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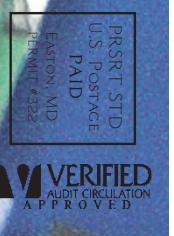
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NEWS

12 Months,

Charity calendar for features over a dozen senior males and almost zero clothing.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Residents of Greenspring retirement community have a penchant for enthusiastic citizen participation. When asked last year to help raise money for a program that provided financial assistance to residents who, through illness or misfortune, lacked the funds to remain in their homes, the women of the hilly, 108-acre campus on Spring Village Road in Springfield racked their brains for an idea.

After seeing the film 2003 film "Calendar Girls," which depicts a group of middle-aged Yorkshire women who create a nude-calendar in order to raise money for leukemia research, a light bulb went off among the women: "We can do that."

Soon, the Ladies of Greenspring charity calendar was born. Over a dozen women between the ages of 60 and 90 were selected from the nearly 2,000 residents. While they didn't quite bare it all, the women came close by

"At my age, why should I worry?"
— Ray Kaminski, Mr. January

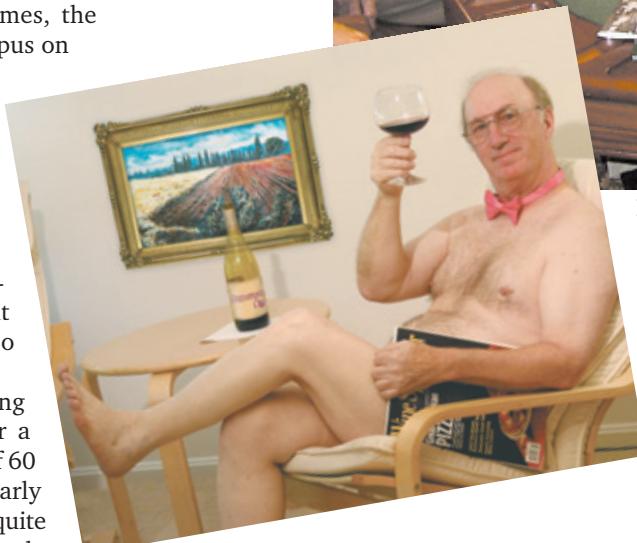


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From left, Ray Kaminski, Ernie Sult and Jim Coulter are the only three Hunks of Greenspring to be revealed. The rest remain a trade secret. At left, Coulter poses as Mr. April in the Hunks of Greenspring charity calendar.

using props such as guitars, large hats and even a Thanksgiving turkey to cover up their most sensitive parts. The calendar made a net profit of \$36,000, all of it going to the Benevolent Care fund.

This year, the women issued a challenge to the community's men to return the fa-

vor. Greenspring resident Sim Taylor said when he was asked, he declined to be one of the 15 men to pose, but that he would be happy to chair the committee responsible for finding a few good men to do the job.

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Giant of Community Activism Dies

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

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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



ganizations throughout the years.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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"Her hobby was service to the community. In the smaller sense as well as in the larger sense."
— Fran Kiefer, neighbor and friend

WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

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On the Run

Competing in the 200-meter run, Rod Zumbro of Springfield, places second in his heat on the opening day of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. The Senior Olympics will conduct events around the region until Oct. 2.

Walking Off Budget Shortfall

Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee) sees a double benefit in trading in the school bus for shoe leather. Citing a recent article in Newsweek Magazine entitled "Waving Goodbye to the Bus," McKay suggested that having more children walk to school would benefit both their health and the county's budget shortfall.

"The article covers school districts that are updating an old method of getting children to school — walking. One school district in Columbia, Mo., has redrawn its school bus route and instituted a 'walking school bus' where children are supervised by adults as they walk to school," McKay informed his fellow Supervisors at Monday's Board meeting.

"Given that we have initiated a joint budget review with the schools and with the ever increasing cost of fuel having a heavy impact on our County/Schools budget, replacing bus routes with walking routes where practical and safe seems worth a try," he said.

The plan would create two additional benefits according to McKay: Walking puts "a dent in the obesity epidemic" and, hopefully, will cut future healthcare costs and fewer buses on the road cuts air pollution.

He moved that the County Executive "share this suggestion with the School Board for consideration in our joint budget review."

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.

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NEWS

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FCP Field Training Instructor T.P. Kelly talks to residents about animal control procedures in the area.



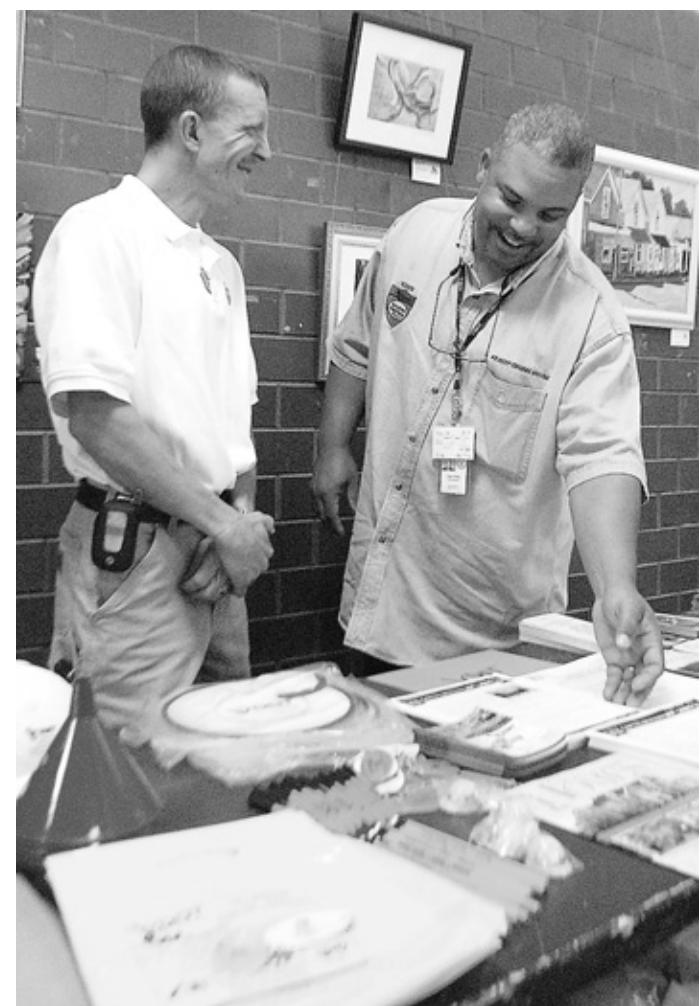
Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) answers questions at Saturday's Lee District Open House at the Franconia Government Center.



