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Maria Trafton, 5, of Burke, cheers on her slug during the annual Slug Derby at Hidden Pond Nature Center's Slugfest.

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Fimian, Connolly Trade Barbs in Debate

Candidates discuss environment, taxes and personal records.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Republican Keith Fimian and Democrat Gerry Connolly could not have been much farther apart — philosophically, stylistically or physically — during the debate at Congregation Adat Reyim in Springfield on Sept. 28.

The candidates are competing to replace U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) in Virginia's 11th Congressional District. They face each other in the election Nov. 4.

Standing behind podiums at opposite ends of a stage, Fimian and Connolly sparred over energy issues, the role of government and their records.

FIMIAN supports more domestic drilling as well as the development of alternative energy sources, even though he said there are "questions about whether global warming is man made."

Connolly said there is "clear and compelling evidence" that human activity has a significant impact on global warming. He said the federal government should develop a



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Personal attacks peppered a debate between Keith Fimian and Gerry Connolly at Congregation Adit Reyim in Springfield Sept. 28.

program for environmental innovation that is similar to the Manhattan Project. Congress could offer financial incentives for company's to develop the first car that gets 1,000 mile per gallon, he said.

"Investing in green technology will make use a lot more competitive," said Connolly, who has been endorsed by the Sierra Club and several other environmental groups.

IN GENERAL, Fimian would like to see as little government intervention as possible.

He said the private sector could provide a lot of innovation, including development of extremely fuel-efficient cars, faster than the government can.

"You don't need the federal government involved in this issue. You don't want the federal government involved in this issue," said Fimian.

Connolly said he and Fimian had a philosophical difference when it came to the role of government. The government could help in crises, such as the rising cost of energy

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— Gerry Connolly

and global warming, said the Democrat.

"He wants a bail out for corporations but not a dime to insure children," said Connolly.

Fimian, who thinks some public money would have to be use to stabilize the financial markets, said people should "allow free markets to work where they can."

"We simply do not have the money to give to everyone," said Fimian.

CONNOLLY said he has the expertise and experience to know how government works. The Democrat took office as Providence District supervisor in 1996 and has been Fairfax County chairman since 2004.

During Connolly's tenure as Fairfax's top elected official, the county has enjoyed economic growth, high-performing schools and a low crime rate, Connolly said.

By contrast, Fimian has never held elected office, sat on a county advisory committee or testified before the Board of Supervisors, said Connolly.

"He has never been involved civilly in our community ever," said the chairman. "It is

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Falcons, Scouts Square Off on the Court

Troop wraps up fund raiser for wheelchair basketball team.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

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

Then there's falling.

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

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



PHOTO BY ANTHONY NGUYEN

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

has little experience playing basketball in a wheelchair.

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

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

"We had to use our arms most of the time

"This levels the playing field."

— Kirsten Madaus, mother of Falcons player Erik Madaus

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

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

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

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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 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 Con-

gress 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 vice president, Duke Realty.

"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 main 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 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 multimodal 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 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 conve-

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

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Maddie Wittich of Springfield kisses a slug while enjoying her day attending Slugfest 28 at the Hidden Pond Nature Center on Sunday, Sept. 28.

Slugs were the focus of the Slugfest 28 at the Hidden Pond Nature Center with a variety of activities with a slug theme.



Erin Boyer, Sally Holtgrieve, Beth Castor and Jacob Doran sing a variety slug-themed songs during the annual Slugfest at the Hidden Pond Nature Center on Sept. 28.

Slime Time

Annual Slugfest celebrates wonders of slimy invertebrates.



Riley Sheetz, 5, of Burke, gets a slug massage while attending Slugfest 28 with her family in Springfield.

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ROBBIE HAMMER

A Little Wild at Keene Mill Elementary

Project helps to protect Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Keene Mill Elementary School conducted a dedication ceremony for its Backyard Wildlife Habitat Dedication Friday, Sept. 26, in the gym.

The event was the culmination of a two-month effort over the summer that involved building a circular wooden bench around a tree in the courtyard, installing bird houses and digging and planting native-Virginia plants like ink berry holly, red twig dogwood and ornamental grasses.

About 15 parent volunteers offered their green thumbs to the cause and the Keene Mill SCA organized fund raisers to purchase the bench.

School business partner Arline Recording Corporation (ARC) financed the project, which cost about \$1,000, with help from Dominion Valley Garden Club in Fairfax Station and Hybla Valley Nursery, which contributed plants. Springfield Top Soil pro-



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Keene Mill Elementary fifth-graders, from left, Sophie Lyle, Christopher Margraf and Joel Whittier show off the new Backyard Wildlife Habitat at Keene Mill Elementary.

vided the mulch.

