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Nicole Masino, in a new outfit she got for school, poses with her teacher Susan Klotz on her first day of first grade at Great Falls Elementary.

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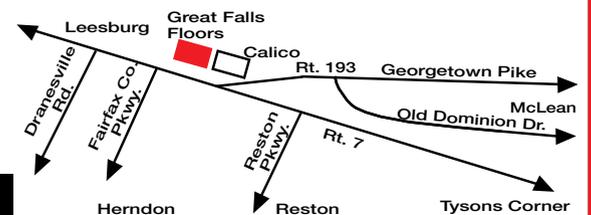
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Honoring Service, Bravery on 9-11

Sept. 11 event honors remarkable brigade, raises money for its "homecoming" party in Italy.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

When Judi Hershman of McLean got a call from her friend Jeff Lubore, asking her to help with a Sept. 11 benefit in Great Falls, she knew it was important. Although Lubore has worked to raise money for the United Service Organizations (USO) and other causes for some time, she said, "He's never asked me once before to contribute or help out or anything."

When he called her less than two weeks ago, Lubore told Hershman he wanted to put together an event that would recognize soldiers in the 173rd, 2/503 Infantry Airborne Brigade and raise money to get them to a memorial service and "homecoming" party at their home base in Italy. They planned a gathering at the Tavern at Great Falls for the evening of Thursday, Sept. 11.

The 173rd, 2/503 Infantry Airborne Brigade was one of the first units into Iraq and has since served two tours in Afghanistan, and its time in combat has not been easy.

Lubore, a Vienna resident, said he met a number of the unit's members at a pool party a friend of his hosted for wounded veterans, and he said he was moved to do something for them. "They were exposed to a lot of the really bad fighting," he said, adding that the soldiers' last tour had been a 15-month stay in mud huts in volatile northern Afghanistan.

THE PARENTS of two slain members of the brigade decided to raise money to throw a party on Sept. 25 at the base in Italy, to be preceded by a memorial ceremony for fallen comrades. Hershman said about \$85,000 had been raised, "and they raised that on like \$5 and \$10 donations."

Lubore said he hoped to put the 173rd Airborne Sky Angel Fund over the top in terms of fund-raising but that the most important goal of the event was to thank members of the brigade for their efforts and sacrifices. "It's the look in their eyes when you say, 'Thank you. We really appreciate your sacrifice,'" he said. Twenty or so members of the brigade, as well as at least one parent of one of the soldiers killed in action, will be at the fund-raiser, which will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with a live band and no formal agenda.



From left, Specialist "Ice" Hice, Specialist Michael Denton, Specialist Tyler Stafford and Sgt. Ryan Pitts of the 173rd 2/503 Infantry Airborne Brigade relax at a pool party in Great Falls.

"It's going to be a party atmosphere," Hershman said.

One of the soldiers who will be in attendance is Sgt. Ryan Pitts, who is staying at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, having been wounded on July 13 in the Battle of Wanat, a fierce, hours-long firefight that left nine members of Pitts' company dead and 15 wounded. He sustained shrapnel injuries in his legs and arm from rocket-propelled grenades and hand grenades. In the end, he said, about 50 American soldiers held off an estimated 200 Taliban attackers

"It's the look in their eyes when you say, 'Thank you. We really appreciate your sacrifice.'"

— Jeff Lubore

at a small U.S. encampment.

It was the deadliest battle in Afghanistan since 2005.

Pitts, a 22-year-old from New Hampshire, said he had previously been in 10 or 15 skirmishes during the most recent tour, while some other companies in the brigade had seen more fighting than that. During their stay in the Kunar Province of northern Afghanistan, he said, "all the companies were in quite a few firefights." Pitts said the brigade had been working to stabilize the area, helping to bring in better roads, schools and other infrastructure and helping to bring the region under more governmental control.

Pitts was not a part of the brigade's 2003 tour in Iraq. He was still in high school at the time.

He said his company of roughly 150 soldiers was a tightly knit group that he looked forward to rejoining at the celebration and memorial ceremony in Italy. "Some of us have done two years together, come up together, got promoted together," he said.

"We've been through some hairy situations together. We just fought for the guy to our left and the guy to our right, and when it came down to it, that's what we did."

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN "very supportive" of him and his fellow soldiers since he came back, Pitts said. "We all appreciate everybody's support. That's made a big difference for us," he said.

"It's been overwhelming," said his mother, Kelly MacCorquodale. From simple things like being able to get toothpaste and laundry detergent at the Red Cross to having residents open up their homes for pool parties, she said, "the outpouring of support from the community, from private citizens, has been overwhelming."

A number of the soldiers attending the Sept. 11 fund-raiser will be troops wounded in the Battle of Wanat.

No specific admission fee will be asked, but a "fill the jump boots" campaign will be accepting donations of any size, and there will be a \$10 "50-50 raffle" at the door, in which half of the proceeds go to the raffle winner and half to the Sky Angels fund.

Western Electric Band, of Arizona, agreed to play at the event free of charge. The McLean post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Annandale American Legion post and the office of Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34) are partnering in the fund-raiser, and Vanderhye will be present, as will members of Rolling Thunder.

Lubore, who used to be an owner of the Tavern at Great Falls, said he had no problem convincing the current owner to host the event. He said the response to his calls for assistance and donations had been "phenomenal" and that he was expecting 200 to 300 people to turn out for the fund-raiser.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION
Nicholas Trunnell and Hannah Richardson work on decorating their names with pictures of the things they like.

New Friends, New Lessons, New Clothes

A few Great Falls Elementary students talk about starting first grade.

On the morning of her first day of first grade, Hannah Richardson said she expected this year to be a little different from kindergarten. The variances, she said, would include different desks, computers, books and lessons. This would also be the first time she ate in the cafeteria. For her first school lunch, Hannah said she had brought a peanut butter sandwich and a banana, along with some other items she couldn't remember.

She said she was excited about making new friends and learning new lessons and that she was a little scared about having to make new friends, but not really. All in all, she said, "It's pretty cool."

Nicholas Trunnell, Hannah's classmate in Susan Klotz's class at Great Falls Elementary, said he didn't mind the fact that the school day would be longer.

"I know I'm going to eat in the cafeteria, but I don't know what my mom packed me," he said. "She never tells me. She just surprises me." However, he said he had faith it was a lunch he would like. Beginning his second year at the school, Nicholas said he was not nervous but was excited "that we're going to learn new things."

"It's really good so far," Nicole Masino said, about 20 minutes into the school day. This is her first year at the school, and she said she was nervous when she first came in at the end of summer to practice with the reading teacher, but she added, "Tomorrow I won't be nervous because I'll get used to it." She said it helped that her sister had already attended the school and had told her where things like the cafeteria and front door were.

Nicole said she had gotten three new outfits in preparation for the school year, one of which she was wearing.

And she said she already liked her new teacher. "She's really nice," she said of Mrs. Klotz.

— MIKE DICICCO

Financially Close Race

Wolf, Feder have equal financial footing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Democrat Judy Feder's political campaigns had approximately the same amount of cash available at the end of June, in spite of the fund-raising advantages incumbents typically enjoy over a challenger.

Wolf, who was first elected in 1980, has raised approximately \$1.4 million. With \$1.2 million in donations, Feder had collected slightly less but she also spent less, according to the Federal Election Commission.

In terms of "cash on hand" — money that the campaign has not spent yet — the two candidates were locked in a virtual tie at the end of June. Wolf had \$849,391 available and Feder \$812,122, according to the Federal Election Commission.

"We are way ahead of schedule and way ahead of where we were in 2006. We have been doing extremely well and we are going to have the budget it takes to win," said Luke McFarland, Feder's campaign manager.

An independent candidate, Neeraj Nigam, is also running for office in the Virginia's 10th congressional district. Nigam has raised between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for his campaign and intends to contribute some personal money to his election efforts.

"It is harder to raise money as an independent candidate. I don't have a ready-made group that is going to support me," said Nigam.

FEDER'S ability to raise money may be getting her campaign some attention.

At the beginning of the month, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee added Virginia's 10th congressional district

Top Contributors

The financial information accounts for fund-raising from January 2007 through June 2008. The organizations themselves do not donate. Rather, the donations are a compilation of money given through a group's political action committee, members, employees, owners and the immediate family of those who are members, employees and owners. Information provided by the Center for Responsive Politics at www.opensecrets.org.

Frank Wolf (R)*:

Organizations	Industry	Contribution
NVR, Inc. (Reston)	Homebuilders/Banking	\$18,650
Orbital Sciences Corp. (Dulles)	Satellites/Technology	\$17,800
Peterson Companies (Fairfax)	Real Estate Development	\$16,300
SAIC, Inc. (San Diego)	Technology/Government Contractor	\$11,750
Wiley, Rein & Fielding	Law Firm	\$10,400

Judy Feder (D):

Georgetown University**	Higher Education	\$37,035
ActBlue	Democratic PAC	\$20,999
George Washington University	Higher Education	\$13,350
Columbia University	Higher Education	\$11,050
Harvard University	Higher Education	\$10,600

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to its competitive "Red to Blue" program — which highlights the Democrat's most promising challengers and candidates — in part because of Feder's ability to collect cash.

"Red to Blue" candidates are those who "are putting together significant resources and have political support in the district," said Kyra Jennings, a spokesperson for the campaign. She added that recent polling data and the number of issues on which a Republican opponent like Wolf is considered "out of touch," are also factors in the committee's picks for the "Red to Blue" program.

