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Molly, a 3-year-old black lab, fetches a Frisbee at the Pohick Bay Regional Park pool during a special dog swim for area residents on Sunday afternoon. This is the second year that the pool sponsored the event.



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Above, Beth Rockwell and her daughter, Beth, try to coax their 7-year-old yellow lab mix, Cruzer, into the water at the Pirate Cove at Pohick Bay Park on Sunday. Bella, left, splashes around the pool while chasing tennis balls and playing with other dogs during Sunday's Doggie Dip. Far left, Dasher dries off after taking a dip in the pool.

Dogs Paddle

Dogs take a dip at Pohick Bay Park.

New Group Offers Some Helpful TIPS

Non-profit organization targets senior citizens looking to remain home in their golden years.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

“As I get older, I find that I can not do a lot of things that I used to be able to do,” said Clifton resident Fran McWhorter. “I find that frustrating and sometimes depressing. What I think is that, there are probably other people in the area that have that same experience. TIPS will be able to fill that void.”

“TIPS” is short for the Clifton/Fairfax Station-Transition in Place Services (CFS-TIPS), a new organization

dedicated to helping and facilitating senior citizens to help keep them in their homes. Having just recently attained 501(c)3 non-profit status, the group is ready to start recruiting and will be kicking off its inaugural meeting Sunday, Sept. 14. The meeting, set to take place at 7 p.m. at the Clifton Presbyterian Church off Main Street in Clifton, will introduce TIPS to the community, aiming to snag enough volunteers and potential members to provide limited services by January 2009.

Those services will include coordinating phone calls from senior citizens looking for safe, reliable contractors for hire, rides to the grocery store or doctor's office and information about local clubs, organizations or programs that might be helpful to senior citizens looking to avoid moving into a retirement home. The goal, according to TIPS Secretary/Treasurer Bill Cole, is to use the limited ser

“There are some people who have lived here most of their life who today are kind of house rich and cash low.”

— Bill Cole, secretary/treasurer of TIPS

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The Clifton/Fairfax Station-Transition in Place Services, a new organization dedicated to assisting senior citizens, will conduct its first meeting on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m., at the Clifton Presbyterian Church.



Third graders Hayden Aspesi and Dylan Mansourimoaid share stories of their summers while pre-schooler Alex Petrus scales the street pole waiting for a bus to Clifton Elementary School on the first day back to school.

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.

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.



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.

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."

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

— Fabio Bonini, Forever Dancing

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Bringing the Islam Experience to Class

Fairfax Station's Dr. Jane Merritt El-Yacoubi wins faculty teaching award.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Dr. Jane Merritt El-Yacoubi of Fairfax Station earned the Faculty Award of Excellence during Strayer University's Aug. 23 commencement ceremony in Baltimore.

A member of the Biddle family from Philadelphia, Merritt El-Yacoubi said "I'm delighted to know that my students appreciate my methods and techniques and my style."

Having converted to Islam in 1973, Merritt El-Yacoubi is fasting this week for Ramadan. She speaks, writes and reads Arabic fluently and still has the same blue-blooded cultural values of her upbringing. But at the same time, she lives as a Muslim. "I have no conflict in the two worlds I live in. It's all one world."

At Strayer, where she's taught for eight

years, Merritt El-Yacoubi teaches Middle Eastern studies, Western Civilization, humanities, logic and political science, including one online class. She has 80 students this semester and has been a part-time and full-time university professor since 1984. She earned a master's and doctor's degree in political science from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Merritt El-Yacoubi has a close-knit family with eight children — five boys and three girls, all practicing Muslims. "And a family that prays together stays together. It goes a long way to create a bond," she said. Her husband is deceased.

She likes to bring a light-heartedness to her classroom. "I like to present the information in a way that they can appreciate it and it

"I have no conflict in the two worlds I live in. It's all one world."

— Dr. Jane Merritt El-Yacoubi

will enrich their lives," said Merritt El-Yacoubi. "I love to interact with people and engage in lively conversation. I try to bring in a lot of my own insights and teach them



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Dr. Jane Merritt El-Yacoubi

to appreciate the diversity of the human endeavor."

FORMER STUDENT Julie Cox, 42, of Warrenton nominated Merritt El-Yacoubi for the award. "She sees things from a different angle. I would say, since 9-11, which happens to be my birthday, it was very re-

freshing to have someone with that background — where you could ask questions and become more knowledgeable."

An example is how the professor brings things into the classroom from her own personal life — like having her Middle Eastern Studies students break the Ramadan fast with her.

Cox said that Merritt El-Yacoubi taught her "not to accept things at face value, but to examine them and draw my own conclusions." Cox graduated in March with a degree in International Business. She's a stay-at-home mom working on her teaching certificate.

