

South County football coach Pete Bendorf, whose brother Mark coaches at Robinson, has led the Stallions to a 3-2 record this season.

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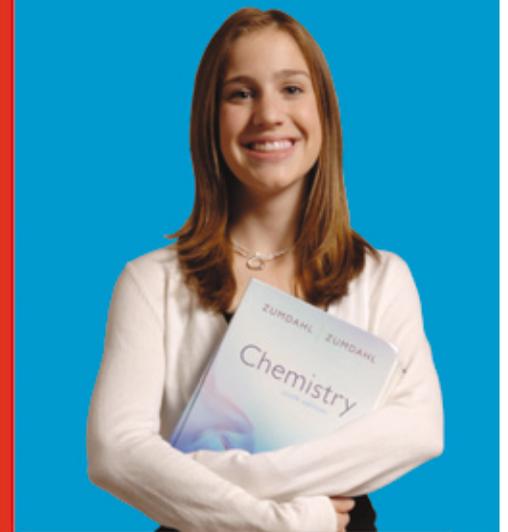
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## Mark Center Named Final BRAC Site

Lack of easy Metro access cited by those opposed to decision.

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
THE CONNECTION

After months of delay and maneuvering the U.S. Department of the Army announced Monday afternoon that the Mark Center in Alexandria, just off Interstate 395, will be the site of the new home for the last contingent of 19,300 personnel being transferred to Fort Belvoir as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Report (BRAC). It won out over two other competing sites to house the 6,400 personnel of the Washington Headquarters Services.

Known in military terms as BRAC 133, WHS is a collection of Defense Department-level agencies that have been scattered throughout various rental spaces, primarily in the Arlington area. They will now be concentrated in two high-rise buildings to be constructed on 16 acres of land at Mark Center that will officially become an appendage of Fort Belvoir.

Two other sites under consideration, the Victory Center on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria and the GSA Warehouses in the Springfield area, were passed over by the Department of the Army. In arriving at the



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Mark Center decision, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment Keith Eastin, noted "the Army considered multiple factors, including project timelines, transportation management and site adaptability."

Under BRAC law, signed passed by Congress and signed by the president, all transfers must be complete by Sept. 15, 2011. It is also stipulated that the Department of the Army must own all BRAC sites and that the sites become part of Fort Belvoir.

THE PERSONNEL of BRAC 133 will be the only contingent not located on land that

was already a part of the existing Fort Belvoir. The largest element to be transferred to Fort Belvoir as a result of BRAC is the 8,500 personnel of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency which will be located at Belvoir's Engineering Proving Grounds in the Springfield area adjacent to the yet to be completed final links of the Fairfax County Parkway.

The Army will now buy the vacant acreage at Mark Center owned by Duke Realty Corporation and then sign a construction contract with them to build the 17 and 15 story towers to house the BRAC 133 workforce, according to Peter Scholz, senior

"We will have this site constructed and operational by the Sept. 15, 2011 deadline."

— Peter Scholz, senior vice president, Duke Realty Corp.

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"We are extremely excited about being chosen. I have been with the Winkler Company [Mark Center owner] for 16 years and this is one of the most significant events I have been a part of," Scholz said.

"We will have this site constructed and operational by the Sept. 15, 2011 deadline. The land sale will take place prior to January 2009 and construction will begin immediately. Both elements are part of a single agreement between the Army and Duke Realty," he said.

ONE OF THE PRIME criticisms of the Mark Center site, by those pushing for the Victory Center and the GSA Warehouses, was its lack of accessibility to Metro. The GSA site is served by the Springfield Metro located within a block and Virginia Rail Express while the Victory Center is within two blocks of the Van Dorn Metro Station. Neither mass transit facility is close to Mark

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## Outsider Runs for 11th District Seat

Keith Fimian challenges Connolly, wants to be the hardest working man in politics.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

This is the first in a series of profiles about Virginia 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidates. Articles about 11<sup>th</sup> District Congressional candidate Gerry Connolly will also appear.

Keith Fimian was a man with a single mission July 4 – to talk to as many people as possible.

The Republican is running to succeed Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) in Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and faces a well-known opponent, Fairfax County Chairman Gerry Connolly (D). In order to compete with Connolly, Fimian knew he was going to have to reach as many voters as he could.

So he extended his hand to one person after another sitting on the curb watching the Orange Hunt parade. If a break ap-

peared in the crowd of spectators, Fimian would run ahead of his campaign workers walking in the parade to get a head start on greeting the next group of potential supporters, sweating through his green and white William and Mary football shirt.

Several hours later, Fimian was also one of the first people out on the synthetic turf field at Fairfax High School after a rainstorm cleared up. As people peeled off their plastic raincoats and smoothed out blankets to recline on during the fireworks, the candidate pitched his candidacy and shared his concerns about the national debt.

"My work ethic is second to none."