Local Democrats, like Tim Buchholz, said they find Feder's fund-raising and her status as a "Red to Blue" candidate encouraging.

"That shows that people feel she has the ability to win and that they can invest money into the race," said Buchholz, who is chairman of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee.

Yet experts warn against placing too much emphasis on fund-raising.

"I think it would be short sighted to equate the amount of money someone



Frank Wolf (R) Judy Feder (D)

raises with their chances of winning a seat. There are too many other factors for a single measure to be that influential," said Dan Keyserling, deputy communications director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

THE WOLF CAMPAIGN has also criticized Feder for raising most of her money outside the state of Virginia. They argue that Feder's prolific fund-raising is not a reflex

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Does Fairfax Give Fair Grades?

Panel discusses whether tougher grading scale put students at a disadvantage.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

If a high school student earns a 92 percent average in the fall semester of their honors calculus course, what grade do they receive?

Well, it depends on where they live.

If the student attends a Fairfax County Public School, she earns a B plus. If she goes to a school across the Potomac River in Montgomery County, Md., the student receives an A.

The discrepancy in grade point averages (GPA) for the same grade in an honors class

is even wider.

In Fairfax County, a 92 percent in an honors calculus class translates into a 3.5 GPA. In Montgomery County, the same score would earn a 5.0 GPA for that course.

FAIRFAX COUNTY employs a tougher six-point grading scale than the traditional 10-point scale used by Montgomery County and several other school systems.

In Fairfax, students must earn a 94 percent to receive an A, an 84 percent to earn a B and a 74 percent to earn a C. The 10-point scale awards an A for a score of 90 percent, a B for a score of 80 percent, and a

C for a score of 70 percent.

Fairfax also adds a lighter "weight" to the GPAs of students who do advanced coursework.

Fairfax County will bump students up a .5 point on the GPA scale for a course an Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) class. But students who take an honors course receive no GPA benefit. In Montgomery County, students enrolled in both honors and AP/IB classes automatically earn a 1.0 GPA bonus.

Some parents and students said these differences in grading add up and ultimately hurt Fairfax students. Last January, a handful of county residents formed FAIRGRADE, a coalition that advocates for changes to

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WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

GFCA Sets Priorities, Honors Top Activist

The new president, Jim Luce, and the new 2008-09 Board of Directors of the Great Falls Citizens Association invite residents to join the Tuesday, Sept. 9 meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange to discuss the plans for the year beginning this September and running through June 2009. The board has met twice already to discuss top issues and concerns and welcomes the feedback and perspectives of members and the entire community in honing the agenda.

Most importantly, Robin Rentsch, a 30-year resident of Great Falls, and a remarkable citizen activist for decades, will be leaving Great Falls. GFCA would like to acknowledge and celebrate her service to the causes of trails, the environment, wildlife habitats, etc. A presentation on her life, loves, and many contributions will be followed by a social gathering and community discussions. Everyone is invited.

Jo Fleming Exhibits At Great Falls Library

An exhibition of contemporary landscape paintings by Great Falls Studios artist Jo Fleming can be found at the Great Falls Library in the Large Conference Room during the month of September. You can view the work during regular library hours and meet the artist at an informal reception at the library on Sunday, Sept. 28, 4-6 p.m.

"Most of us in Great Falls are fortunate to inhabit an environment burgeoning with natural beauty and active wildlife. I observe the landscape and borrow the patterns and vitality of the abundant area at the edge of the woodland in these abstract landscape compositions," says Fleming.

She moved to the area 10 years ago with an ambition to create a large flower garden surrounding her home (designed by architect husband Bruce Hayes). After a couple of years spent continually battling deer to preserve the hostas and daylilies, she eventually relinquished control to nature who gradually revealed to the artist an intrinsic beauty of texture and pattern in the native species, trees and even the weeds.

Jo Fleming has also been selected to participate in the upcoming MPA Artfest, an outdoor art festival at McLean's Central Park, on Sunday, Oct. 5.

Grading Policy Reviewed

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Fairfax County Public Schools grading policies.

One McLean High School graduate speculates that his GPA would have been a 4.1 in Montgomery County, even though it was only a 3.4 in Fairfax. Had he received above a 4.0 GPA, the student would have been considered one of McLean's valedictorians and said he might have been looked at more favorably by

"If the number of A's given out increases by three times, then the value of the A goes down."

— **Andrew Flagel,**
dean of admissions,
George Mason University

colleges.

In addition to college admission, a student's GPA impacts whether they qualify for merit-based scholarships, college honors programs, collegiate sports programs and "good student" car insurance discounts.

According to FAIRGRADE, there is proof that Fairfax County students receive GPAs that are, on average, lower than their peers.

The organization's analysis shows that about 10 percent of Fairfax students have a GPA of 3.75 or higher. In other comparable school districts across the country, the share of students with a GPA of that caliber is closer to 20 or 30 percent, they said.

"Our kids will be reviewed against kids from Montgomery County. ... And our kids are competing with fewer A's," said Megan McLaughlin, a co-founder of FAIRGRADE, parent and Braddock community member. McLaughlin has also worked for admissions offices at Georgetown and Duke universities.

FAIRFAX COUNTY Public Schools agreed to review the impact of its grading policy in response to the agitation of FAIRGRADE and other county residents.

Pat Murphy, an assistant superintendent with the school system, said he expects to issue a report on Fairfax County's grading policies to Superintendent Jack Dale by late fall. The school system also held a "Grading Policy Round Table" — which more than 200 residents attended in the middle of a workday — Aug. 25. The round table featured college admission officers from the University of Maryland at College Park, George Mason University, University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins University.

Of those admissions officers who attended the forum, the reactions to FAIRGRADE's proposed changes to Fairfax's grading policies were mixed.

None of the admission officers thought the change from a six-point to a 10-point scale would hurt Fairfax County Public Schools reputation. But most had doubts that it would have much of a positive impact on how Fairfax County students would be viewed by college admissions officers.

"I couldn't care less if [an A means] 94 to

100 or 90 to 100," said Greg Roberts, the University of Virginia's senior associate dean of admission. Roberts has also worked in admissions at Emory or Georgetown universities.

Virginia reviews its undergraduate applications holistically and the admissions officer has a profile of the school district and individual school the student attends. They try to put the students' grades in context and not just judge by how high their GPA may be or how many A's they might have, said Roberts.

"We try and get an understanding of what the grade means in that school and in that class," he added.

IF FAIRFAX changed its grading policy and started awarding more A's, Roberts and the other three admissions officers said it would not result in more Fairfax students being accepted to their institutions.

"This is not going to be a silver bullet. Don't get too far out ahead as to how much this would change things," said Andrew Flagel, the dean of admissions at Mason.

Flagel added that, even if the grading policies changed, it is not clear that student grades would alter that drastically. Teachers have a lot of discretion when it comes to grades and could continue to give the same marks regardless of the policy change, he said.

Hopkins undergraduate admissions dean, John Latting, said moving toward awarding more A's could actually hurt higher achieving students. When more students receive A's, it is harder for colleges and universities to discern whom the very high achieving students are, he said.

"If the number of A's given out increases by three times, then the value of the A goes down," said Latting, who has also worked at the California Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

Latting added that certain regions of the country, such as California, are famous for grade inflation. Other areas, like New England, are known for having "depressed" grades.

He suggested the school system first look at increasing the GPA "weights" awarded for honors and AP/IB classes, so that those students injecting more "rigor" into their coursework are rewarded.

But all admissions officers acknowledged that Fairfax's grading policy probably drives down the amount of scholarship money students receive. Few national scholarship programs — such as those offered by large business organizations — "reconfigure" student GPAs to account for a tougher grading scale or "weighting" system the way a college admissions office would. Many simply have a GPA cut off that Fairfax students might be less likely to meet.

"There is more substantial argument on the scholarship side," said Flagel.

A few FAIRGRADE members also point out that Fairfax County's grading policies could put students at a disadvantage with colleges and universities outside of the region.

One panelist, Woodson PTA president Catherine Potter, said many schools farther away from Fairfax County are not familiar with the school district's reputation and do not account for its tougher grading policies.

"FCPS is not well known once you leave the mid-Atlantic area," she said.

During her son's college search last year, Potter said she discovered that some schools, including the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), do not account for "pluses" or "minuses" on grades, meaning that a B plus — or 93 percent in Fairfax County — would be looked at as a B.

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PEOPLE Building 'Global Village'

Four Great Falls fathers-and-sons teams experience Honduras.

In June of this year a Great Falls group consisting of four fathers-and-sons teams went to LeCeiba, Honduras to participate in the Habitat for Humanity's "Global Village Program." All but one of the young participants were Langley High School students. The group included:

Deren, Cameron and Van Pulley, Zachary and Ron Myers, Thomas and Tom Dee, all from Great Falls, as well as Steve and Robbie Shindler, former Great Falls residents now living in Connecticut.

The program provides opportunities for people of different cultures to live and work together in a spirit of partnership. Team members experience firsthand the burden of substandard housing and the impact on a family and community.

FOR A FULL WEEK the team labored, together with local masons, to build a new home for a 21-year-old couple and their 4-year-old son. The group describes the experience both challenging and rewarding: in the absence of this support — this young couple may have never been able to fulfill their dream of providing a safe home for their son Georgie.

"We learned a great deal about how fortunate we are and what many impoverished families of the world go through everyday. Thankfully, we could help at least one family and change their lives forever," said Zachary Myers.

"As hard as we worked to build this house, it was only a brief moment for us, but a lifetime for the family that will live there," said Robbie Shindler.