"I believe Dr. Jane is a pillar of motivation that helps fuel that internal fire that students have," said Sky Ashley, 38, the campus director at Strayer's Manassas campus. "She's not judgmental at all. She doesn't compromise academically. She doesn't dummy it down."

Ashley attributes Merritt El-Yacoubi's popularity to having an appreciation for other cultures and belief systems, which adds to "more lively discussions because diversity brings certain types of questions, curiosities for students, helping them to understand the different cultures," she said.

Merritt El-Yacoubi requires students in her

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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

Jean Seo of Fairfax Station has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at American University. Seo is majoring in elementary education.

Kristina Fabi and Seth Goldman, both of Fairfax Station, have been admitted as first year students at American University.

David R. Preston 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 Indiana University, Bloomington. Preston is the son of Glenn D. Preston of Clifton, and a 2004 graduate of Centreville High School.

William S. Maloney 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 St. Bonaventure University, N.Y. Maloney is the son of Lt. Col. Patrick W. and Victoria Maloney of Daysailer Drive, Fairfax Station.

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 University, 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 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 archives. SoloSez is an electronic mail discussion list that has matured into a worldwide community of solo and small firm legal practitioners, and an online resource for lawyers to share information on 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.

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 Kehrli were having a hard time pumping themselves up about the presidential race this year.

Bell, who describes herself as an independent-minded Republican, and Kehrli 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 Kehrli, 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 Kehrli, 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.

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

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

— Sarah Palin



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



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



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

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.

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

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

Letter of Thanks

To the Editor:

Our family has just closed the longest year in our history to date. A surprise pregnancy of triplets at the end of last summer quickly became a pivotal time for our family. Though we soon learned of a partial loss of two babies shortly into the school year, a whisper of a cancer scare and great illness that soon followed, it was nothing compared to what was to come.

In January, our baby arrived very unexpectedly and 15 weeks prior to his due date. William Wallace Schultz was born January 13, 2008. He was admitted to the Inova Fairfax Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit weighing a mere 1 pound 13 ounces. The ensuing months were fraught with fear, desperate prayer and endless days blurring into nights. Throughout this time, however, we were steadied by our faith. We also had the blessing of innumerable friends in the Centreville and Clifton communities who rose up and provided countless meals, grocery trips, and care for our three older sons, Christian, Grant and Garrett. Prayers were offered by many who did not even personally know our family. Volunteers even

drove Elizabeth to the hospital when she was too physically exhausted from the strenuous daily vigil she kept with William.

Despite tremendous odds, day-by-day William grew stronger, overcoming illness and the inevitable burdens of extreme prematurity. The ability to nurture him was only made possible by those who nurtured our family. Thanks

LETTERS

to the brilliant doctors and nurses at Inova Fairfax Hospital, we were ultimately able to bring William home after nearly four months in the NICU.

While impossible to list in total, we would like to take the opportunity now to thank many of those in our Centreville and Clifton communities without whom our trial may have broken us; instead, they lifted us and lightened the seemingly unbearable. Our profound thanks to: Tom and Nancy Temple, Tom and Susan Markel, Dr. Paul and Cynthia Brosnan, Todd and Debbie Krebs, Jim and Susan Hays, Tim and Sandy Smith, Elizabeth Stulga, Pat and Nancy Herrity, Todd and Helen Martin, Ken and Katie Murphy, Alex and Maureen Lopes,

Dr. Juliana Miller and Margaret Yaglenski. Groups to whom we are also indebted for their support include the Father John Kelly and the St. Andrew the Apostle community, Clifton Elementary Principal Arthur Polton and his teachers and staff, the Comets team of teachers at Robinson Secondary, Clifton's Pink Pantry and Coffee, the Republican Women of Clifton and the entire SYA Lacrosse community and, in particular, Commissioner Bill Hughes.

We wish we could dedicate an entire issue of the paper to the good and uplifting words and deeds performed by so many. Every kindness carried us in our darkest hour. Next week, William turns 8 months old and is thriving beautifully, challenged only by what we hope are temporary medical issues. He enralls so many we meet with his full faced smile, that between his joyousness and the help provided by so many to our family, the months we endured fade further into memory. We are left humbly and forever grateful.

Brian & Elizabeth Schultz
Clifton

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.

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

Mitchel Huber
Fairfax

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CRIME

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

LARCENIES

- 5300 block of Blue Aster Circle.**
License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 5700 block of Centre Square Drive.** Purse stolen from business.
- 6000 block of Deer Hill Court.**
Bicycle stolen from residence.
- 13500 block of Fallen Oak Court.**
Tires and rims stolen from vehicle.
- 5900 block of Fort Drive.** Tools stolen from vehicle.
- 5700 block of Hollow Oak Lane.**
Purse stolen from vehicle.
- 14900 block of Lady Madonna Court.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 14400 block of Manassas Gap Court.** Beagle-mix dog stolen from residence.
- 6300 block of Multiplex Drive.**
Purse stolen from business.
- 14400 block of Penrose Place.**
Money stolen from residence.
- 4900 block of Stonecroft Blvd.**
Wallet stolen from business.
- 5700 block of Union Mill Road.**
Purse stolen from business.
- 5100 block of Westfields Blvd.**
Purse stolen from business.

