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Taking a tour of the Workhouse Arts Center for the first time, Jan Funk walks through one of the eight open studios following the grand opening ceremony. Funk is principal of nearby Halley Elementary School.

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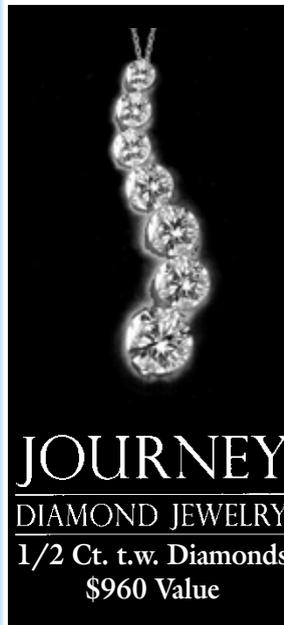
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Artistic Moment

Workhouse Arts Center opens its doors on Sept. 19.



Hsi-Mei Yates of Stafford and Trish Vermillion of Fredericksburg put some finishing touches on their studios at the Workhouse Arts Center on Sept. 19.



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Lorton Arts Foundation board members, Workhouse staff and local and state dignitaries participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton on Friday, Sept. 19. View more ceremony photos at www.connectionnewspapers.com.

An Intimate Performance

On opening day, Workhouse Arts Center kicks off series of free musical performances.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Pianist Pedja Muzijevic is no stranger to large venues. Performing with The Boston Pops, the Residentie Orkest in The Hague and a solo debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City, he has reached some of the highest planes of his profession. So after taking his seat behind the Yamaha piano at the newly minted Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton to play for less than 90 guests and center volunteers, some explanation was required.

"Classical piano can often be stiff and unpleasant," said Muzijevic after his performance Friday, Sept. 19.

Fresh off the ribbon cutting ceremony which officially marked the opening of the Workhouse Arts Center, the Lorton Arts Foundation (LAF) capped off its inaugural day with a Gallery After Hours performance by

"I thought it was quaint. It was very intimate"

— Jonathan Krosschel

"Pedja and Friends," featuring violinist Jessica Lee and French horn player Eric Ruske.

After months of wearing hard hats and tennis shoes as they

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Pianist Pedja Muzijevic and violinist Jessica Lee perform a piece by Leos Janacek during the Gallery After Hours performance at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

SCMS Gets Design Funding

Private proposal for middle school construction rejected.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County School Board voted 9-3 to allocate over \$2 million worth of funding to the design of a new South County Middle School Sept. 18, bringing the project one step closer to fruition.

The School Board has not voted to officially back the South County Middle School and put the matter to the Fairfax County residents for a bond vote. But Fairfax County Public Schools staff said development of the middle school's design would have to get underway if the school system intended to open the new building in January 2012.

"I can't complete it by 2012 if we don't start working on the architectural plans immediately," said Dean Tistadt, the school system's chief operating officer.

The School Board intends to vote on its

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NEWS BRIEFS

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.

Which Project Comes First?

If there ever was a star crossed project, the last link of the Fairfax County Parkway, adjacent to the Fort Belvoir's Engineering Proving Grounds, appears to be it. Now it's a question of phasing versus local traffic flow.

Supervisor Gerald Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) introduced a joint Board Matter at Monday's Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' meeting calling on the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to complete Phase IV before Phase III of the parkway so that local drivers will not be prevented from having access to Fullerton Industrial Park from Interstate 95.

He was joined in that request by Board Chairman Gerald Connolly (D-At-large) and Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "We believe it is vitally important that VDOT construct Phase IV before Phase III," Hyland said.

"Constructing Phase III before IV, the currently proposed order, will essentially eliminate the ability of drivers to access businesses in the Fullerton Industrial Park from I-95 north. This potential issue is obvious to anyone who studies the proposed traffic routes," he said.

