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Peaceful Etchings

Lake Braddock art students mark Peace Day with sidewalk masterpieces.



Anna Jones, an eighth-grader at Lake Braddock Secondary, draws some art with chalk at the school on Friday morning. Eighth-grade art students spent part of their morning creating a variety of peace-themed drawing as part of the global CHALK4PEACE project that began in 2005 in Washington, D.C. The Sept 21 event celebrates International Peace Day.



To help celebrate International Peace Day, Lake Braddock eighth-grade art students participate in the global event, CHALK4PEACE, by drawing peace-themed drawings with chalk at their school on Sept. 19.



Shannon Culverwell and Cara Dressner work together to complete their peace-themed drawing at the school on Sept. 29.

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Honoring a Family's Past

Re-burial ceremony provides relatives a sense of peace.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

In March 2004, Andrew Williams of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) sent a letter to Dennis Howard regarding an improvement project scheduled for the portion of Guinea Road southwest of Little River Turnpike. The

“The baton was passed to me, and it was up to me to finish the graves,”

— Dennis Howard, Gibson-Parker descendent

the communities of Burke, Fairfax and parts of what is now Laurel Hill are peppered with them. Organizations like the newly formed

letter stated that the portion of land was once the Gibson/Parker Family Cemetery, an old, mostly black cemetery containing the remains of 34 family members.

Fairfax County has over 350 small private or family cemeteries, and



PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

The remains of two Gibson-Parker family members were buried at Pleasant Valley Memorial Park along with 32 other bodies recovered from underneath the pavement of Guinea Road, southwest of Little River Turnpike.

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association believe that hundreds more cemeteries may lay undiscovered throughout the county.

Not uncommon among residents with longstanding roots in Fairfax County, Howard was identified in the letter as a descendent of the two bodies disinterred

along Guinea Road by VDOT workers as they were expanding the road's southbound

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Giant of Community Activism Dies

Family, friends recall contributions Sally Ormsby made to Fairfax County.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Sally Ormsby, three-term director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, community activist and 40-year Fairfax County resident died Monday, Sept. 15 at the age of 71 from liver complications as a result of breast cancer.

Known around the county for her expertise in land-use issues and her passion for the environment, Ormsby built up a record of community participation and achievement that stretched for over 30 years as a member of countless organizations and committees that dealt with a wide array of county is-

“Her hobby was service to the community. In the smaller sense as well as in the larger sense.”

— Fran Kiefer, neighbor and friend

sues. A member of the League of Women's Voters since 1977, she was also part of numerous environmental and land-use committees such as the New Millennium Occoquan Watershed Task Force, chairperson of the Virginia 2007 Fairfax County Community Planning Committee

and the Fairfax County Citizens Committee on Land Use and Transportation.

In 1996 she was the recipient of the Virginia Mother of the Year award and in 2006 was given the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations' & The Washington

Post Citizen of the Year 2006 award. Known for her sharp memory and ability to multitask, Sally used those organizational skills to participate in dozens of groups and or-



FILE PHOTO

Sally Ormsby

ganizations throughout the years.

“I guess one of her hobbies was being organized and keeping a m a z i n g records,” said Alison Ormsby, Sally's daughter. “When my brother and I wanted to orga-

nize her papers, there were 21 different groups we had to organize.”

“She never said no. That's how I would describe Sally,” said Fran Kiefer, a friend and Mantua neighbor of Ormsby. “If someone inside or outside the neighborhood asked for help, she would always get it done.”

Originally from Maples, N.Y., Sally Braun married Clayton Ormsby before moving first to Arlington County, then later Mantua with her husband and children, Alison and Tyler. According to daughter Alison Ormsby, Sally loved gardening, keeping a garden prominently displayed in her Mantua yard.

It was just sort of a symbol of how much she liked being outside and gardening,” said Alison Ormsby.

A tennis enthusiast, she would often participate in neighborhood Memorial Day tournaments. Her true hobby, however, was the community work she did for most of her life.

“Her hobby was service to the community. In the smaller sense as well as in the larger sense,” said Kiefer.

A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m., at the Providence Presbyterian Church at 9019 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax. Alison Ormsby said the late date was necessary for logistical reasons.

“We wanted to give guests time to get here, and we know the response is going to be huge so we wanted to have a day when the church was available for more than two hours,” she said.

SALLY ORMSBY'S work protecting the environment was praised by friends and associates, most notably her efforts along

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South Run Additions To Open

A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place Saturday, Sept. 27 at the South Run RECenter to mark the opening of a 7,000 square foot addition to the fitness center. Members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as well as officials from the Fairfax County Park Authority will attend the 1:30 p.m. ceremony at 7550 Reservation Drive in Springfield.

Funded with \$3.6 million of park bonds, the two-story expansion will be able to accommodate more fitness-related equipment and provide additional space for other activities. Work was also done on the center's parking lot, adding lighting and an additional 65 parking spaces and a storm water management facility.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be followed by a daylong slate of activities to celebrate the expansion. For more information on the day's events, call the South Run RECenter at 703-866-0566.

Candidate Forums Set

The Connection had previously reported that Fairfax County chairman and congressional candidate Gerry Connolly (D) had scheduled few joint public appearances with Republican candidate Keith Fimian. In fact, several debates and forums are taking place. Below is a list of events open to the public where both candidates will appear:

❖ Sept. 26 - The Virginia branch of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) sponsors a forum from 1-2:30 p.m., at George Mason University.

❖ Oct. 1 - West Springfield Civic Association Candidates night sponsors a forum from 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road.

❖ Oct. 7 - The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, Mount Vernon High School Young Democrats and Mount Vernon High School Young Republicans sponsor a forum at 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road.

❖ Oct. 14 - The South County Federation sponsors a candidates night at 7:30 p.m. at South County Middle School, 8501 Silverbrook Road.

❖ Oct. 21 - Mason Neck Citizens Association sponsors candidates' night at 7:30 p.m. at the Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Road.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Supervisors Decline on 2nd School Headquarters

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors declined to vote on the purchase of a second administrative building for Fairfax County Public Schools. Five days earlier, the school board voted overwhelmingly to go forward with the building acquisition.

The supervisors met behind closed doors with Fairfax County Public Schools to discuss the land deal Sept. 22.

The building purchase, which would have allowed school system to locate its central administration staff all in one Merrifield office park, would have cost \$130 million but would have eventually paid for itself, according school board and staff reports.

If the deal had gone through, the school system would have been able to move out of leased and rented space and into the new building at 8115 Gatehouse Road, adjacent to its current administrative center.

But supervisors said last week that they were suspicious of any deal to purchase an administrative building as the county faces a \$430 million budget shortfall next year.

"I remain skeptical," said Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D) in an interview Sept. 19.

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NEWS



Instead of trays, food will be distributed on fancy china to prevent waste.

GMU Dining Goes Green

New Southside Dining Facility is environmentally friendly.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

George Mason University is going green with its new 35,000-square-foot Southside Dining Facility that will open next Monday, Oct. 6 on campus.

The all-you-can-eat \$12 million dining hall can handle 4,000 people a day in six dining or "action venues" upstairs plus a carryout downstairs.

"All the food is cooked and prepped in front of you," said Executive Chef Peter Schoebel. "The food is fresher because it's done right in front of you."

THE DESIGN concept focuses on being environmentally friendly, reducing the carbon footprint, using biodegradable products and cutting down on what goes into the waste stream.

The vendors will be local suppliers and farmers who will be providing fresh produce instead of importing from across the globe.

"We are in the midst of a \$700 million construction and renovation projects," said Alan Merton, GMU president. "Not only are we trying to feed students, but in environmentally way to minimize waste."

Five years in the planning, Merton said the facility was built on green space he didn't even know that GMU possessed. The project is part of a \$100 million "green" construction project in the works GMU.

