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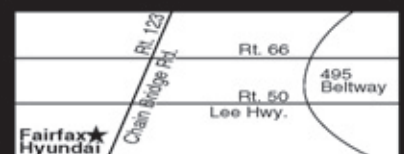
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## Like the Food? Make Your Own

Do-it-yourself gourmet food store offers wine and food tasting in Lorton.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he hardest part of her job, said Laura Escamilla, is explaining the concept behind Corner Cuisine to her customers. What can initially seem

**“Good food goes with good wine,”**

**— Patrick Barney, co-owner of Tastefully Yours Gourmet Food Market**

service.

“We’re still selling the concept,” said Escamilla. “You’re asking people to change their habits. It’s hard.”

The habits in question are the dinner choices most working families are faced with: TV dinners, fast-food eat-

outs or spending time perpetually shopping for ingredients to cook at home.

Located at 9000 Lorton Station Blvd., Corner Cuisine serves Lorton, Fairfax Station, Burke, Springfield, Alexandria and Fort Belvoir. It operates both as a take-out for pre-prepared meals at home and a do-it-yourself feature. Customers can customize and create meals from up to a dozen different stations throughout the small shop. There, with a full kitchen of tools, ingredients and spices already set up, customers follow what Escamilla called “foolproof” recipes and make dinners right in the store that can be heated up at home.

The wine and food tasting was a partnership between Corner Cuisine and Occoquan-based gourmet food market Tastefully Yours, owned by JoAnn, Patrick and Sam Barney. Corner Cuisine provided samples of its September menu, featuring main courses like Argentine Flank Steak and Chicken Marbella. Tastefully Yours offered samples of their gourmet wines.

“Good food goes with good wine,” said

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**David Christian and Laura Escamilla opened up Corner Cuisine in Februar 2007.**



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## Strands of Market DNA

Realtors summit tackles foreclosures and housing bubble.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**“W**hat 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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PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

**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.**

## 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](http://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



The intersection of Lorton Station Boulevard and Lorton Station Town Center, where the left-turn lane has been striped out.

# Backing Traffic Lights

## South County Federation votes to support lights on Lorton Station Boulevard.

BY BRENDA SIMMS  
THE CONNECTION

**C**elebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month, the South County Federation met on Sept. 9 at South County Secondary School.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors had just discussed a new South County Middle School in executive session, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) reported to the group. He said the School Board must cooperate to include the school into the Capital Improvement Program. "We'll find a way to

do it. ... The Board has committed to find the funding," the supervisor said.

Hyland said he also asked his fellow supervisors to invite the Federation to go before the Board and be recognized for its 25 years in the community.

In a vote of support for the Lorton Station Community Association, the Federation approved a resolution regarding Lorton Station Boulevard. Susan Fremit, president of that homeowner's group, asked the Federation to join her in requesting that the Virginia Department of Transportation expedite the installation of traffic lights at the Virginia Railway Express station entrance along the road. The four-way stop

**"It's getting really busy."**  
— Susan Fremit

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# Community Activist Dies

## Sally Ormsby praised as environmental, land-use activist.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**S**ally 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.



FILE PHOTO  
**Sally Ormsby**

"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.

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# Lorton Shop Offers Do-It-Yourself Dinners

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Patrick Barney, who handed out samples of chardonnay and pinot noir at the event, which went from 2-4 p.m..

Escamilla, president of her own company, L2K Marketing, handles public relations for her husband's store. She said the plan was to begin offering food tastings and similar events once a month. Patrick Barney said he was interested in working with the store again in the near future.

The food is all natural, or as Escamilla puts it: "Nothing pre-processed, nothing weird." The menu, which undergoes a complete overhaul every month, was developed by a series of chefs hired by the couple as a result of their extensive travel.

"We're foodies by nature," she said.

Christian said they pick and choose their recipes from all walks of life. Some they pluck from cooking magazines, others from neighbors and relatives, like the recipe for Bavarian pork roast given to them by friends from Germany. He said they would even try recipes submitted by customers if they looked promising.

"If customers give us something, we'll try it and if it works we'll incorporate that recipe as well," said Christian.

Vicky Post, a regular customer who attended the Sept. 13 tasting, said the ser-



David Christian and Laura Escamilla opened up Corner Cuisine in February 2007.

vice has made her life easier.

"I can go home, throw [the food] in the freezer and have good, healthy meals for the month," she said. "Since you're putting the meal together you can tailor it to your taste."

