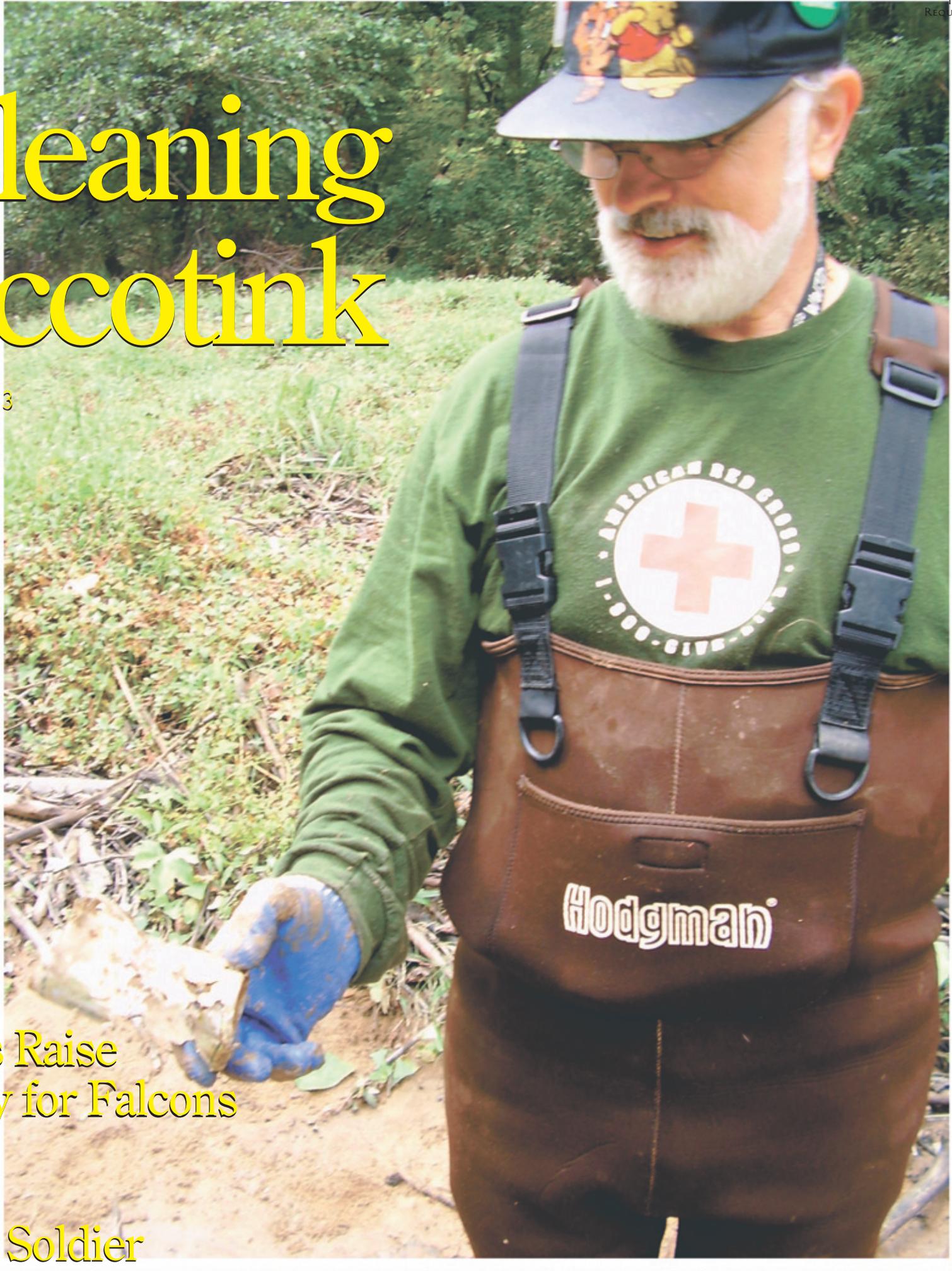


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NEWS

Waters of Change

Friends of Accotink calls for changes in storm water management plan, stricter enforcement.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Twice a year, Duane Murphy, Phillip LaTassa and any other volunteers they can muster meet along various points at Accotink Creek. There, they set down packets of information for guests before spending most of their Saturday morning and evening fishing soda cans, beer bottles and other garbage from in and around the creek waters.

“Fairfax County is an urban desert,”
— Duane Murphy, Friends of Accotink Creek

Their latest session, which took place on Saturday, Sept. 27, came less than three weeks after Tropical Storm Hanna drenched Fairfax County and the Metropolitan area. Compounding their cleanup efforts are a host of Fairfax County storm water management policies that they say are outdated and ill-equipped to handle the widespread urbanization that has occurred over the past 30 years.

“People don’t realize what a jewel we have here,” said Murphy while digging into the mud and grass in the surrounding forests of Accotink Creek near King Arthur Road in Annandale. “As long as we keep it clean.”

MURPHY GREW UP on a farm in Oregon,

working on a ranch with several nearby intermittent and perennial streams. It was there, he said, where he first learned how to design and implement storm water management techniques to control erosion and enhance the health of the streams.

A former science advisor to Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf, Murphy now works at the Pentagon. He was a former consultant for the National Science Board and has taught local classes on water stewardship. The problems facing the county, he said, were multi-faceted and far-reaching. One of the main problems he cited was the spread of impervious surfaces.

“Fairfax County is an urban desert,” said Murphy.

By that he means that the county has ramped up development over the past three decades, increasing the amount of impervious surface covering the land. Impervious surfaces are man-made structures like rooftops, sidewalks, roads and parking lots that seal water from penetrating the top layer of the ground, preventing it from trickling down into the soil.

“Pervious surfaces allow rainfall to infiltrate into the ground, eventually getting down into the groundwater cable and re-



PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

Duane Murphy and his organization Friends of Accotink Creek are looking for ways to improve storm water management in and around the county. ‘Our goal is for people to be able to swim in Accotink without getting sick,’ he says.

charging our streams,” said John Friedman, of the Fairfax County Department of Public Works

Impervious surfaces do not, and the large-scale urbanization of Fairfax County has magnified the runoff effect, particularly during large storms like Hanna. Accotink Creek, which swelled and flooded up to 10 feet in some places, was littered with garbage that Murphy and Latassa say came from surrounding parking lots, streets, from Pohick Road to Route 123, Interstate 66 and Interstate 495. Latassa said the surfaces themselves do not bear full responsibility.

“Every bit of this [garbage] was thrown out by an individual who doesn’t care. There’s no county policy that’s going to change that,” he said.

The Friends of Accotink address other is-

ssues as well: buffer encroachment, illegal dumping of toxins or garbage, and lack of inlet filters to cool and slow down hot polluted runoff during a storm. Murphy has been in contact with the Board of Supervisors Chair Gerry Connolly (D-At-large), the body for which any policy changes will ultimately go through.

Friedman said new Virginia State conservation regulations, recently made public, may change numerous aspects of storm water management policy depending on how they are crafted over the next few months. He also took issue with the characterization that the county was lagging behind in its storm water management policies. He cited recent overhauls of the

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Falcons, Scouts Square Off on the Court

Troop wraps up fund raiser for wheelchair basketball team.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Basketball and wheelchair basketball have few differences. Double dribbling and traveling aren’t called, though both are encouraged. Momentum works differently when strapped to chair and takes some getting used to.