The plan calls for reducing trays — students will pick up their food in bowls and plates to cut down on food waste. Recycled napkins and condiments stored in bulk dispensers will come standard. In the

kitchen, the oil that goes into the fryers will be turned into bio-diesel fuel.

The design also calls for a one-third reduction in water consumption with a state-of-the-art dishwasher that saves 100,000 gallons of water a year.

"We can use less water because of the way it's designed," said Schoebel.

A brand new "pulper" — a giant garbage disposal — extracts water by squeezing out the liquid from the garbage, thus reducing the particles going into Fairfax County's waste water system.

"We're looking to change our carbon footprint ... George Mason is taking the steps to be a better citizen," said Mark Kraner, assistant vice president of University Services.

"Why go green?" asks Jim Wolfe, Entrepreneur in Residence at GMU who teaches about sustainability. "It's the right thing to do; it's Economics 101. ... We're going to use this as a model. If [students] see it day in and day out, educators tell us that modeling is the way to teach."

IN THE DINING ROOM with 530 seats, sectionals off a central path offer a mixture of large tables for big groups, smaller tables and beige and green earth tones on wooden floors. The dining also boasts longer counters with suspended lights for solitary seating. The project was designed by Anbury Evans Wright Vlattas & Co. with the design team of Dustin Construction.

The six innovative dining venues include: Without Boundaries, an international foods station with a different theme each day — Thai, Chinese or Latin American. "That's my favorite station," said Schoebel. "You can have things custom made."

Changing Colors is a salad bar with a daily rotating menu plus a big salad bar that features local produce. On the far end of it is a vegan station offering hot or cold food.

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Dining

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The 4400 Grill offers pancakes and french toast along with hash browns and omelettes. During lunch, it will have grilled Reuben sandwiches, plus french fries and onion rings. Grab-and-go items and southern-style comfort foods will also be on the menu.

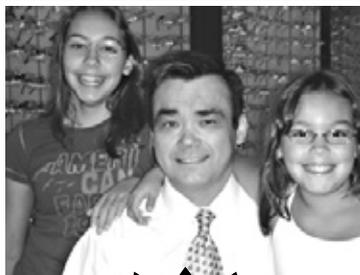
The Pastamoré section offers a selection of pastas and sauces, thin-crust pizza with an assortment of toppings cooked in a gas-fired oven.

Next is the custom-made sandwich and deli station called Wrapped Up, which offers five different sandwiches, with a variety of meats and cheeses.

For dessert, After All offers a waffle station with an assortment of fruit toppings, hand-scooped ice cream, with toppings, and cookies, as well as a soft-serve machine. Diners will also find muffins, pastries and bagels as well.

The Southside Dining Hall is open 14 hours a day, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The hall accepts cash or dining cards. The cost for breakfast is \$5.95, lunch is \$7.86 and dinner is \$8.65. The building is taking the place of Chow Hall.

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Dranesville Community Clean-up

LOCATION:

McLean Governmental Center
1347 Balls Hill Road, McLean 22101

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NOTES:

- All items will be collected at no charge.
- No hazardous materials generated from businesses will be accepted at this event.
- A complete list of materials that are accepted can be found on our web site at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling

For event details, including potential cancellation information, please contact the Recycling InfoLine at 703-324-5052, TTY 711.

PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Fairfax author Michael Sullivan, whose first novel is to be released on Oct. 1.

BY MICHAEL O'CONNELL
THE CONNECTION

After 34 years of writing, Michael Sullivan of Fairfax is celebrating the release of his first published novel, "The Crown Conspiracy," with an Oct. 1 book signing at the Barnes & Nobles, Clarendon Market Commons in Arlington. The medieval fantasy novel is the first installment in a multi-book saga, with the overarching title "The Riyria Revelations."

Sullivan shares a little about his own quest to become a novelist.

Number of years in the community

I moved with my family to Fairfax in November 2005, so coming up on three years. I had decided to close my advertising agency that I started in 1986 (Spectrum Design) to pursue writing full time. My wife offered to support our family while I finished writing the six-book series and she found a job in the Metro D.C. area. We were living in North Carolina at the time and when we came here we felt that Fairfax was the best place for us to move. It was close to D.C. and easily accessible via the Metro but was far enough "out" such that we could live a suburban lifestyle.

Family

I grew up in a small town in Novi, Mich. My father died when I was 9, followed a few years later by my oldest sister who was 28. My mother Anna Mae, and older siblings Patrick and Colleen still all live in and around the Novi area.

My immediate family consists of my wife Robin, she is a product manager for Harmony Information Systems in Reston. My daughter Rebecca is finishing up her second year at Northern Virginia Community College with plans to transfer to George Mason next year. My middle daughter Sarah is a graduate of Oakton High School (2006) and is also studying art at NOVA. My youngest son James is 14 and attends

Luther Jackson Middle School.

Education.

I'm essentially "self-taught." My first profession was as an artist and I attended Detroit's prestigious Center for Creative Studies on scholarship. I also have taken several courses, most mainly for enjoyment purposes — such as a history courses, etc., at local community colleges.

As to writing, I've never taken a class in writing other than creative writing in high school but

over 25 years I've studied other author's styles and adapted my own while writing 19 novels.

Your first job.

My very first job was as a stock boy in a women's clothing store in a mall in Novi, Mich. I was 16 and hated it. I knew right then that retail was definitely not for me.

Activities/interest/hobbies.

I paint and I read a lot of course. I also bike a great deal. The Northern Virginia and D.C. area has a wealth of bike trails that I take full advantage of. I also enjoy the various MeetUp.com groups in the area, which is a great way to meet people and discover new places and things to do. There is always something cultural going on in the city, art events, concerts in the sculpture garden, festivals, etc. and I try to get to several of them each month. Sometimes the weekends are filled just going from event to event.

Favorite local restaurants.

For casual dining, we like Santini's Deli at Blake Lane and Chain Bridge Road. They have fantastic calzones and we take the dog and sit outside. For fine dining, we enjoy Willow in Arlington and Bazin's in Vienna.



Michael Sullivan

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Community concerns.

Traffic is probably the only downside I have related to living in this area. I try not to use the car whenever possible and bike and walk to most places, even to the grocery store on many occasions. I purposefully bought a house near a Metro so I could make liberal use of it. The good news is there is a very good transit system and I use it to get around.

How long have you

been writing?

I have been writing since I was 13 and I turned 47 last week, so that is 34 years. I started writing stories on a typewriter in my mother's bedroom, drew illustrations on them and bound them up to a standard book size. My first serious attempt at writing started when I was living in Vermont in 1989. We had decided that I would stay home to raise the children while my wife worked. After I put them down for naps, I would write and then pick it up in the evening after my wife got home. The series I just published I started in 2003.

Describe your new novel.

"The Crown Conspiracy" is a medieval fantasy but written in a very different way than most books in that genre. It is a very "light, easy read" much more similar to J.K. Rowling's Potter Series than the heavier Tolkien "Lord of the Rings." It is just plain fun to read. That is what I set out to create, a book that I myself, would enjoy reading.

It is set in a fictional medi-

eval world, not terribly different from historical Europe. It is the story of two men, experts in espionage and theft, who sell their talents to the nobility looking to embarrass or manipulate a rival. The two are used as scapegoats, setup to take the blame for the murder of the king and find themselves caught in a dangerous conspiracy to overthrow the monarchy. In order to stay alive, they must solve this mystery even while being hunted. The story involves ancient prisons, wizards, knights, monks and castle warfare.

What's the best thing about being a writer?

Best thing about being a writer is the ability to create. I am also an artist, having worked as a commercial illustrator and painter, but writing allows me to create not just an image, not simply a single snapshot, but whole worlds and characters that when others read about them, come to life and become real. I don't know of any other profession that can match that, where you can play god.

