much on turnout [among] independents, specifically young voters, and maybe first-time voters," said Travis.

ACCORDING TO TRAVIS, one of the reasons Democrats are optimistic about taking Virginia this year is due to the excitement caused by the Obama campaign.

"Obama has just presented a very different candidacy from any presidential candidate we've ever had," she said. "Part of it is his background is different, and part of it is his youth which is reminiscent of Kennedy for people of a certain generation."

Harmon said that buzz is real, and local organizations like his are focused on achieving a Democratic sweep this year.

"Next few months is going to be real engaging, on every level," Harmon said. "We're not taking any of this for granted, you know people here in the media, are saying Virginia is up for grabs, it absolutely is."

NEWS BRIEFS

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candidacy, said officials at the Virginia State Board of Elections. Should the form get turned in, Bloomberg would also have until Sept. 8 to remove his name from the ballot, the officials added.

Stu Loeser, a member of Bloomberg's staff in New York City, said the Mayor has made no decisions about whether he would remove his name from the ballot, should the appropriate paperwork be turned in. "He hasn't made any decisions and he hasn't had a chance to speak with [the Independent Greens] yet. But this is a call for post-partisanship that Mayor Bloomberg hopes that major parties will hear," wrote Loeser in an e-mail.

Carey Campbell, a leader of Virginia's Independent Green Party, called Bloomberg a "commonsense centrist that is center-right and perfectly positioned for Virginia and the rest of the country." He also said Mayor Bloomberg is, "a singular figure with an opportunity to build a major third party."

The Independent Greens are also looking ahead to elections beyond November. Bloomberg and Paul are popular figures and have the ability to attract at least 10 percent of the total vote, said Campbell.

Should they receive 10 percent, the Independent Greens would suddenly be considered a "major party" in Virginia and would automatically have a right to a lot more state recognition than they do now, said Campbell.

Fairfax Debris Plan Receives Top Marks

FEMA recommends city's debris cleanup plan be included in pilot program.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Two weeks ago, the Federal Emergency Management Agency notified the City of Fairfax that due to the quality of its Debris Management Plan, the city has qualified itself for a federal pilot program that will award them various financial incentives and rewards.

The Public Assistance pilot program, started in 2007, was awarded to just six other localities, out of 169 that were eligible. B. Ray Stout, project specialist with FEMA Region 3, which includes Virginia, said the agency looks for a host of key features in the plans that it chooses.

"FEMA has developed a checklist that has about 15 items on it, they provide that to the FEMA staff [when reviewing plans]," said Stout.

THOSE FEATURES include a clear delegation of roles and responsibilities among city staff as well as prioritizing things like road clearance and debris removal. Fairfax's

plan included most of those features.

By taking an "all-hazards approach" to the plan's design, the city was able to devise a two phased plan of action in the event of natural disaster like tornadoes and hurricanes as well as man-made disasters like fires and terrorist attacks involving chemical or biological weapons. All three possibilities carry with them the potential for creating massive amounts of debris in and around Fairfax.

THE FIRST PHASE of the city's plan involves opening up designated evacuation routes and roadways to facilitate any immediate humanitarian needs that might be present.

Large pieces of debris would be pushed to

the side of the roads to be dealt with during the cleanup process, which is planned to take place within two to five days of the event.

Walter English, emergency planner and assistant to Emergency Management Specialist Ken Rudnicki, said in the event that the city's initial resources on hand prove to be too little, the plan carries with it a specific process that

deals with coordinating additional county, state and federal manpower.

"If anything [the city deals with] is declared a disaster, under that plan our resources would be limitless," said English.

The pilot program was established in order to provide incentives to cities and towns

to develop their own comprehensive debris management plan. The city's inclusion in the plan carries with it certain benefits, such as a 5 percent increase in federal cost share

to applicants, from a 75 Percent/25 percent split between federal costs and city costs to an 80 percent/20 percent split and grants for large projects up to \$500,000. Localities participating in the program also receive the revenues from any salvaged debris that can be turned in for profit as well as overtime for any city employees who are assisting in debris removal. Stout said having an individual plan for each city benefits all parties involved.

"To be honest, them having a plan and contracts in place will save them money, saves us money, saves everybody money," he said.

Stout added that after the pilot program expires in December 2008, FEMA will report to Congress to see if the program can become a permanent fixture.

"At the end of the program, FEMA provides a report in regards to how successful the program is, and we'll see where it goes from there," he said.

THE PLAN was developed under the Office Emergency Management. The office, created by the City Council in a special work session shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, would coordinate all debris removal-related activities.

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— **B. Ray Stout, Project Specialist, FEMA Region 3**

CAMPS & SCHOOLS



Tiffany McCoy listens to instructions.



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Denny Stokes, band director at Robinson Secondary School, keeps a close eye on the marching techniques of the band during the Aug. 19 morning practice.



Senior drum major, Brittany Carter, keeps a watchful eye on the band.

Members of the Robinson marching band begin learning their marching routine this week and will continue daily practices until school starts.

Practicing Precision

Rams start band camp, prepare for upcoming performance season.

FAITH NOTES

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. Call 703-451-4011 or visit springfieldchurchofchrist.org.

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Elaine Franklin, program coordinator for the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia said Living Classrooms like the one at Daniels Run Elementary School help restock the surrounding forests with native plants and provide an educational experience for community members.