"Despite often complaining about Langley, I now realize how fortunate I am to live in a wealthy town and receive a quality education," said Thomas Dee.

"I would have to label this trip as life-changing. For one week this trip allowed us all to step away from our shaded lives in Great Falls; to take a step away from all the money, all the luxury, and the industrial jungle we live in, so that we could experience how so many people really live day to day," said Deren Pulley.

"On many occasions throughout the week, I realized that this was a different experience than I had ever had before. It was hard work, but very fulfilling," said Cameron Pulley.

BEYOND THE HOME BUILDING the team had an opportunity to see a local el-



Great Falls residents who participated in Global Village Program in Honduras are, from left, Steve Shindler, Deren and Van Pulley, Ron Myers, Tom and Thomas Dee, Cameron Pulley, Robbie Shindler and Zachary Myers.

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The Great Falls team labored, together with local masons, to build a new home for a young 21-year-old couple and their 4-year-old son.

ementary school where most children only receive up to a Grade 6 education. After this, many have to work to support their families. A local guide showed everyone a community feeding centre. In this particular centre, an individual from the United States provides \$500 every month, to feed 90 stu-

dents breakfast so they have the nourishment to be successful in school. One of the biggest lessons learned was that families learn to live on the equivalent of \$1 every day. The apprentice masons were making no more than \$8 a day for all their work — day after day.



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Cynthia de Lorenzi, founder of the Success in the City (right) — pictured with Laura Lee — will interview Robin Wilson, CEO of Robin Wilson Home on Sept. 10.

Journey to Success

Success In The City's founder Cynthia de Lorenzi will interview Robin Wilson, CEO of Robin Wilson Home on Sept. 10. Wilson will be visiting from New York City to be the featured guest at "CEO Chick Chat" to share her personal journey to success. Wilson, a design, home and lifestyle expert, has appeared on many TV shows and has been featured in several national publications. She focuses on eco-friendly living. Notable projects include the renovation of the Harlem office of President Clinton in 2004 and the 2008 Good Housekeeping LEED-certified show house.

The event runs from 7:30 to 10 a.m. and will be held simultaneously at the Tysons Corner and D.C. locations of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. Wilson will appear live at 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, D.C., and a video feed will be shown at 1650 Tysons Blvd. in McLean, 14th floor.

Cost: Success In The City members \$35; non-members \$45. Register in advance via the Events page of www.SuccessInTheCity.org or call 202-747-1782 x100. Fee includes continental breakfast.

Journey Across Seas Discussed

Veronica Li, a resident of Vienna, will speak on

"Journey across the Four Seas: A Chinese Woman's Search for Home." The book was transcribed from taped memories of the author's mother, who came from a traditional Chinese background. The mother, who died recently at the age of 90, represented the first generation of Chinese women

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Feder Attracts More 'Outside Contributors'

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tion of support inside Virginia 10th congressional district because most of the money is coming from somewhere else.

"Her campaign is being financed by people who don't live here and can't vote here," said Dan Scandling, Wolf's campaign manager.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Wolf collected 74 percent of his donations over \$200 inside the state of Virginia. Only 38 percent of Feder's donations over \$200 come from inside the state of Virginia, though Feder's campaign updated numbers show that Democrat collected at least 41 percent of her donations from the commonwealth, said McFarland.

The bulk of Feder's most lucrative fund-raising before the end of June also appears to be done outside the district. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, seven of Feder's top 10 fund-raising ZIP codes were outside Virginia's 10th congressional district. By contrast, only three of Wolf's top fund-raising ZIP codes were outside his district.

Keyserling said Feder's out-of-state fund-raising is not necessarily a good sign for the campaign.

"It is not the most encouraging sign in the world that she gets more money from outside the state than inside," he said.

Still, Democrats defended Feder, saying it is not unusual for a challenger to find financial support outside of the congressional district in which they are running.

Larger donors, such as local business interests, often back the incumbent because they are more likely to get elected again. Challengers typically have to rely on other networks to be able to compete, they said.

In the case of Feder, she appears to have relied heavily on her colleagues in higher education. The democrat is the former dean of the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute and has received several donations from people

connected to Georgetown, The George Washington, Columbia and Harvard universities, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

McFarland also said that when Wolf first took on a incumbent for the seat in 1980, he raised most of his money from outside Virginia.

"I have the Washington Post articles. His opponent in 1980 complained about Frank Wolf's money coming from outside the district," said McFarland.

REGARDLESS of the fund-raising numbers put up by either candidate, Loudoun County Republican Committee chairman Glen Caroline said he is confident Wolf will win the election.

Both Feder and Wolf faced primary opponents June 10 and almost twice as many people turned out to vote for Wolf — who earned 16,726 votes — as Feder and her Democratic opponent Mike Turner combined, said Caroline. Wolf also beat Feder by approximately 16 percentage points in the 2006 general election, according to the Virginia State Board of Elections.

"At the end of the day, dollar bills don't vote.

Loudoun Republicans vote and they are going to vote for Frank Wolf," said Caroline.

Contributions by ZIP Code

The Washington D.C. metropolitan area is traditionally one of the most lucrative regions of the country for federal campaign contributions. Here is where the people by ZIP code who are sending their donations. This financial information listed includes contributions made from January 2007 through June 2008 and is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, www.opensecrets.org.

Businesses and residents of Great Falls ZIP code, 22066, gave \$2.04 million to federal political campaigns, parties and political action committees. This is 55 times as much as the average American ZIP code.

22066 Top Contribution Recipients:

Hillary Clinton (D) – Presidential candidate	\$155,125
Barack Obama (D) – Presidential candidate	\$152,705
John McCain (R) – Presidential candidate	\$149,965
Mark Warner (D) – U.S. Senate candidate	\$146,377
Republican National Committee	\$145,620
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Candidates should give voters a chance to see them in action.

Voters in Northern Virginia will soon be choosing their congressman, a U.S. Senator and a president.

Voters in Northern Virginia don't vote a standard party line, they vote for the candidate they like regardless of party. But how will they get to know which candidates they like?

With the presidential race taking up the attention of many, voters need more than cable

television commercials and glossy direct mailers to find out more about each candidate. One key tradition involves live candidate debates, which voters can attend in person or watch on television (or YouTube).

Because our three congressional districts are relatively compact, voters should be able to see the candidates debate in person, as well as having the option to watch on video. (Some of these debates amount to little more than joint appearances, but still the candidates answer questions, and voters can learn much from watching this process.)

For statewide races, like the race for governor, voters need access to televised debates.

It's fair to say that all the candidates who

will appear on the ballot in Northern Virginia are articulate and confident, and are best served by letting voters know what their positions are on the issues. So why would any of them duck a debate?

Of course no one admits to ducking a debate. There is always a specific reason why one or the other debate won't work.

We urge the candidates to appear in public in multiple venues, with candidates for the House of Representatives scheduling multiple debates so that at least one is accessible to each locality.

And let's admit that we're living in the YouTube era, and let have every debate appear on television and with replays available.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers Needed For Election Day

To the Editor:

Thank you for your thorough coverage of voter registration requirements and voting rights ["Prepare to Vote in November," Connection, Aug. 27-Sept. 2, 2008]. The Connection is doing a great public service in helping to make sure every eligible citizen who wants to vote has the opportunity to do so. But there's one more thing voters can do to make sure this election runs smoothly: they can volunteer as election officers. Fairfax County needs hundreds of new election officers every year, and with new election machines and a presidential election that is attracting thousands of first-time voters, the need is especially great.

It is, admittedly, a long day. Workers arrive at the precincts at 5 a.m. to set up; polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., and then closing the polls takes another hour and a half. For this 15-plus hours, Fairfax County pays \$100. (You can do the math to figure out the hourly wage, but I don't recommend it.) People who can't manage the whole day, however, can team up with a friend or neighbor to split the shift, an option especially attractive to parents of young children.

What election workers get for all this effort is the enormous satisfaction of playing a critical role at the very heart of the democratic process. Greeting friends and neighbors who've taken the time to come vote, helping them through the process, and talking with people who are equally committed to the functioning of our

democracy, make for a powerful tonic to counteract the cynicism with which so many of us have come to view the American electoral process.

To volunteer, call the office of the Fairfax County Registrar at 703-324-4735 or go to the county web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov> and click on "Citizenship and voting."

Ivy Main

Policy Director
New Electoral Reform Alliance
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Who Does Our Congress Represent?

To the Editor:

Americans are suffering from a financial crisis brought about by the mortgage fiasco and oil prices. More than ever before, they need their money to help them overcome this crisis.

How does our Congress respond? By ignoring their constituents, and handing their hard-earned money to bad corporations. Corporations that duped innocent people into giving up their hard-earned savings for homes that they could not afford. Only when bad companies die, can good companies come in to fill the need. But our Congress, both Democrats and Republicans, got together, to give billions of our hard-earned money to these companies that have already taken the life savings of millions of Americans and destroyed their credit rating. Many Americans have been fooled once and now our Congress is forcing us to be fooled again.

As for the oil prices, our Demo-

crat led Congress went on vacation without doing anything while many Americans had to cancel or curtail their vacation plans. Sure a few Republicans tried to show support of Americans by crying foul, but where were they when the problem first arose a few years ago, when they had full control. When they could have done something but they chose not to. On top of that, candidates for both parties are already committed to raising our taxes next year, taxes that will put an additional strain on our stretched resources.

