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# Schools Welcome First-Graders

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Westbriar Elementary School first-graders Serena Agnew, Kayla Domschke, and Sammy Sedgwick think there will be lots of work in first grade. Serena says they will be learning "a lot of math, reading, and writing;" Kayla is looking forward to reading and writing; Sammy says he was being "chased by a second-grader" which is why he wasn't here earlier.

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## Does Fairfax Give Fair Grades?

**Panel discusses whether tougher grading scale puts students at a disadvantage.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
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**I**f a high school student earns a 92 percent average in the fall semester of their honors calculus course, what grade do they receive?

Well, it depends on where they live.

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

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

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

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



**School Board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) chats with FAIRGRADE co-founder Sara Pacque'-Margolis after a Grading Policy Round Table Aug. 25.**

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

GPA 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 ben-

efit. In Montgomery County, students enrolled in both honors and AP/IB classes automatically earn a 1.0 GPA bonus.

Some parents and students said these differences in grading add up and ultimately hurt Fairfax students. Last January, a handful of county residents formed FAIRGRADE, a coalition that advocates for changes to 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 students have a GPA of 3.75 or higher. In other comparable school districts across the country, the share

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## Pastor Retires after 14 Years

**Eugene Buie leaves Antioch Christian Church.**

**F**ourteen years after he first stepped up to the pulpit at Antioch Christian Church in Vienna, the Rev. Eugene Buie stepped down.

"Tomorrow is the first day in retirement," said Buie, as he spoke to his congregation for the final time. "It came with relentless insistence, whether I was ready or not."

Every morning, it's time to turn around and face the future, he said.

Approximately 90 Vienna-area residents belong to Antioch, the small white country-style church on Beulah Road.

"I'm wearing black because I'm in mourning because you are leaving," Lola Wayland of Vienna told Buie. Lola Wayland and her husband, Leonard, have been members of the church for two years, and wish they had found it earlier.

"I'll truly miss his sermons," said Leonard Wayland. "Rev. Buie tells it like it is. He talks straight."



**The Rev. Eugene Buie and his wife, Johannah, will be moving to their retirement home in Harrisonburg. They have no plans, and are "waiting to see what comes next."**

No new pastor is yet assigned to the church. A new parsonage has been built in Francis Young Estates, abutting church property. When the Buies leave the old parsonage, a modest brick rambler, it will

be razed.

The congregation presented farewell gifts to Buie and his wife, Johannah, at a church luncheon after the service on Aug. 24.



**The Rev. Eugene Buie is retiring as pastor of Antioch Christian Church after 14 years of service to the congregation.**

Buie and his wife have no plans beyond the move to Harrisonburg. "We will wait to see what happens," Buie said. "We are all in God's hands. We must go forward in faith ... waiting to see what comes next."

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# Financially Close Race

Wolf, Feder have equal financial footing.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
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Frank Wolf (R)



Judy Feder (D)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the beginning of the month, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee added Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> 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 po-

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

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

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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 lucra-

## Top Contributors

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

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SAIC, Inc. (San Diego)	Technology/ Government Contractor	\$11,750
Wiley, Rein & Fielding	Law Firm	\$10,400
Judy Feder (D):		
Georgetown University**	Higher Education	\$37,035
ActBlue	Democratic PAC	\$20,999
George Washington University	Higher Education	\$13,350
Columbia University	Higher Education	\$11,050
Harvard University	Higher Education	\$10,600

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\*\* candidate's former employer

ing.

"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.

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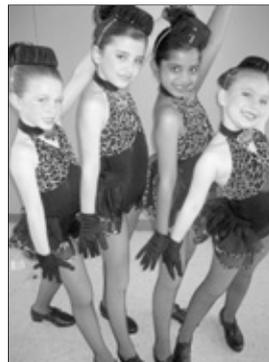
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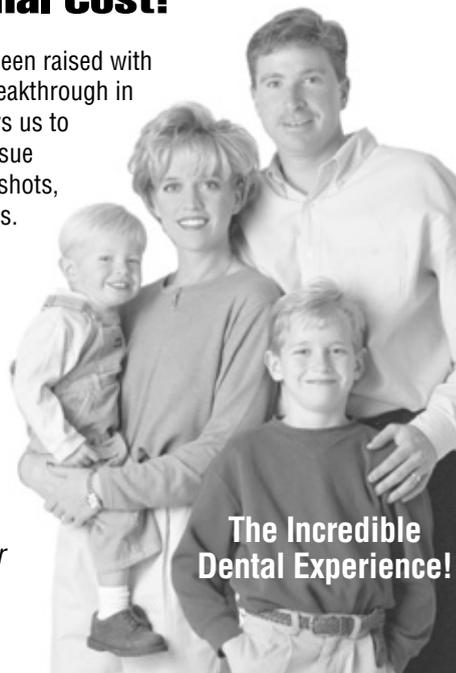
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# Taste of Middle East

Holy Transfiguration Church hosts 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

# COMMUNITY

Send community notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

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

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

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

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

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# OPINION

## 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."

**Ivy Main**

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

To the Editor:

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

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

As for the oil prices, our Demo-

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

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

**Neeraj Nigam**

Candidate for U.S. Congress  
Virginia 10th District

**David Brunori**

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# Honoring Service, Bravery on 9-11

Sept. 11 event honors remarkable brigade.

By MIKE DiCICCO  
THE CONNECTION

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

When he called her less than two weeks ago, Lubore told Hershman he wanted to put together an event that would recognize soldiers in the 173<sup>rd</sup>, 2/503 Infantry Airborne Brigade and raise money to get them to a memorial service and "homecoming" party at their home base in Italy. They planned a gath-

ering at the Tavern at Great Falls for the evening of Thursday, Sept. 11.

While most soldiers return to homecoming parties at bases in the U.S., this unit is based at Camp Ederle in Vicenza, Italy, where there are few Americans to throw a party for them.

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

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

**THE PARENTS** of two slain members of the brigade decided to raise money to throw a party on Sept. 25 at the base in Italy, to be preceded by a memorial ceremony for fallen comrades.



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

Hershman said about \$85,000 had been raised, "and they raised that on like \$5 and \$10 donations."

Lubore said he hoped to put the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Sky Angel Fund over the top in terms of fund-raising but that the most important goal of the event was to thank

members of the brigade for their efforts and sacrifices. "It's the look in their eyes when you say, 'Thank you. We really appreciate your sacrifice,'" he said. Twenty or so members of the brigade, as well as at least one parent of one of the soldiers killed in action, will be at the

## Get Involved

The "Citizens Who Care" 9/11 benefit will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Tavern at Great Falls, 9835 Georgetown Pike. Donations are appreciated. To make a donation in advance, send a check to 173<sup>rd</sup> Sky Angels Fund, c/o Terry and Cheryl Blaskowski, P.O. Box 164, Cheboygan, MI 49721 or send a Paypal donation from [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) to the e-mail address [airborne173rdskyangelsfund@yahoo.com](mailto:airborne173rdskyangelsfund@yahoo.com). To learn more about the 173<sup>rd</sup>, 2/503 Infantry Airborne Brigade, visit <http://173rdskyangelsfund.euphoricreality.com>.