Preserving Native Beauty

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For example, Arrowwood Viburnum, the 6-10 foot-long shrub produces fruits that are vital to the diets of many species of local birds within the state. Many, like Maple-leaf viburnum and Summersweet, are also drought tolerant. In a state where Franklin said 150 acres of land are being cleared every day, the chapter's philosophy is: the more the better.

THAT'S ESPECIALLY true in light of what members say is the large number of exotic and invasive plants that are starting to pop up in the region. Because native plants don't normally hold the aesthetic appeal that many non-native strains might, more property owners and businesses are planting gardens stocked with foreign flora. In a land absent of their natural predators, these plants can spread through forests like fire, overtaking and suffocating any surrounding native plant life in the process. Though wildlife can sometimes eat the food some of these plants provide, they rarely contain the level of nutrition and value provided by most native plants, which are evolved to fit the diets of the fauna that lives around them.

Jeanette Stewart, president of Lands and Waters, a non-profit organization dedicated to watershed protection in the Chesapeake Bay, initially spearheaded the effort to up-

root and relocate the native plants from the HOT Lanes construction sites. Two of the biggest obstacles facing Lands and Waters and other like-minded organizations are the perception that native plants are not pleasing to the eye and the rapid development that is sweeping Northern Virginia forests and habitats.

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— Jeanette Stewart, Lands and Waters

"To say that it is an uphill struggle is an understatement," said Stewart. "It's very difficult to remain optimistic and focused when you work very, very hard to plant 100 seedlings, only to drive out of the school and see acres and acres of mature forests being bulldozed for a mall, a road, or a new house."

STEWART'S ORGANIZATION has tried to design and organize gardens in structured, patterned ways in order to enhance their attractiveness. Arranging gardens by height or color, said Stewart, can sometimes make these plants more pleasing to the eye.

"I think our perception of the attractiveness of native plants is wrong. Native plants are very, very beautiful plants," said Stewart, who added that since native plants attract more native wildlife, their appeal can go beyond just their appearance. "It's very pleasing for communities and schools to come out and see more songbirds, more frogs, more lizards. Some of those interesting things that we've lost."

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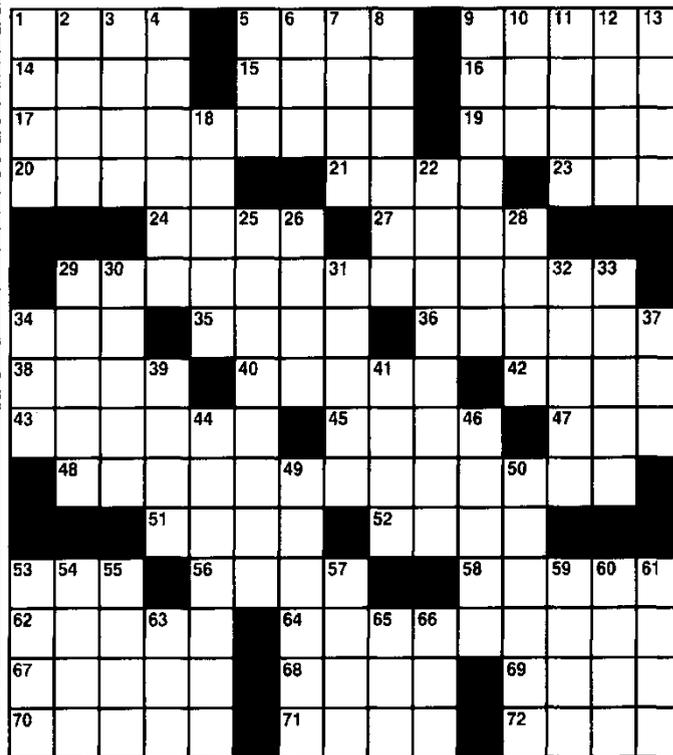
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- Play hard to get
- Sage lands?
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- Barfly's roost, perhaps
- "... blackbirds, baked in —"
- Professional suffix
- Do a post-laundry job
- Poet — St. Vincent Millay
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- de mots (pun)
- Feds
- Looked with desire
- Makes a scene?
- Largest Cornhusker city
- Have on
- Hotel Bible
- Peewee people
- One of the "Little Women"
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- Took note of
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- Spot in the Senate
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- Slicker in the winter
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- Crow calls
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- Comics ghost
- Money coming in
- Ancient greeting
- It has a prominent horn

- Like some humor
- Uses a Singer
- Crossed fingers symbolize it
- Somewhat
- Like rye, usually
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- Full-price payers
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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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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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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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Improved by the premises known as
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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5BR, 3.5 BA top-line Colonial. Kitchen HW floors, Cherry cabinets, ceramic tile. Fam Rm off-kitchen w/gas fpl, bookshelves & SGD to 27x14 deck w/hot tub. Walkout Bsmt w/Rec Rm, BR & BA. Pella windows & entry door. Pond view from updated baths. Roof, siding, HVAC replaced.

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Spacious Burke Colonial \$629,000

Gorgeous Colonial w/ 4 BRs and 3.5 BAs. Hrdwd flrs in Foyer, LR and DR. Ceramic tile backsplash, Bosch DW, cooktop and wall oven in Kit. W/O French Doors in FR. Huge MBA w/ Sep tub and shower. Fin LL with Rec Rm, full BA, 2nd laundry area and storage. The ample windows allow natural light to pour in. Terrific location in great community - easy access to all amenities!

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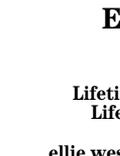
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