— Keith Fimian

"I am afraid of what the future brings if we don't get spending under control," said Fimian, crouched in front of a group of people in camping chairs.

"Whatever your party, help me control spending," he added.

Fimian's faith in is his ability to outwork



Keith Fimian talks to Fairfax resident Mike Thieman at Labor Day celebration.

anybody to success is not surprising.

A Virginia Beach native, the Republican said his parents instilled the importance of working "very, very hard" in him and his three brothers at an early age. The candidate's work ethic has served him well

over the years.

Fimian earned a four-year football scholarship to the College of William and Mary. Tall and athletic, he has the look of a tele

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## Supervisor Tackles Smoking

Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) asked his colleagues to take a tougher stance on smoking in public Sept. 22.

McKay wants Fairfax County to ban smoking in county government garages and county-owned vehicles. The supervisor also asked county staff to review government policies and look for tools Fairfax County could use to restrict smoking in public places.

It is generally thought that Fairfax County has very little control over public smoking. In Virginia, the state legislature would have give Fairfax County the power to enact a local smoking ban in restaurants, like Montgomery County, Md. and Washington D.C. have done.

In a written statement, McKay notes the Virginia General Assembly has been unwilling to restrict smoking statewide or to give county governments to do so locally. The General Assembly killed several bills that would have given localities the power to ban smoking during the winter session.

## Post Office May Close Earlier

The U.S. Postal Service will be cutting back on the operating hours of its Merrifield branch.

The Merrifield location is currently open until midnight and the U.S. Postal Service District manager for Northern Virginia plans to move its closing time up four hours. When this new change goes into effect, no post office in Northern Virginia would provide a same-day postmark later than 8 p.m.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D) is asking the postal service to reconsider the decision.

Many members of Northern Virginia's legal and business communities rely on the late night postmark at Merrifield. Given traffic congestion in the area, the post office's flexible hours benefits residents, said Connolly.

Connolly added that the postal service had floated a similar proposal in the early 1990s but it was ultimately dismissed as not a good option for the community.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## How Can You Afford College?

College Access Fairfax, a non-profit foundation helping students pay for college, in cooperation with Fairfax County Public Schools, will offer two presentations on how to afford college. SAIC is sponsoring the effort.

The presentations will include: What is meant by financial aid? Who's eligible for financial aid? What makes up the cost of college? How can I save money for college? How to search for scholarships, the financial aid process (FAFSA), and what loans available.

The first meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School.

The second is Saturday, Nov. 22 at 9 am Fairfax High School.

Contact College Access Fairfax at collegeaccessfairfax@att.net or visit www.collegeaccessfairfax.org or call 703-280-9873.

## County Receives Awards

Two groups focused on the financial management of municipalities recently honored Fairfax County, according to a written statement by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D).

The International City/County Management Association gave Fairfax County a certificate of distinction for incorporating performance data into its decision making. Of the 220 jurisdictions that participated, only 23, including Fairfax, received this recognition.

The Government Finance Officers Association, a group of local finance officers in the United States and Canada, also awarded Fairfax County its 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive "certificate of achievement in excellence in financial reporting." The association then honored Fairfax with its "distinguished budget presentation" award for the 23<sup>rd</sup> straight year.



Survivors and mothers of victims of the Virginia Tech shooting participate in a Sept. 14 panel hosted by the Democratic Women of Clifton.

# Aftermath of a Tragedy

## Panel includes survivors of Virginia Tech shootings.

Police Department and appointee to the Virginia Tech Independent Review Panel.

**T**he Democratic Women of Clifton hosted a panel discussion at their Sept. 14 General Meeting entitled "Women to Women: Virginia Tech and its Aftermath from a Mother's Perspective."

Panelists included Mona Samaha and Celeste Peterson, mother of Reema Samaha and Erin Peterson, who were killed at Virginia Tech; Lori Haas, mother of Emily Haas, who was a wounded survivor; Lily Habtu, a wounded survivor and Randa Samaha, Reema's sister, both of whom helped co-found Students for Gun-Free Schools; Martina Leinz, president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Million Mom March; and Carroll Ann Ellis, director of the Victim Services Division of the Fairfax County

**THESE WOMEN** have become involved in a crusade to find answers to the issues that contributed to the tragedy at Virginia Tech, in particular, advocating for common sense gun laws. Mona Samaha, with her husband, Joe, founded the Angel Fund to educate, advocate and implement practical solutions in response to the tragedy.

Panelists also addressed the role that mental illness plays in violent crimes and the need to fund and support services for the mentally ill to prevent another tragedy like this from happening.

Membership in the Democratic Women of Clifton is open to all Northern Virginia Democratic women. For more information contact: [cliftonwomendems@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomendems@aol.com), [www.DemocraticWomenofClifton.org](http://www.DemocraticWomenofClifton.org) or call 703-830-1355.