"I want the kids to understand that whatever they do here has an impact not only on Virginia, but the whole Eastern Coast," said organizer Kristin Rever. "I'm ecstatic that it's completed but would like to continue to build upon it."

Principal Nick Rousos led the dedication

ceremony in the gym, calling the completed Backyard Wildlife Habitat fantastic. "I think it looks great," he said.

Leslie Butz, cluster assistant superintendent for Cluster VI, told the students she's lived in Northern Virginia her entire life. "And one of the things I love is the Chesapeake Bay; and one of the things I find dis-

"I want the kids to understand that whatever they do here has an impact not only on Virginia, but the whole Eastern Coast."

— Kristin Rever, organizer

heartening is the pollution."

By building a wildlife habitat, she said it would help protect and nourish the Chesapeake Bay blue crab population.

"I thank you from the bottom of my heart, which loves the Chesapeake Bay blue crabs," said Butz.

Rousos then called upon students at the assembly to tell what they learned and how the backyard wildlife habitat would benefit the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. They relied:

- ❖ That local actions affect global actions;
 - ❖ By using plants that are native species, you don't need to add fertilizer, which trickles into and does harm to the bay.
 - ❖ That non-native plants take over where native plants grown, causing them to die.
- And these were elementary school students.



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Getting To Know ...

Dave Sobel, author and CEO of Evolve Technologies.

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

How long have you lived in the area?

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

Family.

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

Education

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

What was your first job?

My first job ever was at a McDonald's in

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

Interests, hobbies.

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

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

Favorite local restaurants.

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



Dave Sobel

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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

BUSINESS NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority now offers business counseling services at Board of Supervisors' offices. Ivy Richards, a representative of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA), will be at the Mount Vernon District Supervisor's office on Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8, from 2-4 p.m. Richards will offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start a business in Fairfax County, expand an existing business in the county, or learn about other business services. Information on this service is available at www.fairfaxcountyleda.org/services_and_resources or call 703-790-0600.

Tammie A. Shedd, president of Visual Audio Captioning in Fairfax, has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), a 23,000-member association representing court reporters and providers of captioning and realtime translation services for the legal, broadcasting, business, government and educational communities. Shedd worked as both an official and freelance court reporter before moving to the captioning industry in 1983. The author of training texts for sports and realtime captioners, she has trained captioners worldwide and

was instrumental in developing NCRA's realtime examinations. She holds national certifications as a Registered Professional Reporter and a Certified Manager of Reporting Services, and the NCRA awarded Shedd its 2006 Distinguished Service Award. She is also a Fellow of the Academy of Professional Reporters and has served on a wide range of NCRA committees, including the association's Council of the Academy of Professional Reporters, Nominating Committee, and Realtime Certification Committee.

MVLE, Inc., a non-profit that creates opportunities for people with disabilities, was recognized by the United States Senate Productivity and Quality Award (SPQA) for Virginia with a Certificate for Commitment to Performance Excellence for 2008. This recognition is given to organizations that demonstrate their commitment and implementation of effective quality management. MVLE, Inc. was founded in 1971 by parents of four adults with disabilities, who sought to create opportunities beyond the special education offerings after high school. Today, MVLE serves nearly 420 individuals with a staff of 145, operates three centers and serves individuals in 25 community and business locations. The organization has grown over the years and utilizes a full-time staff, while still being led by a volunteer Board of Directors responsible for the overall direction of the organization, creation of policies, and oversight of its programs, operations and fiscal management.

Timetable Drove Horrible Decision

Army decision fails to meet criteria of BRAC 133.

BY SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY
R-SPRINGFIELD

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

The 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,

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

Candidates Meet at Adat Reyim

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important to not just show up for an election.” Until recently, Fimian said he has worked about 60 hours per week building and running his business. The Republican is also president of the Youth Leadership Foundation, a program that provides academic support and run character building programs for disadvantaged children in Washington D.C. “Just because I don’t have good government experience doesn’t mean I don’t have good judgement,” said Fimian.

THE DEBATE also devolved into personal attacks at times.

Connolly accused Fimian of misrepresenting Fairfax County’s financial situation for political gain.

Fimian has repeatedly accused Connolly of poor management and running up a \$430 million budget deficit as Fairfax County’s current board chairman. Fimian, who founded and ran his own company for several years, said anyone who would make a similar mistake in the private sector would be fired.

The \$430 million is a projected budget shortfall for Fairfax County in 2009, which starts July 1, and not the current year. Connolly said Fimian continues to imply that Fairfax is running a budget deficit in 2008, when the county is not.

“When you repeat something and know it to be untrue,” that is a lie, said Connolly, who also questioned Fimian’s character.