Our Congress is not interested in representing us or protecting our interests. They are just interested in grand standing and fighting for power between themselves. They would rather spend their time and energies in destroying each other rather than protecting our interests. It is said that we get the government that we deserve. Let us stand up together and show our government that we deserve better. Let our vote this November show them that we will not be trifled with, that we demand our rights, that we demand to be represented and have our interests protected and if they do not listen, we will fire them.

Neeraj Nigam

Candidate for U.S. Congress
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The event, to be held at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1 p.m. with a social hour at 12:30 p.m.,

is sponsored by NARFE Arlington Chapter and open to the public.

Sergeant Comes Home

Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Leonard C. Ward has returned to the 1st Battalion, 175th Infantry, Towson, Md., after being deployed to an overseas forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Ward is an infantry platoon sergeant with 25 years of military service. He is the son of Joyce B. Ward of Maddux Lane in McLean and brother of Maery B. Constantino of Golf View Drive in South Riding. The sergeant is a 1982 graduate of McLean High School.



PHOTO BY KEVIN DOHMEYER

Liza Mayman performing at Atlas Performing Arts Center on May 31.

Dancing at Kennedy Centre

Liza Mayman, a junior at Langley High School, will be performing with Tappers with Attitude (TWA) Youth Ensemble at the 8th Annual Metro DC Dance Awards at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theatre on Monday, Sept. 8. The Metro DC Dance Awards is an annual event celebrating the excellence of Metropolitan DC, Maryland, and Virginia's dance community. It showcases the diversity of D.C.'s finest with performances ranging from tango to tap to modern dance and gives distinction to artists in 13 categories. TWA is nominated in two categories this year — Outstanding Youth

Performance and Overall Production in a Small Venue. They won the award for Outstanding Youth Performance in 2007 and in 2004. Tappers with Attitude is made up of 25 dynamic dancers ranging in age 10 to 18, representing 24 schools in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. The company performs regionally, nationally, and on stages throughout the Washington metropolitan area and has appeared on local and national television.

Liza Mayman has been dancing for 10 years and has been performing with Tappers with Attitude for the past six years.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Locals Relish Convention Roles

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
FOR THE CONNECTION

Margo Horner of Arlington was inspired into a political career by her grandmother who was active in politics in Alabama.

Horner was involved in the Democratic club at her high school and as a teenager in the mid-60s, she traveled to Atlantic City, N.J. as part of a youth caravan for President Lyndon Johnson.

Her political activism reached new heights last week at the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Horner, who is the 8th Congressional District Chair of Virginia and a member of the steering Committee of the Virginia Democratic Party, made the trip for the four-day convention, Aug. 25-28 as part of the 101-member Virginia delegation that included members of Congress, state lawmakers, city council members, and others.

“Each convention event is like a great chapter in a book.”

— Margo Horner

“EACH CONVENTION EVENT is like a great chapter in a book about all of the great things that we’ve done,” said Horner. “You just keep going every night and it is constantly building on something and has absolutely been phenomenal.”

For many, the most emotional moment was the convention’s historic finale, when on the 45th anniversary of Reverend Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream Speech,” Sen. Barack Obama accepted the Democratic Party’s nomination for president, becoming the first African-American to become a major political party nominee.

Horner was among the more than 84,000 people who endured sweltering heat and



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

Many local delegates were among the 84,000 people packed into a Denver stadium to hear Barack Obama’s acceptance speech at the Democratic Convention, Aug. 28.

stood in long security lines for a chance to witness Obama’s historic acceptance speech at Denver’s Invesco Field.

The bleachers were packed with supporters waving American flags and lighting up the stadium with camera flashes.

Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille was in the standing room only crowd in the delegates section of the arena floor when Obama took the stage.

Euille, who was attending his third convention, said Obama’s acceptance speech “elevated Martin Luther King’s work to its



Horner



Rigby



Euille

highest and praised the fact that while we have attained a certain level of success there is still an awful long way to go.”

Hazel Rigby, a delegate from Alexandria who was attending her first convention, found the convention particularly impor-

tant.

“I was led into politics while I was a teacher at T.C. Williams High School,” said Rigby, who taught at the school for 30 years and was on the faculty during the school’s desegregation process. She is a precinct chair in Alexandria and was in charge of credentials for the delegation.

“I was overwhelmed by all of the action on the floor,” she said. “I’ve been involved in many campaigns. My father was a yellow dog democratic and he told me to be one, so I’ve always been a Democrat.”

“THIS IS A ONCE-in-a-lifetime event and I’m glad I’m here to be part of it,” said Euille. “I wouldn’t have missed it. Even if I weren’t a delegate, I would have found a way to be here in Denver.”

Horner who has attended conventions in the past as part of the Virginia delegation said that one of the key differences in this year’s convention and those of years past was the group’s proximity to the podium.

“Now we’re a battleground state,” she said. We haven’t been on the floor and close up in a long time. In the past, we’ve been in rafters or what you call the bloody-nose section.”

Each morning during the convention, the Virginia delegation held a breakfast at the delegation’s hotel, the Crown Plaza Denver Hotel. Each night there were social receptions. During the day, it was a mix of caucus events, meetings and party politics.

Outside of the state delegate events, Virginia leaders were featured throughout the week at national events.

The state Democratic Party produced and posted video of convention events. The videos are available on the front page of the party’s Web site, www.vademocrats.org.

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Candidates Decline Debates

Voters may have few opportunities to see how candidates match up side-by-side before the election Nov. 4.

U.S. Senate candidate Mark Warner (D) and Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) have turned down invitations to participate in upcoming televised debates sponsored by the nonpartisan League of Women Voters.

Eleventh district congressional candidate Keith Fimian said he is unaware of any scheduled debate between himself and his opponent, Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D).

Some candidates choose not to participate in a debate if they already have an advantage in the polls, according to Olga Hernandez, president of the Virginia League of Women Voters.

“Sometimes, when candidates are ahead, they perceive they have more to lose than to gain in a debate. So they decide not to participate. But we do not think that is good for voters,” said Hernandez. “I think the citizens of Virginia lose out.”

Warner’s campaign has said his busy schedule could not accommodate the League of Women Voters debate before the election. But Hernandez said the League of

Women Voters extended an invitation to both Warner and Republican Jim Gilmore within a week of the Republican convention last May, which confirmed Gilmore would be the Republican Party nominee for U.S. Senate.

“The scheduling matter is ridiculous. He knows he is high up in the polls and he wants to hide his positions and ride that wave to the U.S. Senate seat,” said Ana Gamonal, a spokesperson for Gilmore.

The debates which Warner and Wolf have agreed to might not be available to as wide of an audience as those organized by the League of Women Voters.

Warner and Gilmore squared off once before a private audience at The Homestead resort this summer. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce has scheduled the only other debate before the U.S. Senate election Nov. 4.

Though the chamber’s event is open to the public, it takes place in middle of a workday and people must pay a fee to attend, said Hernandez. The chamber has also reported that the event is sold out.

“We are putting in a request for C-SPAN [to cover the Fairfax Chamber debate],” said Gamonal, who added that Warner has declined to participate in several other televised appearances with Gilmore.

Wolf has agreed to participate in two debates with his

Democratic opponent Judy Feder. He said one will take place before the Prince William County Committee of 100. Another will be located in Loudoun County.

But Wolf – who represents McLean, Great Falls, Herndon, Centreville and Chantilly in Fairfax County – has turned down the opportunity to participate in a Fairfax County debate. The local chapter of the League of Women voters had initially scheduled an appearance between Wolf and Feder Sept. 8.

“They have sort of backed out. His staff had called and said they would not be participating,” said Luke McFarland, Feder’s campaign manager.

McFarland added the Wolf and Feder – who challenged Wolf in 2006 – had participated in a League of Women Voters debate two years ago.

Wolf said that Congress will be in session on Sept. 8, and he will have to be on Capitol Hill.

According to Fimian, he and Connolly have only made one joint appearance together. The two candidates talked to the residents of Greenspring Village, a Springfield retirement community, about four months ago, he said.

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Kathy Huff owns The Conscious Bean.

Eco-Chic Hangout

Conscious Bean offers sustainable products with atmosphere.

BY SUSANNA TISA
THE CONNECTION

Taking care of the planet gets top billing nowadays. It is not just about reducing emissions and waste, but also about how people take from the earth and what they put into their bodies. Kathy Huff of Conscious Bean is creating a new community gathering place in Great Falls, for those who care about good taste, a healthy environment, and sustainable production.

FOOD & DRINK

Conscious Bean Coffee House opened in June and offers a mix of coffees, teas and food products that support sustainable development. "We pay top dollar for the very best quality coffees and teas coming from direct farm relationships," said Huff. "Sustainability means more than just organic growing practices — it means that the welfare and values of everyone along the supply chain is respected. Farmers are paid

a fair wage, which sustains their families and culture."

HUFF HAS ENJOYED a 20-year career helping people start and grow successful businesses. The coffee house has been in various planning stages over the past four years. "I wanted to run my own business and have fun. My goal is to become a community center and create moments of connection for people while they experience a healthy way of being," said Huff.

Kelly Pilka, a Great Falls resident, serves up specialty drinks with a smile. Pilka enjoys the relaxed pace and nature of her clientele. "I grew up here in Great Falls and always end up coming back," she said. "I'm a student and Kathy is very helpful to me with balancing schoolwork and my job, so that I can complete my studies." Pilka currently attends Northern Virginia Community College and majors in psychology.

