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Republican presidential candidate John McCain, right, and vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin spoke to 23,000 supporters Wednesday at Fairfax's Van Dyck Park.



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McCain, Palin Visit Fairfax

Republican rally draws over 20,000 people.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Vienna resident Laura Bell and Great Falls resident Joanne Kehrlie were having a hard time pumping themselves up about the presidential race this year.

Bell, who describes herself as an independent-minded Republican, and Kehrlie are pro-life advocates. They had been supporting Republican presidential candidate John McCain but not very enthusiastically.

"I was a bit more on the fence. I had a very hard time getting excited about McCain," said Bell.

Then, on Aug. 28, everything changed. The day after the Democratic National Convention, McCain announced Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin

as his vice presidential pick. Suddenly, according to local party activists, many women felt energized about the Republican ticket.

"The choice of Palin was radical and refreshing," said Kehrlie, who had a "tearful" moment watching Palin talk about children with special needs during the Republican National Convention.

Since the Palin nomination, Bell, who has a McCain sticker on her car, said strangers have started approaching her to talk about Palin in shopping center parking lots, she said.

"Women are excited about her. I haven't heard one negative comment," said Bell.

Thousands of Northern Virginia residents, including Bell and Kehrlie, appeared energized about the McCain-Palin ticket at a

Sept. 10 rally. About 23,000 people showed up in the middle of a Wednesday to hear the candidates speak in the City of Fairfax's Van Dyck Park.

"I have never been to a [political rally in Fairfax County] that was this big, not in my 29 years in elected office. ... And I held office during the Reagan years," said U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11).

Davis, who was head of the National Republican Congressional Committee, said Palin had done a lot to energize the base of Republican Party. Several times during the event, the crowd broke into a chant of "Sarah, Sarah," alternated with "U.S.A., U.S.A.," and a few "John McCain, John McCain" cheers.

"They didn't have this energy level before," said Davis, who plugged McCain-Palin bumper stickers in his opening speech.

"Frankly, I am tired of looking at those Obama stickers," said Davis.

"There is only one man in this election who has ever really fought for you."

— Sarah Palin

McCain may need an energized Republican base in Northern Virginia to help carry the entire commonwealth.

Obama, who has opened over 25 offices statewide, is hoping to win Virginia, in part by driving up voter turnout in the Washington, D.C. suburbs.

Virginia has not voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1964. But Obama has devoted at least 10 paid campaign staff members to Fairfax County alone, and is hoping to garner at least 80 percent of the vote in Arlington County. In

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PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION



Sarah and Todd Palin and John and Cindy McCain are welcomed by thousands of supporters at Van Dyck Park.



Thousands of supporters converged on Van Dyck Park in the City of Fairfax to hear John McCain and Sarah Palin speak.

Having traveled from Leesburg to see John McCain and Sarah Palin speak in Fairfax on Wednesday, Mary Alice Patterson and Gale Towery, show how they feel about the Republican nominee for president.

Police Seek Car Vandals

City of Fairfax Police are seeking any information on a string of automobile vandalisms that are thought to have occurred sometime Saturday night, Sept. 6.

According to City of Fairfax Police release, the suspect or suspects in question used a sharp tool to puncture the tires on 16 vehicles in a parking lot on the 10100 block of Mosby Woods Drive in Fairfax. Anyone with information relating to the crime is asked to call Crime Solvers at 703-591-8477. Callers may remain anonymous and a cash reward of up to \$1,000 is offered if the information provided leads to an arrest.

Police Get \$19,000 in Grants

The City of Fairfax Police Department received over \$19,000 in grants from the federal government to fund various traffic safety programs, such as Checkpoint Strikeforce, a program designed to set up sobriety checkpoints and deter driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. According to a City of Fairfax Police release, most of the money will be used to purchase field breathalyzer equipment, along with enforcement and educational programs with the Virginia DMV.

Learn about HOT Lanes

A public information meeting about the Beltway High Occupancy Toll Lanes project will take place Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the City Hall Annex on Armstrong Street.

The 7:30 p.m. meeting will concern construction details and updates for the Interstate 495 and Route 236/Little River Turnpike interchange. Members of the Fairfax City Council will be in attendance as they receive a briefing of the project from experts who will give an overview of the project's details and congestion management plans and public safety issues. The project, known as the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes, is scheduled to open in 2013.

For more information, visit www.virginiahotlanes.com or call 877-495-8368.

Association Picks Rappoport

Col. Richard J. Rappoport, police chief for the City of Fairfax, was elected president of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police on Aug. 19 at the Valor Awards Banquet during its Annual Conference in Hot Springs, Va.

