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Burnt Beyond Repair

Burke Baseball Field set ablaze, arson suspected.

A charred frame is all that remains of the announcer's booth at the Burke Baseball Field.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

A fire started Saturday, Aug. 30, at the Burke Baseball Field located next to the Burke Virginia Railway Express Station at 5671 Roberts Parkway. The blaze destroyed the snack bar, announcer's booth, the utility shed and the electrical wiring for the field lights and the scoreboard. The field, owned by the Burke Conservancy, is used primarily for the Fairfax Little League

"The building's totaled. It's a total loss," said Mace Carpenter, assistant director of fields and grounds for the Fairfax Little League, an association of three leagues which use the field.

Dan Schmidt, spokesperson for the Fairfax

County Fire and Rescue Department said they were alerted to the fire on Saturday, around 1 a.m., via a 911 call. He said the investigation into the cause was still ongoing and did not rule out the possibility of arson.

"Investigators look at all the facets of the fire, witnesses and the evidence available at the scene. Nothing is being ruled out at this time," he said.

FAIRFAX NATIONAL League President Charles Jumper said the league's primary concern was getting the field ready for the season, which began Monday, Sept. 8.

"Burning down a building just for kicks? That's uncalled for."

— Mace Carpenter

"The first plan is get the field playable," he said, citing the need to collect the \$70,000 insurance claim that had been filed in order to rebuild the now burnt-out building.

Carpenter said the entire building would have to be torn down and replaced. He estimated the utility shed had \$5,000 worth of equipment in it, and in total over \$10,000 worth of equipment was lost. He also said the league might have to dig up and replace the building's concrete.

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Hanna Pummels Region

Heavy rain floods streets, tests mettle of two area dams.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
& MICHAEL O'CONNELL
THE CONNECTION

Heavy rains from Hurricane Hanna pounded the Fairfax area Saturday afternoon, Sept. 6. Water swelled Accotink Creek in the City of Fairfax, then thundered down the length of the Accotink watershed, filling Lake Accotink in Springfield with debris and overrunning the lake's seawall.

Already undergoing construction to reinforce its protections for heavy rains, the Royal Lake dam in Fairfax, was also pummeled by the storm. After the dam's water level rose to the point where it began flowing over into the dam's auxiliary spillway, county officials from the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and employees from Angler spent most of the afternoon working to stem the overflow.

According to Randy Bartlett, director of Storm Water at the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, the workers battled two different problems Saturday. First, the water running over the auxiliary spillway was rising fast, and county officials feared that if it continued to rain, the water would flow over the spillway and make its way down to nearby townhouses. Secondly, the additional water was causing erosion near the bottom of the dam, threatening the integrity of the entire structure.

"We started monitoring the storm and all the facilities early that morning, and we watched it all day long," said Bartlett.

A precautionary evacuation was implemented for the town home com

"It was the biggest flood that I've experienced."

— Tawny Hammond, manager, Lake Accotink Park

FCPS Looks At New Facilities Timeline

West Springfield High moves up county's list of planned school renovations.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield High School community received some good news about its cramped music room, warped floors and leaky ceilings during a School Board work session Sept. 8.

Consulting firm Samaha Associates P.C. suggested Fairfax County Public Schools move West Springfield to the top of a new priority list for building renovation. The consultant is recommending drastic changes to the current building and improvement

plan which could affect many schools in the county, if implemented.

The West Springfield community has agitated for capital funding over the past year. Some community members recently formed SOAR West Springfield, an organization that will lobby for a school facility upgrade.

West Springfield is not listed in the school system's current queue of new building projects, though the facility has not received a major renovation since it opened approximately 40 years ago. If officials adopted Samaha's list, West Springfield would be the second high school and 10th school overall

to receive the next batch of new funding for renovations.

"We weren't even on the list in 2000. Since we were 10th on this new list, that is encouraging," said Leslie Carlin, president of West Springfield's Parent Teacher Student Association.

Samaha's list does not include several school projects for which the school system has already allocated funding or new schools, such as South County Middle School, that the school system may build.

BUT THE SCHOOL system's second look at its renovation queue could affect other communities as well.

Like West Springfield, Langley High

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Apex Sweeps Tournament

The Burke Apex U-13 girls' soccer team won its flight (Flight A) with three shutouts while playing in the Toys for Tots Tournament in Prince William County last weekend. The Burke Athletic Club Apex is a four-year old travel soccer team with players from Burke and the surrounding communities. With the team's 3-0 performance last weekend, the Apex topped the SYC Shockwave, the Chantilly Fuego and the Loudoun Silver 95. The Apex had a balanced attack as nine different players scored during the three games. Team members include Coco Armstrong, Justina Whearty, Danielle Newcomb, Connie Tran, Aneeka Mahan, Ellen McDowell, Sarah Pigg, Nicole Steinbicker, Casey Hughes, Emily Grayson, Kaitleigh Fetterman, Janine Simmons, Erika Rashka, Laura Townsley, Emma Henderson, Melanie Bennett and Colleen McDonald.

Pearson Strikes at MWU

Senior forward Hannah Pearson, a graduate of Woodson High School, scored a pair of second-half goals to lead the Mary Washington Eagles (2-0-1) to a 4-1 win over Wesley College last Sunday. The game opened Capital Athletic Conference play for both squads. Wesley scored in the 12th minute of the match, but Mary Washington stormed back with four unanswered markers. Pearson now has a team-high four goals this season.

— JASON MACKAY

Corrections

The story "Volunteers Clean Up Marshall Cemetery" [Connection, Aug. 28-Sept. 3, 2008] included incorrect information. Marshall Cemetery is located near the intersection of Burke and Burke Lake roads. Also, volunteers would use nail polish remover to remove graffiti from the vandalized monuments only after receiving a consensus from experts at the National Park Service. The cleanup effort is a partnership between History Commissioners Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Mary Lipsey.

In the Connection's coverage of the Burke Centre Festival [Connection, Sept. 4-10, 2008], the start time for opening day ceremony was incorrect. The ceremony is Saturday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m., at the Burke Conservancy flagpole, 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke.

Bowersox, Posey To Wed

Mary and Lee Bowersox announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine, to John Posey, son of Libby and Hugo Posey. Bowersox is a Burke native and a 2004 graduate of

Lake Braddock Secondary School. In 2008, she graduated from Christopher Newport University with a degree in communication studies and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Posey was raised in Springfield and is a 2003 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School. In 2007, he graduated from Christopher Newport University with a degree in fine arts. A July 2009 wedding is planned.

BULLETIN BOARD

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

The Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council will sponsor a tour of sustainable landscapes in Fairfax and Prince William counties from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. A per person fee is charged to attend. Lunch and transportation are included. The tour is designed for landscape architects, designers, planners, contractors and other landscape professionals. Contact Christin Jolicoeur, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District at 703-324-1423 or download a registration form at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/cltour0908.pdf.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Del. David Bulova (D-37) will conduct informal office hours from 9-11 a.m. at Main Street Bagel, 10268 Main St., Fairfax. Constituents are invited to talk about issues of interest and to ask questions about legislation affecting our community. The format is casual and no appointment is needed.

NEWS

Two Batters on Deck

Area military children play T-Ball in front of President Bush at White House.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

For a group of boys and girls playing T-Ball on Sunday, Sept. 7, the game was a little different from ones they usually played.

Some, like Marcy Jumper from Fairfax, were as old as 7. Others, like Adam Plante of Burke, were as young as 5. They all still scampered around the field after a hit, just like any other game on any other day. The only differences to note were the bleachers full of military families watching them and the celebrity television personalities announcing their favorite foods over the microphone as each player went up to bat.

Upon closer inspection, the fact that their first base coach was New York Yankees legend Bernie Williams and Gen. Peter Pace, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, was waving them home from third was out of the ordinary as well. It was also the first time any of them had played on the White House South Lawn. Oh, and they also received a personal gift given by the President of the United States.

President George W. Bush used the 20th and final Presidential T-Ball Initiative of his administration to invite over 20 military families to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. to watch their children play and attend an after-game picnic. All four branches of the U.S. Armed Forces were represented at the game. Before kicking things off, Bush read the Little League pledge to the children and wished them good luck before announcing "Play ball!"

Army Col. Charles Jumper said his family was honored to receive the invite.

"We're representing the armed forces at this point and [the president has] been gracious enough to open his house, America's house, to show his appreciation," said Charles Jumper, whose daughter Marcy played for the blue-uniformed Stars.

Marcy has been playing T-Ball for a year now. She plays for the Fairfax National League team Colorado Rockies, though she lists her favorite team as the Red Sox and her favorite player as David Ortiz. In the application of the Jumpers filed for the tri-annual game, Marcy listed her favorite position as second base, though when asked she answered pitcher.

"She likes to hit too," said Charles Jumper.

Maj. Christopher Plante of the Air Force said it was a thrill for his family.

"None of us have ever been stationed in this area and none of us have every been to the White House," he said.

Adam, playing for the red-uniformed Stripes team, also described his favorite team as the Red Sox. His favorite player?

"Manny," he said, referencing former Boston slugger Manny Ramirez, now with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

He listed his favorite T-Ball position as shortstop, citing its versatility.

"I like it because it's not only one [position], but



Burke resident Adam Plante poses for a photo before walking out and greeting President Bush at the 20th Presidential T-Ball Initiative Sunday, Sept. 7.

it's two, because when someone gets the ball at third or second base I can cover both of them," said Adam.