Hyland noted that State Dels. Vivian Watts (D-39) and David Albo (R-40) along with State Sen. George Barker (D-39) have all petitioned VDOT for funds to undertake concurrent and accelerated construction of Phase IV. "It is imperative that Phase IV be accelerated in order to prevent serious traffic circulation problems," Hyland said. Fairfax County has allocated nearly \$2 million for a single ramp in Phase IV, according to Hyland.

"The swapping of phases needs no further study to see its merits. To my knowledge no comprehensive traffic study has been completed to determine the effects of the overall sequenced construction on traffic," Hyland said.

"We would suggest VDOT determine how the potentially long term incomplete status of the parkway will impact traffic flow throughout the life of the project. The only study I am aware of assesses the full, unphased and complete construction of the Parkway at one time — something that, unfortunately, does not appear feasible right now," he said.

Noting that Tom Fahrney, VDOT's lead on the Parkway project, requested a formal letter from the Board calling for consideration of these concerns, Hyland moved that Connolly, as Chairman, send such a letter to VDOT Secretary Pierce Homer "expressing our request to swap Phase III and Phase IV before final approval" of the parkway project.

Candidate Forums

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

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NEWS

\$2M for Middle School

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new countywide construction and renovation plan, which could include the South County Middle School, in December. Should the South County Middle School be included on a list of funding priorities, Fairfax County voters would decide whether to green light the project through bonds in November 2009.

The construction of South County Middle School was tentatively scheduled to begin approximately a decade from now. But the community has lobbied to have the building moved up on the school system's building priority list.

South County Secondary School, where South County students currently attend middle school, is one of the most overcrowded schools in the county and operates on two different school day schedules in order to accommodate all of its students.

School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield), who is a South County parent, said the situation is only likely to get worse. Enrollment at South County's feeder elementary schools has increased and the surrounding schools, West Springfield High School and Hayfield Secondary School, are also seeing more students.

"We need to continue to move in this direction. This is due," said Bradsher.

NOT EVERYONE is agreement that the South County Middle School, which will cost between \$40 million and \$50 million, needs to be constructed earlier than scheduled.

All the School Board members who voted against the project — Kathy Smith (Sully), Tessie Wilson (Braddock) and Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) — do not have constituents who would directly benefit from the new middle school. They have all expressed

doubts and have advocated for either a boundary change or putting on building addition, which is cheaper, on the current secondary school.

Gibson said moving the middle school up on the capital improvement project list is likely to move other projects, those that have not seen their bond funding approved by voters, pushed back. He said these projects include 12 elementary schools, Cooper Middle School, Sandburg Middle School, Marshall High School, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, West Springfield High School and Langley High School.

"We have \$250 million in unfunded renovation projects. 42 million is coming out of our cash flow to build this school," said Gibson.

The South County community has pursued private funding to help with the middle school construction, but a recent private funding proposal, which involved a public land swap with a private company, was rejected by Fairfax

County government staff.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and the school system staff said they expect other private funding proposals for the middle school to be submitted to the county, including one that has already been floated in public.

"Any money that comes to [the school's construction program] is a bonus," said Herrity.

Until then, the school system is planning to use public funds to build the middle school.

In order to complete South County Middle School with public funds before 2012, the school system must take a "buy now, pay later" approach to the project.

Construction on South County Middle School will start earlier than other construction projects that appear on the November 2009 ballot. Because of this, the project will also be more expensive and the school system plans to use a \$10 million allocation from the county to pay for the extra expense.

"I can't complete it by 2012 if we don't start working on the architectural plans immediately."

— Dean Tistadt

Steady Effort

Jake Thomas, a seventh-grader at Robinson Secondary, tries not fall off a rope ladder while participating in homecoming activities at the school prior to the Friday, Sept. 19 varsity football game.



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Classical Trio Opens Lorton Workhouse

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navigated the muddy construction grounds of the complex on Ox Road, LAF members donned high heels, dress shoes and their Friday night best to enjoy an hour of music by three world-class artists. Tickets were free, and LAF executive director Sharon Mason said the Gallery After Hours event would take place every six weeks, with a different performer invited each time.