Then there’s falling.

“There is a right way to fall out of a wheelchair,” said Norman Gonzalez, who has coached the Fairfax Falcons wheelchair basketball team for the last year and a half.

The threat of going too fast and falling or tipping the chair backwards is always present. When it does happen, it’s important for the wheelchair user to tuck his chin into his chest to prevent any serious blows to the head. This is particularly important if, like the Falcons’ opponents, the athlete

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PHOTO BY ANTHONY NGUYEN

From left, Angela Luong, Sara Tran and Pauline Vu take a break during a game at the James Lee Community Center in Falls Church.

has little experience playing basketball in a wheelchair.

That was precisely the situation Girl Scout Troop 8154 found themselves in Saturday, Sept. 27 at James Lee Community Center

in Falls Church, where the troop hopped into wheelchairs and faced off against the team they had spent last month fundraising for.

“We had to use our arms most of the time

“This levels the playing field.”

— Kirsten Madaus, mother of Falcons player Erik Madaus

instead of our legs,” said Girl Scout Amanda Pham, 12, pointing out one more difference between conventional basketball and the game she played Saturday.

It was a symbiotic relationship for both organizations. The Falcons, a team formed in 1992 by the Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services, received \$500 worth of equipment through money raised by Troop 8154 while each Scout needed 15 hours of community service to receive their Bronze Awards.

At the Vietnamese Children’s Moon Festival Sept. 14 in Arlington, Pham and her fellow scouts hosted a raffle and sold food and drinks. The result was enough money to buy two new baskets along with three calf straps and two leg straps for the Falcons players. The game Saturday was the

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PHOTO BY MARCI FLYNN

Director In Training **Troy Heising, a first grader at Kings Park Elementary, helps band director Roy C. Holder, lead the Lake Braddock Marching Band in practice at the school.**

\$2.5 Million in Mortgage Fraud

The owner of a Burke and Annandale mortgage brokerage company pleaded guilty Tuesday, Sept. 23 to conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud in connection with a mortgage fraud scheme, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg.

More than \$2.5 million in losses resulted from the scheme, according to Rosenberg.

Gohar J. Mirza, 29 of Annandale, was the owner and operator of E-Star Lending, Inc.

Mirza and co-conspirators sold residential real estate in Northern Virginia to "straw buyers" from April 2005 through July 2008. Mirza and the co-conspirators helped the "straw buyers" obtain 100 percent mortgage financing to purchase the properties by producing fraudulent loan applications and providing false statements related to the buyers' employment, income, immigration status and intent to occupy the properties as primary residences.

The "straw buyers" frequently defaulted on the mortgages, causing losses to banks and commercial lenders, according to Rosenberg, Guy J. Cottrell, postal inspector in charge of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service's Washington Division, and Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office.

Mirza must pay full restitution to the victims of the fraud and is scheduled to be sentenced in December by U.S. District Court Judge Leonie M. Brinkema.

The loan officer for E-Star lending, Walter F. Contreras, was arraigned on Sept. 19, 2008 for conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. He recruited straw buyers to the scheme and helped cause mortgage applications to be prepared in their names, according to Rosenberg.

Contreras is currently scheduled for trial in November.

— KEN MOORE

NEWS

GMU Grad Killed in Iraq

Thomas J. Brown, 26, lived in Burke, graduated from GMU in 2004.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

A rmy 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died Sept. 23 while serving overseas in Iraq. According to a U.S. Department of Defense release, Brown's unit came under small arms fire during dismounted operations in Salman Park, Iraq. Brown, 26, died as a result of wounds suffered from the attack. An Army spokesman declined to elaborate further on the circumstances of the attack.

Assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team 1st Armored Division in Bamholder, Germany, Brown was a little more than three weeks away from completing his tour of duty.

Brown grew up in Shelton, Conn. before moving to Burke to attend George Mason University, where he graduated in 2004 with a bachelor of arts degree in government and international politics. He retained close ties to his northeastern home town, where his mother and twin brother still live and where he attended Notre Dame Catholic High School in Fairfield. According to the school's principal, Father Bill Sangiovanni, Brown had a well-grounded school background. Apart from being a member of the honors program, he also played soccer and ran track and was inseparable from



FAMILY PHOTO

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown

"He loved having his boots on the ground with the troops. Loved being in front of the pack."

— Timothy Brown,
brother of Thomas Brown

his twin brother Timothy.

"I always had an upbeat, positive image of Tom," said Sangiovanni.

Reached by phone at his mother's home in Shelton, Timothy Brown said his brother's decision to enter the military stemmed from his personal sense of responsibility to make a difference in the world.

"[When he enlisted] he requested infantry and when he got it he was extremely happy," he said. "He loved having his boots on the ground with the troops. Loved being in front of the pack."

In the last few days, he said, the Brown's Connecticut home has received numerous calls from soldiers who served with Thomas Brown in Iraq. They told the family that he had lead by example, constantly riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, which are frequently targeted first in roadside attacks and taking the front position of his platoon during foot patrol missions.

"They said he never asked his men to do anything that he wasn't willing to do himself," said Timothy Brown.

Sangiovanni also mentioned the calls, saying the school had a sense of pride in their former student.

"I thought it was a tremendous insight into the man he was," he said.

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County Plan May Link Trails

Burke Centre trustees consider Park Authority proposal.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

The Burke Centre Conservancy Board of Trustees agreed to add discussion of a joint Fairfax County-Conservancy trail project to next week's Board of Trustees meetings. The session took place Tuesday, Sept. 30 at the Woods Community Center located on 10100 Wards Grove Circle.

The Pohick Park Trails project would connect currently existing paths at Burke Centre to Clifton to the east and Accotink to the west, as well as a separate connection between Lake Royal to Hidden Pond Nature Center and Fairfax County Parkway. For Burke Centre residents, it would connect paths behind Walnut Wood with Sideburn Creek crossing, opening up pedestrian access to the Virginia Railway Express for the Woods community.

After reviewing preliminary plans and working with county officials from the Park Authority and

VRE, board members instructed executive director Patrick Gloyd to add an item mandating further consideration of the project at their October Board of Trustees meeting.

Chris Wells, pedestrian program manager for Fairfax County was present at Tuesday's meeting to discuss the county's initial plans. The Fairfax County Park Authority owns most of the property encompassing the planned trail, but the Conservancy owns a small portion of it behind Walnut Wood, according to information provided by Joe Osbourne. Responsibility to connect the trails, initially developed through a community task force created by Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) was granted to the Park Authority. Osbourne did research and wrote a background article for the Burke Conservator as a member of that task force. Tuesday's work session represented a feeling-out process for board members as they got their first real look at the county's rough draft for the project.

"I personally feel that [this proposal] fits with our mission and our goals in the community," said Board of Trustees president Kala Quintana. "Do we feel that this something as a board that we want to pursue?"

Several members called for an opportunity for com

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munity members to provide input on the proposal.

"The question I have is does the county intend to do any kind of public notification or hearing?" asked Gloyd. "If not, what sort of notification does Burke Centre feel is appropriate for residents who live in proximity to the trail?"