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

— Jeff Lubore

fund-raiser, which will run from 7 to 9:30 p.m., with a live band and no formal agenda.

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

One of the soldiers who will be in attendance is Sgt. Ryan Pitts, who is staying at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, having been wounded on July 13 in the Battle of Wanat, a fierce, hours-long

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Incidents reported by the Town of Vienna police department from Aug. 23 through Aug. 29.

### ARREST

**Navy Federal Credit Union, 800 Follin Lane, S.E.** June 6. Detective Sylmar was called after an employee of Navy Federal Credit Union was found to be fraudulently using another's identity to obtain funds. After cooperative investigation by Navy Federal and Detective Sylmar the employee, a 23 year old female of Temple Hills, Md. was arrested and charged with Identity Fraud and Grand Larceny; both felonies. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on \$2000. bond.

### 900 Block Carole Court, S.E.

Between July 11 and July 30. The Town of Vienna Police Department have arrested a 31 year old male of Duncan Trail in Reva, Va., and a 44 year old male of Massies Mountain Rd. in Washington, Va., for defrauding an elderly homeowner out of thousands of dollars. The two men were soliciting in and around Vienna offering to do tree work. After beginning the tree work, the men then told the homeowner that he needed repair work on his house and that it would cost an exorbitant amount. Once the homeowner responded that he couldn't afford the price, the men told him they would do only the "essential" work for a reduced price; which was still thousands of dollars. The men then collected the reduced amount in the form of a check and cashed it. Days later the men returned to tell the victim that they had completed the work, when in fact they had not. On

Aug. 27 the two men were spotted by Detective Sylmar and Detective Wickes driving near Cedar Lane in Vienna. After stopping the individuals, they were placed under arrest for the fraud case warrants which had been secured days earlier and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Subsequent to an inventory of their vehicle prior to towing, Officer Mangan discovered stolen chain saws in the truck. As a result of this discovery, the 31 year old was also charged with Possession of Stolen Property for the chain saws. Both men are currently being held without bond.

### 200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E.

Aug. 24 2 p.m. Officer Mangan observed an individual that was displaying signs of impairment and wandering about the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. The individual, a 47 year old male of Cedar Lane in Vienna was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was formally charged with Drunk in Public.

### 200 Block Cedar Lane, S.E.

Aug. 24 2:10 p.m. Officer Monaco located an individual that was displaying signs of impairment and wandering about the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. The individual, a 34 year old male of Cedar Lane in Vienna was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was formally charged with Drunk in Public.

### Vienna General District Court, 127 Center Street, South.

Aug. 25, 10:46 a.m. A female subject was appearing in General District Court in Vienna on an animal care/ neglect charge where multiple cats were found in her home in need of care.

ACO Harrington, the investigating officer, had received notice from Warren County, Va. that there were two felony warrants outstanding for the lady. The warrants were for bad checks in Warren County. The woman, a 30 year old female of Nelson Drive in Vienna, was arrested by PFC Shaver and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. She was served with the warrants and held on a \$2000. bond.

### ASSAULT

#### 600 Block Hillcrest Drive, S.W.

Aug. 24 11:08 p.m. Officer Finelli responded to a report of an assault. His investigation revealed that a boyfriend and girlfriend were having an argument and some minor physical contact had occurred. Both individuals were counseled and the situation was stabilized. The parties were advised about the warrant obtainment process.

### DOMESTIC

#### 1000 Block Cottage St., S.W.

Aug. 22 12:33 a.m. Officer Ruddy was dispatched to investigate a domestic disturbance. Her investigation revealed that several subjects had shown up at a residence and were unwanted. Upon asking them to leave, an argument took place. The situation was successfully resolved by Officer Ruddy and both parties were advised about the warrant obtainment process.

#### 100 Block Ross Drive, S.W.

Aug. 26 7:50 p.m. A boyfriend and girlfriend were arguing outside a residence. PFC Shaw was able to successfully

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resolve the situation without incident.  
**100 Block Center St., South.** Aug. 28 2 p.m. At the Vienna Elementary open house, a father and daughter were inside a vehicle. The ex-fiancée of the father came over to the vehicle and allegedly struck the father. No probable cause for an arrest was apparent so the parties were advised of the warrant obtainment and protective order processes by Officer Mangan.  
**200 Block Park Terrace Court.** Aug. 28 8:08 p.m. A family dispute was successfully resolved by Officer Finelli without incident.  
**1000 Block Echols St., S.E.** Aug. 28 11:30 p.m. A husband and wife had a verbal and minor physical confrontation over loud talking during the Obama acceptance speech. No probable cause for arrest existed so the warrant obtainment process was explained to the two parties by PFC Bailey.

## FRAUD CASE

**Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., East.** Between Aug. 12 and Aug. 26. An employee reported that someone with a Middle Eastern accent has been calling and purporting themselves to be a detective. The caller has personal information on the complainant. It is believed that this is a scam whereby the caller tries to get the other person to send money to avoid going to court for a fraudulent warrant. This case is still being investigated.  
**400 Block West St., N.W.** Between Aug. 14 and Aug. 21. A citizen reported that her credit card number and identity were used fraudulently online to purchase items. This case is still being investigated.  
**500 Block Malcolm Road, N.W.** Between Aug. 23 and Aug. 25. A credit card was stolen during a sleepover. After discovering the card to be missing several days later, the owner went online and checked her account. She found that the card had been used fraudulently at several locations. This case is still being investigated.  
**500 Block Maple Ave., West.** Aug. 27 between 1 p.m. and 10 p.m. A stolen credit card was used fraudulently at the 7-11 store. This case is still being investigated.

