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Burke Conservancy works overtime to prep for annual Burke Festival.

Raised from the depths of the woods, the Burke Festival is a celebration of the outdoors. The festival is a multi-day event that features a variety of activities, including hiking, fishing, and horseback riding. The festival is held at the Burke Mountain State Park, which is a beautiful area with many scenic views and trails. The festival is a great way to spend a day in nature and enjoy the outdoors.



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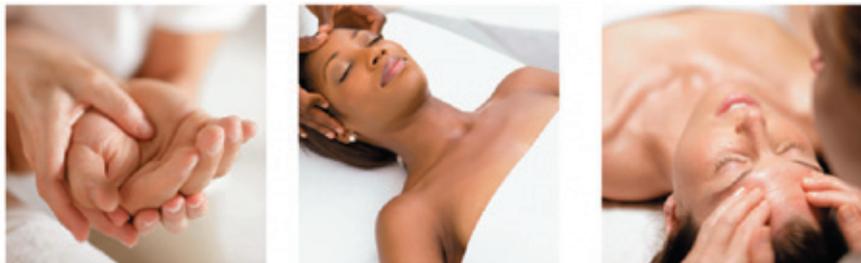
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Dr. Nagle will provide daytime, evening and Saturday hours. He will also be a participating dentist for *Delta Dental* and *United Concordia*. We are excited to have Dr. Nagle with us and are confident that he will have a bright future with our office.

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No Day for Sorrow

St. Mary of Sorrows parish kicks off 150th anniversary with picnic.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Parishioners of St. Mary of Sorrows Church in Fairfax Station have thrown their fair share of Labor Day Picnics. One hundred and thirty-three to be exact, counting the one that took place on Monday, Sept. 1 at the old church grounds on Ox Road.

“We’re trying to draw a line between the past, present and future. [The kids] are just having a ball.”

— Therese Ryan

This year’s picnic not only mark the 150th anniversary of the church’s operation, it will also serve as the kickoff point for a year-long string of regular events designed to recognize and commemorate the church’s rich history.

Friendly weather mixed with the historic anniversary helped to boost the turnout to approximately 4,000 to 5,000 people, as lines of parked cars snaked down the roads in all directions.

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Two members of Pete Buckley’s cooking crew stand watch over a cooking pit stacked with chicken. The roughly 50 volunteers manning the pits cooked almost 2,000 chicken halves in order to feed the nearly 5,000 picnickers at 133rd annual Labor Day Picnic on Monday.

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Students Grab Backpacks for New Year

Schools open doors Tuesday, welcoming students for 2008-09 school year.

BY ESTHER PAK & CIARA RICHARDS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County students returned to their classrooms Tuesday, Sept. 2, signaling the end of summer and the beginning of the 2008-09 school year. The following is a summary of the changes that were waiting for students at each of the schools that the Laurel Hill/Fairfax Station/Clifton Connection covers.

Clifton Elementary

7010 Clifton Road
Clifton, VA 20124
703-988-8000
Enrollment: 370
Principal: Arthur Polton
Arthur.Polton@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/CliftonES

Back to School Night: Kindergarten (a.m.), Grades 1-3, Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.; Kindergarten (p.m.), Grades 4-6, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.;

Clifton Elementary School will continue its community outreach programs as well as its role in the Responsive Classroom study. It will also be improving its writing program. Principal Arthur Polton described via e-mail that the school is planning on implementing celebrations for each grade: “Bread Day” for first grade, “Creepy Crawly Day” for second grade, “Chinese Celebration” for third grade, “Virginia Day” for fourth grade, “Medieval Day” for fifth grade and “Western Day” for sixth grade. The school will also have events like STAMP

(Science Technology and Math Processes) in the fall, “Artists and Authors” in the spring, and its fourth annual Innovation and Invention Fair in February 2009.

Polton expects about 370 students on the first day of school and several new staff appointments have taken place, including a new kindergarten teacher, a kindergarten instructional assistant, a new school counselor, a new fifth grade teacher and a new school-based technology specialist.

Fairview Elementary

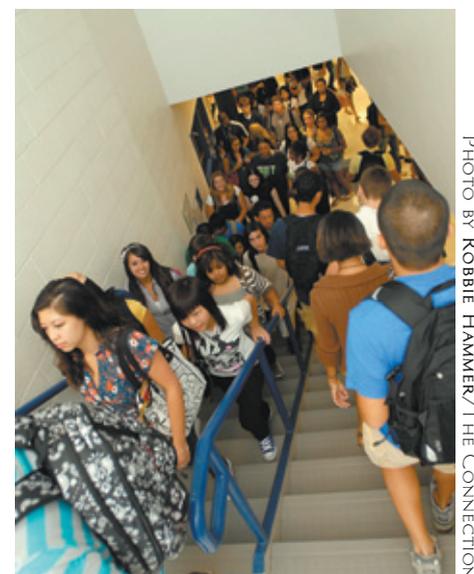
5815 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-503-3700
Enrollment: 585

Principal: Easter Lancaster
Easter.Lancaster@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/FairviewES

Back-to-School Night: K-6, Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.

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South County students head to their first classes of the morning after the first bell on Tuesday morning. Tuesday marked the first day of the new school year for most Fairfax County school’s.

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Panel on 2007 Shootings

The Democratic Women of Clifton are hosting a panel discussion focusing on the April 2007 Virginia Tech shootings. Titled "Women to Women: Virginia Tech and its Aftermath from a Mother's Perspective", the panel will be Sunday, Sept. 14, 3-5 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall located at 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. The Democratic Women of Clifton are inviting all Democratic women and their guests to attend.

The following guests will appear on the panel: Carroll Ann Ellis, member of the Virginia Tech panel and director of the Fairfax County Police Department's Victim Services Division; Martina Leinz, Virginia State president of the Million Mom March; Lily Habtu, Virginia Tech survivor and member, Students for Gun Free Schools (SGFS); Mona Samaha, mother of Virginia Tech shooting victim Reema Samaha and co-founder of the Angel Fund; Celeste Peterson, mother of Virginia Tech shooting victim Erin Peterson; Lori Haas, mother of Emily Haas, survivor of the Virginia Tech shootings.

For more, e-mail cliftonwomendems@aol.com or call 703-830-1355.

Candidates Decline To Debate

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.



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Congressional candidate Keith Fimian discusses energy policy with Mike Thieman at St. Mary of Sorrows Church Labor Day picnic.

Candidate on Energy

Keith Fimian wants to make sure government doesn't block innovation.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Like many people, Mike Thieman is concerned about the rising costs of heating his house as winter and fall arrives. But the Fairfax resident thought he had found a solution.

Thieman, who lives just outside the City of Fairfax, wanted to install a geothermal heating and cooling system on his property. With the geothermal system, Thieman and his family would be using about 40 percent of the energy that they currently use, he said.

"If I am using 60 percent less energy, it means the local plants have more capacity," he said.

But Thieman ran into some problems when it came to permits for a geothermal system. No one in the government seemed to know what type of permit he would need, he said.

"It was very frustrating. I just kept getting passed from one person to another in Fairfax County government services," said Thieman.

Thieman, a federal government employee, said it would be nice to have less bureaucracy to deal with on such matters. Laws could be easily streamlined to make processes, like acquiring permits, much easier, he said.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATE Keith Fimian agreed with Thieman, when they chatted with at the St. Mary of Sorrows Church Labor Day picnic Sept. 2.

Fimian, a Republican, is running to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) in Virginia's 11th Congressional District. The candidate faces Democratic

opponent and Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly in an election for the open seat Nov. 4.

Fimian said rising energy costs is "one of the issues that most animates residents," He understands why because the candidate has his own concerns about his personal energy and gas bills.

Fimian recently installed ceiling fans in his home to cut down on air conditioning costs. He is also driving an old 1990 Volvo station wagon more than his Denali truck because the Volvo gets far better gas mileage.

But the Republican has faith that innovation and progress could eventually alleviate the current energy crisis in the United States.

"There are wonderful things coming. Really, you can't believe what is coming. Twenty years from now, solar will be the wave of the future," said Fimian to a potential voter on Labor Day.

"There are wonderful things coming."
— Keith Fimian

FIMIAN said he has read about nanotechnology that could eventually make a normal-looking roof or window into a solar panel.

The candidate does not doubt it could happen. Fimian's own business, U.S. Inspect, holds several U.S. patents. He also points out that most people own a mobile phone that is a 1,000 times smaller and more powerful than the computers developed 40 years ago.

"In 20 years, we will be able to power everything with solar. If we are smart, the U.S. will lead the charge [in this type of innovation,]" he said.

But Fimian does worry about too much government interference. He said the government could stifle innovation by over-regulating the private industry that is attempting to access new sources of energy.

"A lot of men and women in Congress mean well. But if you have never run a company, it is very hard to know the impact these laws and regulations can have," said Fimian.

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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

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Fairview Elementary will be introducing the FLES program (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) to the first grade this year. The language will be conversational Chinese.

"Each year, another grade level will be added, so that by the time these students get to Robinson, they will have excellent preparation for the foreign language course offered there," wrote Principal Lancaster via e-mail to the Connection.

The school will also add a Preschool Autism Class to continue and enhance the autism program already available at Fairview.

Enrollment has been steady for many years, and the school anticipates around 585 students for the first day of school.

For the 2008-09 school year, Fairview will continue to maintain high expectations and achievement for all students. The new mobile HOT Lab (Higher Order Thinking) will be incorporated into the daily instruction to prepare students to be leaders.

To fulfill the third FCPS goal, Responsibility to the Community, Fairview Elementary will also continue to pursue opportunities for students to be involved in service learning. Students last year worked successfully with a Pay it Forward project to support a school in Mississippi still struggling from the Katrina disaster. The school will seek other opportunities to work together and learn to make a positive difference in the community.

Frost Middle School

4101 Pickett Road
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-426-5700

Enrollment: 1,060

Principal: Marti Jo Jackson
Marti.Jackson@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/

Back-to-School Night: Grade 7, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6:45 p.m.;
Grade 8, Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:45 p.m.

Early Closing: Oct. 15

Frost Middle School has implemented a new summer program to prepare students for the transition from elementary to middle school. Another new summer program focusing on math and literacy helped prepare rising eighth and ninth graders for the new school year.