## CRIME REPORT

*Activities reported by the Sully District of the Fairfax County police department through Sept. 26.*

### DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY/BIAS INCIDENT

**5600 block of Schoolfield Court.** On Saturday, Sept. 20, at 6:30 p.m., police were called to the 5600 block of Schoolfield Court for graffiti. Officers found derogatory words spray painted on the community basketball courts. The Fairfax County Police Department recognizes the potential harm that bias crimes and incidents can have in a community, and consequently encourages people to report them. All bias crimes and incidents are investigated thoroughly.

### SEXUAL ASSAULT

**14300 block of Silo Valley View.** A woman was attacked and sexually assaulted in the 14300 block of Silo Valley View in Centreville on Monday, Sept. 22. Officers responded about 8:20 p.m. after a woman went to a house nearby for assistance. An investigation revealed the woman, a 42-year-old from Centreville, went to the home by appointment to sell some items. Her customer directed her to the basement where he attacked the victim and sexually assaulted her. He took her purse and fled in her car which was recovered a few blocks away. The victim was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non life-threatening injuries. The suspect was described as Hispanic, in his 30s. He was approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall with an average build. He had brown eyes with medium-length

wavy hair. He was wearing a light colored shirt and jeans.

### ATTEMPTED BURGLARY/ARREST

**14000 block of Lee Jackson Memorial Highway.** A man was arrested for attempting to break in to the MVC Late Night Video store on Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Fairfax, on Wednesday, Sept. 24. Police responded to a burglar alarm around 3:30 a.m. and discovered damage to the front door. They located the suspect nearby and an investigation led to his arrest. Joshua Nowlin, 21, of the 13200 block of Leafcrest Lane in the Fairfax area, was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with attempted burglary.

Sept. 26.

# NEWS

## Mark Center Picked

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Center, which is tucked between Interstate 395, Seminary Road and Beauregard Street in Alexandria. Both DASH and Metro bus serve the area.

But, right from their initial proposal, Duke Realty had developed plans to compensate for the lack of Metro proximity. "We feel we've come up with a very functional multi-modal transportation center that will provide access and connectivity to various buses, including the Army transportation system, car pools and other transportation services," Scholz said.

"This center is actually a mini version of the Pentagon Transportation Center. We already have a shuttle system to the Pentagon Metro Station. We will be expanding that," he said.

"The requirement for parking by the government is just over 4,000 vehicles. This is a little less than was approved by the Alexandria Planning Commission when we went before them with a plan to expand Mark Center," Scholz said.

"The Mark Center site resolves security issues, improves space requirements and mission relationships and minimizes changes to existing living, working, and quality of life issues," Eastin said.

James Turkel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who led the evaluation team on site selection, buttressed that. "Mark Center minimizes to the greatest extent practicable disruption of current commuting needs and mission coordination requirements of the workers. It will also require little or no change in contractor support relationships, as well as changes to residency or schools requirements for workers," Turkel said.

**THAT ASSESSMENT** was not shared by Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee). "This decision is not only devastating to Fairfax County but to all the workers who are going to have to commute to this site. This is a

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# Getting To Know ...

Dave Sobel, author and CEO of Evolve Technologies.

**O**n 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



Jack Dangermond and Tim McCormick

**D**ewberry, a nationally recognized consulting firm based in Fairfax, has been awarded the Special Achievement in GIS, or SAG, award from ESRI, a leading GIS and mapping software developer. Tim McCormick, PE, CFM, Dewberry's senior vice president with the hazard engineering services group, accepted the award from ESRI President Jack Dangermond. Dewberry was recognized because of its technological contribution to floodplain mapping, GeoFIRM. The geodatabase allows Dewberry specialists to automate the digital flood insurance rate map process, thereby increasing accuracy and speed. In 2005, Dewberry was also named Partner of the Year by ESRI for demonstrating "exemplary leadership using GIS in its emergency response to the devastation inflicted by the 2004 Florida hurricanes." ESRI recognized Dewberry's use of GIS technology to support the efforts of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as state and local governments.

# Timetable Drove Horrible Decision

Army decision fails to meet criteria of BRAC 133.

BY SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY  
R-SPRINGFIELD

**T**he original goals of the Base Realignment and Closure Act of 2005 were to move DOD facilities to a) secure locations, b) that were government owned, and c) to reduce cost. These moves were to be accomplished by 2011.

The Army's recent announcement of the Mark Center site as its choice for the location of the Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) and related DOD components (BRAC 133) fails to meet any of these criteria. The Mark Center site is the smallest of the three sites being considered and cannot meet the preferred setback requirements for security purposes. The site is not government owned but will need to be purchased.

The cost of the site will be higher than the other sites because the land will need to be purchased, Alexandria will need to be compensated for the lost tax revenue and the increased construction costs including structured parking and blast proofing.