Rappoport has served as City of Fairfax Chief of Police for eight years and prior to that spent 24 years with the Fairfax County Police Department.

Rappoport received a bachelor of arts degree in justice from American University in Washington, D.C. and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy in Quantico. In 2000, he served as president of the Virginia Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates of Virginia. He also served as the chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Police Chiefs Committee in 2003 and 2004.

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.



A truck plows through water on Fairfax Boulevard near the intersection of Draper Drive. Deep water closed off the section of Fairfax Boulevard through most of Saturday.

Hanna Pummels Region

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

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

Hheavy 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 community 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 concern was that if it continued to erode along the toe of the dam, it could eventually undermine the dam itself."

— Randy Bartlett, director of Storm Water, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

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POLITICS

McCain, Palin Rally in Fairfax

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Virginia's last competitive statewide election two years ago, U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) beat former Sen. George Allen (R) with approximately 75 percent of the vote in Arlington.

"My friends, the Commonwealth of Virginia is a battleground state and we must win it," said McCain at the rally.

During his speech, McCain promised to crack down on earmarks, and "pork barrel spending." The Arizona senator promised to disclose the members of both parties who were proposing pet projects for their own district or state.

"You will know their names and I will make them famous," said McCain.

Some of Northern Virginia's most well known earmarks are the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, the widening of Route 123, a regional gang initiative and parts of the Dulles Metrorail project.

McCain also emphasized his commitment to the United State military, veterans and national defense at the rally.

The candidate, who supports the war in Iraq, noted that many political pundits said his political career was at an end when he supported a troop surge in Iraq last year. But then, said McCain, the surge worked and he was chosen as the Republican nominee, proving the media experts wrong.

"My friends, we will keep this nation safe," said McCain, who added that he would also support better health care for the military members and better government response to natural disasters.

McCain told the crowd he wears a bracelet given to him by a New Hampshire woman whose 22 year-old son was killed in Iraq. McCain promised the woman her son "would not die in vain."

"I want to be president of the United States because I want people to inspire people to serve a cause greater than themselves," said McCain.

In her speech, Palin focused on McCain and his reputation as a "maverick" in the Senate who stands up for what he believes in.

"John McCain has used his career to promote change. He doesn't run with the Washington herd. Let's send the maverick of the Senate to the White House," said Palin, who added that she is happy to be considered part of the "team of mavericks," on the Republican ticket.

The Alaska governor added: "There is only one man in this election who has ever really fought for you."

Palin, a mother of five, compared herself to McCain. She said she "took on politics as usual in Juneau."

While mayor of Wasilla, a town of less than 10,000 people, Palin took a cut in her own salary. When she was elected governor, Palin said she declined to use the personal chef that came with the governor's mansion and sold the private jet that came with the statewide office on eBay.

The crowd at the rally let out a huge cheer after Palin explained she "put the state's checkbook online for all the world to see."

"We have finally found a politician who is willing to be a representative of the people," said Bob Denhardt, a City of Fairfax resident, at the end of the rally.

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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 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



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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

COLLEGE NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

The following Fairfax residents have been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Virginia Tech: **Julia S. Viets, Yizhe Zhan, Saki Kadotani, Edwin I. Yusman, Colleen T. Ackermann, James R. Adams, Luis A. Apaestegui, John R. Baker, Kara N. Batt, Amy N. Betor, Sandra F. Bloom, William C. Cang, Ming J. Chen, Phillip Chong, Caleb J. Davison, Frank M. DiLorenzo, Mimi B. Do, David J. Donnelly, Melissa C. Dozier, Sara A. Friedman, Jamie E. Garubba, Ryan T. Gauthier, Inga A. Gromova, Rachel E. Harris, Christopher J. Heasley, Lucas D. Heck, Leah M. Heist and Jason M. Hertz.**

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The following Fairfax residents have been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Virginia Tech: **Eric J. Dennis, Jennifer L. DiMarco, Alexandra M. Evans, Christopher J. Gilstrap, Christina G. Griel, Lynn A. Hansirisawat, William B. Hutcheson, Nicholas W. Johnson, HyunJung Kim, Daniel R. Kolta, Woojae Lee, Brian L. Lindstrom, Andrea N. Lopiano, Megan E. Moretti, Matthew S. Siegel, Colin**

J. Szymkowicz, Christina M. Tisdale, Chloe E. West, Sze Man Yeung, Claire C. Holman, Lisa H., Janovsky, David H. Jiang, Meredith N. Kain, Reema S. Kodesh and Oh Cheol Kwon.

