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Celebration in Burke

Annual festival draws 10,000, to enjoy music, food and entertainment



Georgia Grandy, 4, enjoys face paint and a mouthful of ice cream at the Burke Festival Saturday.



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Don Jacobs of Prince George, Va., started making ships out of beer cans years ago, and now sells them in the market portion of the festival. Shops lined side by side on Conservancy grounds gave festivalgoers a wide selection of items for sale.



Barbara Sheppard's Academy of Dance, located on Old Keene Mill Road in Burke, performed Saturday at the 2008 Burke Festival. Sheppard's Academy is a private dance company. Shown here are Angela Click, Eliana Nash, Reagan Raczynski, Kendall Griffith, Tyler Wernecke, Taylor Larson, and Caroline Clemson.



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Stephen C. Fuller, director of the George Mason University's Ph.D program in public policy, speaks about the rush to buy homes in 2002-03, which he said led to the high rate of bank foreclosures over the last few years.

Strands of Market DNA

Realtors summit tackles foreclosures and housing bubble.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

“What has happened to the national economy is very complex,” said Dr. Stephen Fuller, director of the Center for Regional Analysis at George Mason University. “A big part of that is the housing market.”

The 12th Annual 2008 Economic Summit took place at Dewberry Hall in the Johnson Student Center at George Mason University on Saturday, Sept. 11. The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors hosted the conference.

Clicking through their Power Point presentations, five featured guest speakers from the field of economics went about the business of updating a portion of their 12,000 members on the recent developments in the “DNA” of the market.

Dr. David Seiders, chief economist and senior staff vice president of the National Association of Homebuilders gave a presentation on the effects the 2008 Housing Bill, the recent government takeovers of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and

the presidential elections could have on the housing market.

Dr. Jed Smith, managing director of Quantitative Research at the National Association of Realtors discussed housing market trends, including the steady pendulum swing from what he and other speakers described as a glut of home ownership and mortgage lending in the early 2000s to the eventual bursting of the housing bubble around 2006.

Doug Duncan, vice president and chief economist for Fannie Mae discussed some of the warning signs seen in an unhealthy credit market, at one point displaying a Power Point slide of a pool filled up twice as high as it should have been, relating it to the strain that was put on the financial housing market as national homeownership began to skyrocket.

“It’s like going to a banquet and overeating. Now we have an upset stomach.”

— Dr. Stephen Fuller,
George Mason University

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Budget 'Dialogue'

Fairfax County residents will have an opportunity to provide their input on the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget (which runs from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010) to county leaders in a variety of ways this year. The county, in conjunction with Fairfax County Public Schools, has scheduled 20 community dialogue sessions, established a budget hot line and created an online budget feedback form.

The first four of the community dialogue sessions will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at:

- ❖ Chantilly Regional Library – 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

- ❖ Reston Regional Library – 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

- ❖ Sherwood Regional Library – 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

- ❖ George Mason Regional Library – 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale

The input gathered from the public will be used to help guide budget decisions, providing the public with greater opportunity to help shape the budget before County Executive Anthony H. Griffin presents his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors in February. Residents will still have an opportunity to provide feedback in March and April to the board at the budget hearings as in previous years.

Residents are encouraged to call the budget hot line at 703-324-9400, submit comments online or attend one of the community dialogue sessions (registration required online or by calling 703-324-2391, TTY 711).

TJ Open House Sept. 27

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), which serves as the Governor's Regional School for Science and Technology in Northern Virginia, will hold an Open House on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. to provide eighth grade students and their parents with information about the school and its admissions process for the 2009-10 freshman class. Admissions information sessions will be held at 8:45, 9:45, and 10:45 a.m. TJHSST is located at 6560 Braddock Road in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County.

The deadline for submitting applications to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology for the 2009-10 freshman class is Friday, Oct. 24. Applications will be available beginning Monday, Sept. 22, intend to pursue college preparation in the sciences, engineering, or related fields.

For more information about the TJHSST admissions process, visit the admissions web site at www.TJAdmissions.org. Contact the TJHSST admissions office at 703-876-5265.

Candidate Mailers Questioned

Some residents have recently been questioning some of the mail U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) have been distributing on the taxpayers dime.

Citizens complain that Wolf and Moran, who are both up for re-election in November, have started sending mail through the congressional office that bears a close resemblance to campaign literature.

At the taxpayer's expense, Wolf has sent several over-sized glossy postcards on subjects ranging from the national debt to rising gas prices. Again, at the taxpayer expense, Moran recently distributed an eight-page, full color newsletter about his congressional activity.

"I don't know what the election law is precisely but I think this is kind of on that ethical edge. [The Wolf mail pieces] went essentially from being an informational newsletter to being an issue-oriented campaign piece," said Tim Buchholz, chairman of the Loudoun County Democratic Committee.

Staff for Moran and Wolf said a bipartisan commission has to sign off on all of the congressional mass mail.

"Everything we have sent has been approved and we stand by it," said Austin Durrer, spokesperson for Moran.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

NEWS

Community Activist Dies

Sally Ormsby praised as environmental, land-use activist.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION



FILE PHOTO

Sally Ormsby

Sally Ormsby, director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and long-time community activist in Fairfax County died Monday, Sept. 15 as a result of liver cancer.

"She was always a very thoughtful advocate for environmental protection," said James R. Hart, Fairfax County Planning Commissioner (At-large). "She did so many things for the environment."

Hart recalled Ormsby's diligence and dedication when she came before the Planning Commission during discussions about changes to zoning regulations.

"She was one of the few people who took the time to read the proposed amendments and make constructive criticism," he said.

Ormsby's list of community involvement stretches to the 1970s, when she began as a member of the League of Women voters and eventually rose to the board of directors and chair of the Women's Issues and Environment Committee. She became involved in land-use over the years, working with the Fairfax County Citizens Committee on Land Use and Transportation. In 2006, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations presented Ormsby with its Citizen of the Year award.

"I've worked for Sally for years in [the Mantua

neighborhood of Fairfax]. She really was an integral part of Mantua and Fairfax County," said John Jennings, president of the federation.

He also praised her work on the environment. "She has been instrumental in helping to protect the Occoquan."

Jean Packard, former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, said

Ormsby's passing was a blow to community activists. "She was the most organized person I ever knew," said Packard. "Her dedication to the environment and to the importance of citizen participation was unparalleled, and her experience in and knowledge of

"She leaves an empty space in the public realm that will be all but impossible to fill."

— Jean Packard

county and state affairs was invaluable to many individuals and organizations with whom she worked. She leaves an empty space in the public realm that will be all but impossible to fill."

One of Ormsby's neighbors in Mantua, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large), called Ormsby his "very good friend."

"Fairfax County loses the citizen activist extraordinaire," he said.

In an interview Wednesday, Connolly said that Ormsby continued to work to make Fairfax a better community to the very end. Visiting her on Sunday night at the hospital, Connolly found her going through committee files to give to people to follow up.

"We're all a little less without her and all a little bit more as a community because of her," said Connolly.

Funeral services for Ormsby will be Saturday, Oct. 18, at 11 a.m., at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax.

Life for Murder of Burke Man

Day laborer helped police solve murder, refused reward money.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION



FAMILY PHOTO

Hak Bong Kim, a Burke contractor and carpenter, was murdered in August 2005.

Hak Bong Kim's wife was so distraught after her husband's murder, she tried to jump into his grave at his funeral.

"Day after day, the reality of this was so stark. I could not eat, I could not sleep, I don't know how I could live," she told Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge David A. Boynton.

"How can someone kill another person in such a horrible way? It just angers me," she said. "The day-to-day living has been horrible."

Boynton sentenced Carlos Bustamante-Medieta, a day laborer, to life in prison last Thursday, Sept. 11 for the first-degree murder of Kim, of Burke, a contractor and carpenter. Kim hired Bustamante-Medieta to help on job in Chevy Chase.

"Mr. Kim was a person who emulated the American Dream, who came to this country with nothing

... and provided for his family," Boynton said.

"One of the extreme ironies of this case is the defendant came to this country for the same purpose," the judge said. "[Kim] tried to help others live the American Dream. The fact that the defendant killed him, the irony is just so stark."

Kim hired Bustamante-Medieta, 32 of Annandale, in August 2005, to help with a job in Chevy Chase, Md. While working, Kim discovered

that Bustamante-Medieta was stealing items from the home.

When Kim confronted him, Bustamante-Medieta, stabbed him, then tried burning Kim's body in a gas grill, then took Kim's body to Virginia where he tried

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Life Sentence for Kim Murder

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to bury him.

A jogger found Kim's badly incinerated body on Aug. 15, 2005, in the woods near St. Michael's Catholic Church off Ravensworth Road in Annandale. Kim's body was so badly burned that police had to confirm his identity through dental records.

On Aug. 16, 2005, Montgomery County Police responded to a theft call from the Chevy Chase home. Homeowners came back from vacation and found the work Kim was hired to do unfinished and some property missing. Officers found blood spots on the floor.

