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Fimian Leads in Money Race

Republican campaign is one of the 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

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—Zack Condry, campaign manager

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 Quarterly, 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.

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Gerry Connolly



Keith Fimian

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 political leadership of both parties.

Condry said Fimian's financial advantage over Connolly, who has held 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 beaten. 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-

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, 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.

"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.

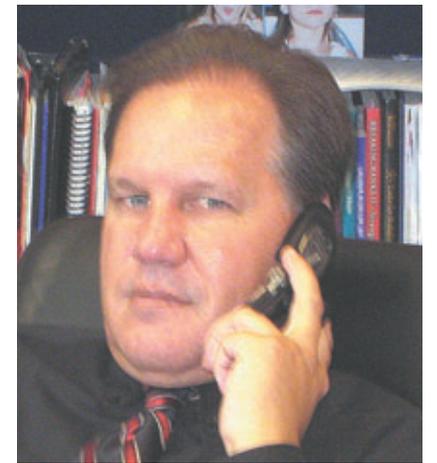
Jennings said that Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) and other in the Democratic congressional leadership are not concerned about Connolly's ability to raise money.

"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.

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Mark Merrell, principal of Madison High School

Warhawks Stage Festival

Madison High holds Fall Kickoff Festival on Tuesday, Aug. 26

Mark Merrell, principal of Madison High School, discusses the school news in anticipation of the new school year.

Q: What do you consider the single most important news for your school community?

A: Madison High School has a very exciting year ahead. The school continues to be in forefront of the imple-

mentation of Professional Learning Communities, and have mentored many schools within Fairfax County in the development of those learning communities.

Q: Any new programs, initiatives?

A: Several new and continuing academic initiatives help Madison remain one of Fairfax County's top high schools. One of these initiatives is Ecart/Aspire, a technology developed in conjunction with Northrop Grumman which allows teachers to immediately assess their students' progress. Additionally, Aspire gives multiple teachers the ability to give common academic assessments in order to gauge ongoing student progress. Another continuing academic program that Madison is very proud of is its Student Assistance Program. This 30-minute period each day allows students to receive individual assistance from teachers, conduct research in the library, make up missed assignments/tests, and collaborate with other students. Finally, Madison

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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

Keith Fimian (R)

Name	Industry	Money (2007-08)
Dittmar 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



Tim Stanley, Principal, Freedom Hill Elementary School



Jeanette Martino, Principal, Westbriar Elementary School

School Communities Get Together

Westbriar, Freedom Hill look forward to new school year.

Westbriar Elementary School; 1741 Pine Valley Drive, 703-937-1700. Cluster 2. Principal: Jeanette Martino; Assistant Principal: Lynn Browne. Approximately 455 students. www.fcps.edu/WestbriarES/

Westbriar Elementary School kicks off its 2008-09 school year with a PTA-sponsored Fall Festival on Sunday, Sept. 14, 1-5 p.m.

"It gives families an opportunity to spend some time together as a school community while the school year is new," said Principal Jeanette Martino.

"The staff and the PTA ask ourselves, 'how do we bring the community together?' It needs to be an opportunity to get to know one another."

Martino gives Westbriar's PTA credit for its support of extracurricular programs and school needs. Before-school language lessons and after-school Mad Science and chess club programs are sponsored by the PTA.

Curriculum development and planning are year-round activities at Westbriar, said Martino.

"The thing we do every summer is that groups of teachers come in during the summer break to work on projects that we as a school have identified as needing special planning."

Science Applications International Corp. (SAIC) partners with Westbriar, providing tutoring, equipment and support.

The school day begins at Westbriar at 9:10 a.m.

Coming from Woodburn Elementary School is new assistant principal, Lynn Browne.

Back-to-school night is scheduled for Sept. 18, at 7p.m.

Freedom Hill Elementary School; 1945 Lord Fairfax Rd., 703-506-7800. Cluster 2.

Principal: Tim Stanley; Assistant Principal: Amy Callahan

Approximately 530 students, including pre-schoolers

www.fcps.edu/FreedomHillES

Freedom Hill Elementary School is in the midst of a major renovation, begun spring 2008 and scheduled for completion in January 2010. Besides renovation of the existing wing, a new addition, housing a library twice the size of the present one, is on-course for completion by mid-school year.

"All the technology in the school is getting upgraded to state-of-the-art," said Principal Tim Stanley.

Stanley said the school is focusing on

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Madison High Unveils Fall Calendar

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is implementing a 5-year leadership development plan for its new teachers in which our younger teachers will gain experience in all facets of school leadership.

Q: Changes in personnel?

A: Madison has approximately 10 new teachers this year, in a faculty of approximately 130 teachers.

Q: Number of students?

A: 1,930.

Q: Important days in the fall school calendar?

A: Madison High School kicks off the 2008-2009 school year with the annual Fall Kickoff Festival. The festival will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 26 from 5-8 p.m. in the back parking lot of the school. There will be a variety of entertainment for everyone in the

family, from a dunk tank to dunk your teachers in, to a DJ spinning the best music, carnival games, face painting, silent auctions, fundraisers, cotton candy, and special performances from teams like the Madison Cheer and Dance Teams.

In addition, the attendees will be able to buy pre-sale tickets for the Madison/Oakton football game and beat the rush and avoid the long lines at the gate. For parents, this is a one-stop-shop for picking up class schedules, joining the PTSA and boosters, buying P.E. uniforms, subscribing to the Hawk Talk newspaper, outfitting family in the latest Madison apparel, and enjoying a dinner all at the same time. Local restaurants will be selling delicious food all evening.

Warhawk Nation kicks off the fall football season with the 11th annual Madison/Oakton Outback Challenge at Madison on Friday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 at the game. Our home football sched-

ule is as follows: Aug. 29 vs. Oakton; Sept. 12 vs. Wakefield; Homecoming game vs. Thomas Jefferson on Aug. 26; Oct. 17 vs. Stonebridge; and Oct. vs. McLean. All games begin at 7:30 and tickets are \$5. The homecoming dance will be Saturday, Sept. 27. Madison will again be sponsoring the Warhawk 5K run on Sept. 27. Start time is 9 a.m. at Madison's Stadium entrance. Contact Craig Chasse for details at 703-319-2493. Proceeds benefit the Madison Warhawk Cross Country Team.

Winter sports begins Nov. 10 and spring sports begin Feb. 16. Check www.warhawk.sports.org for more information in order to be prepared ahead of time.

Other important dates for the Fall are:

Sept. 16 - Back to School Night; Sept. 23 - 12h grade parent College Night; Oct. 15 - PSAT's for grades 9, 10, 11 at Madison; Oct. 19 - Fairfax County College Fair- Fair Oaks Mall; Nov. 17 - Senior Ethics Day at the Vienna Community Center.

Tea Party Marks Boutique Opening

Lofty Salon & Wellness Center, located at 354 West Maple Avenue in Vienna, will be the site for a crafts and jewelry opening and reception on Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., featuring jewelry, handbags, hats and pottery of local artists and craftspeople. In addition, a broad selection of teas from around the world and gourmet chocolates from Leonidas will be served.

For more information, contact Mona Harb at (703) 242-0609 or visit Loftysalon.com.

Breast Cancer Charity Event

Tigerlily Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit breast cancer foundation, is having a Sizzling Hot Summer Bachelor/Bachelorette Auction Charity Event at Ecitie Café, 8300 Block Tyco Road in Tyson's Corner on Aug. 28, 7- 9 p.m. Price: \$15. The event will benefit young women affected by breast cancer. Bid to "win" a bachelor/bachelorette, enjoy some music and connect with other young people who are passionate about creating change and supporting a cause that affects everyone.

For more information, call 888-580-6253 or visit tigerlilyfoundation.org.

Foreclosure Assistance Offered

Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV), the legal aid organization that has served the region for the past 28 years, has launched a new Foreclosure Legal Assistance Project (FLAP), that is designed to provide holistic legal assistance for those who are facing foreclosure on their homes. Fairfax County's foreclosures for 2008 already far exceed the total number of foreclosures for 2007. In 2007, the county saw its foreclosure numbers increase by eight times the total number of 2006 foreclosures. In response to this growing crisis, FLAP will provide legal advice and housing counseling to low-income homeowners facing foreclosure. LSNV, with 18 Virginia Housing Development Authority-certified housing counselors, as well as more than 30 staff attorneys and paralegals, will offer services that address the full range of a client's needs.

Potential clients seeking to make an appointment with FLAP should call LSNV at 703-368-5711.

At the appointments, clients can meet with both an experienced attorney and a housing counselor. The attorney and counselor will review the homeowners' financial information for legal remedies and propose workout options the lender may accept in order to prevent the loss of the home.

NEWS

Utility Work Lane, Ramp Closures

The Virginia Department of Transportation announces the following lane and ramp closures along Route 267; Dulles Toll Road and Dulles Access Road, and Route 7; Leesburg Pike as part of the Route 7 Utility Relocation for Dulles Metrorail Project, weather permitting:

Route 267; Dulles Toll Road and Access Road East to Route 7; Leesburg Pike (night work), Thursday and Friday nights, Aug. 21-22, and Monday night, Aug. 25, 12 a.m. to 5 a.m. - ramp closure: Dulles Airport Access Road east, ramp to Route 7, Leesburg Pike east.

Motorists are advised to use extreme caution in this area during this period. Detours will direct motorists to local streets including Spring Hill Road, Tyco Road and the Toll Road. Motorist will be directed with electronic signs, fixed signs and assorted traffic control devices. Traffic will return to normal patterns during daylight hours.

Route 7; Leesburg Pike West, Monday through Friday, Aug. 18 - 22, 24-hour continuous closures, sections of the service road adjacent to Route 7, Leesburg Pike west, from Spring Hill Road to Westpark Drive in front of McDonald's and Citi Bank closed for utility relocation. Businesses entrances will remain open.

Construction Activities for the week of Aug. 18-22:

Route 123 south; Dolley Madison Boulevard - setting concrete barriers and utility relocation will occur with no impact to traffic.

For emergency utility construction-related issues, the public should call the 24-hour-a-day HOTLINE at 877-585-6789. For general Dulles Corridor Metrorail project information visit www.dullesmetro.com or call 703-572-0506.