Kristen Skopowski of Fairfax, a graduate of Chantilly High School, has been awarded an American Dream scholarship by Commerce Bank. Skopowski plans to attend the University of Delaware in Newark. Skopowski was active in the National Honor Society, Spanish honor Society, community service, and an AP Scholar and honor roll student.

PhuongTam Nguyen of Fairfax High School has been awarded a scholarship by Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Kristina H. Baker of Fairfax, a senior majoring in design, innovation and communication, has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N. Y.

CLASSES

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Zumba Latin Aerobics classes are Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax until Feb. 26. \$60. Call 703-385-7858.

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MISCELLANEOUS

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

Fall Pottery Classes. Susan Fox Hirschmann is currently enrolling beginner and intermediate adults for weekly classes. The class will include a variety of hand building techniques and learning to "throw" on the potter's wheel. Call for class schedule. Tuition total: \$355, including materials, firings, glazes, 25 pounds of clay and use of all

studio tools, equipment & aprons. 4810 Tabard Place, Annandale. Call 703-978-1480.

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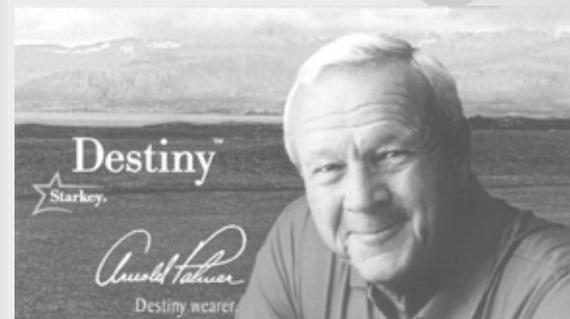
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OPINION

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.

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.

EDITORIAL

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

Help

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

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- ◆ 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

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.

S. Altomare
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CRIME

EMBEZZLEMENT

10460 Fairfax Blvd. / Jim McKay Chevrolet. On Sept. 4, at 6:05 p.m. the manager reported that between June 23 and Aug. 8 a former employee had accepted deposits from customers on vehicles he had sold and retained the money himself rather than turning it over to the dealership. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

FRAUD

9650 Main St. / A C Moore. The victim reported that on Aug. 26, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., she was approached by a man and a woman who attempted to obtain money from her after telling her they were in possession of a winning lottery ticket. The victim did not give the suspects money. The first suspect is described as a Hispanic female, brown hair, 5 feet in height, weighing about 120 pounds. The second suspect is described as a Hispanic male, brown hair, 5 feet 5 inches in height, weighing about 150 pounds. The vehicle involved is a large white passenger van appearing in new condition.

LARCENY

10901 Main St. / West Coast Teriyaki and Subs. On Aug. 30, at 6:15 p.m., the victim reported that unknown person(s) stole her purse. The purse was later located near a dumpster behind the business. A cellular phone and a credit card were missing from the purse.

10780 Fairfax Blvd. / Super H Mart. On Aug. 30, at 8:19 p.m., the victim reported that after paying for her merchandise she left her cart

unattended and unknown person(s) stole her groceries.

3251 Old Lee Highway / Rene's Supper Club. The victim reported that sometime between 10 p.m. on Aug. 30 and 1:30 a.m. on Aug. 31, unknown person(s) stole her purse that was left unattended.

4000 Block of Trapp Road. On Sept. 1, at 10:27 p.m., the victim, a cab driver, reported that he drove a female passenger from Arlington to Fairfax City. The passenger failed to pay the driver and fled on foot.

3801 Jermantown Road / Kutner Park. On Sept. 4, at 9:04 p.m., the victim reported that sometime between 7-8 p.m. while he was playing soccer unknown person(s) had taken property including cash, credit cards and a cell phone from his unattended gym bag.

VANDALISM

11100 Block of Gainsborough Court / Gainsborough Court Apartments. Sometime between 7 p.m. on Aug. 29 and 4:15 p.m. on Aug. 30, unknown person(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and broke the rear view mirror.

4316 Chain Bridge Road / Inova Urgent Care. On Aug. 31, at 10:50 p.m., a man was seen breaking a window out as he was banging on the windows of the urgent care center. Police arrived and interviewed the suspect and it was determined that the man was intoxicated. John B. Faherty, 20, of the 8900 block of Cromwell Drive, Springfield, was arrested and charged with public intoxication and destruction of property. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Bond was set at \$500.