Fairfax County Police and Montgomery County Police worked together, and a day laborer in Virginia identified Bustamante-Medieta.

The day laborer who helped police solve the case, refused the \$1,000 reward he was offered.

ORIGINALLY FROM Honduras, Bustamante-Medieta struggled with delusions from schizophrenia. He also has an IQ of 76, said Lisa Duggan, his defense attorney.

"He was not able to make good decisions because of the state of his mental health," she said.

"I would like to apologize to the family. I was not well when I made this mistake," said Bustamante-Medieta, a father of two teenagers in Honduras. "I hope the judge has patience with me. I would like to see my family and that is all."

Judge Boynton, who has presided over numerous homicide case, said there are "no words to express how atrocious and inhumane" the crime and attempts to hide the crime were.



POULICE PHOTO

Carlos Bustamante-Medieta

Judge Boynton agreed that Bustamante-Medieta understood the criminality of his actions.

"I can't think of [a case] whose facts are worse than this case," he said.

"This is the case where the most severe punishment ought to be served," said Eric Nee, assistant state's attorney.

"HE DESERVES no sympathy," Nee said.

"Sympathy belongs to [Kim's] family," Nee said. Kim worked every day to provide for his family, who he raised in Burke.

The past three years, Kim's family attended court proceedings in Bustamante-Medieta's case.

"They put trust into the judicial system," said Nee.

Nee requested that Bustamante-Medieta receive life in prison, without the possibility of parole.

Kim's two adult sons spoke of the loss of their father at last week's hearing.

"I realize that he worked so hard for us," his youngest son said. "He was a very good man, and I always looked up to him."

"He was the hardest worker that I've ever known," Kim's eldest son said at Bustamante-Medieta's sentencing hearing Thursday. "My Dad was a rock to our family, now we don't have that comfort that comes only from him. It's been tough, I've never felt this way," he said.

"I just wish, your Honor, that he was at another job and he'd just come home."

"Mr. Kim was a person who emulated the American Dream."

— Judge David A. Boynton



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Snapshot Hundreds of American flags dot a field on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, on Thursday, Sept. 11.

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Getting To Know ...

Christina Heimlich, co-founder of the International Children's Festival.

BY LINDSAY GSELL
THE CONNECTION

Christina Heimlich is a dancer, soloist, teacher, choreographer, mentor, philanthropist, author and former radio star. She is also a 90-year-old woman.

Throughout her long life, Heimlich's titles and accomplishments stem from her love of dance. Born in Germany, she was trained at a Russian ballet school, where she learned discipline and technique. At age 16, she was a soloist with the Sadler Wells Ballet, later the English Royal Ballet. She danced with the famous Alexander von Swain and performed in great theaters and opera houses all over Europe, including a performance at the Imperial Palace in Vienna, Austria.

In the post-war years, Heimlich took a short break from her dancing career to pursue acting. Instead, she starred as "The Voice of Berlin" for Radio in the American Sector in Berlin, Germany. Her show's humor and outlook on politics won her fame in both Europe and the United States.

Heimlich's picture was featured in Time Magazine in 1949 with an article about her career. She came to the United States in the late 1940s after being invited by Congress to speak about freedom and democracy.

After marrying and settling in the Washington, D.C. area in 1962, Heimlich opened The Christina Heimlich School of International Dance. Since then, she has been running the school, as well as instructing and choreographing.

Throughout the last 45 years, she has taught thousands of students and remains in touch with many. Heimlich's teaching philosophy combines practice, technique and discipline while strongly encouraging students to use their imaginations.

Instead of teaching pre-choreographed routines and famous ballets, Heimlich creates dances and routines for students based on age group and ability level.

"I've always wanted children to use their imaginations when dancing," she said. "I started choreographing original routines to make ballet less intimidating to children. I wanted my students to use their imaginations and grasp what a terrific thrill dancing can be."

The Christina Heimlich Dancers have received invitations and awards both nationally and locally. Over the years, the group has been invited to perform at the White House, Kennedy Center and at the United States Army Base Fort Myer.



Christina Heimlich

It was Heimlich's love for international dance and teaching that led to the formation of the International Children's Festival. The festival, which was co-founded by Heimlich and Catherine Filene Shouse, started in 1971 and takes place each year at the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts in Vienna. Shouse, a strong supporter of the arts, donated part of her personal property to the park and both women were an integral part in the development of the festival.

PROFILE

Traditionally, Christina Heimlich Dancers perform an original piece choreographed by Heimlich at the festival. For the past 38 festivals, Heimlich's dancers have graced the stage.

This year's festival featured Heimlich's interpretation of the Pied Piper.

"Usually, I am inspired by a piece of music," Heimlich said. "It just goes and goes and goes in my mind, and I can just imagine the dance unfold."

Heimlich encourages the merging of cultures through dance. Past festivals have featured dancers from Sweden, Spain, Nepal, Finland, Bolivia and many other countries. The goal of the festival is not only for the audience to learn and enjoy different types of dance, but also to have her own students interact with other dancers from other cultures.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

A gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and advocacy group, Equality Fairfax offers a wide variety of social activities and volunteer opportunities in Fairfax County. Pick and choose the activities of interest: social, volunteer, civic or issues advocacy. Equality Fairfax, P.O. Box 1223, Vienna. Call 703-255-1552 or visit www.EqualityFairfax.org.

NARFE, a nonprofit organization, has been working since 1921 to protect the retirement benefits of current, former, and retired federal civilian employees. Join the Springfield Chapter

893 for the Wednesday, Oct. 8 meeting. A Legislative Forum with the major party candidates for the House 8th and 11th Districts begins at 1:30 p.m. Meeting at the American Legion Post 176, 5620 Amherst Ave, Springfield. Contact Sharon Forrest at 703 960-9017 or taffyjoe@aol.com

Enthusiastic and energetic women who love to sing are invited to join the Celebration Singers, a non-profit volunteer 40-member costumed and choreographed show chorus that performs at many community, social and religious events.

Rehearsals for a new show are every Wednesday during the day alternating between Springfield United Methodist Church and Heritage Hunt in Gainesville. No membership fee required. Call 703-941-4018 or 703-971-2124.

Mothers & More is a support group for women who have altered their career path to care for their young children at home. The group offers playgroups, children's and family activities, guest speakers, book club, mom's night out, movie night, chat group and more. For more information, call 1-866-716-7766 or visit www.novamoms.org.

What does Patriot Day mean to you?



"Patriot Day to me is for the people who died. It's a time to remember them."
Sam Ekvall, Springfield



"Patriot Day is for the people who have saved all of us and risked their lives."
Tacera Kelley, Springfield



"Patriot Day for me is for any people who have risked their lives for the people of America."
Anu Otgonbayar, Springfield



"Patriot Day to me is to respect all the people who died and protected our country."
Shanjeet Sin, Springfield



"Patriot Day is meant to honor the police and firemen who risked their lives for saving people, like when the plane crashed the Twin Towers."
Anisah Ahmed, Springfield



"Patriot Day is for all the people who risked their lives for us even if they didn't know us."
Samantha Yankson, Springfield

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

PEOPLE 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.

Maria L. Olivieri of Burke, a 2007 graduate of Salem College in Winston-Salem, N.C., has been accepted to the master of arts program at Johns Hopkins University, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies. She is currently attending the international development program at Bologna, Italy.

Antonio J. Olivieri of Burke, a

2007 graduate of Lake Braddock, was named to the James Madison University President's List for the 2008 spring semester. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors organization.

Navy Ensign Brian R. Park of Burke is currently enrolled at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Park joined the Navy in June 2008 and is the son of Susie Y. and Jacob S. Park of Burke.

COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY PIETRO MICHELUCCI

Neighborhood Cleanup

Burke resident Pietro Michelucci snapped this photo of a Fairfax County firefighter cleaning up Lakeside Park near Lake Royal. Rainwater from Tropical Storm Hannah recently overran the park. Once the water subsided, mud coated the basketball court and playground equipment. Michelucci mentioned the situation to an off-duty firefighter he met at the Burke Target. The next morning, a crew of firefighters from Burke Station 14 arrived with their trucks to hose down the park.

FAITH NOTES

Springfield Church of Christ Appleseed Kids. Saturday, Sept. 20, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ages 4-12. Bible-based activities showing the progress of faith, Bible lessons, games, crafts and songs. Lunch provided. Springfield Church of Christ, 7512 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. 703-451-4011 or visit springfieldchurch@yahoo.com.

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.

Jubilee Christian Center "Back to School Kid's BLAST" on Sunday, Sept. 21, during the 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services for kids ages 3 through 6th grade. Children's evangelist Steve Gambrell, Sr., with puppets, illusions, and balloon artistry, "M&M the Clown," and a 9-foot Goliath made out of balloons. Free ice cream sundaes at the 6 p.m. service only. Prizes, games, and a balloon class. Free. Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170, or www.jccag.org.