Kathy Spencer of the Fairfax County Health Department answers questions about mosquitoes.

Lee 411

Supervisor McKay hosts open house at Franconia Government Center.



Virginia Department of Transportation employees Mike Collier with Newington maintenance and Shane White with the Springfield Mall Information Center were at the open house to answer questions.

NEWS

Senior Men as Pinups

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"Every person that asked [to be in the calendar] was accepted," said Taylor.

Taylor recalled how committee members Hunter's Crossing, one of the buildings at Greenspring, during the Presidential primaries this year, recruiting men as they came out of the voting booths.

"They were looking for courage," said Ernie Sult, 83, a resident of Greenspring and Mr. July of the upcoming Hunks of Greenspring calendar, already taking pre-orders and expected to come on in mid-to-late October.

The 15 men selected for the calendar feature an assortment of setting and props. As last year with the women, the calendars are themed month to month, with seasonal mainstays like Christmas and Thanksgiving included.

At 92, Greenspring resident Ray Kaminski is the oldest of the 15 selected. A 30-year Air Force veteran and long-time softball player, he said he had no problem posing for the cameras, so long as it was for the right cause.

"[I accepted] on only one condition: that the money went to the Benevolent Care fund," said Kaminski, who snagged the Mr. January slot.

Lauren Jones, philanthropy coordinator for Greenspring, said the fund was created to deal with seniors who had moved into the community and had since lost their income through no fault of their own. When asked for examples, she listed life threatening illnesses requiring long term and costly medical treatment or those carrying around pensions not indexed for inflation. According to Jones, Greenspring currently has nine residents drawing from the Benevolent Care fund. All remain anonymous and will remain in the program until they leave or die.

"When a resident moves to Greenspring, we believe it's their permanent home and you're never asked to leave. What Benevolent Care does is support residents who through no cause of their own have run out of asset money," said Jones.

GREENSPRING RESIDENT and Mr. April Jim Coulter, 66, laid out some of the financial obstacles he's seen residents face as their bodies fail.

"Financially, it's a difficult question, because if you're a couple and you've used up all your assets or if one comes in here and gets cancer, you can burn through \$25,000, \$35,000 a month on treatment," he said.

"You can only plan so much," said [Lauren]

Jason Conners works as public relations manager for Erickson, the company hired to direct the approxi-

"It is difficult to say this, but I think I was speechless."

— Ernie Sult, Mr. July

rassment.

"I had no problem with that," said Coulter. "In high school and college, I was on the swim team, so I was used to running around in a crowd with little to no clothes."

"At my age, why should I worry?" asked Kaminski. "I was flattered too, by the way. I didn't expect to be there."

"I've had men come in angry asking why we didn't ask them," said Jones.

Their fund-raising goals are to out-raise the Ladies of Greenspring calendar by \$10,000, making their goal somewhere around \$45,000. Aside from the calendar, Benevolent Care conducts a month-long fund-raising event with activities like bingo, silent auctions and a gala.

According to Jones, Benevolent Care costs range from \$50,000-\$60,000 a month and they are looking to raise \$350,000 total for the year. Coulter laid out his long term hopes for the program.

"I would like to see Benevolent Care fund in a situation where it was self perpetuating, he said. "Where they have enough money on the fund so that the interest [on it] is enough to fund the residents."

The three have just recently seen their own photos, and Sult, a long-time community theater actor, joked that the results were slightly cringe inducing.

"It is difficult to say this, but I think I was speechless. I remember that day, but I said 'Oh I can't wait to see these things,' he said, before deadpanning. "Now I'm sorry I have."

NEWS BRIEFS

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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.

New Limits for Smokers

Latching on to a comment made by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald Connolly (D-At-large) at the Sept. 8 Board meeting concerning county employees smoking in front of government buildings, Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee) wants to "restrict smoking in public places" and make that restriction a part of the county's 2009 legislative package to the Virginia General Assembly.

"Not only is smoking a significant health hazard to the smoker, but it poses a serious threat to non-

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PEOPLE

Getting To Know . . .

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.

PROFILE



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Michael Sullivan

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/>

SCHOOL NOTES

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.

James K. Serwin of West Springfield High School has been named as a 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalist.

Andrew J. Feeney of G. W. Community School has been named as a 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalist.

Katherine Lambertson of Edison High School has been named as a 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalist.

Six Springfield residents from the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology have been named as 2009 National Merit Semifinalists: **Julian Warchall, JeanMarie Stewart, Arthi Aravind, Joshua**

Lee, Lillian Waller and Christopher Olund.