"Legally, there is no requirement, but our experience with transportation these days is that we're going overboard [in terms of] public information," said Wells.

The matter ended with an agreement by the board to discuss the matter and receive public input before making any decisions. The matter does give county officials a green light to develop more specific plans now that they are assured consideration at the Board of Trustees meeting.

"It is more helpful if [we] can come [to the meeting] with some kind of level of detail," said Wells.

BOY SCOUT Troop 1345 requested a special exception to a new Conservancy rule restricting how far in advance their community centers could be booked. Before the change, residents and organizations could book regular meetings up to a year in advance. An update in the conservancy's com-

munity center rental guidelines changed that to a quarterly basis, drawing complaints from the Burke-based Troop 1345, who conduct meetings in various community centers owned by the Conservancy.

At the Tuesday's Board of Trustees meeting, Scout officials made their case for a special exception to the rule. Jae Englebrecht, commissioner for the Patriot District, spoke about the utility of the Boy Scouts in educating young men.

"Scouting is the most powerful youth development program on the planet. Boys don't know this, boys think about scouting as nature and outdoors and advancement. It's really about growing youth into good citizens," said Englebrecht.

"We have to plan [our schedule] on a yearly basis. "We have families who need advance notice," said Roger Honberger, of Troop 1345.

Gloyd said the change was made to better take advantage of the new Woods Community Center, which is still not hosting events after opening in August 2008. The rule change will allow specific centers to be booked at specific times up to three months ahead of time. Beyond that, the Conservancy will guarantee groups like Scout Troop 1345 a community center within Burke Centre. Which center and what time will depend largely on whether

other groups are interested in using a particular center. Gloyd said the idea was to keep space open for parties, weddings and other money-generating events.

"We need to pay attention to revenue, we have a brand new center here that needs to generate income," he said.

The meeting was only an information gathering exercise, and any real action concerning a special exception will have to occur at an upcoming board of trustees meeting.

With the November deadline for passing the budget for the next fiscal year less than two months away, the board abandoned a plan to hammer out details of the plan during Tuesday's meeting. Instead, it opted to schedule an additional work session at an undetermined time in the next month with the 2009 budget as the sole focus.

Executive director Patrick Gloyd said because board members had conflicting schedules at previous meetings when the budget was up for discussion, this was a chance to bring all the trustees to the table at the same time before next year's budget is passed at the November trustee meeting.

"If we have a single item on the agenda, we can delve deeper into it and make sure all the trustees have a complete understanding of the budget as it exists," said Gloyd.

Soldier Dies

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A scuba diving, snowboarding and sky diving enthusiast, Thomas Brown came to the realization shortly after college that an office job wasn't for him. Less than a year after graduating from GMU, he set off for boot camp at Fort Jackson, S.C. and then officer candidate school in Fort Benning, Ga.

"When he got out, he worked for maybe 9 10 months and said you know what this isn't for me," said Timothy Brown.

He was in the middle of his first tour of duty in Iraq, and according to family members was scheduled to come home Oct. 15.

"I asked him a couple weeks ago, I said: 'You're time is going to be over when you get back.' I asked him if he was going to stay and he said 'I don't know, but it's going to be real tough not putting on that uniform again,'" said Timothy Brown.

Funeral services for Thomas Brown will be Thursday, Oct. 2, at 11 a.m., at St. Jude Church in Monroe, Conn. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery Dec. 11, with full military honors. He is survived by his mother, Carol, his brother Timothy and his long-time girlfriend Angela Yeo.



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Getting To Know . . . Dave Sobel, author and CEO of Evolve Technologies.

On Oct. 5, Fairfax resident Dave Sobel will be speaking at the SMB Nation Fall Conference in Seattle, Wash. His presentation will focus on how small to medium business professionals can make their companies virtualization-ready. Sobel, the CEO of Evolve Technologies, will also launch his first book at the conference, "Virtualization Defined: A Primer for the SMB Consultant."

How long have you lived in the area?

I've lived in Northern Virginia since 1997, having moved from Williamsburg after college.

Family.

I currently live in Fairfax with my wife Sharon, and our two cats Sadie and Trixie. My parents live in Suffolk, Va., and I have siblings spread out, in Leesburg; Centreville; Annapolis, Md.; Chesapeake Md.; and Los Angeles.

Education

I graduated from the College of William & Mary in 1997 with a B.S. in computer science.

What was your first job?

My first job ever was at a McDonald's in

Severna Park, Md. I started as a front-line register worker and moved up to management. Here, I learned the deep value of process.

Interests, hobbies.

I'm a four-year season ticket holder with the Washington Nationals, and an avid fan. In fact, I love baseball so much, I write a baseball blog with friends [http://nats3play.blogspot.com] I love to travel and read, and since I'm something of an entertainment junkie, I catch as many movies as I can.

PROFILE My passion for the technology business also fuels a lot of my free time, as I actively work with peers and peer groups in my spare time.

Favorite local restaurants.

I love eating out and sampling great restaurants. Some of my local favorites are Sweetwater Tavern, 2941, Olives in D.C., and Grevey's. I also have a horrible soft spot for McDonald's.



Dave Sobel

What local issue concerns you the most?

I'm troubled by the transportation problem in the Northern Virginia area and the problem of commuting, coupled with the quality of life issue. Transportation and rising fuel costs are making it difficult for the economy to continue to grow and thrive, which diminishes business' capability to invest in staff development and grow the business base. I'm a big believer in public

transportation, but we need to invest in solving the local transportation problem in order to continue our area's success.

Describe your book.

My first book is entitled "Virtualization: Defined. A Primer for the SMB Consultant." Virtualization is an emerging new technology that allows IT providers to deliver technology in a much more flexible and dynamic fashion. We can ensure that computing

power is utilized most effectively, provides economical backup and disaster recovery solutions and greatly reduces IT costs going forward. There is a lot of "hype" around this technology area, but minimal guidance to the technology community serving small and medium sized business. My book outlines the practical applications of virtualization for the IT consultant serving this critical portion of the business community and those looking to build a virtualization practice and integrate this technology into their business.

How important is virtualization?

Virtualization is a proven technology that has been in existence since the 1960s on mainframes and has seen new practical applications in the Internet age. IT providers need to understand this critical technology and its impact on their service delivery. Ideally, a strong IT consultant will manage the complexity of the technology for business owners, who should be able to focus on growing their businesses and technology investment in a more organized and flexible way. Additionally, virtualization provides affordable solutions to problems like backup and disaster recovery, ensuring that business can survive any incident.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

Helping Needy Knows No Boundaries

Burke man volunteers to help feed homeless.

BY MOHAMMAD ALI SALIH
CGNEWS

This Ramadan, I joined volunteers from Burke United Methodist Church, near my home in Fairfax County to provide hot breakfast for some of the homeless in the county. I wasn't prepared for what I would see.

I felt sad and scared. Sad because I live in one of the richest counties in the United States, while according to our sponsors, Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services (FACETS), there are over 1,800 people who are "literally homeless" in our county of about 1 million people. Of these, 40 percent of the adults are "employed full or part-time."

And scared, because losing one's home could happen to anyone, even me.

