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— Marie Mickley, 12, Springfield

Joseph Mickley and his daughter, Marie, of Springfield, attend the Pentagon Memorial dedication ceremony on Sept. 11 in Arlington. Mickleys' first wife, Patricia Mickley, was killed in the attack on the Pentagon.



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Thousands of guests and dignitaries attend the dedication ceremony for the Sept. 11 Memorial at the Pentagon in Arlington. The Pentagon memorial is the first official Sept. 11 memorial to be dedicated in the country.

In Her Mother's Lap

Memorial at site of plane crash honors lives of those killed at Pentagon in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

For Springfield resident Marie Mickley, coming to the Pentagon Memorial on Thursday, Sept. 11 was a chance to reconnect with her mother, Patricia.

Patricia Mickley worked in the Pentagon as a civilian and was killed on Sept. 11 when Marie was 5.

"I know when she went off to work it was just a normal day," said Marie, now 12. "I thought everything was going O.K. It just seemed normal until the crash."

When the attack occurred, Marie was just

old enough to gather a few vivid memories of her mother. She loved Disney movies like "The Lion King," Marie recalled, and her favorite foods were strawberries and ketchup.

But now Marie's life is very different. Her father, Joseph, remarried several years ago and this year she began attending Lake Braddock Secondary School along with her two stepsiblings.

"Our lives have become enriched," said Joseph Mickley, Marie's father. "I feel blessed with a wonderful family and a new wife and two wonderful stepchildren. I'm happy."

For Joseph Mickley, visiting the Pentagon

Memorial last week was a way to reflect on the way his life once was. For Marie Mickley, visiting the memorial was a chance to reconnect with a past that she can barely remember.

"Sitting on the bench made me feel like I was sitting on her lap again," she said. "It was like she was really there."

THE PENTAGON MEMORIAL, created in remembrance of those who lost their lives in the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon, was dedicated last week on the seventh anniversary of the attack.

The dedication ceremony drew over 10,000 people to the Pentagon for an invi-

tation-only event honoring the victims of the 2001 attacks. President George W. Bush, along with Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, spoke at the event about the need to remember the events of that day seven years ago.

The Pentagon Memorial not only honors those whose lives were lost on Sept. 11, Bush said, but also serves as a reminder of the first responders to the incident as well as the many Pentagon employees who saved their colleagues' lives.

"As we walk along these benches, we re-

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2011 Deadline Leading Army's Decision?

Supervisor concerned that BRAC deadline primary factor in Army's decision process.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) thinks the General Services Administration (GSA) Warehouse site on 6808 Loisdale Road is the best possible site for BRAC Nomination 133. He just doesn't think it will be selected.

"In my meetings with the Army, it seems to me like the Victory Center site [in Alexandria] is the front runner. The reason I say that is from the army's standpoint there's

one goal in mind: get these people in by Sept 2011," said McKay. "All other factors like cost-efficiency, moral, traffic, local government, all those things are secondary to the number one issue which is timeliness."

The Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) is a Congressionally mandated consolidation and relocation of approximately 19,000 Army personnel to the Springfield-Alexandria area. Established in 2005, most of the jobs will be absorbed into Fort Belvoir. According to Don Carr, public affairs officer for Fort Belvoir,

the Engineering Proving Grounds (EPG), a mile and a half northwest of the base, had room for the 6,400 BRAC-related jobs with the Washington Headquarters Service on site, but concerns over traffic compelled them to seek alternative sites.

"The issue that everybody saw, Army planners, [the Virginia Department of Transportation], right away everybody realized the traffic network serving the EPG was not going to support 18,000 people," said Carr, adding that the Army later agreed to cap the number of employees station at the EPG to 8,500. The National Security Agency is already building offices at the EPG.

The issue of timeliness is key. The nomination, which would bring upwards of 6,000 military jobs to the area, has been

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— Don Carr, Public Affairs Officer for Fort Belvoir

narrowed down to three sites: the GSA Warehouse, the Victory Center at 5001 Eisenhower Ave. and the Mark Center on Seminary Road, both located in nearby Alexandria. While the GSA Warehouse is the only site that is currently owned by the government, the warehouses themselves must

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A Billboard Is a Billboard

Honk if you are a “rolling billboard.” Even if you are not rolling at the time. Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay wants to know who you are and where you are.

During Monday’s Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting, McKay introduced a Board Matter calling for staff to review the county code on measures that can be adopted to regulate advertising signs painted on the side of trucks that “appear to be serving as both rolling and stationary billboards” throughout the county.

“Our zoning ordinance is quite comprehensive in specifying the type, size, and permit requirements for signs that can be installed in Fairfax County. However, I have heard from a number of constituents who are concerned with trucks that appear to be functioning as both rolling and stationary billboards,” McKay stated.

“These trucks are not carrying cargo or performing business activities — they are simply functioning as signs — and rather large ones at that. They seem particularly prevalent in our revitalization areas — where we can least tolerate this type of loophole violation of the ordinance,” he said.