## GRAND LARCENY

**Shell Gas Station, 500 Block Maple Ave., West.** Between Feb. 1 and Aug. 25. Money has been stolen from an employee activated drop safe over the past 6 months. This case is still being investigated.  
**Whole Foods, 100 Block Maple Ave., East.** Aug. 22 between 10:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. A citizen had her wallet and its contents stolen while shopping at Whole Foods. The wallet was inside a purse and was taken while her attention was diverted in the Deli area. This case is still being investigated.  
**Whole Foods, 100 Block Maple Ave., East.** Aug. 25 11:45 a.m. A visible purse was stolen from a parked vehicle while the owner was inside Whole Foods. A male subject was observed near or in the vehicle but fled the area when the owner returned. This case is still being investigated. Follow up: The purse was located by a citizen near the W & O.D. Trail. Most of the contents were recovered however several items were missing.  
**300 Block Moorefield Road, S.W.** Between Aug. 26 at 11:30 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 9:30 a.m. A citizen reported that she left her garage door open during the night and an unknown subject entered her garage and then entered her unlocked

vehicle. The victim's purse and wallet were left inside the vehicle. Several credit cards were stolen from the wallet. As the victim began notifying the credit card companies, she discovered that her credit cards had already been used fraudulently. This case is still being investigated.  
**Giant Food, 300 Block Maple Ave., East.** Aug. 28 between 7:30 p.m. and 7:50 p.m. A shopper's handbag was stolen out of her shopping cart while she turned her back to look at food items. The handbag contained cash as well as credit cards and other items. This case is still being investigated.

## PETIT LARCENY

**500 Block Valley Drive, S.E.** Between Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. and August 25 at 7 a.m. A "Vote for Obama" sign was stolen from the front yard of a residence.  
**200 Block Maple Ave., S.E.** August 26 between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. A blue mountain bike was stolen from a bike rack. No other information about the bicycle was available.

## RECKLESS DRIVING

**1100 Block of Maple Avenue, East.** Sergeant Elias conducted a traffic stop on Saturday Aug. 3 at 2:20 p.m. for speeding. The vehicle was travelling in the 1100 Block of Maple Avenue, East. The driver, a 26 male of Greensboro Drive in McLean, Virginia had no driver's license and was charged with Reckless Driving for his speed of 83mph in a 35mph zone.

## SUSPICIOUS EVENT

**100 Block Church St., N.W.** Aug. 25 1:33 p.m. A shopkeeper reported that she believed a customer had stolen stones and scented oils from her store. The suspect was not observed actually stealing anything but was merely acting suspiciously. Officer Ruddy resolved the situation to the satisfaction of the complainant.  
**100 Block Pleasant St., S.W.** Between Aug. 26 at 6:40 p.m. and Aug. 27 at 10:13 a.m. A suspicious email was received by a citizen referencing her child. This case is being reported because the Fairfax County School Board had recently notified the complainant that her son's personal information had been compromised from Marshall Road Elementary School. This case is still being investigated.

## TELEPHONE CASE

**300 Block Courthouse Road, S.W.** Between Jan. 25 and Aug. 25. A citizen reported that a known individual has been calling his cell phone and threatening him for several months. The citizen was advised of the warrant obtainment process.

## VANDALISM

**900 Block Lynhill Court, N.E.** Aug. 25 between 2:00 p.m. and 5:33 p.m. Toilet paper was placed on 5 branches of a tree while the homeowner was out shopping.

## ANIMAL CASE

**300 Block Arcadian Circle, S.W.** Aug. 21 5:19 p.m. Officer Myers responded to a citizen's home for a deceased opossum. The homeowner stated that her dog killed the opossum and she was concerned about a rabies infection. The opossum was collected and transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter for testing.

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Wolf Trap Elementary School Assistant Principal Kim Price, Principal Anita Blain, Ullysses Cox, Director - Cluster 2, and Assistant Superintendent Phyllis Pajardo - Cluster 2, introduce themselves to Debbie Clinage's third-grade class on opening day.

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DONNA MANZ/  
THE CONNECTION

# Grading Policy Reviewed

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of students with a GPA of that caliber is closer to 20 or 30 percent, they said.

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

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

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

of Maryland at College Park, George Mason University, University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins University.

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

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

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

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

have, said Roberts.

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

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

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

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

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

are, he said.

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

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

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

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

"There is more substantial argu-

## 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.

ment 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.

# COMMUNITY

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**Festival** is planned for **Saturday, Nov. 8** at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE. Funds raised are used for the annual Scholarship Program and other community projects. To rent a space, call N. Volpe 703-938-7716 or email [volpe@cox.net](mailto:volpe@cox.net) for information or an application.

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long-term care facility. Interviews of applicants will be held this summer in preparation for the next annual training, scheduled for Sept. 15, 16, and 26, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is a public service, funded in part by the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging. For information and an application, call 703-324-5422 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman).

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

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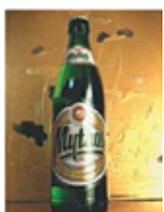
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## THURSDAY / SEPT. 4

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.-1 p.m. McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Jeffrey Sprrows, Esquire or David Levy, Esquire, Sutroville, 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](http://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](http://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



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.

child, \$2 per adult. Reservations 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](mailto:msullivan@midatlanticbuilders.com) or 301-231-0009 ext. 227. For more information about Road to Recovery, visit [www.cancer.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 9

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

**The Laura Ratcliffe Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy,** meets at the Dolley Madison Library in McLean. The Chapter takes its name from Laura Ratcliffe, an acknowledged spy who lived in the 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 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](http://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](http://www.jamminjava.com).

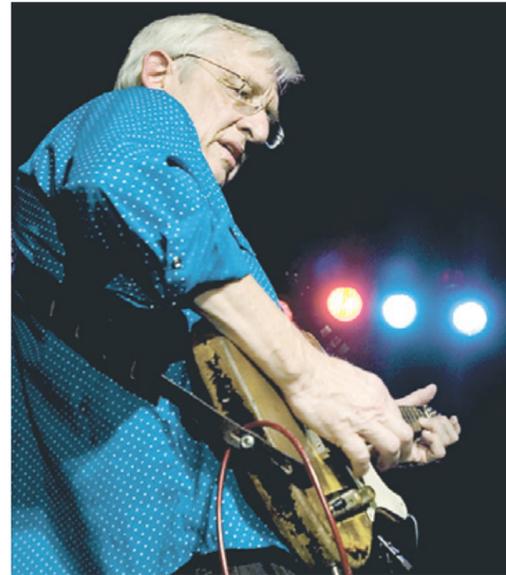
**Christopher Buckley will read and sign "Supreme Courtship"** at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Bailey's Crossroads. Call 703-998-0404. In bestselling author Christopher Buckley's novel, the President of the United States, ticked off at the Senate for rejecting his nominees, decides to get even by nominating 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.1771.org). Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-442-7557.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

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

**Family Fishing by Boat.** 6-7:30 p.m. Follow the naturalist to hidden fishing spots for bass, sunfish and the



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

occasional catfish. \$20 per boat; maximum three people per boat. Prepaid reservations required. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. 703-759-9018.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**The Town of Vienna's seventh annual "A Day to Remember"** community commemoration of the 2001 terrorist attacks on the U.S. will be held at 10 a.m. on the grounds of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., Vienna. The public is invited to remember those who lost their lives and to show support for those engaged in the ongoing fight against terrorism. "A Day to Remember" is sponsored by Vienna's American Legion Post 180 in cooperation with the Town of Vienna. For more information, contact Post 180 at 703-938-9535.