Although not a BRAC criteria, the site is the absolute worst possible answer from a transportation standpoint with no access to mass transit. Many of the BRAC 133 employees currently work in Crystal City where they have access to V.R.E., Metro and commuter busses. Mark Center has no V.R.E. or Metro access. As many of these employees live to the south,

they will be forced to hit the roads and drive through Fairfax County.

Assistant Secretary Eastin's comments indicate that the decision was entirely timetable driven despite the fact that there is no penalty for failure to meet the BRAC timetable. Fairfax County, the region, taxpayers and the Army will be forced to pay the penalty for years to come for this shortsighted decision in terms of worsening traffic, poor security, poor employee morale, higher cost and lack of flexibility for the future. My bet is that the Mark Center will even fail to meet the BRAC timeline.

The GSA site offered the best solution as the most cost effective, with the best security, offering full setbacks; the flexibility for the future growth; the best transportation solution, with highway (Fairfax Parkway and Interstates 395 95 and 495), HOV, Metro, Bus, V.R.E., etc, and provided the best answer for the BRAC 133 employees. The GSA site was supported by U.S. Reps. Moran (D) and Davis (R), the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the local business community and the BRAC 133 employees.

The decision will allow Assistant Secretary Eastin to leave his post in December with the ability to say that he met the BRAC timeline but unfortunately the region and taxpayers will be living with the impact of this poor decision for a long time.

## COMMENTARY

## NEWS

# Political Newcomer

FROM PAGE 3

vision star, perhaps someone who would play a father figure on the defunct teen drama "The OC." But Fimian does not seem nearly big enough to have been a college football star.

Yet, when Fimian played, William and Mary beat the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech and the U.S. Naval Academy in one season. Out of college, he was invited to try out for a professional football team, the Cleveland Browns.

**FIMIAN** also took a start-up company from his old garage in Dunn Loring to the national stage. In 1986, the candidate founded U.S. Inspect, a multi-million dollar operation that he says is the nation's largest provider of commercial and residential real estate property inspection services.

"My work ethic is second to none," he said.

Starting a business was not easy. In the beginning, Fimian said it felt like he was "sitting on a tree branch and sawing it off at the same time."

During the 18 months he was in business, Fimian didn't draw a salary and lived off the investments he made with money earned through the Cleveland Browns tryout. He knew if he failed, he could lose his house and said "my wife would have killed me."

Fimian's wife, his high school sweetheart, also made it clear he had to be home for dinner with his family every night. So he started waking up at 3:45 a.m. to fit exercise and a 12-hour work day before he had sit down with his family in the evening.

In spite of his ambition, Fimian has always put family first, a quality that has carried over into his company's culture.

"The message from Keith was always put your family first. Get your job done but family comes first," said Faith Greenwell, national sales director for U.S. Inspect.

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# OPINION

## Are You Prepared To Vote on Nov. 4?

BY OLGA HERNANDEZ  
PRESIDENT, LWV OF VIRGINIA

**T**he 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](http://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](http://www.vote411.org). If you are registered but have a change of information such as a name, address, you have until Oct. 6 to update your records. You may have submitted your info at DMV or a voter registration drive but you should check that the paperwork went through the system.

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

The Fairfax County registrar's phone num-

### Voter 101 and Beyond

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**IF EVERYONE** is prepared the day should flow smoothly. Thousands of people have worked hard for a number of years to make it

### Register, Verify

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703-324-2205 fax  
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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>

### Choosing Fimian

To the Editor:

In November not only do we have to make a choice as to who are next president is going to be, we also have a choice to make who our U.S. Representative is going to be. This is an unfortunate choice to make as Tom Davis (R) has represented us well for his seven terms. I send public thanks.

I live in the small but wonderful town of Occoquan, a small part of the 11th District, yet Davis never made us residents feel like we were a small part of his district. My approach to this election involves researching who will be next to help us keep Occoquan a true gem in our community as well as someone who will speak for me on the federal level.

From that research I have chosen to support Keith Fimian (R). I've met both [Democratic candidate Gerald] Connelly and Fimian. I believe Fimian remembers my name. That encourages me as a constituent. Whoever wins the election will be seeing my name

as I will let him know my concerns and how I want him to represent me. It will help if my newly elected representative will be able to put a face to that name.

Another reason is that I believe Keith Fimian will continue the good work of helping Occoquan and we won't get lost in the largeness of Fairfax County and the corner of Prince William County that makes up the 11th District. I believe it when he says that he will make himself a regular face around here as Davis has over the years.

I do believe the better choice is Keith Fimian and ask that you also consider voting for him on Nov. 4.

**Brenda Seefeldt**  
Occoquan

### Examine Policies

To the Editor:

I write this letter as a white woman over the age of 45, a member of the voting bloc that may,

much to my surprise, hold the key to victory this November. I write to express my enthusiastic and whole-hearted support for Barack Obama.

