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Anthony Bazzini, 10, works on a chalk drawing at Hunter Woods Elementary School in Reston on Saturday, Sept. 20. The event was part of the global project, CHALK4PEACE, with thousands of young people from all over the world drawing peace-themed chalk drawings. The project is held to celebrate International Peace Day.

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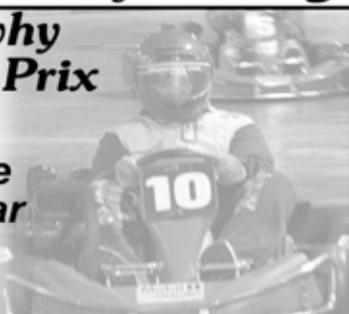
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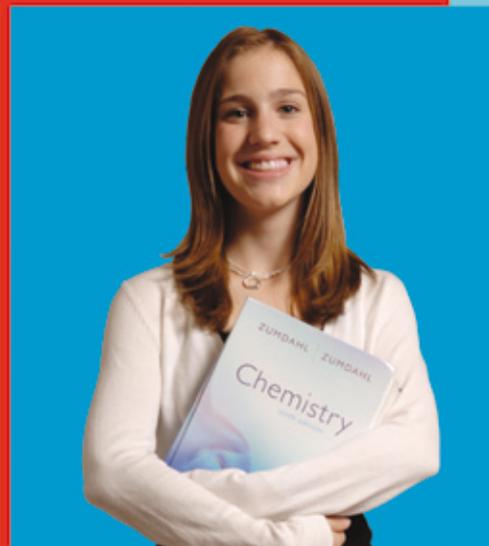
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Neel Ravishankr, 11, puts the finishing touches on one of his chalk drawings at Hunter Woods Elementary School on Saturday morning. The event was part of the global project, Chalk4Peace, with thousands of young people from all over the world drawing peace-themed chalk drawings. The project is held to celebrate International Peace Day, which is held on Sept. 21 each year.



Working on a chalk drawing at Hunter Woods Elementary School is Olivia LeBolt, 11, a student at the school. Students and family members spent part of the day making peace-themed chalk drawings to celebrate International Peace Day.

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THE CONNECTION

'Broken' System Evaluated

Local residents discuss how healthcare has failed them.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Herndon resident Valerie Smallwood required several emergency surgeries to save her foot after a car struck her while she was walking. Upon release from the hospital Smallwood was struck by a large bill that her health insurance company would not pay.

"The insurance company said it would not pay for it because it was not pre-authorized," said Smallwood of the emergency surgeries.

Reston resident Elaine Contessa, 72, signed up for Medicare when she was 65 years old. Paying \$98 per month for the coverage, Contessa also signed up for secondary insurance with a private company. However, the doctors she had been seeing for 30-plus years no longer accept Medicare patients. Medicare would not consider bills from those doctors and her secondary insurance would not pay the bills without Medicare rejection. She has since dropped Medicare in order for her secondary insurance to become her primary insurance.

"Who gives the insurance companies the right to determine what medications are covered?"

— Elaine Contessa, Reston resident

Immigration 'Success' Shared

Prince William chair claims illegal immigrants are moving into Fairfax County.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

While the Town of Herndon grapples with what to do regarding the day laborers gathered on Alabama Drive and Elden Streets, local Republicans are applauding the efforts of the Prince William County board in its fight against illegal immigration. They are cautious, however, as the Prince William officials claim a wave of those who left the neighboring county are finding their way to Fairfax County.

"The impact of what you've done, the negative impact, has fallen in our laps," said Tom Wilkins, a Reston resident and a found-

ing member of the Republican Club of Greater Reston, addressing Corey Stewart, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. Stewart spoke to the club on Friday night, Sept. 19.

Great Falls resident Richard Raybold said he is against the presence of illegal immigrants in the country and community. "I take it personally," said Raybold, adding that illegal immigrants damage employment opportunities for Americans and legal immigrants, particularly those of lower income.

According to Stewart, Prince William crime rates have decreased a significant amount while Fairfax County crime has increased since his board implemented programs that check the immigration status of



MIRZA KURSPAHIC
Corey Stewart

prisoners and all arrested people in Prince William. Stewart said 21 percent of Prince William prisoners were illegal immigrants when the county implemented the 287 (g) program that trains local law enforcement officers to enforce immigration law. "Of the nine murders in Prince William County in 2007, five of them were committed by illegal immigrants," said Stewart. "Since July 2006, we have handed over to the authorities over 1,000 illegal aliens who have committed crimes," he said. Stewart said the crime rate in Prince William County dropped 19 percent while increasing in Fairfax County by

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Join 'Walk Like MADD'

Registration is now under way for the fund-raising "Walk Like MADD 2008" for Saturday, Nov. 1, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Lake Fairfax Park. The money raised through walkers' pledges would support MADD's mission to eliminate drunk-driving, support victims of this crime and prevent underage drinking. To register for this 5k non-competitive walk — open to children, teens, adults, families and pets — visit www.WalkLikeMadd.org and select "Fairfax, VA."

ADAMS PEACE Gathering

The All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) will hold the 7th Annual Interfaith PEACE Gathering at the ADAMS Center in Sterling on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. The gathering is held in remembrance of the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Interfaith groups will be represented and speaking at the event. ADAMS will also be honoring local Police and Fire Departments for their continuous community service.

Congressional Candidates Debate

A debate for candidates running for a congressional seat representing Virginia's 8th District will debate on Reston Community Television, Channel 28, on Monday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. Incumbent Jim Moran (D) and challenger Mark Ellmore (R) will make opening statements, field questions from a panel of community journalists and ask one another a question. The 2008 forum is sponsored by the Reston Citizens Association and Reston Impact.

Dogwood Pool Meeting

An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. on the proposed changes to the Dogwood Pool. The features being considered include a 3-lap lane 25-meter main pool with a diving well, a splash area with spray features, a new bathhouse and in-water benches. The meeting will take place at Southgate Community Center, located at 12125 Pinecrest Road. For more information visit www.reston.org or call 703-435-6528.

Seahawk Community Sale

The First Annual Seahawk Community Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Space and tables can be rented at www.seahawkboosters.com. The sale will be held at South Lakes High School Faculty parking lot. The space rental is \$20 per space, two parking space widths, and the table rental is \$10 per 6-foot table. The Booster Club will also have a table of items for sale, apparel, memberships, snacks and drinks. More information is available on the Yard Sale Page at www.seahawkboosters.com or by contacting Debbie Neuman at 703-620-0564 or SLHSCCommunitySale@comcast.net.

NEWS

Hidden Effects of Health Costs

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nosed, the insurance company cancelled the Bentkofskys' policy. "They claimed she hid a pre-existing condition," he said. Bentkofsky, a lawyer by training, has since been able to recover the money from the company.

Herndon resident Ruth Blackwell, a nurse who said she retired from one of the largest health insurance companies, said she and her husband paid \$15,000 in medical expenses in one year. Most of that money was spent on three medications. "Healthcare in this country has been bought out by proprietary interests," said Blackwell, adding that it is not the doctors but the pharmaceutical companies who are responsible.

Smallwood noted that insurance companies earned \$40 billion of profits in one year. "Healthcare should be a right, not a privilege. In this country it has turned into a privilege," she said.

THE 15 PEOPLE who gathered at Herndon's Fortnightly Library on Monday afternoon, Sept. 22, came from a variety of backgrounds. What they had in common was residence in Northern Virginia and belief that the healthcare system in the United States is broken. Divided We Fail, a movement started by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and other organizations to bring healthcare and financial security issues to the forefront of the national debate, sponsored the meeting in Herndon.

"What we need is a grand restructuring," said Herndon resident Stan Hillard about the healthcare system. He said the problem with the system, as could be concluded by stories shared on Monday afternoon, is that it is neither responsive nor adequate.

"I don't think the healthcare system adjusts to new chronic diseases," said Herndon resident Larry Hoffman. When new health issues arise, the system does not know how to handle them. "You try to put a square peg in a round hole and it doesn't fit," said Hoffman. "The whole system needs to be revamped."

Bentkofsky said healthcare problems could be solved. "If you think our country can't solve the problem" think again, he said. "There is always ways to fix [a problem]," said Bentkofsky. "The bank system got sick and it took a weekend for Congress to get together and put in \$700 billion."

ANOTHER ISSUE the participants brought up is that of insurance companies getting in the way of doctor-ordered prescriptions. For example, refusing to pay for medications the doctor orders when other,

Medical Bills And Bankruptcies

From the Office of the Governor of California Web site, <http://gov.ca.gov/index.php?/fact-sheet/5334>.