The school remains dedicated to student engagement. "Our efforts will be directed toward ensuring that every child is engaged in his or her learning. Many of our staff members have been involved in professional development this summer, and most of our staff members dedicate some of their summer reading to professional growth," wrote Principal Marti Jackson via e-mail to the Connection.

Enrollment remains steady and the school anticipates approximately 1,060 students for the 2008-09 school year.

The school year will also begin with several new staff members. "I interviewed dozens of candidates to fill our instructional vacancies. I am delighted to have secured the very best teachers and instructional assistants to support our students," wrote Jackson.

Gunston Elementary School

10100 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079
703-541-3600

Enrollment: 620

Principal: Tonya Cox
Tonya.Cox@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/GunstonES

Back-To-School Nights: K-6, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Gunston Elementary School expects approximately 620 students on the first day of school. However, in previous years, the school has grown by about 40 students each year. No major physical changes have been made to the school and its facilities remain the same, however, some classrooms have been moved as a result of the growing number of students. Principal Tonya Cox wrote via e-mail that the Japanese FLES program which began in first grade last year will now be moved to second grade in this upcoming year.

Halley Elementary

8850 Cross Chase Circle
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

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Tuesdays, Sept 9-Dec 16, 11:00am-12:30pm **Encore Choir for Older Adults** - ages 55 or over

POTOMAC AT TRURO Truro Church, 10520 Main St, Fairfax, VA
Mondays, Sept 22-Dec 15, 6:00pm-7:00pm **Sing!** - Voice Class for High School students
Mondays, Sept 22-Dec 15, 7:00pm-8:00pm **Voice Class** - for adults 18 years and older

Thursdays, Sept 25-Dec 18, 10:00am-10:45am **Movers & Shakers** - Creative Movement for children 18 months-2 years and caregivers
Thursdays, Sept 25-Dec 18, 11:00-11:45 am **Let's Make Music** - Creative Movement and Music for children ages 3-5 and caregivers

POTOMAC AT ST. GEORGE'S St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA
Tuesdays, Sept 23-Dec 16, 4:15pm-5:00pm **Potomac Songbirds** - Music Exploration Class for grades 1 and 2

Tuesdays, Sept 23-Dec 16, 5:15pm-6:00pm **Potomac Pipers** - Music Exploration Class grades 3-5

Tuesdays, Sept 23-Dec 16, 6:30pm-7:30pm **So You Want to Compose?** - Music Composition for grades 9 - 12

POTOMAC AT MASON George Mason University, Performing Arts Building, Fairfax, VA
Thursdays, Sept 25-Dec 11, 7:15pm-8:30pm **Class Brass** - Brass Techniques for grades 5 - 8

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ecurtis@gmu.edu 703-993-9889 or 571-296-5880



PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Ellwood 'Woody' Witt, member of the Community Services Board.

BY ESTHER PAK
THE CONNECTION

On July 1, the City Council of Fairfax appointed Ellwood "Woody" Witt as the city's representative of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

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

Witt is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a Bachelor Science Industrial Engineering degree. He also holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from The American University. A retired U.S. Army officer, he is currently a management consultant with Witt Consulting Services LLC and The Middlesex Group LLC. He has been a City of Fairfax resident since 1972. He and his wife, Virginia C. Witt, have a son and a daughter.

How did you first get involved in the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board?

I provided testimony to the Fairfax County Board Supervisors and public comments to the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board (FACSB) as the vice chair of the Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board (FADSB) over the last year. Both board chairs attended the other board's meeting to jointly coordinate issues we had in common. When the vacancy came up in June 2008 for the City of Fairfax FACSB, I switched boards and am now serving a new three-year term on the FACSB.

What are some specific issues that you are passionate about?

Supporting individuals with any disabilities, so they can live full productive lives like all of us. I have a special interest in services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

How would you encourage other members of the community to get actively involved in serving the community?



Ellwood 'Woody' Witt

I am an unpaid volunteer, who has the time now to help our community. I would urge anyone so inclined to volunteer their services to help those most in need.

PROFILE What can the public do to contribute to the CSB cause?

Continue to support full funding for the many critical services the FACSB provides in our area.

Favorite aspect about being a part of CSB?

I am excited to start on board and will initially serve the Mental Health and Fiscal committees.

Any challenges?

Many challenges face us, particularly tight future budgets. Also, long waiting lists for clients needing Medicaid waivers (MR and DD) in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Previous or other current service/volunteer positions besides CSB?

I am a City of Fairfax Board member, Fairfax Area Disabilities Services Board (FA-DSB); 2004 to 2008. I served as the vice chair from 2007 to 2008. I was the FA-DSB representative to Fairfax County Public Schools Advisory Board for Students with Disabilities (ACSD) for the period 2007-08. I completed three years service as a member of the Fairfax Area Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC) from 2004 to 2007. Currently, I am serving on the board of the Autism Society of America, Northern Virginia Chapter (ASANV).

Hobbies?

Stamp collecting, golf.

Favorite local restaurant or hangout?

Pass on this one. The City of Fairfax is one of the best places I have ever lived in. We have many great places to dine or hang out.

VIEWPOINTS

In 2008, how important are political conventions?



"I think they're very important, especially when you have unknown candidates like Obama. I gives you a chance to get to know them."

James Rosson, Vienna



"Extremely important. It's a way to gain insight into the people by observing them. Also, you learn about the platform."

Patty Gresecke, Annandale

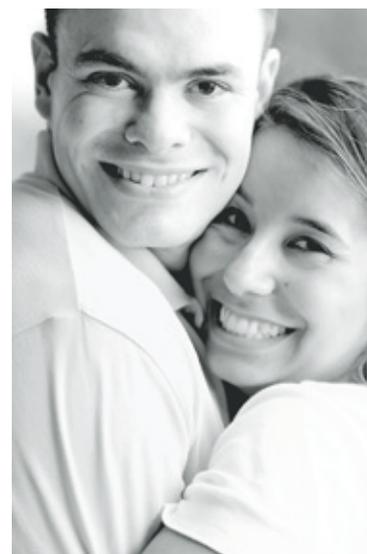


"I think they're very important."
Michele Levine, Fairfax



"I think it's very important."
Liz Bode, Clifton

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



Arce, Mahoney Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Jorge Arce of Centreville announce the engagement of their daughter, Maria Teresa Arce, to 1st Lt. Daniel Patrick Mahoney IV, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel Mahoney of Burke. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Robinson Secondary, a 2006 graduate of Boston University and is currently working toward her masters in social work from the University of Kansas. The groom is a 2002 graduate of Robinson

Secondary and a 2006 graduate of the United States Military Academy. Following the wedding, they will reside in Fort Carson, Colo.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Springfield Acres Garden Club meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. from September-May in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Presbyterian Church on Bath Street in Springfield. Contact membership chair Esther Wade at 703-451-5619.

The City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. See www.fairfaxcitydemocrats.com.

Legacy All Stars offers competitive cheerleading and dance teams, as well as non-competitive cheer and dance classes. Programs are offered for all ages and all experience levels. Visit www.allstarlegacy.com. 571-283-1001.

Burke Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. for breakfast at Brion's Grille across from George Mason University in the University Mall. Membership is by invitation, but visitors are welcome. 703-866-0507.

PEOPLE NOTES

PNC has named **Stephen Thormahlen** of Clifton to be managing director of wealth management. As the head of PNC Wealth Management for the region, Thormahlen will lead a 50-member team and oversee the growth of the company's wealth management services for high net worth individuals, families and businesses. Thormahlen joins PNC from Fiduciary Investment

Management International, where he served as president and chief executive officer for the last 16 years. Previously, he operated his own investment management company and worked as vice president and regional manager for Chase Manhattan Bank. He began his career with PNC's predecessor, Riggs National Bank, as a trust investment officer.

Thormahlen has a degree in political

science from the State University of New York at Fredonia and has completed graduate coursework in public administration at the American University. He serves on the executive committee, is chairman emeritus of the Fairfax County Parks Foundation, and is a past board member of the Corcoran Gallery of Art's Washington Project for the Arts and the International Art Galleries Association.

PEOPLE

Labor Day Car Show in Clifton a Success



Orfeo 'Chuck' Trombetta of Durwood, Md., with his 1960 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II won the 'Ladies Choice' award.

Three hundred entries help raise funds for Life With Cancer.

PHOTOS BY
STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW



Bob Woolwine of Manassas with his 1969 Dodge Charger won 'Best in Show.'

Specialty Awards

Best of Show, Bob and Fay Woolwine, 1969 Dodge Charger
Best Muscle, Anthony Andreatos, 1971 Plymouth Hemi Cuda
Best Truck, Tom and Bonnie Custer, 1937 International Truck
Best Antique, Cliff Green, 1940 Ford stationwagon
Best Custom, Steven and Sandi Gilbert, 1951 Chevy Styleline Deluxe
Ladies Choice, Chuck Trombetta, 1960 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud II



Ed Gibson of Fairfax Station with his 1964 Corvette Stingray Convertible.



Jim Tierney of Fairfax with his 1946 MG TC.



Paul Malandrino with his 1962 Triumph TR-3B.

