

A pumpkin grown by Dr. John P. Forest, left, and Joe Mills won first place at the Virginia State Fair in Richmond.



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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.

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 Compounding their cleanup efforts are a host of Fairfax County storm water management policies that they say are outdated and ill-equipped to handle the widespread urbanization that has occurred over the past 30 years.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 Or-

gon, 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 imper-

vious 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-

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



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-

sues 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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Dance, Dance Evolution

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

When the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts received a \$30,000 grant from the Apple Federal Credit Union for a three-year broad-based leadership initiative in 2007, they wanted to start with something fun.

The first day of activities for The Creative Leaders Project was designed for the Fairfax Academy for Communication of the Arts at Fairfax High School. Academy faculty were looking for an opening act to introduce some of the main themes of the program. That performer who would have to have credibility with the nearly 400 teenagers who would be sitting in the audience.

Booking Judson Laipply, comedian, motivational speaker and owner of the second most viewed YouTube video in the Web site's history, fit all of those needs.

At the project's official kickoff Thursday, Sept. 25, Laipply wrapped up a morning filled with individual classroom exercises,

YouTube celebrity helps kickoff two-year leadership skills project at Fairfax Academy.

scenarios and activities with a show he has used at high schools, colleges and corporate events all throughout his career. The act culminates in a six-minute bit called "Evolution of Dance", where Laipply recreates almost two dozen of the most famous dances from the past 50 years. It's that routine, featuring dances from Michael Jackson's "Thriller", "Walk Like an Egyptian" and "Mr. Roboto" that has been seen by almost 10 million people worldwide. It also reflects one of the main themes of Laipply's hour-long routine: the world is constantly changing and it's up to each individual to incorporate and deal with that reality.

"The Internet as we know it is only 15-years old," said Laipply during his speech. "Yet look at how much we rely on it today. Things change."

Jennell Evans, president and CEO of Stra-

tegic Interactions designed the kickoff session along with Gwen Plummer, career experience specialist for the academy. Strategic Interactions, started 18 years ago by Evans, provides leadership skills training to corporations like AOL and Discovery. As a parent of a Fairfax Academy student, she volunteered to help out pro bono and help coordinate Thursday's events.

It was Plummer, though, who used her connections as a graduate of Bowling Green State University to snag Laipply, who shares her alma mater.

"What intrigued me about Judson was that he very cleverly combined arts and technology," said Plummer. "To me, he represented not only someone with a wonderful message but someone who used tech as an artist to gain a wider audience."

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PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

Judson Laipply's six-minute 'Evolution of Dance' routine became one of the most popular YouTube videos of all time. Thursday, Sept. 25, he spoke to students at Fairfax High School.

NEWS

GMU Grad Killed in Iraq

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

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION



Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown

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.

Sangiiovanni 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.

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.

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 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

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

— Timothy Brown, brother of Thomas Brown



Volunteers converge on an Annandale pumpkin patch to help load a 1,007-pound pumpkin into a van.

Recipe for Success

Local gardeners grow pumpkin that wins first place at State Fair.

W hat ingredients go into the growing of a championship pumpkin? Aside from a lot of love and care, a champion gardener can expect to use sand, leaf mulch, two cords of hardwood ash and about 200 pounds of llama manure.

That's the recipe that Dr. John P. Forest and Joe Mills of Fairfax concocted to grow a 1,007-pound pumpkin in Forest's garden along Little Rive Turnpike.

Forest, an Annandale dentist, has been growing giant pumpkins for seven years with the help of Mills.

On Friday evening, Sept. 26, Forest clipped the vine on the largest pumpkin that he had ever grown. Then, Mills and 14 volunteers slipped a tarp under the pumpkin and muscled it into the back of a van.

The next morning, Mills and his wife drove the pumpkin to the Virginia State Fair in Richmond, where it was officially weighed. It topped all other competitors and earned Mills and Forest a first-place blue ribbon.

The largest pumpkin that the pair had previously grown weighed in at 747 pounds and finished fourth at the 2007 State Fair. The year before, one of their pumpkins finished seventh.

Behind a police motorcycle escort, Forest will be delivering one of his smaller pumpkins to nearby Wakefield Forest Elementary this week. Each year, the school has a contest in which students try to guess the weight of one of Forest's pumpkins. The winner gets to take the pumpkin home.