When asked whether his son understood where he was going to play and whom he was going to meet, Christopher Plante laughed.

"My most favorite part [of the day] was when I got a hot dog from the picnic."

— Adam Plante

"Yeah, I definitely would say 'no' to that. We've taken advantage of the opportunity to at least start educating him a little bit about what the president does and who he is," he said. "He's 5 1/2."

At the game Sunday, each child got a chance to bat and field, along with a handshake, personal photograph and a personal baseball from the President. U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and current Chair-

man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Michael Mullen were in attendance, and Rascal Flatts not only sung the National Anthem, but gave a live performance to the South Lawn picnickers afterwards.

When asked if he was nervous about meeting the president, Adam expressed some trepidation.

"No. I guess a little. Because he's going to be watching me and I don't really know if everyone would be looking at him or us," said Adam.

After the picnic ended and the families went home, Marcy and Adam reflected on the event.

"I got a signed ball and I got to play on the President's South Lawn," said Marcy.

While not a fan of format of the game, which only lasted one inning with each child getting a chance to bat and field, Adam said the gift he received from the President stoked his imagination.

"I felt really excited. I wondered what was in the box at first, then when I felt it I knew it was a baseball," he said.

Still, meeting some of the most famous people in the world turned out to be no match for a live Rascal Flatts performance and a well-cooked barbecue.

"My most favorite part [of the day] was when I got a hot dog from the picnic," said Adam.

CRIME

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 5.

BANK ROBBERY

8000 block of Rolling Road. An employee of the Bank of America, located at 8096 Rolling Road, was robbed on Thursday, Aug. 28 shortly after 3 p.m. A man handed the 20-year-old Springfield woman a note announcing a robbery. The victim handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and was not injured. The suspect fled on foot. The suspect was described as white, about 6 feet tall, weighing approximately 180 pounds. He had dark hair, a mustache and a goatee. He was wearing a black and purple jacket, light-colored pants and a black hat.

ABDUCTION/ ROBBERY

7700 block of Ballston Drive. Police are investigating an abduction and robbery of a 30-year-old Alexandria woman. The victim had exited a cab around 4 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31 in the 500 block of North Armistead St. in the City of Alexandria, when a man in a passing car called to her. She walked over to respond and a second man appeared from behind her and pushed her into the vehicle. The victim fought off an attack as they drove her around for several minutes. The men hit her and stole some of her belongings. She was able to escape the vehicle by jumping out in the 7700 block of Ballston Drive in Springfield. The victim sustained non life-threatening injuries. The suspects were described as black, possibly in their 30's. The vehicle was described as a four door vehicle.

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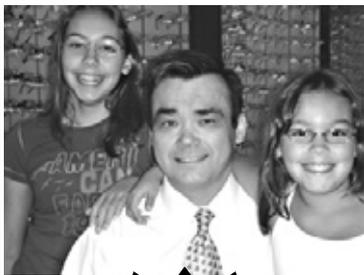
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PEOPLE

Getting To Know . . .

Michele Burton, master of the weaving arts.

BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL
THE CONNECTION

For 12 years, Michele Burton of Springfield has lived in Northern Virginia, raising her family. Much of that time, she has spent at her loom, peacefully weaving. Here, she shares a little about herself and the art that she loves.

Family

Married to Jim Burton, retired Army Officer and currently a defense contractor, mother of three grown children. Married daughter, Meagan Consedine who has spent two tours in Iraq while fulfilling her ROTC commitment from college. She is now out of the Army but her husband Kevin is still in and a helicopter pilot. He will be redeployed in the spring for his third tour in Iraq. Son, Mark, a teacher in New Orleans, and son, Noah, in his second year at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Education.

Masters degree in early childhood education.

Your first job.

Kindergarten teacher.

Activities/interest/hobbies.

Gardening, cooking, walking our dog and knitting. We have a little cabin in Pennsylvania I like to escape to for the quiet and hiking.

Favorite local restaurants.

I do not eat out much as I love to cook, but when we do go out we like The Cedar Café in Burke or Fireside Grill in Lorton.

Community concerns.

Growth! Would like to see it slow down.

How would you describe your weaving work?

I weave reproductions of historical textiles. My passion is to reproduce the patterns used in coverlets woven in the 1800s. I use old patterns and weave lap coverlets

and table runners. I have five looms in my home — and one in our cabin in Pennsylvania — that have anything from a reproduction coverlet, reproduction linen handtowels, shawls or rugs, ready to be woven on them. I also hand dye fibers for scarves, shawls and blankets or just for selling as dyed skeins. I work only in natural fibers. Once each year I sell my handwovens at the 18th Century Craft Fair on the grounds of Mount Vernon. This is a craft show where all who participate dress in period costumes and demonstrate how they make their items. It is very educational.

How did you get involved in weaving?

I always enjoyed crafts of different kinds, especially those dealing with textiles. I started collecting antique coverlets in the 80s because of the designs. I really did not understand how they were done at the time. We moved to Leavenworth, Kans. and our neighbor was a weaver of coverlets. He was my mentor and

PROFILE

I went to a weaving school and from there it just became a part of my life. And I found out that my mother's relatives in Canada had been weavers. Guess it was in my genes.

Personal goals.

To stay healthy and active and weave more.

How long does a typical piece take you to complete?

This is a question always asked and it is difficult to answer. There are about six steps to the process of "dressing a loom" before one can sit and actually begin weaving. The finer the textile the longer dressing the loom takes. So a coverlet takes days, where a narrow scarf could be woven in a day.

Describe the process of weaving a rug or table linen.

First, I have to decide what I want to weave. If it is a table linen, I must think



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Michele Burton

about the pattern, then what fiber I will use, how fine it will be. This determines the number of threads I need for my warp. I must measure those threads on a warping board. Then they are brought to the loom and each thread must be pulled through the reed, the reed determining how many threads you would need per inch.

So, if my linen towel has 30 threads per inch and is 20 inches wide, I need 600 threads to be pulled through the dents on the reed. Once this is completed I must thread each of those threads through the heddles on the harnesses of the loom in the proper order for the pattern I am going to weave. Once this is completed I must wind the warp — all the threads — on the loom. The length of the warp is usually 6-10 yards long. Then I tie it to the rod on the front of the loom, get the tension correct and then I can begin weaving.

What do you enjoy most about weaving?

I enjoy all the steps in the process of weaving. Some take more mental work, some are just simple and contemplative. I find a sense of peace when I am sitting at my loom weaving. I have a number of looms and I will usually have a coverlet on one. This weaving takes a little more concentration, but I also will have one set up with a simple weave structure so I can just let my mind wander as I throw my shuttle back and forth.

What do you like least?

When I have spent hours setting up the loom and start weaving and find a threading error, usually right in the center of the loom, the most difficult spot to fix. No matter how careful I am this seems to happen. I call it my little "weaving poltergeist" playing tricks on me.

VIEWPOINTS

On Saturday, how well did you weather Hurricane Hanna?



"I was out of town, but my basement got a lot of water while I was gone."

Ellen Cowperthwaite, Fairfax



"It wasn't that bad. It poured, but it wasn't that gusty."

Christinia Medina, Montross



"Pretty good."

Calvin Robertson, Fairfax

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

PEOPLE NOTES

Susan Borrelli, formerly of Weichert Realtors and **Ron Kowalski** of Long & Foster Realtors announce a real estate partnership focusing on the Lorton and Fairfax Station markets, and to bring state-of-the-art internet, search engine optimization and lead generation technology together with marketing and systems capabilities while marketing their listings to buyers interested in living within reasonable commute distance to Fort Belvoir, the Pentagon and Quantico.

Joseph D. Ragan IV has been promoted to senior associate at Goodman Solutions, a division of Goodman & Company, LLP. Ragan has over three years experience working with financial statements with revenue recognition expertise specifically pertaining to SAB 101/104 and SOP 81-1. He also has experience in supply chain management, and specializes in the pharmaceutical distribution and professional services industries. Ragan has a B.S degree in management with a concentration in logistics from Pennsylvania State Uni-

versity, as well as a master's in business administration degree with a concentration in finance from George Mason University. He is a member of Mensa and the Metro Washington, D.C. Penn State Alumni Association.

David Kaufman, of Kaufman Law in Fairfax, was named national ListServ Administrator for the American Bar Association's SoloSez. Kaufman has been a SoloSez member since shortly after the service's founding in 1996 and has been successful in using it to grow his business. As administrator, Kaufman will monitor the list, enforce civil behavior, facilitate member problem resolution, prepare and distribute the "threads of the month," select and post the most interesting threads to the web site, and maintain the archives. SoloSez is an electronic mail discussion list that has matured into a worldwide community of more than 3,400 solo and small firm legal practitioners, and an online resource for lawyers to share information on a range of subjects, including legal questions, client referrals, and

practice technology problems and solutions. It is hosted by the American Bar Association's General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Division. Kaufman is a member of SoloMarketing and MilitarySez, as well as SoloSez.

Evolve Technologies CEO **Dave Sobel** has been named to the MSPmentor 250, a list of the top managed service provider executives, entrepreneurs and experts, due to his work with Evolve Technologies, a Fairfax-based company specializing in providing information technology solutions for the small business, faith-based and nonprofit communities. The MSPmentor 250 report is based on MSPmentor's editorial coverage as well as a global survey of MSPmentor readers. The online survey, conducted February through June 2008, attracted 1,036 executive nominations. Earlier this year, Evolve was named to the MSPmentor 100, a list of the most progressive managed service providers. In addition, Evolve Technologies has won several awards from Microsoft.