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

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

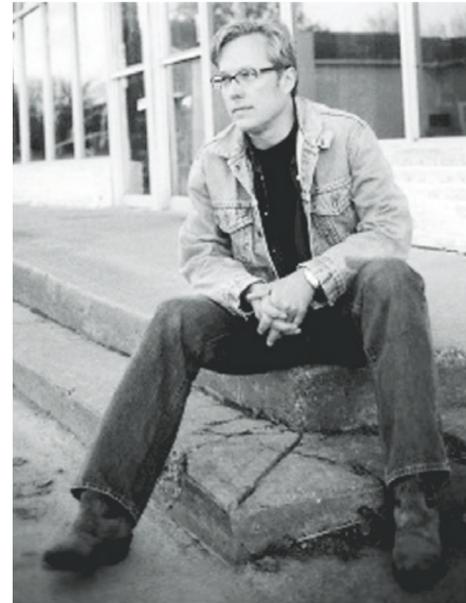
**Fall FusionFest.** 5:30-8 p.m. Meet tech executives, leaders and newsmakers. Beverages, snacks and prizes. Registration, Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. NVTC members \$55, non-members \$80. <http://www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo>.

**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](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Bluegrass music by Jimmy and Moondi.** 6:30 p.m. Free; bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. the



Radney Foster, playing a mix of country and blues, will be at Jammin Java on Tuesday, Sept. 9.

Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Call 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://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. Cost per person is \$198 single occupancy, \$151 double occupancy, and \$140 triple occupancy. Call at 703-255-6360.

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

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

**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.

**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](http://www.nvhcreston.org).

Adult students may register for **ESL classes at St. Mark Catholic Church**, 9970 Vale Road, Vienna, on Sept. 9, Sept. 11 and Sept. 16. Seven class levels, from beginner to advanced. \$15 plus the textbook. Free child care is available, and an optional basic computer skills class is offered to intermediate and advanced students. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Call 703-424-1046 or 703-216-4488 or email [esl\\_express@yahoo.com](mailto:esl_express@yahoo.com).

**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](http://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](mailto:greatfallsumc@verizon.net); Web site: [www.greatfallsumc.org](http://www.greatfallsumc.org)

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**McLean Community Center Meeting on Draft FY2010 Budget**

(July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010)

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

**Public Hearing on Proposed FY2010 Budget**

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

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

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



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## PEOPLE

### Journey to Success

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

certified show house.

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

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



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

### Dancing at Kennedy Centre

Liza Mayman, a junior at Langley High School, will be performing with Tappers with Attitude (TWA) Youth Ensemble at the 8th Annual Metro DC Dance Awards at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theatre on Monday, Sept. 8. Mayman has been dancing for 10 years and has been performing with Tappers with Attitude for the past six years.



PHOTO BY KEVIN DOHMEN

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

### Journey Across Seas Discussed

Veronica Li, a resident of Vienna, will speak on "Journey across the Four Seas: A Chinese Woman's Search for Home." The book was transcribed from taped memories of the author's mother, who came from a traditional Chinese background. The mother, who died recently at the age of 90, represented the first generation of Chinese women liberated from the ancient practice of foot-binding. The book follows Li's mother to the modern world, through revolutions and at last to life in America.

The event, to be held at Culpepper Garden Senior Center, 4435 N. Pershing Drive, Arlington, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1 p.m. with a social hour at 12:30 p.m., is sponsored by NARFE Arlington Chapter and open to the public.

### Adventure-Based Course

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## WEEK IN VIENNA

### Town Remembers Sept. 11

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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.

On Aug. 27, the two men were observed by Detective Sergeant Wickes as they were driving near Cedar Lane in Vienna. After conducting a traffic stop, the individuals were placed under arrest for the warrants on the fraud case, which had been secured days earlier. The subjects were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where they are being held without bond.

Subsequent to an inventory of their vehicle prior to towing, Officer Mangan discovered stolen chain saws in the truck. As a result of this discovery, one of the arrested individuals was also charged with possession of stolen property for the chain saws.

Anyone with any information relevant to this case may contact Detective Sergeant James Wickes of the Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6394.

### Two Arrested for Defrauding Client

The Town of Vienna Police Department has arrested two subjects who are charged with defrauding an elderly homeowner out of thousands of dollars. The two men were soliciting in and around Vienna offering to do tree work. After beginning the tree work, the men then told the homeowner that he needed repair work on his house and that it would cost an exorbitant amount, according to police. Once the homeowner responded that he couldn't afford the price, the men told him they would do only the "essential" work for a reduced price which was still thousands of dollars. The men then collected the reduced amount in the form of a check and cashed it. Days later the men returned to tell the victim that they had completed the work, when in fact they had not, according to police.

### Madison Band Plans Tag Day

The Madison High School band and color guard will hold its annual tag day on Saturday, Sept. 13. Chaperoned students will go door to door throughout the school community of Vienna and Oakton soliciting contributions and thanking the community for its support. Tag day is a fund-raiser that helps with equipment, travel, supplemental instruction and other costs that make the Madison band stand out as the "Pride of Vienna."

This year's band leadership includes drum majors Olivia Calzada and Adri Mundy, leading the band in this season's marching show entitled "The Grand Canyon."



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# NEWS

## Community Supports Heroes

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firefight that left nine members of Pitts' company dead and 15 wounded. He sustained shrapnel injuries in his legs and arm from rocket-propelled grenades and hand grenades. In the end, he said, about 50 American soldiers held off an estimated 200 Taliban attackers at a small U.S. encampment.

It was the deadliest battle in Afghanistan since 2005.

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

During the brigade's first tour in Afghanistan, by contrast, Pitts was involved in three major firefights but only a handful of skirmishes.

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

He said his company of roughly 150 soldiers was a tightly knit group that he looked forward to rejoining at the celebration and memorial ceremony in Italy. "Some of us have done two years together, come up together, got promoted together," he said. "We've been through some hairy situations together. We just fought for the guy to our left and the guy to our right, and when it came down to it, that's what we did."

**PEOPLE HAVE BEEN** "very supportive" of him and his fellow soldiers since he came back, Pitts said. "We all appreciate everybody's support. That's made a big difference for us," he said. "We don't take it lightly."

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

been overwhelming."

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

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

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

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

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**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](mailto:smamato@comcast.net-or-703-405-2631) by Sep 5.

#### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 10

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# THE COUNTY LINE

## Locals Relish Convention Roles

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
FOR THE CONNECTION

**M**argo 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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



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.**

people who endured sweltering heat and 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 of 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



Horner



Rigby



Euille

“elevated Martin Luther King’s work to its 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 important.

“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 democrat 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](http://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

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**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.** Meetings 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](http://www.bodyandsoul.org) for more classes. New students receive 15 percent discount. At McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, McLean, on **Mondays and Fridays**, 9:45-11:15 a.m., free childcare, call Mary Ward at 703-754-3722.

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

At Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive, NE, Vienna on **Mondays**, 9:15-10:15 a.m. active for life/low impact, call Lynn Mosteller at 703-698-8624.

At **Grace Presbyterian Church**, 2381 Cedar Lane, Vienna, on Tuesdays and **Thursdays**, 9:45-11 a.m. call Lynne Brents at 703-242-8826.

At **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna, on **Wednesdays and Fridays**, 9:15-10:30 a.m. active for life/low impact, call Lynn Mosteller at 703-698-8624.

**Support meetings** for parents of children with AD/HD are held every **first Wednesday** of the month at 7:15 p.m. at the offices of Annette Spector, 6845 Elm St., Ste. 710, McLean. E-mail [Aspector@DER-online.com](mailto:Aspector@DER-online.com), call 703-641-5451 or visit [www.novachadd.org](http://www.novachadd.org). Free.

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

**Multiple sclerosis support group.** For anyone with multiple sclerosis and/or their friends and family. 7 p.m. on the **second Wednesday** of every month at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. Sponsored by the National Capital Chapter of the MS Society. Call 703-768-4841.

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

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

**Parkinson's Disease Caregivers/Carepartners Support Group** meets **third Tuesday** of the month, 7 p.m., at Dolley Madison Library, lower level meeting room, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. The Parkinson Foundation (PFNCA) welcomes caregivers and family members. Call Angela Robb, 703-277-9666.

The Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region of the **American Red Cross** is **seeking volunteers** to assist its blood collections staff at blood drives and blood donor centers. This position is offered to people who are 14 years of age or older. Training is provided. To register for training, call the American Red Cross Volunteer Office at 1-800-272-0094, ext. 1, or e-mail [karloff@usa.redcross.org](mailto:karloff@usa.redcross.org).

**Great Falls Parkinson's Disease Support Group** meets on the **fourth Tuesday** of each month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike. The Parkinson Foundation welcomes PD patients and family members. They are dedicated to mutual self-help and the enhancement of coping skills for those with Parkinson's Disease. There is no fee. Call Glenn Lawrence at 703-406-2732.

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

**The Vienna Volunteer Fire De-**

**partment** hosts smoke-free **Bingo every Sunday night** in the Flame Room at the fire department, 400 Center St. S. Doors open at 4 p.m., sales begins at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. Visit [www.vvfd.org/bingo.cfm](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.cfm).

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

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

**Vienna Toastmasters** meets at the Vienna Community Center the **second and fourth Wednesday** of each month at 7:30 p.m. Toastmasters can help participants overcome fears of public speaking. For more information, call Nicola at 703-268-5001.

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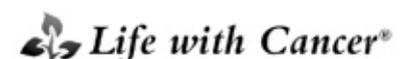
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# Edging to Success

Players Edge in Tysons Corner provides baseball, softball and off-season athletic training.

BY HAILEY MILON  
THE CONNECTION

**M**clean 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

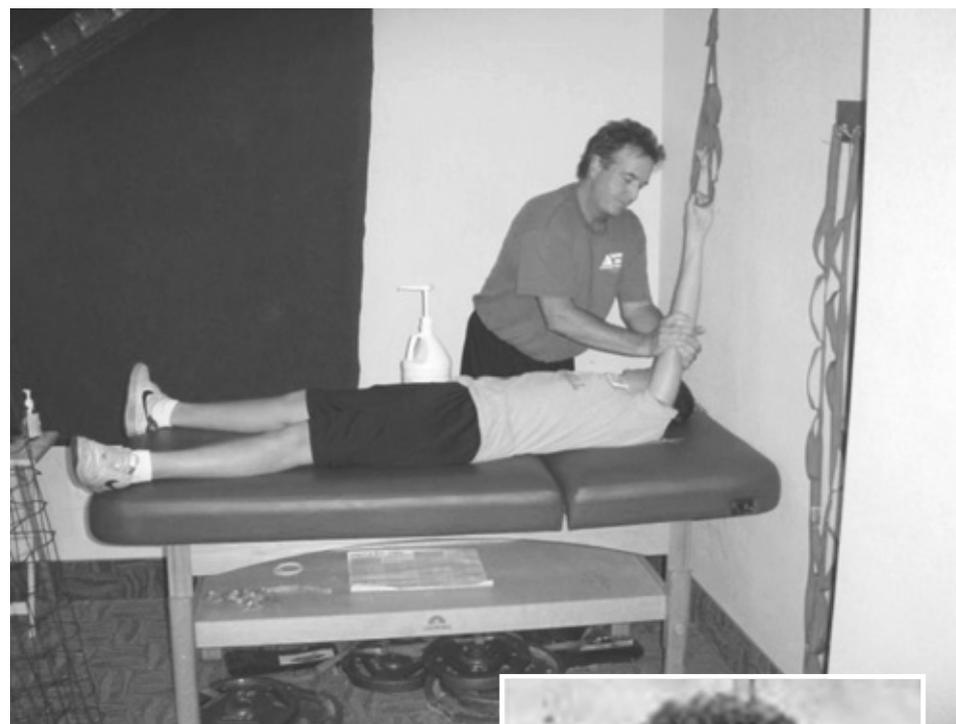
McMahon, director of technology, creates recruiting videos, emphasizing the player's strengths to help college coaches and scouts discover potential in a perspective player.

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.

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,



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**Craig Pippin rubs down Derek Anderson's arm at Players Edge in Tysons Corner.**

## 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/>

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.



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**Craig Pippin, owner and founder of the Players Edge.**

# Feder Attracts More 'Outside Contributors'

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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 Virginia.

"I have the Washington Post articles. His

opponent in 1980 complained about Frank Wolf's money coming from outside the district," said McFarland.

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

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

"At the end of the day, dollar bills don't vote. Loudoun Republicans vote and they are going to vote for Frank Wolf," said Caroline.

## Contributions by ZIP Code

The Washington D.C. metropolitan area is traditionally one of the most lucrative regions of the country for federal campaign contributions. Here is where the people by ZIP code who are sending their donations. This financial information listed includes contributions made from January 2007 through June 2008 and is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, [www.opensecrets.org](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> largest amount of campaign contributions in the country. ZIP code 22102, with approximately \$3.7 million contributed, is ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the country.