Forest will drive his prize-winning pumpkin from Richmond to Centreville on Saturday, where it will go on display at the Cox Farms Fall Festival.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL



Fifteen people carefully lift the pumpkin.

CRIME REPORT

BURGLARY

9400 Block of Fairfax Blvd. / Foxcroft Condominiums. On Sept. 22, between 7:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., unknown person(s) gained entry into the residence and stole cash. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

LARCENY

11000 Fairfax Blvd. / Brown's Nissan. On Sept. 18 at 2 p.m., the manager reported that between Aug. 7 and Aug. 8, unknown person(s) stole numerous temporary tags from the dealership.

3201 Old Lee Highway / Home Depot. The victim reported that

on Sept. 18, between 3:45 p.m. and 3:54 p.m., unknown person(s) stole his wallet that was left unattended.

10342 Fairfax Blvd. / Soccer Pro Shop (parking lot). The victim reported that on Sept. 19, between 8:25 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., unknown person(s) stole her Pacific 21 speed bike that was left unattended.

10700 Block of Joyce St. The victim reported that sometime between Sept. 19, at 8:30 p.m. and Sept. 20, at 12:30 p.m., unknown person(s) stole six red stone barrier rocks from his front yard.

9602 Main St. / Lifetime Fitness. The victim reported that on Sept. 19, at 10:30 p.m., unknown person(s) stole his cellular phone that was left unattended.

11200 Fairfax Blvd. / Giant Food.

An employee of the store reported that on Sept. 20 a man left the store with food that he did not pay for. The employee confronted the suspect in the parking lot and detained him until police arrived. Michael R. Allen, 43, of the 6900 block of S. Van Dorn St., Kingstowne, was arrested and charged with larceny. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Bond was set at \$2,500.

9622 Main St. / Shoppers Food Warehouse. The victim reported that on Sept. 20 at 2:45 p.m., unknown person(s) stole her purse that was left unattended in a shopping cart.

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CALENDAR

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3144 Plantation Parkway / Mosby Woods Pool. The victim reported that between Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 22 at 7 a.m., unknown person(s) gained entry to the pool area and stole a Kemp jack hammer, a Dewalt AM / FM radio, and a Dewalt battery.

9602 Main St. / Lifetime Fitness. On Sept. 22, the victim reported that sometime on Sept. 14 between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., unknown person(s) stole his wallet from a locker.

11001 Lee Highway / Office Depot. An employee of the business reported that on Sept. 13, at 6 p.m., a man leaving the store with merchandise that he did not pay for was confronted by a cashier. During the confrontation the suspect fled the store with over \$800 worth of merchandise and left in a vehicle that was parked on the lot. The suspect is described only as a black male, balding and approximately 6 feet in height. The vehicle is described as a white Toyota pickup.

3975 University Drive / Office Building. The victim reported that on Sept. 22, between 3 p.m. and 10:58 p.m., unknown person(s) stole a wallet from her purse.

10555 Main St. / Freedom Bank. On Sept. 24, at 12:14 p.m. an employee reported that an unknown person had entered her work space and stolen her wallet containing cash and credit cards from her purse.

9610 Fairfax Blvd. / Farrish Motors. On Sept. 25, at 1:37 p.m., an employee reported that sometime between Sept. 24 at 9 p.m. and Sept. 25, at 9 a.m., unknown person(s) had entered four unlocked vehicles and removed the Virginia State Inspection stickers.

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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.



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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

Long-Term Survivors Find Support

Local woman is co-facilitator of support group for long-term survivors of breast cancer.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Andy Smith, 58, will always remember being diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I had a biopsy on my birthday, what a stupid thing to do, huh?" said Smith, of Great Falls, now a six-year survivor.

This Monday, Oct. 6, Smith will co-facilitate a new support group offered specifically for long-term survivors of breast cancer — those who are two-to-50-year survivors.

"There are going to be more and more of us, long-term survivors. There are going to be different people over time who are going to benefit from this," she said.

Smith will co-facilitate the new group with Ellen Haffa, 64, of Fairfax, a 16-year survivor of breast cancer.

"Cancer does change your life, it does," Haffa said. "It can change your relationships with people, it changes your perspective on life and how you approach life. Your priorities become different."