HEALTH NOTES

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

"Dream Free" picnic for parents of children with epilepsy. Saturday, Aug. 23, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Lake Fairfax Park, Canopy G, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Cost per family \$45, per person \$15. Please bring a side dish. To register contact Dana at 703-698-0229 ordanadouglass@cox.net

Northern Virginia Epilepsy Group, a support group for teens and adults meets **every Wednesday** 7-8 p.m. at Falls Church High School, Entrance 1, Room 100, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. Free. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Virginia, for additional information, call Dana at 703-425-6660.

Balance and Beyond. Persons with Parkinson's Disease who can walk unassisted are invited to join a balance class that meets weekly on **Wednesdays** at 1:15 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. The classes are sanctioned by the Parkinson Foundation for the National Capital Area (PFNCA) and are led by a certified instructor of the American Senior Fitness Association. Call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Balance and Beyond" class.

Vienna Community Center has open gym for ages 17 and under, 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Call ahead to check on availability.

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Diversity, Beauty of 34th

Vanderhye talks about “incredible diversity” of her District.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Virginia's 34th District stretches from Arlington to Loudoun County, bordered by the Potomac River on one side, and embracing the state's largest business district, Tysons Corner; the nation's only national park for the performing arts, Wolf Trap, and Great Falls National Park, and a constituency highly-educated and informed. And it is represented by McLean resident Margi Vanderhye.

“Look at a map of the 34th District,” Vanderhye said. “There's such incredible diversity of the district, from the natural beauty along the Potomac, to the enormous urban center that is the Tysons Corner area, to the arts and to our parkland.

“The arts were important to me throughout my life. It's a privilege and a responsibility to represent Wolf Trap. It's the crown jewel of Virginia in terms of the performing arts.

“Our district defines its issues,” said Vanderhye. “Our most pressing issues currently are schools, the environment, transportation, congestion and the main arteries coming into our district.”

VANDERHYE, who represents the Shouse/Colvin Run area of Vienna, outside the town limits, is a freshman delegate with a public service background.

She was appointed by Gov. Mark Warner and re-appointed by Gov. Tim Kaine to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. She is a past president of the Virginia Association of Planning District Commissions and past chairman of the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission.

As a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, she serves on the Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources Committee and the Science and Technology Committee.

“When you go through the 34th district, there are creeks and runs running through it. Great Falls is in our district. We have a responsibility to protect and preserve our environment.

“In the Vienna area, we have to get land use and urban revitalization correct. Tysons Corner land use is the biggest problem for Vienna, and it's very important to me that we get it right.”

Vanderhye is optimistic that transportation projects, such as Dulles Metrorail and the HOT lanes, will ease congestion around the Tysons region. Noting the inconvenience area drivers will suffer in the interim, she says she is working with VDOT to keep her constituents up-to-date and informed.

Vanderhye, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and state Sen. Janet Howell addressed



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) represents a diverse region, stretching from Arlington, along the Potomac River, to Loudoun County. Vanderhye says the most pressing issues currently are schools, the environment, transportation, congestion and the main arteries coming into the 34th district.”

District Updates

For updates and news of Virginia's 34th House District, see <http://www.vanderhye.com/>

VDOT with concerns of McLean residents regarding the HOT lanes staging area at Balls Hill Road, and the contractors and VDOT agreed to several significant concessions requested by Howell, Vanderhye and Foust.

“**THE PURPOSE** of the site will primarily be as a command and control center,” said Vanderhye. “VDOT vehicles will enter and leave the area via the Beltway exit ramp, not through Balls Hill Road.”

Vanderhye was named a “Legislative Hero” recently by the Virginia League of Conservation Voters in the 9th Edition of the Legislative Conservation Scorecard, earning a score of 100 percent. The publication rates individual legislators on a series of important conservation votes cast during the 2008 General Assembly session.

HB1228, sponsored by Vanderhye, provides an option for utility users of investment-owned energy suppliers to purchase

energy from renewable energy resources.°

“This whole district sits on the Potomac-Chesapeake watershed,” said Vanderhye. “On Sundays, we walk with our dogs to the Potomac. We are the custodians of the environment.”

“Steve Shannon (D-35) and I share concerns for our districts ... transportation, education, the environment, the economic vitality of the 34th and 35th districts, Wolf Trap.

“Steve was a mentor to me when I was running for delegate last year. He gave me real support, and introduced me around. Steve's a mentor, a friend, and a colleague.”

Vanderhye introduced and supported bills restricting puppy mills in Virginia. HB1232, sponsored by Vanderhye, prohibits any dealer from breeding more than 20 litters of dogs or cats, or selling more than 100 dogs or cats, in any year.

“The people in our district are a highly-educated, in-tune electorate. They are engaged in civic decisions, and it is a real privilege and honor to represent them because you know you are representing people who really care about the place they live in.”

Send community notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

With a new school year about to begin, Vienna area students in grades 6-8 are invited to join the free **after-school program** at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. The program for this school year begins Sept. 2. Hours are 12:30-6:30 p.m. Monday and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, and sports and fitness activities. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor, foosball and video games, and much more.

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

“**Writing Your Personal History**,” an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations to enjoy, will be held each Thursday, September 4-March 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other for supportive feedback.

The class is free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide coffee and tea at each class. Space is limited and registration is required. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

The **Vienna Woman's Club** 49th annual **Holiday Bazaar and Fall Festival** is planned for **Saturday, Nov. 8** at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE. Funds raised are used for the annual Scholarship Program and other community projects. To rent a space, call N. Volpe 703-938-7716 or email jvolpe@cox.net for information or an application.

Volunteer ombudsman advocates are needed for local nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. They make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents and work with the residents, their families and the staff of the facility, to ensure that the residents' rights are being protected. Applicants must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours. Volunteer ombudsmen must not be employed by a long-term care facility. Interviews of applicants will be held this summer in preparation for the next annual training, scheduled for Sept. 15, 16, and 26, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is a public service, funded in part by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging. For information and an application, call 703-324-5422 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Chinese Conversation Group meets for practicing speaking the language, 7:45-8:45 p.m., Wednesdays at the group study room of the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call 571-225-7697.

Vienna Newcomers Club: a social group meets every **second Thursday** of the month at the Marco Polo Italian restaurant. Social gathering at 11:30 a.m., with a lunch and program at noon. Call Nancy at 703-938-4835 for reservations. September through May, the lunches have guest speakers. At the December holiday lunch, there will be seasonal music. The club also has a monthly book exchange, bowling league and other activities. Call Mary Ann at 703-620-4432.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department** hosts smoke-free **Bingo every Sunday night** in the Flame Room at the fire department, 400 Center St. S. Doors open at 4 p.m., sales begins at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Visit www.vvfd.org/bingo.cfm.

Historic “**Little Library**,” located on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., will be open the **first Sunday** of every month, 1-4 p.m. Members of Historic Vienna, Inc., will provide a history of the building and its role as Vienna's first library. Built in 1897, by 1969 it was the oldest continuously used library building in Fairfax County. For more information, call 703-938-1791.

The **Vienna Host Lions Club** meets every **second and fourth Tuesday** evening at the American Legion Post 180 building on Center Street in Vienna. For additional details and more information, contact Mike Mead at 703-938-5235 or mikemead@aol.com.

CRIME

Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police department from Aug. 9 through Aug. 15.

CASE UPDATE- DRUG AND

GAMBLING CASE

Dwight F. Day has pled guilty to charges which rose out of a case in which Vienna Police Detective Farhan, a member of the D.E.A. Regional Task Force, played an integral role. Day, 45, of Fairfax Station, pled guilty Aug. 4, 2008 before United States District Judge Liam O'Grady, to conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine and conspiracy to engage in

an illegal gambling business. Day will be sentenced before Judge O'Grady on Oct. 24. According to court documents, Day faces between 5 and 40 years in federal prison on the drug conviction, and up to 5 years in prison on the gambling conviction. Day has also agreed to forfeit a total of more than \$2,000,000 as part of his plea agreement. As part of this investigation, more than \$1,000,000 in cash was seized by law enforcement between Aug. 2007 and May 2008. According to court documents, Day bought and sold cocaine to friends and business associates from Jan. 2006 through May 2008. From Sept. 2005 through May 2008, Day also worked as a

bookie in an illegal sports betting operation using an Internet website to accept bets. Day and another individual then collected gambling debts, and Day made repayments to a third person in amounts up to \$180,000 cash at a time. This case is being investigated by the D.E.A., Fairfax County Police Department, I.R.S., and Vienna Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Daniel J. Grooms prosecuted the case on behalf of the United States.

ARRESTS

800 Block Follin Lane, S.E., Navy Federal Credit Union. Between July 3 and July 17, 2008. An employee at

the Navy Federal Credit union was cashing checks fraudulently to obtain money. Detective Sylmar and Detective Leroux investigated the case and obtained warrants for the individual. The individual, a 19 year old male of Chestertown Drive in Vienna, was subsequently arrested on August 13 by Officer Simon based upon the warrants obtained by the detectives. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Issuing Bad Checks, and Issuing 2 or More Bad Checks within 90 Days.

1100 Block Drake Street, S.W. Aug. 8, 10:32 p.m. Officer Maiorana was dispatched to investigate a recurring noise issue with a barking dog. Upon

his arrival he heard the dog barking loudly and continually. The owner of the dog, a 20 year old male of Drake Street in Vienna, was issued a summons for violating the Town's noise ordinance.

Park St. near Ayrhill Ave., N.E.

Aug. 13, 11:47 p.m. A citizen reported what appeared to be an intoxicated individual lying on the ground near an intersection. Officer Myers located a 50 year old male of John Marshall Drive in Vienna and began trying to speak with him. Officer Myers then placed the individual under arrest for Drunk in Public and transported him to the

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OPINION

Local Olympians

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

EDITORIAL

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 basketball team.

Lawson, a 5-foot-10 guard for the WNBA's

Kudos to them, every one, for being there.

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.

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Challenge of Running in China

BY JOHN RICHARDS

I've always been a fan of running. Running, along with eating right helped me lose about 40 pounds as I approached my senior year in high school. I tend to sleep better after days that I run versus days I don't. So when I made the decision to spend my junior year of college studying in Beijing, China, I wondered would I be able to keep my daily routine and stay healthy?