WSHS Moves Up in FCPS Repair Queue

FROM PAGE 3

School would receive renovation funding far earlier than expected if the School Board adopted Samaha's renovation list. According to the consultant, Langley is the top renovation priority for high schools and the third neediest school overall when it comes to facilities.

By contrast, Cooper Middle School – which is near the top of the current reno-

vation queue – ranks 60th overall in the Samaha list and could be pushed back in the queue.

Staff attributes changes in the school renovation queue to new criteria used by Samaha.

In the past, Fairfax County Public Schools looked almost exclusively at building condition and age when assessing where on the priority list a school should fall. But the Samaha formula also took factors like en-

rollment, overcrowding and ability to deliver adequate instructional services into account.

For example, schools whose science laboratories were not big enough or those buildings that did not have enough music classrooms to meet its needs were given extra weight in the ranking process. Those types of factors were not considered when putting together previous renovation queues. The school system staff said they were a

little taken aback at the impact some new factors had on the renovation priority list.

"We were a little surprised at the ranking and the effect overcrowding had on the queue," said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operations officer.

Some School Board members also expressed concern at the influence overcrowding or school enrollment had when using the new formula.

"It is almost like capacity is bigger driver than condition of the building," said School Board member Kathy Smith (Sully).

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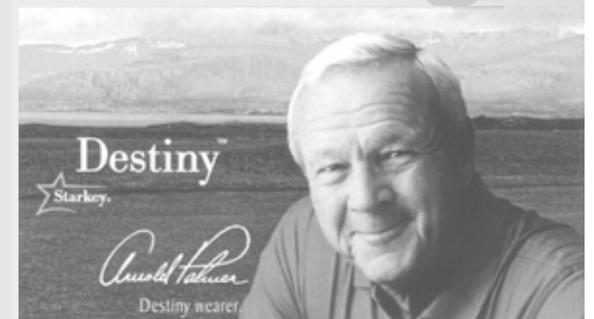
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OPINION

Our Neighbors Are Struggling

Whether or not you call it a recession, more families in Northern Virginia are seeking help with food, medicine, housing and more.

Two years ago, a busy day at Share's food pantry in McLean meant serving about seven families. Last Wednesday, 21 families showed up for food, writes Connection reporter Mike DiCicco.

In fact, demand for food from Share continues to rise, with a 20 percent increase between July and August of this year.

Meanwhile, funds for Share's family assistance program are going almost entirely toward warding off evictions and utility shut-offs, with some money paying for medications. In the last fiscal year, Share spent more than \$102,000 on family assistance, up 50 percent from the previous fiscal year.

Non-profits that help the needy in Northern Virginia are seeing a dramatic increase in demand, needy families and individual finding their way to food pantries to stave off hunger, seeking help to acquire school supplies for their children, needing money to forestall an eviction or having the phone or electricity in their home turned off.

"People used to come here for food. Now they're coming for everything," said Therese

Dyer-Caplan of Share.

Northern Virginia's economy is buffered by the presence of the federal government and the many private contractors that earn billions of dollars a year in government business. But the downturn has arrived, as local governments well know, with the drop in home values squeezing local budgets.

EDITORIAL But housing costs, rising food costs and soaring gas prices are pushing many families in Northern Virginia to the brink of homelessness. Some families are forced to choose between enough food, gas in the car to get to work and medication. These are the working poor families of our region, who turn to charities, hoping that with a little bit of help they can make it through to the next paycheck.

The rising costs of food and gas are also hampering efforts of local non-profits to provide services. Organizations are facing significant increases in demand, while their money and supplies buy less than they did last year.

Pick an organization near you, and send them money, call and offer to volunteer, donate food, or contribute in any other way.

Help

Here is a partial listing of local organizations that help the needy, every one is facing intense and increasing demand for services.

- ❖ United Community Ministries, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106
- ❖ Food for Others, Food for Others, www.foodforothers.org, Fairfax, 703-207-9173
- ❖ FACETS, 703-352-5090
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, 703-569-9160
- ❖ Good Shepherd in the Route 1 area, 703-768-9404
- ❖ Our Daily Bread, Central Fairfax, 703-273-8829
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, 703-988-9656
- ❖ Lorton Community Action Center, 703-339-5161
- ❖ Koinonia Foundation, 703-971-1991
- ❖ Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, 703-385-3267
- ❖ ALIVE (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) www.alive-inc.org
- ❖ Capital Area Food Bank, Lorton, 703-541-3063
- ❖ Our Daily Bread, 10777 Main St. #320, Fairfax, 703-273-8829
- ❖ Shelter House, www.shelterhouse.org, operates two homeless shelters in Fairfax County, in Centreville and Seven Corners. 571-522-6800
- ❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, 703-281-7614
- ❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-222-0880
- ❖ Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, Fairfax 703-691-3178

Discrimination Exists

To the Editor:

Please note there is discrimination in Fairfax County against citizen immigrants in a number of ways.

Immigrants are better than the host community in order to establish in America. We should not be intimidated by anyone no matter who they are.

Balwant Jouhal
Burke

Voting for Change

To the Editor:

Enthusiasm and excitement. Those are the two words I use to describe my feelings about the upcoming November elections after hearing Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly (D) speak at George Mason University recently. I'm a student and a government major and this will be my first time voting in a presidential election. Connolly made me feel like I am getting involved in the election process at just the right time. Chairman Connolly spoke to me

about bringing real change and transforming Washington, D.C. Out with the politics of old and business as usual and in with real reform and real change. I've learned that Mr. Connolly, as chairman of Fairfax County, has enacted sweeping reforms in the county. He has made Fairfax County one of the best-managed counties in the United States, as well as having one of the lowest crime rates in the nation.

LETTERS Under Chairman Connolly's watch, Fairfax County's educational system has become one of the best in the nation, the budget has been balanced with fiscal responsibility and Chairman Connolly has enacted numerous progressive reforms. I have faith that Mr. Connolly will bring that same type of progressive change to Washington, D.C. in the form health care for more Americans, increased funding for transportation bills that benefit the 11th District and a stronger, healthier economy with more jobs and fewer home foreclosures. We should all support Chairman Connolly for Congress and Barack Obama for President.

Chloë Briedé
Fairfax

Vote for Connolly

To the Editor:

I am a student at George Mason University and I attended an event to watch Barack Obama accept the Democratic Party's nomination. During this historic evening, I had the pleasure of meeting Congressional candidate Gerry Connolly (D). He was extremely personable and was interested in what issues mattered to me. We had an in-depth conversation about a variety of issues ranging from alternative energy to stimulating the economy.

He expressed his deep concern for the state of our country as it is today and had a clear view as to how to change it. Chairman Connolly told stories of his time as a senior staffer for the Senate Foreign Relations committee and how that experience gave him first-hand knowledge about congressional legislation and matters of foreign policy. It is that sort of experience that Congress is in dire need of at this time.

I deeply appreciate Mr. Connolly's approach to government. During our conversation, he emphasized his belief that those in public office have one job and that is to get results for those they represent. I think his pragmatic

approach to issues is great. In addition to voting for Barack Obama, I will vote for Gerry Connolly on Nov. 4.

Mitchel Huber
Fairfax

Other Players

To the Editor:

I would like comment on the recent article in the Aug. 21-27, 2008 Fairfax Connection issue entitled, "Local Players Littering College, Pro Rosters." The reporter forgot to mention my son, Nick Altomare, who went to Robinson and is a four-year starter at defensive back at Hofstra University. Matt Mikrut at Davidson, Frank Herrera at Shepherd University and Matt Goff at James Madison University are also Robinson grads the reporter forgot.

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Erosion caused by heavy rains Saturday led Fairfax County to temporarily evacuate residents who lived below the Lake Royal dam.



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Rain from Hurricane Hanna caused the dam at Lake Accotink to overflow, swamping signs and a parking lot.

Water Erodes One Dam, Washes Over Another

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munity on Lakepointe Court, which was located in the water's likely path had it topped the spillway. Residents were relocated to South Run Recreation Center in Springfield where they awaited further word. Public works officials addressed the erosion problem by opening up another channel in the spillway, easing the burden.

"The concern was that if it continued to erode along the toe of the dam, it could eventually undermine the dam itself," said Bartlett. "At the time we were dealing with it, it was still raining and we didn't know exactly when the rain was going to stop."

As the storm slowly began to peter off, the fear of the spillway overflowing diminished and residents were able to return to their homes.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) said she was at her stepdaughter's wedding shower when she received news of Lake Royal's situation. According to Bulova, water levels had never risen high enough to activate the spillway in the 30-year history of the dam's existence. Plans to install Articulated Concrete Blocks to increase the maximum width of the spillway had been

developed over the past few years and were in the process of being built after breaking ground this summer. After spending the last four years advocating and coordinating the reinforcement of the dam, she said Saturday's storm vindicated the need for the work.

"If ever there was an instance that proved the value of this project, Tropical Storm Hanna was it," said Bulova.

Bartlett said there was little to no long-term damage to the dam as a result of the storm, and that contractors were already at the site repairing the "little area" of the dam that did erode.

IN FAIRFAX CITY, floodwaters overran Fairfax Boulevard and the area around Gateway Park on Old Pickett Road.