“Gallery After Hours was an idea to do a performance on a smaller scale,” said Mason.

Located on the top floor of the Gallery Building, the room was designed to provide an atmosphere of closeness and intimacy. Guests were free to sip wine and sample hors d'oeuvres in a small gallery room with paintings hanging along the white walls and faint lighting spaced between more than a dozen round tables. Though this performance was scheduled for 7 p.m., moveable walls were placed in front of the windows, ready to block all light from the outside if needed. The absence of any stage ensured that the audience sat close to the performers.

“I thought it was quaint. It was very intimate,” said Jonathan Krosschel, a Springfield resident who attended the performance Friday. “My favorite piece was the solo piano. It wasn’t too deep and it wasn’t too light.”

THE PIECES and design of the perfor-



PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

French horn player Eric Ruske, right, performs Johannes Brahms with violinist Jessica Lee, left, and pianist Pedja Muzijevic.

mance, said Muzijevic, were picked for their appeal to the casual listener. Three slimmed-down, 20-minute pieces by Czech composer Leos Janacek, American composer John Cage and German composer Johannes Brahms were chosen in order to give the audience a broad sample of the genre. Addressing the audience during an interlude, Muzijevic said he chose to play Janacek, who used unorthodox chord progressions

and structures in his music, first in order to “start with the weirdest piece of the evening.”

His counterparts on the French horn and violin are internationally acclaimed as well. Ruske, who has performed with the Baltimore and Indianapolis symphonies and was named associate principal horn of The Cleveland Orchestra at the age of 20, played in the third piece of the night, the only piece

to feature Ruske, Muzijevic and Lee at the same time.

Lee, a 25-year-old Richmond native, said this was the trio’s first performance together, though Ruske and Muzijevic have played together numerous times. Lee, first prizewinner of the 2005 Concert Artists Guild International Competition, has also performed at Carnegie Hall. Despite her age, she has over 22 years of violin-playing experience, beginning when she was 3.

“It’s one of those things [as a child] that you start doing and don’t know why,” said Lee.

After the performance, all three spent time walking the room, talking and interacting with the audience. This, said Mason, was also by design. Though she said the LAF would consider putting in enough tables to fit around 120 guests in future performances, they don’t expect to go much higher in an attempt to maintain that “small” feeling. Audience member Kirsten Dally of Washington, D.C. said she had played violin for 20 years and enjoyed the closeness of the performance.

“It was really nice sitting so close. I could actually ‘see’ the music,” she said.

Muzijevic reflected on what he considered to be one of the great truths of classical music and art in general — it’s all relative.

“What I love about classical music is that it’s one of the few things in life where you can absolutely love it or absolutely hate it and both points of view are correct,” he said before he continued walking among the tables and chatting with the audience he had just finished playing for.



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.

Peaceful Etchings

Lake Braddock art students mark Peace Day with sidewalk masterpieces.



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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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/>

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



DAVEY-TEDESCO ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davey of Fairfax Station announce the engagement of their daughter Alyssa Marie to John Tedesco Jr., son of Col. and Mrs. John Tedesco of Ashto, Md. Davey graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelors degree in criminology in 2000, and is district sales director for Tigi Linea. Tedesco graduated from Towson University with a bachelors degree in communications in 2000, and is an account executive for Cintas Corp. An October wedding is planned.



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Claudia Dwass, Fairfax



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"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

CRIME

Activities reported by the Sully District of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 19.

LARCENIES

- 14500 block of Creek Branch Court.** Baseball cards stolen from residence.
- 14100 block of Lotus Lane.** Tools stolen from vehicle.
- 13900 block of Melton Place.** Wallet stolen from residence.
- 5600 block of Sully Park Drive.** GPS stolen from vehicle.
- 6800 block of Union Mill Road.** Blackberry stolen from school.