As an International Studies major with a focus on China, I had heard the pollution was significant. Personal tales such as "horrendous", "it's like L.A." and oddly, "nothing but clear 'blue sky' days" had me wondering what my experience would be like.

Soon after arriving in Beijing I discovered that everything I heard was quite true, depending on the day that is. The weather during the first few weeks in Beijing appeared to be not too bad and such that I could indeed see blue sky, while the days following consisted of a gray, mist-like haze that never burned off. Throughout the year this pattern continued and was often affected most by wind and rain that had a cleansing effect. However, even on the "blue sky" days there was a coating in my mouth that I couldn't get rid of, something similar to that taste you

have in the morning after a late night out and you forgot to brush your teeth when you went to bed.

Well, I was determined to stay in shape but as the weeks wore on, my lungs ached after finishing every run and I retained a nagging cough for days after. Hearing about a new workout space in a building at my school (Beijing University), I decided to give it a try. I had the same problem but not from the air outside. The gym was located in a basement with no windows, no air vents for circulation, and enough dust to satisfy any attic, so you get the picture. Realizing the consequences, I decided to stop running for the rest of my year in Beijing.

China's pollution is a result of a legitimate desire to improve their

economic status. All countries struggle with consequences of economic growth choices. My reflection about the pollution in Beijing represents the most challenging aspect of my year. I am anxious to return to China for future study

and work as well. The Chinese people I met were fascinating, hospitable and very generous. Overall, I had a wonderful experience in China but I have to say, it's good to be home.

The writer is a Vienna resident.



John Richards on the Great Wall just north of Beijing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't Water Down TJ

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the July 31 article entitled "Seeking More Diversity at TJ."

As a parent of grade school and middle school children, I would like them to have the same chance at getting into Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology as anyone else. All students should be judged on the same

scale. If quotas were established requiring a certain number of students to be selected from each middle school, then the candidates with the highest qualifications wouldn't necessarily be the ones chosen to attend TJ. The same thing would happen if race quotas were established. Students should not be discriminated against just because they are white or go to a certain middle school where there are several highly qualified applicants.

Also, TJ certainly should have

strict rules about the performance of its students in order to maintain their enrollment. A 3.0 GPA seems like a very fair rule. If a student can't perform up to that level, there should be no shame at transferring to their local neighborhood high school.

Let's not undermine or water down the high quality of the Thomas Jefferson High School student body.

Charlie Peterson
Springfield

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Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

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600 Block Echols St., S.E. Aug. 14 between 9 a.m. and 7:38 p.m. A small shrubbery was doused with an accelerant and ignited in the front yard of a home. The shrub burned itself out. Forensic evidence was recovered at the scene. This case is still being investigated.

CREDIT CARD FRAUD

700 Block Marshall Road, S.W. Between Aug. 7 at 8 a.m. and Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. A teacher at Marshall Road Elementary School reported that her wallet and contents were stolen between the listed times. After reporting one of her credit cards as stolen, she was advised by the issuer that it had already been used fraudulently at multiple locations. This case is still being investigated.

DOMESTIC CASE

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. Aug. 7, 11 a.m. A wife came to Vienna Police Headquarters to report that her husband had grabbed her hair and pushed her to the ground the day before. The victim was advised of the warrant obtainment process as well as the protective order obtainment process.

500 Block Creek Crossing Road, N.E. Aug. 9, 4:10 a.m. A husband and wife were involved in a dispute over smoking in the house. The situation was successfully resolved by responding officers.

FRAUD

300 Block Edwin Lane, N.E. Between July 7 and Aug. 8. A citizen reported that she had given a deposit to a tree service for removal of a tree at a later date. The individuals took the money and never returned to begin the work. This case is still being investigated.

GRAND LARCENY

100 Block Maple Ave., West. July 27 between 10 and 10:30 a.m. A GPS unit was stolen from a vehicle sometime between the listed hours.

100 Block Branch Road, S.E.-Blockbuster. Aug. 10 between 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. A bicycle was reported to be stolen while an employee was working at Blockbuster. The bicycle was locked up outside another store in the same area.

200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E. Between Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 12 at 11 a.m. Multiple power tools and various pieces of work equipment were stolen out of a van parked near the swimming pool at the Vienna Park Apartments. This case is still being investigated.

PETIT LARCENY

300 Block Beulah Road, N.E. Aug. 13, 10 p.m. A citizen reported that her "Obama for President" sign was stolen from her yard.

POLICE SERVICE

1900 Block Horseshoe Drive. Aug. 8, 2:30 p.m. Detective Sylmar investigated a parent's report of suspected stolen property in their home. Investigation revealed that the

property was in fact stolen and subsequently lead to the closure of several cases where property was stolen out of unlocked vehicles.

SUICIDAL PERSON

400 Block West Street, N.W. Aug. 13, 6:15 a.m. An adult male was making statements about wanting to end his life. Sergeant J. Smith and PFC Simon were able to stabilize the situation. The Fairfax County Mobile Crisis Unit was contacted and responded to assess the individual.

SUSPICIOUS EVENT

100 Block Park St., S.E. Aug. 11, 10:55 p.m. PFC Shaver was patrolling behind buildings on Park Street when he noticed two males behind one of the buildings. As soon as they saw the officer, they began sprinting away towards the Whole Foods Market. PFC Shaver began pursuing the individuals. Several items of evidence were discarded during the foot pursuit. After scaling a barbed wire fence, the subjects continued on. PFC Shaver later discovered several bicycles and various other pieces of evidence which were all collected and secured.

400 Block Maple Ave., West. Aug. 12, between 12 p.m. and 12:34 p.m. A female citizen reported that a co-worker had been making her feel uncomfortable and was persistently gesturing to her in hopes of a relationship. She felt uneasy around the subject and wanted to report the incidents. Officer Wilkerson investigated the situation and documented the events while also suggesting she address the issues with management.

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Approximately 200 people turned out for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-10) forum on Lyme disease, Aug. 5.



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Lyme Disease on the Rise

Surge in cases in western Fairfax.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Zoe Schelonko looked as perky as any other 16-year-old girl during a recent lunch interview at Neisha Thai in Tysons Corner. The Ashburn teenager with chin length, dyed red hair chatted about how much she hates gym class and likes the trendy British clothing store H&M.

So it was hard to believe that the teenager had been confined to her home for the past four years.

Schelonko said she has chronic Lyme disease, an illness that can seem "invisible" to onlookers. She has not attended school full-time since the sixth grade.

Jennifer Duncan, a Great Falls resident, said she and two daughters all have Lyme disease. Like Schelonko, her older daughter used a wheelchair during a portion of her sophomore year of high school. Her younger daughter has a difficult time participating in after-school activities because attending a full day of school wears her out, Duncan said.

"In the beginning, I wouldn't complain because people didn't believe me. They thought I was a hypochondriac," said Schelonko, of the sickness that caused head and joint aches in early elementary school.

Sam Shor, a Reston doctor who specializes in infectious diseases and spoke at Wolf's forum, said he has successfully treated patients with chronic fatigue/chronic Lyme disease by keeping them on antibiotics prescribed for Lyme over a longer period of time.

"This is real phenomena. There are people who have an illness that warrants treatment," said Shor, who is hoping to find money to study chronic Lyme disease treatment further.

The 16-year-old has been known to use a wheelchair while hanging out with friends at the mall or an amusement park. Standing up for long periods of time exhausts her.

"She was home bound for most of sixth grade and, in seventh grade, she tried to go to school but only lasted seven weeks," said Schelonko's mother, Brenda, at a recent support group meeting organized by members of the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association.

Zoe Schelonko is far from the only person with Lyme disease complications in the area.

APPROXIMATELY 200 people, many with Lyme disease, attended U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-10) forum on Lyme disease earlier this month.

A few animal hospitals are also reporting a high rate of Lyme disease in dogs. The Great Falls Animal Hospital routinely tests dogs for Lyme and said approximately 30 to 35 come back positive for exposure.

Lyme disease is generally contracted in Virginia through a deer tick, according to officials from Fairfax and Loudoun counties. The deer tick generally attaches itself to deer, which can then bring infection to residents and their pets when they wander into backyards and gardens.

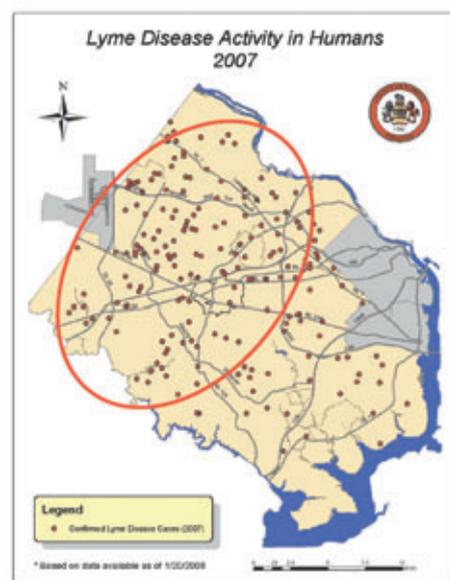
"Think of the deer as a tick Metro system. It is better than the Metro system because the deer can take ticks all over the county," said Jorge Arias, with the Fairfax County Health Department.

In Fairfax, the rate of confirmed Lyme disease cases rose from about 4.5 per 100,000 residents in 2006 to over 12 per 100,000 residents in 2007, Arias said.

In Loudoun, the number of reported Lyme disease cases rose from 29 in 1999 to over 500 in 2007, said Dr. David Goodfriend, director of the Loudoun County Health Department.

"Lyme is expanding into Northern Virginia and becoming more of an endemic," said Arias, during a presentation.

Most people who are contracting Lyme disease in Fairfax County live on the west-



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Residents in western Fairfax County reported more cases of Lyme disease last year.

ern side of the county. In Fairfax, Arias also said females are infected at a rate higher than males.

In Loudoun County, approximately 75 percent of the people infected picked up Lyme disease on their own property. About 25 percent thought they got the disease from a tick originally on their pet, Goodfriend said.