BREAST CANCER Network of Strength, formerly known as Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, is offering the support group because long-term survivors have different needs than those recently diagnosed

or undergoing treatment.

"The thought of reoccurrence is traumatic," said Haffa.

Haffa, who volunteered on the organization's hotline, described a type of call she received quite often from long-term survivors.

"I was diagnosed four years ago, I've been through my treatment, but I just can't seem to get over it," Haffa said she would hear from women who called.

"They are so grateful to be able to talk and feel they are not alone," she said.

The questions, concerns, fears and issues of long-term survivors can differ from the needs of people recently diagnosed or in the midst of current treatment.

"Issues of your disease do come to the forefront of your mind," said Smith. "In your individual groups of support, people might ask you, 'Aren't you over that now?'" But many people continue to have the need to talk years later.

Both co-facilitators, who will lead the group with Corinne Cook, a licensed clinical social worker, say the support group that starts Monday is innovative and needed.

"To our knowledge, this is it," said Debbie Hayes, of the Mid-Atlantic Affiliate of Breast Cancer Network of Strength.

RESEARCH into long-term survivors is just

beginning, Smith, Haffa and Hayes all said.

"Survivorship is becoming a big issue in general. A lot of organizations are taking a look at what is going on with survivors," said Hayes.

"Going through treatment, you see some of the same people ... but once you get beyond the treatment, you don't walk into a group and say, 'Hey I have cancer. Does anybody else?'" said Haffa. "I know the need for people to talk about their experiences."

Haffa remembers, when she went through treatment, thinking of breast cancer "as a temporary interruption" in her life, and "when it's over, I could move on."

"But it's never really over, you have this



Andy Smith, of Great Falls, is a six-year breast cancer survivor.

Get Involved

The Mid-Atlantic Affiliate of Breast Cancer Network of Strength, formerly known as Y-ME National Breast Cancer Organization, starts a monthly support group designed specifically for long-term survivors of breast cancer (two-to-50 year survivors) this Monday, Oct. 6.

The group will meet this Monday, Oct. 6 and then on the first Monday of every month, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Reston Public Library.

Monday, Oct. 6, 7-8:30 p.m., Reston Public Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive

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physical reminder, of course, but you also have this thing in the back of your head," she said.

"It's part of your biography," said Smith.

Both facilitators said attendees of the group, which will be on the first Monday of each month, will have the opportunity to steer the facilitators into topics they would like to discuss.

"I think it will offer a number of people the chance to ask questions and hear other people's process," said Haffa. "I'm anxious to see what the response will be."

NEWS

Accotink

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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.

"Plans don't accomplish much unless there are resulting statutes and enforcement," he said. "It really takes the will of the people, because the developers aren't going to do anymore than what they're told to do by law."

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 and a report on watershed conditions.

Home Care NEWS

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OPINION

Are You Prepared To Vote on Nov. 4?

BY OLGA HERNANDEZ
PRESIDENT, LWV OF VIRGINIA

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

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

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

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

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

The Fairfax County registrar's phone num-

Voter 101 and Beyond

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

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

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

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

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

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

Third, make sure you know where your polling place is. Sounds simple but people show up to the wrong precinct all the time. It is heartbreaking 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>

Consider Deeds Over Words

To the Editor:

I am a retired Army officer who puts Christ and family first, an NRA member and hunter, a former altar boy and an Eagle Scout, who grew up in a small town in the Midwest and now lives near Washington, D.C. The values I hold most dear are not what I have seen reflected in Washington under Republican leadership.

I would remind everyone that the Washington that Republicans Sara Palin and John McCain are supposedly going to "Change" was built by Republicans starting with the Republican Revolution of 1994 when they captured the House and Senate and controlled them until January 2007. If the Republicans were going to do great things for America, they could have done it during the six years they controlled the presidency, the House and the Senate under George Bush Jr.'s leadership. Republicans built the so-called "liberal" Supreme Court they want to shake up with

all but two of the justices appointed by Republican Presidents (Ford-1, Reagan-2, G.H.W Bush-2, Bush Jr.-2, Clinton-2.) The bureaucrats in Washington that the Republicans want to shake up are led by thousands of Republican appointees. Also, the so-called "do nothing" Senate does nothing because the Democrats do not control it and the Republicans gain political advantage by having the Senate do nothing.