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 19.

EMBEZZLEMENT/ ARREST

- 5400 block of Port Royal Road.** On Tuesday, Sept. 16, police were called to the United Parcel Service of America store, located at 5409 Port Royal Road, for an embezzlement case. An investigation determined that an employee, Waqar Khan, allegedly stole multiple delivery packages between April and Sept. Waqar Khan, 21, of the 4300 block of Aspen Drive in Alexandria, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with embezzlement.

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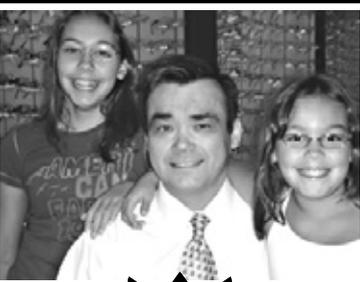
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Programs at Fall for Fairfax KidsFest include:

- 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 minimal 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

COX COMMUNITY STAGE

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
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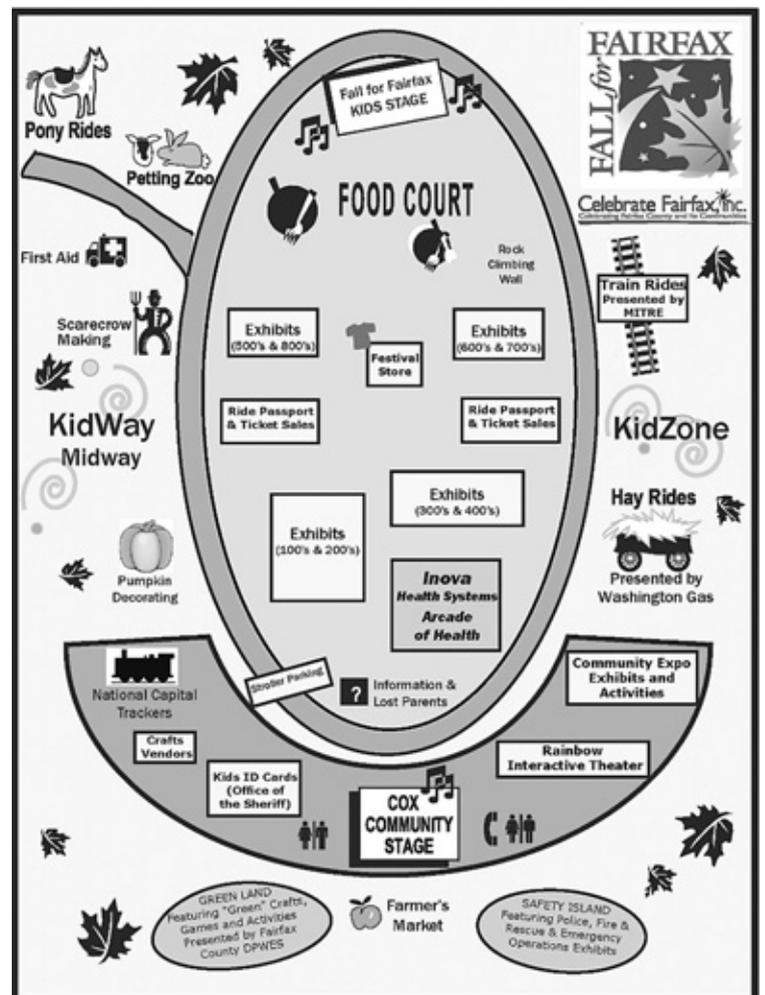
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TIME
 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 12 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
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 5 p.m. - 5:25 p.m.
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Kidsfest 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)



NEWS

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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

Fairfax Considers Raising Taxi Fares

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is considering a supplanting a temporary taxicab surcharge with a permanent hike in the basic rate for cabs.