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ARTS

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.

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

— Tina Leone

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."

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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Arts Center To Open

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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.

Once the grand opening comes to a conclusion and phase one is up and running, Leone and Mason said they will catch their breath before continuing to work on the future of the center, which will eventually add a performance theater, a museum wing and 40 live-in residences for artists.

"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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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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The 47th Annual Model Soldier Show, with over 100 vendors, toy soldiers, Russian-painted figures, fantasy figures and more, will be at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale on Saturday, Sept. 13.

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.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6:30-9 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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.

Potomac Valley Shetland

Sheepdog Club. 7:30 p.m. Free, open to the public. Following a short business meeting, Virginia Torsch Blose will give a presentation on Disaster Planning for Pets. Refreshments. Bring your dog and meet other Sheltie owners and breeders. Prospective owners are also welcome. In the meeting room of the Dunn Loring Firehouse, 2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. www.PotomacValleySSC.com.

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.

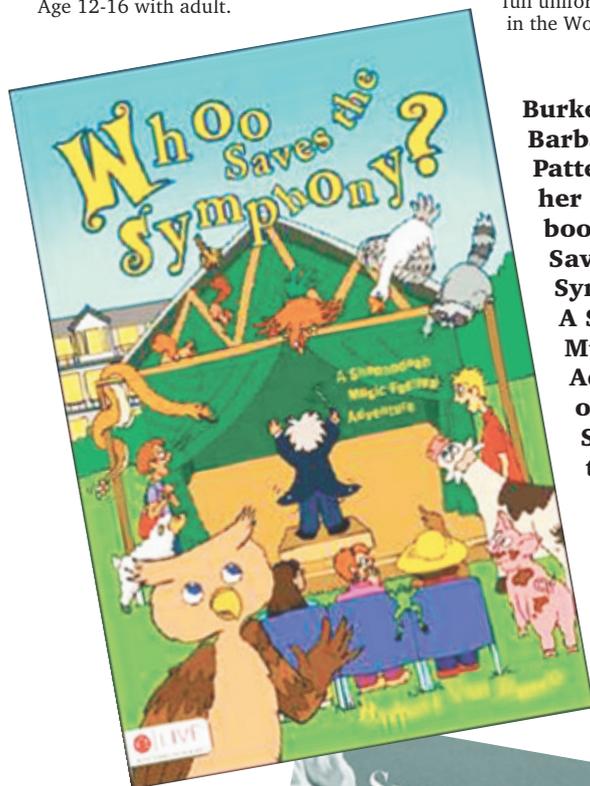
Book Discussion Group. "Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery" by Eric Metaxas. 11 a.m. Adults. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

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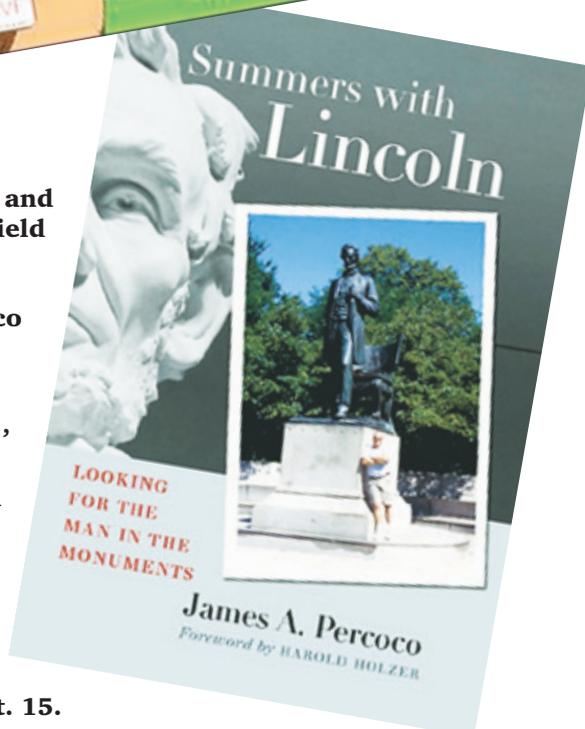
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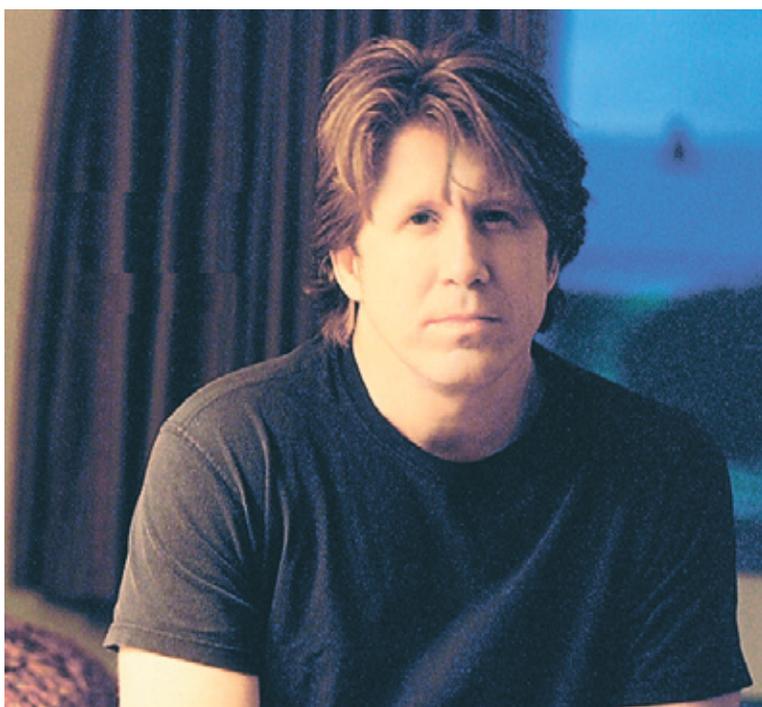