Calvary Road Church Community Day, Sunday, Sept. 21 from 4-7 p.m. Free family fun event, with hotdogs, sodas, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, pony rides, moon bounce, kiddie train, rock wall, jumpshot basketball, gladiator joust and games for pre-schoolers. Free raffle to give away gift cards and electronics. Calvary Road Church is located at 6811 Beulah St., Alexandria. 703-922-6700.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 12.

stolen from vehicle. **6200 block of Tyner St.** Tools stolen from residence.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING / ASSAULT BY MOB

5500 block of Peppercorn Drive. An 18-year-old man was the victim of an assault on Thursday, Sept. 4. Police were called to the 5500 block of Peppercorn Drive around 9:30 p.m. and found the victim lying on the ground in front of his home. An investigation determined the victim was outside his home when three males appeared and assaulted him with a baseball bat, punched and kicked him. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and treated for non life-threatening injuries. The suspects were described as Hispanic, in their late teens to early 20s. They were all dressed in black.

VEHICLE THEFTS

9500 block of Bronte Drive. 2001 Honda Accord. 8600 block of Maple Glen Court. **1996 Honda Accord.**

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 12.

GAMBLING/ ARREST

7200 block of Commerce St. Police arrested a 36-year-old Lincolnia-area woman after an investigation determined she was involved in an illegal gambling operation. On Sunday, Sept. 7, at 10:40 a.m., an alert patrol officer watched as two women conducted a bet outside in the 7200 block of Commerce St. One woman attempted to leave but was stopped by the officer. Further investigation led to the arrest of Concepcion Gallegos, 36, of the 4700 block of Southland Ave. Gallegos was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with gambling.

LARCENIES

4700 block of Commons Drive. Center console, steering wheel and glove compartment stolen from vehicle.
8100 block of Curving Creek Court. Radio stolen from vehicle.
9300 block of Davis Drive. iPod stolen from residence.
7500 block of Huntsman Blvd. Purse stolen from business.
4500 block of Pickett Road. Plant stolen from residence.
4500 block of Pickett Road. Table stolen from residence.
8500 block of Lakinhurst Lane. Two front tires stolen from vehicle.
9400 block of Old Burke Lake Road. Gasoline stolen from business.
8200 block of Springwood Meadow Lane. License plates

LARCENIES

6900 block of Braddock Road. Purse stolen from business.
6200 block of Bren Mar Drive. Air bags stolen from vehicle.
5900 block of Coverdale Way. Stereo and tools stolen from vehicle.
6400 block of Landsdowne Center. Body wash and shampoo stolen from business.
6900 block of Pacific Lane. Yard signs stolen from residence.

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Not All Test Scores Measure Up

Fairfax ranks at the bottom of the state on minority scores.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
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By all accounts, the average student attending Fairfax County Public Schools should outperform the average student attending Prince William County Public Schools.

Fairfax County students passed the Virginia Standards of Learning tests in reading by 92 percent and in math by 87 percent last year. Prince William students didn't test as high, with only 88 percent of its students passing the state reading exam and 84 percent passing the state math exam.

Fairfax County also performed better on the SAT in 2008. On average, Fairfax students taking the test scored a 547 on the math section and a 565 on the verbal section. In Prince William, pupils scored a combined average score of 110 points below the average Fairfax student.

Experts say pupils' socio-economic background plays a large part in scholastic achievement and Fairfax students are among the wealthiest in the country. Prince William County residents make more money than most Virginians but still earn less than those living in Fairfax.

YET, when it comes to black and Hispanic students, Fairfax falls behind Prince William. In spite of higher achievement overall, Fairfax's black students scored, on average, three points lower in reading and 11 points lower in math on Virginia's Standards of Learning exams last year.

Several factors could contribute to the disparity in black and Hispanic student scores across the two school systems. There is no data to help discern whether the black students in one school district, on average, have more financial advantages than black students in the other school district. Should one group have more economic benefits, it could influence the scores, according to Gary Galluzzo, an education professor at George Mason University.

"We know that socioeconomic status correlates significantly with student achievement," he said. "Poverty is poverty and it's had powerful effects on children's learning. We are seeing an increasing number of children in the county where neither parent has a college education or a high school diploma."

According to Fairfax County School Board

documents, Fairfax fourth grade African American students scored 35th out of 45 Virginia school districts on the reading Standards of Learning tests in 2007. Fairfax fourth grade Latino students fared worse, scoring 37th out of 42 Virginia school districts on the same 2007 test.

By contrast, school board documents show that Fairfax fourth grade white students, on the reading portion of the 2007 Standards of Learning exams, scored ninth out of 49 Virginia school districts.

Among Virginia's 10 school divisions with the largest African American populations, Fairfax black students put up the lowest scores on the math and reading Standards of Learning exams in the third, fourth and fifth grades last year.

When compared to the six Virginia school districts with the largest Hispanic populations, Fairfax County ranked last or next-to-last on the math section of the Standards of Learning exams.

The breadth of students that Fairfax caters to compared to some other school systems could contribute to the problem. Unlike many other school districts, Fairfax has to educate some of the country's best-prepared students as well as those whose families have no higher education and live in poverty, said Galluzzo. Some other Virginia districts could be farther along in figuring out how to educate their most at-risk students than Fairfax is, he said.

"Does the historic success of the county put its under-performing students into the shadows and make it harder to discern what is not working?" said Galluzzo.

The state of minority achievement is Fairfax County is a concern for many.

"If we measure success from the high end and how our best students do, Fairfax is going to hit out of the park. If your guide to success is how successful the least-performing students are, then we certainly don't hit

the mark," said John Johnson, a member of the school system's Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee and Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Johnson said school system officials have implied that minority students in other school districts could be outscoring Fairfax by "teaching to the test," a practice that is generally frowned

upon in education circles. But Johnson, a parent at Herndon Middle School, said that is no excuse for Fairfax's poor performance.

"There is no reason the Richmond schools should be consistently beating us," said Johnson.

Fairfax schools could help close the achievement gap by expanding access to pre-kindergarten education, which many working class and poor families cannot af-

Achievement Gap: Black and Hispanic Student Test Scores

Fairfax County Public Schools boasts about having some of the highest test scores in Virginia. But the locality's students who are black or Hispanic are not faring as well as the general population.

Among Virginia's school districts with the 10 largest black populations, Fairfax County's black students in the third, fourth and fifth grades scored the lowest in the state on standardized tests in reading and math.

Fairfax County's Hispanic students have the lowest or second lowest standardized math scores – beat out only by Arlington County – when compared with their peers in Virginia's five other school districts with sizable Hispanic populations.

In the charts below, the high and low scores in a particular category are highlighted. Information provided by the Virginia Department of Education.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE LARGEST BLACK POPULATIONS:

	3 rd Grade		4 th Grade		5 th Grade		Overall	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
Fairfax County	73	77	80	71	80	74	80	73
Norfolk City	73	83	80	75	83	84	76	70
Richmond City	75	80	84	75	83	86	77	73
Virginia Beach City	79	83	85	78	85	80	84	77
Newport News City	78	82	80	74	81	83	78	73
Henrico County	78	82	81	78	83	83	72	84
Prince William County	80	84	84	80	83	83	83	84
Chesapeake City	78	90	92	81	91	89	85	81
Hampton City	74	84	81	78	82	83	78	76

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE LARGEST HISPANIC POPULATIONS:

	3 rd Grade		4 th Grade		5 th Grade		Overall	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
Fairfax County	80	77	85	70	85	74	84	73
Prince William County	81	84	88	84	86	79	81	76
Loudoun County	81	84	78	78	84	84	82	76
Arlington County	73	78	79	69	81	81	77	72
Chesterfield County	84	86	87	75	91	88	84	81
Virginia Beach City	84	89	91	87	89	83	89	85

ford on their own, Johnson said. Fairfax County should also recruit teachers who are ethnic minorities more aggressively.

Johnson also said the African-American community may be in a "state of denial" about the achievement gap in Fairfax County. "Too many African Americans, when they get to Fairfax County, think their job is over. You are there, you have done your job and now you are going to turn your child over to the school system," he said.

OTHER parent activists said the school system, not parents, should be doing more to focus on the problem.

"We could be much more aggressive on this if we wanted to be. If you look at what the school board focuses on, the issue of minority achievement rarely comes up," said Maria Allen, a South Lakes High School parent. She said the school system has done little to address the issue since it came to their attention in 2006.

"The truth of the matter is very little is being done," said Allen.

"In my opinion, this is not where one of the wealthiest counties in the country

should be. If we focused on the issue, we could be doing much better," she added.

THE SCHOOL BOARD has attempted to address the achievement gap by emphasizing individualized education strategies, according to school board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

"If we meet the needs of each child as an individual, then there will be no achievement gap," said Gibson.

In spite of an achievement gap, there is also evidence that all students are at an advantage if they attend a Fairfax County Public School, said Galluzzo.