“It seems that our ordinance falls short of regulating this new form of visual blight,” McKay told his fellow supervisors. Therefore, he wants staff to “review the county code and report back to the Board on measures that can be adopted to regulate such billboards.”

Woman Abducted at Mall

A 61-year-old Alexandria woman died this week after being abducted at the Springfield Mall by two teenagers Saturday afternoon. The body of Barbara “Bobbi” Bosworth, who lived in the 3800 block of White Post Court in Alexandria, was later found in her four-door Saturn, which had crashed near an intersection Woodbridge.

“We don’t really know what happened at the mall,” said First Sgt. Kim Chinn, a spokeswoman for the Prince William County Police Department. “At this point, we are still putting together a timeline.”

Chinn said that the woman and the two teenagers were seen at a PDQ Mart in Woodbridge that afternoon, where a man became suspicious when he noticed how closely they were following her through the store. The man hugged her, pretending to know her in an effort to find out if she was in danger. She whispered in his ear that she needed help, so the man called police with a description of the car and the situation.

But police were not able to respond before the teenagers began driving the woman’s Saturn at a high rate of speed through the streets of Woodbridge. The teenage driver who carjacked Bosworth’s Saturn lost control of the vehicle and crashed into some trees at the intersection of Neabsco Road and Indus Drive. One of the suspects was ejected from the vehicle, and the other was found in the car along with Bosworth, who died at the scene. Both men were airlifted to a local hospital.

The names of the two suspects were later released by the Prince William County Police Department: Lutchman Lawrence, 19, of Danville died at the hospital on Monday. Keith Baskerville, a 19-year-old Woodbridge resident, is still in critical condition. Police officials say they have prepared a warrant charging him with carjacking and robbery with the intent to extort money, although they are waiting for his condition to improve before they serve the warrant.

“He’s very ill, and he’s not going to get up and go anywhere right now,” said Chinn. “At this point, we wait until his condition improves.”

Bosworth is survived by her husband, Thomas Bosworth; her brother, Barry Spink; two sisters, Bonnie Spink Kay and Leslie Bassich and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will be Sept. 19, at 11 a.m., at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home. Interment will take place at a later date in Portland, Ore.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



The marina of Lake Accotink Park was deluged with driftwood, trees and other debris in the wake of Tropical Storm Hanna.

Accotink in Disrepair

Springfield park suffers an estimated \$500,000 in damages.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Lake Accotink was hit hard by flood rains Saturday, Sept. 6 as a result of Tropical Storm Hanna, dumping as much as 7 inches of rain in certain areas throughout the park.

The land portions of the marina were flooded, filling the bay up with debris. The parking lot had been pounded by fierce waters that tore chunks of asphalt from the ground. A section of the flashboards at the top of the dam was smashed, “most likely by a root ball or a big tree” according to Lee Shenefiel, operations manager for Lake Accotink Park.

“[The damage] was mostly from water, there wasn’t a lot of wind damage,” said Shenefiel. “When we have a lot of wind damage, trees tend to fall down.”

At a clean-up effort Saturday, Sept. 13, driftwood could be found throughout the park, filling up the marina, including a full grown tree that had to be fished out using a tractor. Over by the dam, trees and driftwood lined the top of the bashed in portion of the flashboards as water ran over unimpeded. Water flowed from there to an adjacent parking lot, filling it up. When the water receded Saturday, Sept. 6, around 7 p.m., debris was littered all over the grounds as well as the picnic area.

Shenefiel also said the asphalt paths of the picnic area showed minor erosion.

Erosion caused major problems at Lake Royal Dam in Burke during the storm, forcing county public

works crews to perform mid-storm repairs and adjustments. Shenefiel said that was not the case at Lake Accotink.

“I don’t think we really have a lot of erosion damage per say. There’s lots of washout in places, but that’s not really erosion,” she said.

To address the most immediate, fixable problems, like cleaning the parking lot and getting the picnic areas back up and running, Lake Accotink Park staff sent e-mails out to civic organizations and news outlets about a volunteer cleanup on Sept 13 and 14.

DEN LEADER Larry Bailey and Cub Master Karl Gerdes of the Falls Church-based Cub Scout Pack 1229 were picking driftwood out of the Marina late Saturday afternoon, Sept. 13. Bailey and Gerdes, along

with their sons, Peter and Harrison, said the pack had sent approximately 10 members to assist in the cleanup when they received an e-mail from their district commissioner to all nearby scout packs.

According to Bailey, rotten logs, leaves, Styrofoam and other garbage were strewn throughout the inner portion of the marina shore. Combined with the low water level after the flashboards broke,

Shenefiel said boating from the area would not go to be possible until both of those issues were addressed.

Damage estimates for the park were upwards of \$500,000, according to Accotink Park Manager Tawny Hammond. Hammond said she expects the flashboards to be fixed by Sept. 22 and that calls were put in to get the parking lot repaved in the next few weeks. In the meantime, another volunteer clean-up is scheduled for Sept. 20 and 21, from 12-5 p.m.. The park’s regularly scheduled cleanup on Oct. 18 is still in place as well.

