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Chris Ryan, a varsity football player, tries not fall off a rope ladder while participating in homecoming activities at the school prior to the Rams game against Anacostia.



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Robinson students celebrate homecoming at school.



The Robinson Marching band performs while marching in the school's Homecoming Parade on Sept. 19.



Jake Thomas, a seventh-grader at Robinson, tries not fall off a rope ladder while participating in homecoming activities held at the school prior to the game.



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Ali Nazam and Jean Ko, seniors at Robinson Secondary School, play Dance, Dance Revolution while enjoying a variety of Homecoming activities at Robinson on Sept. 19.

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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

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

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



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.

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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‘Her Hobby Was Service to the Community’

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-



Sally Ormsby

FILE PHOTO

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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Lamb Center To Appeal

Warren Thrasher and Mary Peterson of The Lamb Center at 3220 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax addressed the City Council Tuesday, Sept. 23 in regards to a pair of zoning violations their organization has been cited with recently. Reading aloud from a letter that was sent to both City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer and Gerry Connolly (D-At-large), chairperson for the county Board of Supervisors, Peterson explained the center's intention to appeal the violations, citing the need to continue to work of the ministry.

"While we understand the inadequacies of our current location, we have made serious good faith efforts to meet the city's concerns," said Peterson, vice-chairman of the center. "We firmly believe that it is extremely important for us to continue this successful ministry while we look for a new home."

The Lamb Center, which is described in the letter as "a daytime drop-in counseling center for the poor and the poor in spirit," is a ministry which provides services to the area's homeless. According to Peterson, the center has helped over 50 local homeless men and women find employment through August 2008 and is currently working with over 70 more. She laid out her organizations desire to have a joint city-county task force involving "all of the agencies, public and private, that serve the poor, so that we may develop a coordinated strategy."

"This is a critical time for the Lamb Center and other programs and agencies that serve the poor. The economy is worsening, and winter is approaching," said Peterson.

Mayor Robert Lederer said the council was interested in finding a way to accommodate the center's request.

"Obviously, it's a topic that's near and dear to our community and this body," said Lederer. "We look forward to working with you find a win-win situation for all here, so thank you."

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

Five City Homes Recognized

Five City of Fairfax homes were recognized for their design, upkeep and aesthetic value at a City Council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 23. Kirk Holley, special projects manager for the Fairfax County Park Authority announced the winning homes and went over photos of each one as part of the 2008 Best Residential Appearance Awards.

The winning homes were 10122 Farmington Drive, 10705 Orchard St., 3301 Spring Lake Court, 3506 Spring Lake Terrace and 3539 Queen Anne Drive. Residents from the addresses were on-hand at the meeting to accept the awards and pose for a photograph with City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer.

Holley said judges used mixture of criteria in order to determine the winners, including landscape design quality, residence and building quality and maintenance of the homes.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

Council OKs Special Exception

A motion to grant a Special Exception land-use permit to the Autozone at 10960-10966 Fairfax Blvd. was temporarily tabled by the City Council Tuesday, Sept. 23 in order to allow city officials to retool the designs after several council members expressed reservations. The motion would have granted owners of the automotive store a Special Exception to reduce parking from 73 spaces to 50 spaces in order to allow for general retail sales.

Jason Sutphin, senior planner for the city and board liaison for the Board of Architectural Review, presented the staff report to the City Council. City staff would recommend granting the request on certain conditions. The owners would have to conform to the stated plans; restrict access to the basement; add no exterior display, storage or sale of merchandise; or perform no maintenance or repair on vehicles in the

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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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Friends Recall Ormsby's Work

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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.

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 ram-paging 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," she said.

Braun said his sister's desire for community activism stemmed from her role as a leader. "I think it was just a desire to help out her fellow man and community. Every situation needs a leader and she was a born leader. I think for her it came naturally," he said.

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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.