Top 40 Awards

- 1 - Frank & Joann Davis, 1955 Chevy, 150 Handyman Wagon
- 2 - Bob Brown, 1957 Chevy Belair Conv.
- 3 - Keith Wilitite, 1932 Ford Boydster II
- 4 - Mike Kremposky, 1957 Ford Fairlane
- 5 - Bill Pembroke, 1941 Willys Coupe
- 6 - Barry Goodwin, 1969 Corvette L-88 Conv.
- 7 - John Thomas, 1955 Chevy
- 8 - Jason Flis, 1937 Ford Conv.
- 9 - David Holland, 1948 Ford Conv.
- 10 - Mike Perlberg, 1961 Jaguar Mark IX
- 11 - Keith Colton, 1956 Corvette
- 12 - Ed Rollins, 1957 Pontiac 2Dr Hardtop
- 13 - Buddy Morrisette, 1957 Chevy Corvette
- 14 - Vincent Heflin, 1936 Ford
- 15 - Donald Baller, 1973 Plymouth Duster
- 16 - Joe Mizer, 1967 Chevy Nova SS
- 17 - John Liebermann, 1955 Ford Conv.
- 18 - Kenny Rogers, 1968 Ford Shelby GT-500
- 19 - Bob Love, 1955 Chevy 210 Coupe
- 20 - Billy Marlow, 1946 Chevy Cabover Truck
- 21 - Gary Boswell, 1930 Ford 2Dr Sedan
- 22 - Dino Andreatos, 1970 Plymouth Superbird
- 23 - Jeff Foust, 1969 Chevy Z-28 Camaro
- 24 - Mike Hutchison, 1963 Chevy Nova II
- 25 - Keith Fogle, 1966 Pontiac GTO
- 26 - Bill Bohatel, 1967 Chevy Corvette
- 27 - Jackie Morrisette, 1957 Ford T-Bird
- 28 - Philip Porter, 1939 Chevy Coupe
- 29 - Jim Garner, 1932 Chevy Coupe
- 30 - Tony Smoot, 1932 Ford Roadster
- 31 - Bob Davis, 1972 Olds 442 W30
- 32 - Jerry Andreatos, 1967 Chevy Corvette
- 33 - Buddy Morrisette, 1936 Chevy Coupe
- 34 - Jerry Andreatos, 1967 Ford Shelby GT 500
- 35 - Bryan Bogle, 1955 Chevy Belair Nomad
- 36 - Steve & Sally Shifflett, 1940 Ford Coupe
- 37 - Lee Adkins, 1969 Chevy Camaro
- 38 - Jim & Nancy Powell, 1948 Ford Coupe
- 39 - James Sowers, 1969 Chevy Camaro
- 40 - David Sopko, 1934 Ford Coupe



Kenneth Rogers of Franconia shows his 1968 Shelby GT 500.



Joe Thorpe of Manassas with his 1955 Volkswagen Beetle.



Eddie Dent of Newport News with his 1934 Ford Coupe.



Mike Cortez of Centreville with his 1967 Camaro.

OPINION

Political Debates Are Important

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's have every debate appear on television and with replays available.

EDITORIAL

What's Life All About

To the Editor:

I am a Democrat because I value education. I believe that is one of the domestic programs Democrats fund heavily.

I was widowed in 1975. At the time, I was raising two sons. Luke was born in 1963 and Arnold was born in 1973. I had to make an important decision. Should I return to Connecticut where I had parents and siblings? Or, should I stay put in Fairfax County? I am an independent person. I had lived away from Connecticut before getting married. I didn't need to go back for emotional reasons. I made the decision to stay put.

My priorities were my children. They both had been tested with above average IQ's. How was I to educate them? I had no money. I was raised in a large family. My mother did not work, my father worked in a factory. There was no extra money to be had there. I had to weigh my options. The programs that Fairfax County had to offer for gifted children at that time were excellent. The programs in Connecticut were not as intense.

My son, Luke, stayed in the public schools he was attending. They gave him accelerated work and allowed me to take him out of school for plays and educational events. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School before it became technical. Luke has a few masters' degrees. He is currently getting another one in counseling. He wants to counsel addicts. He works his business online. I call him a professional student.

My son, Arnold, was admitted to the Fairfax County gifted and talented special schools. He was bused there everyday. It was out of the area where we lived. For

high school, he applied to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology as if he were applying to prep school. This was the same facility from which Luke graduated. He passed the test and was admitted. Even today he questions, "How did I get in there?" Well, Fairfax County had prepared him. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson and went on to the University of Virginia. He has degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. He owns his own business today.

I am forever grateful to Fairfax County for educating my children free of charge. I would not have been able to afford to pay for private schools. If they were not given the proper education, it would have been a waste of two good minds. So, there were bonuses for staying in Fairfax County. I met my current husband. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. I intentionally stayed single for 12 years while I was raising my children. I did not intend to marry again. When my husband talks about Fairfax County raising taxes I say, "Pay them, they educated my sons." Not only am I a Democrat, but I will vote for Barack Obama in November.

Louise Putnam
Fairfax

Connolly Is a Proven Leader

To the Editor:

I was dismayed to read the letter from Carolyn Needham ["Balancing the Books," Connection, Aug. 21-27, 2008] in which she placed blame for the county's financial problems at the feet of our county leaders. While I share her concern about the county's finan-

cial situation, I do not share her analysis of the causes of that situation or agree with her summation that "the Fairfax County leadership created a terrible deficit for its residents without a clear solution." In fact, Gerry Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have done a remarkably good job under trying circumstances.

Fairfax County has maintained a balanced budget and has not had a growing deficit as implied by Ms. Needham. This year, the county was faced with lower than expected revenues and increased demands for funds from county agencies. The revenue woes of the county are a direct result of the problems with our national economy and, specifically, the housing crisis that has resulted in falling property values. Reduced property values mean there is less revenue for the county. At the same time, inflation has caused the county's costs (especially for fuel) to rise beyond any reasonable forecast. Consequently, our county leaders face tough choices to keep the budget balanced. They must find ways to cut spending to stay within revenue estimates or they must find ways to increase those revenues. I wish our federal government could do that.

Our Board of Supervisors works very hard to manage this county. Under Gerry Connolly's leadership, Fairfax County has been named the best managed county of its size in the nation, is noted for having one of the best school systems in the country, is home to award-winning parks, and has begun a nationally-recognized Green County initiative.

Gerry Connolly deserves a promotion. We need him to take to the national level his expertise in running a successful government.

Nancy Simmons
Fairfax Station

Kory Backs Connolly

To the Editor:

I have represented Mason District on the Fairfax County School Board for nine years. During that time, I have had the opportunity to work closely with all of the members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the business community, education activists and environmentalists. I have had a chance to learn a lot about how different types of people get things done for the public good.

I want your readers to know that I support Gerry Connolly (D) to become our member of Congress representing the 11th Congressional District. From my work with him, I know that he understands the value of investing in education. He understands the great strength that comes with the diversity we have here. He has shown intelligence, persistence and courage as the head of the largest jurisdiction in Virginia. It has taken his strong leadership to make Fairfax County a national leader in smart environmental and energy policies (the "Cool County" program), to create the 1-penny fund to preserve affordable housing, to expand park land, reduce crime, lower taxes, and make Fairfax the best managed county in America.

We have not always agreed on every issue. But we have always agreed on the importance of open, honest and transparent government. Gerry Connolly has gotten things done here in Fairfax by combining a strong positive vision with smart hard work. I respect what he has done as our chairman. I am proud to live in Fairfax County, and I will be very proud to have Gerry Connolly as my congressman.

Kaye Kory
Falls Church

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LEISURE

All Hands On Deck

Burke Conservancy works overtime to prep for annual Burke Festival.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Residents from the Burke community and beyond can look forward to a weekend of games, rides, cotton candy and wine as the Burke Conservancy hosts its 31st annual fall festival Sept. 13-14.

The festival, which will take place at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, is expected to draw between from 5,000 to 10,000 people for the two-day event.

Patrick Gloyd, executive director of the Burke Centre Conservancy, said that returning festival goers can expect to see a setup similar to those in previous years with a few minor additions. Mainstay activities like amusement rides, moon bounces, face painting, live bands and a late night wine garden will be available to the public along with traditional festival food like funnel cakes and cotton candy.

Gloyd said the Conservancy was dedicating most of its resources to hammer out the logistics in the weeks preceding the massive event.

"It's all hands on deck in terms of the Conservancy staff," he said.

Six shuttle bus locations stationed along Burke Centre Parkway will provide free transportation to the event. The stops, all intersecting the parkway, are located at: Fairview Elementary School on Ox Road, Oaks Community Center on Oak Leather Drive, Landings Community Center on Cove Landing Road, Terra Centre School on Burke Centre Parkway, Ponds Community Center on Burke Pond Lane and Burke School on Burke Lake Road.

NEW TO THIS year's festival will be the addition of misting tents, pet care and recycling stations. Also new is the addition of a showmobile: a shaded, mobile stage provided by Fairfax County for the festival's lineup of live entertainment.

In previous years, said Nancy Sherman, administrator coordinator for the Conser-



A map of the festival grounds at 6060 Burke Centre Parkway.

vancy, the shows took place in a parking lot in the middle of a day. Performers faced the discomfort of the summer's sweltering sun mixed with the pavement's heat absorption. Conservancy officials said they did not think that will be an issue this year.

Businesses, both large and small, have donated money and provided various activities at the event itself. Cox Communications has set up a mobile theater unit to run cartoons, Great Harvest Bread will be selling pizza, Commonwealth AMG is sponsoring face painting and the Burke Community Church is sponsoring the pony rides. Some companies, like Creative Windows, have also donated funds for the festival. The Burke Racket and Swim club will have a booth next to the rock climbing wall. Sherman said the club would provide a service or activity, though it's unknown what they will have available this year.

"Last year they had body mass indexing," she said.

This year's wine garden has a new sponsor. Three Fox Vineyards will offer an assortment of wine and music, with local bands Never Too Late and Rough Draught scheduled to perform. The garden will open at 5 p.m. and continue until 9 p.m.. Wine will stop being served after 8 p.m.

"It's a great opportunity after hustle and bustle of a busy day for neighbors to gather," said Gloyd. "It's cooler, it's quieter, it's just a good respite for a busy day."

The festival costs around \$30,000 to stage each year. Tickets are only \$1 per person, and Gloyd said that after sponsors fees, gate receipts and proceeds come in, the Conservancy expects to make at least that money back.

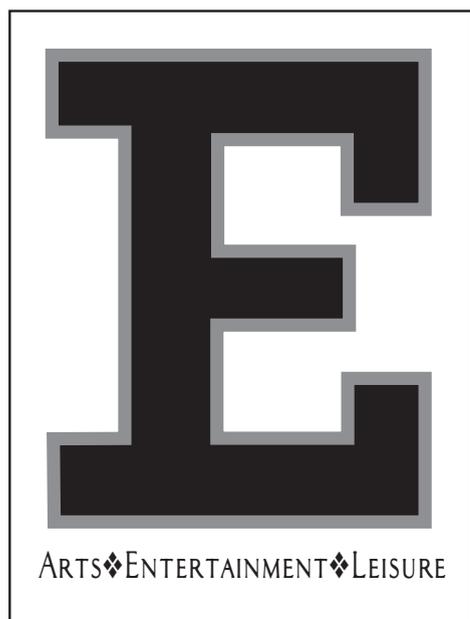
After this year's event is over, Gloyd said

his staff of over 200 employees and volunteers will rest briefly before they begin work on their next big event: The 2009 Burke Festival.