"It was in three locations, mostly along Route 50 where we had high water," said David Summers, the city's director of Public Works.

The flooding closed Fairfax Boulevard and Old Pickett Road for most of the afternoon.

City workers put barricades up on Fairfax Boulevard near the intersection of Draper Drive. Barricades also closed Old Pickett Road to traffic. According to Summers, the water receded by dinnertime and the roads were reopened.

"The intensity of the storm was not as strong as some we've had," Summers said. Although the storm dumped a lot of water on the city, it did so over several hours. "We've had smaller storms that did more damage."

That was not the case further downstream, where flooding Saturday swept natural and manmade debris into Lake Accotink in Springfield.

Around 2:30 p.m., muddy water was flowing unobstructed over the dam at the lake's southern tip. A wide plain of water filled the area below the dam, churning up the parking lot.

"It was the biggest flood that I've experienced," said Tawny Hammond, who has been the manager at Lake Accotink Park for 11 years.

In an interview on Monday afternoon, Hammond said the damage to the park was extensive. Half of the large parking lot below the dam will have to be repaved and the flashboards at the top of the dam were destroyed.

"Everything that was in the watershed, tree roots and trees, anything, pummeled them," she said. "We lost the sand on the beach."

Hammond said that park officials were still assessing the extent of the damage, but she estimated that the repairs could potentially cost thousands of dollars.

The water began to recede Saturday at 7:30 p.m., but water was still pouring over the dam on Sunday. Workers cordoned off areas of the park that they deemed unsafe with traffic cones and worked overnight to ensure that the park would be open to visitors on Sunday. "If a section was safe and clean, people had access," said Hammond.

In June, the county wrapped up a two-year dredging operation that removed 220,000 cubic yards of sedimentation from Lake Accotink. "It's too soon to say about the lake," said Hammond. "What we're going to have to find out is if silt was blown in."

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help clean up Lake Accotink Park in the aftermath of Hurricane Hanna. Anyone interested in helping out should call the Lake Accotink Park office at 703-569-0285.

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Let's Get It Started

Lorton Workhouse Arts Center scrambles to prepare for Sept 19 grand opening.



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Artist and designer Josh Yavelberg sets up his gallery and workspace in Building 5 of the Workhouse Arts Center on Ox Road in Lorton.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Right now, the grounds at the old Lorton Prison site, the soon to be newly minted Workhouse Arts Center resembles a college campus in early September.

Slowly, one by one, new residents have begun to trickle into the 10 buildings that formerly housed the prisoners of the D.C. prison. Now refurbished into halls upon halls of individual compartmentalized white rooms, next door neighbors are introducing themselves, before surveying their new space and unpacking.

All of the new arrivals are artists. All have had their work vetted by 100 jurors from around the country schooled in almost every form of the arts. Their rooms will

function as an office, workspace, gallery and classroom, depending on what they have scheduled for the week. Side by side, dorms

that used to house convicted criminals are now filling up with local, regional and nationally recognized artists, waiting for visitors to pass by and enter.

At the grand opening Sept. 19, when thousands of Fairfax County residents fill the quad, entering and exiting the buildings, the atmosphere will be more like a carnival.

"A festival," corrected Tina Leone, CEO of the Lorton Arts Foundation in an interview less than two weeks out from the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

LEONE, HIRED in 2002 to shepherd the Workhouse Arts Center from the realm of ideas into brick-and-mortar reality, confessed to feeling the full spectrum of nerves as nearly four years of work is set to finally bear fruit.

"It's a roller coaster right now of emotions. It's excitement. It's fear. It's stress. It's happiness. It's everything," she said. "The moment you think you have something covered and ready, something else comes up."

"It's excitement. It's fear. It's stress. It's happiness. It's everything."

— Tina Leone

Executive Arts Director Sharon Mason put it more bluntly.

"We've been standing on the rooftop and wondering how far we can jump," said Mason with a laugh.

The latest mini-dramas are the logistics of moving all of the artists in and dealing with the effects of Hurricane Hanna, which Mason said flooded seven of the 10 buildings that will comprise phase one of the Workhouse Arts Center. Though no permanent damage was done to the buildings or the art inside them, it proved to be an unwelcome distraction during an already hectic week.

The center was designed to simultaneously function on multiple levels. A gallery, museum, school, theater, dormitory and art store all within the same compound on Ox Road in Lorton. The weeklong ceremonies starting Sept. 19 will serve to give residents of Fairfax County and beyond their first peek at what Leone has in the past described as "a world-class arts center in your backyard."

Artists representing almost every discipline of creativity have signed multi-year



Artist Susan Noyes unpacks her work to display in Building 9.

leases to display their art on center grounds, each committing 100 hours a month to working in their individual rooms during center hours. Some have opted to teach classes or offer workshops for the general public, blurring the lines between exhibition and education, artist and viewer.

Pedja Muzijevic, concert pianist and director of music programming at the Baryshnikov Arts Center in New York City, will perform a concert of short pieces, roughly an hour in length on the Sept. 19. Joining him will be violinist Jessica Lee and French horn player Eric Ruske. The idea was to provide an abbreviated version of Muzijevic's Big Apple performance, making

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it more accessible to audiences with busy lifestyles. "We are certainly hoping to make this into a series of concerts, kind of an ongoing thing," he said. "The goal is to try to make the Workhouse Arts Center a stop in people's lives where they go to see something or do something."

Ron Acker, curator of the Grand Opening Aboriginal Art Exhibit and director of Gallery Sydney-East at the Workhouse Arts Center, said he was anxious to see what locals thought of the collection of authentic Aboriginal paintings he would be displaying.

"The thing that I will find very interesting is what the reception will be for clients based here on the East Coast with a very, very abstract presentation," said Acker, calling the Australian-based style "an existential and cosmological concept."

All the pieces, collected from Aboriginal art communities across the Australian Outback, are available to admire and, if the mood strikes, to purchase. Acker's lease with the Workhouse is for three years, but he said that he would strongly consider the maximum five-year lease offered by the center to applicant artists. He praised the potential for the enterprise.

"I think that the Workhouse is going to be the cultural jewel of Northern Virginia in a short period of time," said Acker.

PHOTOGRAPHER AND author Bob L. Knudsen will be signing copies of his book "A Living Treasure", a

collection of over 300 photographs depicting the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, captured in every season of the year. Knudsen, son of former White House photographer Robert L. Knudsen, had total access to the historic landmark, but said the photos in the book were all places open to the visiting public. He said visitors were missing out by relying on tour guides and maps to show them the beauty of the cemetery grounds.

"I hear the tourists or kids who come to visit; they say 'wow look' and run off to one direction, and the tour guide would say 'you can't go down there, we have to go here,'" said Knudsen. "They're missing the whole point of Arlington [National Cemetery]."

In addition to his book, Knudsen will be displaying a collection of sports memorabilia from Ironclad Authentics, a collection of presidential photographs shot by his father spanning from the Eisenhower administration to the Nixon administration and a North America exhibit featuring pictures from Canada to the Caribbean.

Knudsen, who has an office in Annandale, said the Workhouse Arts Center represented a fantastic opportunity for local artists.

"When the Lorton Arts Foundation came around, it was almost a perfect fit, only 2 miles from my home," he said.

"We might have the next great artist that comes right out of our community because they got inspired here," said Leone.

"We're not naïve about it. Artists thrive in an area where they are nurtured and inspired," said Mason.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

City of Fairfax Patriot Day

ceremony with music, at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Amphitheater next to City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St. The event will remember victims of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, as well as honor local public safety providers and members of the military who have served or are serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. The invocation will be given by Reverend (Dr.) Johnson A. Edosomwan, of One God Ministry Church. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Boy Scout Troop 187, members of the American Legion Post 177 and members of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 8469. Music will be provided by the City of Fairfax Band, the Fairfax High School A Cappella Chorale and Bagpiper Janice Varner. 703-385-7850.

King Teddy at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Complimentary swing lesson, 7:30-8 p.m. King Teddy, 8-10 p.m. \$12. Visit www.headoverheelsdance.com or call Tina Foley at 703-424-1745.

Teen book chat. 7:30 p.m. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 12-16 with adult.

Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

Faculty Showcase Recital. 8 p.m. Free. Harris Theater, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8794.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Burke Centre Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., plus a wine garden 5-8 p.m. Focus on recycling, with a canned food collection, recycling area to drop off old cell phones and eyeglasses, free children's activities, a misting tent and pet watering sites, arts and crafts show, antiques and food vendors, live entertainment, pony rides, hay rides, moon bounces, face painting, wildlife show and more. Free shuttle bus to and from the festival, with stops along Burke Centre Parkway; additional parking at Knollwood Community Church across from the festival entrance. 6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Call 703-978-2928 or visit www.burkecentreweb.com.

The W.T. Woodson Marching Band and Color Guard will visit area homes from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. As part of the annual tag day fund raiser, band and color guard members in full uniform go door-to-door in the Woodson community

asking for donations. Proceeds will be used to purchase uniforms, music, and instruments for the Woodson band programs, and enable the band and color guard to travel to festivals, performances, and competitions.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is sponsoring the Third Annual ASMB "Walk from Obesity" at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax. 8 a.m. This local event is part of a national program to raise awareness of the life-threatening disease of obesity. Proceeds benefit the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery for Education, Research & Prevention. Registration is \$25.00. Door prizes and samples. Register online at www.walkfromobesity.com or onsite at 7 a.m. 703-391-3783.