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

### 22101 Top Contribution Recipients:

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Hillary Clinton (D) – Presidential candidate	\$390,620
John McCain (R) – Presidential candidate	\$385,704
Mark Warner (D) – U.S. Senate candidate	\$204,954
National Republican Senatorial Committee	\$162,690
Rudolph Giuliani (R) – Presidential candidate	\$119,050
Frank Wolf (R) – U.S. Congress candidate	\$101,950
Mitt Romney (R) – U.S. Senate candidate	\$97,950
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee	\$89,150

### 22102 Top Contribution Recipients:

Hillary Clinton (D) – Presidential candidate	\$296,735
John McCain (R) – Presidential candidate	\$282,562
Barack Obama (D) – Presidential candidate	\$229,736
Republican National Committee	\$191,625
Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee	\$143,584
Mitt Romney (R) – Presidential candidate	\$97,900
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PricewaterhouseCoopers	\$82,700

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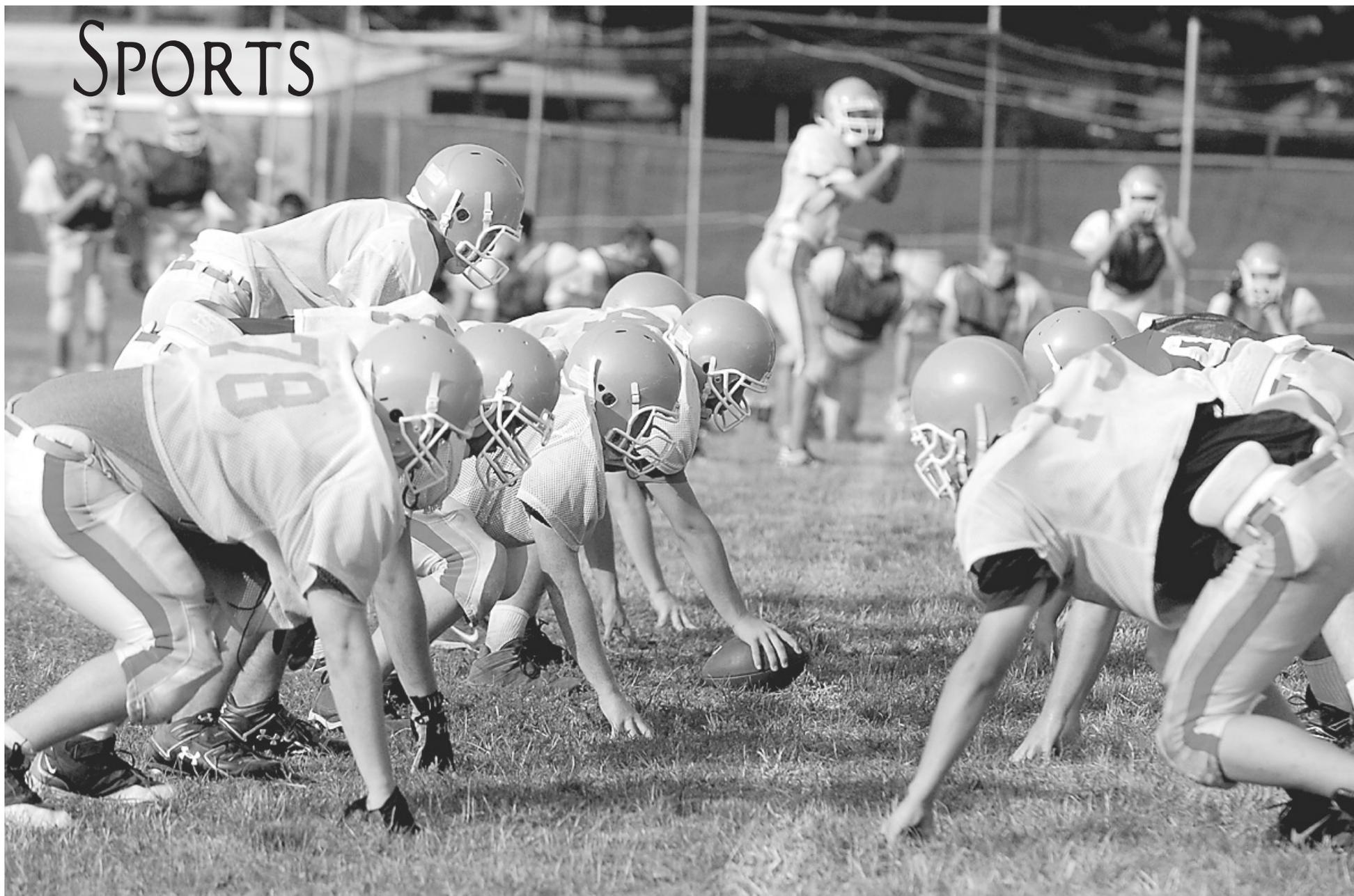


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Marshall, with its week one win under its belt, will look to improve to 2-0 when it plays at Fairfax High this Friday night.

## Marshall Football Wins Season Opener

### Backup QB Stalcup fills in nicely for injured Sweet.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hroughout the Marshall High football training camp, Statesmen head coach J.T. Biddison was impressed by what he saw from his players. They worked hard, backups from a year ago were focusing on playing more important roles this season and the overall attitude was at a good level.

"We had a real good camp," said Biddison, who led Marshall to an 8-4 overall record last year and to a trip to the Div. 5 playoffs.

And the Marshall team carried all of that positive momentum from training camp into its season opening game last Friday night when the Statesmen defeated visiting non-district opponent Hayfield, 23-12.

Marshall, in the win, rushed the football for over 250 yards. Leading the ground attack was junior running back Victor Vanegas, who rushed for 130 yards on 25 carries.

In the first half, Marshall got a punt re-

turn for a touchdown from senior Jamie Cleer and a rushing score from senior running back Christian Ovando. As a result, the Statesmen held a 14-0 lead at the half.

In the second half, John Peterman booted a field goal and junior quarterback Justin Stalcup, who is also the starting safety on defense, ran for a score.

"It was really about our offensive line," said Biddison, pleased with the holes his line opened against the Hawks to power the running game.

On the night, the Statesmen rushed the ball 54 times, eating up lots of clock and keeping the Hayfield offense off the field.

"Hayfield has loads of talent and their quarterback is dangerous," said Biddison.

Marshall has numerous players starting this season who were backups on last year's winning squad, and several who played JV in 2007.

"We have a lot of guys who didn't start last year," said the coach.

"All of a sudden, they're not JV guys anymore. They have a lot to learn."