Fairfax County staff has recommended the supervisors raise the initial taxi cab user fee from \$2.75 to \$3.75. They have also suggested the board increase the per-mile charge from \$1.75 to \$2.00.

Consumers are unlikely to see a huge swing in prices, since a temporary fuel fee of \$2.00 would be eliminated if the supervisors adopted the new rates.

Several taxicab drivers attended the hearing and urged the supervisors to pass the new rates. Many had been driving cabs for several years and said the increase in fuel costs and other expenses were making it harder to make ends meet while driving a cab.

"I beg you to go ahead and increase the fare. ... If we do not spend seven days in our cars, we cannot feed our families," said cab driver Richard Boateng at the hearing.

Charles King, who owns a cab company, spoke out against the one-dollar rate hike in the initial cab user fee. He said it would unfairly impact lower income residents who use cabs and drive down business for all taxi drivers.

King also testified against proposed increases to taxicabs' fuel efficiency standards. Fairfax County staff has suggested the supervisors make cabs meet a 30 mile-per-gallon standard by 2012. A Ford Crown Victoria, the most popular car for cabs in the area, gets between 14 and 16 miles to the gallon, they said.

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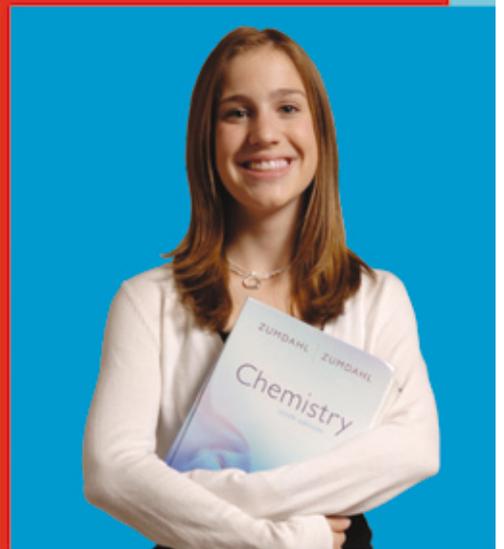
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Art for a Song is a live art auction to benefit the Fairfax Choral Society's youth performance and education programs, on Saturday, Sept. 27. Over 200 works of art will be auctioned, and door prizes will include art works and handmade chocolate.

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

Street. All ages. 6:15 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

talents of Mason students and faculty, and culminates with a performance by Broadway artist Brian Stokes Mitchell. ARTS by George! takes place on Mason's Fairfax campus on at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$200 per person. E-mail dpaez@gmu.edu, call 703-993-4188 or visit www.artsbygeorge.com.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

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

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

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

Disney on Ice presents Worlds of Fantasy 7 p.m., at the George Mason University Patriot Center. 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.

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

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring lunch and come for stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria 703-971-0010.

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

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

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

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 showcases the artistic

Occoquan Regional Park Family Film Fun Night, showing "Surf's Up" at 8 p.m. Park gates open at 7 p.m. Occoquan Park, on Route 123 one mile north of Interstate 395 in Lorton. \$15 per car load. 703-690-2121 or www.NVRPA.org.

Dog Day Afternoon Cruise. Lake Accotink Park, 7550 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-569-3464 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefront.

Sunset Cruise. Lake Accotink Park, 7550 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-569-3464 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefront.