50 percent of U.S. bankruptcies are due to medical expenses. A study by Harvard University researchers found that:

- ❖ The average out-of-pocket medical debt for those who filed for bankruptcy was \$12,000.
- ❖ 68 percent of those who filed for bankruptcy had health insurance. However, illness often leads to job loss and with it, the loss of health insurance.
- ❖ 50 percent of all bankruptcy filings were partly the result of medical expenses.
- ❖ Every 30 seconds in the United States someone files for bankruptcy in the aftermath of a serious health problem.
- ❖ Families with children were especially hard hit — about 700,000 children lived in families that declared bankruptcy in the aftermath of serious medical problems.
- ❖ The total number of people directly affected by medical bankruptcies is more than two million annually.

SOURCE: Harvard Medical School, "Illness and Medical Bills Cause Half of All Bankruptcies," 02/02/05

cheaper, medications are available. "Who gives the insurance companies the right to determine what medications are covered," asked Contessa.

"It's contractual," said Bentkofsky, written in the fine print when the insurance company and the person covered agree to a policy.

Even so, said Steve Gurney, publisher and founder of "Guide to Retirement Living Source Book" and moderator for Monday's discussion, who reads the fine print? And even for people who do, he said, "What you're buying is something 20 years into the future." Gurney said a "silver tsunami" is coming over the United States with the Baby Boomers delaying retirement in order to hold on to some sort of financial security.

He said he was not thrilled with the statistic that only 23 percent of Americans 55 or older have savings of \$250,000 or more. The number of Americans that will require help with health and financial security will rise in the coming years, stretching the government's existing programs. "Social security is important for the livelihood of many Americans," said Gurney.

Amy Gilbody, AARP's associate state director for advocacy, said the Divided We Fail platform is focused on strengthening social security, and other financial security options, for all generations. The campaign will also work towards providing quality healthcare access to everyone, adding that there are one million uninsured people in Virginia.

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Targeting 'Illegals'

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22 percent.

Hospitals in Prince William have also seen a decrease in patient services where the hospitals picked up the check. "Illegal immigrants, they are not bad people, they are working hard," said Stewart, adding that it is their employers who exploit them and cause visits to the hospital emergency rooms, which cannot deny medical service to anyone who seeks it. As an example of the costs hospitals suffer, Stewart said five hospitals in San Diego have closed because they could not continue to operate at a loss. Also, he said, "Number of births by uninsured women not on Medicaid dropped by 500" since the immigration policies were instituted. "That's a 40 percent drop, saving the county millions."

SINCE PRINCE WILLIAM enacted its immigration policies, said Stewart, the number of English Students of Other Languages (ESOL) has decreased in Prince William schools and increased in Fairfax County schools. He said that when the policies were first instituted Prince William suffered under the mortgage crisis. "We've taken a real hit," said Stewart. However, he said, sales of homes are up 116 percent in the county since last year, and conversations with school principals and Realtors lead Stewart to believe that military families are replacing immigrant families in the county.

Town of Herndon Council Member Bill Tirrell asked how the Prince William board expanded its 287 (g) program from prisons to everyone arrested, whether it was a policy or an ordinance change. "By ordinance, and then by mob rule," said Stewart, adding that nine out of 10 citizens contacting the county supervisors prior to the

decision supported it. "It was clear that the vast majority of citizens supported us," said Stewart.

Dennis Husch, another Herndon Council member, asked what was most important, the perception that the governing body is coming after illegal immigrants or the reality of the tools, such as the 287 (g) program, that make the illegal immigrants uncomfortable. "Both," said Stewart. "Without the reality there is no perception and without the perception the message would never get out."

John Palatiello, of Reston, noted that the Fairfax County board committed the county to be a "sanctuary city," offering protection and assistance to illegal immigrants. "The problem moved from Prince William to Fairfax," said Palatiello. He asked whether some of the figures in Stewart's remarks on Friday night are publicized. "My sense is that some time within the next 46 days that might be valuable information," said Palatiello.

Reston resident Jim Reid noted that conservative media outlets often miss the distinction between legal and illegal immigrants, throwing them together into commentaries on the issue. "What can be done to clue our side in," he said.

Stewart acknowledged that there is a need for more legal immigrants who have the knowledge and skills to perform well at jobs in the United States, adding that his critics are wrong when they say he has an anti-immigration policy. He said if he had an anti-immigration policy he would be homeless, as his wife is from Sweden. "This is about being pro-legal immigration," he said.

"The fact is it's working," said Stewart of Prince William policies. "We are doing this as local officials" who are charged with protecting the county's citizens and their properties.

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OPINION

Are You Prepared to Vote on Nov. 4?

BY OLGA HERNANDEZ
PRESIDENT, LWV OF VIRGINIA

The question is not about whom you'll vote for in the Presidential election, but are you ready to do so. This year in Virginia the interest in the general election is great, almost 300,000 new voters are on the rolls and the sheer numbers can overwhelm the process.

In Fairfax County you'll have the choice to vote a paper ballot that can be scanned or vote using the computerized Direct Recording Equipment that have been used for several years. Did you know that a parks bond issue is also on the ballot? We also have a U.S. Senate race to fill an open seat and Congressional races.

Go to the League of Women Voters Web site www.vote411.org for more nonpartisan information on what is on your ballot.

FIRST ORDER of business is to make sure you are registered to vote. Check your status at www.vote411.org. If you are registered but have a change of information such as a name, address, you have until Oct. 6 to update your records. You may have submitted your info at DMV or a voter registration drive but you should check that the paperwork went through the system.

The Office of Election tells us that about 10 percent of registration forms are incomplete and thus rejected. They do send a letter to advise of the rejection but it's up to the voter to follow-up. You should receive a registration card but as the date gets closer that card may not arrive in time to correct errors. Don't wait, do it now. The Fairfax County registrar's phone num-

Voter 101 and Beyond

The League of Women Voters provides non-partisan election information for the public. We are a volunteer membership organization concerned with good government policy.

The League Voters Guide will appear in this newspaper a couple of weeks before the election, it will also be posted on the League Web site.

We are offering Voter 101 classes for new and not so new voters in October at the following dates and times:

Oct. 5, Voter 101 Class: Fairfax Regional Library, 2 p.m.
Oct. 8, Voter 101 Class: Chantilly Reg. Library, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12, Voter 101 Class: Sherwood Reg. Library 2 p.m.
Oct. 15, Voter 101 Class: Reston Reg. Library, 7:30 p.m.

ber is 703-222-0776. Arlington registrar is 703-228-3456. Fairfax City registrar is 703-385-7890. Loudoun registrar is 703-777-0380. Alexandria registrar is 703-838-4050.

SECOND, consider voting absentee if you qualify for any of the reasons allowed. All absentee ballots are counted the evening of Election Day. Absentee in person voting opened Sept. 19 at the Fairfax Government center. The lines on Nov. 4 are going to be long. Weather in November can range from freezing to rain to beautiful. Polls open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m., no exceptions. (If you are in line before the polls close, you will still be able to vote.)

Third, make sure you know where your polling place is. Sounds simple but people show up to the wrong precinct all the time. It is heart-breaking for election officers to turn someone away because they showed up in the wrong place at 6:55 p.m. and they have no time to get to the correct precinct.

Fourth, bring a picture ID. Even though you can legally sign an affirmation of identity, in some circumstances that is not possible. Know your

rights and don't be intimidated, but bringing your ID will expedite the process and move the lines.

Fifth, bring your patience. Election officers are there to help you, please don't abuse them. They will work for 15 plus hours on Election Day to make democracy work with less than minimum wage compensation. They get set compensation no matter the hours or workload. Be courteous, be prepared and we can all get this done.

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all look simple but it's a very complex system and voters can help by being prepared and knowing their rights. Provisional ballots are available if problems can't be resolved on Election Day but some of those don't get counted for various reasons. It's best to do it right the first time. Bring a friend and or family member to vote with you.

An excellent study of the election process and laws in Virginia can be found on the Fairfax League website at <http://www.lwv-fairfax.org/Sept08VoterFinal%28rev%29.pdf>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Still Miles To Go

To The Editor:

I feel compelled to write this

note to the community so that they can become aware of, and sensitive to things that happen in our community on a daily basis. I write this as a common citizen of Reston who happens to be a person of

color, an African American middle-aged male.

I love the community that I live in. It is truly a special place and many thanks to Bob Simon for his forward thinking. I participate in this community as much as I am able because this is what I have been taught by my parents. I do not write this as the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Reston Community Center, or as the vice chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority, nor as a board member of the Friends of Reston, nor as the vice president of the Initiative for Public Art - Reston. I could be classified as a volunteer and community organizer, something that is not held in high esteem in some places and mocked as unimportant by some of those leaders.