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/>

PROFILE

POETRY

Middle School Blues

BY DELANEY THOMPSON
FROST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Now that summer's over
I must accept my fate,
And pray my crowded ride
Doesn't show up late.

I work so hard all day long
With breaks so short and few
That by the time it's half past
nine
I wish the day were through.

I get a twenty-minute break

About half way through the
day
When I get served disgusting
food
Off a jammed packed buffet.

When I get home, you'd
surely think
That my day was done,
But I still have ten pages
Of Ms. R-B's home-fun.

By now you must believe
That my life is cruel,
But all I did was describe
A day of middle school!

VIEWPOINTS

What concerns you most about the current state of the economy?



"I'm not sure anybody knows how it all happened and what we can do about it. There's also the worry that people will panic."
Claudia Dwass, Fairfax



"The lack of control and oversight over the lenders. People are given contracts that they don't understand and are incapable of maintaining."
GeeCee Sterling, Fairfax



"It's the wide sweeping hits that we're going to take, whether it's gasoline, real estate or groceries."
Trish McDade, Fairfax

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

NEWS

Green Dining at GMU

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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.

CRIME REPORT

BURGLARY

10100 Mosby Woods Drive. The victim reported that on Sept. 17 between 6:30 a.m. and 12:35 p.m., unknown person(s) broke into his home. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

4100 Block of Vanderbilt Court. The victim reported that on Sept. 17 between 9:45 a.m. and 4 p.m., unknown person(s) broke into her home. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

3900 Block of Lyndhurst Drive. On Sept. 18, between 4 p.m. and 8:10 p.m., unknown person(s) broke into

a home and stole several items. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

EMBEZZLEMENT

3201 Old Lee Highway / Home Depot. On Sept. 16, at 1:48 p.m., the loss prevention manager reported that an employee had been making fraudulent transactions from June 2008 through August 2008. Warsame N. Mohamed, 23, of the 9800 block of Clifford Drive, Fairfax, was

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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.

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.

What's Life All About?

To the Editor:

I am a Democrat because I value education. I believe that is one of the domestic programs Democrats fund heavily.

I was widowed in 1975. At the time, I was raising two sons. Luke was born in 1963 and Arnold was born in 1973. I had to make an important decision. Should I return to Connecticut where I had parents and siblings? Or, should I stay put in Fairfax County? I am an independent person. I had lived away from Connecticut before getting married. I didn't need to go back for emotional reasons. I made the decision to stay put.

My priorities were my children. They both had been tested with above average IQ's. How was I to educate them? I had no money. I was raised in a large family. My mother did not work, my father worked in a factory. There was no extra money to be had there. I had to weigh my options. The programs that Fairfax County had to offer for gifted children at that time were excellent. The programs in Connecticut were not as intense.

My son, Luke, stayed in the public schools he was attending. They gave him accelerated work and

allowed me to take him out of school for plays and educational events. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School before it became technical. Luke has a few masters' degrees. He is currently getting another one in counseling. He wants to counsel addicts. He works his business online. I call him a professional student.

LETTERS

My son, Arnold, was admitted to the Fairfax County gifted and talented special schools. He was bused there everyday. It was out of the area where we lived. For high school, he applied to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology as if he were applying to prep school. This was the same facility from which Luke graduated. He passed the test and was admitted. Even today he questions, "How did I get in there?" Well, Fairfax County had prepared him. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson and went on to the University of Virginia. He has degrees in mechanical and electrical engineering. He owns his own business today.

I am forever grateful to Fairfax County for educating my children free of charge. I would not have been able to afford to pay for private schools. If they were not given the proper education, it would

have been a waste of two good minds. So, there were bonuses for staying in Fairfax County. I met my current husband. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. I intentionally stayed single for 12 years while I was raising my children. I did not intend to marry again. When my husband talks about Fairfax County raising taxes I say, "Pay them, they educated my sons." Not only am I a Democrat, but I will vote for Barack Obama in November.