On economic issues alone, women of all ages should throw their support behind Sen. Obama. Contrary to the lies contained in the GOP attack ads, Sen. Obama has proposed the following:

- ❖ A broad middle class tax cut that will help ease the financial burden on working families including a "Making Work Pay" tax credit to provide up to \$500 per person or \$1,000 per working family direct tax relief;

- ❖ An increase to the federal minimum wage that will directly increase wages for 8.4 million working women who earn the minimum wage (13 percent of women in the workforce);

- ❖ Child care tax breaks to help ease the burden on working parents;

- ❖ Funding for after-school and summer learning programs;

- ❖ Seven paid sick days for those whose employers provide no sick

leave;

- ❖ Legislation to close the pay gap that leaves working women earning 23 percent less than working men;

- ❖ An automatic workplace pension program for workers whose employers do not provide any type of retirement plan (an estimated 45 million working women); and
- ❖ Quality, affordable healthcare for all.

Women need to stand up and declare that we will not be bamboozled by self-serving cries of sexism and slick one-liners; that we can admire a candidate for what he or she has accomplished, but that we will not be foolish enough to equate pride or admiration with common sense.

This November, I urge everyone to be wise enough and smart enough to examine the policies and not just the gender of a candidate. Take your vote seriously this November and cast your vote for Sen. Barack Obama.

**Jill E. Waters**  
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# GSA Site Passed Over

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prime example of one dumb land-use decision after another," he said. "I don't care what kind of transportation center they say they have or will be developing, it is not as convenient as simply having easy access mass transit. It's a step backward on work commuting theory," McKay said.

"And, to make it worse they are taking people who have been used to very convenient mass transit in Crystal City and the Pentagon and now telling them they are going to be transferring to buses and other modes. Everyone knows that the secret to mass transit ridership is making it convenient. The Army is doing just the opposite," he said.

"I also don't know how the City of Alexandria can take such a lucrative piece of real estate off their tax rolls in this economic climate. It's just a very bad decision all around," McKay said.

Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille had a very different take. "The Department of Defense's decision to purchase this site and construct a major office building complex, within close proximity to Washington, D.C. and the Pentagon, affirms Alexandria as one of the top locations in the region," he said.

"Our quality of life is unmatched in the region, and the quality of our neighborhoods, vibrancy of our commercial areas, and low crime rate make the city a great place to live and work. We look forward to welcoming WHS' employees in 2011," Euille said.

The most philosophical about the Army's decision to choose Mark Center was Joseph B. Brennan, senior vice president, Government Investor Services for Jones Lang LaSalle, one of the triad owners/developers of the Eisenhower Avenue Victory Center. "We basically came in second on price," he said.

One of the basic BRAC requirements is that whatever site was chosen it was to be owned by the Army and become an extension of Fort Belvoir. "All along our strategy has been to lease this site and not sell it. However, during the course of negotiations we made the Army, a purchase offer and that price may have influenced their decision," Brennan said, not divulging that asking price.

"But, just being in the process has helped us with other military and government clients we have been consistently pursuing. We were thoroughly vetted by both the Corps of Engineers and DoD which makes us more desirable to other federal agencies," he said.

The existing 600,000-square-foot Victory Center building is presently undergoing renovation. The site also includes space for another multi-level office building plus two parking garages.

The area's two congressmen were split in their reaction to the Army's decision. U.S. Rep. Thomas Davis III (R-11) "declared victory" over the selection of Mark Center while U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-8) expressed disappointment at the Army's failure to locate the Washington Headquarters Services at the GSA Warehouse site.

"It helps because it reduced the number of people who will go to the Engineering Proving Ground facility in Springfield. The bad news is that Mark Center is not served by Metro. But this still represents a huge victory for Northern Virginia commuters," Davis said.

"The Army's decision was predicated solely on meeting BRAC's arbitrary 2011 deadline," said Moran. "While I'm disappointed the GSA Warehouse was not chosen, the push to redevelop that site will continue. A location so close to Metro should be housing workers, not documents and equipment."

## SCHOOL NOTES

Junior **Joshua Temple** has been selected as India Flight Sergeant, with the rank of cadet technical sergeant in the Randolph-Macon Academy Air Force Junior ROTC detachment. He is the son of Tom and Nancy Temple of Clifton, and a member of the football and lacrosse

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Several students from the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology have been named as 2009 National Merit scholarship semifinalists: **Ashley O. Afranie-Sakyi, Laura J. Barnes, Ranya H. Brooks, Courtney E. Brown, Blaire A. Claytor, Ainsley E. Faux, Ryan M. Johnson, Jama A. Mohamed and Paul H. Woods.**

**17th annual College Fair takes place Sunday, Oct. 19** 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Grand Court at Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Recruiters from nearly 400 colleges and universities will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. The event is hosted by Fairfax County Public

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Visitors throng to last year's Clifton Day.