Christian said his background in human

resources and operations management made the concept a good fit for him. Originally, he had looked to open up a franchise with an existing company, Let's Eat!, but found the restrictions placed upon him to be overly controlling.

"You're extremely limited in your flexibil-

ity to do things," said Christian. "The more we looked at it, the more we realized we were basically working for them and not us. Everything was basically a cookie cutter approach."

Christian, who quit his previous job to pursue the idea, wanted the ability to put his touch on his store. "I'm investing my life savings in this. So guess what? I want to have control over it."

**BY COMING** in and making a week or a month's worth of family meals, customers are not only eating healthy but each individual meal, according to Christian and Escamilla, comes out to between \$3 to \$5, making it cheaper than most fast food outings. For Escamilla, a native of Spain, the transition in diets was difficult. Providing a healthier alternative that's also convenient was one of the main motivators she and Christian had when deciding to open the store.

"You have all these health issues [today] and it's basically because people aren't eating well," she said.

"When I was growing up, my family would sit down for dinner, even though we were running and gunning everywhere," said Christian. "It's becoming harder and harder to do that."

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# Getting To Know ...

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

BY LINDSAY GSELL  
THE CONNECTION

**C**hristina 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.

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.

PROFILE

### CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

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**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 takes place at the American Legion Post 176, 5620 Amherst Ave, Springfield. Contact Sharon Forrest at 703-960-9017 or [taffyjoe@aol.com](mailto: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 Maureen Coccozza at 703-941-4018 or Nora Steiger at 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. Playgroups, children's and family activities, guest speakers, book club, mom's night out, movie night, chat group and more. Call 1-866-716-7766 or visit [www.novamoms.org](http://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

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Soonwook Hong and Christopher Nguyen**, Lorton residents and students at the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, have been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists.

**Samuel Clamons, Peter Le and Sarah Seid**, Clifton residents and students at the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, have been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists.

**Lara Howerton, Rebecca Corey and Jacob McAuliffe**, Fairfax Station residents and students at the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, have

been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists.

**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.

# HOT Lanes Contract Negotiations Continue

Construction of Interstate 95/395 HOT Lanes will not begin before 2010.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Virginia Department of Transportation and private group Fluor/Transurban are in contract negotiations for the \$1.2 billion, 56-mile High Occupancy Toll Lanes project that will ultimately stretch from the Pentagon to the Route 17 in Stafford County.

These car pool lanes would be free to vehicles with three or more occupants and open to others by paying a toll.

If it is completed, said Robert Chase of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, it will be the longest leased toll lanes project in the United States.

The state signed an agreement in October 2006 with Fluor/Transurban to begin the planning, but the actual contract must still be worked out. Early reports suggested the contract would be completed by December 2008 and construction could begin in 2009.

But Steven M. Titunik, Communications Director, VDOT Mega Projects Center, said "We are anticipating a deal closure by end of 2009." The cost estimate is likely to grow by the end of 2009 considering that a 14-mile Beltway project now underway is priced at \$1.9 billion and Interstates 95 and 395 may end up being more complex.

Titunik said that the project was not delayed. "When you plan these types of projects some early estimated start dates might be ambitious," he said.

"When you get into the weeds and really start taking it apart [with] reviews, preliminary engineering and outreach to elected officials and citizens, time has a way of moving out a bit. Once you get into the project, it takes time to really get into the entire process. This is a hell of a big project," he said.

He said the Interstates 95 and 395 HOT Lanes will be built in two phases. Phase I will be the 28 miles from Arlington's Eads Street near the Pentagon to Dumfries. Phase II would be from Dumfries south another 28 miles to where Route 17 intersects Interstate 95.

**VDOT IS** planning at least two major public hearings on the plans and a series of briefings and contacts with public officials along the route, Titunik said.

The Interstates 95 and 395 HOT Lanes project is the second project that VDOT has leased to Fluor/Transurban.

The company broke ground this summer on a Beltway HOT Lanes project that runs from Route 193 some 14 miles to Springfield and will later connect with cars desiring to use the speed lanes to get to Tysons Corner and beyond.

HOT Lanes are designed to allow drivers who are willing to pay a fee to enter lanes where the traffic would move faster than the crowded regular lanes

of the Beltway or Interstates 95 and 395. It was first proposed in the early 2000s when traffic in Northern Virginia was virtually strangling the main routes to Washington, D.C. and around the Beltway.

Under the contract, the HOT Lanes must accommodate drivers for free who have two or more passengers and who now use the old HOV lanes. In the Interstates 95 and 395 project, the developer will be converting HOV lanes to HOT Lanes.