Louise Putnam
Fairfax

Ready To Debate

To the Editor:

I was surprised to read in your article "Candidates Decline To Debate" that Republican Keith Fimian said he is "unaware" of any scheduled debates with Democratic congressional candidate Gerry Connolly.

In fact, a quick check would have shown that Connolly has accepted invitations to participate in at least 22 different debates and forums scheduled between the two candidates for the 11th Congressional District seat. Fimian's campaign has accepted these same invitations. I find it hard to believe that Fimian was unaware of every

one of these scheduled debates since there are so many of them.

A variety of different civic and professional groups are hosting debates and forums featuring Connolly and his opponent, including the League of Women Voters, AARP, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Prince William, Mount Vernon, Lee and Vienna Chambers of Commerce, a number of local homeowners and civic associations, an American Legion Auxiliary, B'nai B'rith, the Fairfax and Prince William Bar Associations and the Medical Society of Northern Virginia.

Throughout his career, Gerry Connolly has never shied away from debates on the issues. For Fimian to suggest otherwise is nonsensical and duplicitous.

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NEWS

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lot. Also, the building at 10950 Fairfax Blvd. would have to be refaced to match the quality of the proposed improvements.

The motion was tabled after Council member Joan Cross took issue with the design in its current form.

"There is no definition between the parking lot and the access road. There's no island or anything there that confines one from the other," she said. "Was there any thought given to defining that parking area a little better than it is?"

NEWS BRIEFS Council member Jeff Greenfield suggested that the system used to judge the store's planned use may need to be retooled and questioned whether the store would receive enough business to warrant the change.

"Is there a way to solve this tonight? I don't want to delay this, but I think we all know maybe we need another category, because you within another 150 yards an auto parts store that doesn't get anywhere near the foot traffic for that category."

Part of the problem stemmed from the city's long-term vision of Fairfax Boulevard, and what a reduction in parking spaces might do for a City Council that has stated its plans to revitalize the properties along the road.

"The problem comes in if we reconfigure the parking lot too much, it substantially limits what could happen to this property in the future, said David Hudson, director of community development and planning for the city. "Any other kind of general retail use that would go in there would likely have a much greater parking demand."

The motion was temporarily tabled while city officials, including Hudson, worked with owners of the Autozone to redesign the plans in order to address Cross' concerns without significantly altering the plan. Instead of eliminating 23 parking spaces, the redesigned plan now called for a loss of 26 parking spaces but would allow for a clear definition between the parking lot and the nearby access road. The motion was brought back up near the end of the meeting and passed unanimously after it was presented to the council.

"I want to thank the staff and owners of the property for sticking with it," said Greenfield.

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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.