What's the hardest thing about being a writer?

Getting published. It was a very long journey — over 200 rejections just to get an agent, over a year of working with the agent, finally finding a publisher, and negotiating a contract. It was all very difficult and a four-year process after finishing the book.

PROFILE

More

Michael Sullivan will discuss his medieval fantasy novel, "The Crown Conspiracy," on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m., at the Barnes & Nobles, Clarendon Market Commons, 2800 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 500, Arlington. He will also answer questions and sign copies of his book. For additional information, call 703-248-8244 or visit <http://www.aspirationsmediainc.com/ss/live/>

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Trish McDade, Fairfax

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

COMMUNITY

When Braddock's Levies Didn't Break

Supervisor summarizes county's response to flooding during Tropical Storm Hanna.

BY SUPERVISOR SHARON BULOVA
D-BRADDOCK

Tropical Storm Hanna blew through Northern Virginia on Saturday, Sept. 6. It brought with it an unprecedented amount of rain and caused flooding of roads and streams. According to Fairfax County staff, some examples of rainfall measured during a 12-hour period, are as follows:

- ❖ Bellevue - 4.4 inches, this amount correlates with a 10-hour, 12-hour storm
- ❖ Braddock/Barton/Woodglen - 7-8 inches, this amount correlates approximately with a 200-year, 12-hour storm
- ❖ Royal Lake - 6 inches, this amount correlates with a 50-year, 12-hour storm
- ❖ Lake Barcroft - 9.8 inches, this amount correlates with a 500-year, 12-hour storm

Royal Lake Dam is one of four "PL566" dams that were created during the late 1970s and early 1980s to help control flooding as our current day neighborhoods were being developed. Tropical storm Hanna arrived while Royal Lake Dam was under con-

struction to make safety improvements to the auxiliary spillway — the flat grassy surface next to the dam embankment. The project is redirecting the spillway away from the Lakepointe townhome community previously in its path, and is strengthening the spillway with articulated concrete blocks, which will be covered with soil and grass.

Despite the volume of water filling the lake and entering the spillway, for the first time since the lake was built in 1977-78, the dam functioned as it was designed. Water flowed through the auxiliary spillway, into the creek and safely through the culverts under Guinea Road. While blocked off from traffic for safety precautions, Guinea Road was never under water.

As the storm raged, staff in Public Works became concerned about the rapid rise in the level of our "PL566" lakes (Royal, Barton, Braddock, Woodglen) and pulled out their evacuation plans for the area — just in case. In the case of Royal Lake, water had risen up over the trail around the lake and was flowing through the auxiliary spillway. Residents of the Lakepointe Court

area were advised of a voluntary evacuation as a precautionary measure and a temporary shelter was prepared at South Run Recreation Center. Fortunately, by late afternoon the storm had ceased, downstream flooding subsided and an evacuation was never implemented.

I visited Royal Lake during the storm on Saturday and watched as Public Works, Fire and Rescue, the Police Department and Angler Environmental (the contractor constructing the safety improvements) worked together at the site. At one point, flood waters flowing through the auxiliary spillway cut a new channel which began diverting water out of the spillway in the direction of the back side of the dam. This had the potential for causing water to undermine the dam embankment. Working at the direction of Public Works, Paul Reig and his men from Angler Environmental drove their equipment into the flooded spillway and redirected the channel back into the correct path. Their work was nothing short of heroic.

Dam Rehabilitation

Information about the Royal Lake Dam Safety improvements, and improvements being planned for Lake Barton and Woodglen Lake, can be found at my Web site at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/damrehab.htm.



On the morning after Tropical Storm Hanna passed through the area, Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Randy Bartlett of the Fairfax County Public Works Department stand in the portion of the Royal Lake spillway that had been underwater.

FAITH NOTES

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.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church offers a Pet Blessing service on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. All pets from ant farms to wolfhounds are welcome to attend and receive a blessing. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-455-2500.

Organ Music at Providence Presbyterian Church. Sunday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m. A Lively-Fulcher pipe organ performance by organist Mary Mozelle. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door; student and senior tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Providence Presbyterian Church is located at 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Contact Linda Kiemel, 703-256-2362 or pkkiemel@gmail.com.

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Enjoy the best that fall has to offer at the 16th annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest festival, Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Northern Virginia's largest fall family festival includes more than 100 interactive exhibits, activities and programs focusing on education, sport and fitness, the environment, public safety, and personal health.

Programs at Fall for Fairfax KidsFest include:

- ❖ Fun-filled seasonal activities like scarecrow making, hayrides presented by Washington Gas, and pumpkin painting.

- ❖ The Inova Arcade of Health, with interactive health-related activities that are both fun and educational.

- ❖ More than a dozen performances on two festival stages geared specifically to elementary school and toddler-aged children, led by popular children's performers Alex and The Kaleidoscope Band and Reptiles Alive.

- ❖ Interactive programs for children of all ages, including a petting zoo, model trains exhibit, rides on the Fall for Fairfax Train presented by MITRE, pony rides, kids crafts activities and much more.

- ❖ Located in front of the Government Center Building are two new areas: Safety Island and Green Land. Safety Island features: Fire and Rescue and Police vehicles on display; a police helicopter; and the Convincer, which teaches the importance of wearing a seatbelt. Highlights from Green Land include: the scrap exchange where kids make crafts out of recycled textiles and materials; and great activities including: making sand art, puppets, rain gauges and puzzles; and games that teach the importance of living in a green world. Inside the Government Center, the Sheriffs Office will help parents create child ID cards.



Fall for Fairfax KidsFest is Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Here, a family takes a train ride.



- ❖ Active fun in the all new KidWay MidWay carnival ride area, and the KidZone, which features half a dozen inflatable bounces and slides and also a Kids Climbing Wall.

- ❖ Plus a great Farmers' Market.

Produced by Celebrate Fairfax Inc. (producer of the annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival), Fall for Fairfax KidsFest is free to attend; all entertainment and most programs are also free of charge. Some activities do have a mini-

mal charge to participants.

Parking is plentiful at the Fairfax County Government Center and free shuttle bus service is provided from the Vienna Metro Station (Orange Line) to the festival grounds every hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. For the safety and comfort of all guests, no pets are permitted at the festival.

Visit www.fallforfairfax.com or call 703-324-FAIR (3247).

Enjoy All-Day Play

Discounted all-day play passports, which include unlimited rides on the KidWay MidWay and KidsZone attractions, will be sold online prior to the festival.

All-Day Play Passports:

- ❖ KidZone Passport includes six inflatable moonbounces, slides, and free rides on the Fall for Fairfax Train (\$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site).

- ❖ KidWay MidWay Passport includes six mechanical carnival-style rides geared towards toddlers and elementary-aged children (\$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site).

- ❖ Super Passport includes both KidZone and KidWay MidWay attractions, as well as rides on the Fall for Fairfax Train (\$10 in advance; \$12 on-site).

Individual tickets and passports will also be sold onsite. For more information about the festival attractions, including photos and ride requirements for the **KidWay MidWay** and **KidZone** areas, visit the Attractions page of the Web site, www.fallforfairfax.com.

Directions

Fall for Fairfax takes place at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

From I-66: Take Exit 55B onto the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) North. Turn right onto Fair Lakes Parkway (east). Turn right at the second light onto West Ox Road. Turn left at first light onto Post Forest Drive, which ends at Government Center Parkway. The Government Center is straight ahead.



Scarecrow making during a previous Fall for Fairfax.