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

Chuseok: Stories and activities about the Korean harvest moon festival. 10:30 p.m. Age 2-5 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Irish Music and Dancing. The O'Neill-Malcom Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will host its first Ceili of the season at 7:30 p.m., with a beginner's workshop at 7 p.m. Including ceili and set dancing, with a demonstration of traditional Irish step dancing. Music by the Bog Wanderers. Admission is \$12 for CCE members; \$15 for non-members. Discounts for students and families. The CCE Ceilis second Saturday of the month at Green Acres, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. 703-490-5207 or www.ccepotomac.org.

Choralis select chamber ensemble concert. 7 p.m. Penderecki, Tavener, Whitacre, and more. Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 East Broad St., Falls Church. Tickets \$25-\$35, students 22 and under w/ID \$5; under 12 free. Free parking. Visit www.choralis.org or call 703-237-2499.

Burke Author Barbara Van Patten signs copies of her children's book, "Who Saves the Symphony: A Shenandoah Music Festival Adventure" from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Borders Express, 6725 Springfield Mall, Springfield. 888-361-9473.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

Thirty Years and Counting: Archaeology in Fairfax County, with Elizabeth A. Crowell, Ph.D., Manager of Cultural Resources, Fairfax County Park Authority. 2 p.m.; free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-8414 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov.

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or visit www.burkecentreweb.com.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 12-3 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Breakfast at Legion Post. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 177 is serving an "all you can eat" breakfast. The breakfast is served from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Proceeds from breakfast bake sale benefit the veteran programs. \$7 for adults, \$4 children 12 and under. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 177 is located at 3939 Oak St., Fairfax.
Jean Carrington Cook Memorial Scholarship Concert, a "Grand" Piano Celebration featuring GMU Piano Faculty and Students. 4 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Concert Hall, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8794.

MONDAY/SEPT. 15

Bob Brown's Puppets. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax, 703-352-ARTS or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Crafty Kids. 3:30 p.m. Join in for some crafty fun. Age 6-12. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

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Learn the Art of Flower Arranging, UK Style. 7:30 p.m. Presentation by floral designer and horticulture instructor Bruce Nash. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 16

College Knowledge. 7 p.m. Find out how the library can help with a college search. Age 12-18; parents welcome. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

Researching Your Family Tree: An Introduction to Genealogy. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This class intended for beginners. Adult. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion Group. "The Innocent Man" by John Grisham. 7:30 p.m. Adults. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

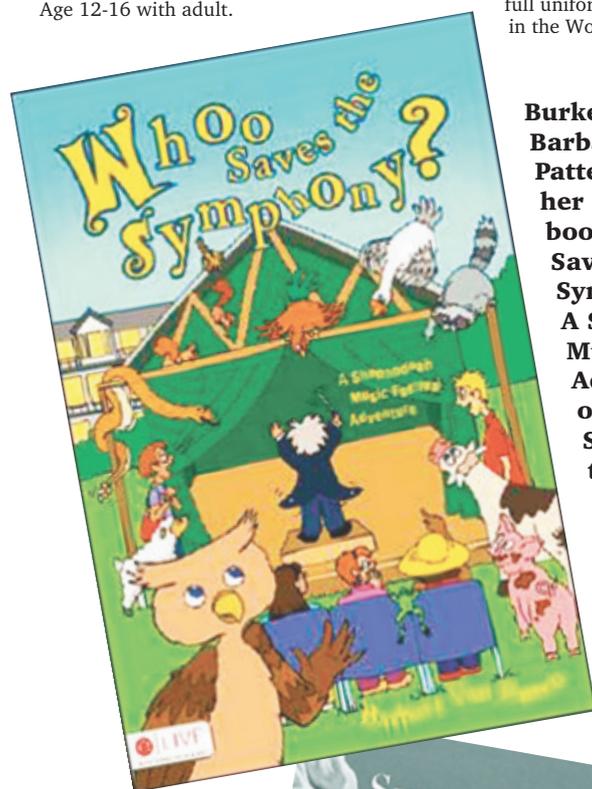
Book Discussion Group. "Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery" by Eric Metaxas. 11 a.m. Adults. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

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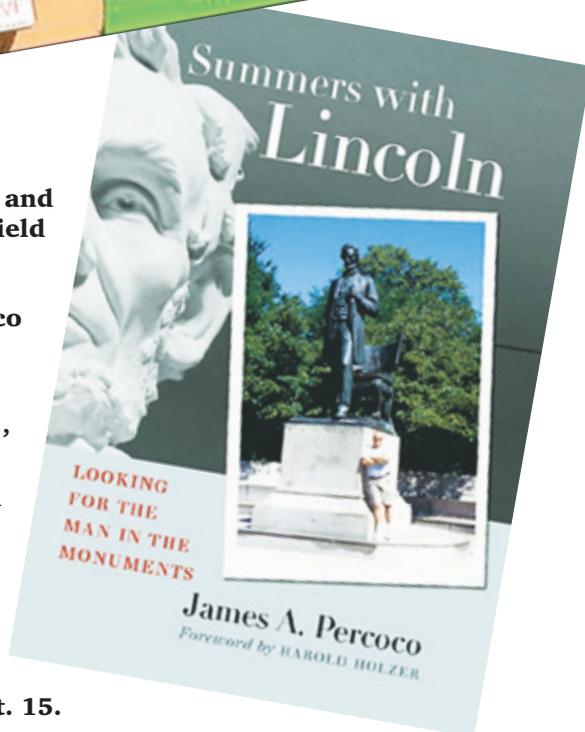
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Burke resident Barbara Van Patten will sign her children's book, 'Who Saves the Symphony: A Shenandoah Music Festival Adventure,' on Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Borders Express in Springfield Mall.

Local author and West Springfield High history teacher James Percoco presents his third book, 'Summers with Lincoln,' as the Richard Byrd Library in Springfield unveils its new We the People bookshelf Monday, Sept. 15.



CALENDAR

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6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Evening Book Discussion Group. "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See. 7:30 p.m. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

Needlework Group. 10:30 a.m. Bring a project to work on and enjoy company of other needlecrafters. Adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

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

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

Fall into Stories. 10:30 a.m. Age 3-5 with adult. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group. Saving Fish from Drowning, by Amy Tan. Adults. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

Let's Hear it for the Girls. 7 p.m. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 9-11 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Tiny Tots. 10:15 a.m. Very short stories, fingerplay and activities. Age 13-17 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Workhouse Arts Center Ribbon Cutting. Guests include Fairfax County dignitaries, community leaders, and arts administrators. 11 a.m., at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.

Burke Centre Library Friends Annual Book Sale, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. For more information about Burke Centre Library Friends go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/bc/bcfriends.htm> or pariedinger@cox.net.

After Hours Scavenger Hunt. 6-9 p.m. The ultimate quest for absolutely useless stuff. Age 12-18. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

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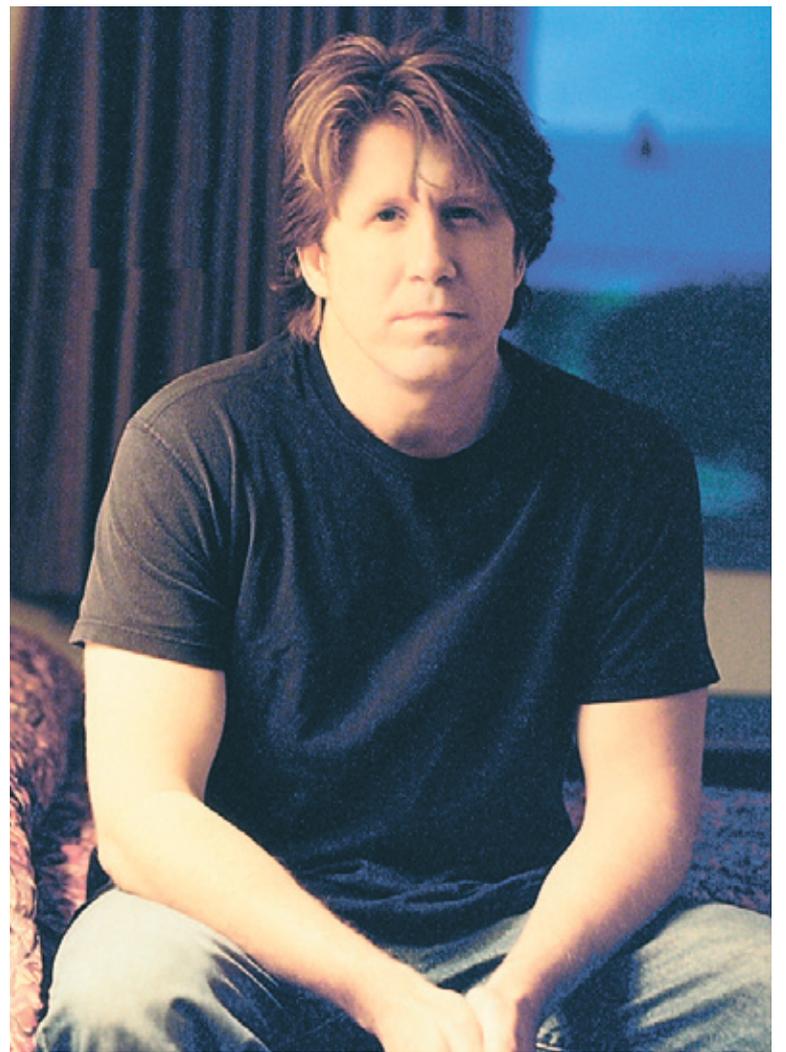
Stormin' Bob the Singing Weatherman. 11 a.m. Learn about the weather as Stormin' Bob sings up a storm. All ages. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

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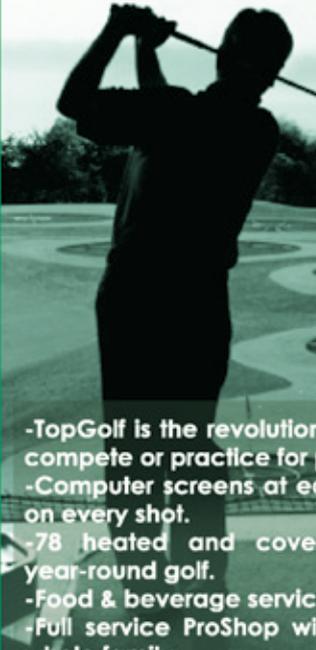
SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Welcome to Westmore. 2 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 students 12 and under. Tour of the 1950s Westmore Subdivision, led by Westmore residents and historians Karen Moore and Ross Landis. Meet at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. 703-385-8414.



