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Voters wait in line in front of McNair Elementary School in Herndon on Election Day, Nov. 4.

WEEK IN HERNDON

Town Hall-Style Meeting For Russian Delegation

The Reston-Herndon Branch of the American Association of University Women will host a delegation of five Russians, economists and government officials, from Oct. 31 to Nov. 8 to observe the U.S. elections and learn about government at the community level. The visit is made possible through a grant from the Open World Leadership Center at the Library of Congress, established in 1999 to enhance understanding and cooperation between the two countries. While in the area, the delegation will visit South Lakes High School, meet with community leaders and elected officials, speak to the Reston Rotary Club, appear on a local television program and observe political campaigns and polls on Election Day. The public is invited to meet the group at a town hall meeting at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne on Wednesday, Nov. 5. For more information contact Marilyn Silvey of AAUW at 703-860-5141.

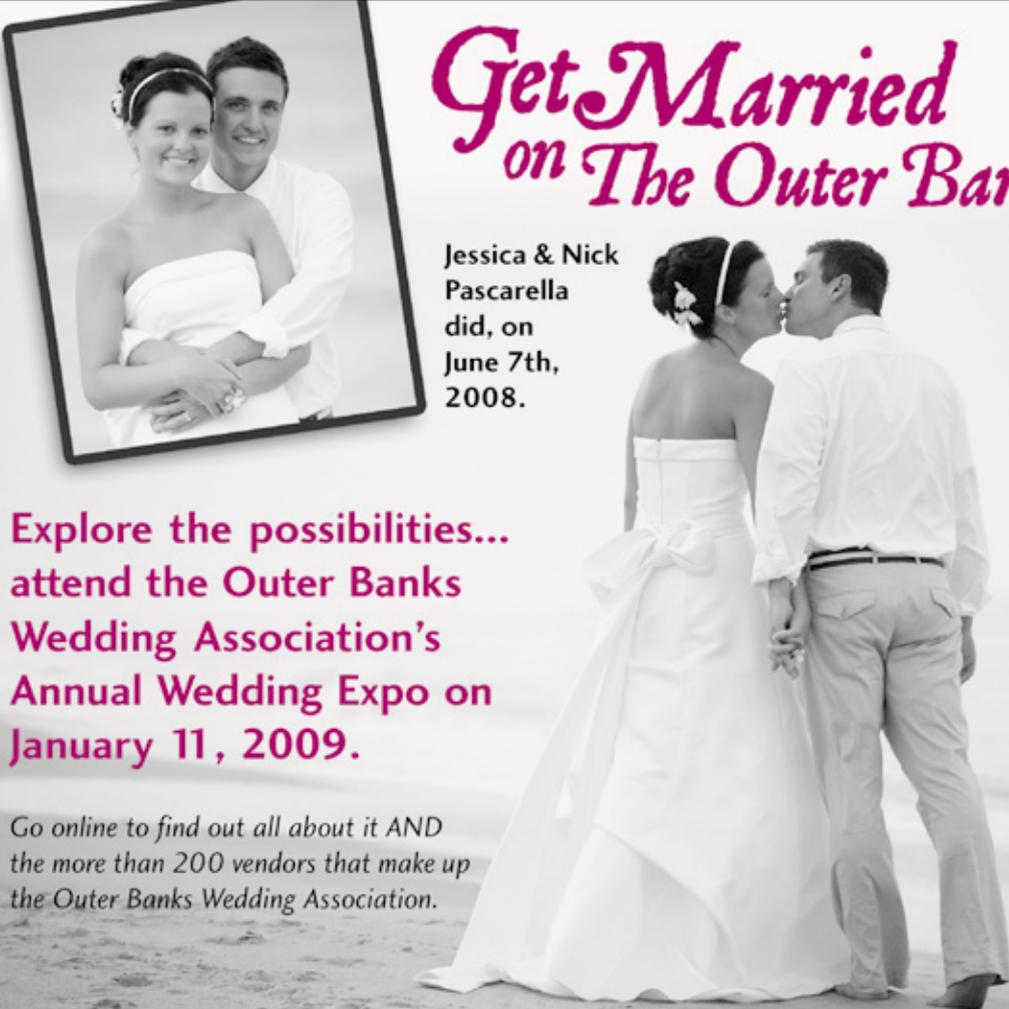
Scouts Collect Food for Food Banks

Local Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be in neighborhoods on Saturday, Nov. 8, as part of Boy Scouts for America's (BSA) annual Scouting for Food Good Turn Initiative. They will be collecting food donations for local food pantries. The National Capital Area Council of the BSA provides more than 850,000 pounds of food annually to shelters, needy families and the elderly.

Through a combined effort of the Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers and Sea Scouts, more than 1 million Scouting for Food collection bags have been distributed in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. The bags will be collected on Nov. 8. Residents are asked to leave the filled bag near their door before 9 a.m. and a Scout will pick it up and take it to the local collection areas.