Entertainment Schedule

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TIME

9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m.
1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

PERFORMER

Janaki Rangarajan
Arlington Dance
Cham Cham Payel Bajaj
Reptiles Alive!
David Itkin
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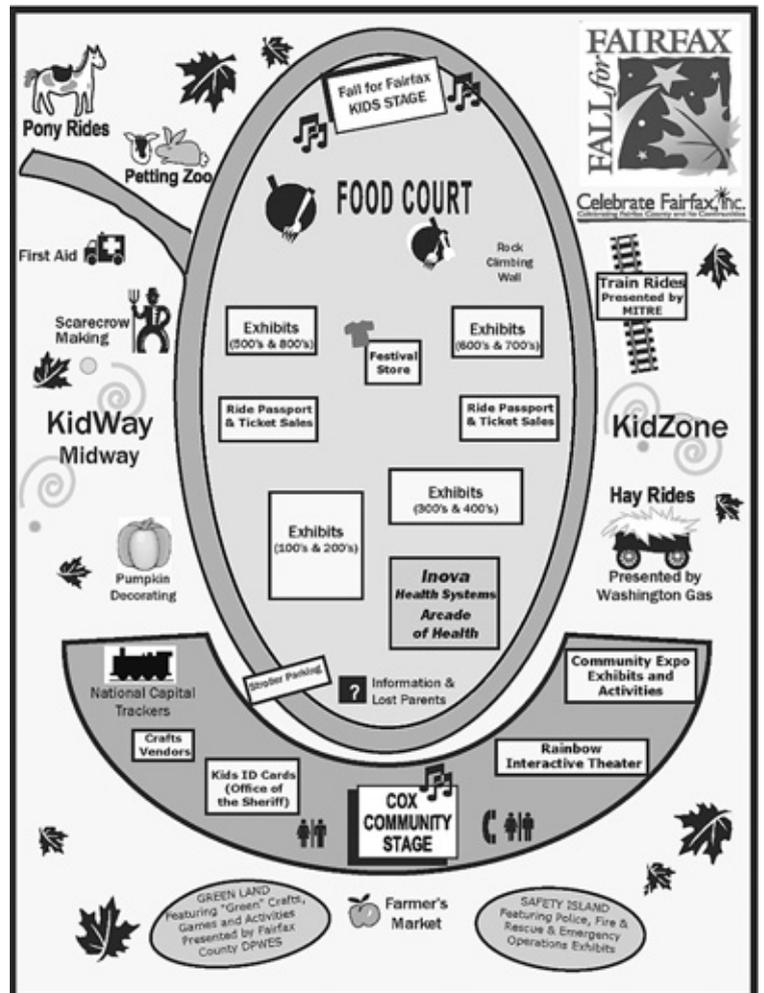
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10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
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Kidsfest Attractions

- ❖ INOVA Arcade Of Health (Free)
- ❖ Fall for Fairfax Train Ride presented by MITRE (\$2 for kids, parents ride free)
- ❖ Hayrides presented by Washington Gas (Free)
- ❖ KidZone Bounces & Slides (All-day play passports are \$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site;)
- ❖ KidWay MidWay Carnival Rides (All-day play passports are \$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site;)
- ❖ Entertainment On Two Stages (Free)
- ❖ Scarecrow Making (\$5; \$3 if supplying own clothing)
- ❖ Safety Island (Free)
- ❖ Green Land (Free)
- ❖ National Capital Trackers Model Train Display (Free)
- ❖ Pumpkin Decorating (\$3)
- ❖ Rock Climbing Wall (\$5)
- ❖ Scrap Exchange - Kids Craft Activities (Free)
- ❖ Pony Rides (\$5)
- ❖ Outdoor Business And Community Exhibits (Free)
- ❖ Indoor Non-Profit/Community Exhibits, Crafts Market
- ❖ Petting Zoo (Free)
- ❖ Recycling Roadshow Computer Recycling Event (Free; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. only)

COMMUNITY

Friends Recall Work Of Sally Ormsby

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with a compendium of organizations like the League of Women Voters, the Audubon Naturalist Society and other advocacy groups to keep restrictions on development near the Occoquan watershed in 1982. Developers brought a suit against the county after the Board of Supervisors voted to downzone the area to one unit per 5 acres. Ormsby and the environmental advocacy groups submitted a "friend of the court" briefing on behalf of the board, citing the adverse effect further development would have on the county's drinking water.

Jean Packard, former chairperson of the county Board of Supervisors and long-time friend of Ormsby explained their position at the time.

"At this point, that area was practically undeveloped. Our contention was that even developing that land into acre lots would be a danger to the reservoir and the drinking supply of Fairfax County," said Packard.

"She never said no. That's how I would describe Sally."

— Fran Kiefer

Packard said Ormsby's passion for the environment was always present, but that her work on county land-use issues hammered home the importance of protecting the surrounding land and wildlife in Fairfax County.

"She realized in the beginning the effect [it was having] on the community and in general the rampaging developing that was going on. I think she morphed to the environment after that,"

said Packard.

Sally Ormsby's brother, Darryl Braun, said his sister was deeply involved in community activism even in her younger days in New York. A member of her high school's student council, band, cheerleading squad and yearbook staff, she displayed the same drive and participation then as she would the rest of her life. She loved playing bridge, eating ethnic foods and never hesitated to enjoy a good party.

"She was very outgoing and very opinionated and if she wanted to tell you something you were first to know," said Braun. "She wasn't afraid to take leadership of anything, she was right there if volunteers were needed. She was the first in line and she was a great sister."

Dianosed 17 months ago with breast cancer, Sally's attitude remained positive and forward looking throughout the treatment process, according to Alison Ormsby. It wasn't until the final weeks of Sally Ormsby's life, she said, before her mother came to terms with the fact that chemotherapy would not eliminate the cancer, which had metastasized and spread to her liver.

"It caught a lot of people by surprise because she's so upbeat and kind of like 'nothing is going to stop me,'" said Alison Ormsby.

Packard said the loss of Sally Ormsby leaves a hole in the Fairfax County community.

"There are very few important areas in the county where Sally did not play an important role. It will be a long time before someone else comes along who can replace her," she said.

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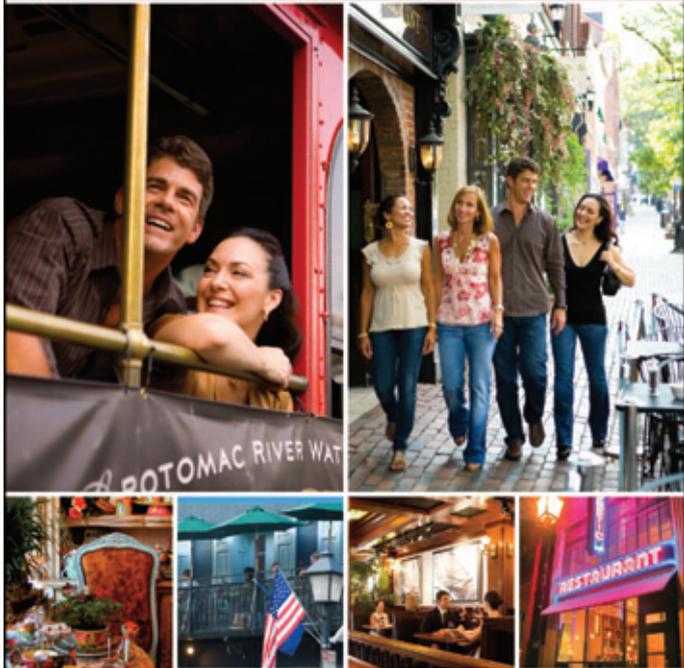
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Art for a Song is a live art auction to benefit the Fairfax Choral Society's youth performance and education programs, on Saturday, Sept. 27. Over 200 works of art will be auctioned, and door prizes will include artworks and handmade chocolate.

To have community events listed, email southcalendar@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

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

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are from \$15 to \$75, at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Draper Drive Park Grand Re-opening Ceremony. Mayor Robert Lederer and the Fairfax City Council open the ceremonies at 10 a.m. Ice cream and refreshments will be served. The fields have been renovated to feature synthetic turf on newly lighted fields, and walking paths have been upgraded. Draper Drive Park on Beech Drive, west of Draper Drive. 703-385-7850.