At first, I thought we would go to shelters, 7-Eleven parking lots or group houses, where one might expect the homeless to congregate. Actually, we went to rather decent hotels and motels — even a beautiful, newly-built cluster of townhouses.

It was comforting to know that Fairfax County was making a resolute effort to help the homeless. I learned that once it identifies people as "homeless," the county makes an effort to house them wherever possible, which is why we went to hotels and motels instead of shelters. Fairfax County then works with church groups to feed these people on a regular basis, until they can get back on their feet.

At 6:30 that morning, my high school daughter, who was volunteering with me, and I entered the church's huge kitchen, and began cooking, along with eight or so other people. It was one of the biggest meals I ever participated in. We wrapped tortillas in aluminum foil, marking them, "egg, cheese and sausage," "egg and cheese" or "only egg." We then stacked cartons of milk and orange juice and filled brown lunch bags with goodies like candy bars, gum and mints.

We loaded the FACETS van with food and divided ourselves into groups so that each recipient would be given a plastic bag filled with a choice of tortilla, milk or juice, and a goodies bag.

I was surprised by the friendliness of some

of the people as they selected their meals. They talked about the weather, last night's mysterious big bang in the neighborhood and recent football games — they could have been my next-door neighbors chatting on the sidewalk.

Some even talked about how they became homeless. "I just couldn't pay my apartment's rent, rented a storage unit for my furniture and came here," said a Caucasian man. And a Latino-looking woman said in broken English, "They forced us out, they forced us out of our home."

About half of the people we served that morning were Caucasian, a few were African American and many Latin American, South Asian and Middle Eastern, speaking Spanish, Urdu, Arabic and other languages I didn't recognize.

But it was the families and children who broke my heart. Mothers, primarily, would come out and ask for meals for four or five people; one asked for seven. A few Latin American women brought fluent English-speaking children, apparently to help in the translation ("Did you say 'sausage and cheese' or just 'cheese'?"). In more than one place the morning cleaning ladies helped in the translation.

Another man in *shalwar kameez*, the na-

tive dress of Pakistan and Afghanistan emerged, checked us out and closed the door. Less than a minute later, a woman in a similar dress, accompanied by a young boy, came out and apparently asked the boy to translate for her. They said they didn't want anything with pork, so I served them tortillas with "egg and cheese", which were written on the package.

When I said "salam alaikum," the Muslim greeting, the woman greeted me back and then said something, probably in Urdu or Pashto, to the boy and he repeated: "She said she didn't expect a Muslim to be part of this Christian group."

Following this interaction, one of the volunteers, indirectly inquired whether I was a Muslim. After a short friendly talk, we agreed that being homeless and helping the homeless didn't know religious, racial and national boundaries.

Mohammad Ali Salih, since 1980 has been a Washington, D.C. correspondent for London-based Asharq Alawsat, an international Arabic daily newspaper, and other Arabic publications. This article was written for the Common Ground News Service (CGNews).

Accotink Watershed

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county's adequate outfall provisions and public facilities manuals along with several amendments before the Board of Supervisors requiring tree preservation during land development as examples of changes the county has made to keep up with its growth.

"Our policies are constantly evolving," said Friedman.

Randy Bartlett, director of Storm Water at the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, said over the last 50 years the county has gone from looking for ways to get rid of excess storm water to exploring new ways to utilize it using current technologies.

"As an industry in storm water, I don't think we have all the answers yet," said Bartlett. "The science is still evolving so there's a lot of theory out there. A lot of work is being done small sample sizes and a lot of modeling."

He also said that in order to implement significant changes using some of the newer technologies available like pervious surfaces or new low-impact development techniques, the county has to be prepared to pay the costs. Citing \$900 million dollars worth of storm water infrastructure within the county, maintenance and upkeep itself may end up taking a significant bite out of the county's budget.

"So if you think that infrastructure is going to last 100 years, that would be around \$9 million a year if we had to replace 1 percent of the system a year," he said.

Murphy said it was also a matter of enforcing policy, not just crafting it. He suggested that developers could be encouraged to higher personal standards through tax credits or discouraged from lower standards through aggressive enforcement of the current laws.

A public meeting concerning watershed management plans for Accotink Creek is set for Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the cafeteria of West Springfield High School at 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. The meeting, from 7-9 p.m., will include briefings on the watershed planning process.

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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-

Lack of Integrity

To the Editor:

At first, I was outraged by the blatantly anti-Catholic letters to the editor published in your paper last month. Upon reflection, I realized that Keith Fimian's supporters should be elated that Gerry Connolly's allies have had to resort to this to try to derail Fimian's campaign, instead of a rational discussion of the issues. I am confident their letters will not achieve their apparent goal of scaring away potential voters from a candidate because he is Catholic.

Contrary to the assertions of the authors, Keith Fimian's association with two Catholic organizations is a plus, not a minus. Legatus (see legatus.org) is a network of Catholic businessmen who promote high ethical standards in their personal and professional lives. Opus Dei is an organization within the Catholic Church, which urges laypeople to seek holiness through their everyday work (see opusdei.org, not Dan Brown's factually challenged "Da Vinci Code"). I, for one, would be happy to see honesty, integrity

and hard work used to confront the many problems facing Fairfax County voters, like rising taxes and gas prices, and falling property values.

People from all walks of life can appreciate Keith Fimian's personal and professional integrity. Most voters are tired of politicians who speak out of both sides of their mouths. And speaking of integrity, I haven't seen anything from Gerry Connolly's campaign condemning the smears against Keith Fimian and asking them to stop. In fact, Connolly stated on his Web site that he is "thrilled" by the support of the DCCC, the primary source of the anti-Catholic attacks against Keith Fimian. Even as members of Congress and religious rights organizations have called for him to denounce these underhanded campaign tactics, Connolly's silence clearly shows he hopes to benefit from them. So much for integrity.

Liz Kernan
Burke

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>

Ready To Debate

To the Editor:

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

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

A variety of different civic and professional groups are hosting debates and forums featuring Connolly and his opponent, including the League of Women Voters, AARP, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Prince William, Mount Vernon, Lee and Vienna Chambers of Commerce, a number of local

homeowners and civic associations, an American Legion Auxiliary, B'nai B'rith, the Fairfax and Prince William Bar Associations and the Medical Society of Northern Virginia.

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

George Burke

Chairman
11th Congressional District
Democratic Committee

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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Webelo cub scouts and older boys interested in joining Boy Scouts are invited to Troop 1849's Webelos Day for a morning of scouting fun, Saturday, Oct. 12, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Refreshments served. Burke Lake Park, 7513 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Angie Pilcher, apilcher@cox.net.

Myong Choi, Minseung Kwag, Alexandra Tanner, John C. Weidinger and Kelsea J. Bolden, all of Lake Braddock Secondary, have been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists.

Several Burke residents from the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology have been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists: **Narendra Tallapragada, Brett Evans, John Walsh, Katherine McLaughlin, Joseph Regalbutto, Nicholas Martin and Rutger Schneider**.