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Now I don't agree with some of the things that Democrats supposedly support, but I'm not going to be suckered into supporting another Republican term just because they wave the flag and talk about God and guns and the military. I look at what they have done, not what they say. What I have observed is that the core Republican values, as evidenced by their years controlling Washington, are power and greed cleverly veiled under a thin blanket of patriotism and family values. The Republicans have hurt this nation deeply. Republican led banking deregula-

tion brought us our current housing market collapse. The Republican sponsored Commodity Futures Modernization Act deregulated oil and gas trading and led to Enron and thousands of people losing their pensions and \$4 a gallon gas. The Republican's get-tough attitude brought us Iraq and thousands of dead and wounded Americans and Bin Laden has not been brought to justice.

It's time to give the other guys a chance and if they screw it up, throw them out in four years.

Bill Lahue
Fairfax

Connolly and Earmarks

To the Editor:

Letters by two students supporting Gerry Connolly for Congress represent the triumph of emotionalism: "Enthusiasm and excitement ... describe my feelings" and "He was extremely personable." Connolly is the classic politician shaking one hand while the other

takes more taxes from your pocket.

Both writers assert Connolly supports reform and change; but it's an illusion. An article in the same Connection cited examples of Federal earmarks which Connolly supports. Embracing pork barrel spending is not change.

Connolly's toleration of illegal immigration created the need for a regional gang initiative earmark. Such gangs target illegal aliens and citizens alike. Under Connolly, the influx of illegal aliens created the problem of illegal boarding houses that plagues our county. Illegal aliens and gang members use our schools and hospitals but don't pay property taxes, which account for 61 percent of county funds.

The worst earmark is rail to Dulles. This 20-year fiasco won't fix our traffic mess, but will divert funds that could do something much sooner. Soon, voters will experience change in the form of still higher taxes to fund this di-

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saster that benefits Connolly's friends: developers. Shrewdly the developers at Tysons have shielded themselves from higher taxes, leaving voters to bear the cost.

Connolly, whose only connection with transportation seems to be causing a hit-and-run accident, supported the unconstitutional Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. The tax increases NVTA briefly imposed were a hit-and-run that victimized Fairfax County taxpayers.

Both writers forget when on our 2008 assessment land values skyrocketed under Connolly. Bowing to public anger, the Board of Supervisors had the Department of Tax Administration (DTA) waste money on a pointless review. DTA underlined in the re-assessments mailed at taxpayer expense: "Again, it is important to stress that the allocation comes after the total assessment has already been

determined by comparable sales analysis. That is why the assessment reallocation between land and building did not change your total assessment for 2008." Online DTA records show why he couldn't care less. Connolly's total assessment dropped 8.95 percent while the average Fairfax County assessment dropped only 3.38 percent. That's the kind of change the rest of us would welcome.

Connolly boasts Fairfax is well run, yet faces a staggering \$400 million deficit. Maryland has a debt of \$430 million, but five times more people. Connolly has done nothing to reform a system where Fairfax taxpayers get back only 19 cents for every dollar we send to Richmond.

Perhaps the letter writers are on to something. Sending Gerry to D.C. is a change that would benefit us.

Michael Shumaker
Fairfax

PEOPLE NOTES

The City of Fairfax Band elected its new managing director and newly expanded board of directors on May 14, during the Annual Membership Meeting. The new board members took office on Aug. 1. The incoming officers are **John Flahive**, president; **Penny Dimler**, vice president; **Ruth Bandler**, secretary; **Steve Apergis**, treasurer; **Jody Stein**, public relations coordinator; **Robert Pouliot**, music director; **Rick Parrell**, associate conductor; **Jean-Pierre Auffret**, **David Leahey**, **William L. Schmidt** and **Jane Woods**, at-large directors.

The Fairfax County Park Authority was honored for three communication pieces. The International Academy of the Visual Arts and the Communicator Awards selected ResOURces, a quarterly newsletter dedicated to resource management in Fairfax County, as a 2008 Silver Communicator Award winner. Park Authority video producer **Mark Garrah** received a 2008 Gold Screen Award of Excellence.