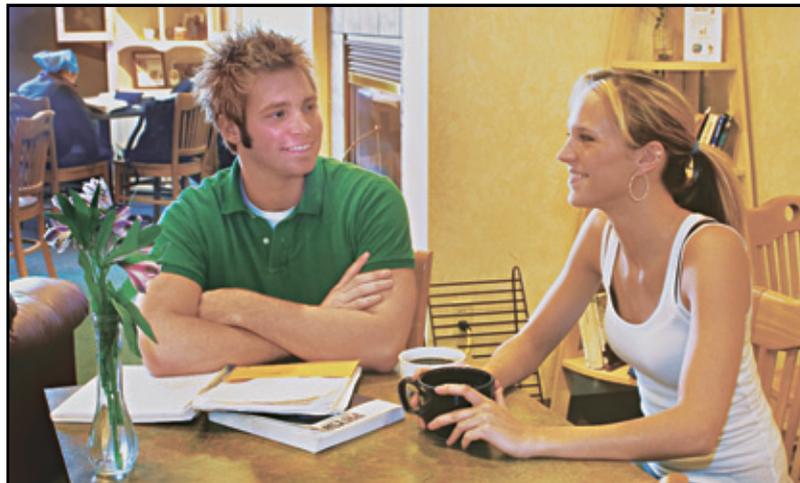
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Kim Bosch van Drakenstein, right, of First Dance Impressions teaches some of the finer points of the meringue to engaged couple Erin Jones and Willie Lorence.

Getting In Step

Local dance companies offer low-cost lessons for casual dancers.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

A dancer's footwork must be crisp, the posture rigid and motion fluid. It takes years of grueling, repetitive practice to master each individual form and style of dance. However, for Fairfax County residents simply looking to take a few lessons in preparation for a wedding or party, plenty of professional-class dance instructors are at the ready to teach them the basics of their favorite dance moves.

"Our mission is to try to change the world. To make it a happier, better place," said Fabio Bonini, president and dance director of Forever Dancing on Prosperity Avenue in Fairfax. "If everybody dances, people are going to be much happier."

Dance studios like Bonini's offer a range of dance lessons, both private and in groups, designed to teach aspiring dancers in some of the basics of body motion necessary to wow their friends or date. The styles of dance instruction offered range from practical, like the fox trot, to the unforgiving, like the Argentine tango.

While some dance studios cater to professionals preparing for major dance competitions, several local dance studios are designed to service the first-time dancers coming off the street. Kim Bosch van Drakenstein hosts private as well as group dancing

lessons out of a home on Walnut Lane in Falls Church, just minutes from the City of Fairfax. Specializing in wedding dances, she offers various packages to her customers the most basic one being five lessons for \$330, along with private lessons at \$70 an hour. What led Bosch van Drakenstein to create the company First Dance Impressions was her frustration with the way some of bigger dance studios and academies were set up. In her experience, most companies were interested in gaining long-term students for their business, structuring their dance packages in a way that forces customers to pay for lessons they don't want or need.

"Your average wedding couple can't afford to take 30 hours [of dance lessons] to get the five hours they need," said Bosch van Drakenstein.

"If everybody dances, people are going to be much happier."

— Fabio Bonini, Forever Dancing

FORMER U.S. MARINE Cy Richardson, who teaches dance at George Mason University and offers

group lessons at Oaks Community Center in Burke, said his lessons were designed primarily for amateur dancers looking to learn how to salsa or swing dance on the cheap. With private lessons starting at \$40 an hour and a six-session, 8-hour group package called "Ballroom One" introducing new dancers to the many different ballroom dances, his aim is to train versatile dancers, not specialized.

"My objective is to teach the average person how to dance. I have no interest in teaching competition dancing," said Richardson. "My interest is to teach the average person how to dance and to teach them as many dances as I know. To become broad in other words."

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Beginners Try Dancing

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It's not all ballroom and wedding dancing, though. Based out of Van Dorn Plaza in Alexandria, Cleopatra's Closet offers the art of Egyptian Belly Dancing to newcomers and veterans alike. Owner and founder Carman Richardson — no relation to Cy — said her company makes their venue available to various belly and Middle Eastern dance instructors who specialize in training novices.

"Hardly anybody who comes in knows that much about Egyptian culture, or [other Middle Eastern cultures] that the dance pertains to," she said.

THE INSTRUCTORS offer group and private lessons, as well as a class designed solely for children. The focus is belly dancing, and depending on the instructor and student, can branch out into more Latin and tribal-influenced versions of the art. One of the attractive aspects of belly dancing, Carman Richardson said, is its accessibility.

"This is a style of dance that is very body friendly, so you can be short you can be tall you can be heavy, you can be thin," she said. "That's the most important part, the expression. There's a lot of interaction, it's not like ballet where you're dancing on stage, removed from the audience. You need to connect with each and every one of them on a personal level."

Willie Lorence and Erin Jones have Oct. 18 penciled in as the date of their wedding. With the fall season fast approaching, they both decided to stop by First Dance Impressions to brush up on their dance

moves. Neither had taken formal dance lessons before, but by the end of their second lesson were able to go through some of the more rudimentary moves of swing and meringue.

"I think we're getting more and more comfortable with it," said Jones.

Her fiancé Lorence added: "As long as we can do it in a wedding dress and tux."

Most of the customers coming in to these studios for lessons are above the age of 30.

Bonini attributed this to the fact that ballroom dancing is for the most part not cheap, and caters to a more affluent crowd.

"Just like golf, or having a personal trainer, it's not cheap," he said.

Carmen Richardson said her belly dancing classes attract customers ranging from pre-teen to middle-age. It's also more common, according to her, to see customers from outside the Middle Eastern culture coming in for lessons.

"The reason [for that] is because there's an idea that I grew up with this is in my blood. I don't need a class," she said.

"The typical young American is not interested in dancing, especially males," said Cy Richardson. "Getting teenagers in is like pulling teeth."

Those that don't learn are missing out on an opportunity, said Bosch van Drakenstein.

"Women want to dance with the best dancers there, we're not fools," she said. "While we like to think the cutest boy is the best dancer, we will dance with the oldest, most cantankerous guy if he can dance."

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Bruins' Lesson Learned

Lake Braddock erases halftime deficit to make statement against Woodson.

BY JASON MACKETY
THE CONNECTION

Four hands and four legs pointed toward the line of scrimmage and readied for the snap. No, the Lake Braddock football team hadn't lured a surefire Division I-A soccer recruit away from his goalkeeper position. Those outstretched limbs belonged to the Bruins' quarterbacking duo — junior Ryan Curtis and sophomore Michael Nebrich.

Curtis and Nebrich split the playmaking duties during last Friday's 23-22 win at Woodson, but the signal caller who delivered perhaps the most startling performance was Nebrich.

After Curtis capped a touchdown drive in the opening half by scoring on a 3-yard run to give the Bruins a three-point lead, Nebrich snatched control of the position in the third quarter by connecting on three

straight pass plays that totaled 59 yards.

Stranger still, the three passes were his first three attempts and completions of the game.

"Curtis made some big plays early in the game, and Nebrich hit a couple of passes," said Lake Braddock coach Jim Poythress, whose team buoyed itself after a 26-7 loss to Robinson in Week 1. "I just stayed with [Nebrich]. He had the hot hand at the time."

Nebrich rewarded his coach's decision. The 6-foot-1, 180-pound righty led his team's most important drive of the evening, a 10-play, 77-yard odyssey that featured — thanks to a 5-yard false start penalty — exactly 82 yards from Nebrich.

In addition to completing a pair of passes on the drive that went to junior tight end Mike Resetar for 56 yards, Nebrich also ran for 26 yards on six carries, including his epitaph, a 2-yard touchdown run.

In all, Nebrich completed seven of his 10 passes for 126 yards while also running for 73 yards and two touchdowns on 23 carries.