Student musicians from Fairfax County public schools will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association conference in November in Hot Springs, Va. The following local groups will perform:

Hayfield Secondary School Chamber Orchestra, directed by Carrie New.

Lake Braddock Secondary School Wind Ensemble (middle school students), directed by Lou Bean.

Lake Braddock Secondary School Symphonic Orchestra (high school students), directed by Stephanie Holmes.

West Springfield High School Wind Symphony, directed by Larry Einuis.

Keith M. Phox of Hayfield High School has been named as a 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalist.

VIEWPOINTS

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



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

Claudia Dwass, Fairfax



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

CeCe Sterling, Fairfax



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

Trish McDade, Fairfax

CRIME

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

MALICIOUS WOUNDING/ ASSAULT BY MOB/ ARREST

6400 block of Edsall Road. On Friday, Sept. 12, just before midnight, police responded to the 6400 block of Edsall Road for a large group of people being disruptive outside. Responding officers found four males assaulting a 19-year-old Alexandria-area man and several people watching them fight. The crowd and the suspects fled when the officers approached. Three of the four suspects were apprehended.

nearby. The victim was transported to Inova Alexandria Hospital for non-life-threatening injuries. Ahmed Goriola, 19, and Issa Kamara, 20, both of Lanham, Md., were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with malicious wounding and assault by mob. Petitions will be obtained on a 15-year-old Bladensburg, Md. boy who was released to family members. The fourth suspect was not located.

ROBBERY

6500 block of Elder Ave. On Saturday, Sept. 13, a 56-year-old Springfield man was robbed in the 6500 block of Elder Ave. Shortly after

6 a.m., the victim was walking alone when a man approached him and asked for money. The victim initially refused and was punched in the face by the suspect. The suspect took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled in a white sedan. The victim was not seriously injured. The suspect was described as white, in his mid 20s with brown hair. He was approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed about 200 pounds. He was wearing a white T-shirt and khaki shorts.

VEHICLE PURSUIT/ STOLEN VEHICLE/ ARREST

Richmond Highway / Furnace

Road. Three people were apprehended after a short vehicle pursuit on Saturday, Sept. 13. Around 1:35 a.m., a patrol officer initiated a traffic stop on Richmond Highway near Furnace Road for a vehicle driving without its headlights. The driver did not stop and a short pursuit ensued. Approximately 200 yards into Prince William County, the car, a 2001 Honda Accord, struck another vehicle and stopped a short distance away. Three of the four occupants fled on foot, leaving the fourth suspect inside the car. With the assistance of Prince William County police, two of the three suspects who fled were apprehended. Officers determined the vehicle was

stolen previously from another jurisdiction. Edlow Moten, 19, of the 11000 block of Emerson St. in Alexandria, was directed out of the vehicle by police. He was issued summonses for possession of marijuana and contributing to the delinquency of a minor and then released at the scene. The driver, Jerrell Copeland, 18, of the 800 block of South Greenbrier St. in Arlington, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with grand larceny auto, speed to elude, hit and run and driving on a suspended license. A 15-year-old Alexandria-area girl was released to family members. The fourth suspect was not located.

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Freddie Mac Troubles Affect Charities

Dozens of Northern Virginia non-profits rely on funds from Freddie Mac.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Earlier this month, the U.S. Treasury took over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two mortgage lending giants that had been financially imperiled by the subprime lending crisis. Government control of these two institutions sent shockwaves throughout the country's financial system and foreshadowed several weeks of meltdowns on Wall Street.

But the fallout from the collapse of these two companies poses a serious threat to many local organizations.

Freddie Mac's philanthropic arm, the Freddie Mac Foundation, is the largest corporate funder of non-profit organizations in the Washington D.C. region. Last year, the foundation gave approximately \$25 million to local non-profits. Now, many of those organizations are facing uncertainty.

"At this point, I don't know," Diane Charles responded when asked if her group, Stop Child Abuse Now, or SCAN, would continue to receive funding from Freddie Mac. "I don't think anybody does."

Shawn Flaherty, a Freddie Mac Foundation spokesperson, said that all of the foundation's charitable donations are currently under review by the organization's director, James Lockhart. No decisions have been made yet about whether funding will be cut, she said, and there was no timeline for when these decisions will be made. "We really don't know at this point," she said. "It's under review and we haven't made a

**"We're nervous.
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—Elizabeth Page, Falls Church-McLean Children's Center



PHOTO BY DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION

Freddie Mac headquarters in McLean.

decision yet."

A NONPROFIT child abuse prevention group based out of Alexandria, SCAN has had a relationship with the Freddie Mac Foundation for

more than a decade, Charles, the group's executive director, said. In that time, they have contributed between \$25,000 and \$50,000 to SCAN per year, funding that represents approximately five percent of their annual budget.

Charles said that if Freddie Mac cut off its funding to SCAN, it would be very difficult for her organization to find the funding elsewhere. "That's an important piece of what [Freddie Mac has] done in the community ... That kind of funding allows us to leverage lots of other funding and volunteers."

ELIZABETH PAGE is the director of the Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, a group that provides childcare to low-income families. For the last decade, the Freddie Mac Foundation has given Page's group \$25,000 a year, one-eighth of their annual

operating budget.

"We're nervous," Page said. "Not just with Freddie Mac but with the whole environment these days. Whenever there's an economic downturn a lot of non-profits suffer."