Fairfax sends an extremely high percentage of its graduates onto higher education, which means black and Hispanic students are still proceeding beyond secondary school education regardless of an achievement gap.

"They get students beyond secondary education. They still may only score 72 on the SOL exam but [Fairfax] gets them prepared enough to continue their education," said Galluzzo, making them more successful overall.

"If your guide to success is how successful the least-performing students are, then we certainly don't hit the mark."

— John Johnson,
Minority Student Achievement
Oversight Committee

OPINION

Candidate Visits Are Educational

As it turned out, a local Fairfax park was probably the best venue for last week's rally for John McCain and Sarah Palin, given the size of the crowd that turned out to see them (<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=319474&paper=73&cat=104>).

But we disagree with members of the School Board and others who claimed it was inappropriate for Superintendent Jack Dale to allow the rally to take place at Fairfax High School.

One of the School Board's goals for students includes to "Know and practice the duties, responsibilities, and rights of citizenship in a democratic society, be respectful and contributing participants in their school, community, country, and world," and "understand the purpose, role, and means of interaction with the different levels of government."

What could be more educational for students that watching the logistics and politics of a presidential campaign? We'd like to see the policy amended to allow political events on school property as long as students are able to interact and learn from the process.

Both major party candidates are delivering a critical message in Virginia right now: Every vote counts.

ON TWO OTHER ISSUES, we agree with recent recommendations from the executive board of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

❖ The council wants the Fairfax County School Board to delay action on the purchase of a second headquarters building until after public hearings, although at this point, no public hearings have been discussed or scheduled. The FCCPTA leadership correctly said that the school system briefings on the topic "haven't reached enough people or offered clear, well-publicized opportunities for comment."

❖ It seems like a no-brainer that the grading system in Fairfax County should not penalize students, who work as hard as students elsewhere. The current system requires a 94 per-

cent, rather than 90 percent, to qualify for an A, and fails to give the same extra weight for advanced coursework. This leaves Fairfax students at a disadvantage compared to students from other school systems, whose weighted grade point averages can often top 4.0.

While college admissions offices say this probably does not affect admissions, it almost certainly does put county students at a disadvantage for merit scholarships.

There is no advantage or educational benefit to the current grading scale, and it should be changed.

FAIRFAX SCHOOLS are making progress towards a workable and affordable way to move high school start times later, a move that is long overdue. We urge the board to continue this progress, and press ahead to have the change in place by September 2009.

See <http://www.sleepinfairfax.org/> for more.

Watch Debates

Voters will have several opportunities to see candidates for U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in action in the next few weeks. The choices are important for Northern Virginia, with the retirement of longtime U.S. Sen. John Warner and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis, both powerful advocates for Northern Virginia's interests and needs.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the Fairfax Community Access Channel (FCAC) are co-sponsoring televised debates

Flags in Trash?

To The Editor:

I recently retired from the Federal Government and am a retired/honorably-discharged veteran who has proudly made my home in Burke for over 14 years. One of the many "perks" that Burke has to offer its residents is the Burke Centre Festival, which was held during the weekend of Sept. 13 and 14.

LETTERS

On Saturday, Sept. 13, I stayed at the festival until the 5 p.m. closing and began walking towards the front entrance. Along the right side of the driveway were the booths and displays for the various political candidates, to include those that are running for the U.S. Presidency. I noticed that the Barack Obama volunteers were still shutting down their booth and that the John McCain volunteers had cleaned up and left for

Seven or eight American flags sit in a trash receptacle Saturday afternoon in the John McCain campaign booth at the Burke Centre Festival.

for two of the congressional races, which will be broadcast live on Fairfax channel 10. They will also be available live on the Internet at: <http://easylink.playstream.com/winlive/insidescoop.vwx>

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D) and 8th district challengers Mark Ellmore (R) and Independent Green candidate J. Ron Fisher will face off next Monday, Sept. 22, from 7 to 8 p.m.

The debate between Gerald Connolly (D), Keith Fimian (R) and Independent Green Joseph Oddo, candidates for the 11th district, will be held at the same time on Monday, Oct. 6.

Viewers can call in or e-mail questions until the mid-point of the broadcast to 571-749-1166 or debate@FCAC.org.

Incumbent Frank Wolf decline to participate in a Fairfax League debate; but Wolf and his opponent, Democrat Judy Feder, will appear together at the Prince William Committee of 100 forum on Thursday, Oct. 16 at 7:45 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Manassas.

Prince William Committee of 100 forum will also host the 11th Congressional Candidates, Gerry Connolly and Keith Fimian, this Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Montclair Country Club. E-mail secretarycommitteeof100@yahoo.com or call 703-577-3123.

The candidates for U.S. Senate, Mark Warner (D) and Jim Gilmore (R) will debate this Thursday, Sept. 18 at a sold out Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce event. The debate will be broadcast live on Channel 8 at 10 a.m. and will be rebroadcast before the election.

— MARY KIMM

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the day.

Upon closer inspection of the John McCain booth, which had been heavily decorated with American flags, I noticed that all of the rubbish had been deposited in trash containers. The "trash" that had been thrown away included about seven or eight small American flags! I used my cell phone camera to take a photo, just in case no one believed me.

I understood that John McCain's campaign was going to be run patriotically. Was a mistake made in the disposal of these flags or is this a new method of flag disposal?

Michael S. Anderson
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Choose the New Maestro

Leitmotif: search for Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's new maestro will shape the entire season.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Visualize the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra as it begins its 52nd season in the county, and all 95 of its musicians, as one distinct instrument.

"The orchestra is in a sense an instrument to be played," said Concertmaster David Salness, 47 of McLean, who has performed with "The Pride of Fairfax County" for 10 years.

"You don't need to cross the river to have a high quality orchestral listening experience."

— **David Salness, concertmaster**

More than 245 applicants from all over the world, literally, applied for the music director position, and six finalists were chosen to replace William Hudson, who retired at the end of last season.

Each of the six finalists will perform — audition — as a guest conductor for one of the six Masterworks concerts of the 2008-2009 season.

After each finalist has conducted, musicians, search committee members and audience members will all have the opportunity to react.

"It should be fascinating from both the players' point of view and the public's. The orchestra is in a very good place, with good musicians ... and each of the conductors undoubtedly will make the orchestra sound different," said Salness.

The search for Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's new maestro is the leitmotif that will shape the entire sea-

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PHOTO BY BARRY WHEELER FOR FAIRFAX SYMPHONY

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra will take a sort of "American Idol" approach to selecting its next music director, by auditioning six finalists as guest conductors this season, with audience feedback a key part of the process.

Paul Haas

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008
Alexander Ghindin, piano
Penman: Songs the Plants Taught Us
Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 in F Minor
Haas, 37, was educated at Juilliard, Yale and the Hochschule fur Musik in Dresden, Germany. Music director of the New York Youth Symphony and assistant conductor of the Brooklyn Philharmonic. Recently guest conducted the San Antonio Symphony, Rochester Philharmonic and Fort Worth Symphony. With New York Youth Symphony, received American Symphony Orchestra League's Leonard Bernstein Award for innovations in educational programming.

Marcelo Lehninger

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008
Angela Cheng, piano
Villa-Lobos: The Little Train of the Brazilian Countryman
Manuel de Falla: Nights in the Gardens of Spain
Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade

Lehninger, 29, was born in Rio de Janeiro and educated at the Brazilian Conservatory of Music and The Conductors Institute at Bard College. Music advisor of the Youth Orchestra of the Americas. Guest conducted numerous orchestras in South America as well as the National Symphony Orchestra and Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Selected by Kurt Masur for first Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy Scholarship and traveled in Europe and United States as Masur's assistant.

Laura Jackson

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008
Rachel Lee, violin
Theofanidis: Rainbow Body
Prokofiev: Violin Concerto No. 2 in G Minor
Beethoven: Symphony No. 7 in A Major

Jackson, 40, a Virginia native, studied conducting at University of Michigan and was the Seiji Ozawa Conducting Fellow at Tanglewood Music



Guest conductor Paul Haas will kick off the special season for the Fairfax Symphony on Saturday.

Center in 2003. Recently completed appointment as assistant conductor and American Conducting Fellow of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. Has appeared with symphonies of Baltimore, Detroit, Berkeley, Sacramento, Toronto, San Antonio, Winnipeg, Toledo, Alabama, Wyoming as well as the Cayuga Chamber Orchestra and New World Symphony. Performed with Colorado Symphony as winner of the Taki Concordia Fellowship.

Daniel Meyer

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009
Jennifer Frautschi, violin
Bernstein: Three Dance Episodes from On the Town
Bruch: Violin Concerto
Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in C Minor

Meyer, 36, graduated from Denison University, University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and the Hochschule fur Musik in Vienna. Received the Orchestral Conducting Honors Award as doctoral student at Boston University. Resident conductor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra



Get Involved

The Fairfax Symphony is in search of its first new music director in 37 years. Six finalists, selected from a pool of 249 applicants, will audition as guest conductors this season.