I want our community to have its eyes opened and to think long and hard about the choices it is going to make in the near future. One way or another, our glass ceiling is about to be smashed and we

will never be the same again.

On Sept. 3, I was sitting in my car at the Worldgate Center talking with my wife. A Herndon police car pulled up behind me and stopped. Within two minutes, I was surrounded by five other police cars and a motorcycle cop with his hands on pistols and who demanded that I get out of the car. I "fit the description" of a suspect that they were looking for: a large African American male with a red shirt that had a gun in Worldgate Center. I never left my car, I had not gone into the Center, and I was not wearing a red shirt. They searched the car, and me, and of course found nothing. One policeman, obviously embarrassed, apologized and I told me that I could leave. This has got to stop.

Recently after a softball game at Braddock Park, I stopped into a fast food restaurant in Centreville to pick up something to take home. There was no one in the restaurant except for the waitress,

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Purring Eighty years of history, a 1929 Jaguar model is parked next to a 2009 Jaguar model in the Reston Town Center pavilion during the Nation's Capital Jaguar Owners Club 44th Annual Concours d'Elegance on Sunday, Sept. 7.

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OPINION

Volunteers Welcome

BY ROBIN SMYERS
PRESIDENT, RESTON ASSOCIATION

At last month's Volunteer Appreciation Cookout and Pool Party, at every regular Board meeting of the Association, at our annual meeting and at other events throughout the year, we have the opportunity to recognize and thank our amazing volunteers — from those who have served on committees, on a special project or even just a one-time event. From scout groups, business leaders to active retirees, all share a common goal of wanting to give back to the community with their time, talent and unwavering energy.

The RA volunteer program consists of about 500 active volunteers, working in a variety of capacities and settings. Ha Brock, RA's volunteer specialist, takes special care to make sure that there is a good match with the volunteer and the job.

For example, if you have a special knack for gardening and like to beautify natural spaces, then the Weed Warriors program might be for you. This group is out and about in Reston, removing invasive exotic plants from our forested areas, which can grow rapidly, eventually taking over the native ferns, wildflowers and tree seedlings.

Or, maybe you like to slosh around in a stream bed, checking water quality, identifying wildlife and collecting data on your findings. As a stream monitor, you can actively help to assess the health of our local watersheds. There are several monitoring sessions per year, with training given by the naturalist staff. A two-year commitment is encouraged for this project.

But there are also shorter-term endeavors that will allow even the

busiest person the opportunity to make a difference in the community they live. These include festivals or events like Halloween Trail or Potomac Watershed Clean Up Day. If you prefer to be in-doors, you might want to work behind the camera, filming our monthly Board meetings or perhaps light office work is more your forte.

Our advisory committees are where you can really immerse yourself in a cause or area that suits you. These include: Cluster and

Condo Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, Parks and Planning Advisory Committee, Pedestrian and Bicycling Advisory Committee, Seniors Advisory Committee, Tennis Advisory Committee, and Transportation Advisory Committee

Each committee is comprised of up to 15 members and includes a board and at least one staff liaison and generally meet once per month. Via a committee application, interested members are approved by the RA Board of Directors and serve a one-year term. More information on the committees and an application can be found at www.reston.org.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, you can call Ha Brock at 703-435-7986, or send her an email to habrock@reston.org and she can help to provide ideas and options that are well suited for your talents. You can also visit the RA Web site at www.reston.org and click on "Volunteer" in the left side navigation bar for more information or come to Newcomers Night on Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at the RA main office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square to find out about ways to get involved.

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Budget Time at the Taj Mahal

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB OF
GREATER RESTON

It is budget time at the Fairfax County Government Center. Interestingly the news is the county government faces an estimated \$430 million deficit and county departments are looking at a 15 percent cut in spending. Surprised? After the last eight years of profligate spending every penny our Board of Supervisors could lay their hands on, we now have to pay the piper.

From about 1998 to 2007, Fairfax County, as well as much of the country, experienced unprecedented growth in home and property values. This surge was caused by the Clinton Administration urging Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac to loosen mortgage loan qualification requirements. We are now paying the price.

In the past eight years, we have been jerked around by Chairman Gerry Connolly and Supervisor Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Budget Committee. We can all reflect on the games played between increased assessments and property tax rates. In an election year, we heard "We have reduced your tax rate from \$.94 to whatever." Yet, when we received our tax bills we wound up paying double digit percentage increases in our taxes.

What is the Board of Supervisors spending the money on? Where or how are they going to make up the \$430 million deficit? Increase the real estate tax rate back up to \$1.10 or so? Cut spending? The media is now talking about a 10-15 percent reduc-

tion in spending. Of course, the usual sacred cow, social services (one of the more powerful special interests groups) is being offered up.

Could part of our budget deficit problem be attributed to Chairman Gerry Connolly designating Fairfax as a "Sanctuary Community"?

A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

It is a fact that our neighboring county, Prince William, has acted to pull away the welcome mat such that a substantial number of the illegal immigrants have moved up to Fairfax County. Based on Prince William's statistics, the Fairfax County Sheriff would probably find about 20 percent of his jail residents are illegal immigrants. Thus, he will be submitting a budget request for an increase of 20 percent: more if we include additional staff to handle the judicial processing. The county's Commonwealth Attorney will need more staff to process the case load, and perhaps another judge or two. Lord knows what the bill will be from the Social Services Department. What has not been mentioned is public safety. The crime rate in Fairfax has increased by 20 percent under Mr. Connolly's leadership.

The Fairfax County Public Schools will need more ESL teachers and classrooms. Their numbers are based on actual transcripts received from the Prince William schools as Chairman Connolly recently found out, much to his embarrassment.

There is some light at the end of the tunnel. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) (Yes, Jack Herrity's son) has been holding meetings examining the budget and search-

ing for solutions.

Where is the author of the current budget deficit? Of course, he is now running for a seat in the U.S. Congress and, by the way running away from the mess he created. (Ever heard of the "Peter Principle?")

The actual budget development process runs something like this. The county financial management staff sends out a request for each county department or organization having a budget to submit their needs for the forthcoming fiscal year. Right now, we are working on developing a budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2009.

Each county department looks at their current requirements and forecasts what their spending needs are expected to be, with the Fairfax County Public School system being the largest component of the budget. Remember that the schools system spends about 82 percent of their allocated funds on personnel pay and benefits including funding the retirees.

Spending in Fairfax County has been increasing far faster than inflation, population, or any other indicator. We clearly do not have a tax revenue problem, we have an over-spending problem.

The Board of Supervisors conducts a mid-year budget review halfway through its fiscal year. Should Mr. Connolly rise to a higher level of incompetence, he will be sworn in as congressman on Jan. 3, 2009. That will leave the Fairfax Board Chairman's seat vacant for a special election — right in the middle of the mid-year budget adjustment. A campaign between budget chairman Bulova and reform leader Herrity will be fascinating.

will serve yourself, your family, and your community by doing so.

We are stronger because of our diversity of views, backgrounds, and life experiences. We are all different, but we should embrace that, learn from it, and celebrate it.

We are so much farther along than most, but we still have miles to go.

Bill Bouie
Reston Citizen

Here To Help

To the Editor

This letter is in response to the Sept. 17 opinion column written by John Lovaas entitled "Turning Back the Clock," regarding the RA Covenants process and Design Guidelines.

I wanted to take this opportunity to make some key points that were not addressed and to give the broader picture to our members about the Covenants Department, the design review process, and the role of the covenants advisors.

The Covenants Department has undergone some changes in the past two years and Mr. Lovaas is right that "a new mindset is emerging." The Covenants Department, while having a significant enforcement role

in administering the Covenants, is also evolving into a department that conducts more support and advisory related work (via the office of the Cluster/Condo Outreach Specialist), holds additional educational workshops and events and applies a proactive approach to inspections rather than responding to a primarily reactive, complaint-driven system.

Our community is aging and after 40 plus years, it is natural that some neighborhoods would suffer some aesthetic and structural decline. It is important to note that some neighborhoods take the lead in managing repairs, replacements and improvements in their clusters and seek advice from the Covenants Department and covenants advisors throughout the process. Many of the neighborhood-wide inspections are conducted in response to requests from members who want to retain property values and improve the appearance of their residential areas. However, contrary to Mr. Lovaas's statement, none of the ways in which inspections are initiated have changed.