Sherri Johns is the buyer of Conscious Bean's coffees. She is head judge of the Specialty Coffee Industry's Cup of Excellence Program. Johns also teaches coffee at Le Cordon Bleu School in South America. She chooses from hundreds of samples and creates a roasting profile that brings out each coffee's taste feature, such as berry flavor or chocolate finish. Huff then roasts the

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THURSDAY /SEPT. 4

Author Gary Eeelbarger will sign his new book *The Great Comeback: How Abraham Lincoln Beat the Odds to Win the 1860 Republican Nomination*, at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble's Tyson's Corner Center store, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. email Diane.Lewis@cox.net

FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

An Evening with Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun. Rock/country/rockabilly. 8 p.m. \$20. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 6

Jody Marshall Ensemble. Local dulcimer teacher performs with folk group. 5-7 p.m. at Palladium Civic Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Call 703-288-9505.

Gardening with Butterflies. 10 a.m. Tour the Butterfly Garden with horticulturist Laurie Short as she describes its function and the reasons these plants are grown here. Participants will receive tips to increase the butterfly population visiting their properties. Reservations recommended; free. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Call 703-255-3631.

Grammy Winners Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer launch a Family Jamboree concert series at Jammin' Java. 5-7 p.m. The all-ages event includes a short concert with the duo plus kids and families who are making their own music, followed by a 45-minute jam session. Tickets are \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E. Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com

The Great Falls Lions Club will be holding their annual all-you-can-eat crab feast at the Great Falls Firehouse, from 1-5 p.m. In addition to unlimited crabs, hot dogs, corn on the cob, soft drinks, and iced tea are included in the price. Advance tickets are \$37 for adults and \$20 for children if mailed to Great Falls Lions Charities, PO Box 43, Great Falls VA 22066 and post marked by September 1. Tickets at the door are \$41 for adults and \$22 for children 12 and under.

Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m.-1p.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Jeffrey Sprowls, Esquire or David Levy, Esquire, Surovell, Markle, Isaacs & Levy, PLC. \$55 registration fee / \$45 members. A practicing attorney explains the rights and responsibilities of parties involved in separation and divorce. Learn how the legal process works in the Virginia courts and how to work with your lawyer. Support group available. To register visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.

Ultimate MC challenge. Hip hop. 9:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Toadally Cool Fall Froggin'. 10-11 a.m. Search for frogs and tadpoles, and learn about their life cycles. Suitable for age 3 and up with an adult. \$3 per child, \$2 per adult. Reservations required. Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. 703-8127-9407.

Turtle Talk. 1-2 p.m. Look for turtles; learn how they survive. Suitable for age 3 and up with an adult. \$3 per child, \$2 per adult. Reservations



The Jody Marshall Ensemble, a folk group headed by local hammered dulcimer teacher and performer Jody Marshall, appears on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Palladium Civic Green in McLean.

required. Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. 703-8127-9407.

American Cancer Society's Bowl with a Goal. Registration at 5:30 p.m.; event 6-8 p.m. BowlAmerica, 140 South Maple Ave., Falls Church. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Road to Recovery program, providing transportation for cancer patients to and from chemotherapy and radiation treatments. \$40, includes bowling, shoe rental, dinner, and soft drinks. Full lane reservations are available for \$240 per lane and each lane accommodates up to 6 people. Contact Marty Sullivan at msullivan@midatlanticbuilders.com or 301-231-0009 ext. 227. For more information about Road to Recovery, visit www.cancer.org.

SUNDAY /SEPT. 7

Difficult Run Jazz Band. 6:30 p.m. at the Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., at 6:30 p.m. Free of charge, sponsored by the Friends of the Town Green. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Early Fall Tour of the Potomac Valley Native Plant Collection. 2 p.m. See this remarkable native plant collection change with the seasons and learn about the life histories of the plants. Free. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Call 703-255-3631.

Matthew Ryan Vs the Silver State and Garrison Starr. Rock. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

From Opera to Broadway!, with Alex Ramirez and Michelle Schulman in concert. 4 p.m. Musical selections will range from opera to Broadway. Puccini, Gershwin, Rodgers and Hammerstein and more. Free; donations accepted. One of a series of concerts celebrating the 300th anniversary of the founding of the denomination, the concert will be in the sanctuary of the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd., Vienna. Call 703 281-4411 or visit www.oaktonbrethren.org.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 8

"Walter's Pond" book signing. 4 p.m. Author Bill Farrell will read and discuss his new children's book "Walter's Pond", the adventure of three brothers who get in trouble when they decide to go fishing in the wrong pond. Long-time Vienna resident Farrell draws on the outdoor exploits of his childhood as one of 11 children to create this entertaining tale about the importance of making good decisions. Age 5-9. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Free; registration required. Call 703-938-0405.

Job Loy Nichols. Soul/country. 8 p.m. \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Louis Bayard will read and sign "The Black Tower" at 7:30 p.m. Where: Borders Bailey's Crossroads. Call 703-998-0404. A tantalizing historical mystery about the fate of Louis-Charles, the lost son of Marie Antoinette and King Louis XVI. Published by William Morrow, to be released August 2008.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11 book signing. 7:30 p.m. Authors Patrick Creed and Rick Newman discuss their book *Firefight: Inside the Battle to Save the Pentagon on 9/11*. Books will be available for sale and signing. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free; call 703-324-8428.

The Laura Ratcliffe Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, meets at the Dolley Madison Library in McLean. The Chapter takes its name from Laura Ratcliffe, an acknowledged spy who lived in the Fryin Pan area of the county and provided military intelligence to General J.E.B. Stuart and Colonel John Singleton Mosby. Meetings are open to the public. Women with an ancestor who gave material aid are eligible for membership in the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Call Nancy Wigginton at 703-408-8019.

Mothers First is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children at home. Activities include parent and child morning meetings and field trips, mothers' nights out, and educational lectures. Meetings are at 10:15 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. Call 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.



Vienna resident and author Bill Farrell will read his new children's book, Walter's Pond, at the Patrick Henry Library on Monday, Sept. 8. Farrell will also do a presentation on Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Vienna Unitarian Church called 'Turning Your Life into a Story', for adults who want to write their life stories.

organization dedicated to supporting women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children at home. Activities include parent and child morning meetings and field trips, mothers' nights out, and educational lectures. Meetings are at 10:15 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 E. Maple Ave., Vienna. Call 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

Radney Foster. Country/blues. 8 p.m. \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Christopher Buckley will read and sign "Supreme Courtship" at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Bailey's Crossroads. Call 703-998-0404. In bestselling author Christopher Buckley's novel, the President of the United States, ticked off at the Senate for rejecting his nominees, decides to get even by nominating America's most popular TV judge to the Supreme Court.

Claude Moore Colonial Farm, Colonial Ceramics Workshop. 6-8 p.m. An interactive presentation on 18th century pottery. Learn the differences in the glazes, shapes and sizes of ceramics used in the 1700s. Reservations required. \$5; \$3 for Farm members and current volunteers. Workshops intended for adults and mature children. All workshops located in office area of Farm. For information on programs, events and membership visit www.1771.org. Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-442-7557.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

Needtobreathe with Andy Davis. Pop/rock. 7:30 p.m. \$12 in advance/\$15 at the door. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Family Fishing by Boat. 6-7:30 p.m. Follow the naturalist to hidden fishing spots for bass, sunfish and the occasional catfish. \$20 per boat; maximum three people per boat. Prepaid reservations required. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. 703-759-9018.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

The Town of Vienna's seventh annual "A Day to Remember" community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. will be held at 10 a.m. on the grounds of

the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Vienna. The public is invited to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism. "A Day to Remember" is sponsored by Vienna's American Legion Post 180 in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

9/11 Tribute will be held at the Great Falls Tavern Restaurant, 7-9:30 p.m. Great Falls Business and Professional Association will be supporting a 9/11 Tribute Benefiting the Army's 173rd Memorial and Homecoming. The community is invited to join in honoring those who have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan War.

My Favorite Highway, We Shot the Moon and Mercy Mercedes. Rock. 7 p.m. \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Fall FusionFest. 5:30-8 p.m. Meet tech executives, leaders and newsmakers. Beverages, snacks and prizes. Registration, Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. NVTC members \$55, non-members \$80. <http://www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo>.

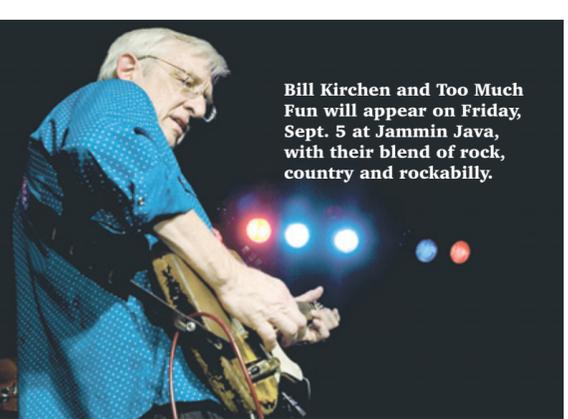
Bat Basics. 7-8:30 p.m. Learn about the importance of bats. \$5 per child; children 12 and up Reservations required. Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. 703-8127-9407.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

John Eddie. Rock. 9:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

Bluegrass music by Jimmy and Moondi. 6:30 p.m. Free; bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. The Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

September 12 is the registration deadline for an overnight trip to the casinos in Atlantic City Thursday, Oct. 9 and Friday, Oct. 10, sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. A charter bus will leave at 10:30 a.m. Thursday from the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., and return around 8 p.m. Friday. The cost per person for Town of Vienna residents is \$179 single occupancy, \$130 double occupancy, and \$121 triple occupancy. For out-of-town



Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun will appear on Friday, Sept. 5 at Jammin Java, with their blend of rock, country and rockabilly.