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Presentation begins at 7:15 p.m.
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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.

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The City of Fairfax is conducting its 32nd annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. What started out as a small market for artisans to display their wares has grown to a festival with more than 400 arts, crafts, information, food and gourmet food vendors, children's activities and musical entertainment.

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
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 ♦ Face Painting - \$2
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 ♦ Amusements - \$5 all you can ride
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 12 noon Uncle Pete (musician)
 1 p.m. Joe Romano
 2 p.m. The Great Zucchini (preschool entertainer)
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 4 p.m. Puppet Show

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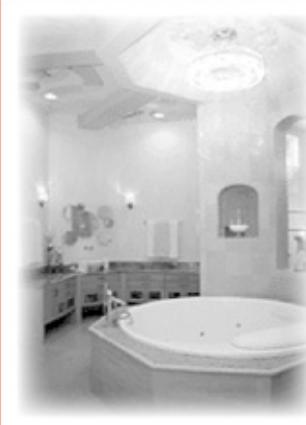
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16th annual Fall for Fairfax KidsFest, at the Fairfax County Government Center. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Inova Arcade of Health, Fall for Fairfax trackless train, farmer's market, pony rides, children's climbing wall, hayrides, scarecrow-making, petting zoo, KidZone inflatable bounces and slides, model trains, pumpkin decorating, KidWay midway and performances geared specifically to elementary school and toddler-aged children. Free admission, some activities require a minimal charge. Free shuttle bus service from the Vienna Metro Station (Orange Line) every hour beginning at 9:30 a.m. 703-324-FAIR or www.fallforfairfax.com.

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. Fight global poverty 1 kilometer at a time. The course location has moved to George Mason University's Patriot Circle, with free parking and an off-street course. For all ages and running abilities. Medals awarded to the top finishers. Post race food, live bluegrass band, awards ceremony and an interactive festival area with games and prizes. Start/finish at George Mason University's Patriot Circle, Mason Pond Drive by Centre for the Arts, Fairfax. Register at www.active.com, 703-848-2072 or KMLeod@friendus.org. www.friendsoftheorphans.org//ma-ne.

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. Walkers or businesses interested in sponsorships can call 703-324-5406 or go to www.fpow.org.

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University Drive, Fairfax. 703-352-ARTS
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The Reunion Music Society Jazz

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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. www.jamminjava.com.

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

TUESDAY/OCT. 7

Mothers First Burke/Fairfax, helping women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise children at home. 10 a.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke. 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.

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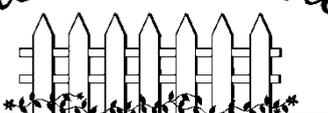
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FRIDAY/OCT. 10

Noel "Paul" Stookey of Peter, Paul 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

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SATURDAY/OCT. 11

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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.

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Rebels Earn First District Win

With 25-15 win at Centreville, Fairfax snaps 19-game district winless streak.

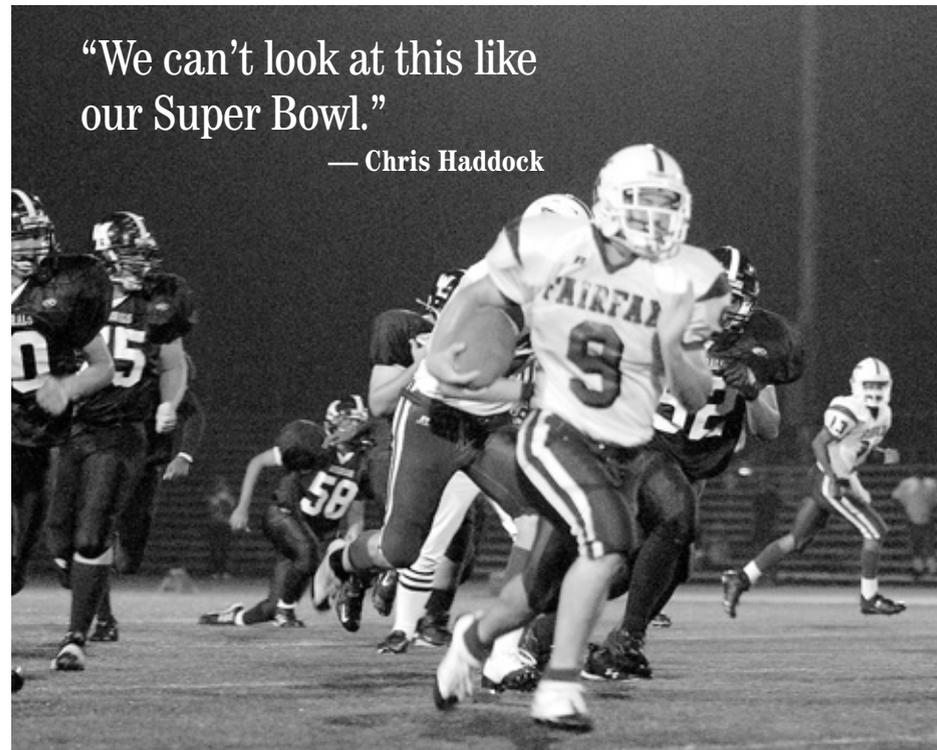
BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Last Friday's win by itself would've tasted sweet enough, but stir it together with all the necessary subplots and the Fairfax football team had a night to remember last week before it shifts to the Liberty District in 2009.