In response, Fimian called Connolly the “poster

child for corruption.” The Fimian campaign had previously accused Connolly, as Fairfax County chairman, of trying to push through a Tysons Corner redevelopment plan that would benefit Connolly, his employer and his political donors.

Connolly said: “Now we have gone from telling lies to telling slander.”

APPROXIMATELY 100 people turned out for the debate between Connolly and Fimian.

Many in attendance said Connolly appeared to be the more experienced candidate with a better grasp of the issues.

“Historically, [the congregation] leans more to the Democratic side than the Republican but a lot has to do with the candidate,” said David Berkowitz, a synagogue member and one of the debate organizers.

Still several people used phrases like “no contest” when they said Connolly beat Fimian in the debate.

“Fimian didn’t have answers to some of the questions and his retorts were less than informed. His only defense was to try and make Gerry Connolly look bad,” said Stephen Schwartz, a Burke resident.

Springfield resident Sy Schneider said: “Mr. Fimian was outclassed. Personally, I don’t like Mr. Connolly but he can do more for us.”

But at least one person, Springfield resident and Republican activist Tim Casey, was impressed with Fimian.

“Keith exceeded my expectations. I wasn’t aware of his experience with the inner city program,” said Fimian.

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OPINION

Are You Prepared To Vote on Nov. 4?

By OLGA HERNANDEZ
PRESIDENT, LWV OF VIRGINIA

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

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

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

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

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

The Fairfax County registrar's phone num-

Voter 101 and Beyond

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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>

Not Top Story

To the Editor:

When I received my Springfield Connection today I was shocked to see that you had chosen to go with a photo of the West Springfield quarterback along with the headline "Big 5-0" on page one [Springfield Connection, Sept. 18-24, 2008].

This was definitely not the most newsworthy event in Springfield this week. What about the abduction of Barbara Bosworth from Springfield Mall and her subsequent death? This was important news to those of us living in Springfield who, even if only occasionally, shop at the mall. Yes, the Washington Post and TV covered the story but the Springfield Connection is our local neighborhood paper and not everyone reads the Post or watches TV news. This story deserved better than a mention on page four.

Or you could have featured the dedication of the Pentagon memorial on page one — another worthy event.

But the Connection featured a football team. Please!

Nancy Jerdan
Springfield

Ready To Debate

To the Editor:

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

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

A variety of different civic and

professional groups are hosting debates and forums featuring Connolly and his opponent, including the League of Women Voters, AARP, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, the Prince William, Mount Vernon, Lee and Vienna Chambers of Commerce, a number of local homeowners and civic associations, an American Legion Auxiliary, B'nai B'rith, the Fairfax and Prince William Bar Associations and the Medical Society of Northern Virginia.

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

George Burke
Chairman
11th Congressional District
Democratic Committee

Real Insiders

To the Editor:

I want to thank Del. Dave Marsden (D-41) for his thoughtful commentary ["Local 'Insiders'

Are Improving America,' Connection, Sept. 25-Oct. 1, 2008]. It's a refreshing change to see someone sticking up for those of us who have dedicated ourselves to public service. My husband who grew up in a small mining town in Pennsylvania, served a full career in the U.S. Army and is still serving as a contractor, working long hours in the Pentagon is hardly an elitist. We so-called "Washington Insiders" come from all over America. We are a reflection of the small towns, big cities and suburbs that make America the great land of opportunity it truly is.

Dorsey D. Chescavage
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Mark Center for BRAC Site

FROM PAGE 4

nient 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."

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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 baskets, 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) or call 703-968-0740. Visit the event Web site at www.CliftonDay.com or by e-mailing the Event Director Fred Ansick at fansick@verizon.net or CBA President Michelle Stein at michellestein@cox.net.

Must Be Fall in Fairfax

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
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 ♦ 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
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HOME INVASION ROBBERY

7100 block of Kerr Drive. A 59-year-old Springfield woman was the victim of a home invasion robbery on Friday, Sept. 19. Two men entered her home armed with a handgun just after noon and demanded cash. The victim handed over an undisclosed amount of proceeds from her check cashing business. One of the suspects fired one round in an effort to get more money. No additional money was taken and no one was injured. The suspects fled the scene. The description of one suspect was Hispanic, approximately 5 feet 6 inches tall with a "belly." He was wearing a hat, a short-sleeve gray shirt and black pants.

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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.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

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 KMLeod@friendsus.org.