The Falls Church-McLean Children's Center received its funding from Freddie Mac in July, Page said, so they are covered for this fiscal year. "I'm hoping by April when we reapply [for funding] things will be clearer," she said. But Page said that if the funding from Freddie Mac doesn't come through, they would most likely have to layoff one of their teaching assistants.

LOUDOUN County-based INMED Partnerships for Children is another local non-profit organization that relies heavily on funding from Freddie Mac. Thirty five percent of their annual budget — \$175,000 per year for a trio human services programs — comes from the Freddie Mac Foundation.

Linda Pfeiffer, INMED's President and CEO, said that her organization has been in close contact with Freddie Mac representatives since their recent financial changes and that "there is no indication" that their funding is in jeopardy.

But Pfeiffer said that the loss of funding from Freddie Mac would force INMED to

Nonprofits

The non-profit organizations featured in this story are always in need of donations and volunteers. The following is information on how you can help out these groups:

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"cut down on our services dramatically" because the loss of the Freddie Mac funds could trigger a chain reaction.

"It's something that's always been crucial for leveraging other funding," she said. "All funders like to see that their funds are being matched by other funding. Freddie Mac has always been wonderful to provide the upfront money that we can use to get state money and county money."

BU-GATA is an Arlington-based group that since 1998 has run a youth program for Buckingham teens that was funded with a \$40,000 annual contribution from Freddie Mac. If the Freddie Mac funds were cut off, BU-GATA would have to lay off the program's full-time coordinator, said Lois Athey, the group's executive director.

Northern Virginia Family Service has an annual budget of more than \$20 million, \$400,000 from Freddie Mac. But the organization would have to make layoffs if their Freddie Mac funding was cut off, the organization's President and CEO Mary Agee said. But a lack of funding wouldn't be the only thing that local non-profits would lose.

"[Freddie Mac goes] above and beyond just the financial giving," Agee said. "Their staff is involved in working in the community to help build the systems that will improve people's lives. They are in the community rolling up their sleeves side by side with all of us to resolve community issues. We need that. We need their perspectives. It sets them apart from a lot of other foundations."

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Supervisors Decline On 2nd School Headquarters

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

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

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

If the deal had gone through, the school system would

have been able to move out of leased and rented space and into the new building at 8115 Gatehouse Road, adjacent to its current administrative center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In his dissenting vote, Moon also asked the school board to consider delaying the building purchase for three to six months.

OPINION

When Transportation Means Freedom

BY TIM LOVAIN
ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

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

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

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

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

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

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

few large cities in America that doesn't have wheelchair-accessible taxicabs. Wheelchair-dependent Washingtonians can try to book Metro Access vans 24 hours in advance, but (unlike suburban Virginians and Marylanders) they can't just call for a cab.

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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.



FILE PHOTO

Del. David Marsden (D-41)

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

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

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

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

We are as good as anyone living in a small town, because that is often where we came from ourselves.

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COMMENTARY

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

BY DEL. DAVID MARSDEN
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FALL FOR FAIRFAX

Fun for All in the Fall!

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

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

Programs at Fall for Fairfax KidsFest include:

- ❖ Fun-filled seasonal activities like scarecrow making, hayrides presented by Washington Gas, and pump k i n painting.



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



- ❖ 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.

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)

Enjoy All-Day Play

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

All-Day Play Passports:

- ❖ KidZone Passport includes six inflatable moonbounces, slides, and free rides on the Fall for Fairfax Train (\$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site).
- ❖ KidWay MidWay Passport includes six mechanical carnival-style rides geared towards toddlers and elementary-aged children (\$6 in advance ; \$7 on-site).
- ❖ Super Passport includes both KidZone and KidWay MidWay attractions, as well as rides on the Fall for Fairfax Train (\$10 in advance; \$12 on-site). Individual tickets and passports will also be sold onsite. For more information about the festival attractions, including photos and ride requirements for the **KidWay MidWay** and **KidZone** areas, visit the Attractions page of the Web site, www.fallforfairfax.com.

Directions

Fall for Fairfax takes place at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. From I-66: Take Exit 55B onto the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) North. Turn right onto Fair Lakes Parkway (east). Turn right at the second light onto West Ox Road. Turn left at first light onto Post Forest Drive, which ends at Government Center Parkway. The Government Center is straight ahead.



Scarecrow making during a previous Fall for Fairfax.