"Literally, after the last festival has been put away, work begins on next year's festival," he said.



Like last year, the 2008 Burke Centre Festival will offer games, rides, food, craft booths and a wine garden for people to enjoy.



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THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

Back-to-School Beauty. Hair care and hairstyle tips for teens. 4 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

Leukemia Cup Regatta. The National Capital Area Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society invites area sailors and power boaters to the Leukemia Cup Regatta. 12 p.m. The National Capital Area Chapter Honorary Skipper, Tyler DeMille, will be participating in the Regatta in his first experience outside his home since he was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia when he was 8 months old. One-Design and PHRF style boats welcome. Races will take place throughout the day. Spectator boats will be available to take people out, \$10 per person. Registration fees vary per boat. Old Dominion Boat Club, 1 King St., Alexandria. Call Loree Lipstein at 703-960-1100, or visit www.leukemicup.org/nca.

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring Lunch and come for stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

On the Go. 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities about things on the move. Age 15-35 months with adult. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6

Impaled with Phobia, Malignancy, Illogist, Maruta, Freehand Arson, Emesis. 6:15 p.m. All ages. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

Propagation Series: Seed Saving. 9:30-11 a.m. Learn the basics of seed saving, including seed harvest, drying, cleaning and storage. Venture into the gardens with Mary Frogale, propagation horticulturist, and collect seed to take home from unique annuals and perennials. \$22. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Family Fun: Monarch Magic. 2-3:30 p.m. Children 5 and up with accompanying adult explore the life cycle of monarch butterflies.

Make a caterpillar cage, add a milkweed snack, and adopt a tiny larva to take home to release in your own garden. \$10/project. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Canoeing. Learn the basic mechanics of canoeing with an emphasis on safety and enjoyment. 1-3 p.m. Then take to the water and experience the 55-acre lake, the wetland, streams and views of waterfowl and marsh life while paddling a canoe. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Canoes and life jackets are provided. Bring a water bottle and snack if

desired. The cost is \$12 per person. For reservations, call 703-569-0285. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road in Springfield. Visit <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Dog Days. 12-4 p.m. Participating parks include Bull Run Water Park in Centreville, Downpour Water Park at Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, Great Waves at Cameron Run Regional Park in Alexandria, Pirate's Cove at Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton and Upton Hill Regional Park in Arlington. Admission is \$5 per dog. Dog owners must fill out a liability waiver and dog must have a current license and rabies vaccination. For more information, including directions to any of the facilities, visit www.nvrpa.org.

Grandparents Day Cruise. 5-6 p.m. A cruise for grandparents, with an interpretive history of the surrounding area along the shoreline. Refreshments served. \$3.50 seniors, \$7 adults, \$4 children. Reservations required. Lake Accotink Park, 7550 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-569-0285.

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony following morning session of the Board of Supervisors' regular meeting, approximately 12 p.m., at the 9/11 Memorial Grove behind the Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The rain site for the ceremony will be the Government Center Forum. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2008/161.htm.

The Ashley Fister Cole Foundation sixth annual Driving for Surviving Melanoma Charity Golf Classic. 1 p.m. at Stonewall Golf Club on Lake Manassas, 15601 Turtle Point Drive, Gainesville. All net proceeds from this year's tournament will help fund the trial study programs of researcher Dr. Wen-Jen Hwu at the University of Texas' MD Anderson Cancer Center. Play golf with free range balls, a cart, greens fee, lunch, unlimited beverages on the course and dinner, \$175. Hole sponsors with signs and a special message on one of the tee boxes, \$200. Visit www.ashleyfistercolefoundation.org.
Fall Crafts. 3:30 p.m. After-school activities and crafts. Age

6-12. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. 7 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Go, Dinos, Go! 10:30 a.m. Stories and fun about dinosaurs. Age 24-35 months with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Practice Your English. 3 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

Book Chat. 4 p.m. Stop in to share current favorites or hear what other people are reading. Adults. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

Nature Quest: Bugs. 10-11 a.m. Collecting, identifying and releasing insects, spiders and other bugs. \$4 per child. Reservations required. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. 703-451-9588.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

What's New in Picture Books. 7 p.m. Learn about new books to use with preschoolers. Childcare certification available. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

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Practice Your English. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

All About Bugs! 7 p.m. Meet and learn about creepy crawlies. Age 6-12. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. The docent-led tours of our demonstration gardens are followed by a full English afternoon tea. Individuals and groups are welcome. \$25. Call Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Bugs, bugs, bugs! 10:30 a.m. Come for stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

Kix with ZO2, Baby Jayne, Gate 1, Rival Tribe. 7:30 p.m. Age 21+; \$27 in advance, \$30 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

Basic Gardening: Introduction to Ornamental Grasses. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Find out from Green Spring Master Gardeners how to select, plant and maintain the best ornamental grasses available. \$12. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring Lunch and come for stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive,

Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.
Royce Campbell, guitarist and singer with both the Roanoke and Richmond Symphonies. 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

17th Annual Rocks Inc. 5-Mile Run and 2-Mile Walk. 8:30 a.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. All entrants receive a T-shirt. The top three overall and age group male and female finishers as well as the top ROTC, Military Unit, and Corporate team finishers will be awarded trophies and medals. The Washington, DC Chapter of The Rocks, Inc. is a 501 (c)(19) non-profit organization comprised of officers of the U.S. Armed Forces, providing mentorship and scholarships for ROTC cadets and young military officers. Proceeds go toward cadet and outreach activities, and scholarships for college students aspiring to be U.S. military officers. Call 1-877-762-5732, visit www.therocksdc.org or e-mail info@therocksdc.org.

47th Annual Model Soldier Show. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Model soldiers, sci-fi/fantasy crafters, plastic models and over 100 vendors with figure kits, toy soldiers, Russian-painted figures, fantasy figures, plastic models, books, videos, music and military. Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Adults \$7, Children under 12 free. 703-938-6361 or www.geocities.com/nmcms/.

Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Launching from 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton.

Bamboo with P.I. 7 p.m. All ages; \$70. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

Designing with Perennials: Shape and Repose in the Garden. 9:30-11 a.m. Explore the principles of combining perennials and woody plants to bring out the best in your garden design. The class combines indoor presentations with outdoor explorations. \$18. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Propagation Series: Saving Your Treasures, Tender Perennials. 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn simple, successful propagation techniques from Green Spring horticulturist, Nancy Olney and take home some of our treasures! Your new talent will save you money in spring! \$22. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

Puppetopia presents a positive puppet show called You Can Do It! 11 a.m. All ages. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Celebrate Summer Chalk Art Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Transform the library's sidewalks into colorful chalk masterpieces. All supplies provided; weather permitting. All ages. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

Orienteering Workshop. 12-2 p.m. Celebrate National Orienteering Day. Courses available for all levels and ages. \$6 per person. Lake Accotink Park, 7550 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-569-0285.

Jazz guitarist Royce Campbell, in the main gallery building of the new Workhouse Arts Center. Listen to smooth jazz, get a sneak preview of the Workhouse's opening art exhibitions. Gallery exhibition

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preview 6 p.m., concert 7 p.m.
Workhouse Arts Center Gallery
Building, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-495-0001. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14

Freeze! Preserving fall harvest tea program. 1-3 p.m. Freezing is one of the easiest, most convenient methods of preserving foods. Learn about which fruits and vegetables can freeze, which methods work best, and what materials are needed. Program includes full English tea. \$25. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 15

"Summers with Lincoln" Book Signing. 7:30 p.m. Local author and West Springfield High history teacher James Percoco presents his third book, "Summers with Lincoln," as Richard Byrd Library unveils its new We the People bookshelf. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Free, adults; registration required, call 703-451-8055.

Sigh with Zimmers Hole, Unexpected Ecliptic, more. 6:15 p.m. All ages; \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

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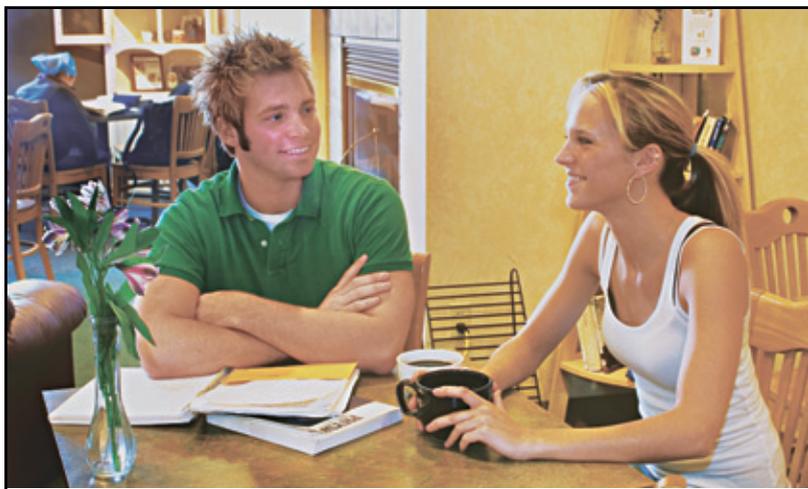
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Peek-a-Boo. 10:30 a.m. Playful songs and activities. Age 13-23 months with adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Welcome Fall. 10:30 Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

Small Wonders. 10:30 Stories, fingerplay and activities. Sage 13-23 months with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Book discussion. 7:15 p.m. Call for title. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Practice English. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Book discussion group. "The Gift of Asher Lev" by Chaim Potok. 7:30 p.m. Adults. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

One Stroke Painting, Floral Still Life Workshop. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn simple but elegant brush

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Ponderings: Tiptoe in the Swamp Ooze. 4-6 p.m. Explore the messy and misunderstood wetland. Wear shoes that can get dirty. \$6 per child. Suitable for ages 6-12. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. 703-451-9588.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

Back-to-school beauty: Skin. 4 p.m. Skin care, hygiene and make-up tips for teens. Age 13-18. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

Springfield Writer's Group. 7 p.m. Share your work, five and receive feedback. Adults. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

GMU Speaker Series: Jack Hadley Ph.D., senior health services researcher, speaks on "Uninsured in America: Costs, Consequences, and Possible Solutions," 6 p.m., at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Mason Hall, Room D3AB, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-1850 or visit <http://chpre.gmu.edu>.