Simple Changes Therapeutic Riding Center Third Annual Picnic and Silent Auction. 2-5 p.m. Traditional American roots music by Andrew Acosta and the New Old-Time String Band, featuring fiddler Speedy Tolliver. Face painting, children's games and riding demonstrations. \$15, children under 12 free. Simple Changes Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities, their families and community through therapeutic horsemanship. Meadowood Recreation Area, 10406

Gunston Road, Lorton. 703-402-3613 or www.simplechanges.org.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 8

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

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

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

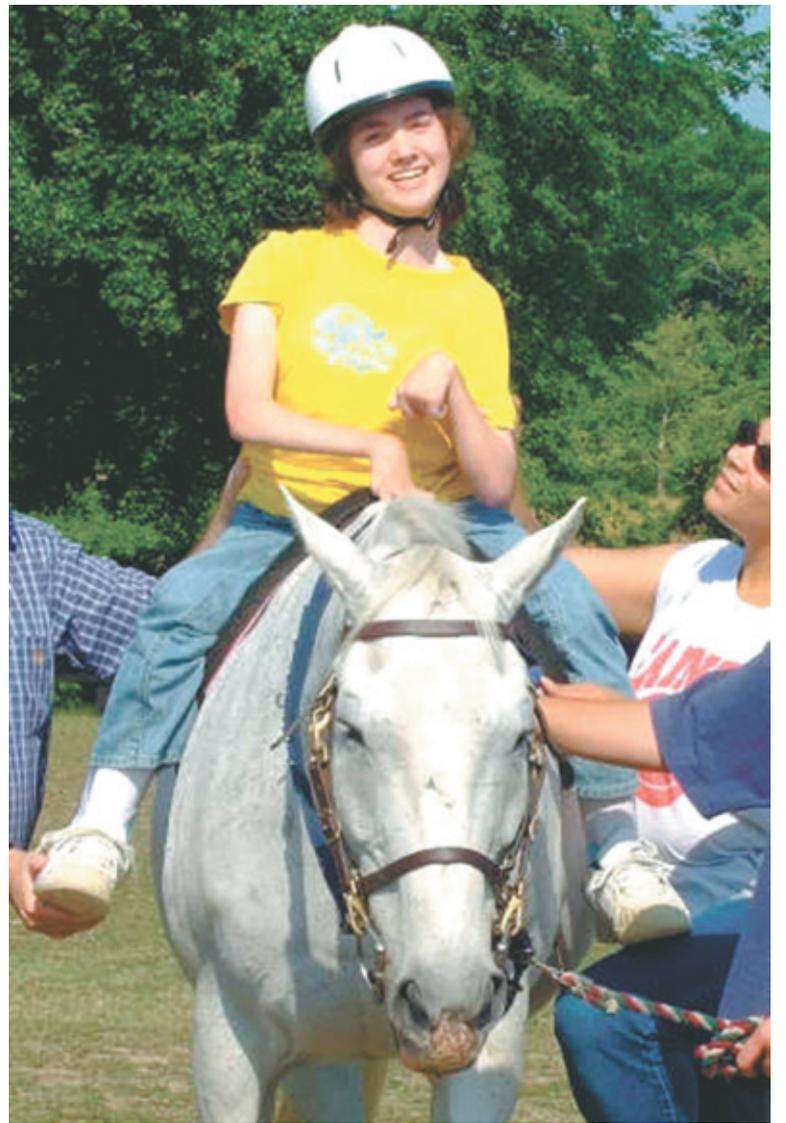
Uli Jon Roth and more. Age 21 and over. 8 p.m. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

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

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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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the door. The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Call 703-584-2900 or visit 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.

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.

Jon Oliva's Pain with Circle II Circle, Manticora Division and more. 7:30 p.m. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

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SATURDAY, OCT. 11

Fairfax Out of the Darkness 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.

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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.

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) Meet & Greets. 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 Felix & Oscar on the second Saturday of the month. www.nova-magdrl.org.

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



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.

George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 12

41st Annual Clifton Day Celebration. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Live music, barbeques 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, 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.

Third Annual Korean American Cultural Arts Festival. 6:30 p.m. Celebrating Korean traditional music and culture, with the "Nangye Gugak Orchestra," joined by representatives of Korea's traditional arts community known as Intangible Cultural Assets. Tickets at 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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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Lalich Transfers to Oregon State

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

Lalich, a 6-foot-5, 235-pound quarterback, violated the terms of his probation by consuming alcohol following his arrest this past summer for underage drinking. He started the first two games of the 2008 season, completing 39 of 74 passes with zero touchdowns and three interceptions.

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

working with him; he's a terrific talent as well as a solid young man."