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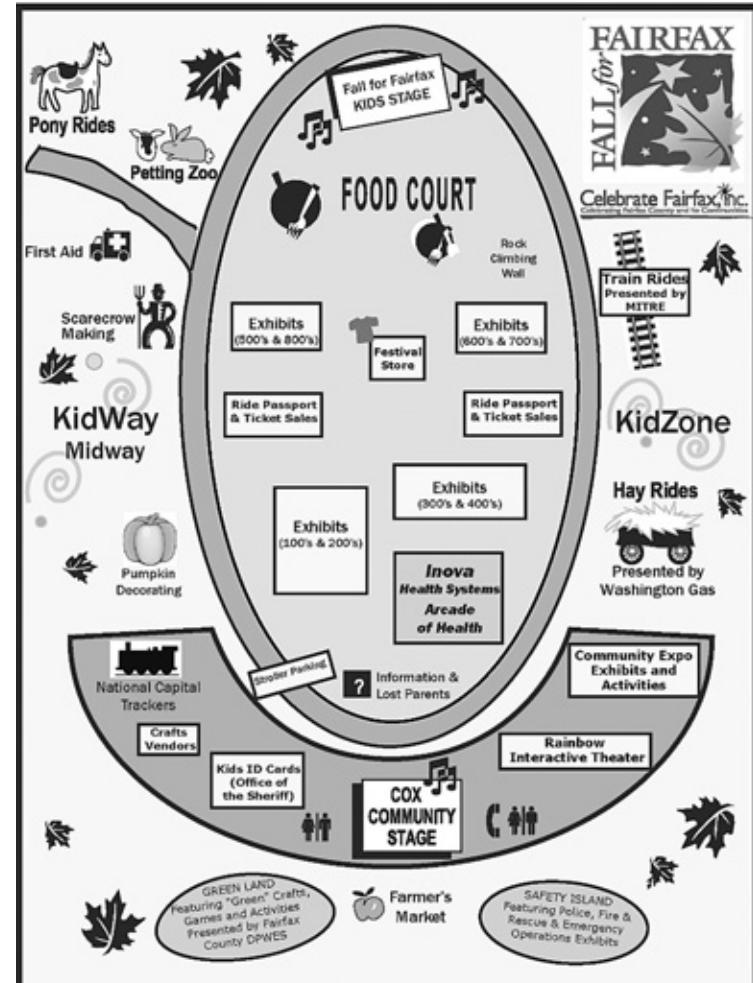
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| 9:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. | PERFORMER |
| 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Janaki Rangarajan |
| 10:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. | Arlington Dance |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Cham Cham Payel Bajay |
| 12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. | Reptiles Alive! |
| 1:15 p.m. - 2 p.m. | David Itkin |
| 2:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Spinny Johnson |
| 3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Reptiles Alive! |
| 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. | Asian Lotus Performing Arts |
| 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Reston Conservatory Ballet |
| | Center Stage |

ELLIPSE STAGE

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| 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. | PERFORMER |
| 11 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Gottswing.com |
| 12 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | Cardinal Cloggers |
| 1 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. | Alex and The Kaleidoscope Band |
| 2 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Radio Disney Party Patrol |
| 3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. | Blue Ridge Thunder Cloggers |
| 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. | Alex and The Kaleidoscope Band |
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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, and are available at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

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

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring lunch and

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

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Silvertung, Eat It Raw, oddzar, Lifted Down, The Offset, Union 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.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

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

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,



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.

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,

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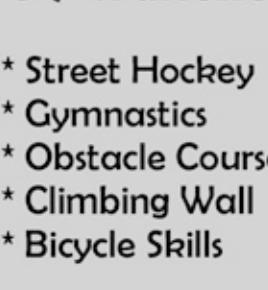
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South Run RECenter's Fitness Expansion ribbon cutting ceremony. 1:30 p.m. South Run RECenter, South Run District Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. 703-866-0566.

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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.

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Practice English. 3 p.m. Conversation group for adults learning English. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. 703-451-8055.

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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THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Clifton Architectural Review Board. 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. 703-802-0847.

MONDAY/SEPT. 29

Clifton Planning Commission Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall. 703-802-0847. Laurel Hill Project Advisory Citizen Oversight Committee. 7:30 p.m. Presentation of Draft Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area (part of the former Lorton Prison site) by the Alexander Company. Lorton Station Elementary School cafeteria, 9298 Lewis Chapel Road, Lorton. 703-324-1355 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/master_plan.htm.

SATURDAY/OCT. 4

Land Use Workshop, sponsored by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, the Sierra Club and the Coalition for Smarter Growth. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Experts will explain how land use decisions are made, how to make development more environmentally friendly and examine zoning processes, redevelopment and infill. Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) will give opening remarks. Braddock Government Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-256-2060 or gbooth123@aol.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

Clifton Town Council Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. 703-802-0847.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, discussing Barriers to Voting. 9:30 a.m. 7902 Bracksford Court, Fairfax Station. Contact Lois at 703-690-0908 or www.lwv-fairfax.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 13

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, discussing Barriers to Voting. 1:30 p.m. Hunters Crossing Classroom, Spring Village Drive, Springfield. 703-644-2670 or www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

Slave to Metal Music Festival, hosted by Mistress Juliya. Bands to be announced. 6 p.m. All ages. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. The docent-led tours of the demonstration gardens are followed by a full English afternoon tea. \$25. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.greenspring.org.

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

The Living Longer and Stronger Senior Health Fair will be hosted by Inova Fair Oaks Hospital on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall.

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Inova Blood Donor Services is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at its main location at 3289 Woodburn Road in Annandale. To inquire about appointments at a convenient donor center or blood drive, call 1-866-256-6372 or visit www.inova.org/donateblood.