"The number of chronic Lyme sufferers in Loudoun County continues to increase. Interventions taken to date have not blunted this trend," Goodfriend said.

Some local elected officials are taking action. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors recently voted to allocate more resources to Lyme disease prevention. Wolf, who represents both Loudoun and Fairfax counties, has co-sponsored legislation that would raise awareness and promote education about the disease.

SOME LOCALS with Lyme disease said they hope area doctors gain more expertise about the illness. Several said they were

Preventing Lyme Disease:

Courtesy of the Fairfax County Health Department

- ❖ Dress to Protect Yourself – Tie back long hair and wear a hat; wear long, loose, light-colored clothing; tuck pant legs into socks.
- ❖ Always Wear Insect Repellent – Sprays with DEET and oil of lemon mixtures work against ticks.
- ❖ Avoid Tick Habitats – avoid low lying vegetation; avoid forests and woodlands where deer are present; stick to the middle of trails; avoid tall grass and brush.
- ❖ Perform Regular Tick Checks – Look immediately and several hours after field activities; check in hidden and hairy areas; use a friend or mirror to check hard to see areas.
- ❖ Protect Your Pet – Use a treated collar; use a spot treatment; consult your veterinarian; beware of Lyme disease in dogs.
- ❖ Make Your Yard A Tick Free Zone – create a sunny, dry area; remove leaf litter and tall grass; lay down wood chips and gravel; keep playground equipment and decks away from yard edge and trees; use fences.
- ❖ Use Chemical Control – Use a spray with permethrin to control ticks in your yard, apply for the first time in late March, April or May. Reapply as directed.
- ❖ Discourage Deer – Remove plants that attract deer; plant deer resistant plants; construct physical barriers to deer – deer can jump eight feet but will not jump over a fence they can't see over.

Signs and Symptoms of Lyme Disease

Courtesy of the Loudoun County Health Department

- ❖ Early Signs (Three to 30 days after infection)
 - ❖ Flu-like feelings – headache, stiff neck, fever, muscle aches and fatigue
 - ❖ Erythem Migrans rash – starts as a small, reddish bump about one-half inch in diameter but expands outward.
- ❖ Late Manifestations (Days to Months Later)
 - ❖ Bell's palsy
 - ❖ Meningitis
 - ❖ Shooting pains
 - ❖ Changes in heart rhythm
 - ❖ Recurrent joint swelling
 - ❖ Arthritis

sent to multiple specialists — including neurologists, orthopedic surgeons and psychiatrists — before a correct diagnosis.

There is some national controversy over whether "chronic" Lyme disease exists.

Many residents infected with Lyme disease and a handful of local doctors have argued that Lyme disease can be a chronic, long-term illness.

But some mainstream medical organizations, including the Infectious Disease Society of America, do not believe people suffer from Lyme disease over a period of months or years after they have been treated.

"My original infectious disease doctor told me that if you aren't better after four weeks of treatment, you don't have Lyme disease," said Duncan, who disagrees.

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Oakton High School's class of 1978 is holding its 30-year high school reunion on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel in Fair Lakes. For details, call 1-800-655-7971 or go to www.GreatReunions.com.

James Madison High School's class of 1968 is holding its 40-year class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna. For details, call 1-800-655-7971 or go to www.GreatReunions.com.

Teachers from Fairfax County Public Schools have been awarded Fulbright Teacher Exchange grants and will travel abroad during the 2008-09 academic year. Local Fulbright Teacher Exchange grant recipients are:

❖ **Theresa DeFazio**, health and physical education teacher at Poe Middle School.

❖ **Inge Pisano**, French teacher at Oakton High School.

The Fulbright program is the U.S.'s flagship international educational exchange program and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

The following Virginia Military Institute cadets are among the 461 cadets who were recently named to the Deans' List for the second semester of academic year 2007-2008. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a cadet must have a term grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and no grade below C.

❖ **Christopher D. Newcomb** — A

rising sophomore from Vienna is majoring in Civil Engineering. Cadet Newcomb's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell S. Newcomb.

❖ **Christopher A. Sterbenz Jr.** — A rising senior from Oakton is majoring in History. Cadet Sterbenz's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Christopher A. Sterbenz.

Piper Edwards of Vienna has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Pacific University's College of Arts and Sciences in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Dorothy J. Colwell of Vienna, a sophomore majoring in engineering, has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Rensselaer Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Stephanie A. Smith of Vienna, a sophomore majoring in psychology, has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Rensselaer Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Zane Ramadan has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Vanderbilt University in Nashville. Ramadan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walid A. Ramadan of Dulles.

Kirsten van der Noordaa of Vienna has been selected for honors admission to the University of Mary Washington. A 2008 graduate of George C. Marshall High School, she is the daughter of Eduard and Tatiana van der Noordaa.

Anita A. Sapre, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ajit Sapre of Oakton, graduated in the Class of 2008 from Peddie School as this year's recipient of the Oram Biology Prize. She was also elected to the Cum Laude Society and will attend University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

John Rehberger of Vienna attended Wall Street 101 at Bentley College, a

leader in business education located outside Boston. Wall Street 101 is a week-long, interactive business camp that exposes students to the ins-and-outs of the financial industry. In addition, students get a sample of college life while they live in the dorms for one week and attend a workshop on the college application process. John is a student at Flint High School.

Julie Marie Peratt of Dunn Loring is one of 275 students who received diplomas at summer commencement ceremony at Troy University.

Army Pfc. Rajean V. Ford has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. She is the daughter of Ruby Ford of Oak Creek Place, Oakton, Va., and sister of Dia Evans of Governor Circle, Wilmington, Del. Ford is a 1999 graduate of Oakton High School.

Nationally renowned psychologist Sam Goldstein will speak about Raising Resilient Children: Harnessing the Ordinary Magic of Stress Hardiness, on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. at Oakton High School. Parents and others interested in children's healthful development are invited to attend the free presentation, sponsored by the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Office of Student Services.

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The Wiggles

The Pop Go The Wiggles Live! Tour will be at the George Mason in Fairfax Aug. 20, with a special Wiggles giveaway for some of the lucky people in the 'hot potato' seats.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Pop Go The Wiggles Live! Tour. 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Wiggles are setting out on a rhythmic adventure as they invite fans to "Romp Bomp A Stomp," do "The Monkey Dance," and "Move like an Emu." Join The Wiggles, Captain Feathersword, Dorothy the Dinosaur, Henry the Octopus, Wags the Dog and all the Wiggly Dancers as part of the new live concert tour, "Pop Go The Wiggles!" Prices from \$18-\$38; the \$38 tickets will be in the "hot potato seats" and will include a Wiggles giveaway. Visit www.ticketmaster.com or call 202-397-7328.
Book Discussion Group. Call for the book title. Adults. No registration is required. 7:15 p.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean, Tel: 703-356-0770.
Book Discussion Group. The Sea by John Banville. Adults. No registration is required. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton, 703-242-4020.
Kenny Rogers and the Oak Ridge Boys. 7:30 p.m. \$40 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.

THURSDAY/AUGUST 21

Chris Isaak. 8 p.m. \$40 in house, \$22 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.



Azalea 'Secret Wish'
The Northern Virginia Azalea Society is conducting a public auction of rare, native and evergreen hybridized azaleas on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Merrifield Garden Center in Fairfax.

Cathy Ponton King (Blues/Sweet Ballads). A Washington, D.C. singer has a brand new CD, "Under Tow," featuring all new originals plus blues. Free. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Nottoway Park, 9601 Couthouse Road, Vienna.

FRIDAY/AUGUST 22

Pokemon League. Learn and play! Age 5-18. No registration is required. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.
U.S. Navy Country Currents Band. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call to register, 703-255-6360.
Eddie from Ohio. 7:30 p.m. \$32 in house, \$22 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.

SATURDAY/AUGUST 23

Greenberg's Train and Toy Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Model and toy train experts, exhibits and demonstrations. Operating train layouts in various sizes and scales; how-to demonstrations, videos and publications; scenery supplies, hobby tools, train parts, accessories and more. \$7 adults; children 11

and under free. Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly. Visit www.GreenbergShows.com.

Catch the Music Bug! Join Tracey Eldridge in this interactive introduction to music program. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Oakton Library. Age 3-5. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton, 703-242-4020.

Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Tribute. With Todd Rundgren, Lou Gramm, Bo Bice, Christopher Cross and Denny Laine. 8 p.m. \$40 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.

Batala Percussion Band. 6-8 p.m. Free. Afro-Brazilian and samba-reggae rhythms. Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call 703-288-9505.

SUNDAY/AUGUST 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.
Richard Walton Group. 6:30 p.m. Free. Jazz band.



The U.S. Navy Country Currents Band performs at the Aug. 22 Concert on the Green at the Vienna Town Green.

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The Alden Theatre in McLean is offering the best acts in music, comedy, dance and theatre with its 2008-2009 Professional Artist Series. Beginning with the New York Cast of Forbidden Broadway

Professional Artist Series

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on Oct. 29, and ending with a heart-stopping (or is that stomping?) performance by Grand Dérangement on May 2, the series boasts not-to-be-missed opportunities to see such diverse performers as Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo,

Riders in the Sky - Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. - \$30/\$25 McLean tax district residents.

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo - Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at 8 p.m. - \$40/\$34 McLean tax district residents.

John Eaton - Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009 at 3 p.m. - \$29/\$23 McLean tax district residents.

Furia Flamenca - Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at 8 p.m. - \$30/\$25 McLean tax district residents.

Hot Club of San Francisco presents Silent Surrealism - Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 8 p.m. - \$29/\$23 McLean tax district residents

local favorite John Eaton, The Hot Club of San Francisco to 70s songstress Janice Ian. The Alden Theatre Box Office will open at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 2. The theatre is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue.

Janis Ian - Saturday, April 4, 2009 at 8 p.m. - \$37/\$30 McLean tax district residents.

Elisabeth von Trapp - Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 8 p.m. - \$30/\$25 McLean tax district residents.

Grand Dérangement - Saturday, May 2, 2009 at 8 p.m. - \$29/\$23 McLean tax district residents.

TICKETS will go on sale at noon, Tuesday, sept. 2. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, or to purchase tickets by telephone or online, contact TICKETMASTER at 703-573-SEAT, or www.ticketmaster.com. For more information, call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: www.mcleancenter.org.