Students from the area recently enrolled at Commonwealth ChalleNGe, the Virginia component of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program that

prepares at-risk teens for the GED and future employment, military or higher education opportunities. The program has graduated more than 2,600 since it started in 1994. Local Cadets are **Heywood Herbert Jr. and Terani Peterson**, both from Hayfield Secondary School, **Julie Santiago** from Robinson Secondary, and **Daniel Padilla** from Robert E. Lee High.

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.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, sponsors a Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Persons (PFLAG) support group on the third Sunday of each month, from 4:30-6 p.m. Contact Vivien Lohmeyer at vivien.lohmeyer@cox.net or call Little River at 703-978-3060.

The Springfield Art Guild (SAG) is open for new membership. SAG promotes an interest in arts and crafts through educational programs, juried shows and classes for adults and children. Monthly meetings are the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Call 703-569-5731 or visit www.springfieldartguild.com.

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The Classic Car Show along with the New Car Show will once again be provided by the Fairfax City Auto Dealers Association and Bubba's Custom Cars & Rods at the north end of the festival on University Drive. Children's entertainment will include the Great Zucchini and Rocknocerus, activities and rides will be located in front of City Hall. New this year are additional children's rides, located at the north end of the festival on University Drive near Old Town Village.

To Go

Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Old Town Fairfax. Raindate is Sunday, Oct. 12.

The third-annual Fairfax Superstar is a singing competition for ages 3-18 years. A business expo area will also be a part of the festival.

Musical entertainment will include the Legwarmers — the ultimate '80s tribute band — performing from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Free admission to the festival. A fee is charged for rides.

Pets are discouraged to attend. To request accommodations; call 703-385-7949 one week prior to event.

Schedule of Activities

FESTIVAL SUPERSTAR COMPETITION

Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax
 ♦ 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Singing competition for ages 3-18 years
 ♦ 4 - 5 p.m., Festival Superstar Finale at SunTrust Bank, 4020 University Drive

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT

City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax
 ♦ Pony Rides - \$3 per ride
 ♦ Face Painting - \$2
 ♦ Twistee Balloons - \$2 per balloon
 ♦ Amusements - \$5 all you can ride
 ♦ Children's Performance Schedule - Free
 11 a.m. Joe Romano (magician)
 12 noon Uncle Pete (musician)
 1 p.m. Joe Romano
 2 p.m. The Great Zucchini (preschool entertainer)
 3 p.m. Rocknocerus (band)
 4 p.m. Puppet Show

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The Friends of the Orphans are having their Second Annual Fiesta 5K Fun Run / Walk on Sunday, Oct. 5, with a Creep and Crawl Mini-race for children under age 6. The course location has moved to George Mason University's Patriot Circle.

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

THURSDAY/OCT. 2

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

RG Brown III's "Invisible Forces" Opening Reception from 4:30-6 p.m. George Mason University's Fine Arts Gallery. Free and open to the public. Open on weekdays from 9 a.m.-9 p.m., and weekends by appointment. The Fine Arts Gallery, George Mason University, at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

FRIDAY OCT. 3

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

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

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

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Party City of Northern Virginia will be hosting the McGruff Safe Kids Total Identification System Program as part of its campaign to offer free Child Identification Kits to the community. This child safety and

identification program will be from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Party City Fairfax, 10700 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. 703-934-4434

Oak Hill Festival. 12-5 p.m. Activities include two speakers, Dr. Elizabeth Crowell on the history and architecture of Oak Hill, and C.K. Gailey on the Civil War in Fairfax County. The Annandale Brass Ensemble will perform. Local history book, Braddock's True Gold, available for purchase. Park at the Nancy Sprague Technology Center, 4414 Holborn Ave., Annandale. Oak Hill, 4716 Wakefield Chapel Road in Annandale. Free shuttle bus service provided. 703-425-9300 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock.

SUNDAY/OCT. 5

The Friends of the Orphans Second Annual Fiesta 5K Fun Run / Walk. 8 a.m. \$25 Adults, \$15 Youth; Creep and Crawl mini-race for children under age 6 is free but pre-registration is required. The course location has moved to George Mason University's Patriot Circle, with free parking and an off-street course. For all ages and running abilities. Medals awarded to the top finishers. Post race food, live bluegrass band, awards ceremony and an interactive festival area with games and prizes.

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

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

Bonita Lestina Performance Series, 8 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-352-ARTS or www.fairfaxarts.org.

The Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra, directed by Christopher Johnston, presents "Jazz with

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Ralph's World. Music for children. Three shows at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m. \$17. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

An Evening with Frigg. Nordic Fiddle Band. 7 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

Mothers First Burke/Fairfax, dedicated to helping women who have chosen to alter careers to raise children at home. 10 a.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. Contact 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

Uncle Monk, featuring Tommy Ramone from The Ramones. Roots/alt-country/indie-bluegrass. 7:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

Adrienne and Laura Tsaggaris. Acoustic/pop. 8 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/OCT. 9

The Influence, Atomic Tom, The Wellingtons and Mitch Hood. Pop/rock. 7:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

George Mason University presents Bert V. Royal's "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead." 8 p.m. An unauthorized parody of Charles Schultz's "Peanuts", "Dog Sees God ..." centers on the cruelties teens inflict upon each other, with drug use, suicide, eating disorders, rebellion and sexual identity facing the now-adolescent gang. Tickets \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. George Mason University Black Box Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8600.

FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Noel "Paul" Stookey of Peter, Paul & Mary. SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 13



Enrique Iglesias will perform at the George Mason Patriot Center on Friday, Oct. 3.



I-66 spot improvements

PUBLIC HEARING

I-66 Westbound Spot Improvements

Arlington & Fairfax Counties

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is holding a public hearing on the preliminary design of spot improvements on I-66 westbound inside the Capital Beltway.

Monday, October 27, 2008, 7–9 p.m.
Presentation begins at 7:15 p.m.
Washington-Lee High School (cafeteria)
1300 N. Quincy Street, Arlington, VA

The school is located on the corner of Washington Blvd. and N. Quincy Street. Park on the parking deck and use the pedestrian bridge that connects the parking lot to the building at Entrance #7. The nearest Metro station is Ballston-MU.

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Throughout the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to make written comments, leave public comments with court reporters, and ask questions and discuss any concerns with the design team. The proposed project plans depicting the design features and the environmental documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion will be available for review at the public hearing, Northern Virginia VDOT District Office and public libraries in Arlington and Fairfax County.

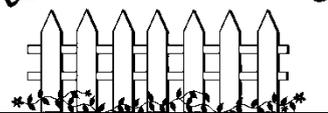
The three spot improvements will extend and connect acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-66 westbound from Spout Run to Glebe Road, from Fairfax Drive to Sycamore Street, and from Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Connector. These spots were identified in earlier studies as the most congested locations.

Visit the study Web site: www.i-66spotimprovements.com or call the Toll Free INFO line (1-888-643-3266) for more information.

VDOT ensures nondiscrimination and equal employment in all programs and activities in accordance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. If you need more information or special assistance for persons with disabilities or limited English proficiency call (703) 383-2000 or Toll Free (888) 383-VDOT (TDD/TTY users, call 711). www.VirginiaDOT.org.