There are three ways that an initial inspection takes place:

- ❖ via a complaint from an RA member ;
- ❖ inspection process required by state law under the Virginia Property Owners' Association (POAA) Act

'Head of The Year'

BY RABBI LEIBEL FAJNLAND
CHABAD OF RESTON - HERNDON

The Jewish New Year — Rosh Hashanah, the name means "Head of the Year" — is observed for two days beginning the evening of Oct. 29, corresponding to Tishrei 1, the first day of the Jewish year. In the Jewish tradition it is the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, and their first actions toward the realization of mankind's role in G-d's world.

Rosh Hashanah thus emphasizes the special relationship between G-d and humanity: our dependence upon G-d as our creator and sustainer, and G-d's dependence upon Humanity as the ones who make His presence known and felt in His world.

The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the Shofar, the ram's horn, which represents the trumpet blast of a people's coronation of their king. The cry of the Shofar is also a call to repentance; for Rosh Hashanah is also the anniversary of man's first sin — the consumption of the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge, and his repentance thereof, and serves as the first of the "Ten Days of Repentance" which culminate in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

According to Jewish tradition, during Rosh Hashana the Doors of Heaven are open; G-d accepts all prayers, from anyone, as such it is important to pray on this day, and to take advantage of the opportunity it affords.

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish New Year, Chabad of Reston - Herndon has announced its High Holiday Services schedule.

Services For Rosh Hashana (Sept. 30 - Oct. 1) and Yom Kippur (Oct. 10) will take place at The Tysons Corner Marriott Hotel, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. All the information for dates and times can be found at www.chabadrh.org.

Unlike many congregations, membership is not required to join. All are welcome, free of charge, regardless of background or affiliation.

The services will be user-friendly, making it enjoyable and meaningful for both the seasoned and the unversed. The services will be traditional and follow traditional customs, yet will have a thoroughly contemporary message as it will be interspersed with modern Jewish tunes, English readings and a running commentary led by Chabad's rabbi.

Chabad of Reston - Herndon is a branch of the Chabad movement, an international Chassidic organization under the leadership of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson. With over 3,000 centers and establishments around the globe, it is by far the largest network of Jewish religious and social services in the world.

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who was white and young. As I approached the counter, she started to cry and asked that I not shoot her. I asked her what would make her believe that I would shoot her; all I wanted was carry-out. Believe me, I have very thick skin but this was shocking.

Last week, a coworker asked me if the nation was ready for an African American president. I asked him if America was ready for a president from Arizona, or a VP from Alaska or Delaware. He said that he never looked at it that way. I said "how about a President from Hawaii or who has a Harvard degree?" There was just silence. I hope that I made my point.

I look at situations with our Hispanic brothers and sisters and see that they have to deal with this each day. I have a friend who is third generation American, went to local schools and universities, and works for a great company. He does not speak much Spanish, he does not have an accent, but because of his looks he is always asked what country he is from.

Neighbors and friends — please stop this madness and look deeper than the color of someone's skin. Make your choices wisely and with information and not innuendo, ignorance, hearsay, or misinformation. You

LETTERS

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❖ a pre-planned cluster walkthrough initiated by RA members or by RA.

The inspection process is not subjective or arbitrary and neither are the Design Guidelines. However, the process does allow for owners to work with staff, the Covenants Committee and the Design Review Board (DRB) in coming up with solutions and fixing any violations that may have been cited. In many cases, the violations can be fixed within a reasonable amount of time and without further review by the DRB or the Covenants Committee.

Covenants Department staff take great pride in assisting members before, during and after the design review process and work to improve systems and all processes with improved customer service, better technology and less paperwork. Design Review Board members (all of which are RA members and volunteers) commit countless hours of their time assisting members with advice, counsel and even sketching plans in some cases. With over 50 meetings per year, and hundreds of cases reviewed, many who have gone through the design review process express their satisfaction. Some even remark that they were pleased with the changes made during the review, saying that the improvements enhanced the originally submitted plan. In many of these cases, the DRB members are engaging one-on-one with the applicants, working out solutions or simply offering advice.

Even with all the efforts of the various parties, the design review process can still be improved. Also, there are additional enhancements planned for the Covenants Department. We encourage members to contact us and work with us early in the process, even before they decide to build a new deck, paint their house, remove a tree or add some new space to their home with an addition.

Admittedly, there are a lot of documents transmitted during the sale of a property; yet, we ask that you please read thoroughly the information provided about the Covenants department or contact us with any questions. You can call us at 703-435-6530, can find out who the covenants advisor is for your specific property or visit www.reston.org, to find out more and see any or all of the Design Guidelines before you take that first step. After all, we are here to help.

Robin L. Smyers
President, Reston Association

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Cut Budget Here, Raise Taxes There

County asks for help closing \$340 million shortfall in 2009.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Herndon resident Walter Hadlock has done some tinkering with the Fairfax County budget, mulling over the financial documents in his spare time.

With the county facing a projected shortfall of \$340 million next year, Hadlock had hoped to find some "big ticket" financial items in the county budget to eliminate. Instead, he discovered that cutting would only really be possibly along the "fringes" of the budget, he said.

Hadlock concluded that the Fairfax would have to look at new sources of cash flow in order to balance the budget in 2009. He said county government should be investigating a new meals tax or bringing back the personal property tax.

"The county needs to look at new revenue sources early on, not just cuts. They seem to only be focused on cutting," said Hadlock.

Hadlock was not the only resident to suggest a tax increase during a citizen budget meeting at the Reston Regional Library Sept. 20. Several of the approximately 35 people who showed up to discuss Fairfax County's bottom line said the county should consider a raising revenue — or even a "tax hike" — to meet its budget needs next year.

"The public has a right and duty to look at both sides of the equation. Raising revenues to protect our education and health budgets has to be on the table," said Robert Lundegard, a Great Falls resident who at-

What To Do?



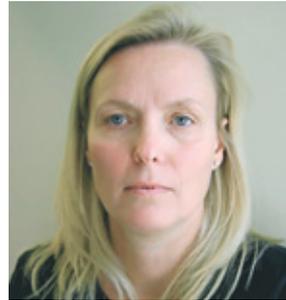
"There should be the same proportion of cuts across all agencies."

— Robert Lundegard, Great Falls resident



"To the extent that is possible, the school system and county should merge their accounting functions and research activities."

— Ed Mentz



"We need to increase volunteerism. We could have volunteers run the elections and have that be community service."

— Mickey Alford-Lane, Reston resident

tended the meeting.

But Fairfax County has limited options when it comes to raising revenue. The Virginia state government has great control over the county's taxing authority.

THE BOARD of Supervisors relies heavily on real estate taxes to generate revenue because Fairfax County has very few other taxing options. The county government cannot enact an income tax or raise money through the so-called "sin taxes," by increasing the prices on cigarettes and alcohol.

The commonwealth does not allow the county to differentiate between the commercial and residential real estate tax rate — except for one specific case related to transportation — so it is difficult to the supervisors to place more of the burden on the business community.

If Fairfax wanted to enact a meals tax, the supervisors would have to put the issue to a voter referendum. When the county attempted a meals tax voter referendum in

1992, but "it failed dramatically," said John Mondoro of the county budget and management office.

Still, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) was encouraged to hear citizens say that would be to a meals tax or other forms of new revenue.

"It is helpful to find out what they are willing to tolerate. ... They see the lives of others as integral to their own lives," said Hudgins.

CITIZENS AT THE BUDGET meeting had some disagreement about how budget cuts should be handled if they take place next year.

Some thought the county should make proportional cuts across all agencies and departments.

"We have a pretty competent government. These are all things we need to have. At whatever level they cut, it has to be across the board," said Mark Albert.

Others thought certain programs and ser-

vices should be held harmless to the extent possible.

"The county cannot make dumb mistakes and cut everything across the board. There are things we could do that could harm us for years," said Kerrie Wilson, chief executive officer of the social services non-profit Reston Interfaith.

For residents like Kathy May, certain county budget cuts could be devastating.

"If my son [with disabilities] has no job support, then I have to quit my job. ... and I could lose my house," said May.

South Herndon resident Clay Goldwein, who has small children, said it was important to him that the county continue to invest in public safety and the school system to the extent possible.

"My wife and I are talking about moving and we have basically set our boundaries to inside Fairfax County because the school system is so strong," said Goldwein.

SOME RESIDENTS found fat in the budget that could be cut if necessary. "Maybe we don't need 500 copies of the latest best seller," said Linda Frantz when the subject of the public libraries budget was brought up.

Ed Mentz, who works with the Herndon Senior Center, suggested that the county government and school system look at merging some of its administrative duties into one office.

Low tax activist Arthur Purves also recommended that county also look at savings it could achieve by making the school system's transportation system more efficient.

"No empty buses," he said.

Purves also advocated that teachers and government worker salaries rise at the same rate seen in the private sector and that Fairfax County privatize its mental health and substance abuse services.