Concerts on the Green, at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call to register, 703-255-6360.

Greenberg's Train and Toy Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Model and toy train experts, exhibits and demonstrations. Operating train layouts in various sizes and scales; how-to demonstrations, videos and publications; scenery supplies, hobby tools, train parts, accessories and more. \$7 adults; children 11 and under free. Dulles Expo Center, Chantilly. Visit www.GreenbergShows.com.

The Irish Tenors: Anthony Kearns, Karl Scully, Finbar Wright. 8 p.m. Tickets \$22 to \$52. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm Pickling Produce: Participatory Event. 1-4 p.m. Crisp, salty pickles from the kitchen garden will bring flavor to the colonial farm family's winter meals. Help prepare vegetables for pickling as the colonial farm wife shows how to combine salt, water and homemade vinegar to preserve summer crops. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run is a living history museum that authentically portrays family life on a pre-Revolutionary War era working farm, using interactive educational programs to further understanding of everyday life and agriculture in 18th century Virginia. Regular admission: \$3 adults; \$2 children and senior citizens. Complimentary admission with Claude Moore Colonial Farm membership. Weather permitting. The Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-442-7557 or visit www.1771.org/directions.htm.

MONDAY/AUGUST 25

Game On Afternoon Edition. Come play DDR and Wii and have some snacks. Age 10-18. No registration is required. 4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.
UB40. 7:30 p.m. \$40 in house, \$22 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.
Oakton Kids Read! Best books of summer. Come and share your favorite book. Suggest titles for next year's Summer Reading Program. Age 6-12. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton, 703-242-4020.

TUESDAY/AUGUST 26

Regeneration Tour: The Human League, Belinda Carlisle, ABC, A Flock of Seagulls, Naked Eyes. 7 p.m. \$42 in house, \$25 lawn. The Filene Center, Wolfrap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. www.wolfrap.org.
Matinee with Mommy. Bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a movie matinee every Tuesday in July and August. Call for titles. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Oakton Library. Age

3-5 with adult. 11:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton, 703-242-4020.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Alphabet Adventures. Fun with letters. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Avenue, McLean, Tel: 703-356-0770.
Ice Cream Social! Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program and win a candy jar by guessing how much candy it holds. 2 p.m. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Great Falls Library. 703-757-8560.
Stories Under the Stars Bedtime Program. Come in your jammies and enjoy some of our favorite bedtime stories. All ages. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Pl, Oakton, 703-242-4020.

THURSDAY/AUGUST 28

Book Discussion Group. Bangkok 8 by John

Burdett. Adults. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.

Duct Tape Mania. Come ready to make duct tape roses, wallets, and other things. Age 12-18. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, Tel: 703-938-0405.

Summer Camp Battle of the Bands. The culmination of the Jammin Java summer camp program. All summer camp bands play for the Top Band trophy. Audience reaction will factor into our overall scores. 6 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Tickets \$10.

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NEWS



Guest speaker, Vestal Tutterow of Vienna, points to a new "green" product on the market, a compostable disposable eco-cup.



Susan Pierce, architect and co-owner, Commonwealth Home Remodelers, promotes energy conservation in the company's construction projects.

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Hunter Mill Supervisor, Cathy Hudgins, says it "takes all of us working together" to solve large problems, such as energy and natural resource conservation.

Challenges of 'Going Green'

VTRCC presentation details energy conservation techniques.

More on 'Going Green'

For more information on "going green"
<http://www.energystar.gov/> ; <http://www.ase.org/>

BY DONNA MANZ
 THE CONNECTION

Vestal Tutterow has advice for business owners and homeowners working to make their properties green. He should know. On Aug. 14, at a luncheon hosted by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (VTRCC), Tutterow, a certified energy manager from Vienna and senior program manager for the Alliance to Save Energy, presented a program of steps to conserve energy.

"What is green? It's minimizing your environmental footprint," said Tutterow. First and foremost, he said, recycle. Use ceramics rather than disposables to minimize the amount of trash. Be aware of new products coming out on the market, such as the new compostable eco-cup. Seek out Energy Star appliances and window products. Look for green cleaning supplies and for recycled paper products. Turn lights and other electronic equipment off when not in use. Use programmable thermostats that adjust to occupancy usage. Replace furnace filters regularly. Add insulation to the attic, and use a radiant barrier under the roof to reflect radiant heat back outside.

"Use a power strip for convenience," Tutterow said. "Rather than turning each switch off, you shut off the power from the power strip."

Tutterow's tips for conserving the environment extend to renovation, too. Recycle construction waste, such as scrap metal, wire, and ceiling tiles, he says. Choose new construction materials made with recycled content, and use low-VOC paints and high-efficiency lighting.

When building new construction, build with lots of natural light, and locate near public transportation.

"When building or remodeling, first, and most obvious, is insulation, particularly in the attic."

— Susan Pierce, architect and co-owner, Commonwealth Home Remodelers

"And then commission a third party to come in to see that things are working properly," Tutterow said. He refers to www.energystar.gov as a "good source" of consumer energy information.

CATHY HUDGINS, Hunter Mill district supervisor, described the Cool Counties Initiative, of which Fairfax County is a part. "When we face a large problem, it takes more than government to solve it. It takes all of us working together to solve it." Hudgins encouraged everyone, individuals, business people, and governments, to "find something we can do for the environment."

Hudgins suggested partnering

with schools, building a "green team" in a business, and recycling whenever possible. Recycling is something Hudgins is passionate about.

Green construction is not a new concept to architect Susan Pierce of Vienna and her husband, Kelvin, owners of Commonwealth Home Remodelers. The Pierces have been experimenting with a lot of technology in their own home, and they keep abreast of new technologies and products.

"When building or remodeling, first, and most obvious, is insulation, particularly in the attic," said Susan Pierce, echoing the sentiments of Tutterow. "Use energy-saving devices, appliances, and building techniques to conserve energy and reduce usage by 50 percent or more."

"The goal of green design is to reduce the carbon footprint of the house."

"There is even a way of getting by with fewer studs and joists."

VTRCC Board Chairman Tana Keeffe introduced speakers and special guests. On behalf of VTRCC, **Billy Thompson, vice president, membership**, presented a check to nonprofit Homestretch representatives Christopher Kfay and John Anderson.

Pastor Craig Burns of the Vienna Assembly of God asked God to "help heal our land" in his opening prayer.

Tutterow lives in Vienna with his wife, three children, a dog and a hybrid and an SUV. "I'm not perfect, either," said Tutterow. "It's an evolving process becoming green."



McLean Community Center Meeting on Draft FY2010 Budget

(July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010)

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
 McLean Community Center
 1234 Ingleside Avenue

The current fiscal year has a tax rate of 2.6 cents per \$100 of real estate assessment. The Governing Board is considering lowering the tax rate to 2.5 cents.

Residents who wish to speak are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Details of the draft budget will be available at the Center and on the Center's Web site beginning August 25, 2008.



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SPORTS

Area Swimmers Excited, Inspired by Olympics and Michael Phelps

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



**Erin Callahan, Age 13, 8th grader
Kilmer Middle School, Vienna**

"I watched the Olympics every night at the beach with my best friends. We are all big swimmers, so when we watched the 400 Free Relay and the French swimmer said, 'We will smash the Americans,' we all started to laugh. Right before Lezak swam the last leg of the relay I thought, 'Oh, boy — I guess the French swimmers were right.' But when the USA won we were jumping up and down and screaming. We probably woke up everyone in Ocean City. I loved it when Phelps started celebrating by roaring and shaking his fists in the air. It was great seeing Michael with so many gold medals hanging over his shoulders. He inspired me because he proved that anything can happen if you want it."

**Will Roeder, 9, Vienna,
The Potomac School**

"One of the best parts of watching the Olympics is that we have no bedtime. I have stayed up late every night to watch Michael Phelps. It has been awesome. He has made me want to go faster next year to try to be the top 10 year old. I can hardly wait to get back into the pool."



**Monica Brendsel, 11,
Oakton, Flint Hill School
(Westwood Country Club
and York Swim Club)**

"I have been in five different states (California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming) watching Michael Phelps win all eight of his gold medals. Ever since he stood on the stand for his first gold medal,

he has inspired me in so many different ways but primarily by showing me how much he loves his sport and how dedicated he is to it."



**Molly Anspach, 10,
Flint Hill Elementary
School, Vienna**

"I love watching Olympic swimming. Michael Phelps had a dream, he dreamed that he would be an Olympic gold medalist. He is an inspiration to me because he proved that dreams really can come true!"

**Zachary Roeder, 8,
Vienna,
The Potomac School**

"One of the best things is that we have no bedtime during the Olympics. We have watched Michael Phelps every night. He inspired me during my All Stars race because my mom told me that Michael would always go for the gold but if he ended up with the silver and had done his best it would be OK. I went to sleep thinking of that and the next day I went for the gold and won my 8 & under backstroke race. It was awesome watching Michael get his the other night."



**Krissy O'Malley, 7,
Dominion Christian
School, Vienna**

"I was watching swimming every night. My mom and dad let me stay up extra late to watch it because I love it so much. Michael Phelps is my favorite (I even went to Build-a-Bear and made a stuffed animal named Phelps), but I love

watching the girls like Kate Zeigler and Natalie Coughlin, too. Watching Michael Phelps swim and get his medals really makes me want to keep swimming. I think I'll need to practice a lot and probably will need to swim in the winter too when I get bigger (like when I'm 8 or 9) if I want to win like him. And I do want to win like him ... It's really fun to go fast! It's fun to see how happy his family is when he wins too. He is very cool."



**Jenna Buggé, 15,
Langley High School,
Great Falls**

"As a butterflyer, I love watching other people swim butterfly. There is something awe-inspiring when you watch somebody who does it well. We've been watching Olympic swimming as a family and Michael Phelps is phenomenal in the

water. It is amazing to watch Phelps swim because of his flawless technique and his perseverance in the water. It seems like every time he gets in the water, he is breaking a record. It is hard to comprehend the physical and mental prowess required to do that."