After each performance during the 2008-2009 season, audience members will have the opportunity to offer feedback on each of the six music director finalists auditioning as guest conductors. Performances at 8 p.m., pre-concert lecture, 7 p.m.

VISIT www.fairfaxsymphony.org.
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and music director of Pittsburgh Youth Symphony and the Erie Philharmonic. Recently appointed music director of the Asheville Symphony in North Carolina. Has conducted Cleveland Orchestra and symphonies of Utah, San Antonio and Syracuse. Awarded Bank of America Award for Excellence in Orchestra Education with Pittsburgh Symphony.

Gregory Vajda

Saturday, March 14, 2009
Andrew Armstrong, piano
Liszt: Les Preludes
Bartok: Piano Concerto No. 3
Schumann: Symphony No. 2 in C Major

Vajda, 35, born in Budapest, Hungary, studied clarinet and composition at Bela Bartok secondary school and pursued conducting at Franz Liszt Academy of Music. Resident conductor of the Oregon Symphony Orchestra. Served as assistant conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, permanent guest conductor of Hungarian State Opera and principal conductor of the Dohnanyi Symphony Orchestra in Budapest. Has conducted own compositions, including score for the silent film *The Crowd*, which premiered in the auditorium of the Louvre. Has appeared with Philadelphia Orchestra, Montreal Symphony, Milwaukee Symphony, Honolulu Symphony and Atlanta Opera.

Christopher Zimmerman

Saturday, May 2, 2009
Chee-Yun, violin
Haydn: Symphony No. 39 in G Minor
Bodurova: Concerto dei Fiori
Shostakovich: Symphony No. 10

Zimmerman, 50, was educated at Yale and University of Michigan. Also studied with Seiji Ozawa and Gunther Schuller at Tanglewood, and at Pierre Monteux School in Maine. Currently music director at Hartt Symphony in Connecticut (since 1999) and Symphony of Southeast Texas. Made professional debut in 1985 with Royal Philharmonic, followed by engagements with the London Symphony and Royal Liverpool Philharmonic. Co-founded City of London Chamber Orchestra in 1989. Won National Opera Association Award's first prize for conducting operas.

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son.
"Orchestra members will have their own criteria for assessing the quality of each of the candidates. The audience will have its own process," said Salness. "I am looking forward to audience feedback.

"I am interested in the candidate who gives a discernable voice to the orchestra, who makes the orchestra stand out in the community," he said.

AT THE END of the season in June 2009, The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra plans to announce the new music director, said Cathy Smith, marketing director with the orchestra.

"Any kind of change can be difficult, but this is very exciting to us," she said, calling the six music director finalists "the best that's out there."

Francis Kieffer, of Mantua, has been a regular attendee of concerts with her husband Jerry Kieffer for years.

She looks forward to watching how the orchestra responds to each conductor throughout the year. "It's kind of an adventure, actually," she said, of the upcoming season.

Lisa Baltzer, a violist, is the longest playing member of the orchestra who joined in

1964.

"I'm dying to go to the first rehearsal this week," said Baltzer, of Vienna. "I expect it to be very exciting, very refreshing because each conductor will bring his or her own music that they love and are inspired by."

"I'm looking forward to the new ideas and new energy that each of the conductor finalists will bring," said Baltzer.

Helen Fall, a viola player who joined the orchestra in 1993, will be focusing closely on the six conductors this season, from the elbows down.

"They have to make us believe that this is the way it should be done. They have 100 people who think they know something," said Fall, of Fairfax. "To see a conductor that can really tell you non-verbally what we're doing, if he or she can make you want to do something completely from the elbows down, that's something."

"It takes a lot of money to put it all together, it's a commitment that Fairfax has made," said Fall. "I love playing, I love being a musician, it's my life."

Guest artists appearing with the FSO have included Jean-Pierre Rampal and Ella Fitzgerald.

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AARP Divided We Fail Town Hall Meeting

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Wednesday, September 24

AARP Divided We Fail Town Hall Meeting

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The town hall meetings are open to the public.

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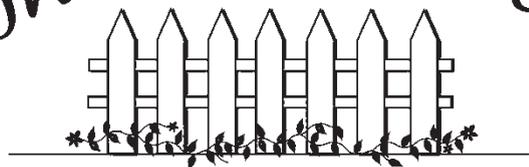
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George Mason University presents pianist Jeffrey Siegel at the Center for the Arts on Sunday, Sept. 21.

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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

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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.

Images of Mesoamerica: Tzotziles and the Aztec Dancers. Photography Exhibition by Adelina Pérez del Castillo. Artist reception and wine tasting, 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Whole Foods Market Fair Lakes, 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. 703-222-2058.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

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

Burke Centre Library Friends Annual Book Sale, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. For more information about Burke Centre Library Friends go to: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/bc/bcfriends.htm> or contact Pat Riedinger by email at: 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. Call 703-644-7333.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. Paul Haas, Conductor Finalist, and Alexander Ghindin, Piano. ConcertTalk with Paul Haas, 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.

4Paws Rescue Team Cat Adoptions. 12-4 p.m. Fairfax Petco at 10708 Lee Highway, Fairfax.

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

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 obtain transportation to performances and 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.

Art in the Pages Fall Cocktail Reception and Silent Auction. 4-7 p.m. at Gannett Headquarters,

7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. View individually decorated mini library book statuettes, with an opportunity to bid at silent auction. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of Fairfax County Public Library. Hosted bar and light cocktail fare. 703-324-8300.

Save the Block Party Outdoor Community Empowerment Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free. Main stage entertainment featuring David Benoit, Honky Tonk Confidential, Ka-Chi, and The Swimmers begins at 11:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center, Fairfax. Sponsored by Citibank and Fannie Mae. For more information or to register for foreclosure prevention assistance visit savetheblockparty.org or call 1-800-846-0140.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

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

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.

Festival and Fireworks on the Quad. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Workshops, Art Under the Arches, performances by Mount Vernon Band and Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.

George Mason University presents pianist Jeffrey Siegel. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$38, \$30, \$19. Children 12 and under, half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Novelist Kathleen McCleary. 3 p.m. Author of "House & Home," the story of a woman who loves her house so much that she'll do just about anything to keep it. Space is limited, pre-registration required. Circa Home and Garden, 10435 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-1995 or visit www.circahomeandgarden.com.

Writer Amy Sullivan. Author of "The Party Faithful: How And Why Democrats Are Closing The God Gap". 7 p.m. Fairfax Presbyterian

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Church, 10723 Main Street Fairfax.
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Paul VI Runfest 5K. Proceeds go in part to support the continued success of PVI Options Program, a program of inclusion for students with intellectual disabilities. 8 a.m. Paul VI Catholic High School, 10675 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Register online at www.pvirunfest.com.
Virginia Chamber Orchestra presents "Music in the Life of George Washington." 4 p.m. Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. John Harris, costumed George Washington interpreter, will link the orchestra's selections to music performed at public concerts that Washington attended as president in New York City and Philadelphia, the nation's early capitals. Harris will also discuss keyboard arrangements of orchestral works in the Washington family's music collections. At the door: seniors and groups, \$12; adults, \$18. Advance purchase: seniors and groups, \$10; adults, \$15. 703-758-0179 or www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

Monday Movies. 2:30 p.m. Join in for a movie based on a book, and tell which you liked better. Age 8-18. 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.
Bearly Autumn. 10:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Stories, fingerplay and activities about autumn. Age 3-5 with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

Marble Magnets. 4 p.m. Make fun and funky magnets to keep or share. Age 12-18. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.
Book discussion group. "The Uncommon Reader" by Alan Bennett. 7 p.m. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call 703-249-1520.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

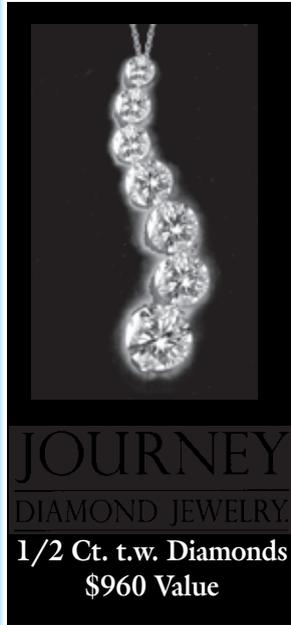
Linwood Holton. 7:30 p.m. The former governor of Virginia discusses his memoir, "Opportunity Time." Books for sale and signing. Adults. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.
Wind Symphony Young People's Concert. 10 a.m. Free. Concert Hall, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8794.
Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy, live at the George Mason University Patriot Center. 7 p.m. Tickets are from \$15 to \$75, and are available by Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000 or visit www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com.
Mother-daughter Book Club. 7 p.m. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds

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Colors of the Rainbow. 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.
Teen Advisory Board. 7 p.m. Teens help advise the library. Age 12-18. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy 7 p.m., at the George Mason University Patriot Center. Tickets are from \$15 to \$75, and are available at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy, live at the George Mason University Patriot Center. 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are from \$15 to \$75. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Draper Drive Park Grand Re-opening Ceremony. Mayor Robert Lederer and the Fairfax City Council open the ceremonies at 10 a.m. Ice cream and refreshments will be served. The fields have been renovated to feature synthetic turf on newly lighted fields, and walking paths have been upgraded. Draper

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Art for a Song, live art auction to benefit the Fairfax Choral Society's youth performance and education programs. Preview 6:30 p.m., auction 7:30 p.m. Admission \$7. Over 200 exceptional works of art. Door prizes will include art works and handmade award-winning chocolate. Fairfax County Government Center, 1200 Government Center Parkway. 703-642-4377 or www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org/art_auction.