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

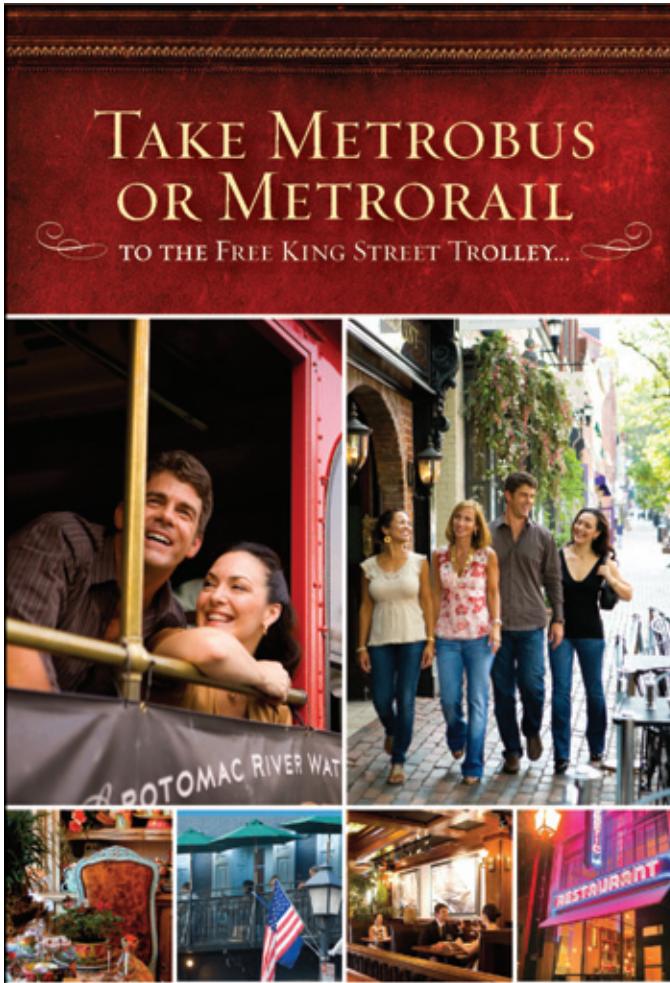
Body & Soul Fitness classes are cardio and strength training sessions set to contemporary Christian music. Mondays and Fridays from 9-10:15 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Until Nov. 23. For more call Suzann Albanese at 703-372-2332 or e-mail salbanese@cox.net.

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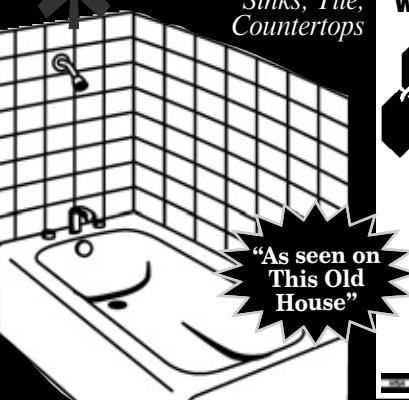
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McKay also cited cigarette and tobacco products as contributing "to unsightly and unhealthy litter that washes into our streams and, ultimately, into the Chesapeake Bay." He wants it all restricted.

To accomplish that, McKay proposed that the County Executive implement a policy restricting smoking in government center garages and county vehicles. He also proposed that the County Attorney "review the tools we currently have to restrict smoking in public places and recommend language" to be added to the County's 2009 legislative package allowing Fairfax County "to enact such restrictions."

Prioritizing Parkway Work

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 Board letter addressing these concerns, Hyland moved that Connolly 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.

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SPORTS

A Team Apart

Volleyball coach Stephanie Noriega rotates her players frequently, effectively.

By JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sipple said that this year's team is the best that she's seen during her three-plus years with the program, which is rather impressive considering the Spartans of 2007's success.

Last year's team finished 12-7 during the

"I have 12 kids that deserve to be starters."

— Stephanie Noriega

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

"We have a group of girls who've started on varsity since they were sophomores, so we've had a really consistent group that's moved up and we're tight together," said Miller, a member of that group. "It's definitely an advantage when you're on the court. You know everyone's personality, and

A group of West Springfield volleyball players celebrates an ace during Monday night's 3-0 win over Hayfield. Prior to Wednesday night's game, the Spartans were 5-3 overall, 1-0 in the Patriot District.

regular season and posted a 5-2 mark in the Patriot District. With playoff wins over

Hayfield, South County and West Potomac, West Springfield won the Patriot District tournament before losing lost, 3-0, to Chantilly in the quarterfinals of the Northern Region tournament.

you know who's going to get to balls and who's not."

Like many, Noriega has set her team's primary goal as repeating last year's success with the addition of moving beyond the region quarterfinals.

On Monday, though, the quality of volleyball was admittedly unspectacular, Noriega watched her team open its Patriot District schedule with a 3-0 win over Hayfield. The Spartans played host to Lee on Wednesday, which ended after The Connection went to press.

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

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

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Defending The Offense

Hayfield field hockey coach wants more aggressive play from her team.

By JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

When Lauren White assessed her team's style of play at the beginning of this season, Hayfield's field hockey coach knew that her team was strong defensively.

However, the first-year coach wanted to install a more aggressive offensive system, something that didn't exactly mesh well with the team's strengths.

But as a credit to Hayfield, the Hawks have adopted White's new plan and have approached things with an open mind. The results on paper might not be what anyone wants circulating around the hallways of the school, but those results are also not indicative of how many improvements have been made.

"I think a lot of times they try, because they have had such a poor record in the past, to play too defensive, and I want them to get a more offensive mind, so we can be in games and try to win some games," said White.

White's team was entrenched in its game against Lake Braddock (13-0, 3-0 Patriot) on Tuesday night. Although the Hawks surrendered a goal with less than 10 seconds before half-time, Hayfield was able to equal one of the top programs in the area.

"It shows how talented they are and how much they can step up to the plate with good teams like that," said the coach, whose team eventually suffered a 3-0 loss. "They're a very inexperienced team. They graduated eight starters last year, so for them to step up like that against Lake

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SPORTS

Hawk Girls Face First Challenge

Hayfield volleyball team shocked by West Springfield.

By JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Hayfield's volleyball team had been lulled to sleep by a series of easy wins. But, with its Patriot District opener against the defending district champions Monday night, the Hawks found themselves hitting the snooze button and hitting it hard.

With 3-0 wins over South Lakes, West Potomac, Wakefield and Marshall in the past two weeks, Hayfield hadn't lost a game since Sept. 8. Couple that with the fact that Hayfield started four sophomores, one junior and one senior Monday night at West Springfield, and it's not hard to see why the Hawks struggled against the Spartans.