**Sophia Divone, 8,
Great Falls Elementary
School (swims for Lowes
Island Club)**

"I love watching Olympic swimming. Team USA Rocks! Michael Phelps is amazing and inspires me to practice hard and to improve my times."



**Thomas Natal, 9,
Great Falls Elementary**

"I love watching the Olympics! Michael Phelps is the best. After watching him swim, I am going to try to swim butterfly just like him and go really fast!"



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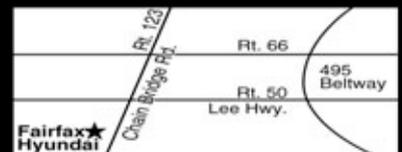
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711 HILLCREST SW	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$1,275,578	Detached	0.504178	07/21/08	
10505 COVING CROSS LN	5	4	1	VIENNA	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.983264	07/17/08	
9975 HIDDEN OAKS CT	6	5	1	VIENNA	\$1,225,000	Detached	0.419766	07/18/08	
10302 MYSTIC MEADOW WAY	5	3	1	OAKTON	\$1,200,000	Detached	1.018939	07/29/08	
3124 ELMENDORF DR	4	4	1	OAKTON	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.137741	07/08/08	
3545 VALEVIEW DR	4	5	1	OAKTON	\$1,150,000	Detached	2.119376	07/31/08	
413 ADAHI RD SE	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$1,130,000	Detached	1.0	07/28/08	
9980 HIDDEN OAKS CT	6	4	1	VIENNA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.354339	07/14/08	
3272 PONY RIDGE WAY	4	4	1	OAKTON	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.630395	07/25/08	
1493 BROADSTONE PL	5	4	1	VIENNA	\$1,085,000	Detached	0.253834	07/25/08	
1709 LONDON HILL RD	4	4	1	VIENNA	\$1,017,500	Detached	0.819054	07/11/08	
346 WINDOVER AVE NW	5	4	1	VIENNA	\$1,010,000	Detached	0.367355	07/24/08	
10931 STUART MILL RD	4	4	0	OAKTON	\$1,002,000	Detached	5.141001	07/30/08	
10609 VICKERS DR	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$985,000	Detached	2.917998	07/09/08	
3787 PENDERWOOD DR	5	4	1	OAKTON	\$980,000	Detached	0.263476	07/11/08	
9906 RUSTIC RAIL LN	4	4	1	VIENNA	\$970,000	Detached	0.485904	07/22/08	
10373 LEIGH JILLION CT	5	4	1	OAKTON	\$965,000	Detached	0.45994	07/29/08	
8416 BLACK STALLION PL	4	4	1	VIENNA	\$890,000	Detached	0.343228	07/15/08	
2719 VALESTRA CIR	5	3	1	OAKTON	\$850,000	Detached	0.658792	07/31/08	
2649 FIVE OAKS RD	5	3	0	VIENNA	\$825,000	Detached	1.001194	07/24/08	
2703 COURTHOUSE OAKS RD	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$823,000	Detached	0.116024	07/23/08	
8518 ELECTRIC AVE	7	4	1	VIENNA	\$810,000	Detached	0.299288	07/18/08	
2300 HUNTER MILL RD	5	3	2	VIENNA	\$800,000	Detached	2.069008	07/09/08	
11234 CRANBROOK LN	4	2	2	OAKTON	\$795,000	Detached	0.713682	07/25/08	
8236 2ND AVE	5	3	1	VIENNA	\$785,000	Detached	0.091827	07/01/08	
3308 SADDLESTONE CT	5	3	1	OAKTON	\$775,000	Detached	0.479201	07/23/08	
2809 GLADE VALE WAY	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$775,000	Detached	0.638453	07/25/08	
3424 LYRAC ST	5	3	1	OAKTON	\$770,000	Detached	0.548898	07/24/08	
2892 MELANIE LN	4	3	1	OAKTON	\$765,000	Detached	0.706795	07/30/08	
9634 CINNAMON CREEK DR	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$750,000	Detached	1.077479	07/07/08	
2233 GERKEN AVE	5	3	1	VIENNA	\$750,000	Detached	0.460078	07/22/08	
3420 ELLMORE LN	4	2	1	OAKTON	\$735,000	Detached	0.480051	07/11/08	
1526 LAUREL HILL RD	5	3	0	VIENNA	\$711,000	Detached	0.571442	07/22/08	
1609 FREMONT LN	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$710,000	Detached	0.573921	07/18/08	
10519 MEREWORTH LN	4	4	0	OAKTON	\$710,000	Detached	0.093388	07/31/08	
3027 MILLER HEIGHTS RD	4	2	1	OAKTON	\$707,500	Detached	0.545179	07/18/08	
9532 LAGERSFIELD CIR	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$680,000	Townhouse	0.084596	07/23/08	
8504 WESTOWN WAY	3	3	1	VIENNA	\$675,000	Townhouse	0.047934	07/01/08	
2307 RIVIERA DR	5	3	0	VIENNA	\$675,000	Detached	0.459137	07/25/08	
10178 CASTLEWOOD LN	3	2	2	OAKTON	\$665,000	Townhouse	0.073921	07/25/08	
8465 HUNT VALLEY DR	3	2	2	VIENNA	\$654,000	Detached	0.242769	07/22/08	
1833 NIGEL CT	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$650,000	Detached	0.353076	07/29/08	
3101 FOX MILL RD	3	2	1	OAKTON	\$649,990	Detached	1.028811	07/11/08	
908 FAIRWAY DR NE	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$640,000	Detached	0.403535	07/15/08	
9915 CYRANDALL PL	3	3	1	OAKTON	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.050689	07/31/08	
2827 CHARLES DUNN DR	3	3	1	VIENNA	\$619,000	Townhouse	0.042929	07/21/08	
2824 CHARLES DUNN DR	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$605,000	Townhouse	0.035813	07/07/08	
509 ROBERTS DR NW	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$600,000	Detached	0.323554	07/07/08	
1858 ABBOTSFORD DR	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$600,000	Detached	0.278857	07/14/08	
9802 SQUAW VALLEY DR	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$590,000	Detached	0.490588	07/03/08	
1310 HUNTER MILL RD	3	3	1	VIENNA	\$589,000	Detached	0.964004	07/15/08	
9711 CINNAMON CREEK DR	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$580,000	Detached	0.58944	07/28/08	
2008 MADRILLON SPRINGS CT	3	2	2	VIENNA	\$572,500	Townhouse	0.040404	07/11/08	
2514 JACKSON PKWY	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$562,500	Detached	0.251033	07/10/08	
9996 CYRANDALL DR	3	3	1	OAKTON	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.050689	07/31/08	
10122 PINE ST	4	3	0	OAKTON	\$550,000	Detached	0.372842	07/11/08	
2425 DREXEL ST	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$540,000	Detached	0.246281	07/07/08	
2716 MANHATTAN PL	3	3	1	VIENNA	\$540,000	Townhouse	0.023967	07/29/08	
108 YEONAS CIR SE	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$539,900	Detached	0.692631	07/25/08	
2039 GALLOWS TREE CT	3	2	2	VIENNA	\$529,000	Townhouse	0.040404	07/16/08	
8330 SYRACUSE CIR	4	2	0	VIENNA	\$522,000	Detached	0.281543	07/21/08	
3715 PENDERWOOD DR	4	2	0	OAKTON	\$521,000	Detached	0.527801	07/09/08	
1119 PEKAY ST SW	4	2	0	VIENNA	\$515,000	Detached	0.308219	07/23/08	
8414 BERE A DR	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$510,000	Detached	0.378857	07/17/08	
403 KRAMER DR SE	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$500,000	Detached	0.42096	07/09/08	
8600 COTTAGE ST	3	2	1	VIENNA	\$497,000	Detached	0.259871	07/09/08	
106 TAPAWINGO RD	3	2	0	VIENNA	\$489,000	Detached	0.249954	07/28/08	
8519 MARQUETTE ST	3	2	0	VIENNA	\$485,000	Detached	0.250092	07/15/08	
8253 FIRST AVE	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$485,000	Detached	0.179063	07/18/08	
10121 EBENSHIRE CT	4	3	1	OAKTON	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.051515	07/15/08	
2703 SHAWN LEIGH DR	3	2	2	VIENNA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.037879	07/29/08	
9642 SUTTON GREEN CT	4	3	1	VIENNA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.029844	07/30/08	
3135 BRADFORD WOOD CT	4	2	2	OAKTON	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.036433	07/18/08	
3146 VALENTINO CT	4	3	1	OAKTON	\$458,350	Townhouse	0.047199	07/28/08	
1116 LAKEWOOD DR SW	3	1	0	VIENNA	\$440,000	Detached	0.246671	07/29/08	
3106 BRADFORD WOOD CT	4	2	2	OAKTON	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.036433	07/08/08	
1926 HULL RD	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$430,000	Detached	0.270822	07/17/08	
2832 JERMANTOWN RD #49	3	3	1	OAKTON	\$402,500	Townhouse		07/15/08	
8181 CARNEGIE HALL CT #404	3	3	0	VIENNA	\$380,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		07/25/08	
2939 CASHEL LN	3	2	1	VIENNA	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.032668	07/25/08	
2940 PADDOCK WOOD CT	3	2	1	OAKTON	\$372,500	Townhouse	0.046074	07/01/08	
2956 VALERA CT	3	3	1	VIENNA	\$372,000	Townhouse	0.032668	07/10/08	
8181 CARNEGIE HALL CT #107	2	2	1	VIENNA	\$372,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.0	07/28/08	
2979 BORGE ST	3	2	2	OAKTON	\$371,900	Townhouse	0.06281	07/28/08	
2726 GALLOWS RD #707	2	2	0	VIENNA	\$367,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		07/18/08	
2916 JERMANTOWN RD #20	3	2	2	OAKTON	\$365,000	Townhouse		07/24/08	
2723 BOWLING GREEN DR	4	3	0	VIENNA	\$350,000	Detached	0.300781	07/22/08	
2710 BELLFOREST CT #108	2	2	0	VIENNA	\$347,800	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		07/15/08	
9922 OAKDALE WOODS CT	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$333,000	Townhouse	0.050964	07/07/08	
3009 SPICE CT	4	2	1	VIENNA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03214	07/22/08	
3176 SUMMIT DR #A1	2	2	0	OAKTON	\$292,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		07/30/08	
9973 CAPPERTON DR	3	1	1	OAKTON	\$288,000	Townhouse	0.03214	07/11/08	
9961 OAKTON TERRACE RD#9961	2	2	0	OAKTON	\$287,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		07/30/08	
302A LOCUST ST SE #2A	1	1	0	VIENNA	\$280,500	Attach/Row Hse		07/25/08	
3040 SUGAR LN	3	2	2	VIENNA	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.033058	07/11/08	
2765 CENTERBORO DR #461	1	1	0	VIENNA	\$275,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		07/10/08	
10200 BUSHMAN DR #121	2	2	0	OAKTON	\$270,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		07/16/08	
9480 VIRGINIA CTR BLVD#316	1	1	0	VIENNA	\$262,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		07/25/08	
2560 GLENGYLE DR #160	3	1	1	VIENNA	\$252,000	Townhouse		07/07/08	
2791 CENTERBORO DR #77	1	1	0	VIENNA	\$235,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		07/23/08	
2631 GLENGYLE DR #81	3	1	1	VIENNA	\$215,000	Townhouse		07/01/08	
2641 GLENGYLE DR #76	3	1	1	VIENNA	\$215,000	Townhouse		07/25/08	