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

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

Park, 3730 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Visit www.ccepotomac.org.

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

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

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

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

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

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 12-3

p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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

Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy, live at the George Mason University Patriot Center. 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are from \$15 to \$75, at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 29

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

Doodles and More! 2:30 p.m. A graphic artist presents drawing basics in a hands-on program. Age 6-12. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

Back-to-School Workshops for Parents and Teachers. 6:30 p.m. Free. Kirk Martin provides practical strategies. City of Fairfax Regional Library, Conference Rooms A & B, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Contact kirk@celebratecalm.com or visit www.CelebrateCALM.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

Back-to-School Workshops for Parents and Teachers. 7 p.m. Free. Kirk Martin provides practical strategies. Oak View Elementary, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Contact kirk@celebratecalm.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

Enrique Iglesias. 8 p.m. Tickets \$58

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to \$88. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or visit www.patriotcenter.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

Sparky's Flaw and Alex Mejias. Pop/rock. 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

Matt Mays & El Torpedo, Palominos, Bellflur and In Technicolor. Rock. 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

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FRIDAY OCT. 3

Enrique Iglesias. 8 p.m. Tickets \$58 to \$88. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or visit www.patriotcenter.com.

The Bird and the Bee and Willoughby. Pop music. 8 p.m. \$17. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Kena Shriners Annual Charity Ball. 6:30 p.m. Dinner by Redrock Cantina Catering, a silent auction and dancing to 1940s swing with Doc Scantlin and His Imperial Palms Orchestra. Black tie, dark suits or 1940s period clothing. Proceeds benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children; tickets are \$65 per person. Kena Shriners Ballroom is located at 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Reserve by Sept. 19; 703-573-4202.

16th annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, at the Fairfax County Government Center. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Inova Arcade of Health, Fall for Fairfax trackless train, farmer's market, pony rides, children's climbing wall, hayrides, scarecrow-making, petting zoo, KidZone inflatable bounces and slides, model trains, pumpkin decorating, KidWay midway and performances geared specifically to elementary school and toddler-aged children. Free admission, some activities require a minimal charge. Free shuttle bus service from the Vienna Metro Station (Orange Line) every hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. No pets permitted. www.fallforfairfax.com or 703-324-FAIR.

Party City of Northern Virginia will be hosting the McGruff Safe Kids Total Identification System Program as part of its campaign to offer free Child Identification Kits to the community. This child safety and identification program will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Party City Fairfax, 10700 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. 703-934-4434

Oak Hill Festival. 12-5 p.m. Activities include two speakers, Dr. Elizabeth Crowell on the history and architecture of Oak Hill, and C.K. Gailey on the Civil War in Fairfax County. The Annandale Brass Ensemble will perform. Local history book, Braddock's True Gold, available for purchase. Park at the Nancy Sprague Technology Center, 4414 Holborn Ave., Annandale. Oak Hill, 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road in

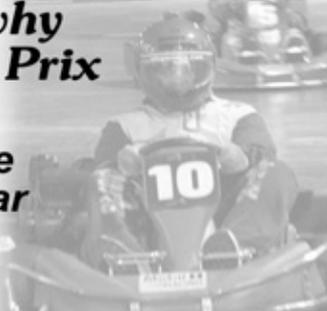
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SUNDAY/OCT. 5

The Friends of the Orphans Second Annual Fiesta 5K Fun Run / Walk. 8 a.m. \$25 Adults, \$15 Youth; Creep and Crawl mini-race for children under age 6 is free but pre-registration is required. The course location has moved to George Mason University's Patriot Circle, with free parking and an off-street course. For all ages and running abilities. Medals awarded to the top finishers. Post race food, live bluegrass band, awards ceremony and an interactive festival area with games and prizes. Start/finish at George Mason University's Patriot Circle, Mason Pond Drive by Centre for the Arts, Fairfax. Register at www.active.com, or 703-848-2072. Visit www.friendsoftheorphans.org/ma-ne.

Tales from the Tombstones. 2 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 students 12 and under. Tour of the Fairfax City Cemetery. Meet at the cemetery, 10567 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-8414 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov.

The Fairfax Pets on Wheels 13th annual Paws for a Cause 3K Walk begins 12 p.m. at Weber's Pet Supermarket, 11021 Lee Highway in Fairfax. Proceeds from the walk will go toward recruitment and training, volunteer activities and insurance. All registered participants will receive a Paws for a Cause T-shirt. Human and canine treats at each kilometer. Registration \$20. Walkers or businesses interested in sponsorships can call 703-324-5406 or go to www.fpow.org.

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NEWS

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At least one supervisor had already made up his mind before the weekend not to support the building purchase.

"I think the whole idea is dumb. ... It is the wrong type of thing to do in this economic environment. They need to concentrate on moving kids out of trailers," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

MCKAY'S SENTIMENT echoes what several advocacy groups have already said about the land deal.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations had endorsed the school system's plan but several community groups with closer ties to public education had declined to give their support.

The Fairfax Education Association, the school system's largest union, withheld its support because its membership had not received information with enough time to consider it. School officials approached the union about the land deal two days after school ended last June and many of the association's members were out of town.

The Fairfax County Council of PTAs also said they did not have enough information about the administration building purchase. They had asked the school board to postpone voting on the issue until the school board could hold public hearings.

But school board members insisted last week that the purchase of a second administrative building would free up money in the operating budget for other costs. The school board voted eight to one on Sept 18 to support the building purchase, with At-large school board member Ilryong Moon dissenting.

"The money we are using [to pay rent and leases] is money we are diverting from students," said school board member Tessie Wilson (Braddock.)

In his dissenting vote, Moon also asked the school board to consider delaying the building purchase for three to six months. He said he was distressed that so many of members of the public were not backing the project.

"Staff makes a very compelling business case on this one. ... But I am disappointed about not being able to convince the public of the business case," said Moon. "It is going to be very difficult for me to go out and ask the public to swallow program cuts as we buy a new building."

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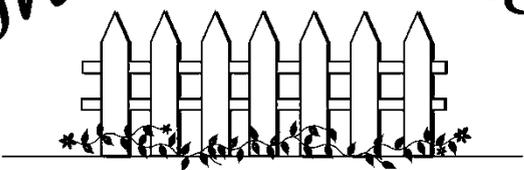
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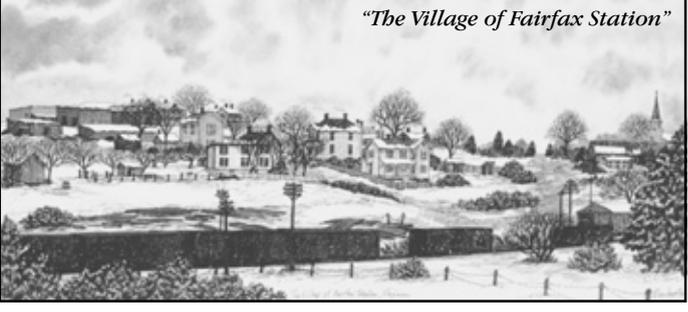
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Hazel 'Ernie' Baker, right, conducted the ceremonies Friday, Sept. 19 at Pleasant Valley Memorial Park. Andrew Williams of the Virginia Department of Transportation gives a speech.

Guinea Road Bodies Re-Buried

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turn lane. He was already involved in tracing his family's origins as a result of his cousin, Hareem Abish. Abish spent years researching and writing a book chronicling his family's history in the county, which stretched back to the pre-slavery era and beyond. Before he died in 1997, Abish asked for his promise to finish the work. That meant finishing the book. It also meant finding a final resting place for the remains.