"We've played some teams that haven't challenged us, but we finally had to step up our game," said Hayfield coach Amy Trimble, whose team suffered a 3-0 loss. "They weren't prepared for that, and we didn't know how to take another team off of its game, especially one of such a high caliber."

Trimble would've liked to have seen her team place some offensive attacks differently, mainly to take West Springfield out of its comfort zone.

"We finally had to step up our game."

—Amy Trimble

Still, Trimble's team — "hyped up," according to the coach — repeatedly hit balls that landed well out of bounds.

"We just were unsure of ourselves and the situations," said Trimble, whose team dropped to 6-2 overall, 0-1 in the Patriot District.

"I think we were more hyped up, which caused our power to be out of the gym on several hits, especially our serves."

Sophomore Shannon Pier goes for a kill attempt during Monday night's 3-0 loss at West Springfield. The Hawks 'couldn't take another team off its game,' according to coach Amy Trimble.

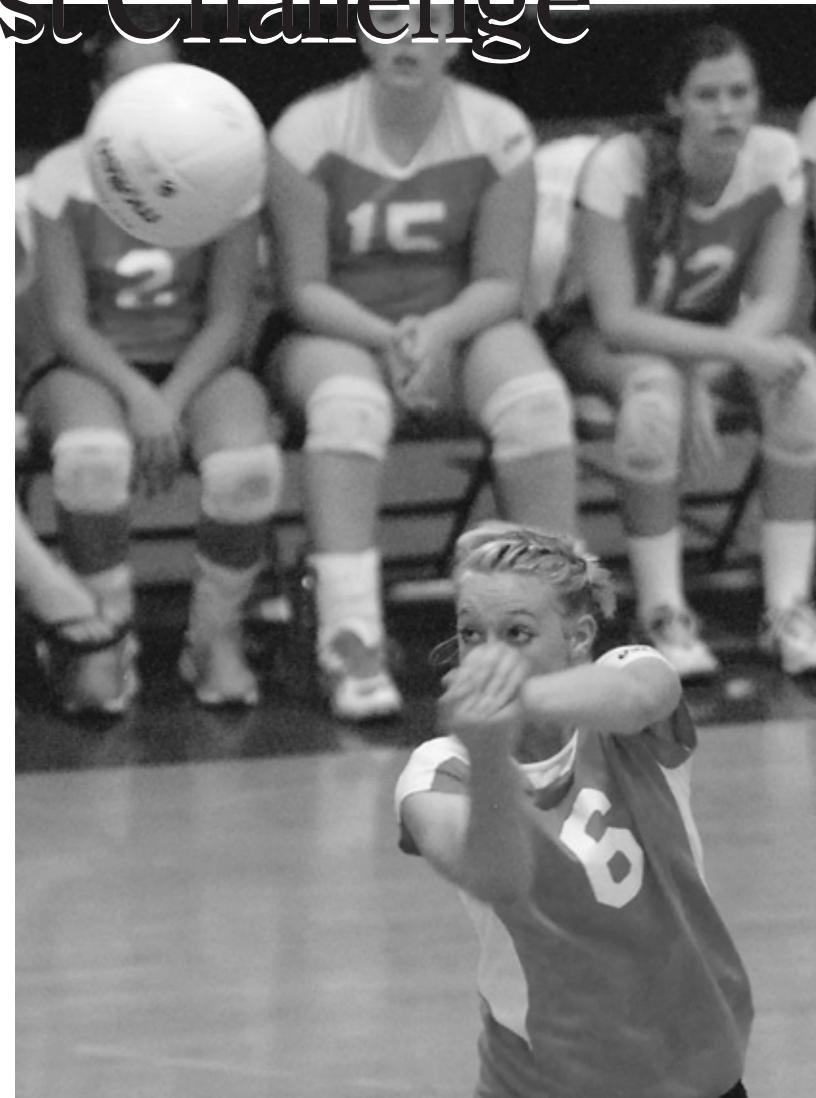
But on the positive side, the loss to West Springfield only opened district play for the Hawks. Hayfield still has six important matches to refocus and settle down.

"They didn't play bad, they just finally

played a hard team," said Trimble, whose Hawks will benefit from nine days of rest before hosting T.C. Williams on Oct. 1. "We have a young team still, and we're now getting into the hard part of our schedule."



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION



Hayfield's Jessie Golden forces a ball over the net against the Spartans.

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. Cowboys

Mark Giannotto

Sports Editor

Last Week: 7-3

Season: 23-7

Percentage: 77%

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. Lake Braddock
9. Clemson
10. Cowboys

More Aggressive Offense

FROM PAGE 18

Braddock, who is undefeated so far and just won the Herndon Tournament. That's great. That's amazing."

White has relied heavily on senior defender Rachel Blevins and junior midfielder Jordan Barber so far this season. In addition to those two, White has also turned to junior midfielder Megan Sullivan, who has been effective as a forward but has since had to secure the midfield, consequently driving down her goal total.

The Hawks have had a rough start so far with only one win in 13 games, but White remains optimistic about the team's outlook.

"I think we've played well," the coach said, "but unfortunately our record doesn't show how well we've been playing in the games."