“We can’t wait until October,” said Hammond.

“During emergency situations, you see all the little positive community spirit come out.”

— Tawny Hammond

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CRIME

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

7100 block of Layton Drive. Two women were assaulted during an altercation on Friday, Sept. 5. Around 1:15 a.m., the two women answered a loud knock at their front door in the 7100 block of Layton Drive. They were met by another woman who confronted them and produced a knife. A struggle ensued and the first victim, a 36-year-old Alexandria-area woman, was cut in the hand and forced to the ground. The second victim fled into a bedroom and the suspect followed her. The suspect stabbed the second victim in the arm and the two again struggled. The suspect then fled from the apartment. Both victims were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and treated for their non life-threatening injuries. The suspect was known by the victims. The investigation is ongoing.

UPDATE - HOMICIDE ARREST

6200 block of Indian Run Parkway. Fairfax County detectives assigned to the Fugitive Unit, along with United States Marshals and Metropolitan D.C. police officers located and apprehended Santo Ortez Sheffey. The arrest occurred in the 1500 block of Pennsylvania Ave., in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Sept. 5 around 5 p.m. Sheffey is being held in Washington, D.C. awaiting extradition back to Virginia. He is charged in the murder of a woman found dead in the 6200 block of Indian Run Parkway on Monday, Sept. 1 at approximately 11:45 p.m. The victim, 46-year-old Sharon Harvin, was found deceased in her home by a family member. This was the 11th homicide in Fairfax County this year.

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Getting To Know ...

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

BY LINDSAY GSELL
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Christina Heimlich

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

PROFILE

Traditionally, Christina Heimlich Dancers perform an original piece choreographed by Heimlich at the festival. For the past 38 festivals, Heimlich's dancers have graced the stage. This year's festival featured Heimlich's interpretation of the Pied Piper.

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

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

PEOPLE NOTES

Greenspring Retirement Community's theater group, the Greenspring Players, recently presented a \$1,000 Patricia Bonser Scholarship to **Thomas B. Prescott**, and a \$1,000 Greenspring Players Scholarship to **Michel Faulkner**. Both are students in George Mason University's Theater Arts program.

Tyler Holsey Cookson of Springfield was selected to be a Connection Leader at Lynchburg College, in a program that equips students with the tools to make a successful transition to campus life. Cookson is a junior busi-

ness administration major.

Michael P. Williams has graduated from the Army ROTC Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. Williams is a student at James Madison University in Harrisonburg and the son of Mark E. and Anne E. Williams of Turlock Road, Springfield. Williams is a 2006 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

Army Pfc. Elizabeth S. Walker has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Walker is the daughter of Anita Walker

of Dorothy Lane, Springfield, and a 2006 graduate of the Youth Challenge Program, Virginia Beach.

Navy Ensign Tara C. McCluskey of Springfield is currently enrolled at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, Md., the nation's only fully accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. McCluskey is a 2004 graduate of West Springfield High School, and joined the Navy in June 2008. She is a 2008 graduate of James Madison University, and the daughter of Kelly A. Walsh and Robert A. McCluskey of Springfield.

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



Air Force Airman Jason H. Lee has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, after earning distinction as an honor graduate. Lee is the son of Jack and Nancy Lee of Giles Place, Springfield, and a 2007 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School.

Decision on Sept. 30

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be relocated as part of the process if the site is selected. That could take time, which McKay believes will ultimately take the site out of the running in the eyes of the Army, which has set a Sept. 30 deadline for selecting a site.

"From my standpoint, just because something is hard doesn't mean you shouldn't do it. This site is the hardest to accomplish, but it's also the right one," said McKay.

With the Franconia/Springfield Metro Station within walking distance of the site and direct access to I-95, McKay called the decision a "no-brainer" from a traffic perspective.

"We don't just have a Metro station, we have a transportation center," said McKay, noting the Tag Circulator and Connector bus systems, a Virginia Railway Express stop and a regional bus hub that stretches around Fairfax and Prince William County. "None of the other sites have that to offer."

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— Susan Fremit

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Carr said that the Army was following a deadline established by Congress in a Defense Authorization bill for having the facility secured and the 6,400 employees at work.

"From the Army's perspective, the timeline is a matter of law. We're not aware there's any flexibility built into a law," said Carr.

Carr stressed that the Army was looking for the best possible site that fit into that timeline.

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same time [a site] that provides the best chance for success. Success being defined as getting a site up and running by 2011,"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Achievement Gap: Black and Hispanic Student Test Scores

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE LARGEST BLACK POPULATIONS:

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

SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH THE LARGEST HISPANIC POPULATIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

— John Johnson,
Minority Student Achievement
Oversight Committee

OPINION

Candidate Visits Are Educational

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Watch Debates

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

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

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. 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.

LETTERS

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.

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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.vwx>

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

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

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

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

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

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

— MARY KIMM

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Choose the New Maestro

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

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

— **David Salness, concertmaster**

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

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

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

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

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

"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.

With six conductors, actually. Fortissimo.