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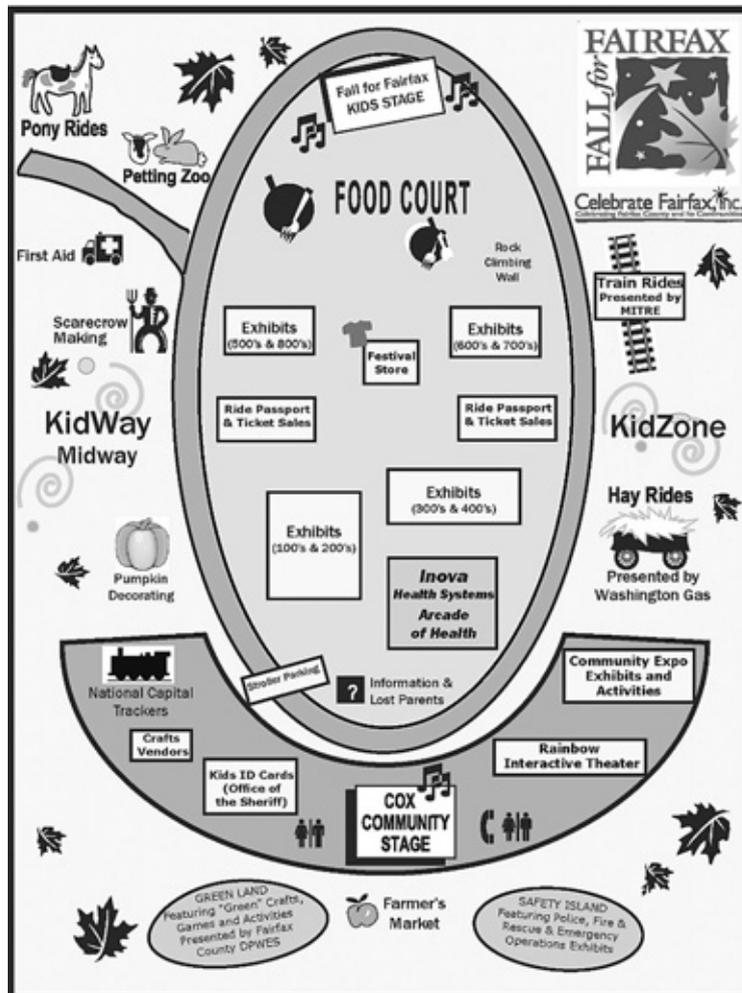
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- ❖ INOVA Arcade Of Health (Free)
- ❖ Fall for Fairfax Train Ride presented by MITRE (\$2 for kids, parents ride free)
- ❖ Hayrides presented by Washington Gas (Free)
- ❖ KidZone Bounces & Slides (All-day play passports are \$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site;)
- ❖ 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)
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- ❖ 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)

NEWS

Council Approves New Inspection Program

An ordinance amending the City Code to establish and coordinate a rental inspection program was passed unanimously at a public hearing with the Fairfax City Council Friday, Sept. 23. The program would allow for inspections only in areas where the governing body had determined a risk to public health existed on properties that are blighted or deteriorating, or in selected areas in order to maintain "safe, decent and sanitary living conditions, according to a staff report detailing the motion.

After Mayor Robert Lederer opened the floor to public comment, Elizabeth Gee, president of the Cambridge Station Association, presented her support and her organization's support for the ordinance.

"Clearly, as president and a resident who lives in a community that has rentals, we definitely support continuing to have a means where the city could go in and in-

spect these rental properties," said Gee.

Council member Jeff Greenfield said the motion was a stop-gap measure, and advised any residents with complaints to address them to Virginia General Assembly, which he said severely limited the powers of localities such as the city to enforce such inspections.

"This is one step to move us along," said Greenfield during the hearing. "Quite frankly, it's not enough and it's going to take another legislative change to get back to allowing us to do what we were doing."

Before the motion passed unanimously, Council member Joan Cross concurred with Greenfield's comments.

"I'm terribly disappointed with the actions in Richmond regarding this legislation, and I applaud our staff for trying to fit [the program] within those narrow guidelines," she said.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

NEWS BRIEFS

HEALTH NOTES

The Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia, LLC monthly support group meeting, Sunday, Oct. 5, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Physicians' Conference Center, Inova Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Fairfax. Kathy B. Glazer MS, RD, LD., registered and licensed dietitian discusses nutrition and diet for those with ostomies; also nutrition for cancer patients. 703-802-3457.

The Clifton Presbyterian Church has a Caregiver Support Group that meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. This group is for caregivers of seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other age-related problems. Call Rebecca Daniel-Burke at 703-830-9175 ext. 17.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

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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

society.org/art_auction.

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

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

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



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.

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SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 12-3 p.m. Fairfax Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

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

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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. 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. Visit www.CelebrateCALM.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 3

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

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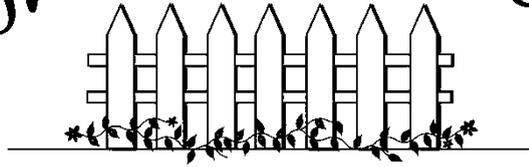
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The Bird and the Bee and Willoughby. Pop music. 8 p.m. \$17. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

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



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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 Annandale. Free shuttle bus service provided. 703-425-9300 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock.