In Celebration of Wine and of Italy

San Gennaro Foundation hosts wine festival.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Under a sunny, blue sky at the Reston Town Center, the San Gennaro Foundation of Virginia celebrated Virginia wines and Italian culture in the one-day Festa Vino on Sept. 20.

More than 15 wineries passed out samples of selected wines, and food vendors, three of them featuring dishes from Italian restaurants in the Fairfax area, offered the culinary bent that is the hallmark of local festivals. Live music entertained throughout the day. The \$25 admission fee included a souvenir wine glass and unlimited wine samples.

"I came here to renew old memories," said Jo DeMeo. "They would have these feast days in Brooklyn with hundreds of people in attendance." DeMeo was accompanied by her daughter, Debby McHail, and Debby's

husband, Rex.

"We came for old-time's sake, my mom's old-time sake," said McHail of Fairfax. "My mother would go to Italian festivals to watch her mother march in the parades."

In traditional Italian style, a processional into festival grounds honored San Gennaro, patron saint of Naples who reached out to the poor and the needy. Representatives from Northern Virginia Italian cultural organizations held aloft a statue of San Gennaro. As the day wore on, dollar bills were pinned to San Gennaro.

Proceeds from the festival provide charitable grants to individuals, and to local and national organizations on a need-basis. The foundation also provides assistance to local school and educational organizations in support of the Italian language by providing grants-in-aid and scholarships.

"I come to the Town Center all the time, and I saw the banner for the wine festival,"



Dianne Gallardo (left, front) of Reston enjoyed the Festa Vino with her husband and friends. Here, the group tastes samples from Breaux Vineyards.

said Dianne Gallardo of Reston. "So far, it's fabulous. The way it's laid out is very nice. There's lots of spacing, giving it an open-air look and it's really nice with the wineries under the trees up here."

Nicole Brady of Reston came to the festi-

val on her way home from the gym. She said she saw the tents as she walked, and thought it seemed interesting. "I think this idea is great," said Brady. "I wasn't aware there were so many vineyards so close by. I'm definitely going to do it all today."

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Semi-Annual Used Book Sale. Special collection of used books. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700. All ages.

Open Mike Night. Reston's Used Book Shop, 7:30 p.m., 703-435-9772.

Fall Festival. St. Veronica's 3rd Annual Fall Festival includes games and rides, food, cash Bingo and live music, 5-10 p.m. Free concert by Marie Miller. Church is located at 3460 Centerville Road, Chantilly across the street from Franklin Middle School.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Semi-Annual Used Book Sale. Special collection of used books. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700. All ages.

Artist Demonstration. Reston Art Gallery & Studios at Lake Anne, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Featured artist: Gail Axtell-Beading.

Stream Restoration Walk. Explore Reston's watersheds and learn about the stream restoration project along Snakeden Branch from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Wear waterproof shoes or boots, long pants and bug spray. Meet at the Hunter's Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, on the path near Rite Aid and Wachovia Bank. 703-435-7986.

Barktoberfest. Enjoy this festival for pet lovers which includes live music, treats, games and pets for adoption. Held at the outdoor amphitheater at Melodee Music, 46077 Lake Center Plaza, Sterling, the festival runs from 12-6 p.m., with free admission.

Concert. Bill Emerson & the Sweet Dixie Band are playing at the Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon at 8 p.m. \$15 pre-paid reservations are recommended. Call 703-437-9101 for details.

Art Fest. The 8th Annual GWAC Youth Art Fest will be held at the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston from 1-6 p.m. The Fest brings together professional artists, artisans and performers to share their work and talent with our youth and their families. The art competition is open to all youths K - 12. Visit www.YouthArtFest.com or call 703-268-5626 for more information.

Harvest Fall Festival. A fun day for the whole family, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Temporary Road Pavilion in Reston at the intersection of North Shore Drive and Temporary Road. Games for the children, free hotdogs, lemonade, cotton-candy and helium balloons, free clothing give away and sports activities. Free and is open to the public, hosted by Harvest Christian Fellowship of Reston. 703-834-8100.

Oktoberfest. The second day of St. Veronica's 3rd Annual Fall Festival offers the Sexton German Oompa

band. The festival runs from 3-10 p.m. The church is located at 3460 Centerville Road, Chantilly across the street from Franklin Middle School.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

C-Note Sale. Greater Reston Arts Center's annual fund-raiser. Online preview of available art at www.restonarts.org

Semi-Annual Used Book Sale. Special collection of used books. Noon-3:30 p.m. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700. All ages.



Marie Miller will perform at St. Veronica's 3rd Annual Fall Festival on Friday, Sept. 26

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THURSDAY/OCT. 2

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McLean, Langley, O'Connell Golf Tourney 2008. To benefit military families staying at The Fisherhouse. See www.fisherhouse.org. Cost is \$100. Tournament takes place at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Any questions: email JJDelid@cox.net.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 4

"Light The Night." The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter invites children, adults, and seniors to participate in this fund-raising walk beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Reston Town Center. To register, call 703-960-1100, or visit www.lightthenight.org/nca.

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OPINION

Visit Madison's Montpelier

By KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Last week on Constitution Day, Sept. 17, I had the honor of visiting the newly restored home of President James Madison and his wife Dolley as part of the "National Celebration of the Restoration of James and Dolley Madison's Montpelier." Selection of the date for the event was obvious with James Madison being considered by most historians as the "Father of the Constitution." Dolley Madison is known as America's first First Lady.

Madison grew up at Montpelier, lived there with his wife Dolley, returned there after his Presidency, and died in the study at the mansion in 1836. Restoration of Montpelier to its 1820 state is almost complete. Two large wings that had been added to the mansion by the duPont family in the early 1900s have been removed.

Just a pleasant, two-hour drive through the Virginia countryside from Reston, Montpelier is well worth a visit. In addition to the mansion, there are other features that include a hands-on restoration tent, the Madison family cemetery, formal gardens and dense forests, active archaeological sites, and the Center for the Constitution that is a resource for Constitutional educa-

tion. For more information visit www.montpelier.org or write to me at kenplum@aol.com.

The program on Constitution Day appropriately focused more on James Madison the person and less on his home as attractive as it is. PBS Newshour anchorman Jim Lehrer served as the master of ceremonies. Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation that now owns Montpelier, having been given it by the duPont family, called Madison "the most underappreciated but most indispensable of the Founding Fathers." Gov. Timothy M. Kaine spoke of the intellect and strength of character of Madison. The Governor suggested that Madison's writing of "Federalist Paper Ten" first recognized the pluralism of our society that is brought together under the Constitution. The strength of Madison's character was evident according to the Governor in supporting the addition of the Bill of Rights that he had initially opposed, even if today he might be viewed as the first "flip-flopper." But the highest compliment paid to the 5'4", shy, and somewhat sickly Mr. Madison was by Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr., who said that the most fitting memorial to Madison was not his home but rather was all around us in a free country governed by the rule of law.

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OBITUARY



Dulce Maria Wahdan

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Dulce Maria Wahdan, 10 years old, died on Sept. 18, 2008 at 12:32 a.m. at Fairfax Hospital.

Born in Guatemala City, Guatemala on Feb. 8, 1998, she resided in Herndon. Dulce lived in Virginia since being adopted at 17 months old. She attended Clearview Elementary School in Herndon and currently attended Hunters Woods Elementary School in fourth grade.

She is survived by her father and mother, Hasan and Jerri Lee Wahdan; brothers Jesse (18) and Derek (13); Nana and Pop Pop, Vicki and James Jurgevich of Stoystown, Pa.; Great Grandmother, GiGi, Mary Jane Fyock, Friedens, Pa.; Aunt Robin, Uncle Erick, cousins Coleman and Helen (Henny) Fish of Somerset, Pa.; Aunt Christi Corbett and Uncle Paul Cebula of Boswell, Pa., and Cousin Charlie Corbett Aunt Samira, Uncle John, cousins Nicholas and Christopher Kaufman of Ashburn; Uncle Myel Wahdan of Centreville; Uncle Omar Wahdan of Herndon; "Grammy & Grampy" Jeannette and Vann Halbrooks of Fairfax; Aunt Lisa and Uncle Don Martinson of Winchester; "Phone buddy" Ginger Katz of Centreville; the "Other Mother," Christine Rahn, along with the "Other Family" of students and staff at Hunters Woods Elementary School in Reston who allowed Dulce to be herself and accepted and loved her unconditionally.

MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon.

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Oatlands Invitational: No Ordinary Meet

South Lakes' Val Moyer puts together a solid race at Leesburg cross country event.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High girls' cross country team received a solid showing from junior Val Moyer at last Saturday's Oatlands Invitational races in Leesburg. Over one hundred schools were represented at the spectacular, mid-season event.