With a 25-15 win at Centreville, the Rebels won a Concorde District game for the first time ever, snapping a 19-game losing streak, and are now playing meaningful football during the second half of the season for the first time in nearly four years.

"Certainly, it was the biggest win that any of these guys have had during their high school football careers," said second-year coach Chris Haddock. "At the same time, it wasn't like we won on a fluke play. We had a couple breaks go our way, but maybe for the first time we worked hard enough to earn our breaks."

Friday's win, like many this season, was powered by a consistent running game. Senior running back Chris Regensburg ran for 205 yards and three touchdowns on 27



"We can't look at this like our Super Bowl."

— Chris Haddock

Fairfax senior Chris Regensburg ran for 205 yards and three touchdowns in a 25-15 win over Centreville last Friday, the Rebels' first-ever Concorde District victory.

carries, including two fourth-quarter scores as the Rebels scored 13 unanswered points in the final period against the Wildcats (1-4, 0-2 Concorde).

Regensburg, who has emerged as one of the district's top offensive threats, brushed away any type of credit for the performance.

"To tell you the truth, it's pretty much all

the offensive line," Regensburg said. "They're blocking so well. I think we have one of the top offensive lines in the district."

But as magical as that feeling on Friday was, Haddock had to yank his team down from the clouds on Monday afternoon. Prior

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



GEORGE MASON PHOTO

Megan Cassara

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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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

"You go through something like that and it really puts your life in perspective."

— Pete Bendorf

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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.



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."

District Victory

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to the team's practice, the coach called his still-giddy team together to put an end to a "nonchalant" effort, according to Regensburg.

With a 3-2 record and a visit to Herndon (3-2, 1-1 Concorde) on the horizon, Haddock recognizes the opportunity that his team has — recording the program's first winning season since 2004.

"We can't look at this like our Super Bowl," Haddock said. "We've got other games that we think we can compete in, so we have to get focused right now on Herndon and work from there."

The increased focus has expanded beyond the coaching staff. Iogi Lewis, a senior running back who ran for 81 yards and a touchdown against Centreville, believes that the improved attitude and focus started this off-season in the weight room.

Furthermore, Lewis and his fellow seniors sat down with a few teammates who were on the fence about whether or not they wanted to play. Regardless of how it happened, Lewis and Co. have been delivering this season with remarkable consistency.

After Centreville kicked a field goal to take a 15-12 lead in the third quarter, Haddock's team rattled off a drive that consumed more than six minutes on the game clock and ended in the fourth quarter with Regensburg's 12-yard touchdown run, his first of the period.

"We had the ball in our hands and we were in the middle of a pretty good drive," Haddock said. "I just told them that we needed to finish our drive. We need to make sure that we finished and got the ball in the end zone."

According to Lewis, the players want to make sure of something else.

"We don't want anyone to say, 'Oh, Fairfax was just a fluke. That's just one win,'" Lewis said. "We want to continue winning, go into the postseason, and we want to keep up the mentality that we're a competitor."