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



Get Involved

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

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

VISIT www.fairfaxsymphony.org.
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PERFORMANCES are at George Mason University, Concert Hall of Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive in Fairfax.



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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

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.

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New Maestro

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

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

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

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

Francis Kieffer, of Mantua, has been a regular attendee of concerts with her husband Jerry Kieffer for years. She looks forward to learning about each of the guest conductors and watching how the orchestra responds to each conductor throughout the year.

"It's kind of an adventure, actually," she said, of the upcoming season.

Lisa Baltzer, a violist, is the longest playing member of the orchestra who joined in 1964.

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

Each of the six conductors has chosen the repertoire for their concert, as well as the guest soloist to perform.

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

THE NEW music director will assume the position at the beginning of the 2009-2010 season.

The music director plans the music to be performed each season, invites the guest

soloists, auditions new players, and will serve as the public face of the orchestra, Smith said. "He or she also shapes its education and outreach programs, and embodies the overall philosophy and artistic direction of the organization."

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

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

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is funded in part by the County of Fairfax, the Virginia Commission for the Arts and the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

The Orchestra made its Kennedy Center debut in 1974.

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

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

Former National Symphony Orchestra music director Leonard Slatkin guest conducted the orchestra last season.

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

To Go

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Pedja Muzijevic, concert pianist and director of Music Programming at the Baryshnikov Arts Center, performs with French horn soloist Eric Ruske and violinist Jessica Lee on Friday, Sept. 19 at the new Lorton Workhouse Arts Center.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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 \$10, children 10 and under free. New World Unity Church, 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. 703-913-8560

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 adults, \$10 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.

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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. 703-971-0010.
Writer's group. 7 p.m. For all writers. Read your material aloud for feedback. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.
Practice English. 3 p.m. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

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. 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 by Ticketmaster outlets, online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000 or visit www.disneyonice.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

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. 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.
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

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.

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.

Richard Byrd Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Last sale before the library closes for renovations. Library discards, fiction, romance, mystery, science fiction, children's and non-fiction. Richard Byrd Community Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield.

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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 filled with adult and family activities, including a lecture by author Nancy Hugo, tea program on the subject of wood, silent auction and plant sale, including 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. www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

An Evening with Barbara Cook, Tony-award winning singer and actress. A variety of songs from Rodgers and Hammerstein, Rodgers and Hart, the Gershwins, Sondheim and other American favorites. Free valet parking provided. Reception at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$75 for Workhouse members, \$100 for non-members. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-495-0001. www.Workhouse.org.

Richard Byrd Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Library discards, fiction, romance, mystery, science fiction, children's and non-fiction. Richard Byrd Community Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield.

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Karl Gerdes said working to help clean up the park was a tangible example to his Cub Scouts of the responsibility they have to the community they live in.

"I like to find activities where the Cubs can see a clear connection between their work and the results," said Karl Gerdes.

Peter Bailey, 9, said the task was hard, but he was satisfied with the progress they had made.

"It was hard work, we cleaned up a lot of sticks and mud," he said. "Thank goodness the people here had gloves."

Hammond said she was touched by the local outreach that she has seen in the wake of the storm.

"During emergency situations, you see all the little positive community spirit come out and sometimes we get so busy we don't see it," Hammond said.

"When you look at some of the tragedies, what we had is nobody got killed," she said. "It's so very minor. It's frustrating because it took us out of commission, but it's minor."

Harrison Gerdes, 9, who spent hours in the heat tending the to the marina, summed up the day's work.

"I think we did a good job. [The marina] looks fairly clean," he said.



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Garfield Elementary Celebrates Patriot Day

All 320 Garfield Elementary students gather in front of the flagpole for the Sept. 11 Patriot Day celebration last Thursday. Members of the Garfield SCA raised the American flag and a 9-11 memorial flag. The 9-11 flag was purchased in 2004 and donated to the school by Garfield's business partner, Long & Foster of Springfield. Math teacher Susan McKittrick organized the ceremony.

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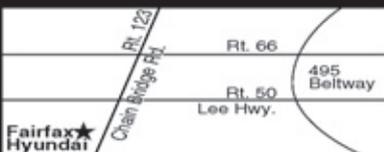
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Dedication Brings Out Victims' Families

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member that many more lives could've been lost," Bush said. "On one of the worst days in American history, we saw some of the greatest acts in American history."

THE MEMORIAL is located on a nearly 2-acre plot near the Pentagon at the site of the attack. On the plot are 184 benches, one for each person who died when American Airlines Flight 77 was flown into the southwestern wall of the Pentagon.

"From this time on, the Pentagon will be more than a seat of government, more than a symbol of power."

— Secretary of Defense Robert Gates

Underneath each of the 184 cantilevered benches at the Memorial is a reflecting pool of water that is illuminated at night. The benches are arranged by the age of the victims at the time of their deaths, from 71-year-old Navy Veteran John Yamnicky to 3-year-old Dana Falkenberg, who was travelling on Flight 77 with her parents and 8-year-old sister Zoe, all of whom died in the plane crash.