The O'Neill-Malcolm Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann presents a free Irish Folk Festival from 12-6 p.m. at Van Dyck Park, featuring traditional Irish music and dance. Musicians and Irish dancers, a children's program, food and Gaelic football and hurling taught by the DC Gaels. Van Dyck Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Visit www.ccepotomac.org.

George Mason University's College of Visual and Performing Arts presents Arts By George!, a benefit event that supports student scholarships and the Great Performances at Mason series. The evening culminates with a performance by Broadway artist Brian Stokes Mitchell. ARTS by George! Takes place on Mason's Fairfax campus at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$200 per person. Email dpaez@gmu.edu, call 703-993-4188 or visit www.artsbygeorge.com.

Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy, live at the George Mason University Patriot Center. 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are from \$15 to \$75, and are available by Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000 or visit www.patriotcenter.com.

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.

Fifth Annual Kit Callahan's Miracle Mile 10K Run/Walk. 7:30 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. race start. This event benefits brain injury services and celebrates the success stories of survivors of brain injuries, while educating the public about brain injury. The Miracle Mile will be timed by Pacers and prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in various age categories. The race takes place at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. www.kitsmiraclemile.org or 703-451-8881.

"It's All About the Cats" kitten and adoption extravaganza at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred's Oak Road, Burke. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. All of the Kittens and Cats can be selected on the adoption site, and many may be able to be taken home the same day. Others will be delivered to the adoptive families home within a day or two. 703-249-1520. Commonwealth Cat Rescue, Inc., A 501(c)3 No Kill Rescue.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

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.

Wind Symphony Featuring Guest Graduate Student Conductors. 3 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors. Concert Hall, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8794.

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REAL ESTATE

Realtors Review Market

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The Real Estate Finance Forum, a committee of the NVAR, sponsored the economic conference. Chairman Kevin Connolly said most members who attended were looking for an end to the steady depreciation their homes have been seeing over the last four years.

"Everybody is looking for the bottom," said Connolly. "The consensus opinion is that we've passed the halfway mark, but we haven't reached the point where foreclosures are going down now.

Other issues like the effect of the recent economic stimulus package and the relative insulation Fairfax County's technology-driven economy provides to locals from the harsher national realities were themes that Connolly said were emphasized during the conference, including the selection of the guest speakers.

"Dr. Fuller always stresses that the D.C. job market is very strong. Where you have a strong economy and strong jobs, you usually have a strong housing market," he said.

Fuller said Americans purchased more housing than the economy could handle in 2002 and 2003 and were now paying the consequences.

"It's like going to a banquet and overeating," he said, "Now we have an upset stomach."

THE SOLUTION to that overeating, said Fuller, was riding out the economic hardship and then dealing

with the backlog of houses that have piled up in the open market over the past two to three years. The value of these houses would steadily appreciate as the inventory goes down and more houses go off the market.

Connolly said that key changes in the landscape, such as the takeovers of Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac along with the absorption of companies like Merrill Lynch and bankruptcy of the investment banking corporation Lehman Bros., have altered the DNA of the local and national housing markets.

"People would say to me, 'You've been in this business for 20 years, you should know everything.' I tell them that if I wasn't paying attention I wouldn't know anything, because everything has changed," he said.

The NVAR is an umbrella association for a compendium of Realtor organizations across the Northern Virginia area. The association is part of the 1.3 million member National Association of Realtors, its mission statement according to their Web site, is "to promote the preservation of the right to own, transfer and use real property." Connolly said part of that mission was letting people know that the worst is probably over. The effect rising consumer confidence in the near future will most likely lead to a return to better days.

"The public realizes buying a home is still a sound investment," he said. "They don't ring a bell when the market hits the bottom. There's a pent up supply of potential house buyers who are unsure about the market."

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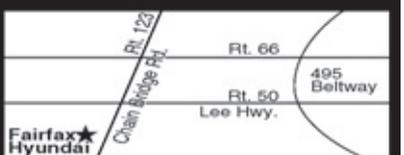
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SPORTS

Mass Dash at Park

Runners compete in annual Monroe Parker Invitational.

BY JASON MACKAY
THE CONNECTION

Tuesday's Monroe Parker Invitational, an annual cross country race run on the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park, traditionally provides both coaches and runners the chance to evaluate the work they've put in over the summer. It also offers a sneak peek at some of the talent they'll see later in the season.

The Monroe Parker doesn't make or break anyone's year, but because of its scheduled slot in the season — though Tuesday's meet was rescheduled from Sept. 6 after remnants of Hurricane Hanna pummeled the area — an evaluative theme tends to surround the race.

"It's a heck of a pre-test."

— Mike Mangan

Several storylines were rehashed from last season and many more were developed over those 2.98 miles. Where those runners and teams finish will only be determined by the 2008 cross country season that's just hitting its full stride.

For Lake Braddock, a team that's plenty used to posing for pictures with trophies after several races at Burke Lake Park, the Monroe Parker might've seemed like old hat. Bruins coach Mike Mangan, who almost always wears a blue cap embossed Lake Braddock's logo, strangely elected to go without.

"It's a heck of a pre-test," said Mangan, whose girls and boys teams both posted first-place finishes. "It lets us know where we're at."

WITH THE WINS, Lake Braddock found itself in a familiar position. The boys team scored only 62 points, nearly half as many as second-place South County (108). But the girls team one-upped its counterparts, scoring only 51 points to pull away from West Potomac (108).

The Bruins were powered by Liana Epstein, who finished first overall with a time of 18 minutes, 16.28 seconds.

"I think the weather helped," Epstein said. "It's pretty cool. I definitely still felt Saturday's race [the Brentsville Relays] in my legs, but that's cross country. It felt good and I'm very proud of the team."

Teammate Casey Lardner finished eighth in the girls race, clocking in at 19:08.75, while Kelly Hagan and Amanda Parker finished 13th and 14th, respectively.

For the boys squad, Alex Clark earned a fourth-place finish with his time of 15:48.88, John Cruz finished two spots behind with a 16:00.84 and Sam Rubenking finished 11th with a 16:17.30.

Sporting a black shirt with the slogan "We

Still Run for Them" on the back with arrows pointing out to hypothetical teammates on her left and right, Epstein embodied everything that Mangan has worked so hard to develop at the school.

His classic line of "the individual comes second" couldn't ring more true. One of Mangan's favorite memories still lives in a story from the 1980s — he even called himself an "old-timer" — about how Langley had the top runner in the country, but Lake Braddock still finished in a pack behind her.

Out of 23 district titles awarded since 1985, the girls team has won all but five. On the boys side, Lake Braddock has won eight titles during that span.

"We hear all sorts of stories from our coaches, alumni and old teammates," Epstein said. "We're just constantly hearing about the legacy of our team. It's hard to live up to, but it's a good reminder of how good we've been in the past and how good we can be."

While the Monroe Parker may offer a peek into the future of this cross country season, nothing could top the peek into the future that West Springfield coach Duke Baird received earlier in the day.

After his team was at Burke Lake Park and ready to run, Baird got a call telling him that his wife was in labor. With Baird on his way to the hospital, eighth-year assistant Chris Pellegrini was left to run the show.

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— Liana Epstein

BOTH WEST SPRINGFIELD TEAMS made their departed coach proud. Behind a third-place finish from Paige Kvartunas (18:54.67), the Spartans grabbed a third-place finish in the girls competition.

"For [Kvartunas], it's all a matter of focus," Pellegrini said. "If she can stay with the leader, then she's fine. It's not really a matter of fatigue for her. If she drops into nobody's land, she'll just kind of drift away, but she's definitely going to be one of our best runners this fall and as she learns to just harness in that focus, she's going to be ready to go."

Anna Barber chipped in with a 10th-place finish, logging a 19:18.40, and Lisa Williams finished 15th with a time of 19:25.33.

For the third-place West Springfield boys team, Pellegrini mentioned that they "did a great job on pack running," as Daniel Tobin (ninth, 16:12.10) and Colin Taylor (10th, 16:12.85) illustrated their coach's point.

"I've always felt it's good to do your summer mileage and get ready, but I've always felt like, for our team specifically, we're never quite as far along as many of these other programs are in early or mid-September," Pellegrini said. "I'm more interested in seeing the other teams play their cards, so we can see what everyone's got."