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. Fight global poverty 1 kilometer at a time. 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, 703-848-2072 or KMLeod@friendsus.org. www.friendsoftheorphans.org//ma-ne.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Community Appearance Committee meeting. 7:30 p.m., City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-7995.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clean Energy Open House, to showcase economic benefits of clean energy. 12-4 p.m. Chesapeake

Climate Action Network, 2933 Fairhill Road, Fairfax. events.greenjobsnow.com/greenforall/events/show/5499

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

Fairfax County Police Department Explorer Program. 7-9 p.m. Young people, 14-20, are invited to discover opportunities to develop leadership skills and real world experience while lending a hand to on-duty police officers. This informational meeting will introduce this hands-on program and how to get involved. Exploring provides young people with outstanding

opportunities to learn and practice some of the same skills that officers use on a daily basis like fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention. South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. 703-246-4311.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

City of Fairfax Democratic Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-385-8500 or www.FairfaxCityDemocrats.org.

CRIME REPORT

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arrested and charged with embezzlement. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Bond was set at \$2,500.

3201 Old Lee Highway / Home Depot. On Sept. 16, at 4:25 p.m., the loss prevention manager reported that an employee had been making fraudulent transactions from June 2008 through September 2008. Alma Y. Benavides, 20, of the 4500 block of Apple Tree Drive, Alexandria, was arrested and charged with embezzlement. She was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Bond was set at \$2500.

IDENTITY THEFT

3400 Block of White Oak Court. On Sept. 16, at 10:53 a.m., the victim reported that on Aug. 28, unknown person(s) obtained her credit card information and attempted to make unauthorized purchases.

LARCENY

9555 Fairfax Blvd. / Chevron Gas Station. Sometime between 12 p.m. on Sept. 10 and 8 a.m. on Sept. 13, unknown person(s) gained entry into a van and stole several tools. The van was left on the lot for service.

10900 Block of Oakwood Drive. The victim reported that sometime during the evening hours of Sept.13, an unknown person(s) stole her wallet.

3226 Old Lee Highway / 7-Eleven Store. The victim reported that on Sept. 15 between 11:43 a.m. and 11:47 a.m., unknown person(s) stole his wallet that was left unattended.

3226 Old Lee Highway / 7-Eleven Store. The store manager reported that on Sept. 15, at 4 p.m., an unknown man entered the store and stole alcohol. Management provided a description of the suspect and officers located him nearby. Eric B. Musa, 25, of the 14200 block of Savannah Drive, Fairfax, was arrested and charged with larceny and public intoxication. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Bond was set at \$500.

3195 Old Lee Highway / McDonalds. An employee reported that on Sept. 17, between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., unknown person(s) stole her wallet that was left unattended.

10383 Fairfax Blvd. / Sunoco Gas Station. On Sept. 17, at 10:43 a.m., the manager reported that unknown person(s) broke into a shed and stole four tires. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

3200 Block of Plantation Parkway. The victim reported that sometime between 10 p.m. on Sept. 17 and 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 18, unknown person(s) stole his presidential candidate yard sign.

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Player of Note

Fairfax senior Theresa Harvey is a star both on and off the volleyball court.