Burke resident Barbara Van Patten will sign her children's book, 'Who Saves the Symphony- A Shenandoah Music Festival Adventure,' on Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Borders Express in Springfield Mall.

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



John Eddie will appear at Jammin Java Friday, Sept. 12.

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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 or visit <http://chpre.gmu.edu>.

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

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.

Small Wonders. 11:15 a.m. Very short stories, fingerplay and activities. Age 18-23 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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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.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Paul Haas, Conductor Finalist, and Alexander Ghindin, Piano. ConcertTalk with Paul Haa, 7 p.m.; concert at 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Call 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

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

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.

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. Call 703-978-5600.

Fairfax High School Bands 19th Annual Tag Day. Members of the Fairfax High School Bands, including the Color Guard will be in full uniform to ring doorbells during the annual tag day fund raiser, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations help purchase music, repair and replace band instruments and equipment and transportation to competitions. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed, payable to the Fairfax High Band Boosters, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. All Fairfax High School Band concerts are free. Visit www.fhsbands.org. 703-631-4566 or 703-219-2235.

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Sports Building Burnt Beyond Repair

Structure at Burke Baseball Field set ablaze, investigators suspect arson.

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



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

PHOTO BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL/THE CONNECTION

was getting the field ready for the season, which began Monday, Sept. 8.

"The first plan is get the field playable," he said, citing the need 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.

Though the actual field wasn't badly dam-

aged, 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

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

— Mace Carpenter

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."

Games will be moved to Chilcott Stadium in the City of 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. ... I can even [understand] kids breaking into buildings and stealing things, but burning down a building just for kicks? That's uncalled for."

Heavy Rain Floods City Streets, Prompts Evacuation

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cated 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.

Much of the high water centered around the low-lying area near Accotink Creek Bridge on Pickett Road. Thaiss Park, part of the city property yard and a parking lot in the Foxcroft neighborhood were under water for most of the afternoon. The high water forced city workers at the property yard to move CUE buses to drier land.

"A lot of that area is in the flood plain," said Summers. "It's the lowest point in the city."

Summers said that he was not aware of any property damage caused by the flooding, although a silt fence broke away at a city construction site and some tree limbs were brought down by the storm. City workers repaired the fence and removed the tree limbs.

"I met with a couple of residents about high water," said Summers, "but the water did not enter their homes."

Although high water almost reached the top of the Accotink Creek Bridge, it did not overflow the bridge, which, according to Summers, has happened in the past.

"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 2008, Fairfax 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." In the coming days, workers will use boats to survey the lake to assess its condition.

Hammond encouraged any volunteers interested in helping to clean up the lake and park to call the Lake Accotink Park office at 703-569-0285.

MILITARY NOTES

Army Lt. Col. Eric B. Carpenter is currently deployed as a member of Task Force Marne, the Fort Stewart, Ga.-based 3rd Infantry Division and elements of the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky. serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is the son of Bernard R. and Marilyn E. Carpenter of Fairfax. Carpenter graduated in 1986 from Robinson Secondary School and received a bachelor's degree in 1990 from Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. He earned a master's degree in 2004 from Central Michigan University through the military extension program at Leavenworth, Kan.