**THE NATIONAL** economic crisis and several unexpected reversals have left the ambitious Northern Virginia transportation plans in disarray. Though the Dulles Corridor Rail project has received early approval, its development timetable is in doubt and other road repairs and construction were put on hold when the Virginia Supreme Court struck down a plan to let the Northern Virginia Transit Authority collect taxes and issue \$3 billion in bonds to pay for the improvements. Republicans in the House of Delegates scotched any plans to restore this money in a special session in June.

This has left the only two new "mega projects," adding HOT Lanes to the Beltway and the Interstate 95/395 Corridor, still moving forward.

In theory, this is because the money for these two projects comes from a private contractor

and not taxpayers. In fact, as the Beltway contract showed, Fluor/Transurban put up relatively little of the \$1.9 billion cost. Virginia contributed a \$409 million grant and U.S. Department of Transportation loaned Fluor/Transurban \$588 million and issued \$600 million in "private activity" bonds to the partnership. The money is to be repaid by the tolls on the highway.

The Beltway contract leases the HOT Lanes to Fluor/Transurban for 80 years, allowing five years for construction and an opening is planned for 2013.

Titunik said the Interstate 95/395 project will have a similar long lease, but that all other details of the contract are being worked out and will not necessarily include items in the Beltway contract.

**UNDER THE BUSH** Administration, the Department of Transportation has actively pushed the "privatization" of highway construction projects and the use of toll lanes as a way of managing traffic congestion. James S. Simpson, chief of the Federal Transportation Administration, told a transportation conference in San Francisco in June that "We need to do a better job of leveraging our public funds and taking advantage of the \$400 billion in capital the private sector has available to invest in infrastructure." He pointed to several successful projects in Europe.

But though managing traffic congestion through tolls has become popular with cashed strapped state and local governments, many of the voters and state officials have backed away from giving private companies long leases on state roads.

Last month, Fitch Ratings, a major credit agency on highway construction, changed the outlook on toll roads to "negative" from a "stable" issued as re

## Sally Ormsby Dies

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"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 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.

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

— Jean Packard

## New Chamber Forms

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that exists is not slated to have turn lanes again until the lights are installed.

In addition, the four-way stop at Lorton Station Boulevard and the town center entry had left-turn lanes at one time. Those lanes have since been striped out, causing serious traffic hazards, according to Fremit. "It's getting really busy" in that area, she said.

Fremit and neighboring residents are concerned because there is more traffic going into the restaurants and other businesses in the town center and motorists realize that "It's a wonderful way to get from I-95, if there's a problem on the highway, to Woodbridge."

The start of a new area chamber of commerce was publicized at the meeting. Tim Rizer announced that the recently-formed South Fairfax Chamber has received approximately 20 membership applications, and he said, "We anticipate a very rapid growth."

Peter Weyland, another co-founder of the chamber and owner of Look.net, LLC, later explained, "With the growth of the Lorton area, we felt we needed our own voice ... This part of the county has been ignored for so long" by other chambers.

As a new organization, Weyland said, "We're keeping our membership fees about half of what most chambers currently charge. We don't want to promise businesses anything we can't deliver." The South Fairfax Chamber will forgo a physical office and support staff for now to keep expenses in check. "We'll be able to move quicker and basically be lighter afoot," he said.

The Federation sponsors a candidates night featuring Keith Fimian and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large), running for Virginia's 11th Congressional District. The event will be Oct. 14.

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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  
THE CONNECTION

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 35<sup>th</sup> out of 45 Virginia school districts on the reading Standards of Learning tests in 2007. Fairfax fourth grade Latino students fared worse, scoring 37<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> Grade |           | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade |           | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade |           | Overall   |           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                       | Reading               | Math      | Reading               | Math      | Reading               | Math      | Reading   | Math      |
| Fairfax County        | <b>73</b>             | <b>77</b> | <b>80</b>             | <b>71</b> | <b>80</b>             | <b>74</b> | 80        | 73        |
| Norfolk City          | <b>73</b>             | 83        | <b>80</b>             | 75        | 83                    | 84        | <b>76</b> | <b>70</b> |
| 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        | <b>80</b>             | 74        | 81                    | 83        | 78        | 73        |
| Henrico County        | 78                    | 82        | 81                    | 78        | 83                    | 83        | 72        | <b>84</b> |
| Prince William County | <b>80</b>             | 84        | <b>84</b>             | 80        | 83                    | 83        | 83        | <b>84</b> |
| Chesapeake City       | 78                    | <b>90</b> | <b>92</b>             | <b>81</b> | <b>91</b>             | <b>89</b> | <b>85</b> | 81        |
| Hampton City          | 74                    | 84        | 81                    | 78        | 82                    | 83        | 78        | 76        |

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE LARGEST HISPANIC POPULATIONS:

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

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

her well-being in receiving a quality education. How well do we forget that these children will be our future leaders of tomorrow; presidents, doctors, nurses, attorneys, teachers, you get the message. Let's forget about the socioeconomic status of these children and show them a great foundation of learning.