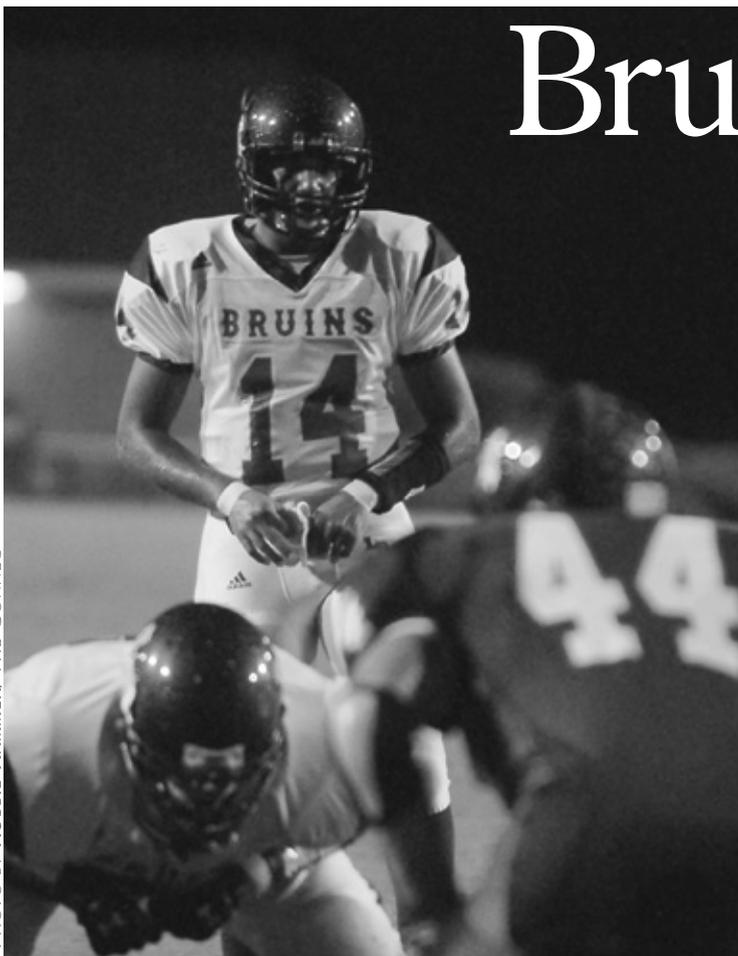
"I definitely got to give all the credit to the offensive line," Nebrich said. "Our offensive line gave us great protection in the backfield. I don't think I really got hit at all. Without the offensive line's protection, I definitely

"He had the hot hand at the time."

— Coach Jim Poythress

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Junior Ryan Curtis, who grabbed a key interception late in the game, also scored on a 3-yard touchdown run in the second quarter while splitting time under center with Nebrich.

Robinson Brings Extra Element to Field

Rams field hockey benefits from LeighAnne Baxter's contributions.

BY JASON MACKETY
THE CONNECTION

Halfway around the track and up a set of steps from her better-known office, Robinson's LeighAnne Baxter was set to propel another group of Rams to victory. Soccer has always been Baxter's No. 1 sport, but this fall she has rejoined the Robinson field hockey team after sitting out her junior season.

Baxter, who scored a decisive overtime goal to propel Robinson's girls' soccer team to a Virginia AAA state title in June, notched the game-winning tally to lead her field hockey team to a 2-1 win over West Springfield in non-district action on Monday night.

"She just adds an incredible element to the game," said Katy Garvey, Robinson's first-year coach, who was an assistant coach at the school last fall and spent the four seasons before that as an assistant at Madison. "Her passing, her speed and her ability to score ... it's just incredible. It's definitely nice to have."



Robinson senior LeighAnne Baxter, right, who also starred on the Rams girls soccer team this past spring, battles for a loose ball with West Springfield's Haley Mara Monday night. Baxter scored the game-winning goal.

Baxter's goal came with 12 minutes, 38 seconds remaining in the game. Though it might not have been as graceful as some of her moments on the soccer field, it counted just the same.

Parked in front of the cage, Baxter cor-

ralled the ball after it deflected off West Springfield goalkeeper Mariah Peters' pads. Counting scrimmages, the goal was Baxter's fifth this season.

That she was able to keep her eye on the ball and then eventually bury it into the

"We're definitely setting our sights high."

— Katy Garvey

back of the cage represents a skill that might've been developed on the soccer field.

"That field mentality — soccer, lacrosse, whatever — is very similar," said Garvey, whose team improved to 2-2 with the win. "You can definitely tell with her sense on the field and her ability to pass and read where other teammates are going to be, it definitely helps having that."

"You have to do a lot of the same conditioning," said Baxter, who'll play soccer at the University of Richmond next fall. "It's obviously two completely different things we have to do, but [the similarities exist in] the teamwork and conditioning and learning to play with each other."

West Springfield started sluggish out of the gate, while Robinson capitalized on a nifty pass early. With 19:30 left in the opening half, Robinson was unable to score on two consecutive penalty corners. However, the Rams again obtained possession and defender Marcy Bowdren buried a perfect pass from forward Megan Dunleavy for a 1-0 lead.

Though West Springfield started to de

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Armed and Dangerous

Woodson offense finds success behind new quarterback.

BY JASON MACKETY
THE CONNECTION

As a freshman in Clarksville, Tenn., Connor Reilly couldn't tell the difference between man or zone coverage. He didn't know what a fade route meant and a trap, in his mind at least, was probably something that involved cheese and rodents.

Stepping on the football field for the first time, Reilly, a quarterback, just soaked it all in.

"I watched, I learned," said Reilly, now Woodson's starting quarterback, of his first year playing the sport. "My freshman year was a big year for learning about football."

But as the baseball-loving son in a military family, Reilly had also learned a thing or two about uprooting. He earned the starting job on junior varsity during his sophomore season, but a family move necessitated his transfer to Woodson this past summer.

Reilly attended the team's offseason lifting and conditioning program, often staying after the workouts to develop timing and chemistry with his receivers and running backs.

One of those receivers, senior Max Waizenegger, who was the top receiving threat on last year's 5-5 team, met Reilly on the duo's summer baseball team. Immediately, Waizenegger recognized his talent.

"I'm really grateful to have him as a quarterback," said Waizenegger, who caught 11 of Woodson's 13 touchdown passes last fall. "I haven't seen a quarterback at his age that can throw the ball that well. He makes great reads, and he knows where to go with [the ball]."

Though Woodson suffered a 23-22 loss to Lake Braddock last Friday, Reilly has validated his

receiver's claim. In the loss, the junior quarterback completed 16 of 25 passes for 246 yards and a 14-yard touchdown to classmate Colin Dempsey.

Coupled with a fine performance in the Cavaliers' 41-6 win over Fairfax in Week 1, Reilly has now connected on 25 of 38 passes for 376 yards and four touchdowns.

Coach Trey Taylor, who typically runs a veer-like offense which depends more on standard formations and a powerful running game, has found himself with one of the most potent and dynamic offenses in the Northern Region.

"[Reilly's] ability to throw has opened our offense up a lot," Taylor said. "That coupled with the fact that we have multiple kids who can catch the ball this year ... it's good timing. We've had guys who can throw in the past, but we really didn't have anyone to throw to. We've had guys who could catch and nobody to really throw to them. So it's all coming together with lucky timing right now."

The Cavaliers threw early and often against Lake Braddock.

Reilly completed four passes for 53 yards on the team's first drive, but a fourth-down pass to Waizenegger slipped through the receiver's hands.

Five minutes later, after another failed fourth-down attempt translated into a 30-yard Lake Braddock field goal, Taylor elected to emphasize the ground game. Junior running back James Johnson, who posted 109 yards and two touchdowns against the Bruins, capped an 80-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The Bruins would answer with another touchdown before Reilly connected with Dempsey to give the Cavaliers a 14-9 lead at the break.

"The fact that we can spread the ball around will help us a lot because if we can open up the running game early, that opens up the pass," Reilly said. "Or if we open up the passing game early, it opens up the field for running."

Woodson's offense generated a third touchdown on its first drive of the second half, a 16-yard run from Johnson. However, an inability to stop the Bruins on third down led to the loss.

"I'm really grateful to have him as a quarterback."

— Max Waizenegger

Bruins over Cavaliers

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couldn't have gotten the ball off."

Lake Braddock (1-1) entered the game against Woodson amid a degree of speculation at the quarterback position. After the graduation of Shane Halley, who manned the quarterback position as well as several others for the Bruins, Poythress and Co. had been searching for someone to emerge under center.

In the loss to Robinson, Nebrich and Curtis combined to complete three of 13 passes for 50 yards with one touchdown and one interception, performances that didn't exactly carve out an obvious starter for Week 2.

The two quarterbacks rotated throughout the opening half against Woodson, though the shotgun formation Poythress employed set the two of them standing next to each other with those four arms outstretched and awaiting the snap.

Lake Braddock struck first as senior Sean Lusk booted a 30-yard field goal late in the first quarter. Woodson's James Johnson answered with the first of his two touchdown runs, a 3-yard jaunt to give the Cavaliers (1-1) a 6-3 lead with 9 minutes, 31 seconds left in the first half.

Curtis' touchdown run helped Lake Braddock regain the lead, but a 14-yard touchdown pass from Woodson's Connor Reilly to Max Waizenegger, coupled with a two-point conversion, put the Cavaliers ahead at halftime, 14-9.

But a few halftime adjustments proved to be pivotal. Resetar, who has caught six passes for 137 yards and a touchdown in the season's first two weeks, tapped Poythress on the shoulder and had an idea.