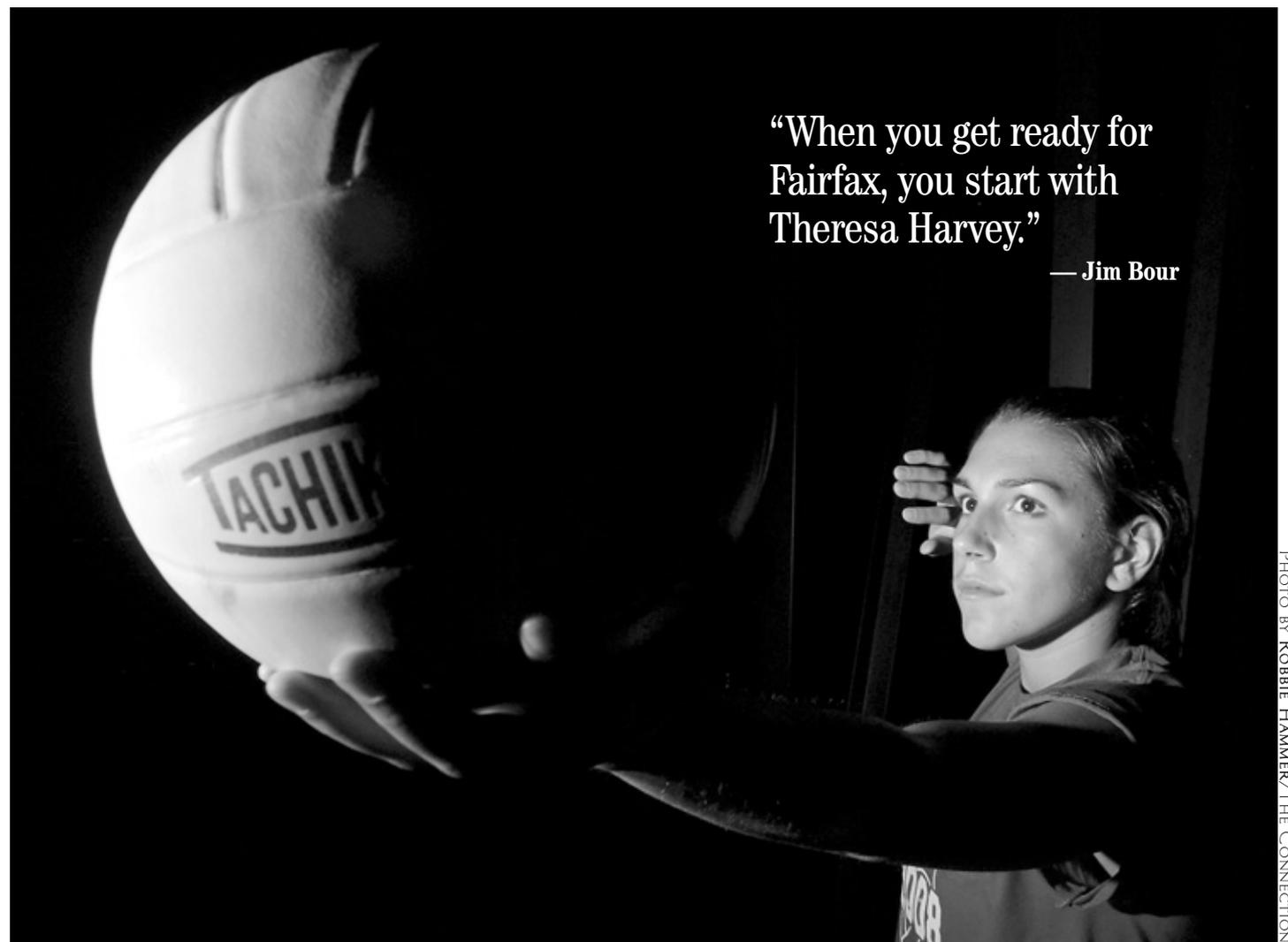
BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

If Fairfax senior Theresa Harvey sends a volleyball your way, it's generally a compliment.

As one of the area's most ferocious outside hitters, Harvey picks a certain player or spot to exploit before every match, typically electing to target the opponent's top player or a spot around them.

No disrespect is meant by it, Harvey simply knows that to be the best, one has to beat the best.

A self-diagnosed competition addict, Harvey uses this little trick not only for her-



"When you get ready for Fairfax, you start with Theresa Harvey."

— Jim Bour

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

One of the Northern Region's top offensive threats, Fairfax senior outside hitter Theresa Harvey is the focus of opposing coaches' game plans.

self but for her team. She knows that if that goal is accomplished, it'll help the Rebels' confidence grow.