Some of the benches face away from the Pentagon while others face towards it. This is to distinguish those who died in the building on Sept. 11 from those who

were passengers on Flight 77.

Julie Beckman and Keith Kaseman, two New York City architects, designed the memorial. Their design was selected in a contest of more than 1,100 submissions by a panel of architects, family members and public figures in the Washington D.C. area.

Many of those at the dedication ceremony said that the Pentagon Memorial would stand alongside Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial as one of the most solemn sites in the Washington D.C. area. "From this time on," Gates said, "The Pentagon will be more than a seat of government, more than a symbol of power."

FAITH NOTES

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

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.

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Let's Get Physical

With 50-27 victory, West Springfield gets back on track.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't a stretch that West Springfield football coach Bill Renner thought would be all that enjoyable. He didn't expect his starters to play three quarters, score 60 points and spend the fourth quarter making plans for after the game. But, Renner knew that like any difficult task, it would be worth it in the long run.

The Spartans, now 1-2 after a statement-making 50-27 win last Friday at Robinson, started their season with two teams that will likely face each other in the Northern Region Div. 5 title game — Stone Bridge and Edison.

That's like sprinting into a wall, turning around and then sprinting back into that same wall, just to make sure that you've absorbed the full impact.

"We had a tough game against Edison that could've gone either way and [against] Stone Bridge we just got outplayed," said Andy Stallings, West Springfield wide receiver, who caught six passes for 138 yards and a touchdown against Robinson. "It wasn't a good feeling. It shouldn't have been like that."

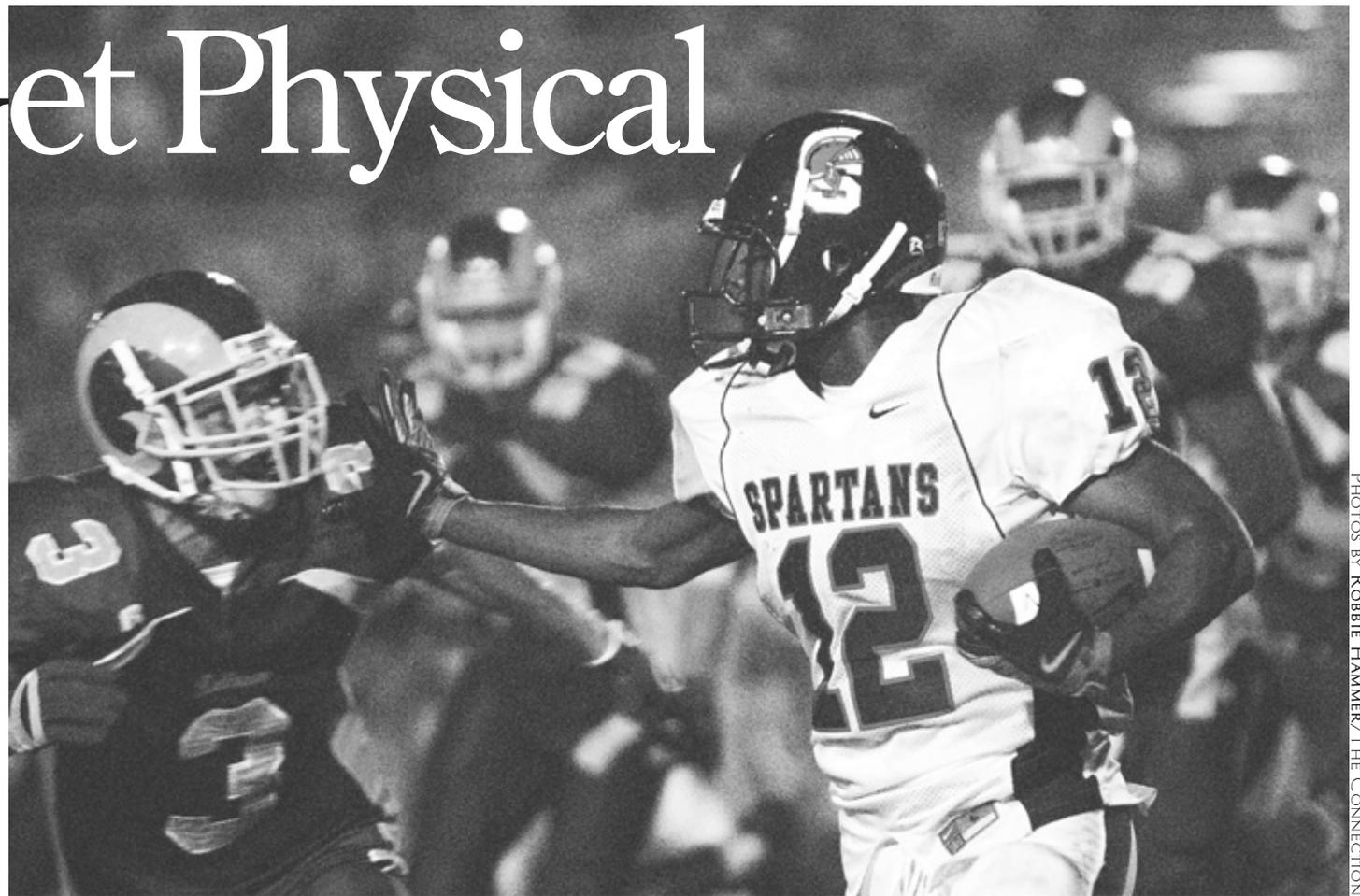
Stone Bridge clobbered West Springfield, 42-28, and Edison slipped past the Spartans, 35-34. After reviewing his team's game film from the Edison loss, Renner counted 12 situations in which one play could've altered the outcome of the game.