"When we had two receivers on the strong side, there was absolutely no one on my third of the field," said Resetar, "and I was going to be open for a 'go' route or an out. It was open."

Sure enough, it was. After Johnson scored his second touchdown, Nebrich found Resetar for the first of his three consecutive completions and Lake Braddock, a young team with only three seniors on its starting roster, started to roll.

Nebrich's performance produced 14 straight points and a clutch interception from Curtis — the team's "big-play kid," according to Poythress — on Woodson's next drive sealed the Bruins' win. After Woodson quarterback Connor Reilly completed a 40-yard pass and moved the Cavaliers to the Lake Braddock 17-yard line, Curtis stepped in front of a pass over the middle.

"I think our kids learned a valuable lesson that you have to play the entire game and even though you might be down, you're not necessarily out," said Poythress, whose team will host Stuart on Friday. "You can keep trying and eventually good things will happen."

Baxter Scores Winner

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velop some offense late in the half, the Spartans were unable to tie as Robinson carried a 1-0 lead into halftime. At the break, Robinson held a 7-4 advantage in penalty corners, while the teams were tied with six shots apiece.

The Spartans struck with 21:40 left in the game. Off of a free hit, West Springfield's Danielle O'Brien, who was hugging the back post, finished off an assist from teammate Jessica Gonzalez.

But Robinson, a team that rebounded from a loss to Lake Braddock with a win over Annandale and erased a loss to Langley with Monday night's victory, found yet another way to steady itself.

"I think we really stepped it up since the beginning of the season," Bowdren said. "Everyone seems to be pulling together, and I think this really gives us a confidence boost."

Robinson mustered 10 penalty corners to West Springfield's seven, though the Rams finished with only seven shots compared to eight by the Spartans.

Robinson finished 12-7-1 a season ago, but a 3-1 loss to Chantilly in the Concorde District will serve as added motivation for the Rams in 2008.

"We're definitely setting our sights high," Garvey said. "We know it's going to be tough, but we knew how [losing to Chantilly] felt last year. Our senior class especially wants to get that back and try to get that district title this year."

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATORS: Week Three

Each week, **The Connection's Pigskin Prognosticators** select winners from the top prep games.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

1. Yorktown at West Potomac
2. W. Springfield at Robinson
3. South County at Edison
4. Oakton at T.C. Williams
5. Herndon at Langley
6. Chantilly at Annandale
7. South Lakes at Falls Church
8. Fairfax at Washington-Lee
9. Ohio State at USC
10. Saints at Redskins

WEEK THREE SCHEDULE:

Games played Friday, Sept. 12
Centerville at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Chantilly at Annandale, 7:30 p.m.
Fairfax at Washington-Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Herndon at Langley, 6:30 p.m.
W. Springfield at Robinson, 7:30 p.m.
Hayfield at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Jefferson at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.
Wakefield at Madison, 7:30 p.m.
Stuart at Lake Braddock, 7:30 p.m.
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Yorktown at West Potomac, 7:30 p.m.
Stone Bridge at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.



Jason Mackety

Sports Editor

Last Week: 8-2

Season: 8-2

Percentage: 80%

1. West Potomac
2. W. Springfield
3. Edison
4. Oakton
5. Langley
6. Chantilly
7. South Lakes



Mark Giannotto

Sports Editor

Last Week: 8-2

Season: 8-2

Percentage: 80%

1. West Potomac
2. W. Springfield
3. Edison
4. Oakton
5. Herndon
6. Chantilly
7. Falls Church



Rich Sanders

Sports Editor

Last Week: 6-4

Season: 6-4

Percentage: 60%

1. West Potomac
2. W. Springfield
3. Edison
4. Oakton
5. Langley
6. Chantilly
7. South Lakes

COMMUNITY

Fire Destroys Field Shed



The door to the snack bar shows scorch marks.

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Though the actual field wasn't badly damaged, much of the electrical wiring for the field was connected to the utility shed. The lights and scoreboard no longer work, making night games impossible. Jumper said that was a problem that would intensify as the season wore on.

"Now you have to start games at 5:30 [p.m.]. You start losing two minutes a day pretty quick, at 7:45 it's too dark to play," he said.

Carpenter said the new VRE multi-story parking lot that was recently erected has largely blocked Burke Baseball Field from passing cars and pedestrians, making it an attractive target for vandals.

Jumper said the field had been broken into three times prior to the Aug. 30 incident. Vandals also spray-painted graffiti two other times. He and Carpenter both cited the field's obscurity from passing patrol cars as an issue that needed to be addressed going forward.

"We've discussed getting surveillance cameras. At this point, should we have done it before? I'm sure we should have," said Jumper.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) said she had recently requested enhanced bike patrols near the area of the field before she heard about the fire.

"I believe the Little League field is a very important part of the community and so I was just very disappointed to hear what had happened," said Bulova. "I know we've had some vandalism in that area before."

FOR NOW, games will be moved to Chilcott Stadium in Fairfax until some preliminary safety work and clearing can be done at the Burke field. Carpenter said the league expected to play at Chilcott for two weeks before returning to its home turf.

"I think we're going to have to come up with a security system with alarms and cameras," he said. "It's just an easy target with kids who probably weren't raised properly and probably have too much time on their hands. I can even [understand] kids breaking into buildings and stealing things, but burning down a building just for kicks? That's uncalled for."



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is investigating a fire that destroyed the snack bar, announcer's booth and the utility shed at a ball field in Burke.

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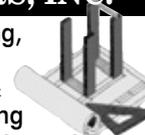


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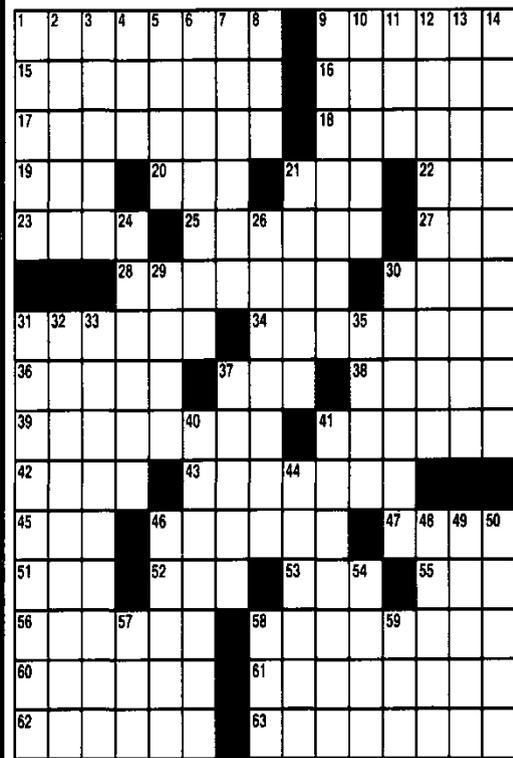
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- 9 Checks (out)
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- 16 Husk-wrapped dish
- 17 Simulate
- 18 Shadowy
- 19 One abroad
- 20 Poetic period
- 21 E-mail address ending
- 22 James's follower
- 23 Top
- 25 Deserts
- 27 Coll. course
- 28 "She's the One" actress
- 30 Big name in Dixieland
- 31 Breakfast order
- 34 1862 battle site
- 36 Irritates
- 37 Loser in the Seven Years' War: Abbr.
- 38 Vacation locale with 3,500-year-old ruins
- 39 Like some wells
- 41 Ease
- 42 Neckwear piece

- 43 Wink: Var.
- 45 Affect, with "to"
- 46 They take panes
- 47 Distressed cry
- 51 Arctic explorer John —
- 52 "— Woman" (1975 hit)
- 53 Tiny bit
- 55 Struggle
- 56 Like Federal tax laws
- 58 It's binding
- 60 Puts on
- 61 Made an aqueduct, maybe
- 62 They have sharp tongues
- 63 Bucks

- 8 "—, smile not at my sullen brow": Byron
- 9 Kind of union
- 10 "Caligula" playwright
- 11 Overseer of U.S. govt. money
- 12 Sponges
- 13 Involved
- 14 Some local politicians
- 21 Broad collars
- 24 Accessed, with "into"
- 26 Firm

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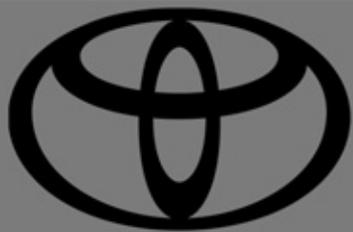
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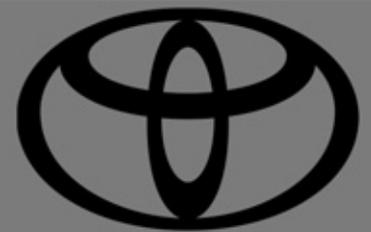
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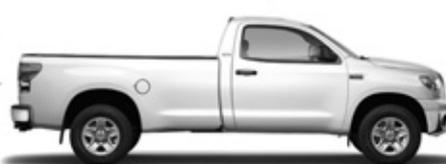
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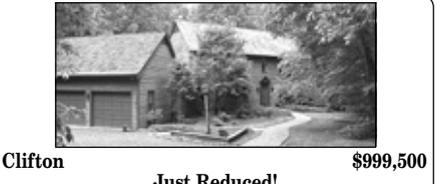


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