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

Redmond 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 continued confer-

ence play with a match against Winthrop on Wednesday. A Fairfax Station native, 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.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Michelle L. Evans of Springfield, a third-year law student at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, will present her winning law review note on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. in the Millhiser Moot Court Room. This annual event recognizes the best student articles produced by Washington and Lee Law Review staff writers. Evans is a 2002 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and a 2006 graduate of Virginia Tech. She will graduate from Washington and Lee School of Law in May 2009.

Senior **Nick Salazar** was selected for the position of Echo Flight Commander with the rank of

cadet first lieutenant, of the Randolph-Macon Academy Air Force Junior ROTC detachment. He is the son of John and Anne Bunch of Springfield, and Vincent Salazar of Ellicott City, Md. A member of both the varsity swim and track teams, Nick Salazar is also a participant in the Academy's flight program.

Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Ross M. Boston, son of Army Col. Stephen T. and Debra S. Boston of Springfield, and 140 fellow Marines of Fox Company, 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 4th Marine Division, McCrady National Guard Training Center, Fort Jackson, S.C., recently began a seven-month deployment to Al Anbar province, Iraq, in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Boston is a 2005 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School of Springfield, and joined the Marine Corps in May 2007.



I-66 spot improvements

PUBLIC HEARING

I-66 Westbound Spot Improvements Arlington & Fairfax Counties

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Lancers Work It Out

Though its 1-4 record might not reflect it, Lee football has seen plenty of improvement.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Following a 42-13 loss to Stone Bridge in the first round of the 2007 Northern Region playoffs, the Lee football team was tired. Beat up and disgusted, the Lancers had just wrapped up a 2-9 season, which ended with the playoff loss due to a tough schedule and the region's new power point system.

But for the Lancers, the loss simply meant that they needed to get back to work.

Starting the following Monday afternoon, Lancers coach Rob Everett had his team back in the weight room: lifting, grunting and lifting some more. Everett has stressed to his players that few things in life are guaranteed, and that more often than not, success must be earned.

"We're built on hard work, and we have to stick to that formula to be successful," Everett said, who's in his third year of work at the school and has guided 17 players to collegiate football programs. "Wins and losses don't tell the whole story of this team."

And such has been the case this season. Despite the loss of three starters on defense and seven on the offensive side of the ball, Everett's hardworking Lancers have improved dramatically.

Through the first five games of 2007 — all losses — Lee had been outscored by an average of 21.8 points per game. This season, despite only a one-game improvement at 1-4, the margin that has separated wins from losses has been much smaller. Lee has only been outscored by 6.4 points per game and has averaged more than twice what it did offensively in 2007.

One reason for Lee's offensive resurgence has been junior running back Jazmier Williams, whose older brother Pierre was a talented senior tailback for the Lancers in 2007. Last Friday, in a 27-23 loss at South County, Jazmier Williams carried 29 times for 191 yards and three touchdowns.

"This team's got something special in them."

— Rob Everett

Whether it was an outside sweep or a run between the tackles, Williams proved effective carrying the ball. A lifelong offensive and defensive lineman, Williams not only provides Lee with a game-breaking offensive threat, he can be pretty nasty while doing it.

"People say that I don't look like a running back," said the 5-foot-8, 175-pound Williams. "You don't have to have a look to be a running back. Running backs can look any kind of way. I take part of that into being mad and I put it out there on the field."