"The baton was passed to me, and it was up to me to finish the graves," said Howard Friday, Sept. 19 at Pleasant Valley Memorial Park in Annandale. "I got the baton and I had to run."

THAT MORNING his journey, the four-year odyssey he undertook working with county and state agencies to negotiate and arrange for the reburial of the bodies, ended as they were officially interred on a plot of land next to remains of the other 32 bodies discovered at the site. Virginia Dels. Dave

Marsden (D-41), Dave Albo (R-42) and Thomas Rust (R-86) were in attendance, as were Andrew Williams and Gibson-Parker descendants, including Howard. He said records of exactly who the remains belong to is unclear, though family oral tradition states at least two children of Page Parker and Matilda Gibson were buried there. Both were descendants of Horace Gibson, the son of white plantation owner Jonathan Gibson and one of his slaves.

Maddy McCoy, Historic Preservationist for the Fairfax County Slavery Inventory Database, said the bodies pulled out of Guinea Road are not the children of Parker and Gibson, rather they were most likely a mix of blacks, both enslaved and free that had lived and congregated at a nearby house.

"We have evidence, documentation of there being a meeting house on the corner of Little River Turnpike and Guinea Road as early as 1809," said McCoy. "My research shows that it is an African-American enslaved and free black meeting house."

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Bodies Moved to New Graves

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However, McCoy said that the descendents who attended the ceremony Friday were still most likely related to some of the remains.

"They're still related, but it's more distant," she said.

"Working on this cemetery was the greatest achievement in my 42 years at VDOT," said Williams during the ceremony.

That ended up opening up a whole new branch of their family tree, leading back to the present day beyond Howard. Alexandria resident Aretha Grayson sang "The Lord's Prayer" at the ceremony. Minister Annette Lewis of the Deliverance Church of Christ in Capital Heights, Md. delivered the opening prayer while Deacon Aaron Terry of First Baptist Merrifield offered the closing prayer. Hazel "Earnie" Baker, family services coordinator for Pleasant Valley Memorial Park, acted as Mistress of Ceremony for the reinterment. All of them were informed by VDOT that they share ancestry with the remains. All, like Howard, represent different points in those branches as they have grown over the past 260 years.

"Jonathan Gibson had two families in Culpeper: one white family and one black family," he said.

GETTING TO this point has not been easy. When Guinea Road was originally expanded in the 1960s, VDOT paved over portions of the cemetery, covering over the 34 bodies in the process. Howard had a dispute with them over whether bodies were located

under the road or not. In June 2003, Howard met with officials from VDOT, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Federal Highway Administration in an effort to get the bodies reburied. According to minutes from the June 3, 2005 meeting provided by Howard, officials entered into a memorandum of agreement with Howard to remove all the graves from the paved over site and find a suitable final resting place for them by 2006. However, Howard said the agreement was not legally binding and in order to be sure that the state would take action, he filed a petition with the Fairfax County Circuit Court charging the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner with responsibility for dealing with the remains. Later that month, the Circuit Court judge granted that request.

"We wanted to be 100 percent sure," said Howard of the arrangement. "It was more about keeping the politicians feet to the fire."

Two years after that, with the work of Howard, the Gibson-Parker relatives, Williams and VDOT, the final two remains from the old cemetery were put back into the earth to rest.

Mary Lipsey, co-founder of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association and a Fairfax County History Commissioner also attended the event and assisted the Gibson-Parker descendents in their efforts. She spoke about the 34 men, women and children who had been pulled out of the pavement.

"They had poor hygiene, they were malnourished and arthritic. They lived hard lives and the fact that we could honor them is phenomenal," said Lipsey.

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OPINION

When Transportation Means Freedom

By TIM LOVAIN
ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

For most of us, transportation is a routine part of our lives. We worry about the price of gasoline and the amount of time we spend in traffic, but we take the availability of transportation for granted.

That isn't the case for everyone. For many people with disabilities, older adults and people with low incomes, transportation options are very limited. Expanding those options literally brings freedom and empowerment to these individuals. Policy types call this "human services transportation".

I'm pleased to be the Chair of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (whew!). We bring together public transit agencies and transportation departments, private and nonprofit transportation providers, human services agencies and users of specialized transit services from throughout the Washington, DC region to expand transportation options for people who really need them. Perhaps most importantly, we're in charge of overseeing the distribution of over \$2 million in federal grants annually.

I'm very pleased about the projects we recently persuaded the Transportation Planning Board to fund.

For example, Washington, D.C. is one of the

Program provides escort services to medical appointments for frail older persons and other individuals with disabilities.

few large cities in America that doesn't have wheelchair-accessible taxicabs. Wheelchair-dependent Washingtonians can try to book Metro Access vans 24 hours in advance, but (unlike suburban Virginians and Marylanders) they can't just call for a cab. That is just unacceptable in the nation's capital. By the end of this year, that will no longer be true. We were able to fund 21 wheelchair-accessible taxicabs and funding for centralized dispatch, driver training and marketing.

GUEST EDITORIAL

ANOTHER GRANT will create a new Regional Transportation Information Clearinghouse that will, for the first time, consolidate in one website information about all regional transportation options for people with disabilities, older adults and low-income individuals, with phone support. The hardest part of putting this \$583,750 project together was persuading the Commonwealth of Virginia to come up with an \$11,000 matching contribution!

I'm also pleased that we were able to con-

tinue funding for the "Door-Through-Door" program run by the Alexandria Office of Aging and Adult Services, the Arlington Agency on Aging, the non-profit agency Home Care Partners, and Diamond Transportation. This program provides escort services to medical appointments for especially frail older persons and other individuals with disabilities. It also involves helping these individuals arrange these appointments and with follow up, as well as training taxicab drivers how to better communicate with and assist these clients.

Another grant will help expand the "Ways to Work" program run by Northern Virginia Family Service. This program provides loans to carefully-screened low-income individuals to buy or repair cars they can use to get them to work and child care facilities. The Wiygul Automotive Group, Virginia Commerce Bank and the Alexandria Department of Human Services are partners in this program.

I intend to do everything I can to make sure that these grant funds are directed to programs that are efficient and focused on areas of greatest need. Spent wisely, these funds will bring new freedom and a better quality of life to thousands of our neighbors.

Local 'Insiders' Are Improving America

Many Northern Virginians who work inside the Beltway have smalltown roots.

By DEL. DAVID MARSDEN
THE CONNECTION

Elitism is a word that gets thrown around in presidential campaigns as politicians try to present themselves as something shiny and new, as something apart from inside Washington's Beltway. These politicians rightfully extol the virtues of small towns (while seemingly forgetting that people from big cities have made incredible contributions as well), and there is almost a race to claim the fewest traffic lights in one's hometown. This is a sort of reverse elitism. (I'm from the Washington area, and I remember when my home town, Annandale, didn't have any traffic lights at all.) Coming from a small town is not a prerequisite for being an authentic American.

Since I was elected in 2005, I have continued a conversation with constituents in this district that began during my first campaign. I've found that most of them moved here from small towns across America. But first they got an education. They worked hard. They came to Washington to serve ... and serve they have.

With all our flaws, Americans (including those "misguided" Washington insiders) have helped create the greatest country in the world, a bastion of education and free thought. So it

concerns me when people portray the purpose of their holding political office as merely coming to Washington to "do the right thing for the American people," and "clean up Washington." While these can be constructive goals, it is just not that simple.

The problem is that Americans do not agree on what the right thing is. In this complex and dangerous world the people of the greater Washington community, of which we are a part, struggle with these issues every day.

While it is a difficult task, one must look at what we have accomplished. Regardless of how you feel about the current conflict in Iraq, Operation Iraqi Freedom was planned by some my neighbors and constituents. The technology that saved American lives was conceived and funded through the good efforts of many people here in Burke and West Springfield.