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**Marshall coach J.T. Biddison**

A lot of that learning took place during training camp and those less experienced varsity members will continue to learn over the course of the season.

Biddison said 40 players (varsity and JV combined) came out for the team last year.

That number improved to 57 this season. Last year's successful season certainly has given the program a boost.

**MARSHALL** defeated Hayfield without its first string quarterback, senior third-year starter Harold Sweet, who broke his hand during a scrimmage game versus Battlefield High a few weeks ago. The 6-foot-4 inch Sweet could be out for a while, according to the coach.

"He's a great kid, fast, has a good arm and he's coachable," said Biddison, of his injured signal caller. "He's definitely the leader of the team."

Stalcup filled in nicely at the position for the Statesmen against Hayfield, conducting the offense and running for a score. Along with being the team's quarterback for the

present, Stalcup is also a starting safety for Marshall on defense.

"He looked great," said Biddison, of Stalcup's showing at quarterback against Hayfield. "He did a real nice job. He was going to be one of our top receivers. He was a JV quarterback last year."

Cleer provided perhaps the biggest highlight of the game for Marshall with his 51 yard punt return for a score.

"He probably ran 100 yards [on the return]," said Biddison, joking about Cleer's route to the end zone. "He went from the right side to the left side. He ran around and juked a couple of guys. He's got great stop and go speed."

A year ago, Cleer broke his hand in Marshall's game against Langley. As a result, he played in only three games all season. This season, Cleer, a versatile player, is healthy again and will help Marshall at running back, receiver and at cornerback on defense.

The key to Marshall's success this season, Biddison said, will be how well its offensive and defensive lines fare.

"We'll rely heavily on our lines this year," he said.

Marshall will travel to Fairfax High to take on the Rebels this Friday night. Quick Reply

## SPORTS

# Leib's Warhawks are Young, Optimistic

Following week one loss to Oakton, Madison preparing for Yorktown.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The James Madison High football team might not be quite as experienced as last year's squad which finished 9-3 overall and reached the Northern Region Div. 5 quarterfinals, but the Warhawks are excited about this fall's chances of reaching the postseason once again under veteran coach Gordon Leib.

Madison opened the current season with a tough 21-14 home loss to cross-town rival Oakton last week, but the Warhawks will be looking to get into the win column when they travel to Yorktown this Friday night in Arlington.

"I think our challenge right now is to overcome our inexperience," said Leib.

The coach said the focus during training camp in August was particularly on teaching positional fundamentals because of the fact that several players were taking on new positions. He was pleased with what he saw from his team's offense during pre-season games. Defensive progress was a little slower.

**MADISON** has just three returning starters on its offensive unit and two on defense.

"Offensively, we've been moving the ball good," said Leib, prior to the team's season opener against the Cougars. "More than anything the kids are learning positioning, mainly their positioning on defense."

Will Clarkson, a senior, is back as the team's starting quarterback.

"He throws an excellent football, he's a leader and his biggest strength is accuracy [throwing] the ball," said Leib. "Expectations are greater for him [as a second year starter]."

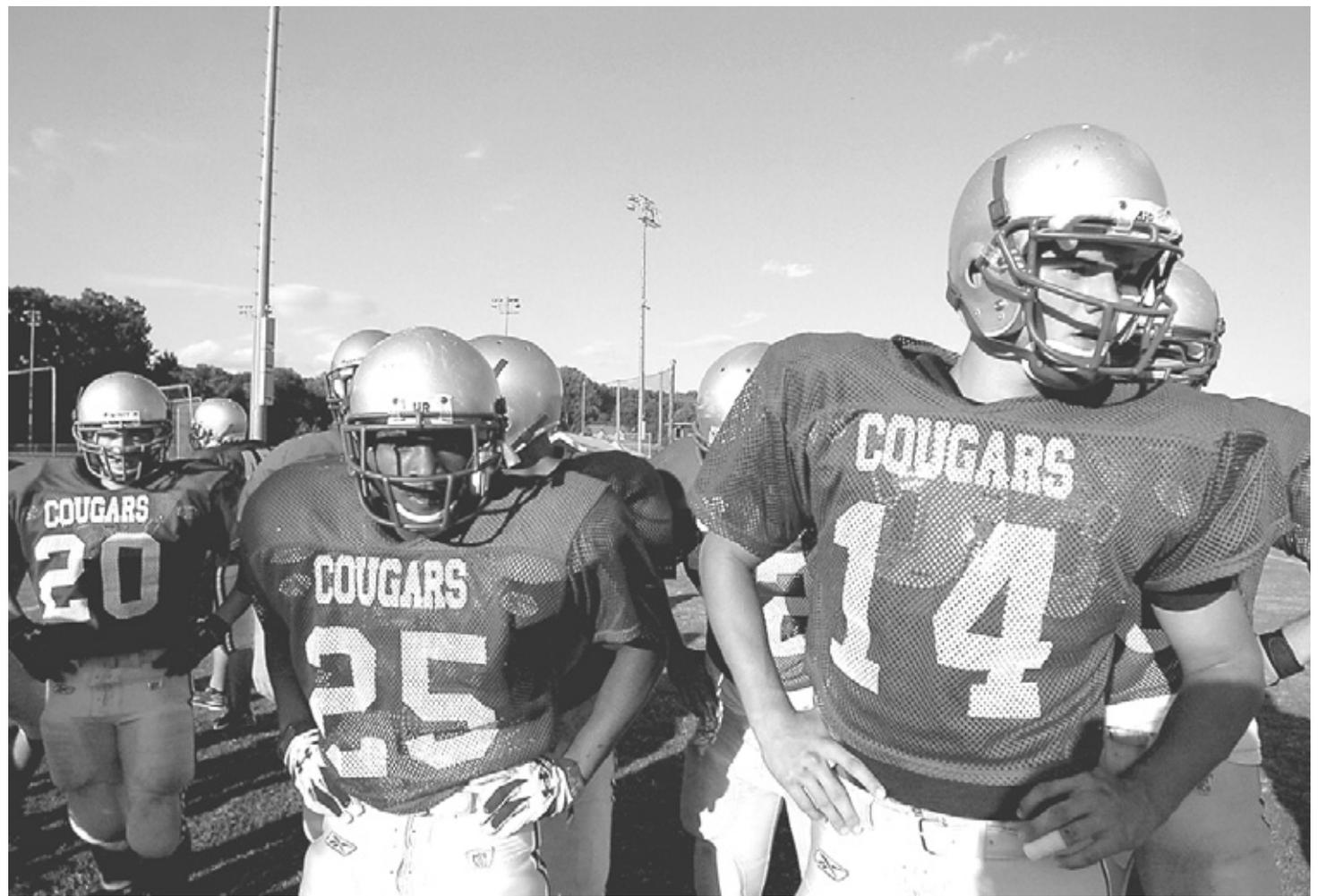
Running backs Sacha Vandalov, a senior fullback, and junior Mike Vasic will lead a ground game which is improving by the week.