"He's one of the toughest kids on the

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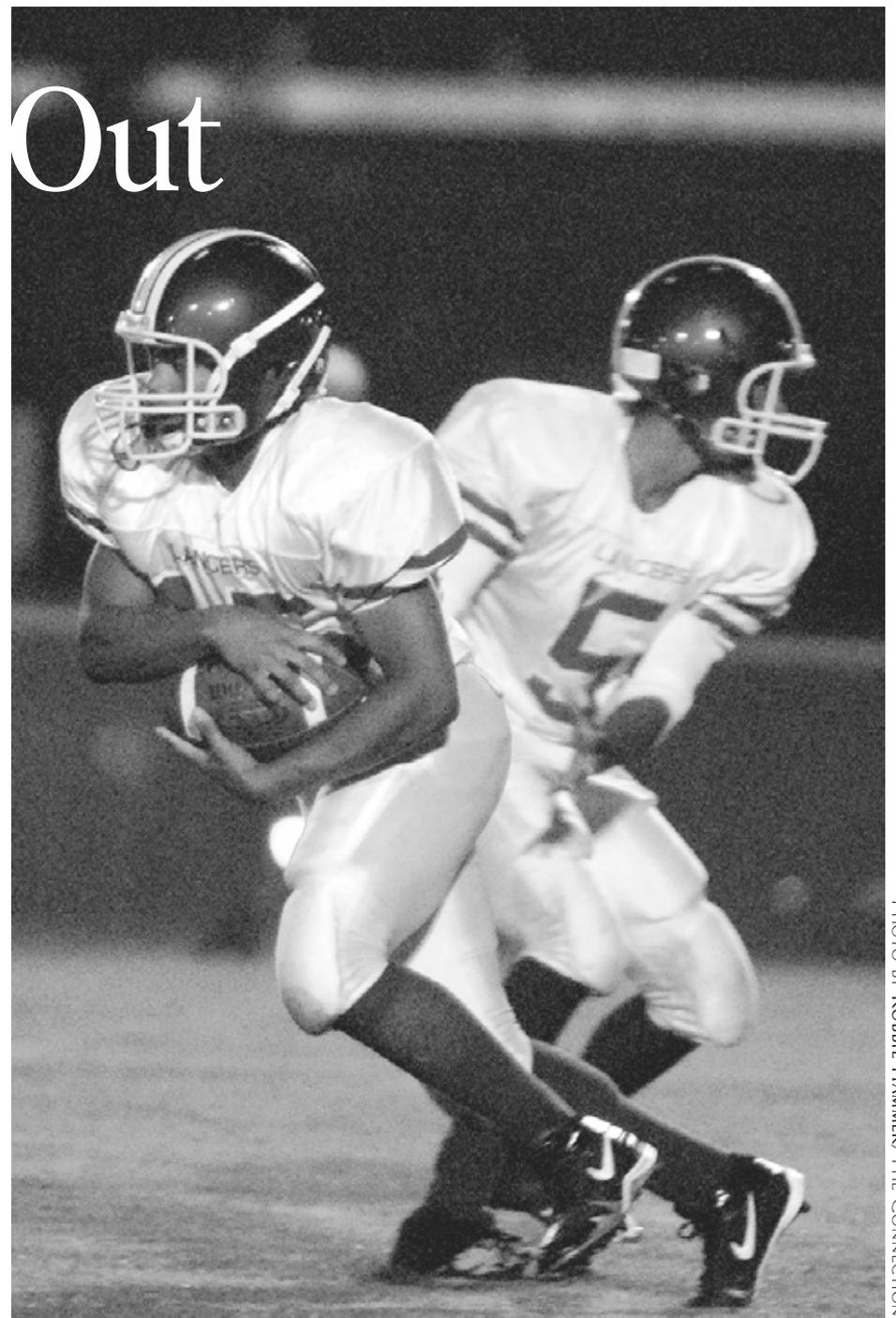


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Lee's Jazmier Williams, a junior running back, takes a handoff from junior quarterback Greg Lopez. Williams ran for 191 yards and three touchdowns in a 27-23 loss at South County last Friday.

Bruins' Towns in the Dirt, on the Green

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

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."

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 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 bat-

ting 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.

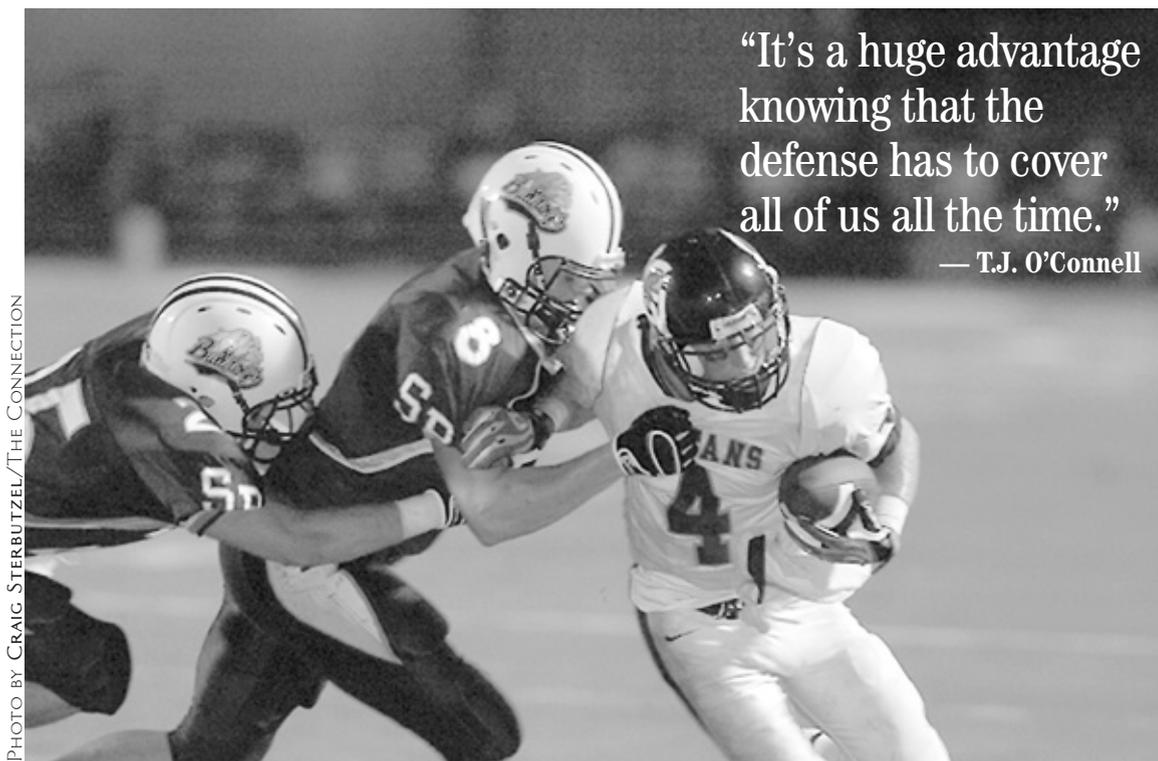
"Even though he's a sophomore, everyone thinks he's a junior or a senior because of

