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Financially Close Race

Wolf, Feder have equal financial footing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

"It is harder to raise money as an inde-

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

Frank Wolf (R)*:

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

Judy Feder (D):

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

* incumbent

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pendent candidate. I don't have a ready-made group that is going to support me," said Nigam.

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

At the beginning of the month, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee added Virginia's 10th congressional district to its competitive "Red to Blue" program — which highlights the Democrat's most promising challengers and candidates — in part because of Feder's ability to collect cash.

"Red to Blue" candidates are those who "are putting together significant resources and have political support in the district," said Kyra Jennings, a spokesperson for the campaign. She added that recent polling



Frank Wolf (R)

Judy Feder (D)

data and the number of issues on which a Republican opponent like Wolf is considered "out of touch," are also factors in the committee's picks for the "Red to Blue" pro

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Incident Strengthens Bonds

Incident prompts new relationships and strengthens existing ones.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHC
THE CONNECTION

For 43 years Deloris Evans lived in the area near the First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook. Although she recently moved, Evans came back to McLean to visit the church that had been defaced with a racial slur on Aug. 17.

"It's been a shock," said Evans about the incident. She said she wanted the existing relationships in the McLean community to not be harmed.

"It was truly a shock," said the Rev. Todd Brown, the church's pastor. When he was first told of the incident, Brown thought that he did not think it possible that

the "N word" would be sprayed on a church in McLean. "Not here, these people are nice," he said.

As the initial shock of discovering a racial slur sprayed onto the church's façade wanes,

Brown reflected on an opportunity to strengthen community bonds the church enjoys in McLean. "Relationships are the most important thing you can have," he said. "I'm appreciative of the relationships we have that are being strengthened" and the new ones forming as members of the McLean community continue to express solidarity with the church that was defaced with the "N word" on Sunday, Aug. 17.

"Even though this was a bad event, so much good has come out of it," said Brown.

The outpouring of support for the First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook parishioners has come from other McLean faith communities and individuals alike. Brown said one of the most touching examples of support came from a "white gentleman" who

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"Even though this was a bad event, so much good has come out of it."

— The Rev. Todd Brown, First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook Pastor

Does Fairfax Give Fair Grades?

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

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

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

Well, it depends on where they live.

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

The discrepancy in grade point averages (GPA) for the same grade in an honors class is even wider.

In Fairfax County, a 92 percent in an hon

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Teen Convicted of Assault

Originally charged with aggravated malicious wounding for Christmas Eve attack, teen found guilty of misdemeanor assault.

BY MIKE DICICCO AND KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

For months, 16-year-old James Clarke had a sentence of 20 years to life in prison hanging over his head, although he was not the one who threw the punch that knocked three teeth out of a 14-year-old McLean boy's mouth last Christmas Eve.

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Stanley P. Klein ended the first day of Clarke's trial by reducing Clarke's felony charge of aggravated malicious wounding to a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery.

"Counsel says, 'Now all you have is assault and battery,'" Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Gregory O. Holt told the jury during closing arguments of the trial the next day. "Does it make it right? Does it make it less significant, the injuries that [the victim] suffered on Dec. 24?"

The Fairfax jury found Clarke guilty of assault after deliberating for an hour and a half on Thursday, Aug. 28.

Clarke and his friend, Anthony Nelli, who is charged as the principal assailant and is scheduled for trial in September, were certified as adults because of the seriousness of the initial charge.

But when Klein sentences Clarke for assault on Oct. 31, the judge has the option to sentence him as an adult or a juvenile.

Clarke now faces a possible sentence of zero days to one year in jail and a fine up to \$2,500 if Klein sentences him as an adult, or a maximum 30-day sentence in the juvenile detention center if Klein sentences him as a juvenile.

Klein wanted to hear the probation department's pre-sentence report — to be prepared by the juvenile justice system — before making that decision.

Klein warned Clarke that there is to be no contact directly or indirectly between him and the victim or any member of the victim's family.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE, about 4 p.m., the 14-year-

"One of the boys said, 'Dude, you knocked his teeth out. Let's go.'"

— Assault victim

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Taste of Middle East

Holy Transfiguration Church hosts 15th annual community event on Labor Day weekend.



Holy Transfiguration congregation member, Connie Herrmann of Vienna, share thoughts on the food offered at the Middle Eastern Food Festival held at the church over Labor Day weekend.



Omar Samaha tends to lamb roasting on spits at the Middle Eastern Food Festival. The meat made its way into kebabs and gyros.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

When the parishioners of Holy Transfiguration Melkite Greek-Catholic Church throw a Middle Eastern food festival, the food takes center stage. At Holy Transfiguration's 15th Annual Middle Eastern Food Festival, tables set along a 30-foot wall were laden with gooey, honey-drenched sweets marked by nuts and spices. Inside the Church hall, guests ordered from a menu featuring kebabs, shawermas [gyros], falafels, stuffed grape leaves and baba ghanouj, among a variety of other favorites. Outdoors, volunteers manned barbecues celebrating meats — lamb, chicken, beef.

"This is authentic," said Stephanie Garmirian of McLean. "It's the real thing." Garmirian came, she said, to support this church, the sister parish of her own McLean church, St. John the Beloved.

The two-day Middle Eastern Food Festival is always held on the Labor Day weekend. Cars spilled out on to Lewinsville Road and along side roads as the church parking lot filled.

Anne Gallagher of Leesburg has been a part of Holy Transfiguration since the beginning. "People should come to our food festival because we are so friendly, we have good food, a beautiful church, and Arabic dancing," said Gallagher. "It's definitely an exposure to our culture." Gallagher, a church secretary, says the festival grows bigger every year.

Holy Transfiguration began in Washington, D.C., in 1967, in a garage. Today, it sits on an expanse of grassy land at the crossroads of Lewinsville and Spring Hill Roads, within the shadows of Tysons Corner. It is the focal point of the Melkite Greek-Catholic community in the metro area, with members and supporters coming from Maryland, Leesburg, and North Carolina, and as close by as McLean and Vienna. Connie Herrmann, who lives in the Shouse area of Vienna, has been active in Holy Transfiguration since its founding 40 years ago.



Stephanie Garmirian and son, Kevork, of McLean, came to the Middle Eastern Food Festival to support their sister church. Stephanie Garmirian calls the food festival "authentic," the "real thing."

"This is authentic. It's the real thing."

— Stephanie Garmirian of McLean

As dancers in native dress performed, people clapped to the music, and, in short order, many audience members joined the dancers.

"We have this event to share our religion and culture with the community," said event co-chair, and Debkeh dancer, Marianne Tahhan of Fairfax.

— DONNA MANZ



Marianne Tahhan, Barbara Fleshman, Jennifer Bawab (back), and Nikki Haddad take orders for the Middle Eastern main dishes sold inside the hall of Holy Transfiguration Church in McLean.