Great Falls School of Art Schedules Fall Classes

Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, Inc., known as "GFFFTA," announced classes and workshops for the fall, beginning the week of Sept. 22. The fall lineup of courses offers drawing, painting, jewelry-making and digital photography instruction taught in the new arts facility on Walker Road in Colvin Run. The classes include "Drawing, Simplified" and "Painting the Portrait in Oils," taught by Jill Banks, "The Eloquent Brush" taught by Tracie Griffith Tso, "Oil Painting from Photos You Love," with Adrienne Kralick, "Painting Flowers and Landscapes in Oil," by Yiyan Huff, and "Jewelry-Making: Five Easy Pieces," by Donna Barnako. Classes will run for eight weeks. There will also be three workshops taught by Heidi Mraz, "Intro to Digital Photography," "Photoshop Elements - The Basics," and "Photoshop Elements 6 - Beyond the Basics."

For more information on the classes and a registration form see the School Bulletin which can be obtained by email from: Jill Baker, Education Registrar, at jsnodelman@aol.com or (703) 759-1640. The classes will be held at the GFFFTA facility, 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, near Dante Ristorante in the Colvin Run commercial area of Great Falls. More information on each of the instructors can be obtained from their web sites listed in the Bulletin.

"Our goal is to build a top quality art school located right here in Great Falls," says Mollie Vardell, president of GFFFTA. Plans for Great Falls School of Art contemplate adding courses in a broad spectrum of artistic styles and media and to provide classes for both adults and children in fine and applied visual arts on an ongoing basis. Those expansion plans include locating an adequate teaching facility and raising funds to support the School. The School currently shares space with the Artists' Atelier, working studios for 14 artists.

GFFFTA was founded by the artists of Great Falls Studios, an organization of over 75 artists who live or work in Great Falls., Great Falls School of Art is a part of GFFFTA and was established in 2008.

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FOOD & DRINK

Health Served At Conscious Bean

FROM PAGE 11

coffee in small batches on-premises and sells it by the pound or by the cup.

TRACEABILITY is another important concept at Conscious Bean. “We can trace the origin of our coffee beans right down to the

worldwide.”

Sustainability and health are featured in other product offerings as well. Bakery products include gluten free breads and pastries homemade by a local private baker. Coffee cups and containers are fashioned from corn, cutlery from potato starch — fully biodegradable and compostable. For those who wish to purchase farm fresh produce, dairy, and meats, Conscious Bean is an Amish Farm drop-off site every other week on Wednesdays.

Pilka appreciates the other products she can offer along with coffee or tea. “Our Flavorganic Syrups are not sugary and don’t overpower the drink,” said Pilka. “We have raw honey, grown in Virginia, to put in our teas. Guittard Chocolate is only served in the finest restaurants and our customers can really taste the difference.”

RESIDENTS who have discov-

ered Conscious Bean can post their comments on Yelp.com. Huff is keen on incorporating feedback from customers into the products and events she offers. “We have had a lot of constructive suggestions that we have implemented, because this place is for our customers,” said Huff.

Sharon Rainey, founder of Neighbor’s International, goes to the Bean to meet friends and pursue her writing amid “the peace and quiet.” There are also several meet-up groups from Great Falls and beyond who congregate to

“We pay top dollar for the very best quality coffees and teas coming from direct farm relationships.”

— **Kathy Huff**



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Kelly Pilka enjoys living and working in Great Falls.

share values related to healthy lifestyle.

Local artists Christine Lashley and Jack Warden exhibit Great Falls landscapes at the Conscious Bean. Huff intends to keep a Great Falls theme and select artists and their works herself. “We’ve already sold a few paintings here and I haven’t even finished all the decorating yet,” she said. The bay window streams dappled sunlight onto red leather chairs arranged around a wall fountain, reflecting contemporary eco-chic design. Free Wi-fi is available for custom-

ers who want to work or play at this home away from home.

While not positioning itself as a restaurant, Conscious Bean does offer a variety of breakfast and lunch items that are all organic, locally-grown, and non-processed. “The food items are nutrient-dense, meaning that we select and test for high content of minerals, vitamins, and other important nutrients that are often lacking in our diets,” said Huff.

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Conscious Bean is open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.



McLean Community Center Meeting on Draft FY2010 Budget

(July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010)

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center

Public Hearing on Proposed FY2010 Budget

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center

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 proposed budget will be available at the Center and on the Center’s Web site beginning Sept. 15, 2008.



The McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean VA 22101
703-790-0123/TTY: 711

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309 Springvale Dr	\$1,850,000	Sun 1-4	Patrick Saltz	Saltz	703-569-1100

Falls Church

1724 Olney Rd	\$485,000	Sun 1-4	Arada Suwandee Grantz Weichert	Weichert	703-821-8300
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McLean

838 Alvermar Ridge Dr	\$3,531,000	Sun 2-4	Jeffrey Stein	Tranzon Fox	703-539-8111
1700 Forest Ln	\$1,150,000	Sun 1-4	Jane Price	Weichert	703-893-1500
1449 Laburnum St	\$1,385,000	Sun 3-5	David Lloyd	Weichert	703-527-3300
1630 Maddux Ln	\$949,999	Sun 1-4	Sandra Reavey	Weichert	703-821-8300
1730 North Albemarle St	\$850,000	Sun 1-4	David Ballard	Weichert	703-821-8300
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To add your Realtor represented Open House to these weekly listings, please contact
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be in the neighborhood of \$2,000. Then you have to install and hook them up. A 48-inch Wolf range and hood will set you back about \$15,000.

There is no simple answer to this question. It cost what you are willing to spend. Within that limit, you can spend wisely and make a house that is tailored to the way your family lives, or you can give your money to someone else.

A well-designed 5000 square foot new home will run between \$1,250,000 and \$1,750,000. Of course, you can always spend more.

WHY SUCH A LARGE SPREAD? Mostly finishes. Corian and granite counters are five to six times more expensive than plastic laminate. A top of the line stainless steel sink can cost five-times more than a builder's grade model. You can buy a white American Standard Cadet toilet for under \$200. A black one-piece designer toilet can run over \$1,500. Builder's grade cabinets might cost \$10,000 where custom-made cabinets in an exotic wood with good hinges and drawer slides can be two or even four times more.

What may seem like a simple decision can cost thousands of dollars. Choosing a gas cook top and double wall oven over a conventional range can cost more than \$7500. Here's why. A standard range costs about \$1,200. It fits into a 30-inch space between your base cabinets. After hooking up the gas and electric, your cost is about \$1,600. On the other hand, a down draft gas cook top and vent with remote motor runs about \$1,800. The 36-inch cabinet and counter it sits on will cost at least \$500. The double wall oven will run \$3,600 - \$5,500. The 33-inch wide tall cabinet it sits in will

HOW DO YOU SPEND your money wisely? A good architect may be able to rearrange your existing space and reduce the size of your addition. At \$300 per square foot, he doesn't have to save many square feet to make his or her fee a good investment.

Focus on quality. Your house should be closer to a jewel box than a barn. We are drawn to wonderful old houses because they have beautiful stair railings, well-crafted moldings, and finely tailored built-ins. They are what makes a house a home. Remember, a house is more than square footage. Fill it with daylight and beautiful materials. Let it express the way you live and who you are. Make it warm and comfortable. Surround yourself with the things you love and those you love. Then give yourself a place to get away from them from time to time.

Of course, all these things cost money. But like a Ferrari, the value of a Good House is not determined by its size. This doesn't mean you have to live in a small house. What it means is you should spend your money on what makes you feel good, on what makes it feel like home.

Next column:
Dreams Are Hard to Resist.
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HEALTH

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 mclean@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.

The Parkinson’s Foundation offers weekly support groups (previously located at the Providence Recreation Center) for patients and caregivers. They meet **every Tuesday** at 10 and 11 a.m., at the Lewinsville Senior Center, 1609 Great Falls St., McLean. Call 703-891-0821 if interested in joining or for more information.

Body and Soul fitness classes recently began. Contact instructor for more information on individual classes; visit www.bodyandsoul.org for more classes. New students receive 15 percent discount. At McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, McLean, on **Mondays and Fridays**, 9:45-11:15 a.m., free childcare, call Mary Ward at 703-754-3722.

At McLean Presbyterian Church, 1020 Balls Hill Road, McLean on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**, 12:30-1:15 p.m., strength training only, call Dana Elsnick at 703-847-9814.

The Alzheimer’s Association of

the National Capital Area is starting a new caregiver support group that will meet on the **second Monday** of each month at 1 p.m. at The Sylvestery, 1728 Kirby Road in McLean. The Sylvestery is Vinson Hall Retirement Community’s new assisted living residence for the care of people with memory impairments. Barbara Adams, M.S.W., will be the support group leader.

Multiple sclerosis support group. For anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their friends and family. 7 p.m. on the **second Wednesday** of every month at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. Sponsored by

the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Call 703-768-4841.

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 for more information:

Northern Virginia Stuttering Support Group, a support group for people who stutter meets the **third Tuesday** of the month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, at 7:30 p.m. Call 703-319-8382 or e-mail virginia.nsa@earthlink.net.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

School Board Regular Meeting. 8 p.m. Work Session/Forum Immediately following. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

School Board Work Sessions. 11 a.m. Gatehouse Administration Center I, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. 571-423-1000.