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CALENDAR

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and Mary. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Song and Dance Ensemble of West Africa brings an array of singers, dancers and musicians to the Concert Hall stage at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$23-\$46. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. www.gmu.edu/cfa

Kate Campbell. Americana/acoustic. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Juniper Lane and The Dance Party. Rock. 10 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 11

Fall Festival, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Old Town Fairfax. Hundreds of crafters with handmade wares, live music, children's activities, a car show, food and more. Admission is free, though there are charges for some of the children's rides. Some streets will be closed, and traffic will

be detoured during the event. **The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Out of the Darkness Community Walk** at Burke Lake Park, as part of National Suicide Prevention Week. Funds will support suicide prevention research and education, as well as local programs. The public is encouraged to walk to bring suicide 'out of the darkness.' www.outofthedarkness.org.

Children's Consignment Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Children's clothing and furniture, baby equipment and more. Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool, Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. www.spring-mar.org.

The Iguanas. 7:30 p.m. Zydeco and Latin rock fusion at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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The Cold War Museum Conference on the 40th Anniversary of the Prague Spring. Registration 8 a.m., program starts 9 a.m. Advance admission \$25, at the door \$30, students free. Lunch included. Collecting oral histories from Cold War veterans, "Spy Craft" by Linda McCarthy, the history of the Lorton Nike Missile site, and more. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. 703-273-2381 or museum@coldwar.org.

Ultimate Warrior Challenge — Confrontation. Professional mixed martial arts action. 6 p.m. Tickets \$28.50-\$128.50, (plus applicable service charges) available online at www.ticketmaster.com or via 703-573-SEAT. Visit www.uwmma.com or www.patriotcenter.com. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax.

Cathy and Marcy's Second Family Jamboree. 5-7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Deanna Bogart Band Dance Show. Blues/jazz/rock. 8:30 p.m. \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

George Mason University presents Bert V. Royal's "Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. An unauthorized parody of Charles Schultz's "Peanuts", "Dog Sees God ..." centers on the cruelties teens inflict upon each other. Tickets \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. George Mason University Black Box Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8600.

SUNDAY/OCT. 12

Buttons to Bumper Stickers, a discussion and display of presidential campaign collectibles with Stephen J. Ackerman and Richard Rector, historians and collectors. 2 p.m. Free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-8414 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov.

Saffire -The Uppity Blues Women. 7:30 p.m. Post feminist traditional blues at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts | 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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Chadad offers end of summer activities for Jewish children.

Yossi Deichman, 3, of Fairfax, participates in a Mezuzah demonstration.



Children watch a Mohel demonstrate how to make a Mezuzah and other traditional Jewish items at the Chabad Community Campus in Fairfax on Sept. 28.

FAITH 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.

Eckankar, Virginia Satsang Society. An interactive presentation on ways to shed light on fear. Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. Free. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-916-0515.

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

receive a blessing. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-455-2500.

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.harvestchurch.org

Organ Music at Providence

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

Healing Service at Jubilee Christian Center on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. Guest speaker is Rev. Randy Hurst, the communication director for the Assemblies of God, missionary and evangelist. Jubilee Christian Center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

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In the Dirt, On the Green

Lake Braddock sophomore excels swinging a golf club and baseball bat.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

In August, prior to this current golf season, Lake Braddock teammates and Bruins coach Karl Kerns made a wager. Team captain Tommy Davis and Ben Chandler, both seniors, split off into a pair while Kerns and sophomore Kenny Towns did the same.

The foursome would embark on a two-man best-ball tournament and the result was what nobody wanted: They tied.

"They've been bugging me since August, wondering when we're going to break this tie," Kerns said.

Kerns coaches a competitive group of high school golfers and the youngest of that group may be the most competitive of them all. In last week's Patriot District Golf Tournament at Twin Lakes Country Club, Lake Braddock finished first while Towns won the individual title with a two-day score of 145.

"It's not overwhelming," Towns said, "but I was real excited walking down the 18th fairway because I was pretty sure I sealed the victory."



PHOTO BY KARL KERNS

With a two-day score of 145, Lake Braddock sophomore Kenny Towns won his first Patriot District golf title. Towns was also a standout third baseman for the Bruins baseball team this past spring.

Chandler finished third (153) and Davis finished fifth (155), but the most head-turning performance belonged to Towns, who started at third base as a freshman for Lake Braddock's Northern Region-champion baseball team last spring.

SWINGING A GOLF CLUB and swinging a baseball bat may seem like two unrelated tasks, but for Towns, the slightest dip of his back shoulder at the plate could cause that once-pretty approach to the green look like

a weak-hit fly ball that ends an inning.

For Kerns and Bruins baseball coach Jody Rutherford, Towns' double life hasn't been a problem. It even produced a comical discussion between the two.

"Coach Rutherford and I talk, and he asked me, 'How good of a golfer is he?'" Kerns said. "And I said, 'He's a pretty good one, so don't ruin him.'"

For Towns, it's simple. During the golf

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The Bendorf Family Plan

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

After his team's most recent performance, a come-from-behind home win over Lee, South County football coach Pete Bendorf walked toward his team's locker room with Lee's head coach, Rob Everett.

In so many words, Everett jokingly thanked Bendorf for how well his team ran the football.

Bendorf, typically polite and understated, thanked Everett for the compliment and added that it just wasn't how he was raised, slinging passes from sideline to sideline.

About a half-hour before, though his Robinson Rams had suffered a 21-14 loss to Westfield, Mark Bendorf employed the same run-oriented philosophy.

The Bendorf brothers have been coach-

Through good times and bad, Bendorf brothers carve coaching legacy in Fairfax.

ing football in Northern Virginia for the past 25-plus years and they've been doing so with a stout set of principles.

"You have to be balanced," Mark Bendorf said.

Three threads are sewn through every team the duo has coached: a consistent running game, a tough defense and a stellar kicking game.

"I don't think you can line up,

throw it all over the yard, and win consistently," said Pete Bendorf, whose team is 3-2 this season, 2-0 in the Patriot District. "If you throw it 50 times a game, eventually your defense is going to be put in a bad situation, or you're going to find a night

where the weather's really crappy."

"We both put a lot of emphasis on the kicking game, and I've just seen too many games won and lost in that area," said Mark Bendorf, whose Robinson Rams are 2-3 overall, 0-1 in the Concorde District. "It's a source of pride that we're always sound in our kicking game, with our coverage and our protection."

THE BENDORF FAMILY moved to the area in 1967 and both boys attended Marshall High School. Mark, the older brother, graduated in 1974 and Pete graduated shortly thereafter in 1979.

After a series of assistant jobs for each, both Bendorfs landed at high-profile programs by the mid-1990s. In 1992, Pete Bendorf took over at Oakton and eventually won a Northern Region title in 2002.

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Cassara Returns Home

Woodson grad hired as assistant women's lacrosse coach at GMU.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

First as a youngster and then as a lacrosse star at Woodson High School, Fairfax Station native Megan Cassara remembered attending winter lacrosse camps at nearby George Mason University.

And now, after playing the sport for four years at the University of Mary-

land, Cassara has come full circle, recently accepting a job as an assistant coach for the Patriots women's lacrosse team.

She will join the staff assembled by first-year coach Lauren Rywak, who actually coached Cassara in high school as the Cavaliers' junior varsity coach.