"I guess I just use that as motivation," Harvey said. "The players that I single out

are just really strong players, and so every time we do something well when [that player] goes against us, it will give us more confidence."

Harvey's confident Rebels have

steamrolled their way to an 11-1 start, making the senior leader look awfully smart. After last season's 13-6 mark, Fairfax lost

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Paul VI junior Idreis Augustus ran for 140 yards and three touchdowns on 31 carries during the Panthers' 43-20 win over Bishop Ireton last Friday.

Panthers Win at Home

Paul VI football grabs 43-20 win over visiting Bishop Ireton.

Besting Bishop Ireton, 43-20, at home, the Paul VI Panther football team is off to a 2-1 start this season after another win in the third week of play. The Panthers scored first, but a 20-yard field goal by junior Owen Scarbrough was just the beginning of a 16-point scoring streak by PVI.

Next, junior Idreis Augustus (31 carries, 140 yards) scored his first of three touchdowns, followed by a 72-yard pass from junior Trevon Bennett to senior Dominic Sanders for another score.

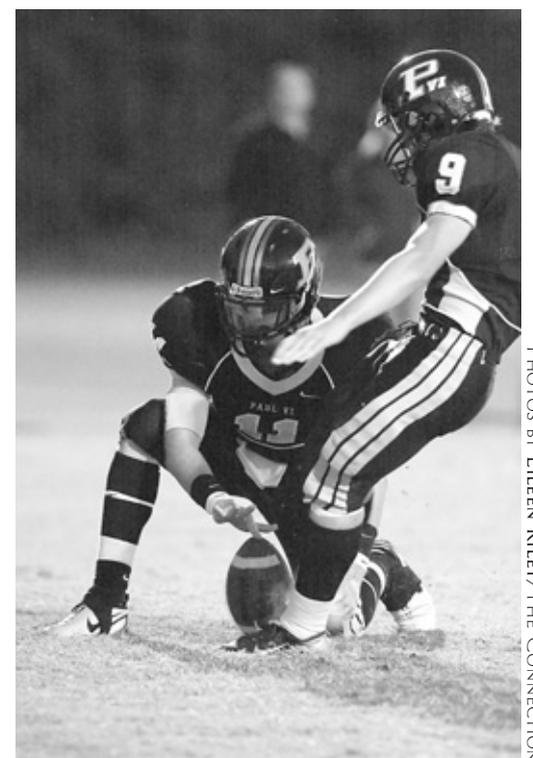
At halftime, Paul VI led 16-0, but still Bishop Ireton fought back, scoring consecutive touchdowns before a 75-yard hookup from Bennett to junior wideout James Naylor, coupled with a 20-point fourth quarter, put the game out of reach.

Offensively, 230 yards passing from Bennett and 93 receiving yards from Sanders paced the Panthers. Naylor posted two catches for 77 yards and also returned a kickoff 45 yards for a score.

Another key player contributing to the Panthers' victory was junior Eric Wright, who had nine tackles and two interceptions — one interception was a 60-yard run that set the Panthers up for a touchdown.

On Friday, the Panthers will take on the undefeated Good Counsel Falcons.

— EILEEN KILEY



With four extra points and a 22-yard field goal, junior kicker Owen Scarbrough contributed seven points during last Friday's win.

PHOTOS BY EILEEN KILEY/THE CONNECTION

Harvey Dominates on Court

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the services of sophomore Marilyn Peizer, who transferred to Flint Hill. But with Harvey, the Rebels remain a force to be reckoned with in the Concorde District.

"Theresa is definitely someone who's our go-to-when-in-crisis hitter," said Fairfax coach Christine Zanellato. "But we try to balance our offense because if it was only her, we'd be very easy to beat because all people would have to do would be to camp out around her.

The daughter of a government employee and an electrical engineer, Harvey started playing organized volleyball at age 10, though her mother first peppered with her many years before. Through elementary and middle school, Harvey developed a love for the sport and also developed a love of competition, no matter what the game.