Moyer, competing in the varsity girls' 'B' race, finished 40th overall in a field of 337 runners. Her time on the hilly, 5K course was 21 minutes, 30 seconds.

"I was really trying to break 21 minutes and maybe [earn a top 25] medal," said Moyer, her team's No. 1 runner this fall.

She said competing in the Oatlands race was a great experience, with the vast field of runners coming from both around and outside the metropolitan area.

"I think it's real exciting to race in a big meet," she said. "its good competition and you can always find someone as fast. [Oatlands] has become one of the biggest races on the east coast. It's so exciting and so close [geographically] to us."

The South Lakes girls have struggled in the Liberty District in recent years. But Moyer believes the Seahawks can improve this season.

"I expect that we won't finish last in the district like we have the last few years," said Moyer. "We've been pretty motivated and have some pretty good young girls."

FOR THE SOUTH LAKES BOYS, sophomore Will Sickenberger (17:47) was the



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER / THE CONNECTION

South Lakes' Val Moyer put together a solid overall race to pace the Seahawks at last Saturday's Oatlands Invitational in Leesburg.

Seahawks' top team finisher in the varsity boys' 'A' race at Oatlands. The Seahawks' second and third team finishers were sophomores Nick Guarnaccia and Kevin Muir. Rounding out the top seven for South Lakes were junior Steve Zaboji, freshman Fred Kyle, sophomore Andrew Reinhold and sophomore Alex Clough.

The team champion in the 48-schools' varsity boys' 'A' race at Oatlands was Oakton High School (133 points) out of the Northern Region. The Cougars finished ahead of runner-up Robinson (165 points, Northern

Region) and third place Potomac Falls (216), out of Loudoun County. Clarke County (328, Berryville, Va.) was fourth and Gonzaga High (331, D.C.) was fifth. The individual 'A' race champion was Tyler Stutzman (15:44) of Western Albemarle High (Crozet, Va.). The top Northern Virginia-area finisher was Jared Berman of Robinson.

In the varsity boys' 'B' race, Thomas Jefferson High (Alexandria) was the team champion with 29 points. Saratoga Springs (N.Y.) was second with 117 points. Top local team finishers in the 59-team race were Herndon High (5th place, 261 points) and Briar Woods (8th place, 356). The individual champion was Demetri Goutos (16:35) of Saratoga Springs, who finished ahead of Thomas Jefferson runners Alex Witko (2nd, 16:49) and Logan Gates (3rd, 16:56). Also for Jefferson, Timmy Galvin was fifth overall and James Wu was seventh. Westfield High's Jack Canatsey was sixth.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, Saratoga Springs was the 'A' race team champion with 33 points, finishing ahead of second place Brentsville (Nokesville) with 206 points and third place Oakton (218). Other area teams finishing in 20th the top 10 of the 37-team race were fourth place Osbourn Park (Manassas) and 10th place Potomac Falls.

Jefferson High, meanwhile, was the varsity girls' 'B' team champion with 52 points. Other area teams to finish in the top 10 in the 47 school race were Westfield (fourth place), Briar Woods (fifth), Yorktown High (seventh) and Centreville (10th). Rachel Grochowski of Chantilly High was the individual champion with a time of 19:43.

Jefferson runners Stephanie Marzen, Sarah Stites and Katherine Sheridan finished second, third and ninth, respectively, while Briar Woods' Giana Leone (eighth) and Yorktown's Lindsey Hunt (10th) were also in the top 10.

It was a picturesque, autumn day at Oatlands on Saturday. Thousands of spectators attended the event, which began at 9 a.m. Four JV races were held in the morning, two boys and two girls. Later in the morning, the four varsity races began, carrying into the afternoon. The 'A' races, for the most part, consisted of the higher caliber runners. Following all eight races (JV and varsity combined), a brief awards presentation took place at around 2:30. Top 25 finishers in each of the races earned medals.

There were 101 teams (compared to 73 last year) and 4,300 runners on-hand for the meet, which has become known as the second leg of the triple crown of Northern Virginia area high school cross country. The Oatlands extravaganza is considered the largest high school meet in Virginia and one of the largest on the east coast. Most of the meets' teams were from Virginia, but guest schools from New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, West Virginia, Colorado, Maryland and Washington, D.C. were also participants.

The host schools for the Oatland Invitational were Loudoun County and Freedom (South Riding) High Schools of the Dulles District. The meet organizers were Matt Oblas of Freedom and Derek Farry of Loudoun County.

The mostly grass running course, a 5K layout on the grounds of the historic Leesburg site, was a challenge for most all of the runners. There are several excruciating hills following the first, relatively easy mile. The near picture perfect course setting includes some wood trails and a couple of creek crossings.

South Lakes To Face Woodson on Friday

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High football team, coming off a win over Falls Church two weeks ago, lost its Liberty District opener to visiting Madison last Friday night, 16-6. With the setback, the Seahawks slipped to 1-3 on the season. Coach John Ellenberger's team will look to get back into the win column this Friday night when it travels to W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax.

Both the Madison and Oakton High football teams earned wins last Friday night. Madison, which opened the season with two losses, won its second straight game with the victory at South Lakes. It marked the Liberty District opener for the Warhawks (2-2).

Madison opened the season with losses to both Oakton and Yorktown, but came

back strong in a week three home win over Wakefield. Now, with the win over South Lakes under its belt, Madison will look to move over the .500 mark when it takes on visiting Jefferson this week.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Oakton, meanwhile, improved to 4-0 on the season with a convincing 38-7 win at Fairfax last week. The Cougars, who had previously won games over Madison, Annandale and T.C. Williams, will host a tough Langley team this Friday night. The Saxons enter the game with a 3-1 record. After beginning the season with a loss to Chantilly, Langley has won games over Jefferson, Herndon and Marshall. The Saxons are led by running back David Helmer, who rushed for 191 yards in Langley's 35-12 home win

over Marshall.

THE HERNDON HIGH football team opened up its Concorde District season with a stellar 21-7 home win over Centreville last Friday night.

With the win, the Hornets improved their record to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the district. Herndon's prior two wins were over Park View and South Lakes. It lost its first game two weeks ago in a setback at Langley.

Against Centreville, Herndon opened the game's scoring on a 22-yard touchdown run by junior running back Devon Thompson (10 carries, 69 yards, 2 TDs). Junior Joe Eftekhari converted the extra point kick to make the score 7-0 in the first quarter. The score remained 7-0 until the fourth quarter when the Hornets struck twice for touchdowns. The first came on a five-yard run

by Thompson and the second came on a 13-yard pass play from quarterback Zack Ozycz (9-of-9, 159 yards, 1 TD) to senior tightend Jake Stewart. Eftekhari made both point after kicks following the two scores. Centreville scored the game's final touchdown to avoid the shutout.

Herndon will travel to 3-1 Chantilly this Friday night to take on the Chargers. Chantilly opened the season with wins over Langley, Washington-Lee and Annandale before losing last week to Westfield.

The Langley High football team won its third straight game last Friday night with a 35-12 home win over Marshall. It was the Saxons' Liberty District opener.

Langley will face a stiff test this Friday night when it travels to 4-0 Oakton. The Cougars are coming off a 38-7 win at Fairfax.

SPORTS

Youth Football To Play Saturday

Reston Youth Association (RYA) football had another successful week in competition within the Fairfax County Youth Football League. RYA teams won seven games and lost four against teams from throughout Northern Virginia.

This Saturday, RYA teams will play six home games beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Lake Fairfax home field. The complete schedule is available at RestonSeahawks.org.

The following is a recap of week two action:

Anklebiters Division 3:

Reston Seahawks 37, Chantilly Eagles 19
The Seahawk 'Green Machine' Anklebiters won their first game of the season by beating Chantilly.

RYA WEEK 2

Damon 'Zig-Zag' Johnson could not be stopped as he scored six touchdowns and rushed for almost 200 yards behind the blocking of Ryan Ferzoco, Mangus Blanke, Andre Johnson, Jacob Anikow, Alivia Damper and Anton Coghlan. Hayden Loussedes also completed his first pass of the season, connecting with Zig-Zag on a five-yard pass for the lone Seahawk extra point. Chantilly matched Reston for the first two TDs, but the Seahawk defense quickly put a stop to the Chantilly attack. Andre Johnson and Brian Coppage did a great job shutting down the outside runs while linebackers Jacob Anikow and Shane Martel plugged the middle. Justo Esteve, Bryce Thomas, Alivia Damper and Farrell Thompson played exceptional defense and were constantly in the backfield making tackles. Keyshawn Waters played well at safety and did a great job kicking the ball. Myls Boyd ended the game and sealed the win for Reston as he intercepted the Eagle's final pass and ran it back 40 yards. The Seahawks will look to continue their winning ways as they face the Grizzlies of Gainesville 9:30 a.m. this Saturday at Lake Fairfax.