VEHICLE THEFTS

- 13800 block of Braddock Road.**
2001 Mitsubishi Galant.
- 14900 block of Rydell Road.** 2000 Honda Civic.

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.

TRESPASS/ GANG PARTICIPATION/ ARREST

7100 block of Sydenstricker Road. Police were called to Hunt Valley Elementary School, located at 7101 Sydenstricker Road, on Wednesday,

Sept. 3, around 8:50 p.m., for a disorderly group. When officers arrived, they located the group of nine adults in the parking lot. An investigation determined they were affiliated with two different gangs and were reportedly preparing to fight. Police arrested the following men and transported them to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center:

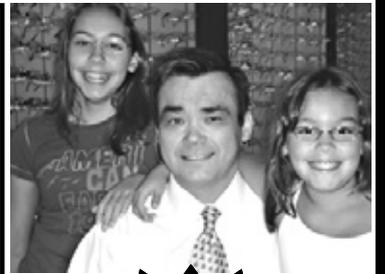
- ❖ Christopher Lee, 18, of the 2900 block of Stillwood Circle in Falls Church.
 - ❖ Vu Tran, 19, of the 6200 block of Wilson Blvd. in Arlington.
 - ❖ Khuons Phamdang, 20, of the 6300 block of True Lane in Springfield.
 - ❖ Peter Pen, 18, of the 3100 block of Allen Street in Falls Church.
 - ❖ Dong Lee, 19, of the 13000 block of Red Admiral Place in Fairfax.
 - ❖ Thanh Nguyen, 19, of the 7400 block of Linda Lane in Falls Church.
 - ❖ Bentley Lexus Nguyen, 19, of the 3100 block of Allen St. in Falls Church.
 - ❖ Peter Trang, 20, of the 7400 block of Parkwood Court in Falls Church.
 - ❖ Thai Nguyen, 19, of the 3100 block of Allen St. in Falls Church.
- They were all charged with trespassing on school property and felony gang participation.

LARCENIES

- 5700 block of Burke Centre Parkway.** Purse stolen from business.
- 8200 block of Cherry Ridge Road.**
Two garden figurines stolen from residence.
- 9900 block of Coffey Woods Road.**
Construction tools stolen from vehicle.
- 4600 block of Commons Drive.**
Radio stolen from vehicle.
- 8600 block of Greeley Blvd.** iPod

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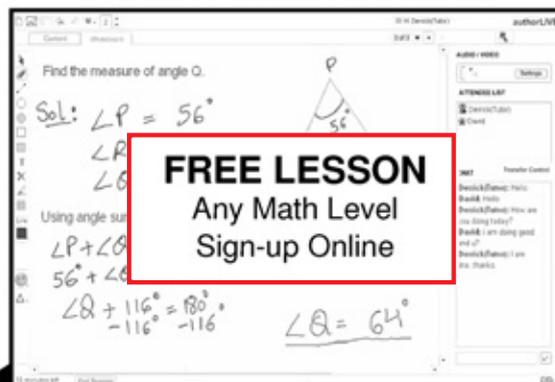
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Lorton Workhouse Arts Center scrambles to prepare for Sept 19 grand opening.



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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."

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— 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.