CRIME

MID-YEAR 2008 CRIME REPORT

Overall crime in Fairfax County increased 12.1 percent during the first six months of 2008 compared to the first half of 2007. Violent crimes, including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, dropped 9.6 percent in the first half of 2008 compared to the first half of 2007. Property crimes, including burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft, increased 13.4 percent for the same period. The crime statistics used for these comparisons are index crimes reported to federal authorities. Index crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. The following table is a comparison of index crimes for the first half of 2007 and 2008.

Crime	Jan.-June 2007	Jan.-June 2008	% Difference
Murder	6	9	50%
Rape	55	51	-7.3%
Robbery	292	218	-25.3%
Aggravated Assault	147	174	18.4%
Burglary	623	692	11.1%
Larceny	6,442	7,451	15.7%
Motor Vehicle Theft	714	682	-4.5%
Total	8,279	9,277	12.1%

Monthly reports of index crimes are valuable tools used by commanders throughout the Police Department to help determine where to target enforcement, information and education.

BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING

Officers responded to the **2800 block of Hollywood Road** in Falls Church for a man in an apartment. A 45-year-old woman was asleep in the home on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 1:40 in the morning. She was awoken by a man touching her leg. The woman

reached for the telephone and the suspect fled through the sliding glass door. The suspect was described as black. He was approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall with a medium build. He had short, black hair and was not wearing any clothing.

BURGLARY

6600 block of Lawndale Drive. A resident in a second floor apartment walked into his living room on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at approximately 4:30 a.m. He found a stranger standing in the room. The suspect ran out the balcony and jumped to escape. The victim, a 27-year-old Falls Church-area man, woke the other residents of the apartment and called police. It is believed that entry was made through an unlocked balcony door. Nothing was taken and there were no injuries. The suspect was described as a Hispanic man. He was between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 8 inches tall and between 125 and 140 pounds.

LARCENIES

7700 block of Arlington Blvd. Computer stolen from business.
1900 block of Chain Bridge Road. Sunglasses stolen from business.
1300 block of Chain Bridge Road. Wallet stolen from business.
7700 block of Falstaff Road. License plate stolen from vehicle.
7600 block of Lee Landing Drive. Stereo stolen from vehicle.
8000 block of Leesburg Pike. Clothing stolen from business.
6200 block of Linwood Park Place. Garden hose and sprinkler stolen from residence.
9500 block of Mandolin Court. Tool box stolen from residence.
8300 block of Old Courthouse

Road. Laptop computer stolen from business.

2900 block of Rose Place. License plate stolen from vehicle.
8900 block of Royal Astor Way. GPS stolen from vehicle.
8100 block of Strawberry Lane. Purse stolen from business.
8000 block of Towers Crescent Drive. Copper wire stolen from construction site.
6700 block of Weaver Ave. Purse stolen from business.
2900 block of Wickersham Way. GPS stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

3100 block of Allen St. 1994 Geo Prism reported stolen.
Bridgehampton Court/ New Providence Drive. 2002 Honda Accord reported stolen.

FAIR OAKS DISTRICT STATION (DISTRICT 8)

LARCENIES

13100 block of Applegrove Lane. Purse stolen from business.
3200 block of Brynwood Place. Stereo stolen from vehicle.
2900 block of Chain Bridge Road. Purse stolen from business.
13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center. Purse stolen from business.
13000 block of Grey Friars Place. Television stolen from residence.
11200 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. License plate stolen from vehicle.
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Political Debates Are Good

Candidates should give voters a chance to see them in action.

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

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

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

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

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

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

It's fair to say that all the candidates who

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

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

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

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

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Volunteers Needed For Election Day

To the Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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Who Does Our Congress Represent?

To the Editor:

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

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

As for the oil prices, our Demo-

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

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

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Police are investigating a reported assault that occurred on Wednesday, Aug. 27 around 9:30 p.m. in the Falls Church area. The victim, a 23-year-old Centreville-area woman, was walking in a parking lot located in the 2900 block of Willston Drive when two men called out to her that she dropped something. The victim turned around and was grabbed by one of the suspects. She struggled with him and was able to break free after she kicked him. The vic-

tim ran to her car and called police about one hour later after she returned home. The victim did not require medical treatment.

The suspects were both described as Hispanic, in their 20s. The primary suspect was about 5 feet tall and 150 pounds with dark hair. He was wearing a dark-colored T-shirt and blue jeans. The second suspect was about 5 feet tall and 130 pounds. He was wearing shorts and a T-shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637) or call Fairfax County

Police at 703-691-2131.

Charity Event to Benefit Young Patients

Century 21 New Millennium has announced the First Annual McLean 5k Run, Walk, Roll to be held on Sept. 27 at 8 a.m. The McLean 5k is being held to benefit the Children's National Medical Center.

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Century 21 New Millennium welcomes anyone who would like to participate by becoming a sponsor, making a donation, and especially coming out as a community to run, walk or roll. For more information visit www.mclean5k.com or contact the race advisory committee by e-mailing: info@mclean.com or calling 703-556-4222. Participants can register at www.mclean5k.com or at any Pacers running store location.



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PUBLIC HEARING
Acquisition of the Birge-Fadoul Properties
Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6 p.m.
Herrity Building Room 106/107

The Fairfax County Park Authority is holding a public hearing on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at 6 p.m. to receive public comment on the acquisition of property in the Dranesville District. The property consists of approximately two acres of land referred to as the Birge-Fadoul properties. These properties are located near the intersection of Old Dominion Drive and Dolley Madison Boulevard in McLean, VA. The addresses of the properties are 1300, 1308, 1312 and 1316 Ingleside Avenue. The properties are surrounded on three sides by McLean Central Park.

The acquisition of these parcels will provide an addition to McLean Central Park, increasing parkland in a critically underserved area of the county. While the actual use of the properties would be determined through the Park Authority's public master planning process, this acquisition may permit the construction of additional park amenities within McLean Central Park such as expansion of the village green and improved access to existing park features. The acquisition will also increase the protected buffer for Dead Run, preventing potentially intensive redevelopment of those parcels in close proximity to park activities.

The Virginia State Code requires a public hearing be held prior to the Park Authority's decision to authorize the acquisition of real property by eminent domain. The September hearing will be held in Rooms 106/107 of the Herrity Building, at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. Those interested in speaking at the hearing should contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 to sign up or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Individuals and groups may also sign up to speak at the meeting. Written comments will also be accepted via the email listed above or by sending comments to David R. Bowden, director of Planning and Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035.

For more information please visit our website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/birge.htm> or contact Kay Rutledge, manager of Land Acquisition at 703-324-8708.