### LETTERS

When I say forget, I'm not alluding to the fact to ignore any problems, issues or illnesses they may be facing. I'm simply stating, show equality here and let's get these kids educated.

Speaking of the no child left behind, what happened to the "No Child Left Behind" act that President George W. Bush signed into existence? It's a failure!

Look right here in our Nation's Capital and you'll witness the insurmountable number of children that are being left behind. Some-

thing is seriously wrong with our educational system and the leaders in charge. Is it safe to say that America has become desensitized to the well-being of our children and their needs for survival?

It's definitely time for a change! The American people are looking for a fearless leader who will maintain his dignity, uphold his integrity, exercise his morals, and stand behind his promises.

Our fearless, Elected Democratic Official, Senator Barack Obama certainly has demonstrated his ability to lead, take action, and motivate others into action, especially those whom are looking for change, whom leaves no doubt in my mind that he will make every effort possible to ensure that NO Child is Left Behind when it comes to his/her education.

**Renee S. Wroten**  
Fairfax

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.wvx>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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# Choose the New Maestro

**Leitmotif: search for Fairfax Symphony's new leader.**

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**V**isualize 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.

"I'm curious how each of the conductors will play this instrument differently," he said.

For the first time in 37 years, The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra begins its season Saturday, Sept. 20, at George Mason University with a new conductor.

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

— **David Salness, concertmaster**

With six conductors, actually.

Fortissimo. More than 245 applicants from all over the world 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 season.

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

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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



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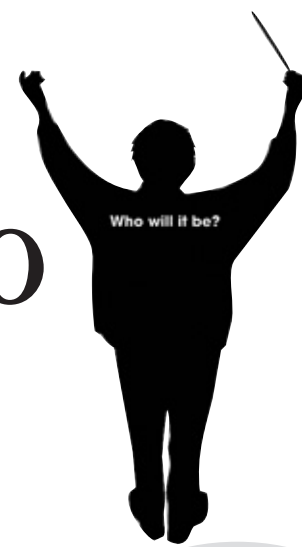
**Guest conductor Paul Haas will kick off the special season for the Fairfax Symphony on Saturday.**

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](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).  
**TICKETS** \$25 and up, available online at [Tickets.com](http://Tickets.com), by phone at 888-945-2468, or in person at the George Mason University box office, Tuesday-Saturday, 10-6 p.m.

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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**  
**Bodorova: 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.

MUSIC

# Maestro

FROM PAGE 10

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.

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.

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.

Helen Fall, a viola player who joined the orchestra in 1993, will be focusing closely on the six conductors this season. "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," she said.

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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, five 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 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](http://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. Learn about the history of the former prison, visit artists' studios, purchase fine art and

enjoy musical and theater performances. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. [www.WorkhouseArts.org](http://www.WorkhouseArts.org).

**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. [www.WorkhouseArts.org](http://www.WorkhouseArts.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.

**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.

**Special Love's Dancing for the Stars.** 7:30-12 p.m. Performance and presentation by recording artist and cancer survivor Kevin Sharp. Dancing, country western barbecue buffet, cash bar, raffle and silent auction prizes Tickets \$50 each. Waterford Receptions, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. 888-930-2707 or [www.speciallove.org/SpecialEvents.htm](http://www.speciallove.org/SpecialEvents.htm).

## 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. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://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. Call 703-228-3600 ext. 9996 or visit [www.novaseniolympics.com](http://www.novaseniolympics.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](http://www.Workhouse.org).

**Hoppers.** 10:30 a.m. Meet some critters that hop. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

**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.

**Artisans United Art Swap.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. Sell unwanted art supplies to other artists. Artisans United Gallery, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale. 703-941-0202.

**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

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**Dreaming of Africa, by Alex Beard.** The Lorton Workhouse Arts Center Grand Opening Celebration runs Friday, Sept. 19 through Saturday, Sept. 27. Learn about the history of the former prison, visit artists' studios, purchase fine art and enjoy musical and theater performances.