West Springfield's Daniel Tobin finished ninth to lead the Spartan boys to a third-place team finish at Tuesday's Monroe Parker Invitational. The Spartan girls, behind a third-place finish from Paige Kvartunas, also finished third.



Lake Braddock's Liana Epstein finished first with a time of 18 minutes, 16.28 seconds. The Bruins boys and girls teams finished first as well.



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SPORTS

A Two-Way Street

Behind two stellar backs, Robinson football continues to improve.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Robinson football coach Mark Bendorf doesn't like to use a single running back. It's not that he's against running the football — his team ran for 250-plus yards last Friday against West Springfield — but Bendorf typically likes two players to share that load.

Though the Rams suffered a 50-27 home loss, Bendorf's philosophy was on full display as seniors Alex Murray and Wynton Fox provided Robinson with another 1-2 punch in the backfield.

With nearly identical stat lines — Murray carried 15 times for 110 yards and a touchdown and Fox carried 14 times for 110 yards and a touchdown — these two have just been the latest installment for Bendorf.

"If you've followed us, or looked at our stats for maybe the last 10 years, we've always kind of gone with a committee in the backfield ... at least since the mid-1990s," said Bendorf, who has compiled a 107-27 record in his 12-plus years at the school. "It keeps people fresh. It keeps our kids fresh and it keeps the defense off balance."

Early on it appeared as if Robinson would be locked into a shootout with the Spar-

tans. After punting on its first drive, Robinson answered a West Springfield touchdown with one of its own — a 22-yard scoring strike from senior quarterback Timmy Meier to senior wideout Xavier Duncan.

Fox kept that drive alive with a key 10-yard run on third-and-nine, and the 5-foot-7, 170-pounder made even shorter work of Robinson's next drive as he broke free and scampered 70 yards for

the score. With the touchdown, Robinson and West Springfield were deadlocked at 14.

Robinson conceded another Spartan touchdown, but the first of two game-changing plays was about to occur. Facing a third-and-six on his own 24, Meier dropped back and looked to throw to his right.

West Springfield linebacker Scott VanBuren jumped the route, grabbed the pass, and sprinted 24 yards untouched into the end zone.

At the half, West Springfield had built a 28-14 lead, but it was the first drive out of the break that finally broke the Rams. With West Springfield quarterback Bryn Renner facing a second-and-24 situation on his own 6-yard line, Renner, flushed from the pocket, escaped to pick up the first down.

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— Mark Bendorf

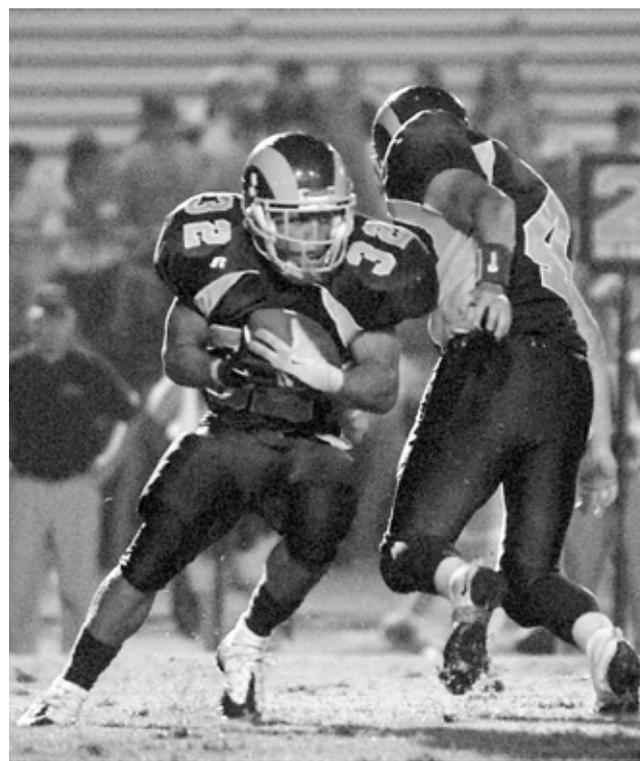


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Robinson senior Wynton Fox, part of the Rams' talented two-back system, ran for 110 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries during a 50-27 loss to West Springfield last Friday.

"We had them in a very long situation where if we could force a punt, I presumed we'd get it at midfield," said Bendorf, whose team has started 1-2 this season. "I was feeling pretty good about what we were doing offensively and thought that we could bring that thing to 28-21."

Renner's run led to another West Springfield touchdown, and Robinson's run-oriented offense wasn't able to keep up. Still, not many can as the Spartans possess a prolific quick-strike offense.

Murray did all he could to both support the backfield tandem and provide Robinson with a second-half offensive threat. After bolting 48 yards to the West Springfield 6-

yard line, Murray capped the drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

That Robinson answered in the second half shouldn't come as a surprise. Bendorf, one of the area's veteran coaches, prides himself on his team's adjustments and its ability to improve, an assertion that Bendorf proved last fall.

After a 5-5 regular season, including losses to both Chantilly and West Springfield, the Rams peaked at the perfect time and dealt the Chargers a 17-14 upset.

"We're very thorough in how we break the film down with our players and how we identify the areas that we have to get better in," said Bendorf, whose team will host Anacostia on Friday for homecoming. "That's what really served us well

last year. We got better and better and at the end we were just a hair away from being in that regional final."

Though it's only three games into the season, Bendorf's team has made the adjustments and employs the two-back system that's standard for a Robinson team, which is pretty much right where Bendorf, who won Northern Region titles in 2001 and 2006, wants things to be.

"Our philosophy is to look at what we're doing and what we're doing well, and then look at our problem areas and try to improve," he said. "At this point in the season, it's who can get better and be playing their best at the end."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Sullivan CAC Runner of the Week

For the first week of the collegiate cross country season, Lake Braddock graduate Hayley Sullivan was named the Capital Athletic Conference's Women's Cross Country Runner of the Week at the University of Mary Washington. Sullivan, a Burke native, finished first at the Lebanon Valley Invitation with a time of 19 minutes, 3 seconds. The Eagles placed third out of 14 teams.

VMI's Redmond Blanks Opposition

Angela Redmond, a sophomore goalkeeper on the VMI Keydet women's soccer team and a graduate of Woodson High School, collected her second career shutout during a 6-0 rout of South Carolina State last Friday. Redmond made three saves and faced only one corner kick. As a freshman, Redmond earned Big South Conference All-Freshman team honors and ranked second in the conference with a save percentage of .808 and a total of 80 saves.

TJ Cross Country Starts Strong

The boys and girls cross country teams at Jefferson started their seasons off with a bang on Sept. 13 at the Knights Crossing Invitation in Salem, Va. The boys team won its race while the girls team finished second. The Jefferson teams were competing against 32 other schools from across Virginia, Tennessee and West Virginia.

— JASON MACKEY

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATORS: Week Four

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2. Stone Bridge at Loudoun Valley
3. Edison at Mount Vernon
4. West Potomac at Lee
5. Marshall at Langley
6. Centreville at Herndon
7. Lake Braddock at South County
8. Washington-Lee at McLean
9. LSU at Auburn
10. Cardinals at Redskins

WEEK FOUR SCHEDULE:

Games played Fri., Sep. 19
 Centreville at Herndon, 7:30 p.m.
 Westfield at Chantilly, 7:30 p.m.
 Oakton at Fairfax, 7:30 p.m.
 Anacostia (DC) at Robinson, 6:30 p.m.
 Woodson at Jefferson, 7:30 p.m.
 Marshall at Langley, 7:30 p.m.
 Madison at South Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington-Lee at McLean, 7:30 p.m.
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 Hayfield at West Springfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Braddock at South County, 7:30 p.m.
 West Potomac at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Game played Sat., Sep. 12
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Jason Mackey

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Last Week: 8-2

Season: 16-4

Percentage: 80%

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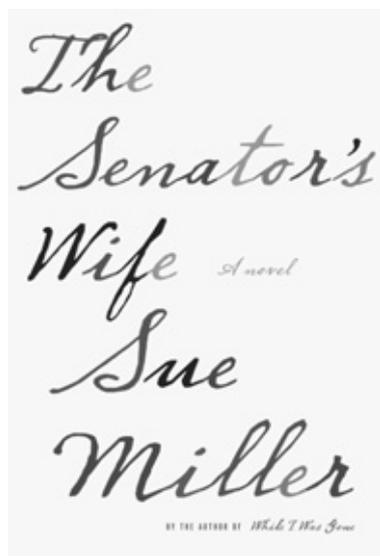
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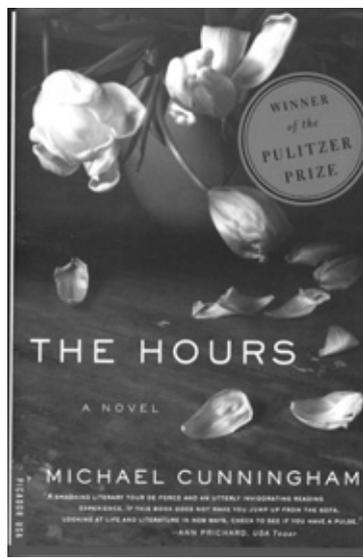
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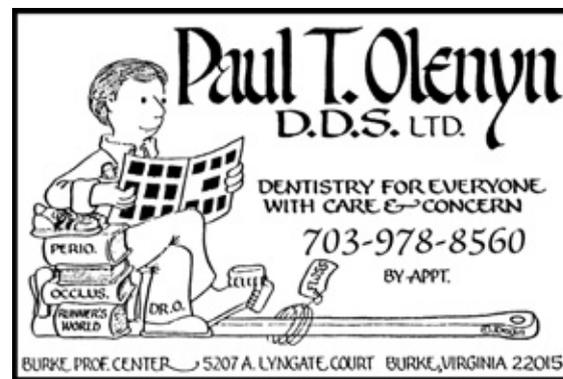
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BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

The 10th Annual Fall for the Book Festival will feature some very famous figures in the literary world who all happen to be living writers. The festival takes place Sunday, Sept. 21 through Friday, Sept. 26. The best part is that everything is free and open to the public.