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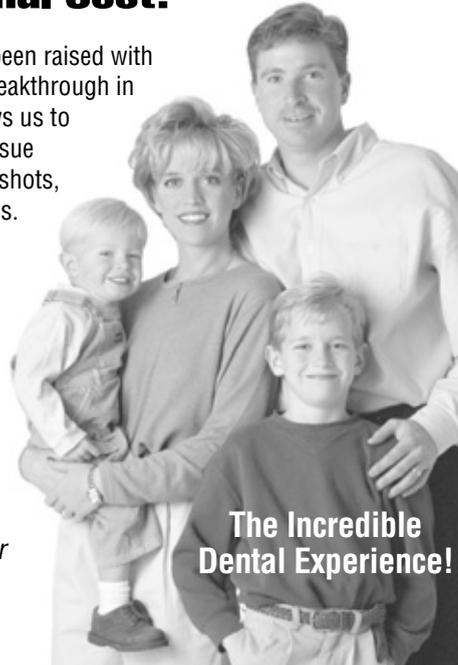
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THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

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

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Back Pack Safety Program for children, parents and teachers,

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

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

A Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) representative will be in Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust's office once a month to offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start a business in Fairfax County, expand an existing business in the county, or learn about other business services. These sessions are scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road in McLean. Contact Julie Ide at 703-356-0551 or visit http://www.fairfaxcountyeda.org/services_and_resources.htm, or Jatinder Kaur at 703-790-0600 or jkaur@fceda.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

School Board Regular Meeting. 8 p.m. Work Session/Forum Immediately following. Jackson

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools community dialogue sessions.

9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

*Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

*Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

The Millennium Group

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

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

School Board Program Review

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

THURSDAY/SEPT. 28

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



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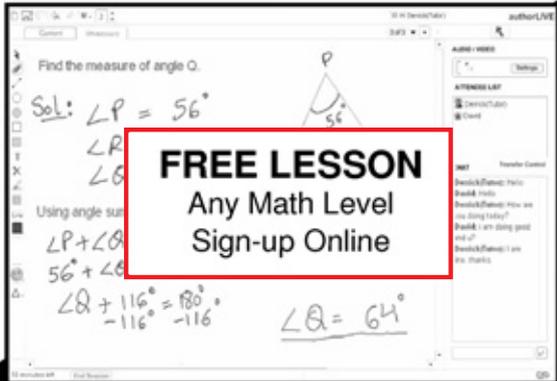
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Teen Convicted of Christmas Eve Assault

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old victim and two of his friends were walking past Longfellow Middle School on Westmoreland Street on their way to skateboard at Haycock Elementary School.

Clarke and Nelli, whom they did not know, first approached them from a car.

Details of witness accounts differed, but witnesses who testified — friends of the victim and defendants — generally agreed that Clarke threw the first punch, a blow to the back of the victim's head, and that Nelli then punched the victim in the mouth, knocking one of his top front teeth immediately to the sidewalk.

"One of the boys said, 'Dude, you knocked his teeth out. Let's go,'" the victim testified.

The assailants then fled back to the car, and drove away.

A second tooth of the victim's fell out in the ambulance as he was transported to the hospital, and a third was left hanging loose, according to the victim.

His braces had been removed just a couple of months prior to the attack.

One of Clarke's friends, whose charges relating to the incident were dropped, testified there had been an exchange between the two parties before the incident, which the victim and his friends denied.

Clarke's friend, a juvenile, testified that he, Clarke, Nelli and another boy had gone to a park and "had a few beers" before driving past the victim and his friends on the way to Burger King.

"I believe James [Clarke] may have yelled something out of the car, and then they flicked us off," he said. At that point, his friend who was driving the car pulled into the church parking lot.

"James asked me to get out and I said no," he said, adding that Nelli had hesitated but then agreed.

He said the victim had swung his skateboard at Clarke after Clarke hit him and that Nelli had punched the victim immediately after the swing. Meanwhile, he was recording the incident on his cell phone, a file he later deleted.

When Clarke returned to the car, he said, "Him and Anthony were both very scared."

"IF HIS GROUP had kept on driving, none of this would have happened," defense attorney Bruce Blanchard said, after Clarke's trial.

Blanchard and defense attorney Jonathan Frieden questioned few of the details of the case but argued that the facts did not warrant a charge of aggravated malicious wounding. (See sidebar.)

"For the last five to seven months, he's been under threat of a felony conviction that carries 20 years to life and would have branded him a convicted felon for the rest of his life," Blanchard said, outside the courtroom.

Clarke was expelled from McLean High School as a result of the charges, he said, something that might not have happened if he was initially charged with assault.

Frieden said Clarke has been "deeply emotionally affected" and is "deeply remorseful."

Dr. Bruce Jay, the victim's dentist, testified that he re-implanted the victim's teeth, but the procedure was not a permanent measure.

Jay testified that false implants would ultimately be required.

"The prognosis for these teeth in the long-term is zero," he said.

Question of Intent: Charges Reduced

Last week, James Clarke, 16, went on trial for aggravated malicious wounding, meaning he was accused of aiding in or encouraging the commission of an attack that was intended to maim, kill or permanently disfigure the victim.

Judge Stanley P. Klein reduced Clarke's felony charge of aggravated malicious wounding to a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery after the first day of the trial.

Clarke's defense attorneys Bruce Blanchard and Jonathan Frieden questioned few of the details of the case but argued that the facts did not warrant a charge of aggravated malicious wounding.

Malicious wounding charges stemming from fistfights have only been supported in Virginia courts when the attacks had been extensive beatings accompanied by statements of the intent to kill or do permanent harm to the victim, Blanchard said. He said the state had never seen a case where a single punch by the principal assailant had been upheld as a malicious wounding.

While his client may have initiated the confrontation, Blanchard said, "He didn't say, 'Get out of the car so we can permanently disable, maim or kill one of these kids.'"

Prosecutor Gregory O. Holt said the state had worked backward from the injuries resulting from the attack to the charge of aggravated malicious wounding.

"You do look at the result to determine the intent," he said. Holt said the fact that the assailants targeted only the victim's head and face showed the intent that would support the charge.

Judge Klein agreed with the defense, noting that in previous Virginia cases, "even if death resulted, that in and of itself would not be sufficient" to prove malicious wounding charges in a fistfight.

Klein also noted that Clarke and Nelli's frightened reactions to the victim's teeth being knocked out were inconsistent with intent to maim or kill.

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THURSDAY /SEPT. 4

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

FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

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

SATURDAY/SEPTEMBER 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

SUNDAY /SEPT. 7

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

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

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

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

Quilt and Fiber Arts Show and Sale. Quilting demonstrations and lectures; new and antique quilts, fiber arts, linens, antique sewing tools, books and fabric. Door prize. \$9

adults, \$8 seniors, \$6 children. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. 703-437-1794.