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**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. Free performance by Mount Vernon Band and Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic, 7 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

**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. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

**Virginia Chamber Orchestra presents "Music in the Life of George Washington."** 4 p.m. Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike,



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## MONDAY/SEPT. 22

**Practice English. 7 p.m.**

Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

**Writer's group. 7 p.m.** For all writers.

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## TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

**Kingstowne Library Writer's Review.** 7 p.m. Review peers' works and receive in-depth feedback on your own work. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Tell it Again.** 7 p.m. Come and enjoy stories and activities in Spanish and English. Age 6-10. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

**Practice English.** 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Travel Club.** 1 p.m. Bring lunch and enjoy lively discussion. Adults. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

**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 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Visit [www.disneyonice.com](http://www.disneyonice.com) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

**Stories and Science.** 4 p.m. Stories, activities and an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

**Things that Go!** 1 p.m. Explore different types of transportation through stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

**Australian Adventure.** 1:30 p.m. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 4-5 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

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**Basic Gardening: Pollinators and other Beneficial Insects.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. Master Gardeners will explain the importance of pollinators to our lives and what can be done to provide a welcoming habitat. \$12. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit [www.greenspring.org](http://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. 703-971-0010.

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

**Fall Garden Festival.** 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Friends of Green Spring-sponsored fund raiser with adult and family activities, including a lecture by author Nancy Hugo, tea program on the subject of wood, silent auction and plant sale, local artisans specializing in garden art and crafts. Proceeds help acquire plants and add to Green Spring's educational efforts. Lecture \$20. Tea Program \$25. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. 703-642-5173 or [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

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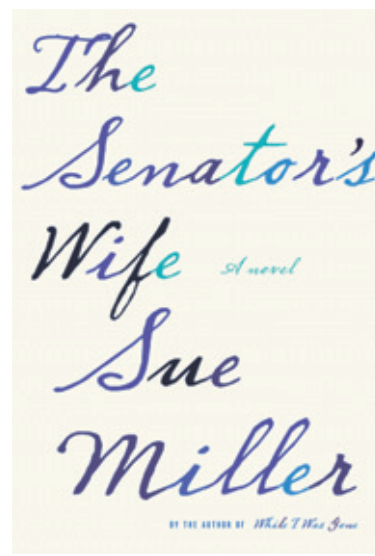
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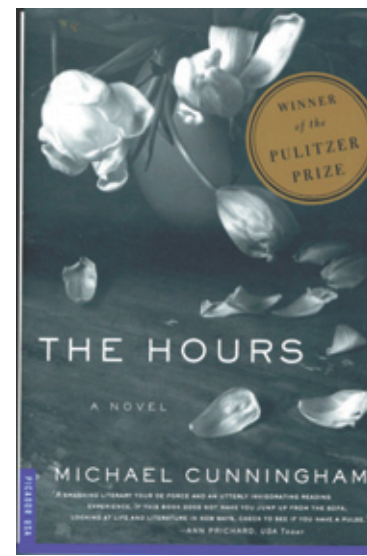
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BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

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](http://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).

For a complete list of events and participants, go to: [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

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After giving their presentations, guest speakers including Stephen Fuller and John Mason took questions from the audience.

# 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 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."

## VOLUNTEERS

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# SPORTS

## Burke Lake's Mass Dash

Area runners compete in annual Monroe Parker Invitational.

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**Originally scheduled for Sept. 6, the Monroe Parker was postponed because of inclement weather. Often one of the first meets of the season, the race at Burke Lake provides teams with an early look at the competition.**

JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**uesday'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 that's put in over the summer. It also offers a sneak peek at some of the talent they'll see later in the season.

Still, 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.

If the Monroe Parker was any indication, the Stallions are right on track to make that move.

The boys team's second-place finish to Lake Braddock not only validated the work they've put in, but it also allowed coach Robert Christie's team to see where they need to go.

"I'm really happy about today," Christie said. "We worked really hard this summer, so we feel like we're ready to make a move in the region. It's just a matter of staying healthy and making sure that we don't get overconfident."

Tom Keefe led South County with an eighth-best time of 16 minutes, 9.13 seconds, and he

was followed by teammate Brett Mandeville, who finished 18th with a time of 16:31.25.

Alyssa Campbell led the South County girls team with her time of 20:08.45, which ranked her 36th.