Barry Nemett's Language of Landscape: Works From Italy. Reception, 4:30-6 p.m. George Mason University's Fine Arts Gallery, room B104, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Free; the gallery is open to the public on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and weekends by appointment. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Workhouse Arts Center Grand



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Opening. Ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.; guests to include Fairfax County dignitaries, community leaders, and arts administrators. Learn about the history of the former prison, visit artists' studios, purchase fine art and enjoy musical and theater performances. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Classical Concert with Pedja Muzijevic, concert pianist and

director of Music Programming at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, with French horn soloist Eric Ruske and violinist Jessica Lee. Reception 7 p.m., concert 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$20 for Workhouse members, \$25 for non-members. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-495-0001. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring Lunch and come for stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209

Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Monkey Business. 10:30 a.m. Have fun with favorite monkey friends. Age 3-5 with adults. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

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LPGA-USGA Girls Golf of

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PARENTING

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Mommy & Me. The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia offers Mommy & Me classes for children 3-months-old to 2-years-old. Circle time, singing, games, crafts, story time and more. Class locations include Fairfax and Springfield. Call Laurie Albert, JCCNV at 703-537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org. Visit www.jccnv.org.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Emergency Preparedness Clinics. The American Red Cross of the National Capital Area's Fairfax/Falls Church Office and the Fairfax County Citizen Corps Council sponsor monthly Emergency Preparedness Clinics. Participants will learn how to make a kit to help through the first 72 hours of a local or regional emergency. To host a clinic or attend one, contact Jesse Viles, community outreach coordinator at 703-805-2332 or e-mail vilesj@redcrossna.org.

COMPUTERS

Internet Training. Basic training for beginners who want to learn more about cataloging and the Internet at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults only. Call 703-644-7333 for an appointment.

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DANCE

Singles' Dance. Hearts in Motion School of Music & Dance hosts a Singles' Dance the third Friday of each month, 8 p.m.-midnight. Dances include cha cha, waltz, swing, hustle, El Paso, slow dances and line dances. Cost is \$12 (\$20 for couples). The school is located at 8600 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call Colleen at 703-437-1190.

Zumba Latin Aerobics classes are Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. \$60. Call 703-385-7858.

City of Fairfax offers Swing Performance Routine sessions each Tuesday from 8-9 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. For intermediate dancers. \$72. Call 703-385-7858.

MISCELLANEOUS

Colorful World, a small minority women-owned education consulting organization in Springfield providing diversity education consulting, training and resources, offers several classes at the center, 7001 Loisdale Road, Suite C-215, Springfield. Visit www.colorfulworld.com or call 703-778-9910.

Fall Pottery Classes. Susan Fox Hirschmann is currently enrolling beginner and intermediate adults for weekly classes. The class will include a variety of hand building techniques and learning to "throw" on the potter's wheel. Call for class schedule. Tuition \$355, including materials, all firings, glazes, clay and use of all studio tools, equipment & aprons. 4810 Tabard Place, Annandale. Call 703-978-1480 or visit www.silverhawk.com/ex99/hirschmann.

LANGUAGES

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

CALENDAR

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Grand Prize. 12:15 p.m. All ages; \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

Northern Virginia Senior

Olympics. \$10 for the first event; additional events \$1. The NVSO will run from Sept. 20-Oct. 2, for 50 year olds and up. Track and field events will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. A health fair will also be held on opening day, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Other events, beginning Monday, Sept. 22, will be held at various locations in Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. Registration deadline Sept. 5; registration forms are available at senior centers. Call 703-228-3600 ext. 9996 or visit www.nvaseniorolympics.com.

Children's Theatre Performances of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," based on the book by Judith Viorst. 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$12 for adults, \$10 for children. Festival of Arts and Art Under the Arches, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. www.Workhouse.org.

Hoppers. 10:30 a.m. Meet some critters that hop. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

Train Show. See N-Scale model trains running in the community room and caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. The Northern Virginia NTRAK model train club will host its monthly display from 1-4 p.m. \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. The museum is located at 11200

Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Call 703-425-9225.

Artisans United Art Swap. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Sell unwanted art supplies to other artists. Artisans United Gallery, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale. 703-941-0202

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Children's Theatre Performances of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," based on the book by Judith Viorst. 2:30 p.m. Tickets, \$12 for adults, \$10 for children. Festival of Arts and Fireworks on the Quad, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free performance by Mount Vernon Band and Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

George Mason University presents pianist Jeffrey Siegel. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$38, \$30, \$19. Children 12 and under, half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

Practice English. 7 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

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Fairview Elementary will be introducing the FLES program (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) to the first grade this year. The language will be conversational Chinese.

"Each year, another grade level will be added, so that by the time these students get to Robinson, they will have excellent preparation for the foreign language course offered there," wrote Principal Lancaster via e-mail to the Connection.

The school will also add a Preschool Autism Class to continue and enhance the autism program already available at Fairview.

Enrollment has been steady for many years, and the school anticipates around 585 students for the first day of school.

For the 2008-09 school year, Fairview will continue to maintain high expectations and achievement for all students. The new mobile HOT Lab (Higher Order Thinking) will be incorporated into the daily instruction to prepare students to be leaders.

To fulfill the third FCPS goal, Responsibility to the Community, Fairview Elementary will also continue to pursue opportunities for students to be involved in service learning. Students last year worked successfully with a Pay it Forward project to support a school in Mississippi still struggling from the Katrina disaster. The school will seek other opportunities to work together and learn to make a positive difference in the community.

Frost Middle School

4101 Pickett Road
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-426-5700

Enrollment: 1,060

Principal: Marti Jo Jackson
Marti.Jackson@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/FrostMS/

Back-to-School Night: Grade 7, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 6:45 p.m.;
Grade 8, Thursday, Sept. 4, 6:45 p.m.

Early Closing: Oct. 15

Frost Middle School has implemented a new summer program to prepare students for the transition from elementary to middle school. Another new summer program focusing on math and literacy helped prepare rising eighth and ninth graders for the new school year.

The school remains dedicated to student engagement. "Our efforts will be directed toward ensuring that every child is engaged in his or her learning. Many of our staff members have been involved in professional development this summer, and most of our staff members dedicate some of their summer reading to professional growth," wrote Principal Marti Jackson via e-mail to the Connection.

Enrollment remains steady and the school anticipates approximately 1,060 students for the 2008-09 school year.

The school year will also begin with several new staff members. "I interviewed dozens of candidates to fill our instructional vacancies. I am delighted to have secured the very best teachers and instructional assistants to support our students," wrote Jackson.

Gunston Elementary School

10100 Gunston Road
Lorton, VA 22079
703-541-3600

Enrollment: 620

Principal: Tonya Cox
Tonya.Cox@fcps.edu

Web site: www.fcps.edu/GunstonES

Back-To-School Nights: K-6, Wednesday, Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Gunston Elementary School expects approximately 620 students on the first day of school. However, in previous years, the school has grown by about 40 students each year. No major physical changes have been made to the school and its facilities remain the same, however, some classrooms have been moved as a result of the growing number of students. Principal Tonya Cox wrote via e-mail that the Japanese FLES program which began in first grade last year will now be moved to second grade in this upcoming year.

Halley Elementary

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Preparing for the Worst

Northern Virginia hospitals upgrade their disaster response systems.

By DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Planning for a disaster in Washington D.C. became a top priority after the Sept. 11 attacks. But those who focus only on the federal city when planning for a disaster are missing the point, Dr. Dan Hanfling said.

"The attack on the Pentagon was in Northern Virginia," Hanfling said. "Of the five anthrax cases, three were diagnosed in Northern Virginia. If you tease out the details of what happened, it wasn't Washington D.C. that was attacked. It was Northern Virginia."

Hanfling is director of emergency management and disaster medicine for Northern Virginia's Inova Hospitals. He is also involved with the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, a group that advocates for emergency preparedness in local hospitals.

The group was created by a coalition of 12 Northern Virginia hospitals shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. The hospitals pool their resources to plan for a major disaster, natural or non-natural, in the region.

"Northern Virginia has the Pentagon and a number of CIA facilities. ... We see ourselves as a target in and of itself," said Zachary Corrigan, executive director of the alliance.

It's this kind of coordinated effort, not just among hospitals but among cities, counties and states, that is crucial to preparing for a major catastrophic event, local emergency management officials said.

"If there's another major emergency like 9/11, it doesn't impact just one jurisdiction," Fairfax County spokesperson Brian Worthy said. "It had an impact on all the jurisdictions regionally. That's why the region is taking a very coordinated response."

EARLIER THIS MONTH, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security gave \$60 million to Washington-area jurisdictions for medical and law enforcement projects to detect and respond to terrorist attacks.

Almost \$4 million of that grant will go to area hospitals to increase their ability to handle large surges of patients. With this grant, local hospitals will be able to treat 300 critically injured patients with no external help for three days after a disaster. The grant will go towards purchasing surplus medical supplies and towards devis-



The emergency department at Inova Fairfax Hospital

ing a staffing plan in the event of a disaster. Corrigan said that making a plan to have enough doctors and nurses on call for a potential disaster is the most difficult part of disaster planning for hospitals.

Inova Fairfax Hospital has the biggest ER in Northern Virginia, said James Sides, disaster preparedness coordinator there. "We're using those funds regionally to fund burn and trauma training. One of our ongoing projects is to really create a capacity to deal with large-scale burn and trauma across the region. We all work together to really figure out what our needs are at each facility and then across the region."

"Being such a large hospital makes it easier [to plan for disasters]," Sides said. "We play a key role in the region. We would be one of the main facilities to receive patients especially since we're the only Level 1 Trauma center in Northern Virginia," meaning Fairfax Inova would receive the most serious trauma patients.

The grant will also go towards upgrading the region's ability to handle large numbers of burn victims, Corrigan said. Washington Hospital Center in the District has the only dedicated burn unit in the region.

"If we had hundreds of burn patients," he said, "non-burn centers will have to provide burn care for an extended time. We're going to be training clinicians who don't do burn care to do a level of burn care for three days."

"When it comes to burn and trauma, the first three days of care will really define what the patient's life looks like," he said. "Not only for the next week but for years."