PHOTOGRAHER 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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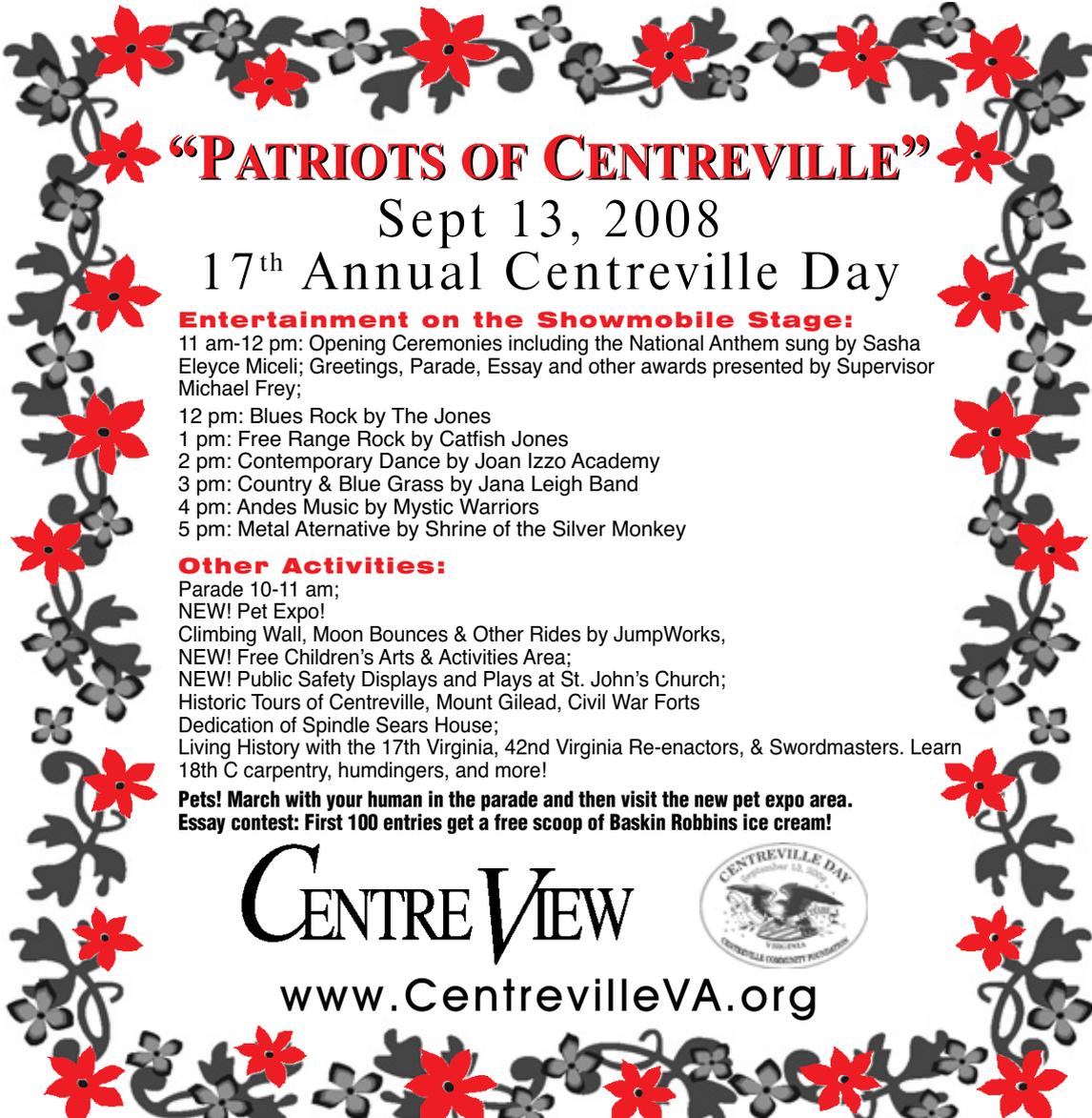
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FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

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

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

Royce Campbell, guitarist and singer with both the Roanoke and Richmond Symphonies. 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Call

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

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

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

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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 on Monday, Sept. 15.

class combines indoor presentations with outdoor explorations. \$18. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