"This is where I first learned to play lacrosse," said Cassara, a 2004 U.S. Lacrosse High School All-American. "When I heard that Lauren was in the area and was going to be the new head coach, I was thrilled just because I had that connection."

As a defender at Maryland, Cassara appeared in 60 games with 22 starts, totaling 40 ground balls and causing 17 turnovers. During her senior year, Cassara set career highs in caused turnovers (11), draw controls (5) and ground balls (18).

At Mason, Cassara will work primarily with the team's defenders and its goalkeepers.

"It's kind of rare to find a coach that was a defender," said Rywak, whose inherited team finished 12-5 last season, losing in the Colonial Athletic Association semifinals to Towson. "I don't think you find those a lot."

Joining Cassara on Rywak's staff will be Maryland teammate Kelly

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Megan Cassara

SPORTS

Siblings Forge Football Legacy

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Mark Bendorf, after serving as the defensive coordinator under one of his high school coaches from Marshall, Nick Hilgert, was appointed head coach at Robinson in 1997 and promptly went 14-0 and won a Virginia AAA state title.

BOTH HAVE found similar success, but, admittedly, both have done it different ways.

"I'm probably a little more easy going than he is," said Pete Bendorf, who became the director of Student Activities at Madison in 2003 and moved to South County when the school opened in 2005. "When he puts his mind to something, there's no deviating from the path. He'll stay up all night to get the problem done, but I'm not that way. I'll try to figure it out, and if I can't, I'll sleep on it and come back the next day."

"I focus in and get tunnel vision," Mark Bendorf said. "I'm still hurting from Friday because it's still a game I felt we should've won. Pete's a fierce competitor but he handles the ups and downs of football better than I do, there's no doubt in my mind."

Being seven years younger than his brother, Pete Bendorf always found himself watching, listening and observing what his older brother did. However, last August the older brother had reason to look up to his younger brother as Pete Bendorf found himself handling something else besides the ups and downs of football.

Pete's wife Debbie was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma, a disease in which malignant cancer cells are found in the bone, on Aug. 3, 2007, the Friday before football camp was scheduled to start.



FILE PHOTO

Mark Bendorf has been the head Robinson football coach since 1997. After taking over for Nick Hilgert, formerly the Rams' defensive coordinator, Bendorf guided his team to a 14-0 record and its first of two state titles.

With ideas swirling that he should take the year off, Debbie instead insisted that Pete continue coaching.

So he did.

"To be the husband that he needed to be, the father for [the family's three boys] and still lead that South County football program ... that was just amazing for me to see him do that," Mark Bendorf said.

Debbie Bendorf went through 10 1/2 months of chemotherapy and had surgery to remove the tumor, with the recovery going "so far so good," according to her husband.

During the time spent caring for his wife and children and while running on mini-

mal sleep, Pete Bendorf coached the Stallions to a 6-5 record, losing in the first round of the Northern Region playoffs, and learned a thing or two about what's important in life.

And, believe it or not, it doesn't involve running the football. It has a lot more to do with balance.

"You go through something like that and it really puts your life in perspective," Pete Bendorf said. "We as coaches probably put in too much time and put too much of our soul into coaching, but I think when you put in somebody who's dealing with cancer, that's a battle you can't lose."

Two Sport Standout

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season he plays golf, and in baseball season he plays baseball. If a conflict ever occurs, he'll just hit an extra bucket of golf balls or take a few extra rounds in the batting cage to eliminate any brewing habits.

Off of the golf course, Towns' maturity and competitive drive have enabled him to perform at such a high level. Like many sophomores who've found a spot on a varsity team, Towns spends most of his time with older teammates. Unlike many sophomores who've found a spot on a varsity team, Towns is neither uncomfortable nor timid.

"Even though he's a sophomore, everyone thinks he's a junior or a senior because of the way he carries himself," said Kerns, whose team will compete in the Northern Region Golf Tournament next Tuesday and Wednesday at Fairfax Na-

tional. "He's just much more mature than other kids his age. He loves to play the game, but what I like about him, he loves to compete and he competes to win."

On the baseball diamond, Towns was a constant at third base for Rutherford. On a roster with 10 seniors, seven of whom were starters, Towns' confidence grew with each game.

"He likes to be in the spotlight," said Rutherford, whose team compiled a 23-4 record last spring. "When we need a big hit, he wants to be the guy at the plate. In golf, he's always got the club in his hands, so he wants to be there in the district tournament. He wants to be there in the final group that has a shot to win it."

IN OTHER TOURNAMENT ACTION, South County's Steve Slocum shot a two-day score of 151, and the Stallions finished second as a team with an aggregate 643. Rounding out the Top 10, Mark Spicer chipped in with an eighth-place 162, while Josh Carey also helped bolster the Stallions' scoreboard with his 163. In addition to the aforementioned Lake Braddock performances, Michael Quinteros grabbed seventh place with his 160. West Springfield finished third (664) as a team, keyed by Bobby Bradshaw's 163, and Hayfield's Matt Lipscomb finished fifth (156) for the Hawks (fifth, 667).

"In golf, he's always got the club in his hands."

— Jody Rutherford

Megan Cassara Coaching at G. Mason

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Kasper, who led the Terrapins with 87 points (43 goals) last season and will work with the team's attackers.

OUTSIDE OF HER knowledge and experience, Cassara supplies the Patriots with another valuable asset. As a native Northern Virginian, Cassara will be counted upon to localize the team's recruiting process.

"A lot of recruiting classes have people come from out of the area," the 23-year-old Cassara said, "so if I try to help bring

some local talent I see here, it'd definitely be a big help because I never got to see that when I was in school.

"I was one of the only people at Maryland who came from Virginia, so I would definitely like to help out by getting a lot more local people into this program and getting them seen at the Division I-A level."

Another hurdle that Cassara will face revolves around the immediate transition she must make from her graduation this past spring. Though she has served as a volunteer assistant coach at Herndon for the past four years, it was only a few months ago

that she earned a bachelor's degree in family science.

BUT CASSARA, who'll meet the challenge head on, has already found a practical application for her youth. "I know it says that I'm part time, but I feel like this is a full-time job for me," she said.

"It's nice to know that [the players] can trust you and come to you for a lot of questions that maybe people who have been out of college for a long time maybe couldn't remember," said Cassara. "It's a little challenging, but it's really a lot of fun."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Lalich Transfers To Oregon State

After Peter Lalich was dismissed from the University of Virginia football team nearly two weeks ago, the West Springfield graduate has officially transferred to Oregon State.

Lalich, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound quarterback, violated the terms of his probation

by consuming alcohol following his arrest this past summer for underage drinking. He started the first two games of the 2008 season, completing 39 of 74 passes with zero touchdowns and three interceptions.

"I've had many talks with coach [Al] Groh at Virginia and other people involved in Peter's life that make me very comfortable in welcoming him to our program," said Oregon State head coach Mike Riley in a

press release issued Monday. "I'm looking forward to working with him; he's a terrific talent as well as a solid young man."

Due to NCAA transfer regulations, Lalich must sit out the remainder of the 2008 season, though he is enrolled at classes at the school. He will have two years of eligibility remaining, beginning the first day of practice in August 2009.