MONDAY/SEPT. 8

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

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

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

TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

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

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

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

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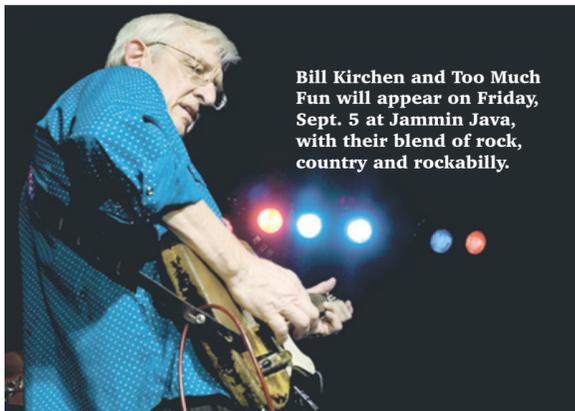
The Town of Vienna's seventh annual "A Day to Remember" community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. will be held at 10 a.m. on the grounds of

participants the cost per person is \$198 single occupancy, \$151 double occupancy, and \$140 triple occupancy. Call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

The 38th annual International Children's Festival. Sept. 13 and Sept. 14, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The 2008 Festival will showcase musicians, dancers, and martial artists from China, Finland, Ghana and Jordan and will feature the Canadian percussionists ScrapArtsMusic. Four stages around the park offer entertainment by more than 20 groups from this region. Tickets are available online or at the gate; \$12 for adults, \$10 for children and seniors. Weekend passes are \$18 for adults, \$15 for children and seniors. Admission is free for children 2 years and under. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Visit www.internationalchildrensfestival.org.

ZNA Koi Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. See some of the most beautiful fish in the world along with a special Bonsai display and demonstration. Last year's senior koi judge came from Japan, and the fish on display came from throughout the east coast. Vendors for koi ponds, fish and plants will be present. Free. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Call 703-255-3631



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

Great Falls School of Art Schedules Fall Classes

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

For more information on the classes and a registration form see the School Bulletin which can be obtained by email from: jsnodelman@aol.com or

(703) 759-1640. The classes will be held at the GFFFTA facility, 1144 Walker Road, Suite G, near Dante Ristorante in the Colvin Run commercial area of Great Falls. More information on each of the instructors can be obtained from their web sites listed in the Bulletin.

"Our goal is to build a top quality art school located right here in Great Falls," says Mollie Vardell, president of GFFFTA.

Plans for Great Falls School of Art contemplate adding courses in a broad spectrum of artistic styles and media and to provide classes for both adults and children in fine and applied visual arts on an ongoing basis. Those expansion plans include locating an adequate teaching facility and raising funds to support the School. The School currently shares space with the Artists' Atelier, working studios for 14 artists.

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

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

Public Hearing on Proposed FY2010 Budget

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

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

Residents who wish to speak are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to
be placed on the speakers' list. Details of the proposed budget will be avail-
able at the Center and on the Center's Web site beginning Sept. 15, 2008.



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BUSINESS

FineLines Furnishings Come to McLean

FineLines Furnishings, a locally-owned, independent furnishings retailer, is moving from its location in the Merrifield area to a boutique shop in McLean. FineLines, which specializes in furniture and home furnishings and includes interior design services, will be located at 6730 Curran St. in downtown McLean.

Lauren Simmons, the owner of FineLines, says she's moving to a more convenient, accessible shop and will continue to offer unique home items, furnishings and custom-order furniture.

"I love my new location", Simmons said, "right in the heart of McLean."

With the move, FineLines merchandise mixture will change — emphasizing smaller, take-home furnishings and stylish gifts rarely found in chain stores. "I can still order furniture for customers, but based on my new store's smaller size, I will carry more home furnishings and put fewer large



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FineLines Furnishings was named one of "Home Accents Today's" 50 Retail Stars for 2008.

pieces of furniture on the floor," Simmons said.

The store also does special orders from a large group of high-end and designer vendors.

Simmons also offers her customers design services. "I find that it's easier to assist clients when I've

seen the space they're working with".

FineLines Furnishings was named one of "Home Accents Today's" 50 Retail Stars for 2008 by editors of the premier trade magazine for the home accents industry.

BUSINESS NOTES

To have business notes listed, send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com or 7913 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA 22102. Deadline is Friday.

Herb Engert has been named as Ernst & Young LLP's Mid-Atlantic Strategic Growth Markets Leader, effective immediately. A transaction advisory partner with more than 18 years of experience in both public and private sectors, Engert will be responsible for leveraging the synergies between private equity initiatives and strategic growth markets, and has led many types of transactions at Ernst & Young, including private and public debt and equity offerings, initial public offerings and mergers and acquisitions. Engert is involved in his local community serving on the boards for Volunteer Fairfax, The Phillips Program and Bread for the City. He is also active in the Northern Virginia Technology Council. Engert is a graduate of St. John Fisher College in New York and resides in McLean.



Engert

McLean Young Professionals meet at Legal Sea Foods in Tysons Galleria II on Sept. 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for

complimentary catering and cocktail hour, cash/credit bar, in the Upper Lounge. Legal Sea Foods, Tysons Galleria at 2001

International Drive, McLean. Free. Young professionals who live and work in the greater McLean area are invited to join to meet new people and make contacts. Call the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce at 703-356-5424, or email kryan@mcleanchamber.org.

Marnette Myers, Esq., CPA has rejoined Frank & Company, a McLean-based accounting firm. She is the firm's new Director of Tax Administration, and has returned to Frank & Company after six years with the IRS. She succeeds Sue Miller, CPA, as the head of the tax administration division. Myers earned her B.S. in Accounting from Virginia Tech. She received her Juris Doctor, with honors, from George Washington University Law School, and is licensed to practice law and holds her CPA in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Paula Birth has been named Director of communications and media practice for Acumen Solutions, a business and technology consulting firm. Birth is responsible for market expansion within

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the cable industry. Birth has more than twenty years of experience in telecommunications and media companies. Most recently, she was director of sales operations for Comcast Business Services where she was responsible for all sales infrastructures and operations across five regions in the eastern division. Birth received her bachelor of science in business administration from Alameda University in Idaho. She serves on an executive committee of the Cable Telecommunications Association for Marketing and is a member of Society of Cable and Telephony Engineers and Women in Cable.

Goodman & Company has announced the recent hire of **Khuyen Tran** as an associate in the Tysons Corner office. Tran is a recent graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Prior to joining Goodman & Company full-time, she worked as a summer intern in both 2007 and 2008.

Alion Science and Technology, an employee-owned technology solutions provider, has been selected to manage the Defense Sustainment Consortium (DSC), an organization comprising government agency stakeholders, industry partners and representatives from academic institutions. The DSC provides a forum in which the government can present challenges facing aging weapons systems and obtain expert advice on how to extend a weapon platform's life. Alion was chosen to manage DSC through a memorandum of agreement that was signed in July.

Morgan Stanley's Global Wealth Management Group announced that **John Verfurth**, a Senior Vice President, Wealth Advisor in the Tyson's Corner office, has been named to Virginia Business Magazine's listing of "Top 50 Wealth Advisors." This feature recognizes a select group of individuals who are screened on a number of criteria.

Business Counseling at Foust's Office

A Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) representative will be in Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust's office once a month to offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start a business in Fairfax County, expand an existing business in the county, or learn about other business services. These sessions are scheduled for the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road in McLean.

FCEDA assistance focuses on an array of business functions and questions: from starting a business in Fairfax County to securing office space, or securing capital to help a company grow.

To schedule an appointment contact Julie Ide in Supervisor Foust's office at 703-356-0551.