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

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

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

Jazz guitarist Royce Campbell, in the main gallery building of the new Workhouse Arts Center. Gallery exhibition preview 6 p.m., concert 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center Gallery Building, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-495-0001. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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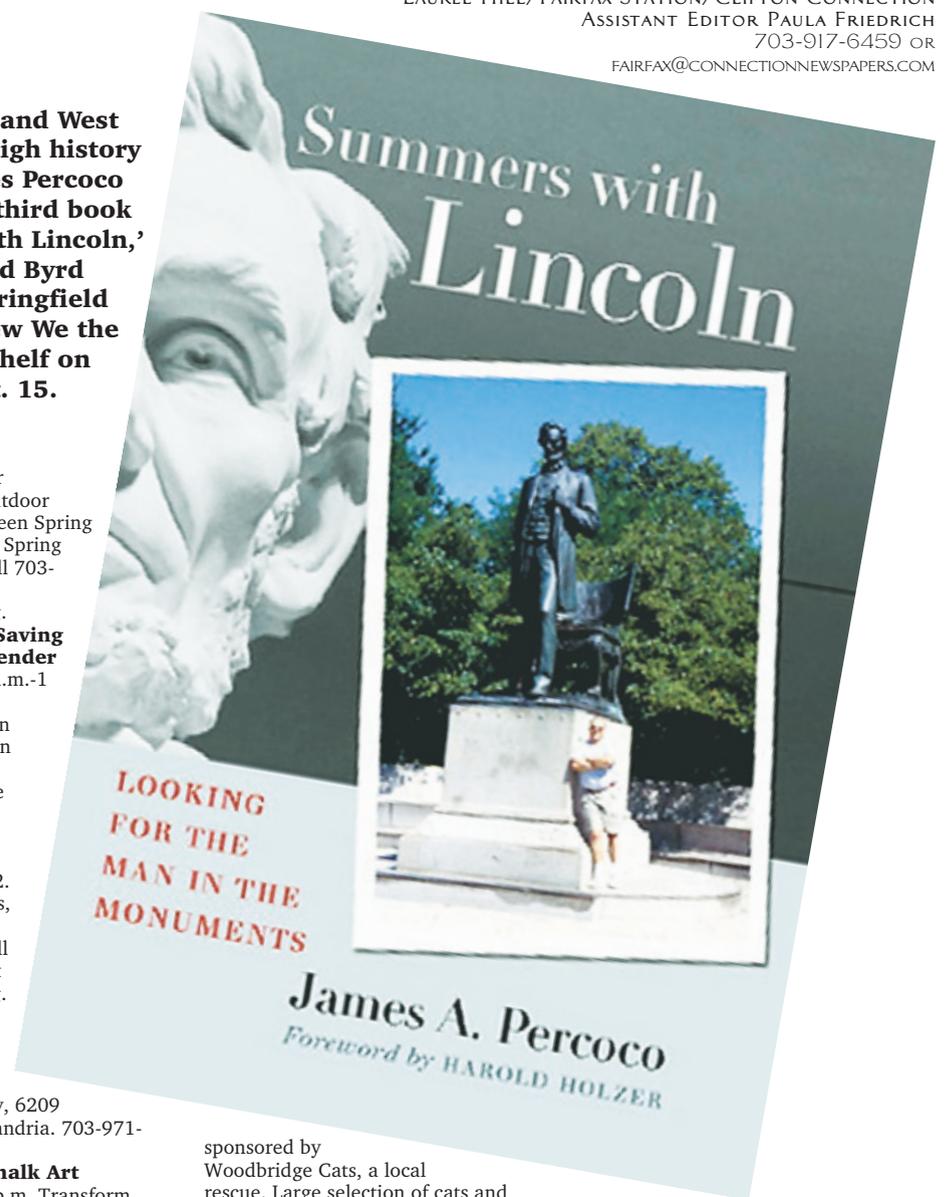
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TUESDAY/SEPT. 16

Mother-Daughter Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Call for title. Age 10-12 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

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

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Workhouse Arts Center Grand Opening. Ribbon cutting at 11 a.m.; guests to include Fairfax County dignitaries, community leaders, and arts administrators. Visit artists' studios, purchase fine art and enjoy musical and theater performances. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-495-0001.

Classical Concert with Pedja Muzijevic, concert pianist and director of Music Programming at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, with French

horn soloist Eric Ruske and violinist Jessica Lee. Reception 7 p.m., concert 7:30 p.m. Tickets, \$20 for Workhouse members, \$25 for non-members. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-495-0001.

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

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

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Battle of the Bands, with a \$1,000 Grand Prize. 12:15 p.m. All ages; \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

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

Children's Theatre Performances of "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day," based on the book by Judith Viorst. 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$12

for adults, \$10 for children. Festival of Arts and Art Under the Arches, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. www.Workhouse.org.

Train Show. See N-Scale model trains running in the community room and caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. The Northern Virginia NTRAK model train club will host its monthly display from 1-4 p.m. \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. The museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Call 703-425-9225.

Doug Halper, Hammered Dulcimer Master in Concert. 7 p.m. Vocalist and instrumentalist on hammered dulcimer, guitar, keyboard and woodwinds. Adults \$20, ages 11-18 \$10, children 10 and under free. New World Unity Church, 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. 703-913-8560 or newworldunity@verizon.net.

Grand Opening of Artists in Motion Gallery and Studio at the New Lorton Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Gallery 1010, Lorton. Opening festivities from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The artists of AIM will be featured in an outdoor tent during the grand-opening weekend, and members will be there to discuss art and how their co-operative efforts strengthen the creative process.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

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

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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."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER

Democratic Party supporters show their support for Barack Obama while John McCain supporters make their way to a McCain/Palin rally in Fairfax on Wednesday.

McCain, Palin Rally

FROM PAGE 7

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 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.