THE HOMELAND Security money will also provide new software to allow emergency rooms to track the real-time location of ambulances from every hospital in the region. According to a DHS statement, ERs will be able to monitor the treatment capacities at every local hospital.

"If you have a major incident," Worthy said, "You'd probably need more than one hospital to respond so that would require coordination."

"If you look at any risk modeling with respect to WMD and pick your favorite corner in downtown D.C., all of the conventional wisdom suggests that the bad stuff goes north and east," Hanfling said. "The citizens of D.C. will be fleeing to Northern Virginia."

This means that Northern Virginia Hospitals, especially the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington and Inova Alexandria Hospital, will be the first responders to a major disaster in the area.

Currently, Inova Alexandria hospital has the ability to handle a surge of up to 127 patients over its normal capacity, according to Greg Brison, the director of emergency management at Inova Alexandria. "That's a third more than when we have a full house," Brison said. "We can do that in 30 minutes."

He also said that if Inova Alexandria's water supply is cut off, which happened during Hurricane Isabel in 2003, the hospital has fresh drinking water on site that will last for 24 hours. "We try to be self-sufficient so we don't have to contact FEMA," Brison said.

BRISON was at Inova Alexandria during the Sept. 11 attacks. After the Virginia Hospital Center, formerly known as Arlington Hospital, quickly filled up with victims, Inova Alexandria began to see a surge of patients.

"It was quiet here," he said. "There wasn't any panic. ... When the real thing happens and you've got professional people who are well-educated, it all just kicks into gear."

The attacks of Sept. 11 changed the way health officials in this area and throughout the country think about planning for emergencies. But Hanfling said that emergency planners are also learning from more recent disasters.

"Think about the Astrodome after Katrina or the Superdome during Katrina," he said. "There was no formal way of taking care of people there." As a result of Hurricane Katrina and its ensuing public health crisis, the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance is working with government officials to secure public space for medical care in the event of a large-scale disaster, Hanfling



Dr. Hanfling



Corrigan

Ice Storms and Other Challenges

Dr. John Sverha was at Virginia Hospital Center, then known as Arlington Hospital, when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred at the Pentagon. He said that he and his colleagues were able to handle the surge of victims effectively thanks to a well-rehearsed disaster plan and extra staff who came in that day to lend a hand.

But the situations that really challenge his ER are days with severe weather, Sverha, the head of the hospital's emergency medicine department, said. Earlier this year, an ice storm brought 90 patients into his ER within three to four hours.

"We were very busy, there were a lot of people scurrying around," he said. "An ice storm is something that is known to create an extremely busy emergency department, almost exponentially more than a snow storm. We always get on edge when we hear that there might be freezing rain. We really go into a different mode."

Disaster planning is important for any hospital. But the issues that most ERs deal with on a day-to-day basis don't involve catastrophic events.

Virginia Hospital Center's emergency room is often at capacity with patients spilling over into the waiting room, Sverha said. "Our goal is to have our waiting room empty as much as possible," he said.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital's Dr. Douglas Smith said that the biggest challenge for his ER is the changing nature of the medical business.

Because many patients who need emergency psychiatric care don't have insurance and can't pay their medical bills, ERs across the country have eliminated many of their beds for psychiatric patients, Smith, Inova Fair Oaks' chief of the emergency department, said.

"Psychiatric hospitals are closed because they don't pay," he said. "There just aren't enough psych beds so getting [patients] somewhere is challenging."

He also said that getting specialists to treat patients in an ER is difficult because many specialist doctors are in private practice. "Every time you see a laser center, that's an ophthalmologist that's not working in a hospital," Smith said. "That's the business of outpatient surgery."

The issues that Inova Fair Oaks faces are unique because of its suburban location, Smith said. "This is a higher-end hospital because of the community we're in," he said. "We don't have a lot of homeless or IV drug users."

Inova Alexandria Hospital faces these issues differently than its Fair Oaks counterpart, said Dr. Martin Brown, the chief of emergency medicine at the Alexandria hospital.

Brown said that getting a specialist to his ER is fairly easy because Inova Alexandria is such a large hospital. While it doesn't have its own psychiatric ward, Brown said that treating psychiatric patients is not too difficult because they can be easily transferred to a new psychiatric facility at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

According to Brown, the biggest challenge facing the Inova Alexandria ER is a lack of beds. "There are times when the hospital is crowded and patients who need to be upstairs are still waiting for a bed," he said. "We have a task force looking at that."

Brown also said that a new wing that is currently under construction will add more space to his ER, which currently treats 150 patients a day. This new part of the building is badly needed, Brown said, because "The demand for emergency services continues to increase."

said. Doctors and policy makers are beginning to have conversations about what level of care should be expected in these types of situations after several medical ethics scandals that emerged from Katrina.

"As doctors, we're on the front lines," Hanfling said. "We're put in the untenable situation of having to make real time decisions of life or death ... The medical community writ large needs to be on the same page with regards to how we're making those decisions."

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help from teachers or makeup work. It also allows for peer collaboration and tutoring among classmates. This year's goal is to continue plans for school improvement and encourage the success of all students.

Lake Braddock's renovations are completed and a new television production studio has been added to the facility, enabling the school to offer a broadcast journalism class. Additionally, a new electronic sign has been added to the front entrance to display announcements to the community.

Currently, enrollment is expected to be 2,544 students in the high school and 1,290 students in the middle school. The school usually adds between 30 and 40 new staff members each year. "Given the reputation of our school as a 'Newsweek Top 100' school and the quality of our instructional programs, there is no shortage of applicants for vacancies in our building," wrote Garber.

Lorton Station Elementary

9298 Lewis Chapel Road
Lorton, VA 22079
571-642-6000
Enrollment: 1,000
Principal: Susan Garrison
Susan.Garrison@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/LortonStationES
Back-to-School Night: K-3, Monday, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Tuesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.

This year, Lorton Station Elementary will be implementing a new program to offer support for struggling students during the school day. The school

hopes to improve achievement in math as well encourage student engagement in learning. "We continue to focus on student engagement and high expectations," wrote Principal Susan B. Garrison via e-mail.

Enrollment is continuing to increase at the school. This year approximately 1,000 students are expected to walk through the doors on the first day of school. The staff has also grown by 30 new members, including a new counselor and a new reading support teacher.

Newington Forest Elementary

8001 Newington Forest Ave.
Springfield, Virginia 22153
703-923-2600
Enrollment: 650
Principal: John Kren Jr.
E-mail: John.KrenJr@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/NewingtonForestES/
Back-to-School Night: K-3, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 7 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Thursday, Sept. 25, 7 p.m.

Robinson Secondary

5035 Sideburn Road
Fairfax, VA 22032
703-426-2100
Enrollment: 4,000
Principal: Dan Meier
Dan.Meier@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS/
Back-to-School Night: Grades 7-8, Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m.; grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

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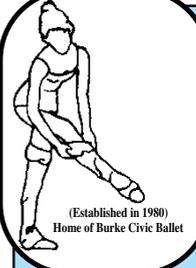


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NEWS

Fimian Addresses Energy

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The candidate said the government should have little involvement in new technologies.

"My sense is the free market would be better equipped to discover the solutions we need to solve these problems," said Fimian.

The government could take other actions to help people with rising energy costs. As a member of Congress, Fimian would vote to open up several areas — including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and areas off the coast of the United States — to drilling for oil and natural gas.

"For us not to have access to our own energy is profoundly irresponsible," said Fimian.

The candidate would also support trying to access the oil out of shale in the Rocky Mountains. He also called the United States "the Saudi Arabia of coal" and said the country should be making better use of this resource.

Fimian added that he had heard nuclear power could also be harnessed more safely now and should be looked at as a potential source of energy.

"All of this adds up to energy independence and energy security if we want it," said Fimian.

"You have to drill your way out of his situation," he added.

With regards to environmental issues, Fimian said he was not convinced that global warming was taking place as a result of human activities and machines.

"Though I am not an expert, reputable experts have

said it is not necessarily man-made," said Fimian.

He also added that the public should not assume electric cars are superior to gasoline-powered cars.

"Just to assume that it is a better way to go because it seems better," is not appropriate, said Fimian.

Fimian said he is opposed to use of alternative fuels that are not viable. For example, companies should not be required to use fuels based on corn ethanol because its use "has only raised the cost of fuel and food prices."

SEVERAL PEOPLE Fimian approached on Labor Day agreed with his thoughts about energy issues, particularly on the issue of opening up more American territory to drilling.

"We need to open up all the avenues to energy and drill. The only restrictions we have are self-imposed," said Darrel Whitcomb, a Fimian supporter.

Whitcomb added that he didn't think the government should clamp down on people's personal practices.

"The American people will make the adjustments necessary to deal with this problem on their own," said Whitcomb.

But not everyone thinks the government should stay clear of regulating energy.

While filling up his sedan in McLean, Kwang Kim, who lives in Vienna, said the government should control gas prices by controlling big oil companies.

"There is something to the taxation of big oil companies. That is something the government could do and should do," said Kwang.

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Quite a Spread

Quarterback Aaron Andrews tackles tough South County offense.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Third downs rarely affect what South County quarterback Aaron Andrews wants to do. As the maestro of one of the Northern Region's most complicated offenses, Andrews has enough to think about each play, let alone when a play calls for a critical first down against a team that went 2-0 against Andrews' Stallions last season.

With South County trailing by two, Andrews simply wanted to give his team a chance.

South County needed 11 yards for a first down with 2 minutes, 16 seconds left in the fourth quarter against reigning state champion Westfield Friday night, Aug. 29. But, as Andrews took the shotgun snap, heavy defensive pressure came from his left.

Andrews reversed field. He reversed again. With a better view of his own end zone than Westfield's, Andrews, a junior, turned and heaved a prayer toward the right sideline. As the ball hit the ground, orange flags flew and South County's drive had stalled.

"I said we're going to [throw away] the ball if it's not there," said South County coach Pete Bendorf. "He reversed field and I thought, 'Oh my God. And he threw it back. The official called [intentional] grounding, but it is what it is and you live with that.'"

Andrews' incompleteness resulted in a punt and the Stallions never did secure the points they needed, instead suffering a 9-7 home loss. But, luckily for Andrews and his team, that play was more of an anomaly than a consistent theme.