Edison, Woodson Compete at W&M

Last Saturday, competing at the William & Mary Invitational in Williamsburg, Edison sophomore Myah Hicks, who finished second at last week's Monroe Parker Invitational, posted a first-place finish in the Boys A race with a time of 18:22. Hicks was joined in Top 20 by three girls from Woodson: Carrie Pryne (12th, 19:22), Aaron Pastor (13th, 19:26) and Sarah Haight (18th, 19:50). The Woodson girls cross country team finished second, while Edison finished fifth. On the boys side, Edison's Leoule Degfae placed fifth in the Boys A race with a time of 15:40, while Woodson's Ethan Katz finished 18th (16:22). Rounding out the Top 20, Woodson's Alex Miller finished 20th with a time of 16:28. The Woodson boys team finished fifth, and Edison finished seventh.

— JASON MACKEY

COMMUNITY

Rodney Lusk To Run Race for Treehouse

Treehouse to be one element of a recreation area for people with disabilities.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
THE CONNECTION

On Oct. 5, Rodney Lusk, Lee District's representative on the Fairfax County Planning Commission, will be running in the U.S. Army 10-Miler to raise money to assist the Fairfax County Park Foundation in building an accessible treehouse at Lee District Park for children with disabilities.

"When complete, this project will create a special accessible place for both able-bodied and disabled individuals to visit and

enjoy," Lusk said. But the first phase of the project, which includes the treehouse, an entrance plaza, and supporting infrastructure is short more than \$600,000, according to Lusk. That's why he's running.

"Clearly, we have a significant gap we need to close. There is a substantial amount of money yet to be raised," he said.

Lusk recently sent out a flyer explaining the project and seeking sponsorships of his run to support the treehouse construction. Pledge gifts categories range from \$50 to \$1,000 with the option to pledge other amounts as designated by the individual sponsor. Gifts are also possible online at



A tree house similar to this one may be built in Lee District Park.

FROM PAGE 3

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

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

"At this point, that area was practically undeveloped. Our contention was that even developing that land into acre lots would

be a danger to the reservoir and the drinking supply of Fairfax County," said Packard.

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

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

Sally Ormsby's brother, Darryl Braun, said his sister was deeply involved in community activism even in her younger days in New York. A member of her high school's student council, band, cheerleading squad



FILE PHOTO

This map shows an overview of the proposed accessible tree house in Lee District Park and outlines where a handicapped-accessible water feature may be built in the future.

www.fxparks.org.

"Children all share the same need to get outside and play in nature. And, all kids need safe places where they can dream up fanciful games, explore the world of make-believe and let their imaginations soar," the flyer states.

When completed, the treehouse will be part of an overall play area with water sprays, an accessible playground, and a carousel. Entrance to the treehouse will be by way of wide, gently sloping ramps and even an elevator, according to Lusk.

"When I was in college, I was in this program called Disabled For A Day. Its purpose was to have able-bodied people experience what it is like to be disabled and deal with

the challenges of everyday life," Lusk said.

"We had to spend an entire day in a wheelchair maneuvering around campus. I happened to live in a dorm that was not designed for wheelchairs. The only way in and out was by way of a set of stairs," he said.

In addition to online donations, check and pledges supporting Lusk's run can be mailed to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 404, Fairfax, VA 22035. For additional information contact Foundation at 703-324-8581 or visit their Web site at www.fxparks.org. The Foundation is a 501(C)3 charitable organization making all donations tax deductible as allowed by law.

Friends, Family Remember Work of Sally Ormsby

and yearbook staff, she displayed the same drive and participation then as she would the rest of her life. She loved playing bridge, eating ethnic foods and never hesitated to enjoy a good party.

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

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

— Fran Kiefer

Dianosed 17 months ago with breast cancer, Sally's attitude remained positive and forward looking throughout the treatment process, according to Alison Ormsby. It wasn't until the final weeks of Sally Ormsby's life, she said, before her mother

came to terms with the fact that chemotherapy would not eliminate the cancer, which had metastasized and spread to her liver.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNITY



Mike and Dan Muse line-up their putt attempts in the annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on Monday afternoon.

Teeing Off

Chamber enjoys first day of autumn at annual golf tournament.

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Congregation Adat Reyim Men's Club meeting Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:30 a.m. Guests will be Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) and Keith Fimian (R). Both candidates are running for the 11th District Congressional seat. Reserve at berko@cox.net.

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church offers a Pet Blessing service on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 4:30 p.m. All pets from ant farms to wolfhounds are wel-

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

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Harvest Church Community Days. Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. includes a rock wall, inflatables, pony rides, face painting, drawings and free food. Sunday, Oct. 5 begins with a one-hour community service at 10:30 a.m. highlighting Harvest kids, Harvest choir and drama by IGNITE. Grand prizes will be given away on Sunday. You must be present to win. Free. Harvest Church, 7401 Beulah St., in the Kingstowne area of Alexandria. 703-971-7070 or www.harvestchurchag.org

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Todd Lattimer follows through on his putt attempt. Lattimer, representing Union Bank, is a past president of the chamber.

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Fairfax Jugglers meets Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., in the cafeteria of Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. Learn how to juggle, practice and meet other jugglers. Free. For more information, call Pete Walker at 703-250-3281.

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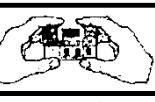


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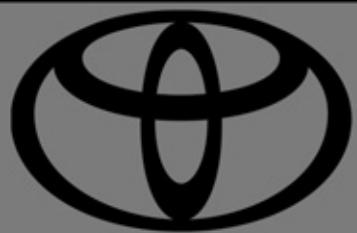
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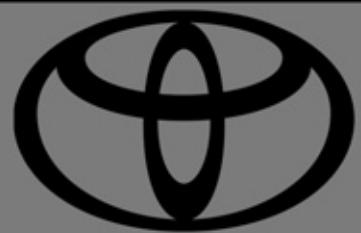
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