More information on this service is available at the FCEDA Web site: http://www.fairfaxcountyedea.org/services_and_resources.htm. Or contact Jatinder Kaur of the FCEDA at 703-790-0600 or jkaur@fceda.org.

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Hal and MaryAnn Pippin run the center.

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Mclean resident Craig Pippin played baseball for the University of Florida before going on to play pro-ball with the Kansas City Royals, Pittsburgh Pirates, and Cleveland Indians. Now he puts his experience and expertise to use as the owner and founder of the Players Edge in Tysons Corner, the hub of baseball, softball, and off-season athletic training.

Because of Pippin's expertise in baseball, the center specializes in providing baseball and softball lessons to boys and girls beginning at the age 7, and through college. The lead instructor, Brian Crosely, played at Coppin State University and coached at Hagerstown CC. "All athletes are assured quality training while at Player's Edge. The staff really know what they are doing", said Pippin.

PLAYERS coming to the center at an early age are taught the fundamentals and techniques of the game. Players Edge works to cultivate their skills and build on their natural abilities as athletes. The center even helps with the application process for players looking to continue their baseball careers at the collegiate level. Jason McMahon, director of technology, creates recruiting videos, emphasizing the player's strengths to help college coaches and scouts discover potential in a perspective player.

The use of technology is not limited to recruiting videos: Using the Right View Pro system, both baseball and softball players are able to compare their pitching mechanics and hitting techniques to those of professional athletes. "Our technological capabilities here are what allows us to operate at a high-level, and really use what we know to perfect a player's skills," said Pippin.

More Information

Players Edge Training Center is located at 8209 Watson Street in McLean. Call 703-288-0057. For more information, visit <http://playersedgetraining.net/>

Derek Anderson, a pitcher for Trinity College (2008 Division III National Champions) is currently using PE's video technology to keep his college coach updated on his progress while he is on his summer break. "Video is the best way for a coach to evaluate a player because they can break down their mechanics, and see what flaws may be there and how they can be fixed," said Anderson.

ANDERSON is one of about 40 college players that work out at PE over the summer. "Typically, the summer is our slowest season. The players come in to 'tune-up' their skills while playing on various teams. Things really pick up during the off-season, which is fall and winter," said MaryAnn Pippin who runs the center together with her husband Hal Pippin.

Once the spring and summer seasons come to a close, the center will become busy with people trying to improve their athletic ability. The strength training and conditioning program at PE includes basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, baseball and softball players. "We go through a combination of agility workouts, weight lifting, and injury prevention," said Joe Helisek, director of sport performance. "The focus of the program is injury prevention for amateur athletes through strength and conditioning, and sport specific skill training," said Craig Pippin.

Players Edge's facility is also used by local dance teams and karate classes. "We do everything we can to try to make the center as accessible and as helpful to local athletes as possible," said MaryAnn Pippin.

Feder Attracts More 'Outside Contributors'

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

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

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

"I think it would be short sighted to equate the amount of money someone raises with their chances of winning a seat. There are too many other factors for a single measure to be that influential," said Dan Keyserling, deputy communications director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

THE WOLF CAMPAIGN has also criticized Feder for raising most of her money outside the state of Virginia. They argue that Feder's prolific fund-raising is not a reflection of support inside Virginia 10th congressional district because most of the money is coming from somewhere else.

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

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

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

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

"It is not the most encouraging sign in the world that she gets more money from outside the state

than inside," he said.

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

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

In the case of Feder, she appears to have relied heavily on her colleagues in higher education. The democrat is the former dean of the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute and has received several donations from people connected to Georgetown, The George Washington, Columbia and Harvard universities, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

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

ginia.

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

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

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

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

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

Contributions by ZIP Code

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

In McLean, two ZIP codes are among those that produced the largest campaign contributions to federal candidates, political parties and political action committees in the country. ZIP code 22101, with approximately \$5.1 million contributed, brings in the 14th largest amount of campaign contributions in the country. ZIP code 22102, with approximately \$3.7 million contributed, is ranked 27th in the country.

ZIP code 22043 has donated \$458,600, approximately 12 times what an average ZIP code gives.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Locals Relish Convention Roles

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
FOR THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

— Margo Horner

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

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

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



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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



Horner



Rigby



Euille

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

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

tant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Candidates Decline Debates

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wolf has agreed to participate in two debates with his

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

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

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

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

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

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

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HEALTH

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

Substance Abuse Recovery Support. For support in dealing with a substance abuse issue, come to the Natural Horizons Wellness Center on Tuesday, Sept. 9 from 6-7 p.m. for an overview on the holistic substance abuse program and how it can provide support on road to recovery. Limited space; call 703-246-9355 to reserve. 10640 Main St., Suite 300, Fairfax.

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

Balance and Beyond. Persons with Parkinson's Disease who can walk unassisted are invited to join a balance class that meets weekly on **Wednesdays** at 1:15 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. The classes are sanctioned by the Parkinson Foundation for the National

Capital Area (PFNCA) and are led by a certified instructor of the American Senior Fitness Association. Call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Balance and Beyond" class.

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

Vienna Weight Watchers. Meet-

ings at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna are **every Tuesday** from noon-1:15 p.m. Cost is \$150 for 12 weekly luncheon sessions, payable in advance. To register call 703-255-6350.

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

Heart and Sole. Persons with Parkinson's Disease are invited to join an exercise class that meets weekly on **Fridays and Tuesdays** at 12:30 p.m., at the Vienna Community Center, 120

Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. Care partners and family members are welcome to come and assist the PD patient. For session dates, fees and information, call Cheryl Bartholomew at 703-281-1560. To register, call 703-255-6360 and specify the "Heart and Sole" class.

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

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to mclean@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

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

St. John's Episcopal Church Homecoming Celebration, on Sunday, Sept. 7 after the 10 a.m. service. Join the fun on the front lawn for food, friends, and the moon bounce. Church School registration will also take place. At the picnic on the lawn, Subway sandwiches and beverages will be provided. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit www.stjohnsmclean.org.

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

Don't Waste Your Life; What On Earth Am I Here for?; Worship-You Were Planned for God's Pleasure; Fellowship-You Were Formed for God's Family; Discipleship-You Were Created to Become Like Christ; Ministry-You Were Shaped for Serving God; Evangelism-You Were Made for a Mission; What Have We Learned.

Sunday School sessions will also be held to discuss the topics of the Series each week. Phone: 703 759 3705. Email: greatfallsumc@verizon.net; Web site: www.greatfallsumc.org

Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday School Kick-off Jamboree on Sept. 7, 9:15-10:30 a.m., registration, Sunday school and worship services. 12 p.m., celebration picnic, with hot dogs and chili. Welcome newcomers and guests, celebrate another school year and the laying of the cornerstone. Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. Registration forms available online at www.umtrinity.org.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church offers a lector series, "Is Russia Reverting to Imperialism and Authoritarianism?" Peter Reddaway, emeritus professor of political science and international affairs at George Washington University and a former director of the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies, will discuss Russia's long and

complex relationship with the West and how this helps to explain its current conflict with Georgia. Sept. 9, 7:30 p.m.: Russia's Ambivalent Attitudes to the West: The Historical Roots. Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.: Russia's Evolution under Putin and its Current Conflict with Georgia. Pot-luck supper at 6:45. St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean. Reserve by email stthom1@cox.net. or 703-442-0330.