Marine Corps Cpl. Sean P.

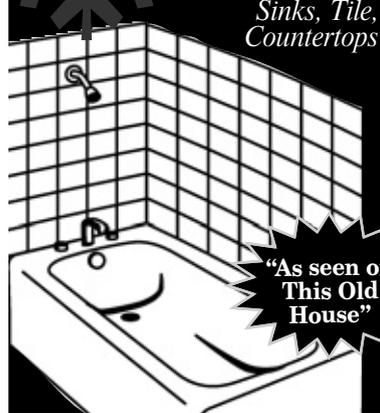
Hosey, son of Debra M. and Glen G. Hosey of Fairfax, recently completed Expeditionary Strike Group Integration Training while assigned to the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Hosey is a 2003 graduate of W. T. Woodson High School of Fairfax and joined the Marine Corps in August 2004.

Navy Reserve Cmdr. Marc S. Lederer has deployed to Iraq to serve as a member of Task Force Ramadi at Camp Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad. The task force is staffed by elements of U.S. Joint Forces Command headquartered in Norfolk. Lederer, a joint planner, has served in the military

for 17 years. He is the son of Maddy Lederer and brother of Michele Paladin, both of Vero Beach, Fla. His wife, Susan, is the daughter of Daniel M. and Cynthia A. Evans of Fairfax. The commander received a bachelor's degree in 1991 from the U.S. Naval Academy, and a master's degree in 2006 from the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

Michael S. Mozelle has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army after completing the Army ROTC program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. Mozelle is the son of Bruce and Mary Mozelle of Fairfax.

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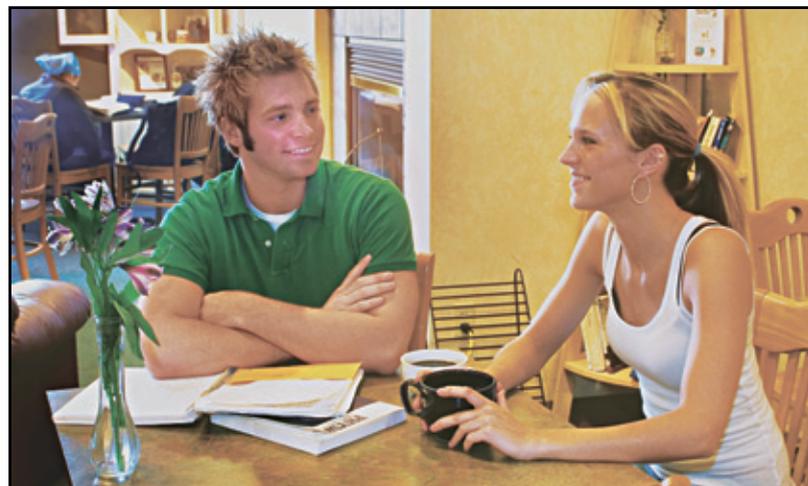
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Fielding an Extra Element

Rams field hockey benefits from LeighAnne Baxter's contributions.