"We're bringing the rock stars of writing to your back yard," said Art Taylor, marketing and programming coordinator. More than 100 authors will be appearing at venues both inside and out of George Mason University this year. "This year we've decided to expand our reach," said Taylor. "We've got 30 different venues in 12 cities in D.C., Maryland and Virginia."

Headlining this year is Chinua Achebe, author of "Things Fall Apart." This Nigerian author's book is the most widely read African novelist, with 8 million copies of his book published in 50 languages.

Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Cunningham, who wrote "The Hours," which was made into the movie, will also be in attendance. Sue Miller, an Oprah Book Club author, is another top draw.

Other participants include novelists Richard Bausch, Charles Baxter, Ethan Canin, Ron Carlson and Porter Shreve; Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award-winning poet C.K. Williams and more than a dozen other poets; memoirists including former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton, Scott Huler, and Honor Moore; and dozens of other writers across a variety of genres.

While many events will still take place at GMU, the schedule spans to 30 other locations — from a reading by children's book author Jerdine Nolan in Bowie, Md., to an appearance by poet Jon Pineda in Arlington, to a talk by novelist and legal scholar Garrett Epps in Sterling. And Fall for the Book continues its annual Middle School Reads and High

School Reads programs in Loudoun County with young adult authors P.W. Catanese and Chris Crutcher, respectively.

To coincide with the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the festival will host a gathering of some of the country's most notable Lincoln historians for a full day of roundtable discussions on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

"The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission was formed not just to celebrate Lincoln the man but to explore the challenges that our country faced throughout our 16th president's tenure, to examine the ideals which he strived to embody, and to ask what type of model his principles and his actions offer to Americans in the 21st century," said Festival Director William Miller.

A morning session will feature biographer Daniel Mark Epstein, author of both "Lincoln and Whitman: Parallel Lives in Civil War Washington" and "The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage."

Three members of the advisory committee for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission (www.lincolnbicentennial.gov) will headline the afternoon session. Michael Beschloss has written nine books on American presidents, including the bestseller "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989." Joshua Wolf Shenk is the author of

"Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness," and James L. Swanson wrote "Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer."

Each session will be moderated by presidential historian Richard Norton Smith, scholar-in-residence in George Mason University's School of Public Policy and Department of History and Art History. The day's programming is co-sponsored by Gale (Cengage Learning).

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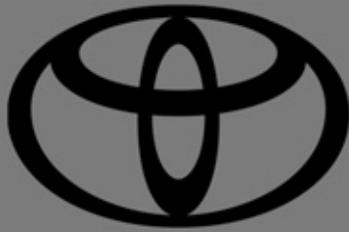
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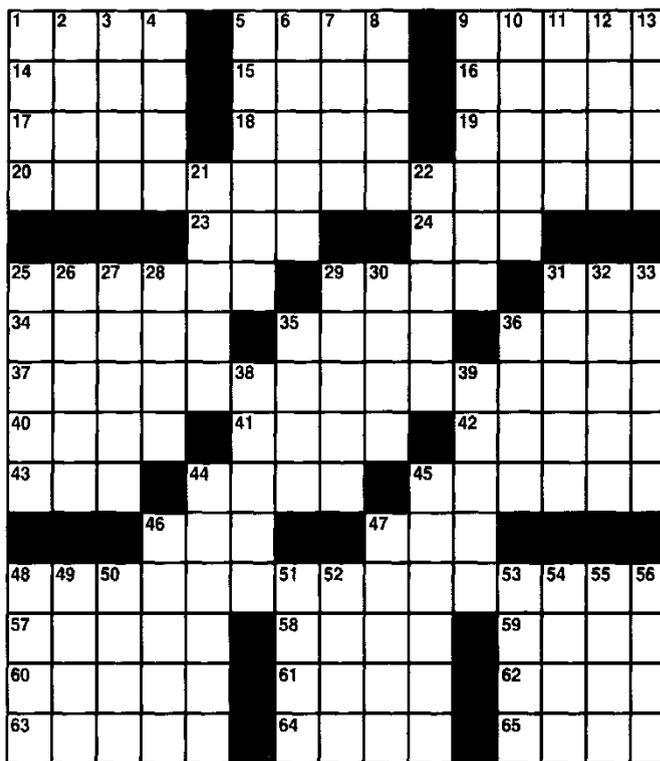
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21 Announcements

TRUSTEE'S SALE
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3841 Gallows Road, Annandale, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Arnulfo Valles Gal-damez, 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

Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 12:15 p.m.

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

Lot 1, Section 1, Lucius Addition to Kenwood as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2152 at page 490, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3841 Gallows Road, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.375 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

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DAVID N. PRENSKY

Substitute Trustee

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The Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) and the Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee will discuss the Draft Master Plan for the Adaptive Reuse Area at Laurel Hill, formerly part of the Lorton Prison site, at a public meeting on Monday, Sept. 29, 7:30 pm, at the Lorton Station Elementary School, 9298 Lewis Chapel Road, Lorton, VA 22079. The public is invited to participate. For more information, call Fairfax County DPZ at (703) 324-1380, TTY 711.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO MODIFY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED AT A PETROLEUM RELEASE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE

A petroleum release from former underground storage tank systems had occurred, and corrective actions have been implemented, at:

Fair Oaks Church
4601 West Ox Road
Fairfax, Virginia

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Fair Oaks Church to prepare a Corrective Action Plan Addendum to address cleanup of petroleum fuel contamination at the site. If you have questions regarding the cleanup please contact:

Paul J. Jones
Environmental Consultants and Contractors, Inc.
43045 John Mosby Highway
Chantilly, VA 20152
(703) 327-2900

The Corrective Action Plan Addendum will be submitted to the Remediation Division of the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ by September 22, 2008. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Mr. Randy Chapman of the DEQ at (703) 583-3816 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan Addendum submittal. The DEQ Remediation Division will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan Addendum until October 22, 2008, and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC # 1993-1615.

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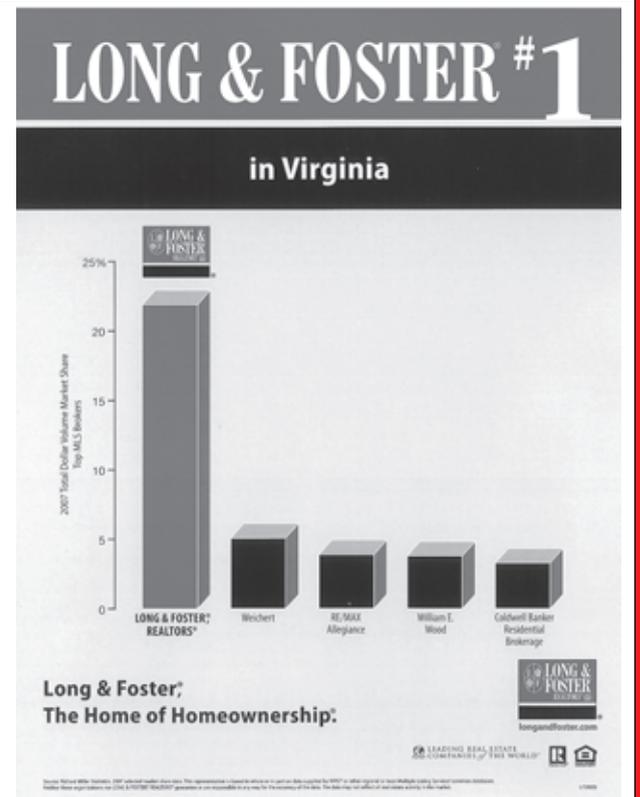
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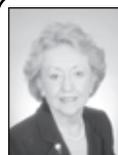
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