Whether you are a career civil servant, a businessman or a retired military officer working under contract to the private sector, we are part of a culture of excellence. It is exhibited by the way we maintain our communities, advocate for our outstanding schools, support our troops and look after our neighbors. Every day people in this area work to cure disease, promote research, improve technology and struggle to improve the lives of all



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Del. David Marsden (D-41)

Americans — not just for those "inside the Beltway."

The political climate in Washington has never been temperate. We are not a community dominated by special interests. We are a community of varied national and local interests. My experience both in Washington and in Richmond has

shown me that, while there have always been documented cases of self-interest, greed and corruption, members of the business community love their country too. While they care about their clients' interests, they frequently take the time to give you both sides of the argument.

As Howard Fineman points out in his book "The Thirteen American Arguments," our national character is made up of "enduring debates that define and inspire our country." Whoever wins our presidential election will be a sitting United States senator, and we are asking that person to lead us. But we also ask that he listen to us and heed our collective wisdom and experience, because the culture of Washington is not always an evil thing that somehow must be overcome. We are good people. We are as good as anyone living in a small town, because that is often where we came from ourselves.

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Lake Braddock's 400-Win Woman

With win at Herndon Tournament, Bruins field hockey coach earns 400th win.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

When it happened, of course, Lake Braddock coach Diane Miller tried to downplay its significance. After all, plenty of coaches have 400 career wins. The only difference would be that those coaches have been managing 162 games of professional baseball every summer. They haven't been coaching high school field hockey.

With a 3-1 win over Eastern View last Saturday, which ensured the Bruins' 10th Herndon Tournament trophy since the event was started 12 years ago, Miller, in her 28th season as Lake Braddock's head coach, notched her 400th career victory.

"When you're in one place long enough, I guess it's not that hard," Miller deadpanned.

Miller started her career as a junior varsity coach at Lake Braddock in 1980, and a year later, she secured the varsity job. Through 18 district titles and six regional crowns, Miller has patrolled the Lake Braddock sidelines — substituting, teaching and encouraging.

Even with the success, the James Madison University and Edison High School graduate has thought numerous times about retiring but always returns to one consistent thought.

All right, maybe three of them.

"You can't reach something like that without great kids, great parents and a very supportive administration," Miller said. "I can't seriously take credit for this because if I didn't have these kids, these parents, principals and all the administrators, I wouldn't even have stayed."

And Miller's team is glad she did. Though she's a firm believer in conditioning and isn't afraid to penalize a poor performance with a lap, sprint or both, Miller's players love coming to practice. She makes field hockey fun.

"She really makes you

"When you're in one place long enough, I guess it's not that hard."

— Diane Miller



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Lake Braddock field hockey coach Diane Miller, who's coached the Bruins for the past 28 years, won her 400th game last Saturday as her team topped Eastern View to win the Herndon Tournament.

want to do your best," said senior Katie Klatt, who earned second team All-State honors last season. "She'll be laid back when she needs to, but she disciplines us and makes us run a lot if we mess up. We can't really goof off or anything, but you don't dread practice."

Miller, more commonly known as simply "O," received the Virginia High School League's Regional Award of Merit in 2004, and her teams have reached the state final five times (1991, 1995, 1997, 1998 and 2002). However, and here lies the one hole in Miller's resume, she's yet to win a state title.

It's not something that bothers the veteran coach; rather, it's something that her players would like to win for her, a Jerome Bettis- or John Elway-type send off.

"Anything to get 'O' that title," said senior Annie Stephens, "we'd do ... in a heartbeat."

After the team's most recent win, a 3-0 victory at Hayfield on Tuesday night, Miller's Bruins have won all 13 games that they've played and are 3-0 in the Patriot District.

The Bruins have beaten area stalwarts Oakton, Robinson, Chantilly, Langley, Woodson and West Springfield, but still, the optimism is tempered.

"I've had seasons where we've been undefeated going into regionals and we lost in regionals, so I'm not really looking that far ahead," said Miller, whose team will travel to West Potomac on Thursday night. "In field hockey, you can dominate the whole game and one bad ball, and you lose."

According to Stephens, Miller has had three ultra-close groups of girls and this year's crop of seniors is most certainly one of them. Miller has 12 seniors on this year's roster, five of whom played on the varsity squad as sophomores.

That year, Stephens said that the team made a point of breaking every huddle and screaming, "States." Whether it was a jinx would never be known, it is something that has been avoided this season.

Miller talks about "taking it one game at a time," and she knows how to keep a team focused, though she did allow herself to flirt with the possibility of that elusive state crown.

"I really want that for them," Miller said. "The kids are playing hard, and they work hard every day at practice. I just hope they can keep going, and I'll just be along for the ride. I can just stand here and say, 'You go in here, you go in there.' But they're doing all the work."



Diane Miller consults with sophomore forward Ali Froede during the Bruins' most recent win, a 3-0 win at Hayfield on Tuesday night. Froede scored Lake Braddock's third goal.

Depth Sets Spartans Apart

Volleyball coach rotates her players frequently, effectively.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Before every match, West Springfield volleyball coach Stephanie Noriega scribbles her players' names on 12 pieces of paper. She takes those crumpled pieces of paper, tosses them into a hat, and proceeds to pluck six names to see who'll start that match.

While that's not exactly how Noriega fills out her lineup, that's not saying it wouldn't work.

"Realistically, I could do it ... and they'd be fine," Noriega joked.

Noriega, who's in her first year as the varsity head coach after coaching the junior varsity squad last fall, has a problem that most coaches could only dream of. She has 12 talented players and only six spots to put them in.

"It's really nice because I know that I can pull anyone off the bench, at any point in the game, and it's not going to bring down the level of play," Noriega said. "The tough part of it is, I have 12 kids that deserve to be starters, and mathematically, I can't get them all the playing time that they deserve."

Through eight games this season — a stretch during which West Springfield has gone 5-3 — Noriega has juggled her lineup and has done so effectively. The Spartans don't quibble about playing time and the team's two senior captains, outside hitter



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Outside hitter Amanda Miller, who along with setter Lauren Sipple will be counted upon for senior leadership this season, digs a ball on Monday night against Hayfield.

Amanda Miller and setter Lauren Sipple, insist that the heavy rotations aren't a problem.

"We don't mind when others play instead of us because we're all equals on this team and we all know that," said Sipple, who, along with Miller, occupies one of the few concrete starting spots. "We're all equally as good as the person sitting next to us."

"I think communication helps a lot," Miller said. "If you try hard and you're loud, it translates into better volleyball and better communication on the court."

Sipple said that this year's team is the best that she's seen during her three-plus years

with the program, which is rather impressive considering the Spartans of 2007's success.

Last year's team finished 12-7 during the regular season and posted a 5-2 mark in the Patriot District. With playoff wins over Hayfield, South County and West Potomac, West Springfield won the Patriot District tournament before losing, 3-0, to Chantilly in the quarterfinals of the Northern Region tournament.

The Spartans (6-3, 1-0 Patriot) graduated four seniors, in addition to losing coach Marcus Robinson, after last year's run, but a seven-member junior (now senior) class has provided the biggest reason for optimism.

"We have a group of girls who've started on varsity since they were sophomores, so we've had a really consistent group that's moved up and we're tight together," said Miller, a member of that group. "It's definitely an advantage when you're on the court. You know everyone's personality, and you know who's going to get to balls and who's not."

On Monday, Noriega watched her team open its Patriot District schedule with a 3-0 win over Hayfield. The Spartans played host to Lee on Wednesday.

The Spartans made many more hitting errors than Noriega has been accustomed to seeing, it didn't seem to worry the coach of this well-stocked team.