IN THE FIRST week of the 2007 season, Andrews lined up under center for the first time in his varsity career. The team facing him was Westfield, the same team that beat South County (0-1) twice by an aggregate 85-19, and the same team that capped a 15-0 season with its second state title in five years.

Andrews struggled against Westfield (1-0) last fall but improved on Friday. Rush-

Stallions coach Pete Bendorf barks instructions to his team. Bendorf, one of the area's top coaches, employs the complicated spread offense.



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After a 5-yard touchdown run with 9:43 left in the second quarter, South County's Eric Dorsey (14 carries, 64 yards) celebrates.

ing for 136 yards on 20 carries, Andrews served as the catalyst for his team's offense and proved what a difference one year can make.

"Last year was my first year starting varsity, so I was kind of nervous," said Andrews, who completed seven of 23 passes for 77 yards, throwing three interceptions. "This year, I've grown into the offense and I've gotten comfortable with the offense we run. This year, I'm very confident in our offense and how we run it."

"We've made a lot of progress in two weeks and a lot of it's Aaron," said Bendorf. "I'm real pleased with his progress and we'll continue to allow him to do some things."

South County's offense doesn't require the sometimes-standard three yards and a cloud of dust. Bendorf regularly has his quarterback lined up in a shotgun formation, waiting for the snap from center five yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Several times Friday night Andrews was flanked by either one or two running backs, with two or three wide receivers split out wide. Motion, speed and thinking are all required.

A spread offense doesn't necessarily mean that passes are about to be flung across the field, many teams simply spread the field to run right back where the play started. Rich Rodriguez made a similar offense famous at West Virginia before bolting to Michigan. Regardless, it's a complicated offense and can easily confuse younger players.

"We started Aaron last season as a sophomore against Westfield and he played a half. He got the tar beat out of him," said Bendorf, whose Stallions will travel to Falls Church Friday night. "A year of growing up

was evident [last Friday]. He handled himself. He took some hits. He handled that real well."

A primary reason why Andrews has felt more comfortable this season in the spread rests in the player that's usually lined up next to him, senior running back Eric Dorsey. A four-year starter, Dorsey has played the past three seasons in the shadow of talented graduate Titus Pennington, who

"This year, I'm very confident in our offense and how we run it."

— Aaron Andrews

led the Stallions in rushing last season.

But this year, the spotlight is his. Dorsey ran for 64 yards and a 5-yard touchdown against Westfield, but more than that, he's been a calming factor for his junior quarterback. Whether it's meant talking more in the huddle, throwing his senior leadership around or gaining a key first down, Dorsey has been there for his team and quarterback this season.

"We've made a lot of progress from the first two scrimmages," Dorsey said. "There were some errors that we could've prevented, but I believe our offense will go really far this year."

"I wouldn't trade him for anyone," said Andrews.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Woodson graduate **Hannah Pearson**, a senior on the Mary Washington women's soccer team, led her squad to a 1-0 victory over Susquehanna University in the Susquehanna Kickoff Tournament on Aug. 31. The goal was Pearson's second in as many games, as she was named, along with two teammates, to the all-tournament team. The Eagles

(1-0-1) will travel to Wesley College on Saturday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. for their first Capital Athletic Conference match.

In last Friday's football action, with Falls Church trailing by one after it answered Jefferson's overtime touchdown, Colonials linebacker **Adil Dittmer** (Falls Church) knocked a pass down to prevent the two-point conversion and seal a 28-27 win for Jefferson, its first of the season. Annandale native **Ben**

Daly, the team's quarterback, threw three touchdown passes and ran for a 5-yard touchdown in overtime. McLean native **Evan Burch** caught two touchdown passes and kicked three extra points, while Burke's **Josh Yoon** added another touchdown reception. Jefferson will host Langley on Friday night.

Hayfield's football team dropped a 23-12 decision at Marshall last Friday,

despite a fine effort from quarterback **Anton McCallum**. The junior signal caller completed five of his 15 passes for 134 yards and a touchdown. Junior **Nazrul Islam** carried three times for 34 yards and a touchdown. Hayfield (1-0) will host Wakefield (0-1) on Friday night.

Behind senior **Max Waizenegger**, the Woodson Cavaliers cruised to a 41-

6 road win over Fairfax. Waizenegger caught six passes for 136 yards and three touchdowns. He also posted a 75-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Quarterback **Connor Reilly** threw for 130 yards on five-of-13 passing. Running back James Johnson carried four times for 44 yards and a touchdown. Woodson will host Lake Braddock on Friday.

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FAITH

Church Marks 150th Birthday

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Suzanne Koucherav, who serves as chairperson of the church committee formed to run the Labor Day Picnic, said she and her volunteers arrived to set up from 7-8 a.m. and were expecting a 12-hour work day. Workers were needed after morning mass when picnic proceedings began taking place at 11:30 a.m., setting up game booths, face-painting stands, working in the kitchen and on the grill.

Civil War-era re-enactors, including a briefing by American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, could be found scattered throughout the grounds, displaying genuine period-appropriate clothing.

"We're trying to make as many people aware of [the 150th Anniversary], both inside the parish and outside of it," said Frank Adams, chairperson for St. Mary's anniversary committee. Highlighting that history all year long is the task Adams and his committee have been charged with.

The first Catholic Church in Fairfax County and a Virginia Historic Landmark, St. Mary's was built by Irish immigrants in 1858 and was later used as a field hospital for soldiers injured in the Second Battle of Manassas.

When nurses and doctors ran out of wood, they stripped the church's benches to stoke their fires. Following the war, President Ulysses S. Grant donated replacement pews to the church in recognition of its service.

The committee has promised 365 days of celebration, starting with Monday's picnic, and to that end tables were set up to inform people of future planned events. Every single former priest and pastor that served at St. Mary's has been chronicled, said Adams. Those that are still alive all received invitations to the picnic, and at least over a half dozen were walking the picnic grounds Monday.

"To tie the picnic together we thought we needed to [address that] history," said Koucherav.

KEEPING THOUSANDS of picnickers fed was a full-time job, and to that end St. Mary's had history on its side. A team of 50 volunteers, including members of the Knights of Columbus, manned seven cooking pits where over 1,800 chicken halves were cooked and prepared throughout the day and sent to the kitchen. Lines stretched out the door with people waiting for food. The crew spent most of Saturday setting the pits up and went through over 170 20-pound bags of charcoal throughout the course of the day.

Pete Buckley, who oversees the cooking operation and has been working the pits for 30 years, said spots on the chicken-cooking team were sought-after and hard to come by.

"It used to be that there was sort of an old boys' network for cooking," joked Buckley.

Things are little more equal these days.

"Now we have women and kids working them as well," he said.

Elizabeth Byrne, a member of the parish, spent most of her day inside the old historic church, giving briefings under the guise of Clara Barton, who served as one of the nurses tending to wounded soldiers.

FAITH NOTES

Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Sunday, Sept. 7, Service at 9:30 a.m. "Dialogue Sermon" and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, 10:30 a.m. Festival of Ministries. A scavenger hunt to learn more about how we are the hands and feet of Jesus. Potluck lunch will take

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A "Patriot Day Prayer Gather-

ing" will take place Thursday, Sept. 11, 12-1 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Fairfax Government Parkway, Fairfax. The prayer gathering is sponsored by Jubi

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Elizabeth Byrne, a member of St. Mary of Sorrows Church and a community theater enthusiast, spent the 133rd annual Labor Day picnic giving speeches as American Red Cross organizer Clara Barton. Barton tended to wounded soldiers at the old St. Mary church during the Civil War.

Dressed in period-correct clothing, Byrne, who has a background in community theater, discussed the preparation she went through for the sessions. She researched her subject by reading books like "Women of Valor" and visited Barton's former home in Glen Echo, Md. The goal, according to Byrne, was to educate today's parishioners about their link to the church's past.

"We honor the history of the church, which predates the Civil War," she said. "It's almost as if the ghost of our forebears were here. It's just very special to go back and remember its beginnings."

Therese Ryan, who helped run some of the games and activities provided at the picnic, echoed those sentiments. This year in addition to the moon bounces and laser tag were historical games like sack races and competitions where participants had to carry potatoes on a spoon as fast as they could without dropping them. The idea was to give younger visitors a chance to experience the type of games that were played in the days of St. Mary's founding. Ryan said the children were too busy having fun to really notice the historical significance of the three-legged races they were doing.

"We're trying to draw a line between the past, present and future," said Ryan. "We're all connected through that. [The kids] are just having a ball."

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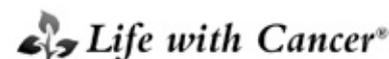
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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

FROM PAGE 17

When Robinson Secondary opened its doors on Tuesday, Sept. 2, faculty and staff welcomed almost 4,000 students, which is a greater number than originally projected, according to Principal Dan Meier. Robinson will also welcome 31 new teachers, including Marty Riddle, the new director of student activities.

For the first time, IB Design and Technology will be offered at Robinson Secondary. Also, the recently added Chinese and Criminal Justice courses continue to grow in popularity with students, wrote Meier in an e-mail.

Over the summer, a new LED message board was added at the middle school end of the hallway. This is in addition to the two that were installed last year in the high school. "There has been another major push to increase the amount of technology for student and teacher use," wrote Meier.

This year, a committee will study methods to incorporate teacher collaboration time and student remediation time into the regular school day schedule.

Sangster Elementary

7429 Reservation Drive
Springfield, VA 22153
703-644-8200
Enrollment: 760
Principal: Gail Kinsey
Gail.Kinsey@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/SangsterES
Back-to-School Night: K & 3, Monday,

Sept. 8, 5:30 p.m.; Grade 1, Monday, Sept. 8, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 2, Monday, Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Grade 4, Monday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.; Grade 5, Monday, Sept. 15, 6:30 p.m.; Grade 6, Monday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

Sangster Elementary will be expanding its FLES (Foreign Language in Elementary Schools) program in second grade. The school will be promoting the School Board Initiative. Principal Gail Kinsey wrote in an e-mail, "Teachers have been reading the first book in the series 'Embracing the Habits of Mind' and incorporating that in school plan."

Sangster's art teacher Beck Summers has painted the building with murals, while Assistant Principal Chris Summer and Counselor Dave Gillum painted the foyer.