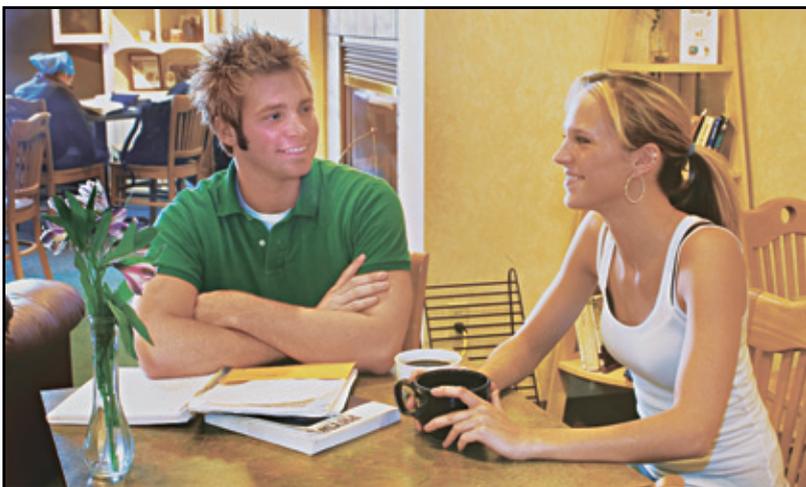
The Alaska governor added: "There is only one man in this election who has ever really fought for you."

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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CRIME

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Airbags stolen from vehicle.

7700 block of Lafayette Forest Drive.

GPS stolen from vehicle.

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GPS stolen from vehicle.

7900 block of Patriot Drive.

Parking pass stolen from vehicle.

5400 block of Port Royal Road.

Landscaping equipment stolen from residence.

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GPS stolen from vehicle.

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Passport stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

5000 block of Harford Lane.

1994 Honda.

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1999 Honda Civic.

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

ROBBERY/ ASSAULT

Backlick Road/ Rhoden Court.

A 40-year-old Springfield-area man was robbed on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 1:20 a.m. The victim left a nearby bar and was walking in the area of Backlick Road and Rhoden Court when a man approached and struck him in the head with a large belt buckle. The suspect took two gold chains from the victim and fled. The victim was treated at the scene for minor

injuries. The suspect was described as Hispanic, 25 to 35 years old. He was about 5 feet 6 inches tall with a thin build.

ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICER/ OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE/ ARREST

Richmond Highway/ Interstate 95.

Two police officers were assaulted during a traffic stop on Saturday, Aug. 30. At 9:25 p.m., an officer stopped a vehicle on Richmond Highway near Interstate 95 for traffic charges. During the stop, a second officer responded to assist. While speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, the passenger assaulted one officer. The driver then assaulted the second officer. Both suspects were taken into custody and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Torri Sontay Waiters, 29, of the 3700 block of Rolling Hill Ave. in Alexandria, was charged with assault on a police officer. James J. Marshall III, 20, of the 9200 block of Treasure Oak Court in Lorton, was charged with assault on a police officer and obstruction of justice.

HOMICIDE

6200 block of Indian Run Parkway.

A woman was found dead in the 6200 block of Indian Run Parkway on Monday, Sept. 1 at approximately 11:45 p.m. The victim, 46-year-old Sharon Harvin, was found deceased in the home by a family member. Officers and detectives responded to investigate. It was apparent the victim was stabbed in the upper body. Further investigation led detectives to obtain an arrest warrant charging Santo Ortez Sheffey, 49, of no fixed address, with the murder of Sharon

Harvin. The victim's 2006 Kia Amanti was located in the 2500 block of Shirlington Road in Arlington County. Police believe that Harvin and Sheffey were known to each other prior to the murder, but do not know the nature of their relationship. Detectives also believe Sheffey has ties to Arlington, Prince William and Fairfax Counties, as well as to Washington, D.C. The case is still under investigation. This is the 11th homicide in Fairfax County this year.

LARCENIES

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Purse stolen from business.

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Bicycle stolen from residence.

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5600 block of Clouds Mill Drive.

Golf clubs stolen from residence.

3000 block of Elmwood Drive.

GPS stolen from residence.

6100 block of Essex House Square.

Temporary license plate stolen from vehicle.

6100 block of Franconia Road.

Shopping bag stolen from business.

6100 block of Franconia Road.

GPS stolen from vehicle.

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Shopping carts stolen from business.

VEHICLE THEFTS

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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.