"I think our running game has been coming around pretty good," said Leib.

Other key players will include senior outside linebacker Taylor Mead, junior defensive end/offensive tackle Chris Barbeau, and senior two-way lineman (tackle) Christian Underkoffler, Madison's lone returning All-Liberty District selection from a year ago.

One of the keys to Madison's defensive success, the coach said, will be the team's play at linebacker. Along with Mead, seniors Kody Klugh and Chris Doumas will be looking to have stellar seasons running down ball carriers and helping out in pass protection.

Mead brings exceptional speed to the line-



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Oakton Cougars will look to improve to 2-0 when they host the tough Annandale Atoms this Friday night.

backer position.

"He's a speed guy and one of the fastest guys on the team, and he's hitting pretty good," said Leib. "He should [also] be a big threat receiving the ball [on offense]."

**LEIB SAID** his team was excited about opening the season against neighborhood rival Oakton. While the two teams are in different districts, with the Warhawks in the Liberty and Oakton in the Concorde, the schools have a long tradition of playing one another in most sports.

"It's a friendly rivalry and respectful," said Leib, of the football meetings between the two schools. "We're so close to each other [geographically], everyone knows one another. There is no animosity. They have a good coaching staff."

Coach Leib said this year's Madison team might not hit the ground running as much as last year's team, but he expects the Warhawks to be a Div. 5 playoff team by the end of the regular season.

"I think we're going to develop a little slower than last year," he said. "We should be in the playoffs. We know what [Liberty District and state champion] Stone Bridge is about, and we know Langley and Woodson have improved."

While Madison will play Yorktown this Friday, Oakton will be at home against Annandale.

The Atoms, under coach Dick Adams, are coming off a convincing 49-19 week one win over McLean. The Cougars will need to slow down Annandale quarterback Cason



Madison has just five returning players from last year's team that went 9-3.

Kynes, who threw for 153 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 70 yards and a score in the Atoms' win over the Highlanders last Thursday night.

Meanwhile, Madison, in facing Yorktown, a perennial Div. 5 playoff team under coach

Bruce Hanson, is playing a team which defeated non-Northern Region opponent Wilson High (D.C.), 27-6, in a week one game. The Patriots are led by senior running back Kyle Toulouse, who ran for 94 yards with a touchdown in his team's win.

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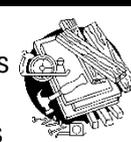
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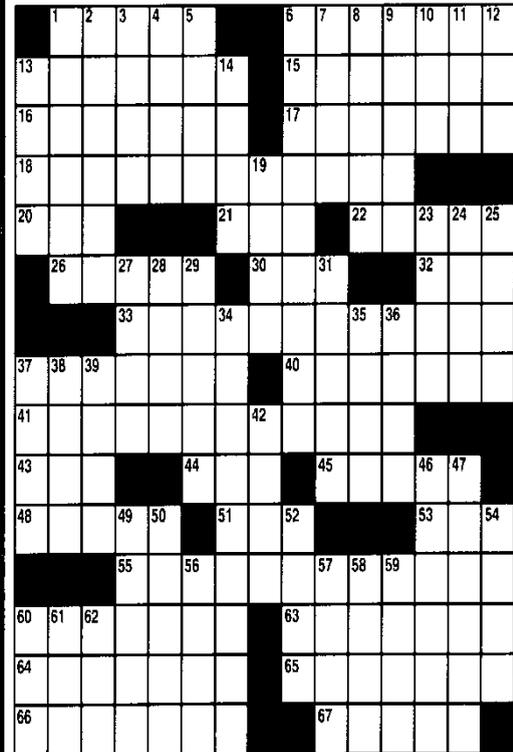
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- 41 Photographic technique
- 43 Helm heading
- 44 Bow wood
- 45 Robust
- 48 Depicts unfairly
- 51 The Eagle, e.g.
- 53 Like a Burnian mouse

- 55 Poor Yorick was a fellow of this, said Hamlet
- 60 "The Thorn Birds" novelist McCullough
- 63 Flippant response to a rebuke
- 64 Not dead
- 65 Ballade's trio
- 66 New shoots
- 67 1967 Chemistry Nobel

- 23 Abbr. that often precedes a colon
- 24 Agrippina's slayer
- 25 Tan and others
- 27 Vaulted room
- 28 Word before face or heart
- 29 Head honcho
- 31 In conflict with, with "of"
- 34 Relatives of rulers
- 35 Almond
- 36 Denials
- 37 Triptik abbrs.

### DOWN

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

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Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, on <b>Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 1:30 a.m.</b></p> <p>the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Lot 12, Ed Peete Company's 18 West Subdivision as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3751 at page 57, as corrected in Deed Book 3754 at page 1271, among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia.</p> <p>Commonly known as 2024 N. Westmoreland Street, Arlington, Virginia 22213.</p> <p><b>TERMS OF SALE:</b> A deposit of \$12,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. 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The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.</p> <p>In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.</p> <p>This sale is being made subject to two superior trusts.</p> <p>The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. 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Prensley Chasen &amp; Chasen Suite 500 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. #500 Washington, D.C. 20015 (202) 244-4000</p>		<p><b>21 Announcements</b> <b>21 Announcements</b></p> <p><b>TRUSTEE'S SALE</b> <b>OF VALUABLE</b> <b>IMPROVED REAL ESTATE</b></p> <p>Improved by the premises known as 4904 N. 16th Street, Arlington, Virginia</p> <p>In execution of a Deed of Trust from Ronald J. Sneijder and Edwin H. Aguilera, dated February 23, 2007, and recorded March 6, 2007, in Deed Book 4075 at page 782 among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Arlington County, at 1425 N. Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia, on <b>Friday, September 12, 2008 At 1:55 p.m.</b></p> <p>the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows: Lot 12, Block 3, Forest Park Addition to Waycroft, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 379 at page 452, among the Land Records of Arlington County, Virginia.</p> <p>Commonly known as 4904 N. 16th Street, Arlington, Virginia 22205.</p> <p><b>TERMS OF SALE:</b> A deposit of \$100,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 4.875 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. 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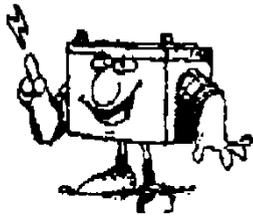
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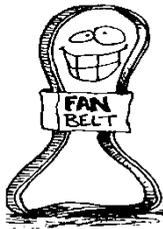


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