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

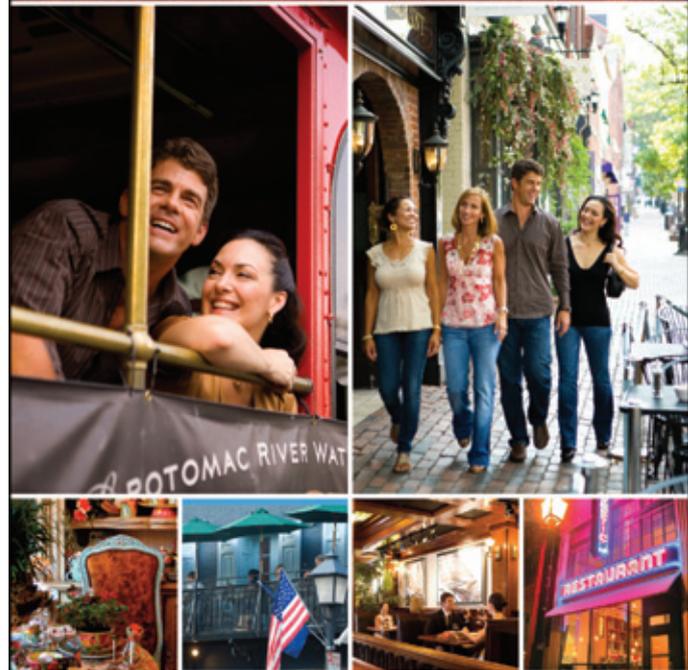
"It's All About the Cats" kitten and cat adoption extravaganza at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred's Oak Road, Burke. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. All of the Kittens and Cats can be selected on the adoption site, and many may be able to be taken home the same day. Others will be delivered to the adoptive families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

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ceremony. 1:30 p.m. South Run RECenter, South Run District Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. 703-866-0566 or 703-324-8662.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Amorphis with Leaves Eyes, Samael, Virgin Black, The Green Evening Requiem. 6:30 p.m. All ages; \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

Richard Byrd Library Book Sale. 12-7 p.m. Half-price day. Library discards, romance, mystery, science fiction, children's and non-fiction. Richard Byrd Community Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield.

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.

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

Kataklysm with Dying Fetus, Eluveitie, Keep of Kalessin, Apothys and Emesis. All ages. 6:30 p.m. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940.

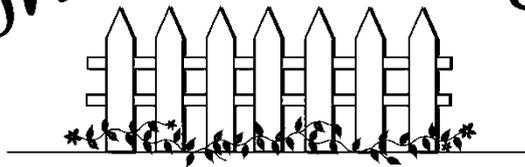
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Enrique Iglesias. 8 p.m. Tickets \$58 to \$88. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Call 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

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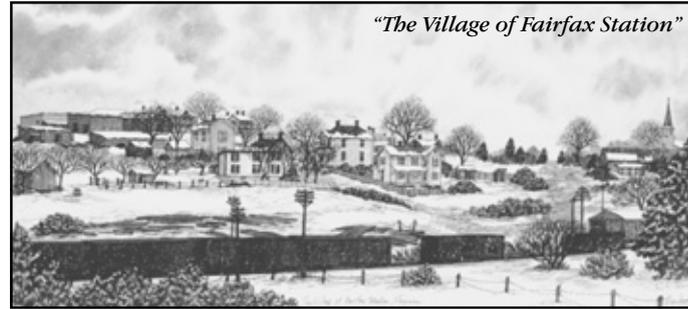
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Lake Braddock's 400-Win Woman

Field hockey coach Diane Miller 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,

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

— Diane Miller

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



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock field hockey coach Diane Miller won her 400th game last Saturday as her team topped Eastern View to win the Herndon Tournament.

fun.

"She really makes you 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

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Miller Wins 400th Game

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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."

Rams 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.

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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

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.

Obama and Education

To the Editor:

In the 19th century, our grandmothers and great grandmothers were left behind when it came to receiving; never mind a quality education but an education period. Unfortunately, they weren't privy to the educational opportunities that should have been available to them.

Today, we're now living in the 21st century, and I'm happy to witness the fact that it's a much different story where the resources and opportunities are available and choices can be made in the topical discussion of education.

Unfortunately, somewhere down the line we're still missing the fact that No Child should be left behind when it comes to his/her well-being in receiving a quality education. How well do we forget that these children will be our future leaders of tomorrow; presidents, doctors, nurses, attorneys, teachers, you get the message. Let's forget about the socioeconomic status of these children and show them a great foundation of learning.