For Lake Braddock, a team that's used to posing for pictures with trophies after several races at Burke Lake Park, the Monroe Parker might've seemed like old hat. However, 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 Bruins coach Mike 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: on top. 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 senior sensation 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."

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

— Mike Mangan



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

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

## SPORTS

# A Two-Way Street

Behind two stellar backs, Robinson football continues to improve.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson 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.

**"We've always kind of gone with a committee in the backfield."**

— Mark Bendorf

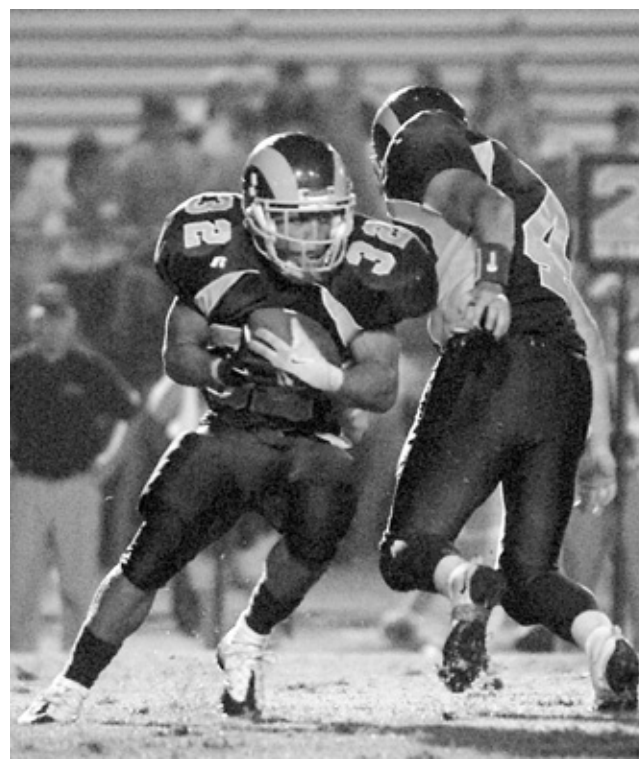


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**Robinson senior Wynton Fox, part of the Rams' talented two-back system, ran for 110 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries during a 50-27 loss to West Springfield last Friday.**

"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

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

### GAMES OF THE WEEK

1. Westfield at Chantilly
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.  
 Edison at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.  
 Falls Church at Wakefield, 7:30 p.m.  
 Stuart at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.  
 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  
 Annandale at T.C. Williams, 1:00 p.m.



**Jason Mackey**

*Sports Editor*

**Last Week: 8-2**

**Season: 16-4**

**Percentage: 80%**

1. Westfield
2. Stone Bridge
3. Edison
4. West Potomac
5. Langley
6. Centreville
7. South County
8. McLean
9. LSU
10. Redskins



**Mark Giannotto**

*Sports Editor*

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1. Westfield
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7. South County
8. McLean
9. Auburn
10. Redskins



**Rich Sanders**

*Sports Editor*

**Last Week: 9-1**

**Season: 15-5**

**Percentage: 75%**

1. Chantilly
2. Stone Bridge
3. Edison
4. West Potomac
5. Langley
6. Herndon
7. Lake Braddock
8. McLean
9. Auburn
10. Cardinals

# COMMUNITY

## HOT Lanes on I-95/395

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cently as March 2008. It reported that returns on many roads had not met expectations.

Transurban, the Australian partner for Fluor, has felt this pinch. On June 30, 2008, it posted a \$140 million loss in revenues. It already operates two roads in Virginia, the new Beltway lease with 78 years to run on Route 495 and 97 more years to run on Pocahontas Parkway near Richmond.

The long leases that Virginia gave Fluor/Transurban without a public bidding have been a sharp point of criticism in the Beltway project. Steward Schwartz of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, the Sierra Club and others questioned why the state could not build and collect the tolls directly.

The newspaper.com, a trade blog reporting on the politics of public roads, reported last month that Transurban received \$13.7 million in tolls and fees from running Pocahontas Parkway, which barely covered the payout to departing chief executive officer Kim Edwards whose salary and benefits on leaving came to \$14,316,553.

Earlier this year, Transurban admitted making some \$170,000 in illegal contributions to 90 Virginia political races.

**IN THE BELTWAY** project, Virginia also agreed that if the use of car pooling exceeded the contract expectations of Fluor/Transurban, the state would pay amounts equal to 70 percent of the tolls "applicable" for the number of "High Occupancy Vehicles" using the HOT Lanes.