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

Guest Speaker Bob Sorge at Christian Assembly, 8200 Bell Lane, Vienna, on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. Sorge served for thirteen years as senior pastor of Zion Fellowship in Canandaigua, N.Y., and now bases his writing and traveling ministry in Kansas City MO. Among his works are, *Secrets of the Secret Place*, *Exploring Worship*, *The Fire of Delayed Answers and Pain*, *Perplexity*, and *Promotion*.

Vale United Methodist Church Family Festival Hoedown, Sunday, Sept. 7. Food, games and prizes from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and a square dance from 1 p.m.-2 p.m. Moon bounce, spin art, duck pond, pie throwing and more. Vale United Methodist Church, 11528, Vale Road, Oakton.

Oakton United Methodist Church has designated Sept. 14 as **Bring a Friend Sunday**, and invites members of the community to worship at 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m., and attend Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Nursery services are available during the 10:55 a.m. service. Return at 5:45 p.m. for fellowship and share in a pot-luck dinner. At 7 p.m., listen to 4tified, whose music reflects southern gospel favorites, soulful a cappella hymns and medleys, plus a number of original songs. Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, at the intersection of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Road. Visit www.oaktonumc.org or call 703-938-1234.

Alpha for Teens. Each week the youth will meet together for a meal, a talk on topics such as, "Who is Jesus?", "Why Did Jesus Die?", "How Can I Be Sure of my Faith?" and "Does God Still Heal Today?", followed by small group interaction. Sunday Evenings Beginning Sept. 14, 5 p.m. Praise Service 5 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m., Alpha for Teens 6:30 p.m. Contact Pastor Eric Song, 703-356-3312. **Trinity United Methodist Church,** 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. McLean. www.umtrinity.org.

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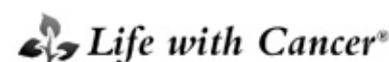
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To register, call 703-750-8812



Grading Policy Reviewed

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ors calculus class translates into a 3.5 GPA. In Montgomery County, the same score would earn a 5.0 GPA for that course.

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

In Fairfax, students must earn a 94 percent to receive an A, an 84 percent to earn a B and a 74 percent to earn a C. The 10-point scale awards an A for a score of 90 percent, a B for a score of 80 percent, and a C for a score of 70 percent.

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

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

Some parents and students said these differences in grading add up and ultimately hurt Fairfax students.

“If the number of A’s given out increases by three times, then the value of the A goes down.”

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

Last January, a handful of county residents formed FAIRGRADE, a coalition that advocates for changes to Fairfax County Public Schools grading policies.

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

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

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

The organization’s analysis shows that about 10 percent of Fairfax stu-

FAIRGRADE Reacts to SAT Report

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) recent report showing FCPS high school students have again surpassed SAT Scores for the state of Virginia and the nation is further evidence that grading scale policies need to be adjusted for FCPS students - FAIRGRADE announced last Saturday.

“How is it possible that FCPS students are outperforming students not only across the state of Virginia but across the entire United States in the SAT tests, and yet, FCPS students’ GPAs don’t show similar, higher-than-national achievement?” said FAIRGRADE President and co-founder Megan McLaughlin.

“FCPS’ SAT report just further bolsters FAIRGRADE’s contention that current grading policies deny FCPS students the fair grades they deserve. It’s time to change these grading policies to ensure that they work for our students rather than against them,” said McLaughlin.

dents have a GPA of 3.75 or higher. In other comparable school districts across the country, the share of students with a GPA of that caliber is closer to 20 or 30 percent, they said.

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

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

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

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

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

“I couldn’t care less if [an A means] 94 to 100 or 90 to 100,” said Greg Roberts, the University of Virginia’s senior associate dean of admission. Roberts has also worked in admissions at Emory or Georgetown universities.

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

“We try and get an understanding of what

the grade means in that school and in that class,” he added.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Taught To Love

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jogs past the church every Sunday morning. Upon seeing the slur on the church’s façade, Brown said the man in question “stopped his jog, went home, showered, got dressed and came to pray with us. He wanted to ensure me that this is not reflective about how the community feels about [First Baptist Church of] Chesterbrook.

“It has given us an opportunity to really see how much love there is in this community,” said Brown about the Aug. 17 incident.

Brown met with a delegation from the Fairfax County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on Wednesday afternoon, Aug. 27.

“YOU’RE HURT, we’re hurt, the church is insulted,” said the Rev. Ronald Winters, the branch president. “This is a speed bump, we get over it and we go on,” he said. The NAACP Fairfax County branch called for the continued investigation into the defacing of the church while asking for calm in the community as the matter is being investigated.

Brown said he is using the aftermath of the incident to educate people, among other things, about the meaning of the “N word.” Knowing the people who worship at the First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook, he said, the perpetrator “must have tagged the wrong place,” said Brown. “I’m not ignorant, nor am I lazy, I knew they couldn’t be talking about me,” he said. What gets to him the most, he said, is that someone decided to desecrate a church, “a house that is dedicated to teaching individuals to love one another. It is hard to understand how someone arrives at the thought, ‘Today I’m going to spray a church,’” said Brown.

“I think it’s someone who is deranged,” said the Rev. Joseph Welch of the Reston-based Resurrection Baptist Church. He added, “We are people who are taught to forgive, we are people who are taught to love,” said Welch. All present at Wednesday’s meeting agreed that the incident should not reflect negatively on the community bonds. “We want folks to want to continue to come” to the church, said Welch.

Brown said First Baptist Church of Chesterbrook is planning a Community Day of Prayer, to be held on Oct. 4. The event was already in planning before the incident took place, said Brown, but added that the incident did give the church incentive to plan a specific date. “With all that is going on, why don’t we do something for the community to come together,” said Brown.

SPORTS

McLean, in Patrick's Debut, Falls to Atoms

Highlanders' Beiro scores three TDs in season-opening football loss.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Sometimes, the best time to learn about a team is during a poor game. That might have been the case for the McLean High football squad in its season-opening 49-19 home loss to Annandale last Thursday night.

Under first year head coach Jim Patrick, the Highlanders fell behind early and never were in a position to win against non-district opponent Annandale, which is under longtime head coach Dick Adams.

But Patrick, whose father, Bruce Patrick, is the former legendary head coach at Mount Vernon High School and a current assistant on Jim Patrick's staff, said he was able to gage his new team's demeanor in the setback.

"We found out what kids are going to compete," said Jim Patrick.

Overall, Patrick was pleased with the way his team hung tough and continued to play hard even with the game being well out of hand by halftime with the Highlanders trailing 42-12.