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

"It's not overwhelming, but I was real excited walking down the 18th fairway."

— Kenny Towns

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"It's a huge advantage knowing that the defense has to cover all of us all the time."

— T.J. O'Connell

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

During a game earlier this season against Stone Bridge, West Springfield senior wideout Andy Stallings tries to gain a few extra yards. Stallings leads a talented receiving corps with 35 catches for 599 yards and seven touchdowns this season.

Receivers Catching On

Talented quarterback, wide receivers complete Spartan offense.

BY JASON MACKAY
THE CONNECTION

It would not spur discussion to label West Springfield quarterback Bryn Renner as talented. With his 6-foot-4 frame, a powerful right arm and loads of athleticism, little of what the UNC-recruit does anymore still comes as a surprise.

Unless, of course, he threw a 56-yard touchdown pass to nobody. Or to himself.

In fact, without the Spartans' stable of talented receivers, little of what Renner has accomplished — and it's a lot — would have ever been possible.

"They're just a pleasure to work with," said Renner, of his pass catchers. "It's great having confidence that they're going to be right there and that they're going to catch the ball."

"Our scheme is set up so that at least one person is going to be open on every play," said senior Andy Stallings, who leads the Spartans with 35 catches this season for 599 yards and seven scores. "The way our combination routes work, Bryn just finds a guy and throws him the ball."

The senior signal caller has thrown completed 64 percent of his passes this season for 1,355 yards and 15 touchdowns. He's thrown only two interceptions, or one per 70 attempts.

In a high school football landscape where rushing offenses and stout defenses are generally the norm, West Springfield has found success with the spread offense, and Stallings, senior Tucker Tobin, senior Fabrice Kabinga and junior T.J. O'Connell have been four inarguable reasons why.

It's not as if West Springfield can't run the ball. Senior tailback Brandon Bailey ran for 1,438 yards and seven touchdowns in 2007. But, with four tal-

ented receivers, the Spartans' offense is at its best when those four are on the move.

"We get going and the defense gets tired," said Tobin, who has 12 catches for 159 yards and two touchdowns this season. "In the first half, they'll do OK, and then we'll score a lot of points on them in the second half because the defense will get tired."

LAST FRIDAY at Annandale, West Springfield ended the first half with a 28-20 lead but scored two third-quarter touchdowns, ironically on a pair of Bailey runs, to finally pull away. On the season, West Springfield has scored 209 points through five games, an average of 41.8 per game.

Stallings led the group with nine catches for 170 yards and two touchdowns against the Atoms, while O'Connell caught nine passes for 115 yards and another two scores. Still, according to Kabinga and others, the receiving statistics don't matter.

"It doesn't matter how many yards somebody has," said Kabinga, who has caught nine passes for 200 yards and two touchdowns this season. "If you win, you win as a team. If you lose, you lose as a team. We just go out there and do our thing."

"I think it's a huge advantage knowing that the defense has to cover all of us all the time, that they don't just get to key on one person," said O'Connell, who has totaled 25 catches for 281 yards and two touchdowns this season. "Any of our wide receivers can have a big game when someone shuts down another one of our wide receivers."

Though the Spartans endured an 0-2 start, losing games to Division 5 powerhouses Stone Bridge and Edison, Renner's team has now rattled off consecutive wins against Robinson, Hayfield and Annandale. With a Patriot District bout against West Potomac on Friday, the Spartans will look to improve to 4-2 overall and stay undefeated at 3-0 in the district. Not that Bill Renner would ever be satisfied.