The following week in practice, Renner's message was simple: When it's your turn to make a play ... make it.

West Springfield made play after play against Robinson. Even when they didn't, it seemed like the Earth's axis was still shifted in West Springfield's favor as the Spartans scored on five of their first seven drives.

On the two drives in which West Springfield didn't score, 52- and 55-yard punts pinned the Rams deep.

BEHIND A PHYSICAL OFFENSIVE LINE, West Springfield quarterback Bryn Renner, Bill Renner's son,



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Filling in for injured starter Brandon Bailey, junior Dan Collins (12) ran for 110 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries.

completed 11 of 26 passes for 211 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while also carrying the ball 12 times for 121 yards and another pair of scores.

"We fought hard those two games," said Bryn Renner, who'll play football at the University of North Carolina next fall. "But I thought we came out here and showed

our identity and showed that we're going to take the rest of the season by storm."

"We weren't going to panic," said the Bill Renner of his team's outlook following the 0-2 start. "We want to play people tough early so we can get better, and I think to-

n ight was the fruition of going through those two weeks."

If Bill Renner's plan proves successful, he'll have likely learned a thing or two in the process. After heat stroke forced senior running back Brandon Bailey (1,438 yards and seven touchdowns in 2007) from the Edison game, his backup, junior Dan Collins, stepped up and "made his play" against the Rams.

Collins proved most dangerous on draw plays, capitalizing on a spread out defense eager to defend Bryn Renner's right arm. In all, Bailey's backup carried the ball 17 times for 110 yards and two touchdowns.

"Danny Collins is a tough, obedient, quiet kid," Bill Renner said. "We feel very comfortable if Brandon goes down. Danny can come in and play in our offense, and he does a really good job for us."

Bryn Renner and Collins traded scoring plays early on. A 12-yard run from Bryn Renner put the Spartans on top 7-0, and Collins answered a Robinson touchdown pass with a 12-yard run of his own to restore the lead.

Collins rumbled 19 yards for his second touchdown with a little more than nine minutes left in the opening half before Spar-

— Bryn Renner

"I thought we came out here and showed our identity."

tans linebacker Scott VanBuren picked off Robinson's Timmy Meier and cruised 24 yards — untouched — into the end zone.

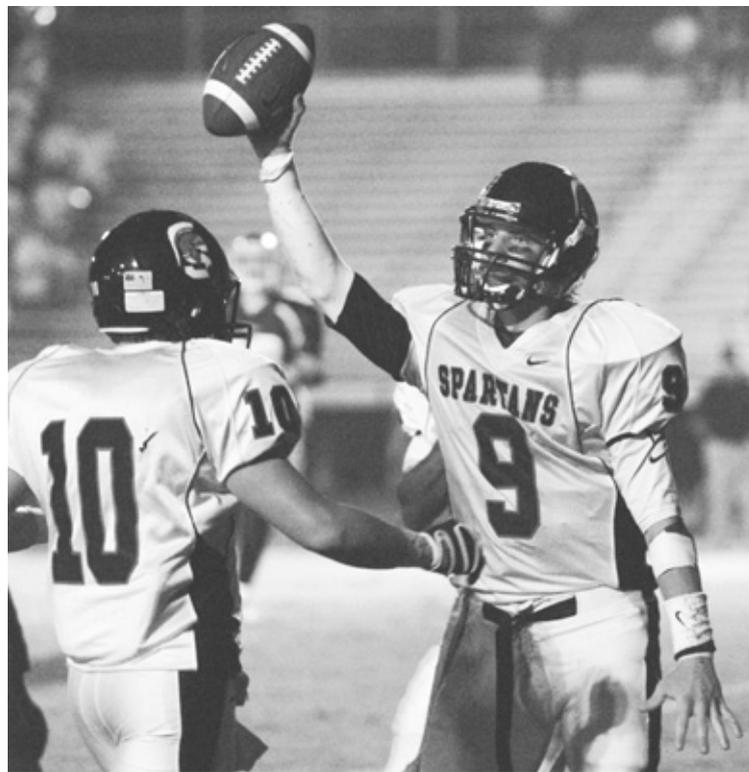
At halftime, West Springfield led 28-14. The Spartans blew the game open when Bryn Renner hit wide receiver Tucker Tobin in the right corner of the end zone to push the Spartans' lead to 21 at 35-14 early in the third.