Northern Virginia Community College Board meeting. 4-6 p.m. in Room 144 at the Loudoun Campus, 1000 Harry Flood Byrd Highway in Sterling. The agenda is available at <http://www.nvcc.edu/pip/board/>.

Business & Professional Women (BPW) of Greater Fairfax kick off new season of monthly dinner meetings at 6:30 p.m., at la Madeline Bakery & Café in Tysons Corner, with Kristina Bouweiri, president and CEO of Reston Limousine. RSVP to SANDY Amato at smamato@comcast.net or 703-405-2631 by Sep 5.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

Great Falls Friends Sept. meeting, at 8 a.m. at the Great Falls Library. Light breakfast and speaker Doug Cobb. Call Candace Bouvee at 703-759-0375.

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.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

A Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) representative will be in Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust’s office once a month to offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start a business in Fairfax County, expand an existing business in the county, or learn about other business services. These sessions are scheduled for the third Wednesday of

every month at 2 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Contact Julie Ide at 703-356-0551 or visit http://www.fairfaxcountyyeda.org/services_and_resources.htm, or Jatinder Kaur at 703-790-0600 or jkaur@fceda.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

School Board Regular Meeting. 8 p.m. Work Session/Forum Immediately following. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools community dialogue sessions. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

*Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.
*Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

The Millennium Group International, LLC will host a forum from 7:30-10:30 a.m. on “Retooling to Claim the Strategic Advantage.” Registration required to attend; free. Continental breakfast will be served. Seating is limited. The Tower Club, 17th floor, 8000 Towers Crescent Dr, Vienna. Contact Jeff Rocha at jeffrocha@tmgi.net or 703-714-9549

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

School Board Program Review Committee. 4 p.m. Gatehouse Administration Center I, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. 571-423-1000.

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

School Board Regular Meeting. 8 p.m. Work Session/Forum Immediately following. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

MONDAY/OCT. 6

School Board Program Review Committee. 9 a.m. Work Sessions 11 a.m. Gatehouse Administration Center I, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. 571-423-1000.

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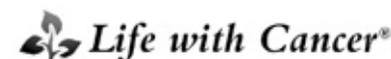
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FAITH

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Great Falls United Methodist Church Fall Sermon Series is called "40 Days of Purpose," beginning Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. and continuing each Sunday. The series will end Oct 26th. The series topics include:

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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

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SPORTS

Saxons Press Chargers to the Wire

In season opener, Chantilly holds off Saxons, 21-14.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Chantilly High football team took an early hit before regrouping and defeating a new-look Langley High squad, 21-14, in a week one, non-district contest played on Monday evening at Chantilly.

The Chargers, who two years ago reached the state AAA finals and last year went as far as the Northern Region Div. 6 title game, are undoubtedly going to be a force to be reckoned with again this autumn.

But against Langley, a team that has traditionally been a run-first, power running ball club under current coach John Howerton, Chantilly was going up against more than a worthy season-opener opponent.

Chantilly trailed early, 7-0, before scoring three straight touchdowns from the second through the third quarters to go ahead 21-7. The Saxons, members of the Liberty District, got within 21-14 early in the

final quarter. Then midway through the fourth, the Saxons began a possession at the Chantilly 47. Nine plays later, they faced a fourth-and-nine scenario at the Chantilly 24 with three minutes, 25 seconds left to play. But on the fourth down play, the Chargers' defense came through for a gang sack of Langley quarterback Danny Pritchett to hold off the threat.

The Saxons, still trailing by just the touchdown, would get one last chance on offense when they got the ball back again with 30 seconds left at their own 39. In three plays, Langley, in a hurry-up mode, moved the ball to the Chantilly 38 where it had a first down with 13 seconds left. But three incompletions, followed by a final play interception in the end zone, grabbed by Chantilly junior defensive back Kris Martin, clinched the win for the Chargers.

"We still had a shot," said Howerton, the Langley coach of his team's final quarter drives that could have resulted in game-tying touchdowns. "One big play and the game is tied up and we have the momentum. It was a good effort. I'm not unhappy with the way we played."

Chantilly coach Mike Lalli was sweating out the final few minutes of the ball game as Langley attempted to get the game-tying score.

"I was just thankful time was running out and happy we could hold them and make a couple of plays," he said.

Langley, an improved team that could prove to be powerhouse Stone Bridge High's top contender this season in the Liberty, will

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Langley running back David Helmer (21) carried the football 23 times for the Saxons on Monday.

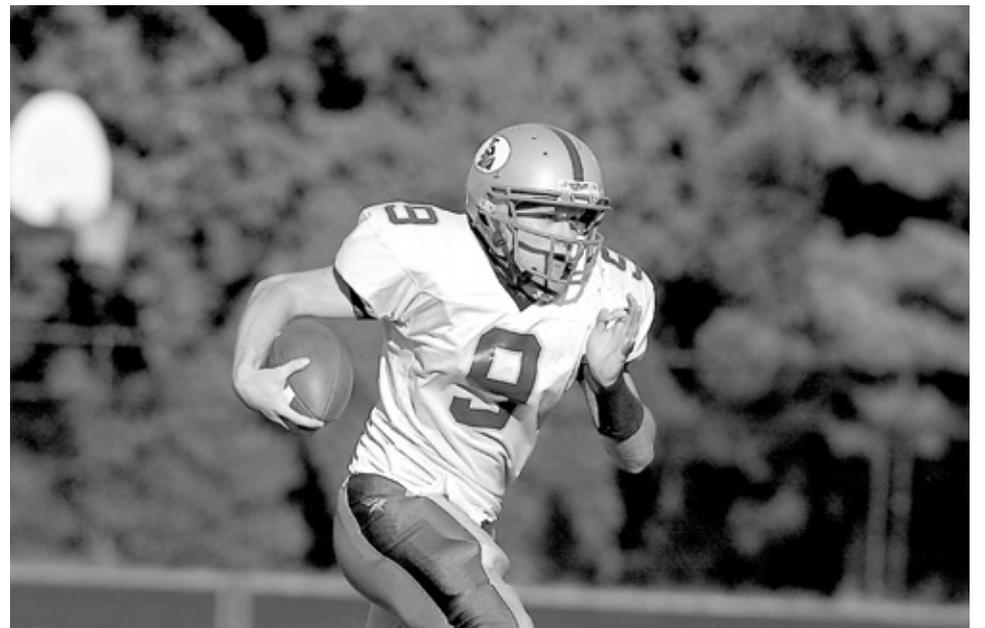
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Chris Sievers caught a touchdown against Chantilly.

be a more diverse offensive team, according to its coach. The Saxons, in the loss to Chantilly, displayed a good offensive mix as Pritchett, their senior signal caller, completed 12-of-27 passes for 115 yards and a touchdown, while their ground game, led by David Helmer's 80 yards, accumulated 129 total yards. Langley's leading receiver was senior Alex Devlin (6 catches, 63 yards).

"We are a more versatile group," said Howerton. "We're going to do a little bit of everything of offense, which wasn't the case in the past."



Danny Pritchett, the Saxons' QB, takes off with the ball. He ran for 40 yards in the game and passed for 115 yards.

CHANTILLY also displayed some offensive diversity. The Chargers had a huge game from senior standout running back Torrian Pace (119 yards and 2 TDs, on 17 carries). In all the Chargers rushed for 180 total yards.

"Their kid [Pace] runs hard," said Howerton. "We had him hit [at times] in the backfield. We have to do a better job bringing people down."

Through the air, meanwhile, Chantilly also had success behind senior QB Roger Strittmatter, who completed an efficient 8-of-13 passes for 107 yards with a touchdown. His scoring pass, a 37-yard post pat-

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hook-up to Mike Farris (4 catches, 62 yards), tied the game at 7-7 with 8:22 left in the second quarter.

Chantilly took the lead for good with 50 seconds left in the second quarter when Pace broke through a hole off the left side before fighting off would-be-tacklers to get into the end zone from seven yards out. With the touchdown, the Chargers went into the half ahead

14-7.

Chantilly then took the second half kick

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AREA ROUNDUP



The U-14 Great Falls Fire defeated Vienna in the Dulles National Soccer Tournament, Challenge Division finals on Aug. 24.

The Great Falls Fire, a U-14 WAGS team, won the Challenge Division of the Dulles National Soccer Tournament on August 24th. The Fire tied Loudoun 94G Red, and beat both Loudoun 94G Black and BAC Storm to advance to the championship game. The final match against the Vienna Youth Soccer Phoenix Pride team was decided by alternating kicks after overtime.

After being sidelined with an injury over the last 17 months, popular Northern Virginia boxer **Jimmy Lange** (28-3-2, 20 KOs) will return to action by headlining a live, professional boxing card on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Patriot Center in Fairfax. The event, produced by Ice Promotions and headed by Jackie "First Lady of Boxing" Kallen, marks the fighter's sixth appearance at this hometown venue.

Lange has fully recovered from surgery to a shoulder injury that occurred in the first round of his May 12, 2007 World Boxing Council (WBC) Continental America's 154-pound title fight against Fontaine Cabell. Due to his inability to box during the long layoff, Lange voluntarily relinquished his championship belt which is now held by Julio César Chávez Jr., oldest son of legendary three-time world champion Julio César Chávez, who won the title in an elimination bout on Feb. 9, 2008.

"I look forward to regaining the momentum from my last fight and continuing my quest to become a world champion," said Lange. "I feel physically stronger than ever, fully recovered from the surgery and ready to step back into the ring at the Patriot Center this fall."