"They know how we want to run our offense. They know what their role is and they play mentally fast," Bill Renner said. "But I'm never happy. There are always things we can do better. My job is to come to them and say, 'Here's the next part of that goal.'"

Lee Goes to Ground

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team," said Everett, of his talented runner. "Our whole crew is tough, and he epitomizes it. He's probably the quietest kid we have on the team, but it's funny because the way that he runs you don't really notice that."

As much of a positive as Williams has been, Lee's biggest problem this season has been finishing each game. In a Week 4 loss to West Potomac, the Lancers missed a 20-yard field goal for an overtime win and eventually suffered a 28-21 loss. Against South County, the Lancers squandered a 10-point lead with a little more than two minutes left.

"This is the second week in a row where we had the game won and gave it away. Winning teams don't do that," said Everett, whose team fell to 0-2 in the Patriot District. "But this team's got something special in them, and we're working on when a game is ours. ... We're finishing it."

True to Everett's philosophy of hard work and an increased focus on fundamentals, Lee has already drawn upon a small but important improvement from the West Potomac loss.

With a seven-point lead late in the fourth quarter, Lee attempted a field goal, the botched attempt from two weeks ago rehashed. But unlike the previous blocked kick, Lee averted the South County rush and kicker Boris Perez booted it through.

"The thing they're getting [from the close games] is that they know they can win. It's just sucking it up and getting it done," said Everett, whose team will host Lake Braddock on Friday. "There were some positives that we got here. It's those victories that we're going to take away, talk about in film work and go from there."



COURTESY PHOTO BY KARL KENNIS

With a two-day score of 145, Lake Braddock sophomore Kenny Towns won his first Patriot District golf title.

Towns Wins Golf Title

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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).

COMMUNITY

Scouts Take On Wheelchair Athletes

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

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

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

"You can be a three, a two or a one," said Rode.

Gonzalez said the program was designed to give children, many of whom are among the only children with a disability in their class or school, a chance to meet and be-



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friend others like them.

Bui said the troop was looking for an activity to complete their Bronze Award requirements when Rode, Pham's sixth grade teacher at Kings Glen Elementary, posted a flyer for the Falcons during back-to-school night. Bui contacted Rode and let her know the troop was interested in helping out. At the game Saturday, she said the idea had been to do something different, and she recalled some of the tentativeness they no-

ticed when the girls first faced the prospect of playing an unfamiliar game.

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

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

"That's something that will ruin shots left and right," said Trincellito.

The chairs are designed and built specifi-

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

After a morning filled with games, both teams celebrated with a short ceremony afterwards.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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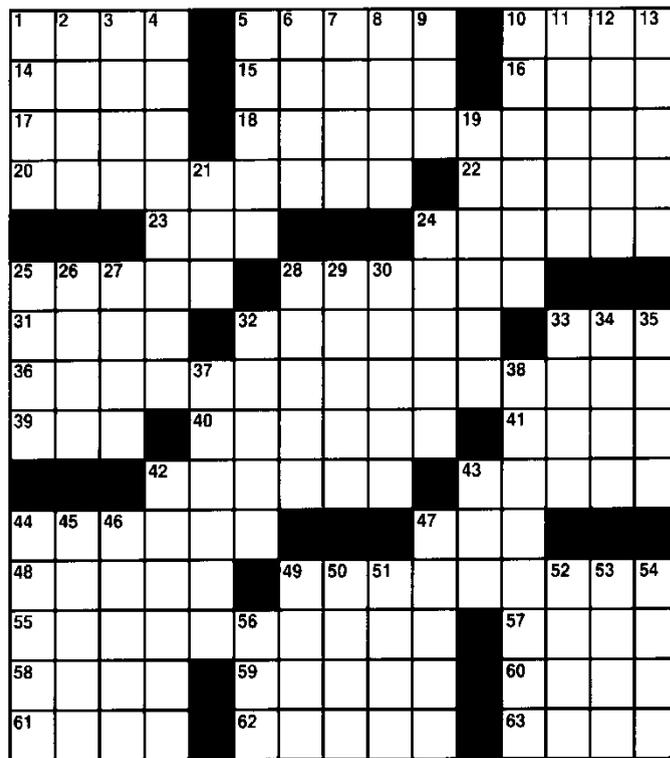
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- 1 Unforeseen difficulty
- 5 Dwelling
- 10 Gauguin or Cézanne
- 14 Soybean dish
- 15 Like lymphatic tissue
- 16 "Giant" author Ferber
- 17 Get
- 18 Start of a joke
- 20 Response to 18-Across
- 22 Big name in computers
- 23 Bell and Barker
- 24 Less 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 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 Conviver
- 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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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 8.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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