Robinson's Alex Murray answered with a touchdown run, but Renner found Stallings wide open over the middle for a 48-yard bomb that allowed the receiver to score without anyone coming within 20 yards of him.

Despite the commanding win against the Rams, the Spartans will continue this sort of reclamation project that only elite teams must go through.

"This game was a good stepping stone, because I think we're a lot better than a 1-2 team," Bryn Renner said. "We just have to go out there and prove it."

The Spartans start Patriot District play with Hayfield on Friday.



West Springfield quarterback Bryn Renner celebrates one of his four touchdowns in a 50-27 win over Robinson last Friday. Renner, who'll play football next fall at North Carolina, threw for 211 yards and ran for 121 more.

SPORTS

Mass Dash at Burke Lake

Area runners compete in annual Monroe Parker Invitational.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Tuesday's Monroe Parker Invitational, an annual cross country race run on the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park, traditionally provides both coaches and runners the chance to evaluate the work 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.

Lake Braddock's Liana Epstein and Chantilly's Chris Foley took the individual titles, while Lake Braddock won both the girls and boys team titles.

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.

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

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

"Family comes first," Pellegrini joked.

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

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

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

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

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

The "lesson learned" mantra for the Monroe Parker proved strongest at Edison High School. Leading most of the race, Edison senior Leoule Degfae slowed at the end and was passed by Foley for the title.

Degfae, whose brother Tihut typically joins him at



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Though only a sophomore, Edison's Myah Hicks shows potential on the 2.98-mile Burke Lake Course. Hicks finished second behind Lake Braddock's Liana Epstein.

the front of most races but has been sidelined with a hip flexor issue, later apologized to his team for the error.

"It's a tough way to lose and a tough way to learn a lesson," said Eagles coach Bernadette Flynn. "He thought he had the race won and he slowed down, so hopefully he'll remember that for the rest of the season."

While Degfae's second-place performance might've come as a shock, it wasn't the team's only second-place finish that surprised Flynn.

MYAH HICKS, a sophomore who in the spring was running freshman track and field races sometimes by herself, finished second behind Epstein. Hicks' time — 18:34.65 — served as vindication that the young runner has arrived.

At the start of the boys race, several members of the Lee boys team came barreling down a cement hill and sprinted toward the finish line. They were inexplicably late, and coach Barry Mensh didn't hide his disappointment.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed," Mensh said. "I think on a positive note, out of the 10 guys that ran today, there's only one that has more than one year of experience."

Mensh looks forward to developing his young runners, some of whom were running their first-ever race on Tuesday. Nathanael Meseret, who "underran parts of [the race] and overran parts of it," said Mensh, still managed to finish seventh with his time of 16:08.87. The Lee boys team finished 13th.

On the girls side, the Lancers finished 10th thanks to Erin Moore (19:42.84) and Nina Srikongyos (19:45.31), who finished 23rd and 24th.

"I'm more interested in seeing the other teams play their cards."

— Chris Pellegrini

Improvement At All Levels

Despite struggles, Lee volleyball toughs it out, makes improvements.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Different levels of advancement drive competition. If every player, coach or team was perfect, high school volleyball wouldn't be all that entertaining. Nobody would hand over an easy point and each game would likely take more than the typical 90 minutes.

Sure, everyone would like to put up 26 kills per game and win each match, 3-0. But the reality of our world prevents that from happening.

The Lee volleyball team, a squad that's been heavy on optimism this season but light on results, suffered yet another setback, dropping a 3-0 decision (25-9, 25-17, 25-13) at Chantilly on Monday night.

"It can be [a learning experience]," said Lancer coach Rebecca Waters, whose team finished 6-10 last season. "It's really going to depend on what they get out of it."

IT ALL STARTS at the beginning for the Lancers and hopefully with the volleyball in sophomore setter Crystal Ronan's hands.

Ronan, with her forceful, arching and difficult-to-return jump serve, supplies Lee with its offensive kickstart. Though Ronan logged just one ace against a talented Chantilly squad, Waters believes that a solid start from her top server will make a positive impact on her young team.

"She's got a jump serve and it's relatively consistent," said Waters, whose team will host Wakefield Thursday night. "She's the only one who has a really aggressive serve, and if we can start out with a lead, it sort of boosts their confidence."

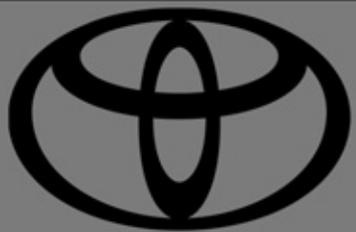
"When it goes over, it has so much top spin that it just kind of drops," Ronan said. "So those are usually very hard to judge where they're going."

Also the team's most talented setter, Ronan has compiled 65 assists so far this season with the bulk going to junior outside hitter Karina Bethea and senior middle blocker Courtney Fitzke, who has a team-high 23 kills. Bethea, who has emerged as the team's top defensive player with 46 digs, has totaled 17 kills on the season, excluding Monday night's results.