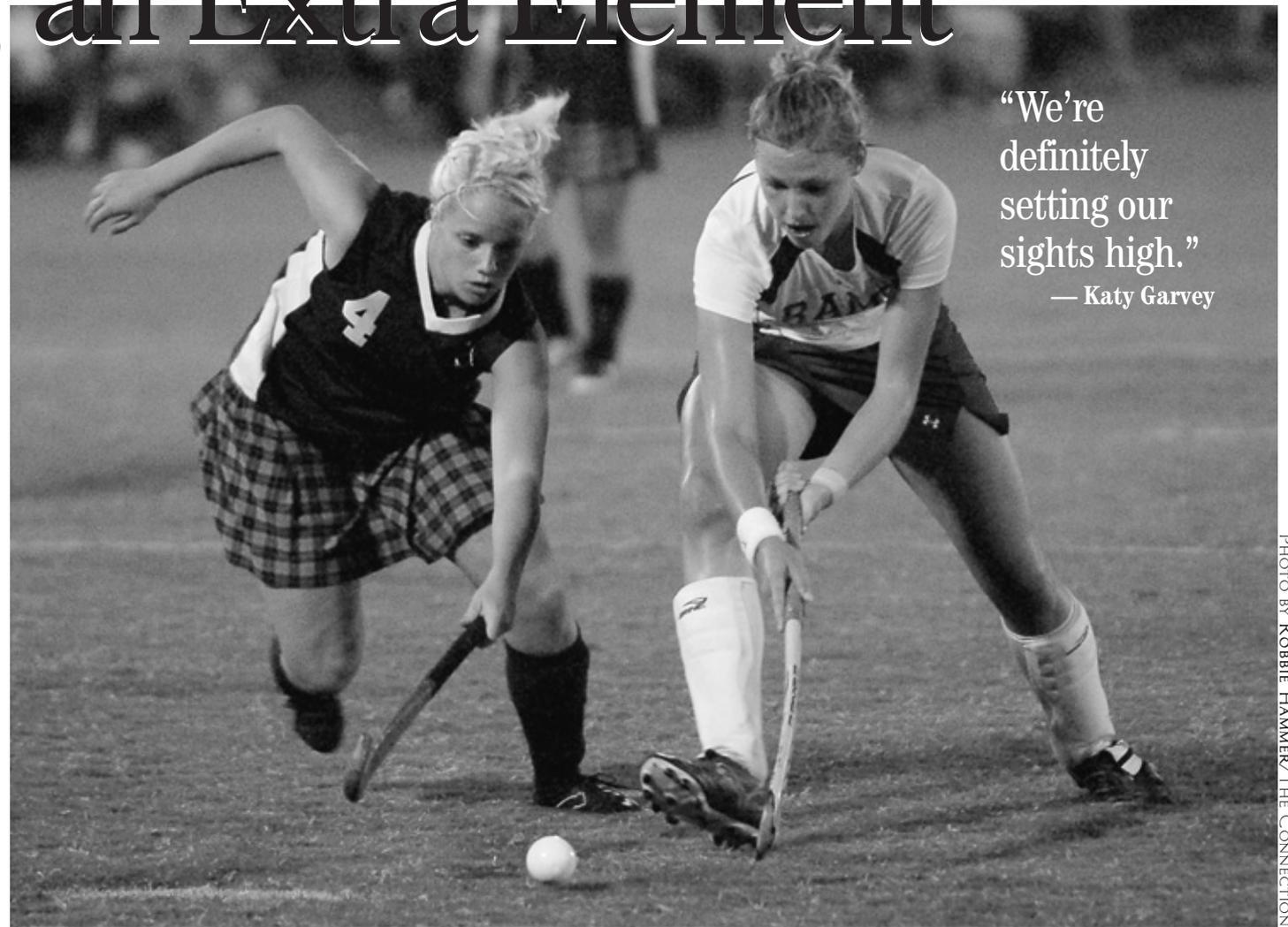
BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

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."

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



"We're definitely setting our sights high."
— Katy Garvey

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Robinson senior LeighAnne Baxter, 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.

just the same.

Parked in front of the cage, Baxter corralled 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 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.

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Cavalier Offense: Armed and Dangerous

Woodson offense flourishes behind new quarterback Connor Reilly.

BY JASON MACKEY
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

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PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Junior quarterback Connor Reilly has thrown for 376 yards and four touchdowns in two games this season.



Senior wide receiver Max Waizenegger fights off a Lake Braddock tackler. Though the Cavaliers dropped a 23-22 decision, Waizenegger caught eight passes for 121 yards.

Woodson Benefits from Transfer

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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.

"We played pretty well," said Taylor, whose team will travel to McLean on Friday. "We just had some major breakdowns at very important times that led to our demise."

Taylor will have his team ready to go against the Highlanders, but it was another coach, Lake Braddock's Jim Poythress, who provided perhaps the best coaching assessment.

"[Woodson] was pretty daggone good," Poythress said. "They had some pretty tough kids. And I'll tell you what, I was very impressed with that quarterback."



Robinson's Megan Dunleavy (5) adds an assist on teammate Marcy Bowdren's goal during the Rams' 2-1 win over the Spartans.

Baxter Scores Winner

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"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 develop 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."

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— Katy Garvey

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
Centreville 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.
South County at Edison, 7:30 p.m.
Yorktown at West Potomac, 7:30 p.m.
Stone Bridge at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.