85-pound National: Herndon Hornets 13, RYA 7

The 85 National Reston Seahawks dropped a road game to the Herndon Hornets last Saturday in a defensive, grid-iron classic, 13-7. Both teams came into Saturday's game undefeated. The Seahawk's first drive stalled at mid-field and the Hornets took advantage on a fourth- and-nine toss play that broke for an early score. An extra point run made the score 7-0 Hornets. Several sharp runs by Seahawk players Kyle Cooper, George Bullen and Tyquan Johnson, and a late second quarter bomb from Bullen to Joel Alexander led the Seahawks



Reston's 110-pound 'C' team was in action against Fort Hunt last weekend. The Seahawks were 22-6 winners.

down the field. However, the Seahawks could not come away with points on the drive. Second half drives by both sides resulted in turnovers and the Hornets capitalized with a touchdown, but failed on the extra point. The Seahawks responded quickly with a TD run by Tyquan Johnson. An on-side kick attempt failed, but a couple plays later, Seahawk's safety Jeff Curran stripped the Hornets of the ball and breathed life to the Reston team. Stalled drives by both sides concluded the match. Stand out tackling by defensive players Adonis Gomez, George Bullen, Noah Brown, Antwoin Nickens, Vadim Konshin and Joel Alexander kept the hits coming, while Kyle Cooper, Tyquan Johnson and Jeff Curran patrolled the secondary, keeping the Hornets from developing an aerial attack greater than two catches. Next up for Reston will see the Lee Franconia Wolverines come to Reston for a Wednesday night under the lights at Lake Fairfax Park field No. 4.

95 American: Reston 21, Springfield 6

Reston faced a big, strong and determined Springfield team Saturday afternoon. The Seahawks got off to a quick start with the defense forcing a fumble that was recovered by Sam Joslyn on the first Springfield play. Reston then went on a long drive that consumed most of the first quarter, but came up short of the end zone. Springfield used a punishing running attack between the tackles that attempted to control the clock and keep the ball out of the hands of the talented RYA offense. That tactic was successful until just before halftime when RYA's Akram Gibreel had a nice run for a touchdown. RJ Lee made a beautiful run, diving into the corner of the end zone for the extra point, giving RYA a 7-0 lead. To start the second half,

Conor McBride recovered a Springfield inside kick. The Seahawks marched down the field with Devonte Johnson making a nice run for the TD. David Kearns booted the extra point through the uprights, giving RYA a 15-0 lead. Springfield scored a TD to make the score 15-6, but RYA marched back down the field. QB Ryan McLaughlin completed a nice pass to RJ Lee and Reston put the game away with another TD run from Johnson. RYA's victory was sealed when cornerback Darius Hawkins made a nice interception, earning him defensive MVP honors.

95 National: Fort Belvoir Bulldogs 32, RYA 21

The Seahawks' 95National team suffered its first loss on the road to an outstanding Fort Belvoir team. Reston led at halftime, 21-14, but couldn't rally after a couple big plays put the Bulldogs on top in the second half. In spite of a solid ground game led by Sam Dawson (2 TDs) and Derek Parker (1 TD), the Seahawks' inability to effectively pass the ball in the second half and untimely turnovers sealed their fate as time ran out. Although it yielded a season high 32 pts, the Reston defense did have some solid play by Brandon Walters and Mike Carswell, who led the team in tackles. The interior offensive line of Christophe Simpson, Sean Rodgers and David Wilmer played solid, with special recognition going to David for filling in on short notice. Next week, the 95's will try to get back on the winning track against Arlington at home.

110 Central: RYA 22, Fort Hunt Federals 6

The Seahawks started slowly but pulled away for a convincing second half victory. The Seahawk air attack, led by Jordan Fisher, opened the running game up for Keenan Jordan.

125 Central: RYA 37, Dulles South Eagles 0

The 125-pound Seahawks dominated in all three phases of the game: special teams, offense and defense. Zac Parker made the first tackle of the game on kickoff coverage, pinning down the Eagles back at their own two yard line.

Two plays later, Robbie Walker registered the first safety of the year for the Seahawk's defense. The defense never let up. Chris Mancebo returned an interception for a touchdown, Magdi Abdalla and Jeffrey Agee caused havoc in the backfield of the Eagles, and Zac Parker and Andrew Turay stopped the air attack. Meanwhile, Nick Wille, Coby Laxton, Demar King and Kyle Savage shut down the run and caused multiple fumbles. On the offensive side of the ball business was as usual. Quarterback Drew Holmes and receiver DeAndre Thomas brought the air attack, connecting multiple times and teaming for a touchdown while Robbie Walker and Kyle Savage took care of the ground game, scoring three of the Seahawks' five touchdowns for the day. The offensive line of Sam Evans, Seondre 'Dre' Gambrell, Brandon Carelock, Luke Slover, and Roger Lambert overpowered the Eagles' front line, providing protection for the QB while opening up big holes for the backs. The Dulles South Eagles never stopped fighting. They played hard until the last whistle was blown.

Other Week 2 scores: RYA anklebiters 2 team 14, Chantilly Vikings 6; Chantilly 16, RYA 3 team 0; Reston 75 National 32, Gainesville Grizzlies 0; 75 American Chantilly Vikings 18, RYA 6; and RYA 85 Central team 20, Alexandria Titans 7.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Reston Raiders Ice Hockey Club's

Learn-to-Play-Hockey program will be taking place on Sundays from Oct. 5 through Feb. 22, 2009 at the Reston SkateQuest Olympic Rink. The 16 on-ice sessions, designed to introduce youngsters to the game of hockey, will be for boys and girls born between 1995 through 2004. Cost is \$295. Sticks will be distributed for free, and loaner sets of hockey equipment will be available for free. Skates are needed, but a few pairs may be obtained for free as available. An orientation session will be held on **Sept. 28** at 2 p.m. in the Mezzanine of the Reston SkateQuest Rink. For more information, contact Aloysius Hogan, director of the Reston Raiders Ice Hockey Club, at 202-957-9400. Or visit the Reston Raiders Web site and select "Register Online" from the main menu.

The 2008 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) opened Sept.

20 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington. In track and field competition, gold medal winners included: Reston's John Cordyack (men's age 65-69 bracket) in the 800-meter walk; Oakton's James W.C. Chang (men's 70-74) in the 1,600-meter walk; Vienna's Karl Blake (men ages 55-59) in the 800-meter run; McLean's Jeff Young (men 60-64) in the 60 dash and 200 dash; Ashburn's Richard Enrico (men 75-79) in both the 60-meters dash and 200-meters dash; and McLean's Dana Hodgdon (men 85-89) in the 60 dash.

In field events, gold medals went to: Herndon's Charles James (men 50-54) in the shotput; McLean's Jeff Young (men 60-64) in shotput and running long jump; McLean's Sheila Gildea (women 75-79) in shotput and discus; Herndon's Charles James (men 50-54) in the discus; Sterling's V. Thuraisamy (women 75-79) in running long jump, and Reston's John Cordyack (men 60-64) in standing long jump.



The South Lakes High cheerleaders has been out in full force to support Seahawks' athletic teams throughout the fall sports season. Here, the cheerleaders pose before recent South Lakes football game at Herndon.

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Juxtapose This



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Spending as much time as I do with my widowed mother, naturally I fall into her routine. After all, the visits are not about me, they're about her: arrive when expected — and on time, eat home when she wants, eat out when she prefers, telephone as per usual and watch programs on television she can tolerate. Most often we watch LMN, the Lifetime Movie Network, a channel available through her digital cable service from Comcast.

To say that many of the movies are bad would be an affront to all movies characterized as bad. To say the movies are time consuming would be totally accurate, however. And so my mother, house bound, sort of, but definitely still ambulatory, unable to hear but complete and competent in most every other way, especially where her faculties are concerned, patiently but predictably sits and watches channel 119 (LMN in Montgomery County), remote in hand, switching regularly, hoping to find programming to help pass the time. And when I visit, so too do I sit and watch television and together we marvel at the consistency of the quality of these movies (and I use that term loosely and of course, subjectively. For all I know, the movies shown are award-winning and focus-group approved).

And with respect to the content of these movies, there does seem to be a frequent theme. In general, I would call it heartbreak: rape, incest, infidelity, divorce, death, disease, disability, murder, kidnapping, miscellaneous abuse, etc; among many other similar heart-wrenching, life-changing and dysfunctional-type circumstances and addictions.