"We've got other games that we think we can compete in"

— Chris Haddock

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

Redmond Perfect In Goal for Keydets

With five saves during a 5-0 shutout of Delaware State on Sunday afternoon, VMI goalkeeper and Woodson graduate Angela Redmond added to the team's scoreless streak, which as of Wednesday morning totaled 189 minutes, 15 seconds. By besting the Blue Hens, the Keydets improved to 4-5 overall, 1-0 in the Big South, and they

continued conference play with a match against Winthrop on Wednesday. A native of Fairfax Station, Redmond was 2-1 with a save percentage of .842.

Paul VI Roundup

Last Saturday, running at the McDonalds Cross Country Festival at Maymont, Paul VI's Ian McGinn passed two runners on a steep hill to finish fourth in the varsity silver race. McGinn, Charles Horne and Lizzie

Greene all were ranked this week as being among the Top 15 individual runners for Virginia private schools.

The Paul VI women's soccer team defeated St. Mary's Ryken, 5-3. Senior forward Monica Paolicelli scored two goals, while junior midfielders Jordan McDonald and Casey Vornadore, as well as senior forward Kat Fite, each scored once. Junior Kelli Caputy and sophomore Alayna Henby anchored a strong defense.

COMMUNITY

YouTube Dancer at Academy

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Laipply was loudly cheered during his routine and received a standing ovation from the approximately 380 students in attendance. Evans said the selection was a good fit for the crowd.

"This was not a traditional experience, but you have these kids going to Academy who do think differently. They are the creative out-of-the-box thinkers," she said. "I think [Plummer] selected him because he would be someone they could relate to and because he's so popular [with them]."

Mike Engley, executive director of the Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation, attended the event. Afterwards, he discussed the ways in which the speaker's comments overlapped with the overall themes of the project they are hoping to instill over the next two years.

"There's really a good foundation for what he said. You have to work at what you do," said Engley.

The program itself will play out throughout the next two school years, offering in-service training for teachers, student scholarships and awards and developing a "Creative Leaders in Residence" program. In their second year of the program, each student will produce a signature project, an original piece of creative work, using mediums like film, research papers, and musical compositions and dance pieces.

"It was something that we felt as a foundation was

a great proposal," said Engley, adding that the program could be replicated at schools. "It includes not only academics but ties it into the reality of these people and groups."

"A lot of this [project] is predicated on understanding that as we're moving along here, we're entering a phase of a creative economy, where creativity and innovation regardless of the career field is rewarded," said Plummer. "People are looking for employees who are innovative in their thinking and can solve problems through new, creative ideas."

Laipply, in an interview after his performance, said that elements exist outside of a person's life that are beyond that person's control. The trick is to pay those elements

as little mind as possible.

"Good leaders let go of the things they can't control," he said.

They also know how to keep the old practices that still work while adapting enough to keep pace in their ever-changing environment. It also helps to have a sense of humor.

"I'm a big believer in other senses. A sense of purpose, a sense of self and a sense of humor," Laipply said.

When asked where the concept of humor fit into leadership, he said humor could be a useful tool in any leader's arsenal.

"It's an ability to know when you can funny in a situation and when you can't," he said.

"Good leaders let go of the things they can't control."

— Judson Laipply

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Puzzle by Patrick Jordan

ACROSS

- 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

- 11 Assume
- 12 Last word in a wrestling match?
- 13 Adbul-Jabbar, 1975-89
- 19 Kato of Simpson trial fame
- 21 Bit
- 24 One for whom all roads lead to roam
- 25 Honor with a party
- 26 Actor Bert
- 27 Conniver
- 28 Miss Hawkins of Dogpatch

- 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
- 54 Many a campaign tactic
- 56 Hanes competitor

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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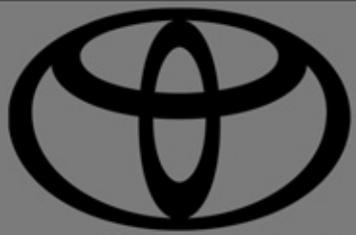
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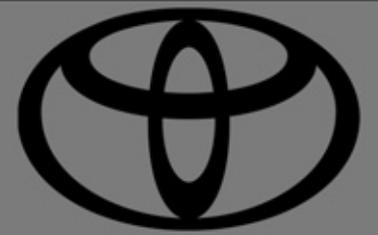
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