## Town Prepares For Clifton Day

The 41st annual Clifton Day will Sunday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 19. Clifton Day is an annual non-profit event, raising money for a variety of local charities. This year's fair includes crafts and fine arts, antiques, craft demonstrations, events and entertainment, live music and food. There will be some 180 vendors along Chapel Road and Main Street. Many vendors will be offering basketry, ceramics and pottery, clothing, fabric, furniture, glass, jewelry, mixed media, sculpture and metalwork, seasonals, stained glass and wood and decorative painting.

Many activities will be available for children to do including a few booths run by children, a petting zoo, face painting, a climbing wall and tons of games that cater towards children's crafts. The Clifton Horse Society will also take the kids on long pony rides. Students from Clifton Elementary will be taking photos.

The Clifton Presbyterian Church's will serve a full plate of food. The Clifton Lions will be serving Burgers and Franks. Local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will serve hot cider and baked goods, respectively. There will be ice cream, lemon sippers and cotton candy for younger guests to enjoy. Mexican and Indian food will be served by some local restaurants.

Last year VRE ran trains from the Manassas, Manassas Park, Rolling Road and Burke Stations to Clifton for free. Tickets for the return trip from Clifton may be purchased at the red caboose in Clifton for \$5. Children 2 and under (pre-school) ride free with a fare paying adult. Check the Web site for times and locations ([www.clifftoday.com](http://www.clifftoday.com)) or call 703-968-0740. Visit the event Web site at [www.CliftonDay.com](http://www.CliftonDay.com) or by e-mailing the Event Director Fred Ansick at [fansick@verizon.net](mailto:fansick@verizon.net) or CBA President Michelle Stein at [michellestein@cox.net](mailto:michellestein@cox.net).



Joanne Flynn, left, and Nick Newlin juggle and play the accordion, respectively, as they stroll down University Drive during the 2007 Fairfax Fall Festival.

## Must Be Fall in Fairfax

400 booths, car show, music, children's activities, food.

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

### To Go

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

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.

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 fest.

**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

#### CLASSIC & NEW CAR SHOW

Presented by Fairfax City Auto Dealers and Bubba's Custom Cars & Rods  
 University Drive near North Street, Fairfax  
 ♦ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### ART IN THE PARK AND SCULPTURE GARDEN

Presented by Fairfax Commission on the Arts  
 Kitty Pozer Garden at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax  
 ♦ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Performances by local musicians, singers and dancers.

#### PUMPKIN PATCH

Presented by Destination Fairfax  
 Old Town Hall parking lot, next to Kitty Pozer Garden  
 ♦ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Pumpkins can be decorated and purchased.

#### RATCLIFFE - ALLISON HOUSE

10386 Main St., Fairfax  
 ♦ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Open for tours

#### CITY OF FAIRFAX MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTER

10209 Main St., Fairfax  
 ♦ 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Open house

#### MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

SunTrust Bank, 4020 University Drive  
 ♦ 11 a.m. - 12 noon, **The Darby Brothers**  
 Hits from Yesterday and Today  
 ♦ 12:30 - 3:30 p.m., **The Legwarmers**  
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#### City of Fairfax

#### FAIRFAX VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

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 ♦ 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Open house and food vendors

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 ♦ **Octoberfest Beer Garden**  
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 ♦ **Pets** are discouraged at the festival. For the animals' safety and the safety of individuals attending the festival, leave pets at home.  
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## THURSDAY/OCT. 2

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

## FRIDAY/OCT. 3

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

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

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**Rob Becker's "Defending the Caveman."** The one-person play takes a comical look at the age-old battle of the sexes. 7:30 p.m. South County Secondary School in the auditorium, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Tickets are \$40. Contact Cheryl Castro at 703-690-1938 or email ccastro39@aol.com. All proceeds go for the 2009 South County All Night Graduation Party.

**Sevendust with Taproot, Allyria, Dear Enemy and Stuck in Kaos.** All ages. 7:30 p.m. \$23 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

**"Pampered Woman" sale** donating all proceeds to The Duffy House, a non-profit organization assisting victims of domestic violence., from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Backlick Self Storage located at 6880 Commercial Drive, Springfield. 703-750-0403.

## 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 one kilometer at a time. To accommodate this year's race, 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 KMcleod@friendsus.org.

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## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

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

## THURSDAY, OCT. 9

**Garden Stroll and Tea**. 1-3 p.m. The docent-led tours of the gardens are followed by a full English afternoon tea. \$25. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

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**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 general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. George Mason University Black Box Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8600.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 10

**Los Gatos, traditional Latin music fused with contemporary jazz.** 7 p.m. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Call 703-584-2900 or visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## Springfield Art Guild October Meeting.

7:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. 703-644-6677 or [magickaldl@earthlink.net](mailto:magickaldl@earthlink.net).

## 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](http://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](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa).

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## SATURDAY, OCT. 11

**Fairfax Out of the Darkness**



**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.**

**Community Walk**, benefiting the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Registration will begin 8:15 a.m., with the walk scheduled to begin 9 a.m. at Shelter A at Burke Lake Park. To register or donate, visit [www.outofthedarkness.org](http://www.outofthedarkness.org).

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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](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa).

## 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](mailto:museum@coldwar.org).

## Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) Meet & Greet.

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Come meet some Danes, and ask volunteers any questions you may have. MAGDRL helps find homes for abandoned or homeless Great Danes; educational information will be available and donations appreciated. Felix & Oscar, 6671-A Backlick Road, Springfield. 703-866-0222. MAGDRL will be at

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**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 general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. George Mason University Black Box Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-993-8600.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**41st Annual Clifton Day Celebration.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Live music, barbecues and baked goods, a petting zoo, face painting, a climbing wall and children's games, a Civil War camp reenactment by the 49th Virginia, and pony rides for children by the Clifton Horse Society. Nearly 180 vendors will line Chapel Road and Main St., including basketry, ceramics and pottery, clothing, fabric, furniture, glass, jewelry, mixed media, sculpture and metalwork, stained glass and wood and decorative painting. Historic Town of Clifton, 7144 Main St., Clifton. 703-968-0740 or [www.cliftonday.org](http://www.cliftonday.org).

**Third Annual Korean American Cultural Arts Festival.** 6:30 p.m. Celebrating Korean traditional music and culture, with a performance by the "Nangye Gugak Orchestra," joined by prominent representatives of Korea's traditional arts community known as Intangible Cultural Assets. Tickets at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com) are \$40 general admission, \$20 seniors and students. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-507-4492.

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**Run for Wounded Warriors.** 7 a.m. Once around the lake at Burke Lake Park, 4.7 miles. Race fees support the Wounded Warrior Project. \$35 in advance, or \$40 day of event. Free race t-shirt with registration. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Register online at [www.jmwaller.com](http://www.jmwaller.com).

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 15

**Mushroomhead with The Autumn Offering and more.** All ages. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**George Mason University Speaker Series.** Jonathan D. Moreno, Ph.D., David and Lyn Silfen University

Professor, professor of medical ethics and of history and sociology of science University of Pennsylvania; Mind Wars: Brain Research and National Defense. 6 p.m.; free. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Mason Hall, Room D3AB, Fairfax. Call 703-993-1850 or visit <http://chpre.gmu.edu>.

**Third Annual Washington D. C. International Horror Film Festival** at Cinema Arts Theatre at Fair City Mall in Fairfax. For schedule and showtimes, visit [www.thespookymovie.com](http://www.thespookymovie.com) or [www.cinemaartstheatre.com](http://www.cinemaartstheatre.com)  
**Kamelot with EdGuy, Blood Corps and more.** All ages. 6:45 p.m. \$27 in advance, \$30 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 17

**Overkill with Warbringer, Epicurean, Kneel to Zod, Tranquil Terror, Botched Autopsy and more.** All ages. 6:30 p.m. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**Virginia Opera's Verdi's Il Trovatore.** 8 p.m. Staging by Lillian Groag, set by Michael Ganio and lighting by Richard Winkler. Soprano Eilana Lappalainen, tenor Gustavo López Manzitti and two-time Grammy Award-winning baritone Nmon Ford. Mezzo-soprano Jeniece Golbourne and bass-baritone Ashraf Sewailam. Conductor, Peter Mark. Tickets \$44-\$98, at 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com). George Mason University Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. [www.gmu.edu/cfa](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa).



The Simple Changes Therapeutic Riding Center Third Annual Picnic and Silent Auction is at the Meadowood Recreation Area in Lorton on Sunday, Oct. 5.



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**Substance Abuse Recovery Support.** Oct. 14, from 6-7 p.m. at Natural Horizons Wellness Center for an overview of the entire holistic substance abuse program, and how we can provide support on the road to recovery. 10640 Main St., Suite 300, Fairfax. 703-246-9355.

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

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- Assisted Living information on housing and programs.
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- Fairfax Area Agency on Aging information about local transportation programs, Meals on Wheels, Elder Link and more.
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## POLITICS

# Fimian GOP Candidate

FROM PAGE 7

In previous jobs, Greenwell had been encountered hostility when she had to leave work to take care of a sick child or other family member. U.S. Inspect was different. Greenwell started working for the company when her husband was dying from emphysema and said Fimian was always supportive.

"He created an environment at U.S. Inspect that is accommodating of women in the workplace, a quality I really appreciate," said Greenwell.