"We had uncharacteristically more errors than we normally do, which is what I think kept the game closer," said Noriega, whose team won by margins of 25-15, 25-18 and 25-21. "But I think my girls knew that they were the team that should come off the court with the win."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Robinson Cross Country Shines At Oatlands

With participation from 101 schools, some from as far away as New York and Colorado, last Saturday's Oatlands Invitational just outside of Leesburg turned out to be quite the cross country meet. For a few area runners, the race provided a measuring stick against some of the most talented runners in the state of Virginia.

Robinson senior Jared Berman finished sixth overall in the Boys A race. Berman timed at 16 minutes, 8 seconds. The field consisted of about 325 runners, competing on the challenging 5K course.

"The hills are the biggest challenge," said Berman. "You just have to keep going and cheer on your teammates."

Berman said he and his Ram teammates had to keep their focus on their own individual races and the team as a whole, and not get wrapped up in the magnitude of a race which is one of the largest on the East Coast.

"It does get intimidating," said Berman. "There are 101 teams and you can get a little scared. [Our team members] worked with each other to get through the race. This is one meet our team looks extremely forward to. It's a good racing experience."

In the team standings, the Robinson boys finished second overall among 48 schools, finishing behind champion Oakton and ahead of third-place Potomac Falls.

— 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. Herndon at Chantilly
2. Robinson at Westfield
3. Mount Vernon at Wash-Lee
4. Langley at Oakton
5. Lee at South County
6. Fairfax at Centreville
7. Jefferson at Madison
8. T.C. Williams at Lake Braddock
9. Maryland at Clemson
10. Redskins at Cowboys

WEEK FOUR SCHEDULE:

Games played Fri., Sep. 19
 Fairfax at Centreville, 7:30 p.m.
 Herndon at Chantilly, 7:30 p.m.
 Langley at Oakton, 7:30 p.m.
 Robinson at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.
 W. Springfield at Annandale, 7:30 p.m.
 Hayfield at West Potomac, 7:30 p.m.
 T.C. Williams at Lake Braddock, 7:30 p.m.
 Lee at South County, 7:30 p.m.
 Marshall at Stuart, 7:30 p.m.
 McLean at Stone Bridge, 7:30 p.m.
 South Lakes at Woodson, 7:30 p.m.
 Wakefield at Edison, 7:30 p.m.
 Yorktown at Falls Church, 7:30 p.m.
 Mount Vernon at Wash-Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Game played Sat., Sep. 12
 Gonzaga at O'Connell, 2:00 p.m.



Jason Mackey

Sports Editor

Last Week: 8-2
Season: 24-6
Percentage: 80%
 1. Chantilly
 2. Westfield
 3. Mount Vernon
 4. Oakton
 5. South County
 6. Centreville
 7. Madison
 8. Lake Braddock
 9. Clemson
 10. Redskins



Mark Giannotto

Sports Editor

Last Week: 7-3
Season: 23-7
Percentage: 77%
 1. Chantilly
 2. Westfield
 3. Mount Vernon
 4. Oakton
 5. Lee
 6. Centreville
 7. Madison
 8. Lake Braddock
 9. Maryland
 10. Cowboys



Rich Sanders

Sports Editor

Last Week: 5-5
Season: 20-10
Percentage: 67%
 1. Herndon
 2. Westfield
 3. Mount Vernon
 4. Oakton
 5. Lee
 6. Centreville
 7. Madison
 8. T.C. Williams
 9. Clemson
 10. Cowboys

Last Week's Results

Friday's games

Broad Run 53, Brentsville 13
 Edison 47, Mount Vernon 21
 Herndon 21, Centreville 7
 Langley 35, Marshall 12
 Madison 16, South Lakes 6
 Oakton 38, Fairfax 7
 South County 32, Lake Brad 27
 Stone Bridge 64, Loudoun V. 13
 Woodson 57, Jefferson 20
 Wakefield 31, Falls Church 21
 Wash-Lee 21, McLean 14
 West Potomac 28, Lee 20 (2OT)
 W. Springfield 49, Hayfield 13
 Westfield 32, Chantilly 7
 Yorktown 48, Stuart 34
 Flint Hill 34, Bullis 7
 Paul VI 43, Ireton 20
 SSASA 38, St. John's (MD) 0
 Robinson 61, Anacostia (DC) 14

Saturday's games

Annandale 27, T.C. Williams 0
 Episcopal 35, Potomac 0
 O'Connell 54, St. Mary's Ryk. 6

The Connection Top 10

1. Stone Bridge
2. Westfield
3. Oakton
4. Edison
5. Chantilly
6. W.T. Woodson
7. Herndon
8. West Potomac
9. W. Springfield
10. South County

2008 Standings

Liberty District

| School | District | Overall |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| Langley | 2-0 | 3-1 |
| W.T. Woodson | 2-0 | 3-1 |
| Madison | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Stone Bridge | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| McLean | 0-1 | 0-4 |
| South Lakes | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| Marshall | 0-2 | 1-3 |
| Jefferson | 0-2 | 1-3 |

Concorde District

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|-------------|-----|-----|
| Herndon | 1-0 | 3-1 |
| Oakton | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| Westfield | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| Robinson | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Centreville | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| Chantilly | 0-1 | 3-1 |
| Fairfax | 0-1 | 2-2 |

Patriot District

| | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Annandale | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| South County | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| West Potomac | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| W. Springfield | 1-0 | 2-2 |
| Hayfield | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| Lake Braddock | 0-1 | 2-2 |
| Lee | 0-1 | 1-3 |
| T.C. Williams | 0-1 | 0-4 |

National District

| | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Edison | 1-0 | 4-0 |
| Wakefield | 1-0 | 1-3 |
| Yorktown | 1-0 | 3-1 |
| Washington-Lee | 0-0 | 2-2 |
| Falls Church | 0-1 | 0-4 |
| Mount Vernon | 0-1 | 2-2 |
| J.E.B. Stuart | 0-1 | 1-3 |

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OCTOBER 6, 2008

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY

To avoid a 10% late payment penalty and interest charges, payment must be made in full in person or postmarked by close of business on
OCTOBER 6, 2008

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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.

Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Northern Regional Office
Remediation Division
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

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City of Fairfax PUBLIC NOTICE

General Election
November 4, 2008
United States President, Senate, and House of Representatives

*Last date to register is Tuesday, October 6, 2008;
*Absentee Voting begins 45 days before the election, or as soon as ballots are available. Absentee Voters may vote by mail or in person Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
*Last date to receive absentee ballot applications by mail is Tuesday October 28, 2008
*Saturday In-Person Absentee Voting October 25 and November 1, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM;
*Final day for in-person absentee voting is Saturday November 1, 2007, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM @ Sisson House, 10455 Armstrong Street. 703-385-7890

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TRUSTEE'S SALE

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3954 Burning Bush Court, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Audelia Umana, dated December 20, 2006, and recorded December 21, 2006, in Deed Book 19006 at page 565 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chan Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Lot 309, Section 9, Fairwoods as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5892 at page 215, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 3954 Burning Bush Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22033.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 8.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

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

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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.

DAVID N. PRENSKY

Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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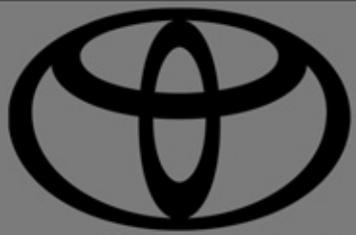
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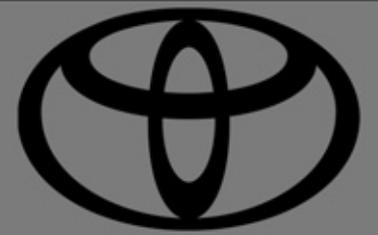
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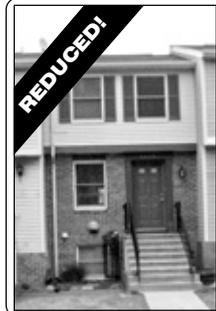
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