"Ever since I was little, I've always been playing sports," said Harvey, who loves Italian food, and every night before a big match routinely eats a big bowl of pasta. "I've always been competitive, and I'd just want to win."

As a self-imposed rule, Harvey won't end any drill, play or practice with anything but a successful kill. In addition to her high school stardom, Harvey maintains a rigorous club and travel schedule with Virginia Elite, something that has led to her most recent milestone: a college commitment.

After she was recruited at a club volley-

ball tournament in Las Vegas, Harvey took a trip to New York and visited the campus of Division-I Iona College, which is about 20 miles north of Manhattan.

AT IONA, Harvey felt comfortable. She knew that everything fit. And she also knew that she could swim there.

Wait, what?

It's assumed that your most talented athletes maintain some type of club schedule to supplement the work that's put in with their high school teams, but as if volleyball just wouldn't satisfy that craving for competition, Harvey is also a record-setting swimmer.

Harvey swam the anchor leg on the Rebels' 200-meter freestyle relay team, which set a state record at last winter's Virginia AAA swim and dive championships with a time of 1 minute, 38.63 seconds. Harvey also grabbed a third-place finish in the 100 freestyle.

"I don't think I could give it up," Harvey said of her love for the pool. "I've had high school swimming, club swimming and club volleyball all at once, so I know it's going to be a lot harder in college but I feel like I can handle it."

If what she's shown on the volleyball court serves as any indication, Harvey will be fine. While the future Iona Gael has developed game plans of her own, coaches from around the district have been ripping their hair out trying to develop a game plan to neutralize her.

"She's by far one of the best athletes that plays the sport of volleyball."

— Ken Moser, Centreville volleyball coach



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Theresa Harvey, whose parents met playing beach volleyball, started peppering with her Mom as a youngster and started organized volleyball at age 10.

"When you get ready for Fairfax, you start with Theresa Harvey," said Westfield coach Jim Bour. "When you go out there and look at teams and who to plan for, it's no disrespect for anybody else, it's that [Harvey] is a major force we have to plan for."

"She's by far one of the best athletes that plays the sport of volleyball," said Centreville coach Ken Moser. "There are a lot of girls that play the sport of volleyball, but she's an athletic individual that plays the sport of volleyball and she'll continue to have success with volleyball based on her athleticism."

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

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

Guinea Road Bodies Re-Buried in Cemetery

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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 descendents, 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 de-

scendents 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."

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 re-interment. 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.

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 later, with the work of Howard, the Gibson-Parker relatives, Williams and VDOT, the final two remains 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 lived hard lives and the fact that we could honor them is phenomenal," said Lipsey.

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— Mary Lipsey

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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.

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TAX NOTICE CITY OF FAIRFAX

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS ARE DUE

Personal Property tax bills have been mailed and are due
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

Taxes may be paid in person Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Treasurer's Office, Room 234, City Hall

IMPORTANT

Even if you do not receive a bill,
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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 OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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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 substitute 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.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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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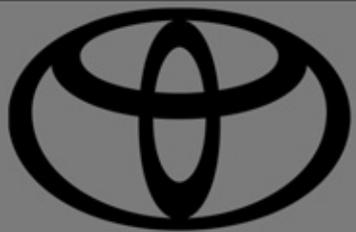
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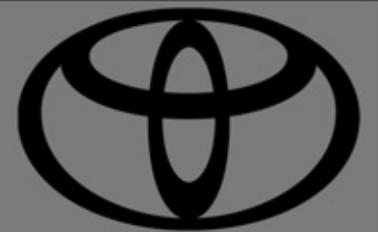
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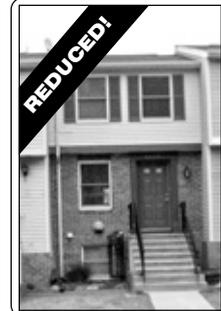
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