Before the fuel crisis, this item would not have meant much. But beginning in June as gas prices hit \$4 a gallon, car pooling on the Interstate 95/395 Corridor exploded. This system, a private, ad hoc picking up of riders known as "slugging" allows a driver to pick up one, two or more riders from several locations in Prince William and Fairfax County and use the HOV lanes. The same process can be used going back south at night.

The institution begun in the 1970s has carried hundreds of thousands of people to and from Washington and the Pentagon. Titunik, for instance, a former Department of the Army official, used the slug lines to get to work at the Pentagon.

He believes that one of the important things in the public meetings will find out what the "slugs" want. He said additional pickup points may be important, particularly in the 28 miles south of Dumfries.

He said VDOT will also seek information from public officials. Corey Stewart the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors has been opposed to HOT Lanes from the beginning. He and others think the cost is far too great and in the end will destroy a public, informal system of moving people.

### SENIOR LIVING

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

**The 2008 The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** is Sept. 20-Oct. 2, with opening day 10:30 a.m. at The Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St., Arlington. The competition for senior adults 50 years of age and over has events throughout the Fairfax County. Events include swimming, tennis, bowling, golf, pickleball, board games, card games, team line dancing, diving, ice skating, racquetball, scrabble and more. \$10 registration, events \$1. Register by Sept. 5 by visiting senior centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, ext. 9996.

**Senior Facilities Fair**, Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. Learn more about the offerings of eight senior living facilities. St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, between Rolling and Guinea Roads. Call 703-978-8724.

The City of Fairfax Senior Center hosts "Easy Strength Training" classes on Wednesdays, from 10:30-

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**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 or jason.rhodenhizer@crbc.org.

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**Ravenworth Baptist Church fall dinner and discussion series, The Church in the Public Square.** Wednesday, Sept. 24 will feature a "town hall meeting" on Politics in the Pulpit and in the Pew; Oct. 8, Theological Basis of the Church in the Public Square, led by Dr. Sondra Wheeler, professor of Christian ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary; and Oct. 15, The

Church in the Public Square in Practice, led by Dr. Robert Maddox, pastor of Briggs Memorial Baptist Church, Bethesda. All events begin at 6:30 p.m. following dinner at 5:45 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$6. The church is at 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. 703-941-4113.

**St. George's United Methodist Church and Preschool Kids Stuff Sale**, Saturday, Sept. 27, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Children's clothing, books, toys, furniture and other baby and kid gear. Cash only. Chicken barbeque available for purchase starting at 11:30 a.m. The church is located at 4910 Ox Road in Fairfax.

**Congregation Adat Reyim Men's Club** meeting Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. Guests will be Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) and Keith Fimian (R). Both candidates are running for the 11th District Congressional seat. Reserve at berko@cox.net.

**Eckankar, Virginia Satsang Society.** An interactive presentation on ways to shed light on fear. Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. Free. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-916-0515.

**Harvest Church Community Days.** Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. includes a rock wall, inflatables, pony rides, face painting, drawings and free food. Sunday, Oct. 5 begins with a one-hour community service at 10:30 a.m. Free. Harvest Church, 7401 Beulah St., in the Kingstowne area of Alexandria. 703-971-7070 or www.harvestchurchag.org