Next month Lange heads down to Vero Beach, Fla. to begin his regular, six-week boxing training session with head trainer James "Buddy" McGirt in preparation for the November 1st fight.

Lange's opponent has not yet been secured for the fight card which will feature five to six additional bouts.

A native of Arlington and a Bishop O'Connell High School graduate, Lange has headlined all five professional boxing events at the Patriot Center on the George Mason University campus, including the sport's debut at the arena on Sept. 17, 2005. The junior middleweight drew national attention as a participant on the first season (2005) of the NBC boxing reality program, *The Contender*, and possesses an impressive 28-3-2 (20 KOs) record.

Ticket Information: Tickets for the Jimmy Lange fight at the Patriot Center on Nov. 1 are \$30, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$150, \$200, \$300 and \$500 (VIP Ringside), plus applicable service charges, are on sale now. Tickets are available through all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Patriot Center box office, online at www.ticketmaster.com or by phone charge at 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. Group tickets and sponsorship are available by calling 703-536-6060.

Great Falls Liverpool, a rising U-14 boys' travel soccer team, is holding tryouts for the upcoming Fall 2008 season. The team is composed of players from Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church, Great Falls, Herndon, McLean, Reston and Vienna. The team will be competing in the Old Dominion Soccer League as well as in various tournaments. The team is committed to player development and reaching a higher level of team play. All positions players, including keeper position, are welcome to try out. The team is trained/coached by Krisztian Mikoczi (Northern District ODP coach, assistant coach at Marymount University, and HP Soccer Coach). Tryouts are scheduled

for Aug. 19 and 21 at 6 p.m. at Nike Park's field No. 4 (corner of Route 7 and Utterback Store Road, Great Falls). Please contact team manager Nancy Cook at 571-296-1310 or cooknancy@msn.com. Or contact Phil Thiel at thiel.phil@gmail.com.

The 2008 Yorktown High varsity softball staff is hosting tryouts for its Northern Virginia Blaze Travel teams (www.novablaze.org). The team is composed of players from Alexandria, Arlington, Falls Church, Great Falls, Herndon, McLean, Reston and Vienna. Tryouts for a new 14U team and the existing 16U team will be held at McLean High School on Aug. 17 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. For questions

about the 14U team, contact Damian Rodriguez at 703-774-5361. The 16U contact is Eric Snyder at 703-926-6950.

George C. Marshall High School recently announced Joe McDonald as its new head baseball coach. McDonald was the head baseball coach at McLean High School from 2000 through 2005. He was named Liberty District Coach of the Year in 2004.

McLean Youth Soccer (MYS) is accepting late registrations for the Fall season on its league website at www.mcleansoccer.org for its recreation program for players ages 5 to 19. TOP Soccer, the program for children with special needs, welcomes new players too. The season will begin Sept. 8 and run through mid-November. For more information, contact the MYS Administrator at admin@mcleansoccer.org or call the MYS Office at 703-506-8068.

The Patriot Dive Club, which trains at George Mason University, recently won the AAU Diving Nationals. There were around 70 teams from all over the U.S. that competed. The head coach of the Patriot Dive Club team is Roland McDonald. Gold medal performances were turned in by Bryan Bahr, Cory Bowersox, Ian Bryce Shelton and Briggy Imbriglia. Other top divers included Lisa Faulkner, Kelly Stockton, Hailey Fisher and Andrea Sawchuk. All of the team's divers are from the Northern Virginia/Fairfax County Area.

Correction: The picture on page 12 of last week's Vienna Connection newspaper was of Oakton head football coach Joe Thompson, not Langley coach John Howerton.

Saxons See 'Good Season' Ahead

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off and marched 49 yards in nine plays to score another touchdown, the score coming on a Pace counter run from 20 yards out.

Martin got the Chargers in great field position for the opening third quarter drive by returning the second half kickoff all the way to the Langley 49.

Langley, after Pace's TD run had made it 21-7, put together its best offensive possession of the game, one that took up nearly 12 minutes of the clock. The 18-play, 67-yard drive concluded when, on a fourth-and-three from just inside the Chantilly four, Pritchett,

moving right in the pocket, threw a scoring pass to senior tightend Chris Sievers, who caught the ball in traffic in the right side of the end zone.

"Danny found a little seam in there, a little opening," said Sievers, of the touchdown play. "There were guys all around. He threw it. I was fortunate and brought it down."

Following Farhan Khan's extra point kick, Langley was within 21-14 with 10:23 left to play in the game. And that is how the score remained, despite Langley's late game scoring threats later in the fourth quarter.

IT WAS NOT a particularly crisp game as both teams committed numerous penalties (Chantilly eight for 75 yards, Langley six for 45). Lalli, whose team lost two fumbles, said the Chargers need to clean up their play.

"We had way too many penalties," said Lalli. "It's one of those wins where you're thankful you won, but upset because you didn't perform as well." The coach, a former Notre Dame football player, was pleased with his team's ability to move the football.

"With us, running is always the key," said Lalli. "For the most part, we were efficient with our passing. We dropped two deep balls that should have been touchdowns."

Lalli said Langley's offense, led by Pritchett, was impressive.

"Their quarterback is pretty good because he can run," said Lalli. "He's one of the best dual threats in the region. Their [offensive] line is really good. They really pounded us, especially on that third quarter drive."

Sievers, Langley's tightend, liked the way his teammates played in giving the Chargers a scare.

"We played until the end of the game," said Sievers. "We have a group of guys willing to play hard the whole game. We have a lot of returning starters and a veteran group. If we continue to play like we did tonight and work hard. I have a feeling we'll have a very good season. This is a different Langley team than in the past. We played one of the better teams and they only beat us by a touchdown." Chantilly will play at Washington-Lee in Arlington this Saturday night at 7. Langley will travel to Jefferson for a Friday night game.

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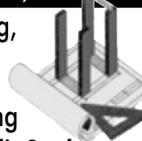
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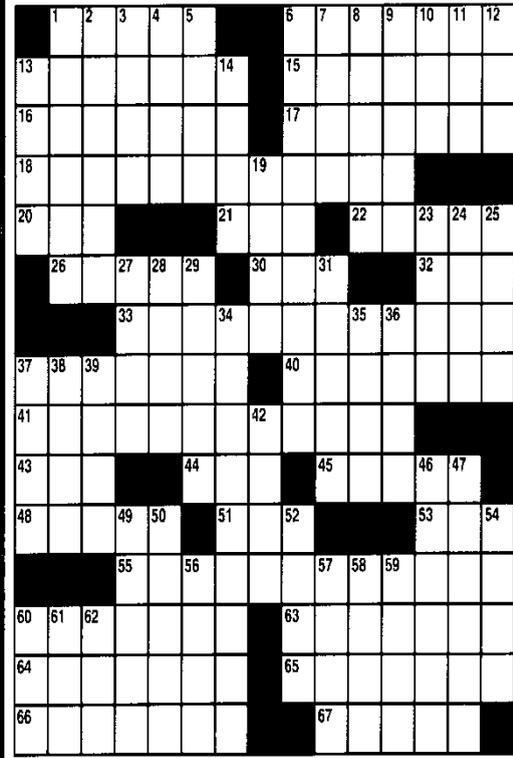
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- 1 Sat tight
 - 6 Boaters' relatives
 - 13 Excites
 - 15 Gymnast's need
 - 16 Matthew, for one
 - 17 Disarmed
 - 18 Nintendo arcade game of the 80's
 - 20 Cold war proj.
 - 21 Medevac destinations, briefly
 - 22 Yoga posture
 - 26 Token of victory
 - 30 When doubled, a dance
 - 32 Pro —
 - 33 Places where customs are important
 - 37 Roosevelt Island's locale
 - 40 Pennsylvania resort area
 - 41 Photographic technique
 - 43 Helm heading
 - 44 Bow wood
 - 45 Robust
 - 48 Depicts unfairly
 - 51 The Eagle, e.g.
 - 53 Like a Burnian mouse
- DOWN**
- 55 Poor Yorick was a fellow of this, said Hamlet
 - 60 "The Thorn Birds" novelist McCullough
 - 63 Flippant response to a rebuke
 - 64 Not dead
 - 65 Ballade's trio
 - 66 New shoots
 - 67 1967 Chemistry Nobelist
 - 23 Abbr. that often precedes a colon
 - 24 Agrippina's slayer
 - 25 Tan and others
 - 27 Vaulted room
 - 28 Word before face or heart
 - 29 Head honcho
 - 31 In conflict with, with "of"
 - 34 Relatives of rulers
 - 35 Almond
 - 36 Denials
 - 37 Triptik abbrs.
 - 38 Berkshire response
 - 39 Jolly Roger crewman
 - 42 Meany of literature
 - 46 Be plucky?
 - 47 Hardly the assertive type
 - 49 Buck Rogers's ladylove — Deering
 - 50 Dishonest sort
 - 52 Hit alternative
 - 54 They end in Septembre
 - 56 Bash
 - 57 — bag
 - 58 Lou's "La Bamba" co-star
 - 59 Analytic psychology founder
 - 60 Lincoln, e.g.
 - 61 Day —
 - 62 Smashed

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Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 1:30 a.m.

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

Lot 12, Ed Peete Company's 18 West Subdivision as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3751 at page 57, as corrected in Deed Book 3754 at page 1271, among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ronald J. Snejder and Edwin H. Aguilera, dated February 23, 2007, and recorded March 6, 2007, in Deed Book 4075 at page 782 among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Arlington County, at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, on

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