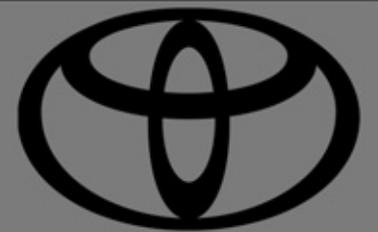
Fellow seniors Paige Wittmer and Sammi Lasley have played their supporting roles well. Wittmer has compiled 16 kills and 29 digs, while Lasley has totaled 13 kills and 41 digs.

While Waters may have several individual pieces to an eventual team puzzle, one that will become more manageable once Patriot District play starts on Sept. 24, those individual pieces have been exactly that. Lee still struggles with its alignment and rotation, something the first-year coach hopes will stop relatively soon.

"I'd like to see them getting the lineup down and knowing where they're going without being confused," Waters said. "They'll have chemistry, they'll be in rotation, they'll know where they're supposed to be and they'll make quick decisions on their own."



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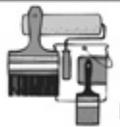
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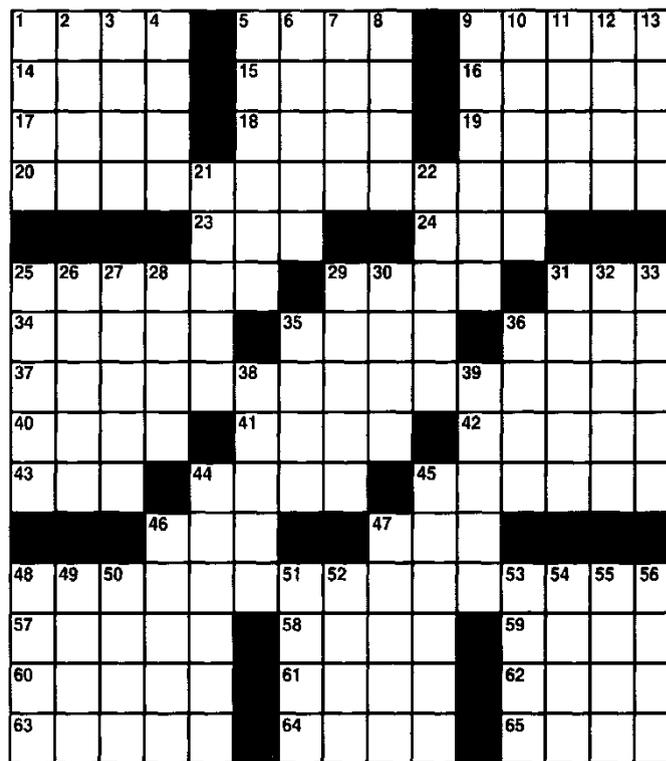
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 - During
 - Four-star review
 - Defendant's excuse
 - Honored lady
 - Portent
 - St. Kitts and _____ (Caribbean nation)
 - Fashion slogan in the business world
 - Brooch
 - What's left after deductions
 - Palestinian chief Yasir
 - Trot or canter
 - Concert music blaster
 - Childbirth
 - "Schindler's _____"
 - Asterisk
 - Advice for the impulsive consumer
- DOWN**
- Anti-D.W.I. group
 - Gen. Bradley
 - One who gives the silent treatment?
 - Summer quaffs
 - Loss's opposite
 - _____ Navarro, 1926 Ben Hur
 - Allege
 - Kind of room
 - Surgical instrument
 - Vote into office
 - On the qui _____
 - Wading bird
 - Snake sound
 - The fifth tire
 - Togetherness
 - Pianist Myra
 - Bruins' sch.
 - "_____ ho!"
 - Surgery sites, for short
 - Son of Seth
 - Food wrappers and such on the street
 - Slump
 - Response to a bad call
 - Catch phrase for the avid mallgoer
 - Approvals
 - Dinghy propellers
 - College in New Rochelle
 - Leader after Indian independence
 - Soothing agent
 - Runs (for)
 - Carpenter's device
 - Educator Horace
 - Helper: Abbr.
 - Notwithstanding, informally
 - Pinker than pink
 - Bottomless pit
 - Watch chains
 - Cyndi Lauper's "_____ Just Want to Have Fun"
 - On a deck, perhaps
 - No longer on deck?
 - Purple shade
 - Snoop
 - Kooky
 - It's for the birds
 - Mushrooms, e.g.
 - State sch. in Athens
 - Completely consumes
 - Start to untie
 - _____ whale
 - "Don Juan" poet
 - In _____ (together)
 - Toe's opposite
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The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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Substitute Trustee

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-Elizabeth Barret Browing

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

Fair Oaks Church
4601 West Ox Road
Fairfax, Virginia

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

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

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

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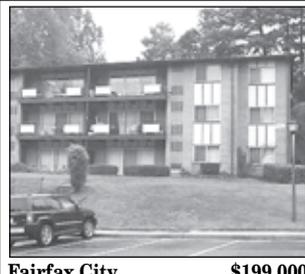
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Ann Grainger 703-503-1870



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