Enrollment is expected at about 780 students and the school is welcoming one general music teacher, three new fifth grade teachers and one full-time Spanish teacher for grades 1 and 2.

Silverbrook Elementary

9350 Crosspointe Drive
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
703-690-5100
Enrollment: 1,170
Principal Dr. Melaney Mackin
Melaney.Mackin@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/SilverbrookES
Back-to-School Night: K-3, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 4-6, Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Silverbrook Elementary will be continuing with the same curriculum and programs of the previous year. The school's new principal, Melaney Mackin, wrote to the Connection via e-mail, "Being that I am the new principal for Silverbrook, I plan to meet with the school plan team and grade level teams to discuss and set our goals."

Silverbrook's enrollment has gone down by about 100 students compared to last year. Along with a new principal, the school welcomes nine new teachers, two new secretaries and two new instructional assistants.

South County Secondary School

8307-A Silverbrook Road, Lorton, VA 22079
703-446-1600
Enrollment: 3,000
Principal: Jane Lipp
Jane.Lipp@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/southcountys/ **Back-to-School Night:** Grades 7-8, Monday, Sept. 22, 6:30 p.m.; Grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6:30 p.m.
R.U.O.K. Corral: Monday, Nov. 10

South County Secondary School will continue to offer the Honors and Advanced Placement Programs. The school will also offer a range of electives of students. A new elective being offered this year will be dance. Key goals will remain focused on the three main goals established by FCPS: Student Achievement, Essential Life Skills and

Citizenship.

The school anticipates and enrollment of about 3,000 students for the upcoming school year. There will be 28 new staff members ranging across subject and elective areas, as well as across all grade levels from seventh to 12th.

Woodson High School

9525 Main St.
Fairfax, VA 22031
703-503-4600
Enrollment: 2,090
Principal: Jeff Yost
Jeff.Yost@fcps.edu
Web site: www.fcps.edu/woodsonhs/ **Back-to-School Night:** Grades 9-12, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m.

W.T. Woodson High School will be continuing its strong Advanced Placement Program, along with its programs for deaf or hard of hearing students and students will learning and emotional disabilities. The school will be equipped with new classrooms and facilities once the whole-school renovations are fully completed.

This year's goals aim to take more of a team approach to assisting students. "The concept of Woodson as a family not just a place to learn," wrote Principal Jeff Yost in an e-mail to the Connection. "Outreach to the community, both to the pyramid feeder schools and elderly in our community."

Enrollment is expected at 2,090 students and 15 new members have joined the staff.

FAITH NOTES

FROM PAGE 20

Lee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax, and other Fairfax County churches. 703-383-1170.

Fellowship Baptist Church Awana Clubs, a weekly Bible centered program for age 3 through grade 6 begins Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m., at Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5151 or visit www.honoringGod.org.

Fairfax Presbyterian Church will return to two services on Sunday, Sept. 14, at 8:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., with a sermon by Henry Brinton, "Dirty Jobs." Don Rapp will conduct the "Brain Enhancement" seminar after the 11:45 a.m. service. Tickets \$10, including lunch. Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax. 703-273-5300 or fpc@fairfaxpresby.com.

Shabbat Worship Service with Rick Recht at Temple B'nai Shalom on Friday, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m. Recht has elevated the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity. Temple B'nai Shalom, a Reform Congregation, is located at 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Contact Ellen at 703-764-2901 or membership@tbs-online.org. www.tbs-online.org

St. Marks Coptic Orthodox Church is hosting an Egyptian Bazaar, on Saturday Sept. 20 and Sunday Sept. 21, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Egyptian food and music, children's games and rides; car wash; antique furniture; jewelry and imported goods for sale. Church and school tours available. St. Marks Coptic Orthodox Church,

11911 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Call 703-591-4444.

Springfield Church of Christ Appleseed Kids. Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ages 4-12. Bible-based activities showing the progress of faith, Bible lessons, games, crafts and songs. Lunch provided. Springfield Church of Christ, 7512 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. 703-451-4011 or visit springfieldchurch@yahoo.com.

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington's Cursillo offers opportunities to learn about this lay movement on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Raymond of Penafort Parish, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield; and Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Parish, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Visit www.arlingtoncursillo.org or call 703-863-3940.

Divorce Recovery Workshop, a nine-week program on Wednesday evenings Sept. 17 through Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The program is free; book (used) is \$12. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Contact Mary Stedman at 703-569-9862, ext. 213, or mstedman@messiahumc.org.

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

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CRIME

Koger Files Notice Of Insanity Defense

Jeffrey Koger indicted for nine new charges.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Jeffrey Scott Koger, who is charged with the attempted capital murder of three police officers and suspected of embezzling \$2 million from Virginia homeowners associations, filed notice of his intent to claim the insanity defense.

Koger "gives notice ... that he may put in issue his sanity at the time of the offense charged and present expert testimony in support thereof," wrote defense counsel Peter D. Greenspun in papers filed in Fairfax County Circuit Court on Aug. 21, 2008.

Koger, 39 of Oak Hill, was initially charged with one count of attempted capital murder of a law enforcement officer. But in July, a Fairfax County Circuit Court jury indicted Koger for nine additional counts, including two more counts of attempted capital murder of police officers, five counts of use of a firearm in the commission of felonies and two counts of aggravated maiming.

Koger faces more than three life terms in prison if convicted for the various crimes.

His trial is currently scheduled for October.

According to reports and testimony at Koger's preliminary hearing in June, Koger stopped his 1990 Jeep Cherokee behind a taxicab stopped at a traffic light at the corner of Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street in Alexandria in the early morning hours of Feb. 2, 2008.

Koger got out, walked to the taxi driver's window, and fired several shots into the cab. The taxi driver was seriously injured, according to police.

About 20 minutes later, two men drove into the parking lot of the Fairfax County Police Station on Franconia Road to escape a car that had been chasing them.

Koger, driving a 1990 Jeep Cherokee, followed them and shot both men, said Fairfax County Police.

Virginia State Trooper Jonathan Groner ended up pursuing Koger, who drove 70-80 miles per hour to elude police on Franconia Road.

Koger crashed into a traffic control box in front of the Springfield Shopping Mall.

"The defendant got out of the vehicle with the firearm in hand," Groner testified at Koger's preliminary hearing in June.

"I said, 'Drop the gun, drop the gun,' over and over again," Groner testified.

"At that time, I took aim at the subject," he testified.

When Koger fired his weapon, Groner and Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority officers shot back, hitting Koger in the midsection.



Jeffrey Koger

SHERIFF'S PHOTO

Groner gave Koger his Miranda rights en route to Inova Fairfax Hospital, according to the trooper's testimony.

Greenspun asked Groner if Koger said anything after crashing his car in front of Springfield

Mall.

"The only thing he said out loud was, 'Help me, they're coming to get me,'" Groner testified.

"The defendant got out of the vehicle with the firearm in hand."

— State Trooper Jonathan Groner

KOGER IS ALSO SUSPECTED of diverting \$2.2 million from Virginia homeowner associations and investing some of the money, in his wife's name, in a health club and a steak house on Capitol Hill.

Jeffrey Koger has been under investigation by police and the Internal Revenue Services for more than two years, though no charges against him have been announced in the case.

Koger Management Group suspected Koger, the former chief financial officer of his father's real estate management firm, in November 2006 of embezzling from some of the 400 homeowners associations managed.

His father, Robert Koger, reported to Fairfax City Police that he believed his son embezzled \$800,000 through electronic transfers.

Koger Management Group filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in July 2007.

On July 17, 2008, the Koger Management Group, Inc. won approval to shift its bankruptcy application from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 which will result in creditors recovering "pennies on the dollar" of the \$10 million in losses that were filed against Koger.

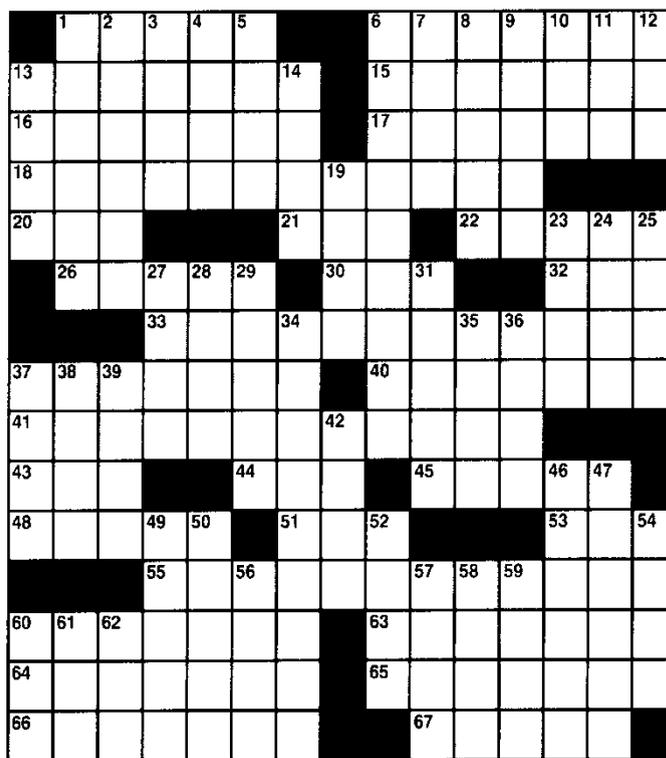
In June 2008, Robert Koger sold his management firm to Gates, Hudson and Associates Condominium Management of Springfield for \$275,000. Gates officials later said that about 100 clients remained of the some 440 that Koger once represented.

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

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Puzzle by Brendan Emmett Quigley

ACROSS

- 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 Burnsian mouse

- 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 Nobel

- 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.

DOWN

- 1 Rifle supports
- 2 Like some of Chekhov's writings
- 3 Study furniture
- 4 Tasso's patron
- 5 As is fitting
- 6 Loan sources
- 7 Enthralled
- 8 Kind of warrior
- 9 Then: Fr.
- 10 Year in Basil II's rule
- 11 Had a little lamb
- 12 Neighbor of Turk.
- 13 Passing things
- 14 Chow alternative
- 19 Tolkien creatures

- 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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Tax Map No. 107-4-11-12-C

Commonly known as 9556 Hagel Circle, Lorton, Virginia 22079.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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