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Cornerstone International Church Community Movie Night: Ratatouille, a 2007 Oscar winning computer-animated family film. Friday, Aug. 22 at 8:15 p.m. Free; on the lawn of Cornerstone International Church, 12113 Vale Road, Oakton. Call 703-264-1273. Bring lawn chairs or blankets; free popcorn and lemonade provided.

English classes for adults sponsored by ESL and Immigrant Ministries will be offered in 17 locations in Northern Virginia. Childcare is available at some locations. Registration begins September 2. A \$20 processing fee is requested. 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.

Rummage Sale and Car Wash will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at **Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive N.E., Vienna. Call 703-930-0963.

Guest Speaker Bob Sorge at Christian Assembly, 8200 Bell Lane, Vienna, on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Sorge served for thirteen years as senior pastor of Zion Fellowship in

Canadaigua, N.Y., and now bases his writing and traveling ministry in Kansas City MO. Among his works are: *Secrets of the Secret Place*, *Exploring Worship*, *The Fire of Delayed Answers* and *Pain, Perplexity, and Promotion*.

Northern Virginia Hebrew Con-

gregation invites new and prospective members to its **Annual Open House Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 2-4 p.m. in the Social Hall. Enjoy an ice cream sundae, meet and speak with Rabbi Robert A. Nosanchuk, Cantor Irena Altshul, Religious School Director Moshe Ben-Lev, Preschool Director Fran Gibbs, Temple Administrator Fay Weiss, and other temple leaders. Take a tour of the temple and learn about the programs offered. 1441 Wiehle Avenue, Reston. Call 703-437-7733 or visit www.nvhcreston.org.

Homecoming & Anniversary Celebration. Shiloh Baptist Church celebrates 135 years of ministry. Sunday, Sept. 14: 11 a.m. - Homecoming Worship Service; 3:30 p.m. - Anniversary Worship Service, Guest Preacher Rev. Todd A. Brown, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook. Dr. Robert F. Cheeks, Jr., Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, 8310 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. 703-893-8982. www.sbcmclean.org.

Oakton United Methodist Church has designated Sept. 14 as **Bring a Friend Sunday**, and invites members of the community to worship at 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m., and attend Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Nursery services are available during the 10:55 a.m. service. Return at 5:45 p.m. for fellowship and share in a pot-luck dinner. At 7 p.m., listen to 4tified, whose music reflects southern gospel favorites, soulful a cappella hymns and medleys, plus a number of original songs. Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, at the intersection of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Road. Visit www.oaktonumc.org or call 703-

938-1234.

McLean Presbyterian Church will offer ESOL classes for adults on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. beginning Sept. 18, and Thursdays at 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 18. Registration will be Sept. 10 from 9:30-11 a.m., and Sept. 11 from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration fee, \$15; books \$15-25, depending on class level. Free childcare during Wednesday morning classes. McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Call 703-394-0593 or email esl@mcleanpres.org.

The McLean Women's Bible Study will celebrate their 25th Anniversary on Sept. 18 with a luncheon at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna. Founded in 1983 for neighborhood Bible study, the group has studied God's Word, made new friends, and shared life. Meetings are Thursday mornings at a local home in McLean for coffee and Bible study. The morning is divided between coffee time, a guest speaker and in small groups with facilitators. The McLean Women's Bible Study is open to all women, who are invited to join the celebration Sept. 18 and begin Bible study on September 25th. Call 703-448-2020 or email Marthawiles@msn.com.

The Jewish Social Services Agency offers a variety of programs and support groups meeting at 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. Call 703-204-9100 for more information.

An Anxiety Management Group for children ages 8-10. Children learn to manage anxiety through discussion, games, and role-play.

Teen Talk: An Adolescent Adoption Series, for adoptees ages

13-18. Searching for birth parents; integrating dual identities; and coping with minimal background information.

Understanding Your Adopted Teen. A psycho-educational four session series for parents raising adopted teens.

Support Group for Parents of Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome and Related Disorders.

Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome JSSA and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV) present a social club for young adults diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome or related disorders.

Get Connected: Adult Social Skills, for men and women ages 19-35 who may have Asperger's syndrome and are having difficulty transitioning into successful young adulthood.

You and Your Aging Parents. Discussion topics include coping with illness, managing difficult emotions, identifying appropriate resources to support an aging parent and develop a care plan.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, \$10 per class. Call 202-331-2122 or visit www.meditation-dc.org.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms: a place to receive healing. Every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane, a team of Christians is available to pray for anyone requesting prayer. The rooms are open to the public without charge. For more information call 703-698-9779 or visit www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

The Virginia Area Public Information Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous will be holding a free workshop for Professionals in Northern Virginia who are interested in learning more about the AA program. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the 2008 Virginia Area Convention and Southeastern Regional Conference of AA. Workshop Topic: What AA is and isn't. Refreshments in the hospitality suite. RSVP to pubinfo@aa virginia.org 3 - 4:30 p.m., Sheraton Premiere Tyson Corner, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Tel: 703-448-1234.

TUESDAY/AUGUST 26

VTRCC Non Profit Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. Courtyard by Marriott, 1960 A Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Contact info@vtrcc.org or call 703-281-1333.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Back Pack Safety Program for children, parents and teachers, presented by spine and wellness expert, Dr. Brandon Lemuel, owner of PalmerCare Chiropractic-Vienna. Did you know that over 7,000 children are taken to the emergency room every year for back pack-related spinal injuries? Most these injuries can be prevented. Plan an evening for your family to stop by Patrick Henry Library located at 101 Maple Avenue East in Vienna, from 7-8 p.m. Bring your back pack with you that evening and the books you carry in it. Free. Call (703) 319-1212 or contact drbrandon@palmercare.com for more information.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

Assistance League, a volunteer organization promoting literacy and the well-being of women and children in Northern Virginia is holding a social for women interested in membership. 7 p.m. Call Beth at 703-648-1822 or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

ONGOING

CTS Partners in Health offers free classes on Friday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm at 443 Carlisle Drive in Herndon. Call 703-568-9224.

OFTC Friday Night Dances at Club Inferno will be held every Friday night in September. For more information, please call OFTC at 703-448-8336 (TEEN).

St. Mark ESL program in Vienna is seeking new volunteers to staff its ESL/basic computer skills program. Volunteers are needed to teach, provide child care, and assist in the classrooms as well as to help with administration and publicity. No foreign language skills are needed. Volunteers generally work one evening a week, Tuesday or Thursday. For more information or to volunteer, email esl_express@yahoo.com.

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Fimian Out-Raises Connolly

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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 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.

"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

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

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.

Freedom Hill

FROM PAGE 4

math acceleration technology and Level 4 services at Freedom Hill.

"Our newest resource at Freedom Hill is the position of instructional coach. It's a full-time staff member who works with individual teachers and teaching teams to improve achievement in math and language arts to close learning gaps.

"Having an instructional coach is a huge resource," said Stanley, noting the school's diverse student population.

The Freedom Hill PTA provides equipment to the school and sponsors special events throughout the school year to bring together the community and raise funds. The 2008 Medieval Day featured music, heraldry, crafts and elaborate costuming.

"Our PTA is extremely supportive and generous," said Stanley. "We hope to open the school year with a SmartBoard in every classroom."

On Sept 23, the Freedom Hill PTA hosts the Second Annual Back-to-School Barbeque, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

Back-to-School night is Sept. 18, 7p.m.

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Well Done



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that anybody in a position of decision-making or public relating is listening to me, lowly middle class consumer that I am, but I think I owe the oil companies an apology. As much as I have complained about and criticized their grotesque profits in print (occasionally) and in conversation (frequently), their most recent record-setting quarterly profits have turned me completely around. With the numbers, and variety, of businesses reeling from the high cost of oil (up 72 percent in the last year, as of Aug. 8), and with bankruptcies, foreclosures, store closings, unemployment and inflation all increasing, and with even the possibility of some governments going to a four-day work week to reduce the financial pressures on their thousands of employees, dominating the headlines, a direct result of increased energy costs (as well as all the other collateral costs on down and across the food chain, metaphorically speaking), why is it that the companies who actually import the oil, who themselves have to absorb this unprecedented increase in the cost of their doing business, and who, I would imagine, spend more money on energy costs than most other companies do, are the ones least effected by the escalating costs of these goods and their related services? It has to be management and their business acumen.

When all/everybody else is failing and you are not, it must be a direct result of your brains and perhaps a little brawn. Running a multi-billion dollar company with hundreds of thousands employees spread across nearly the entire universe (that we know of), with offices, platforms, drills, rigging, vehicles, equipment, hardware, software, etc., everywhere, and it all needing to be integrated into some kind of organized business plan that allows for everyone to be paid: management, employees, contractors, sub-contractors, vendors, insurers, attorneys, accountants, public relations and advertising people, researchers and developers and of course, stockholders and bond holders; and have products brought to market in a timely and efficient manner, and still make a profit, even after the main component of their business — oil, has increased by an amount totally out of their control — a 100 percent increase in one year until this most recent fall back, is nothing short of miraculous and worthy of, at the very least, a PBS-type documentary explaining how a company/industry could thrive under such extraordinary and excruciatingly difficult — and challenging — circumstances. Circumstances that have cut so many of their fellow business owners down to the quick.