And given this kind of content, I find it particularly unseemly that one of the more frequent advertisers on this channel are dating services; flush with the bravado and self-satisfaction that comes with the elation and realization that one's life can be rekindled with new love, if only you'd complete the profile and pay your fee (although the fact that there's a cost associated with this service seems hardly worth mentioning, at least on the commercial).

The product placement seems odd, however. This channel regularly shows movies about how people's lives are torn apart by infidelity, divorce, physical and mental abuse, sexual addictions, etc., (a fair amount of it anyway, from my watching experience, which is rather substantial), yet during the commercial breaks, advertisements will appear directed at people looking for a date (many of whom, presumably, may be victims of the same terrible circumstances as the characters in the very movies they're watching) and/or if things work, perhaps even a mate. I can't decide if this movie-watching behavior is cathartic — and helpful — or if it's some kind of self-immolation.

It all feels manipulative, somehow, almost like entrapment. Drawing viewers in who might be able to relate and then offering solutions to the very problem/problems they're experiencing (generally presented by the end of the movie, although, having seen many ends of many of these movies, I have to tell you, the ends don't justify the beginnings). Unfortunately, these are serious problems and their solutions just aren't that simple. It requires more than two hours (the typical length of these movies) and a remote control.

Certainly I'm aware that knowing your market/audience is crucial to advertising but banking your company's/product's success on the failure — and difficulties — of others people's lives seems a bit crude. Not unusual for this channel, or these advertisers, but still inappropriate. I suppose we could change the channel, but what fun would that be?

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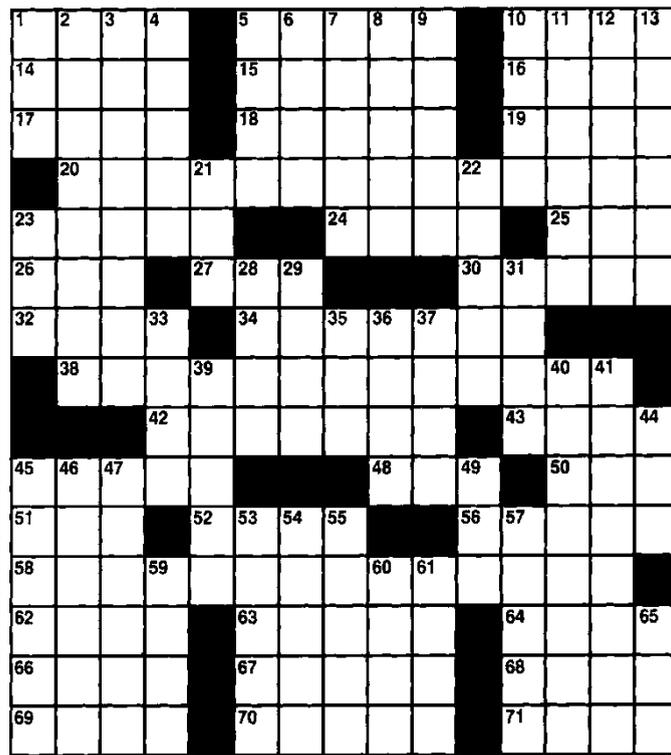
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5 Like a whip?
10 Play parts
14 Fiery gem
15 Synagogue scroll
16 Combustible pile
17 — Sabe
18 Actress Verdugo
19 Israeli statesman
20 Gizmos for couch potatoes
23 Ace, e.g.
24 "You Are My Destiny" singer, 1958
25 Classic car
26 The "A" in NATO: Abbr.
27 Poem of praise
30 Feline hybrid
32 Constitutional Amendment that abolished slavery
34 Just barely places
38 1949 Bing Crosby hit
42 Puget Sound city

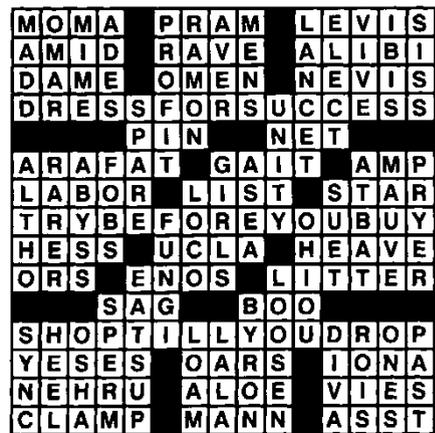
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45 "Grand" piece of furniture
48 Dancer Charisse
50 "The — Divorcee"
51 Mag. staffers
52 Infamous Rudolf
56 Hardly award-winning writing
58 Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, e.g.
62 Together, musically
63 Jetés, e.g.
64 Family problem
66 Stew bean
67 "L.A. Law" lawyer
68 Mother of twins, in myth
69 Watch part
70 Bury
71 Once, once

DOWN

- 1 Stir-fry pan
2 Preprandial potable
3 Evergreen with roselike flowers
4 Kind of replay

- 28 Moist in the morning
29 Dutch cheese
31 Cuzco-centered empire
33 It smooths things over
35 Cheat
36 DeMille-type film
37 Do in, as a dragon
39 Warm welcome
40 Casey Jones, e.g.
41 Tiny bubbles
44 Old-time humorist Bill
45 45-Across features
46 "Yippee!"
47 Take for granted
49 Sot's problem
53 Zhou —
54 Back of a boat
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60 60's role for Ron Howard
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65 Lat. case

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9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
10 a.m. Strength Advantage
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Arnette Report
7 p.m. Life with Connie
7:30 p.m. Eyes on Reston - Asian Festival
8 p.m. Toastmasters
8:30 p.m. Swingtime
9 p.m. Yoga with Cynthia
9:30 p.m. Business Focus
10 p.m. Defend Yourself
10:30 p.m. Where's MJ

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
7 p.m. Reston Association Board of Directors Meeting taped Sept. 25.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

8:30 a.m. Arts Council
9 a.m. Yoga - Yoga 360
9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
10 a.m. Defend Yourself
10:30 a.m. Strength Advantage
11 a.m. Guitar Instruction
11:30 a.m. Just Another Sports Show
1 p.m. South Lakes High School Football Game of the Week
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6 p.m. The Community of All People
6:30 p.m. Arnette Report
7 p.m. Toastmasters
7:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction
8 p.m. Dogs Best Friend
9:30 p.m. Eyes on Reston - Asian Festival

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

9 a.m. A New Living Way
9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
10 a.m. Strength Advantage
11:30 a.m. Just Another Sports Show
4 p.m. A New and Living Way
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
5:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction
6 p.m. RCC News & Views
6:30 p.m. Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins
7 p.m. Strength Advantage
7:30 p.m. Business Focus
8 p.m. Reston Impact: Mark Warner for Senate/Virginia Race for President
9 p.m. Health Focus
9:30 p.m. Where's MJ
10 p.m. Latin Profiles

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6 p.m. The Community of All People
7 p.m. Strength Advantage
7:30 p.m. Defend Yourself
8 p.m. 2008 Reston Congressional Candidates Forum
9:15 p.m. South Lakes High School Football Game of the Week

TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Health Focus
7 p.m. Update On ...
7:30 p.m. Virginia Legislative Report with Del. Ken Plum: Sheila Savar, Reston author - "The Power of Networking"
8 p.m. Your Dog's Best Friend
8:30 p.m. Swingtime
9 p.m. Yoga with Cynthia
9:30 p.m. Eyes on Reston - Asian Festival
10 p.m. Reston Impact: Reston Impact Reston - Don Beyer for Barack Obama

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1

9 a.m. Yoga with Cynthia
10 a.m. Defend Yourself
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6 p.m. The RCC News & Views
6:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction

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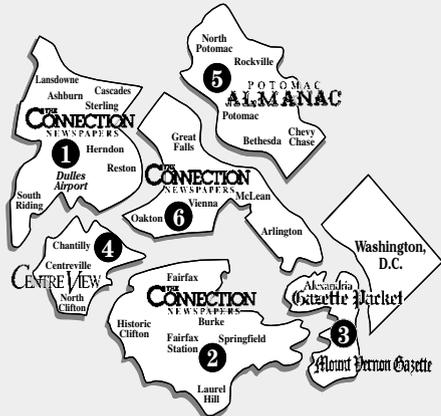
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jason Yacavone, dated May 2, 2007, and recorded May 3, 2007, in Deed Book 19306 at page 1290 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain 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:

Tax Map No. 017-3-18-0156

Commonly known as 12001 Market Street, #156, Reston, Virginia 20190.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 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 6.0 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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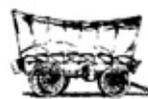
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