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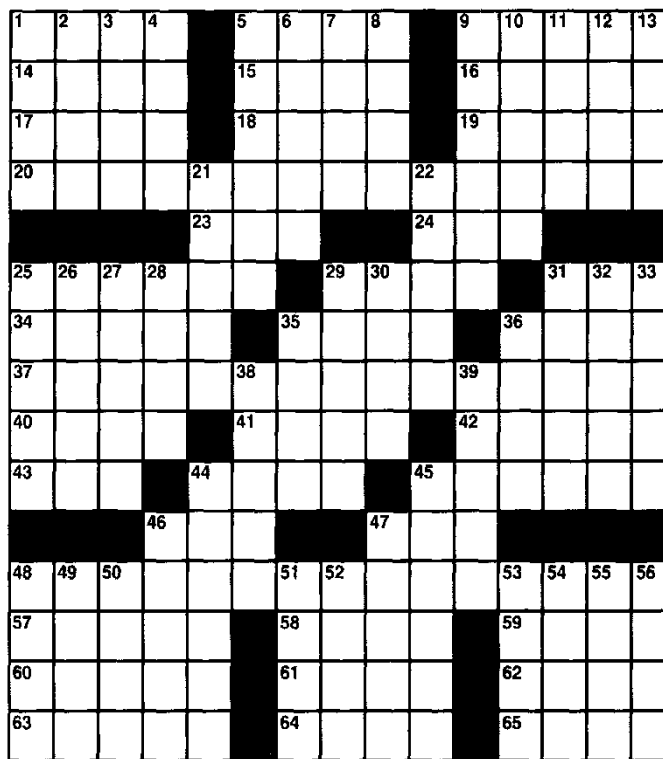
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  - 5 Baby buggy
  - 9 Popular jeans
  - 14 During
  - 15 Four-star review
  - 16 Defendant's excuse
  - 17 Honored lady
  - 18 Portent
  - 19 St. Kitts and \_\_\_\_\_ (Caribbean nation)
  - 20 Fashion slogan in the business world
  - 23 Brooch
  - 24 What's left after deductions
  - 25 Palestinian chief Yasir
  - 29 Trot or canter
  - 31 Concert music blaster
  - 34 Childbirth
  - 35 "Schindler's \_\_\_\_\_"
  - 36 Asterisk
  - 37 Advice for the impulsive consumer
  - 40 Pianist Myra
  - 41 Bruins' sch.
  - 42 "\_\_\_\_\_ ho!"
  - 43 Surgery sites, for short
  - 44 Son of Seth
  - 45 Food wrappers and such on the street
  - 46 Slump
  - 47 Response to a bad call
  - 48 Catch phrase for the avid mallgoer
  - 57 Approvals
  - 58 Dinghy propellers
  - 59 College in New Rochelle
  - 60 Leader after Indian independence
  - 61 Soothing agent
  - 62 Runs (for)
  - 63 Carpenter's device
  - 64 Educator Horace
  - 65 Helper: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 3 One who gives the silent treatment?
  - 4 Summer quaffs
  - 5 Loss's opposite
  - 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Navarro, 1926 Ben Hur
  - 7 Allege
  - 8 Kind of room
  - 9 Surgical instrument
  - 10 Vote into office
  - 11 On the qui \_\_\_\_\_
  - 12 Wading bird
  - 13 Snake sound
  - 21 The fifth tire
  - 22 Togetherness
  - 25 Notwithstanding, informally
  - 26 Pinker than pink
  - 27 Bottomless pit
  - 28 Watch chains
  - 29 Cyndi Lauper's "\_\_\_\_\_ Just Want to Have Fun"
  - 30 On a deck, perhaps
  - 31 No longer on deck?
  - 32 Purple shade
  - 33 Snoop
  - 35 Kooky
  - 36 It's for the birds
  - 38 Mushrooms, e.g.
  - 39 State sch. in Athens
  - 44 Completely consumes
  - 45 Start to untie
  - 46 \_\_\_\_\_ whale
  - 47 "Don Juan" poet
  - 48 In \_\_\_\_\_ (together)
  - 49 Toe's opposite
  - 50 Worker welfare org.
  - 51 Rich soil
  - 52 Kind of land
  - 53 Woman who can carry a tune
  - 54 French kings
  - 55 Handy bills
  - 56 History

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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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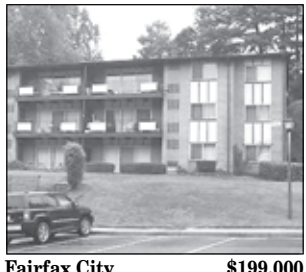
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**Jim Fox 703-503-1800**



**Fairfax City** **\$199,000**  
2BR, 1BA updated condo in Fairfax City. Brand new kitchen: 42" maple cabs, granite, stainless steel app. Newer carpet, fresh paint, new fixtures. Great location! Close to major transportation and shopping!  
**Courtney Jordan 703-503-1835**



**Oakton** **\$1,100,000**  
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**Nancy Basham 703-772-2066**



**Fairfax** **\$439,900**  
Prestige Garage Townhome in Fairfax. 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, hardwoods LL, stairs, main & upper stairs, ss appliances, huge LR, separate DR. Open Floor Plan, Deck. Great Location—close to major roads, Vienna metro, shops, & more!!  
**Mary Ann Osborne 703-503-1485**



**North Springfield** **\$525,000**  
Bank Owned. Expanded colonial featuring main level master bedroom, wood floors, family room with fireplace, double decks, large back yard, upgraded kitchen with granite. Off street parking.  
**Judy Semler 703-503-1885**



**Fairfax** **\$574,900**  
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**Ann Grainger 703-503-1870**



**Woodbridge** **\$120,000**  
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