When I say forget, I'm not alluding to the fact to ignore any problems, issues or illnesses they may be facing. I'm simply stating, show

equality here and let's get these kids educated.

Speaking of the no child left behind, what happened to the "No Child Left Behind" act that President George W. Bush signed into existence? It's a failure! Look right here in our Nation's Capital and you'll witness the insurmountable number of children that are being left behind. Something is seriously wrong with our educational system and the leaders in charge. Is it safe to say that America has become desensitized to the well-being of our children and their needs for survival?

It's definitely time for a change! The American people are looking for a fearless leader who will maintain his dignity, uphold his integrity, exercise his morals, and stand behind his promises. Our fearless, Elected Democratic Official, Senator Barack Obama certainly has demonstrated his ability to lead, take action, and motivate others into action, especially those whom are looking for change, whom leaves no doubt in my mind that he will make every effort possible to ensure that NO Child is Left Behind when it comes to his/her education.

Renee S. Wroten
Fairfax

Do the Research

To the Editor:

Memo to all politicians: Stop running those negative ads. We don't believe them. We are tired of them. The public is not stupid and you are getting ripped off by the advisors you are paying for the "advice" to keep mailing this nonsense.

Gerald Connolly's latest mailer calling Keith Fimian a "Failed Businessman" is the latest (though certainly not the only) case in point. Failed? By what definition?

One minute of research turns up Connolly's own Web site, which calls Fimian a "wealthy businessman" who has the ability to "self-fund" his run for a Congressional seat. "Failed businessman" and "wealthy businessman" don't seem to add up.

Two more minutes of research discloses that Fimian built a business that is now the largest provider of home inspections in the country. Connolly's ad says Fimian's business was sued 40 times but quick research discloses that it does 150,000 inspections a year, so the "40" is taken completely out of context and is my no means evidence of failure. Connolly's ad says that Fimian's business "had its corporate status revoked in Arkansas" but the very Web site he cites as his source

shows that while the corporation withdrew (not revoked) its "Inc." status, it's "LLC" status is in "good standing." Any small business owner will tell you that this goes on in business all the time. Connolly's negative advertising also claims that Fimian's company was hit with a \$16,000 tax lien, but another two minutes of Internet research turns up that the issue was the IRS' inability to track down 5,000 subcontractors of the company and get them to pay their taxes.

Negative advertising is certainly not limited to Gerald Connolly and it's disappointing to see our presidential candidates engaging in the same tactics. What it tells us, as voters, is that you politicians are not careful about who you take advice from and when it comes to spending money and you are willing to spend frivolously. It also tells us that we really have a hard time trusting anything you tell us.

We'd like to hear where you are on the issues. We'd like to see concrete plans, not "glittering generalities." Anyone can say "I'm for lower gas prices," but what's your plan for getting us there? Can any of you deliver content that might actually be useful in helping a voter make a decision?

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OCTOBER 6, 2008

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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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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
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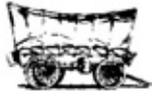
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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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 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.

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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.

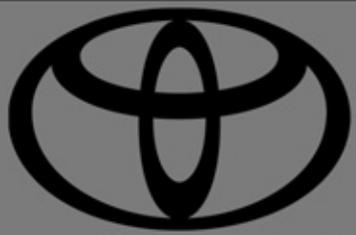
The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (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.

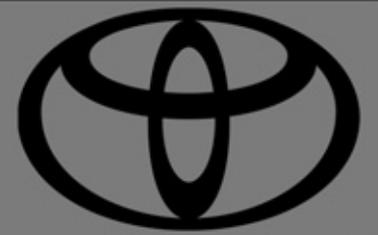
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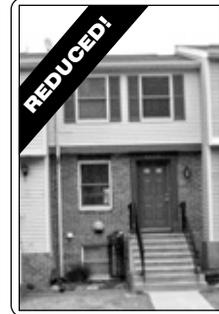
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