— JASON MACKAY

COMMUNITY

Falcons, Scouts Square Off

FROM PAGE 3

icing on the cake for both groups, with a morning of basketball followed by a short party where cookies, gifts and thanks were passed throughout the room. The troop leader who oversaw the partnership, Binh Do, was not at the event, but parent-volunteer Trang Bui was on hand.

"I want them to appreciate and see that there are others out there who need a little more help or aren't as fortunate as them," said Trang Bui, Pham's mother and the liaison who helped set up the game between the two teams.

The Falcons, a team composed mostly of children wheelchair users, range from 5-19 years of age. Most have physical limitations the received at birth or childhood conditions such as spinal bifida or cerebral palsy. A few have the ability to walk, though they still have various physical challenges as a result of their conditions. Lisa Rode said the program contains three levels of physical capability which they designate to each player. "You can be a three, a two or a one," said

Rode.

Gonzalez said the program was designed to give children, many of whom are among the only children with a disability in their class or school, a chance to meet and befriend others like them.

Bui said the troop was looking for an activity to complete their Bronze Award requirements when Rode, Pham's sixth grade teacher at Kings Glen Elementary, posted a flyer for the Falcons during back-to-school night. Bui contacted Rode and let her know the troop was interested in helping out. At the game Saturday,

she said the idea had been to do something different, and she recalled some of the tentativeness they noticed when the girls first faced the prospect of playing an unfamiliar game.

"Some of [the girls] were scared of being in a wheelchair," said Trang.

Trinciletto, who his also wheelchair user, said controlling the momentum the chairs create represents one of the biggest adjustments required to deal with the game.

"That's something that will ruin shots left

and right," said Trincellito.

The chairs are designed and built specifically for athletic activity. Rode and assistant coach Nate Lurie, also a wheelchair user, said each one can cost anywhere from \$2,000 to \$3,000. A stripped down, bare-bones wheelchair will usually cost between \$1,200 to \$1,500, they said.

Gonzalez said the program for the Falcons, who play basketball in the fall and various track and field events in the spring, was designed to accomplish three goals: foster self independence, put the team members in a social environment and keep them in shape.

"When they come here, they feel like they belong," he said.

Kirsten Madaus, mother of Falcons player Erik Madaus, said the program provided her son with an opportunity to engage in the same activities as his friends at school.

"[These kids] have all their peers saying that they're doing sports and they think they can't participate," said Madaus. "This levels the playing field."

Nina Nguyen, 12, said after some initial jitters, the girls of Troop 8154 started getting a sense for the game and were able to let loose.

"Even though it's sometimes hard to try new things, once you do it, it can be really fun," she said.

"Even though it's sometimes hard to try new things, once you do it, it can be really fun."

— Nina Nguyen

FAITH NOTES

Eckankar, Virginia Satsang Society. An interactive presentation on ways to shed light on fear. Thursday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m. Free. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-916-0515.

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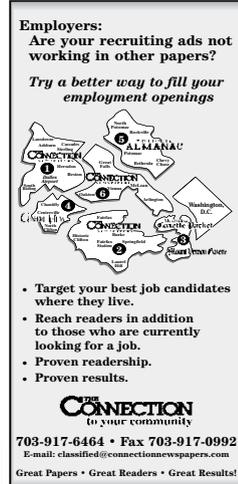
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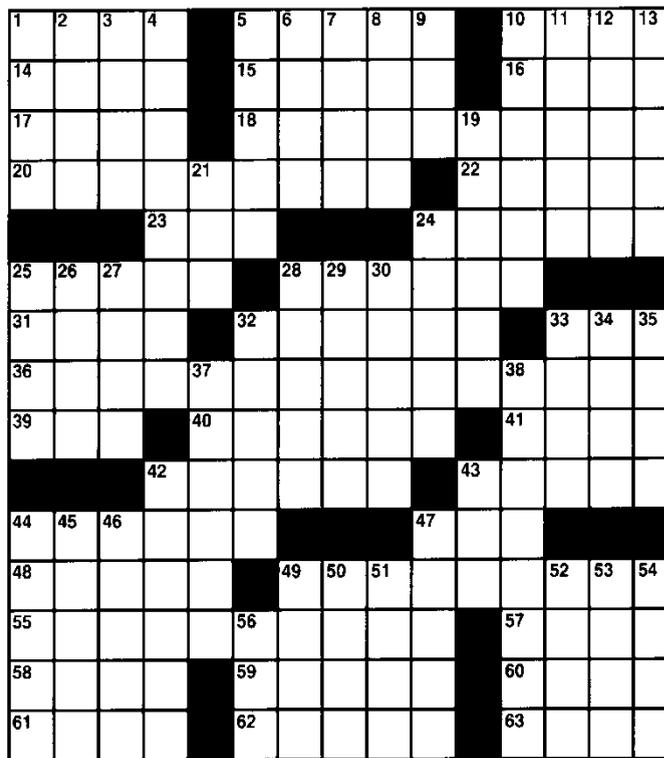
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- 1 Unforeseen difficulty
- 5 Dwelling
- 10 Gauguin or Cézanne
- 14 Soybean dish
- 15 Like lymphatic tissue
- 16 "Giant" author Ferber
- 17 Get
- 18 Start of a joke
- 20 Response to 18-Across
- 22 Big name in computers
- 23 Bell and Barker
- 24 Less slovenly
- 25 Smooth in motion
- 28 Move down the computer screen
- 31 Right on the map
- 32 Deli sausage
- 33 Short punch
- 36 With 49- and 55-Across, response to 20-Across
- 39 Miscalculate
- 40 Made invalid
- 41 Wife in "Finnegans Wake"

DOWN

- 42 Serving dish
- 43 Gives off
- 44 Hot as a pistol, e.g.
- 47 "Big Blue"
- 48 Makes a cardigan, say
- 49 See 36-Across
- 55 See 36-Across
- 57 Seasick sailor's support
- 58 Yorkshire river
- 59 Gill of country music
- 60 Light brown
- 61 Sediment
- 62 Protected by levees
- 63 Honeybunch

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 29 Half of a famous outlaw duo
- 30 Japanese noodle dish
- 32 Insomniac's annoyance
- 33 Folk singer Mitchell
- 34 12-Down partner
- 35 Tops
- 37 Tear off with force
- 38 Talked, talked, talked
- 42 Collection plate amounts
- 43 Outward flow
- 44 Cheer with beer
- 45 Bellybutton type
- 46 British bishop's headdress
- 47 Angry
- 49 Sixth-century date
- 50 Sound at Old MacDonald's
- 51 At some prior point
- 52 Filigree
- 53 Milan moola
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- 56 Hanes competitor

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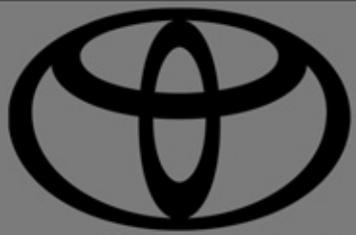
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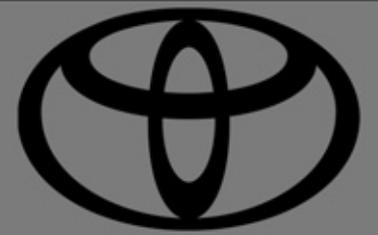
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