**QUESTIONS** remain about whether Fimian's experience in business has prepared him for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Along with 10 years of experience working for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations committee, Connolly knows the issues facing Fairfax County, which makes up two-thirds of the congressional district. He is serving his fourth term on the county Board of Supervisors. Connolly's trajectory is similar to that of Davis, who was also Fairfax County's sitting chairman when he was elected to Congress in 1994.

"This is someone who has never been involved in the community ... has never testified before the board on anything even though hundreds of people sign up to testify every year," said Connolly of Fimian.

Even though he was not in the public eye, Fimian has been active in local Republican politics.

"I had known him for a year or two before he decided to run because he was active on our county committee," said Jim Hyland, head of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

**THAT HE** has not served in elected office before also doesn't faze Fimian. To the contrary, the Republican sees his newcomer status as an asset.

Fimian, who is a certified public accountant, wants to bring a businessman's sense to Capitol Hill. He has criticized Connolly for being a "tax and spend" political leader who did not have the fiscal discipline to prevent the projected \$430 million shortfall in the county's budget.

"We need fewer career politicians and more civilians in government. ... I believe if people like me who could do this don't do this, we are in trouble," said Fimian.

In a year where people are heaping rewards on presidential and vice-presidential candidates with little Washington experience, Fimian's inexperience with public office could be a benefit, said the congressman.

"People write this district off but it has always been very good to me and plays well to more moderate Republicans, of which Keith is one," said Davis.

## Keith Fimian

**Age:** 52  
**Hometown:** Virginia Beach  
**City:** Oakton  
**Family:** Wife Cathy of 26 years and three adult daughters  
**Education:** College of William and Mary, Bachelors of Business Administration, Accounting concentration - 1979  
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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.

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

— Pete Bendorf

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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GEORGE MASON PHOTO

**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.



**South County football coach Pete Bendorf, whose brother Mark coaches at Robinson, barks instructions to his team.**

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 National.

"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

### 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.

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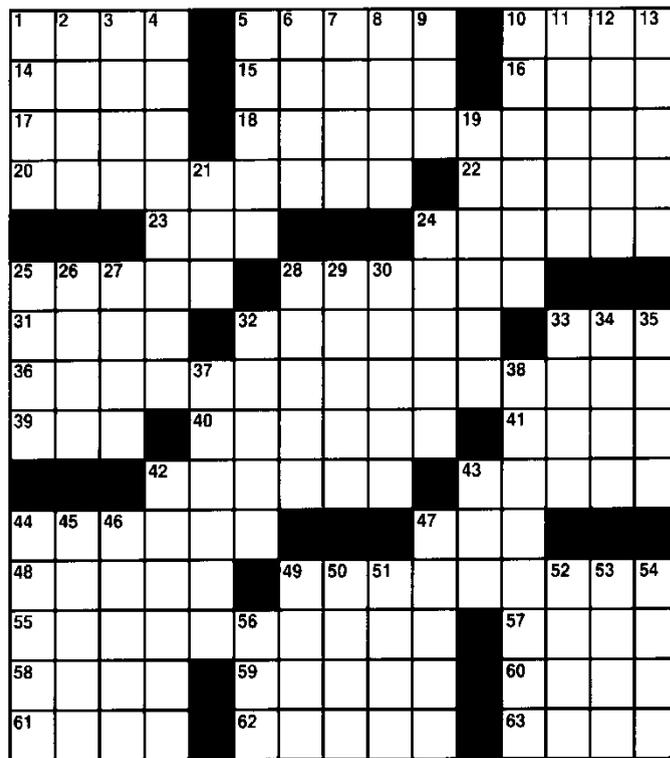
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- 1 Unforeseen difficulty
- 5 Dwelling
- 10 Gauguin or Cézanne
- 14 Soybean dish
- 15 Like lymphatic tissue
- 16 "Giant" author Ferber
- 17 Get
- 18 Start of a joke
- 20 Response to 18-Across
- 22 Big name in computers
- 23 Bell and Barker
- 24 Less 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"
- 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

## DOWN

- 11 Assume
- 12 Last word in a wrestling match?
- 13 Abdul-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

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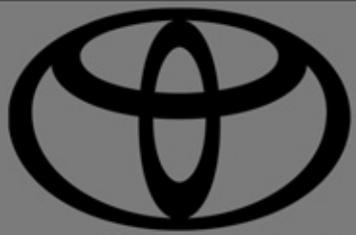
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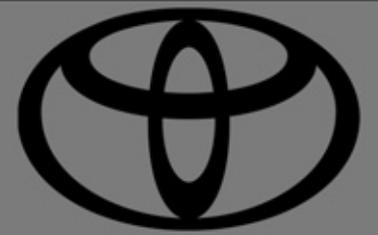
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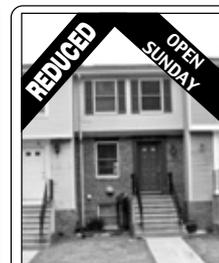
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