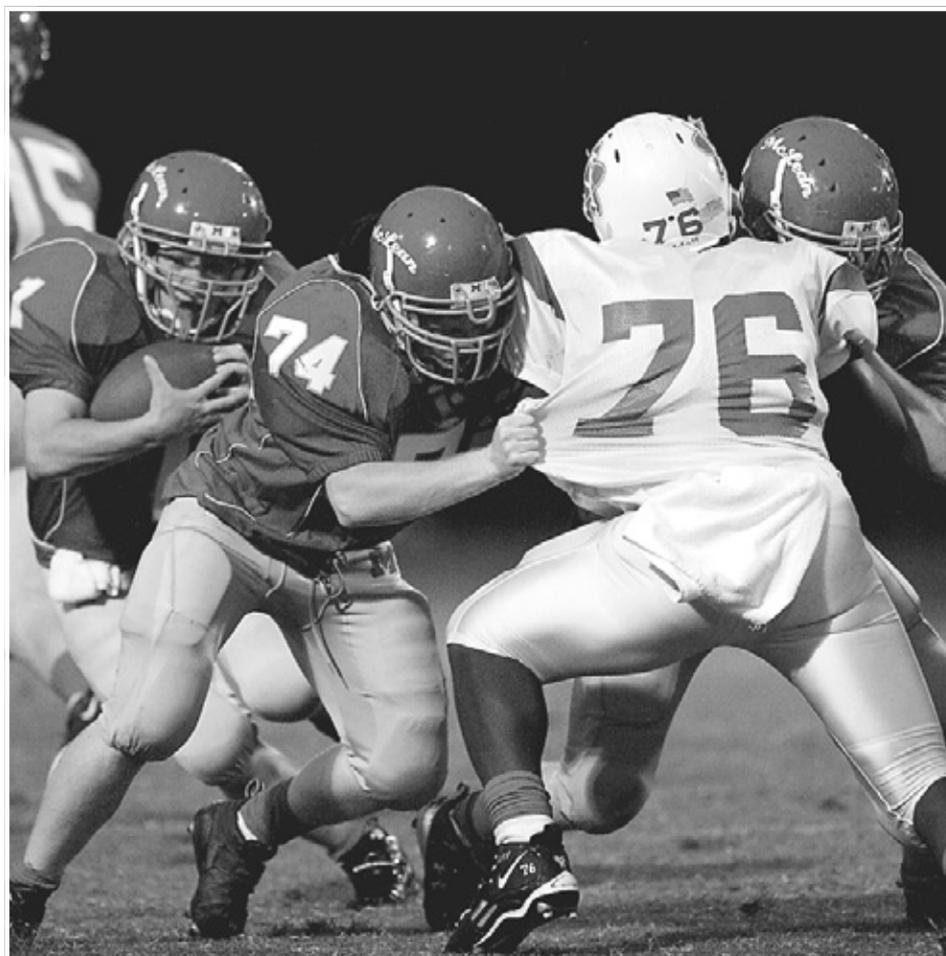
"Things obviously didn't go very well in the first half," said Patrick.

But McLean played a better second half in which both teams scored one touchdown. Defensively, the Highlanders did a better job holding down the Atoms after the intermission. At game's end, McLean defensive coordinator Greg Sullivan, a long time Northern Region assistant coach and the former head coach at T.C. Williams, said his defense will get much better between now and season's end.

The McLean offense, meanwhile, had some highlight moments to build on in the game with Annandale. One of the best games for McLean came from junior running back Riley Beiro, who rushed for 95 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries. He also provided the game's most exciting play for the large, partisan home crowd when he returned a second quarter kickoff 83 yards for a touchdown to get the Highlanders within 28-12.

On the kick return, Beiro took the ball at the 17 yard line before surging up the middle. He then broke free towards the right sideline and went all the way in for the score.

In the first quarter, Beiro had scored on a two yard run for McLean's first points of the season. That 2 OTD play pulled the Highlanders within 14-6. And in the second half, Beiro scored on a seven yard run with just under 11 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter for the game's final touchdown.



McLean senior running back Kyle McColgan looks for running space behind teammate and lineman Matt Tucker in week one action against Annandale.

COACH PATRICK said McLean junior quarterback Will Hecht had an up-and-down game. The 6-foot-3 inch signal caller completed 7-of-16 passes for 90 yards and two interceptions. Both of the Annandale pickoffs came in the first half, the first one coming on a deflected pass as Hecht was looking to throw a short ball to his left.

But Hecht had some good moments, completing passes of 27, 23 and 16 yards. Senior running back Kyle McColgan caught three passes for 36 yards and Beiro caught two for 29 yards.

Hecht led McLean on a first half scoring drive of 65 yards over nine plays in the first quarter. A key play in the drive came when he connected with Beiro on a throw to the left that picked up 23 yards to the Atoms' 38 yard line. That drive eventually ended with Beiro's two-yard scoring run.

And Hecht also led the Highlanders on their second half scoring march, which began at the McLean 37 yard line in the third quarter and concluded with Beiro's seven yard scoring run on a sweep right early in the fourth quarter. In all, McLean moved the ball 63 yards on 13 plays.

McLean passed the ball just one time during the touchdown march as the Highlanders ran the ball effectively. The longest yardage play on the drive came on a 10 yard run by senior running back Ullrich Erasmus which got the ball down to the 13.