A quick that has seen many blue chip, blue bloods; some of the best and the brightest, in America and abroad, devastated, suffering indignities and financial losses never before imagined, not just millions or even hundreds of millions, but in some board rooms, losses calculated to be in the billions. That's the real "b" word in today's economy.

But somehow the oil companies muster on, encountering the same fossil fuel-related increases as everyone else, yet still posting record profits. We shouldn't be questioning their success; we should be celebrating it. If only the rest of us could learn, even just a little bit, from the oil companies' success, I'm sure the world would be a much better place, what's left of it anyway.

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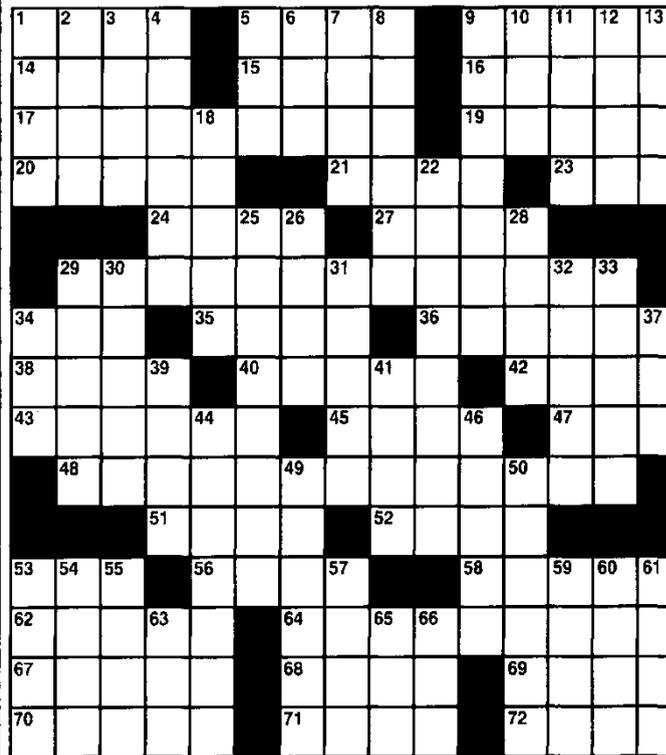
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- 17 Sage lands?
- 19 Torments
- 20 Barfly's roost, perhaps
- 21 "... blackbirds, baked in —"
- 23 Professional suffix
- 24 Do a post-laundry job
- 27 Poet — St. Vincent Millay
- 29 Joe's lands?
- 34 — de mots (pun)
- 35 Feds
- 36 Looked with desire
- 38 Makes a scene?
- 40 Largest Cornhusker city
- 42 Have on
- 43 Hotel Bible
- 45 Peewee people
- 47 One of the "Little Women"
- 48 Dieters' lands?
- 51 Last name in cruelty
- 52 Took note of
- 53 Pal, rapper-style
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- 64 Bad lands?
- 67 Slicker in the winter
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- 69 Gold medalist Lipinski
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- 33 Tailor's joints
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- 39 Uses a Singer
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Actor Stumps for Obama

Celebrities can get the attention of voters, campaign interns say.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
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PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION
Madison High School student Sarah Cole makes phone calls on behalf of presidential candidate Barack Obama in his City of Fairfax campaign office.

Emily Gawlack will only be 17 when Election Day rolls around Nov. 4 and she is not happy about it.

"I am very bitter I can't vote for Barack Obama," said Gawlack, a summer intern with the Democratic presidential candidate's City of Fairfax office.

So the rising senior at Woodson High School is doing her best to register as many people as possible. If Gawlack can get people to vote who would not have otherwise voted, it might make her feel better about not being able to vote herself, she said.

"I have registered a couple of my friends. I try to make sure they won't brush [the election] off," she said.

THE OBAMA CAMPAIGN is partly relying on the new, young voters in Virginia and they are pulling out all the stops, including star power, to attract people around Gawlack's age to the polls.

Kal Penn, a young Asian American actor, made several campaign appearances on behalf of the Obama campaign in Alexandria, Centreville, Fairfax City and Arlington on Monday, Aug. 11.

Penn is recognizable for his roles on the television shows "House" and "24." He also starred in movies "The Namesake" and is probably best known for playing Kumar in "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" and its sequel "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay."

Penn's appearance in Obama's Fairfax City office on Lee Highway brought out approximately 30 young adults, many of whom lined up to get autographs signed and pictures taken with the actor.

The celebrity said he initially got involved with campaign during the writer's strike in Hollywood this past winter, when filming on several television shows shut down because new scripts were not being produced.

Out of work, Penn decided to go to Iowa to make phone calls and knock on doors for Obama before the state caucus in January. The campaign then drafted him to do national outreach for Obama, particularly to voters under 30 years of age.

Penn said young American adults have already demonstrated that they can have

powerful effect on the financial market through multi-million dollar social networks like MySpace and Facebook. It is time that the younger generation uses that power in the voting booth, he said.

"We are the people that MTV and CNN call the 'unreliable voters' in the past," and it is time for us to prove them wrong, said Penn.

CELEBRITY APPEARANCES like Penn's can catch the eye of younger voters, said Gawlack and others who came out to the Obama office to see Penn.

Burke resident Robert Pero spent most of the afternoon trying to catch Penn at Obama offices. After the Virginia Tech student missed the actor in Centreville, he drove to the Obama office in Fairfax to make sure he got to see him speak.

"I thought it was interesting to see him talking about something serious. Normally, we see him in comedy movies," said Pero, who does not identify with any political party.

Madison High School student Lauren Huleatt also said she primarily came to the Obama office to see Penn. Her friend, Madison senior Sarah Cole, is an intern with

the Obama campaign and told her the actor was coming to the Fairfax City office.

"I definitely wouldn't come here just to do this," Huleatt, who was making phone calls to on behalf of Obama with Cole.

Huleatt, who lives in Vienna, said she is undecided about whom to support in the election. Her parents are Republicans, but her sister is voting for Obama, she said. In addition to meeting Penn, the 17-year old said she was happy that she came to the Obama office because she wants to know more about the presidential candidates before November.

"It helps out to learn more," she said.

Penn is far from the only celebrity, who can attract younger voters, said Gawlack. The teenager attended the Virginia Mobile Festival in Baltimore during the second weekend in August and said the crowd perked up when Hip-Hop mogul Kanye West announced he would be voting for Barack Obama during his performance.

"I think it definitely helps. It catches the attention of people who normally wouldn't get involved," said Gawlack.

"I thought it was interesting to see him talking about something serious."

— Robert Pero, Burke resident

Artist Captures Local History

Pat Mercer Hutchens studies and paints Great Falls places.

BY TALIA ROTH
THE CONNECTION

A flip of a coin made Pat Mercer Hutchens choose to major in art over psychology and a flip of a coin led to a career spanning decades and through many different aspects of art.

The casual manner in which she picked her career doesn't seem to match the passion with which she speaks about her art. She describes each piece and points out small details that make obvious the depth of her work.

Mercer Hutchens was always interested in the antiques, the beat up things, the things no one else sees the beauty of. Raised in Louisiana, she grew up close to a farm. "There was always all sorts of junk sitting around and we didn't think of it as nothing."

Before heading to college, Mercer Hutchens lived in Jerusalem and said she really didn't have an artistic direction. One night Mercer Hutchens heard screams in the night. A neighbor told her the screams were from a holocaust survivor who had nightmares, but wasn't being hurt and was fine.

"We were all moved by it," she said. "I began thinking about it and I went to a graveyard for cars and I sort of fell in love with them. I put them together with the survivors and they were beautiful, even if they were rusty and old."

ONCE AT COLLEGE at Northwestern University, Mercer Hutchens continued her focus on cars and began painting large automobile cutouts. She did this for 30 years.

But living in Great Falls, about two years ago, Mercer Hutchens started noticing the history of local places. She began painting locations in the area that she saw stories in.

"I've always been drawn to antique things, slow to change maybe," she said. "I'm probably sentimental, nostalgic."

This nostalgia led to her next project. About two years ago Mercer Hutchens began painting 8 by 10 inch landscapes of historical places around Fairfax County.

She began with "The Leigh House," an old house that was going to be torn down. "I was just shocked. Mr. Leigh was a doctor and he built that home himself. He treated blacks free. Well, that impressed me, and they were going to build all these office buildings," she said.

A journalist asked her what she was doing. "I started crying," Mercer Hutchens said. "She [the journalist] wrote an article about it and they ended up not tearing it down. I was thrilled," she said. "I felt like I'd saved a building."



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Pat Mercer Hutchens's art is on display in the meeting room of the Great Falls Library as well as at the Great Falls Tavern.

Art on Display

Pat Mercer Hutchens's art is on display in the meeting room of the Great Falls Library until the end of August. The paintings at the Great Falls Tavern have been on display for about three months. All the paintings are 8 by 10 inches and are for sale for \$800.

MERCER HUTCHENS said she doesn't know how she chooses what places to paint. "Sometimes they chose me," she said, as she got up to talk about the story of another painting.

The Library of Congress has old photos, Mercer Hutchens takes photos, she also gets old photos from her friends or the owners of the places.

She spends lots of time researching each painting. She goes to the library, online, buys books and talks to people knowledgeable about the places.

"I've always been drawn to antique things, slow to change maybe. I'm probably sentimental, nostalgic."

— Pat Mercer Hutchens

"I may change something if I want to. I do as much as humanly possible" to keep her painting historically accurate.

"What if there was a storm and they were all blown up next week," Mercer Hutchens said of the places she paints. "It would've been worth it to paint them. Think of all the stuff that's gone."

She has almost 50 paintings completed and recently made 100 her goal. When the paintings are completed, Mercer Hutchens wants to compile a children's book with the paintings. She also plans to sell them and has had offers.

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