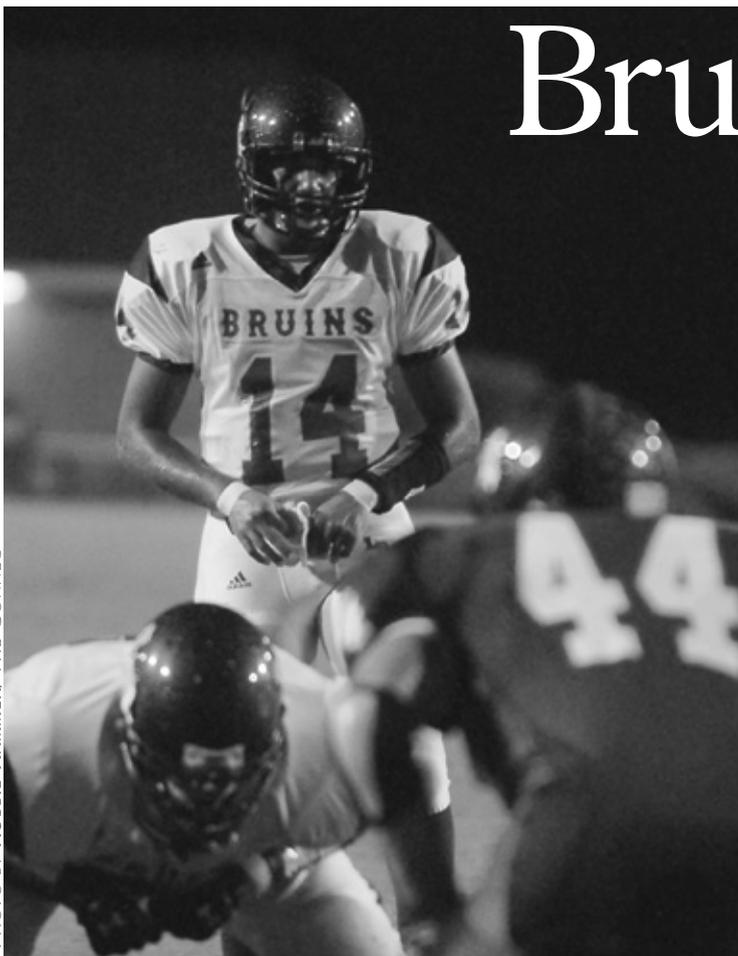
"I definitely got to give all the credit to the offensive line," Nebrich said. "Our offensive line gave us great protection in the backfield. I don't think I really got hit at all. Without the offensive line's protection, I definitely

"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 sophomore Michael 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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SPORTS

Stallions Pick New DSA

Mike Pflugrath has been South County basketball coach, teacher since 2005.

During South County Secondary School's inception in 2005, Mike Pflugrath was one of the original teachers to help open the school. Moreover, Pflugrath, who began his teaching career at W.T. Woodson High School, had served as the head boys' basketball coach at South County for the past three seasons.

Now, after former Director of Student Activities Robert McKeag took the same position at T.C. Williams, Pflugrath is adding another accomplishment to his resume at the Lorton school.

South County announced on Monday that Pflugrath will become its new Director of Student Activities, effective immediately.

"I think I wanted to jump over the desk."

— Mike Pflugrath

"I think I wanted to jump over the desk," said Pflugrath, referencing his reaction to when Principal Jane Lipp offered him the job. "I felt like a little kid for second I was so excited. I wanted to remain professional, of course, but it's just one of those things I wanted for so long."

In addition to his teaching duties, Pflugrath also served as the Assistant Director of Student Activities from 2005-08. In that position, Pflugrath supervised student activity transportation and acted as a liaison with the student body's governing organization.

In the classroom, Pflugrath teaches AP government and serves as the government team leader. Pflugrath completed his undergraduate work at James Madison University and obtained a master's degree from George Mason University.



Mike Pflugrath, seen here standing next to Maurice Diggs during a basketball game against Lee this past season, has been named South County's Director of Student Activities.

But Pflugrath, who had the head coaching job at Woodson for six years before spending the past three at South County, will be unable to coach basketball — something that he'll certainly miss.

"That was very difficult," said Pflugrath, who has a 115-87 career coaching record. "That's the special part of coaching for me ... the relationships that you build with the players. But I'm confident we'll find somebody good, and I'll do everything I can to find the best person for that job because I do care about those kids."

— JASON MACKEY

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, 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
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.
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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%

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

New Group Helps Seniors

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vices they do offer to build up enough membership to grab the attention of businesses and companies looking to make charitable donations.

"I think that's why we decided to start in phases," said McWhorter, president of TIPS.

"We can be more credible [to businesses] once we build up members," said Cole.

MODELED AFTER a transition in place program in Boston called Beacon Hill, TIPS will require an annual membership fee of less than \$200, which will be used to fund the organization's services as they get off the ground. E-mails to Clifton and Fairfax Station homeowner's associations have been sent out and a one page advertisement was placed in the Clifton town newsletter. Cole also said the organization was looking for volunteers.

"We're going to be soliciting, from out in this area, volunteers who would be willing to assist in [the] program as we move forward into phase two," he said.

Phase two will include expanded services, using volunteers and partnerships with local taxi services to provide regular transportation, handyman, cleaning and home repairs and help paying medical and other

"We're going to be soliciting, from out in this area, volunteers who would be willing to assist in [the] program as we move forward into phase two."

— Bill Cole

ills. The idea is to become a concierge service for senior citizens, somewhere they can go for help no matter what it is they need. As the services expand, so too will the annual membership fee. Cost of membership once TIPS begins providing its full range of advertised services in phase three is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$800-\$1,000. Cole and McWhorter said they were exploring ways to subsidize services from some of their less affluent potential members, possibly through charitable donations.