So Hecht, a part-time varsity starter at

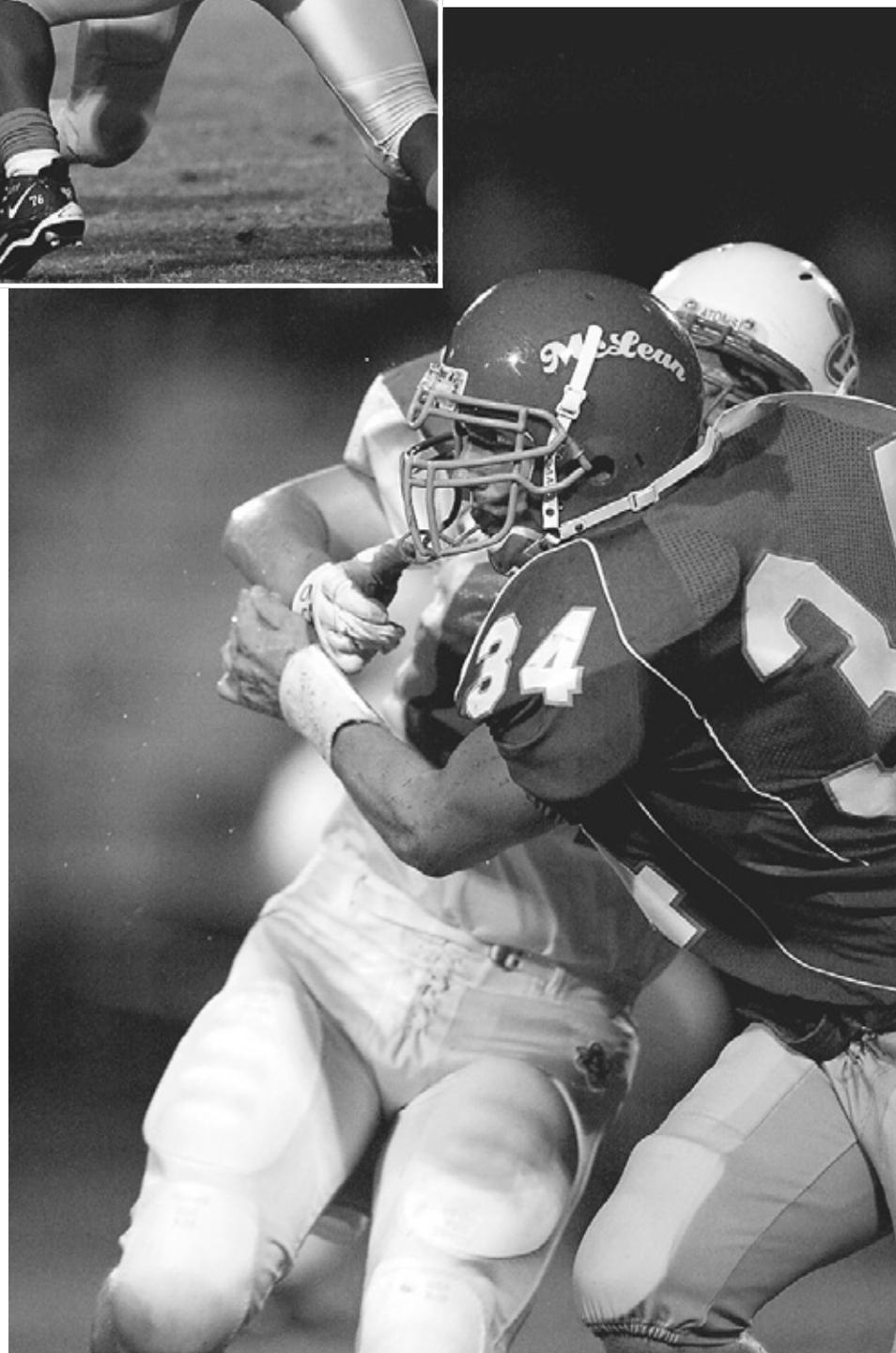
quarterback last year, did a fine job engineering two touchdown drives in the game.

"He did well in spurts," said Patrick, of his QB's overall play. "The biggest thing is just his consistency."

Defensively, the Highlanders struggled against a potent offensive attack which is sure to make the Atoms contenders for the Patriot District crown this season. Annandale senior quarterback Cason Kynes both threw and ran the football effectively out of the shotgun. Through the air, he was an efficient 6-of-11 for 153 yards with a pair of touchdown tosses (5 and 63 yards), both scoring tosses coming in the second quarter. His 63 -yard scoring strike to receiver Melvin Robinson down the left sideline with just over a minute remaining in the first half

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McLean linebacker/receiver Chris Rogers (34) fights off an Annandale player.

SPORTS

Coach Gets Dad's Advice

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was a particular deflator for the home team.

Kynes also rushed the ball 11 times for 70 yards and a touchdown. Annandale, as a team rushed the ball for 215 yards. Senior back John Copenhaver rushed for 58 yards on eight carries and scored three touchdowns, two of those coming in the first quarter when Annandale built a 21-6 lead.

Sullivan, the McLean defensive coordinator, has a track record of turning around defenses and making them strong. And he is likely to do the same with the Highlanders. In the first half, Sullivan stood atop the McLean press box with some other coaches overlooking the action. But with the way things were going over that trying first half of play, he came down to the team sideline for the second half and it seemed to give McLean a defensive boost. While Annandale was probably using some of its backups in the latter half, McLean looked better and quicker across the board defensively in that second half.

COACH PATRICK said he wanted his dad to be a part of his coaching staff upon being hired as the McLean head coach last December. Bruce Patrick led Mount Vernon to several Northern Region titles in the 1980s and to a state crown in 1983. He is part of a handful of great coaches that the region has known, along with such names as Bob Hardage (Annandale), Nick Hilgert (Robinson), Dan Meier (West Potomac/Chantilly) and Adams (Annandale). Bruce Patrick's title with McLean is assistant head coach.

"I grew up around football," said Jim Patrick. "It's a great thing [to have his dad on the staff]. For one thing, he's been there as a head coach and school administrator. You can bounce things off him. He's great to talk to."

Marshall High coach J.T. Biddison was a member of the W.T. Woodson High team which gave the 1983 state champion Mount Vernon Majors their only loss that season under Bruce Patrick. Biddison, who led Marshall to the Div. 5 region playoffs last year, anticipates the McLean team will be in good hands under Jim Patrick.

"I'm sure they'll be well coached," said Biddison, whose team will face the Highlanders in a week six game at Marshall.

While his team lost decisively in the season opener, Jim Patrick said being on the sideline as McLean's head coach for the first time was a great experience last Thursday night.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "Sometimes it can be stressful, but you've got to try to enjoy it."

This Friday night, McLean will look to get into the win column with a non-district game at Stuart.

AREA ROUNDUP



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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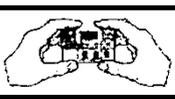
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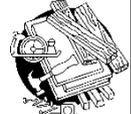
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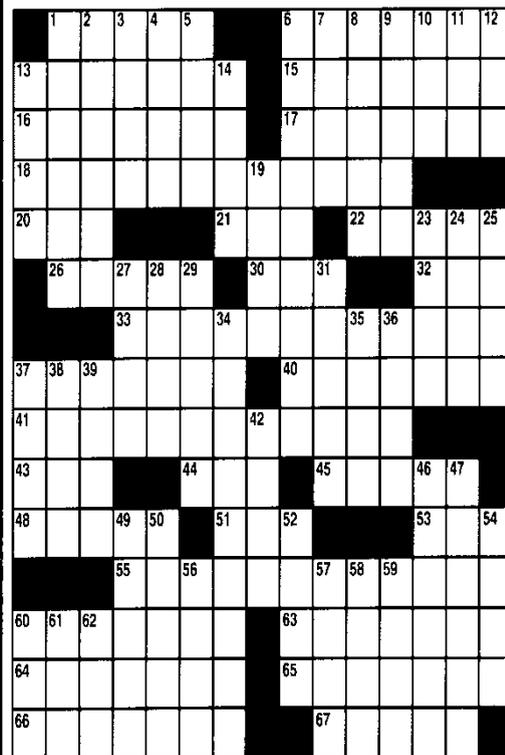
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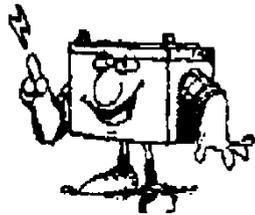
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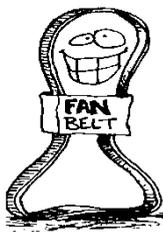


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