Jason Mackey

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%

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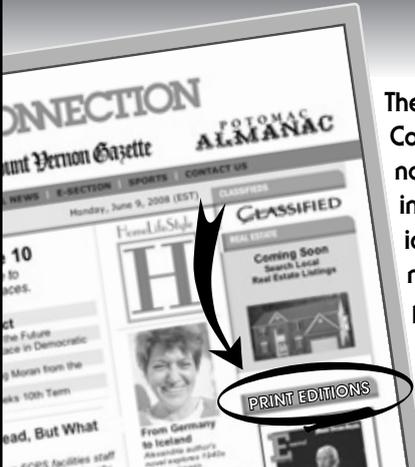


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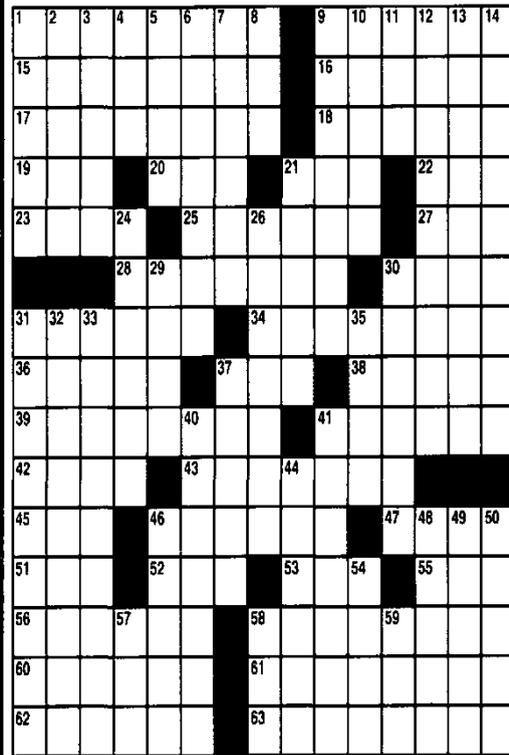
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ACROSS

- 1 "Pssst!" source
- 9 Checks (out)
- 15 Presence
- 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

DOWN

- 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
- 1 Cancel
- 2 Button site
- 3 Crackling sounds
- 4 Live
- 5 Exclamation of surprise
- 6 "Surprised by Joy" autobiographer
- 7 Some appliances

- 29 1987 Costner role
- 30 "Hiroshima" author, 1946
- 31 Unwanted growth
- 32 Oxide of cerium, yttrium, etc.
- 33 Station wagon, in England
- 35 Tracy Marrow, familiarly
- 37 Mrs. Gorbachev
- 40 Muddled
- 41 Ristorante order
- 44 Ordinarity
- 46 Strength
- 48 Rudimentary seed
- 49 Bell Atlantic employee
- 50 City ENE of Manchester
- 54 Judge's seat, in law
- 57 Biographical bit
- 58 Mil. titles
- 59 Shatner's "—War"

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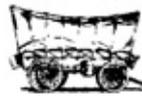
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Arnulfo Valles Galdamez, dated October 17, 2007, and recorded November 21, 2007, in Deed Book 19668 at page 1477 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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

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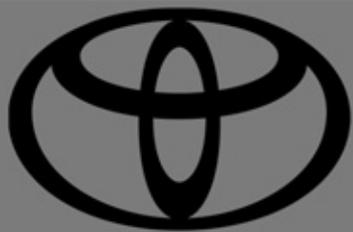
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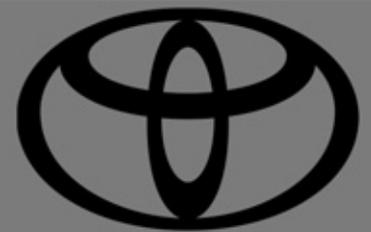
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Springfield \$2100

4br/2.5ba * 3 levels * carport * Close to schools / shopping/public Transportation * available now.



Falls Church \$2095

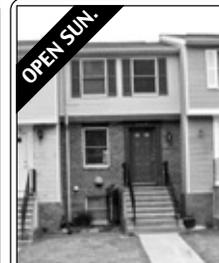
3/4br*3.5ba * Great location * lots of space * Rec rm w/frpl * walkout basement Location

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Clifton/Balmoral \$1,275,000
Golf Course Community

Elegant home over 7000 sq. ft. sited on very special 1.5+ acre lot w/exceptional privacy in very convenient location close to schools, shopping, & transportation. 5BR, 4.5BA, MBR w/ sitting room, 2 sunrooms, FR w/stone fireplace, hdwd flrs main lvl, gas utilities. Huge Fin. LL, rec room with granite wet bar, bedroom w/luxury bath, media center, 2 playrooms, 2 game rooms. Entertainment area for all ages!
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Fairfax \$370,000
Carriage Park

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In need of wide-open spaces? These sellers have spared nothing to open-up & update this popular Payne model: gleaming hardwood floors, granite counters, maple cabinets, updated appliances, beautifully updated baths, finished lower-level, vinyl siding and windows, plus the perfect cul-de-sac location boasting an amazing backyard.

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