"There are some people who have lived here most of their life who today are kind of house rich and cash low," said Cole.

The organization, which includes Vice

President David Smith, hopes to use the meeting Sunday to introduce the program to potential members, answer questions and refer already existing services to senior citizens looking to remain in their homes.

The group is looking to cover both Clifton and Fairfax Station south of Braddock Road and north of the Occoquan, between Union Mill Road and Ox Road. Both McWhorter, 62, and Cole, 77, say they got involved in the organization to help others their age who were having more difficulty getting around their communities. The relative isolation of residents in Clifton area and Fairfax Station make it more difficult to run errands and take advantage of events and services in their communities. The lower density level of Fairfax Station, with one house per 5-acre lot, has caused residents to be spaced out and therefore somewhat cut off from next door neighbors who might otherwise be available for help. McWhorter said her age, along with a decade spent on the Fairfax County Aging Commission has helped her understand the needs of the senior community as their bodies get older.

"You have an experience of a loss of control. [With TIPS], I know I can call one number and ask someone to help me. I can call that number and feel safe, feel I will get a safe contractor, somebody that's been checked out," said McWhorter.

Dr. Jane

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Western Civilization class to go out and attend a cultural event. "I always try to bring in that local effect and let them know what's going on in their local community," she said.

At Strayer, Merritt El-Yacoubi encourages students to bring real live experience into the classroom, which is good for the adult learners. "Many of the students have been to the countries or have traveled. We draw on their experience and the scholastic material that they have to learn. ... It's not just rote memorization of facts."

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St. Marks Coptic Orthodox Church is hosting an Egyptian Bazaar, on Saturday Sept. 20 and Sunday Sept. 21, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Egyptian food and music, children's games and rides; car wash; antique furniture; jewelry and imported goods for sale. Church and school tours available. St. Marks Coptic Orthodox Church, 11911 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Call 703-591-4444.

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

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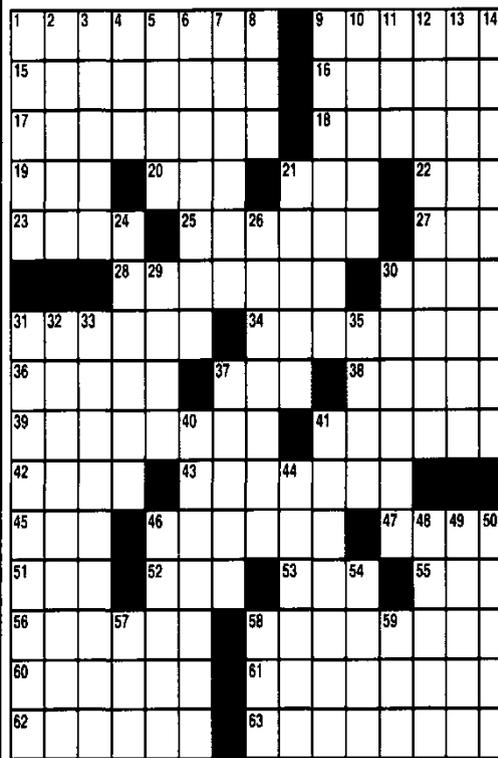
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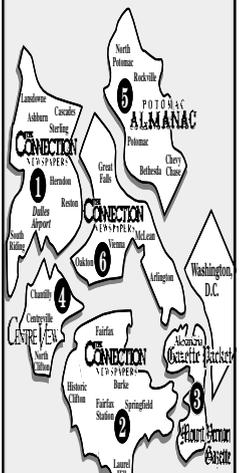
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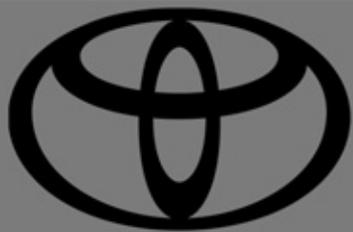
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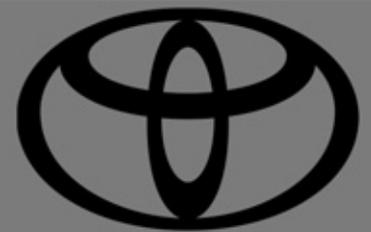
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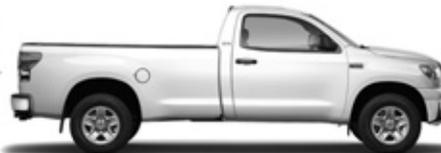
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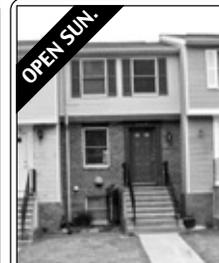
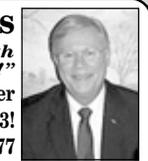
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