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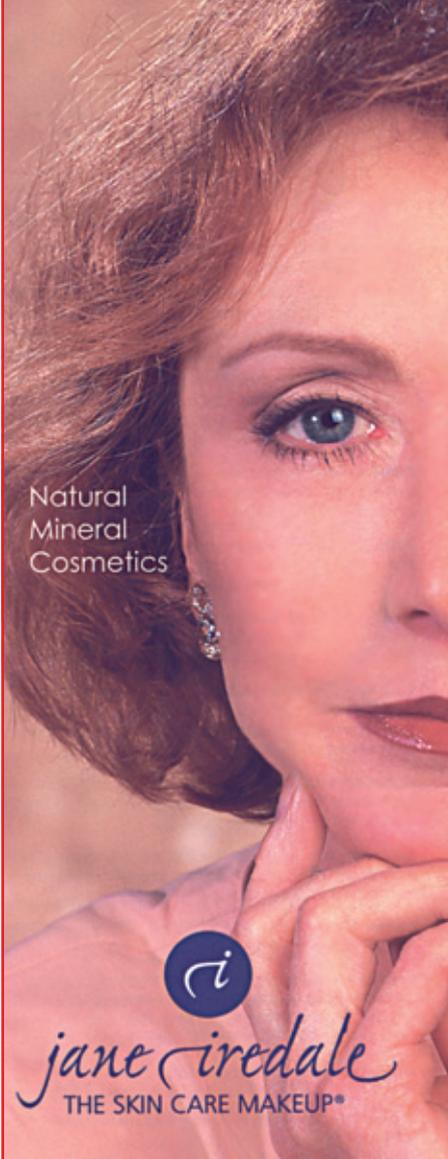
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Economy Weighs on Voters' Minds

Voters differ on candidates, agree election is historic.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Herndon resident Audrey Siler was sure of the issues that affect her most before casting a vote for either candidate in the 2008 presidential election. However, choosing between John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Barack Obama (D-Ill.) to tackle those issues proved much tougher for her.

"I voted Democratic," said Siler, citing the national economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as major issues in this year's election. "It was a really tough decision, it really was," she said. "But I think it's time for something a little different." Lori Ziegler, a small business owner from Herndon, also mentioned the economy as one of the major issues, along with fiscal and taxation issues. However, she voted for different candidates than Siler did. "I voted Republican all the way," said Ziegler. She said all the indications are that the Democrats could gain control of the White House and the Congress and thinks that is not wise. "I don't think it's good for everything to go to one party, either way," said Ziegler.

Ben Dinkins said he voted for Obama as he considers him the right man to tackle not only the issues of the economy and the two wars abroad, but also the politics at

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— Ben Dinkins, Obama supporter

home. "Somebody's got to try to change the tone in order to get something done," said Dinkins. "I think McCain is admirable, but I don't think he's the right man for the job."

Julie Carll also voted at Herndon High School on

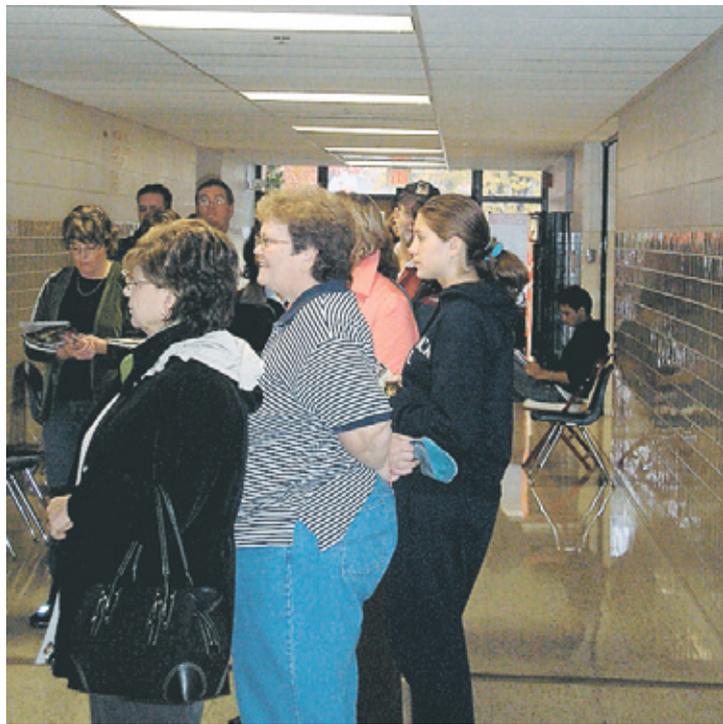
Tuesday morning, casting her vote for the Republicans on the ballot, including McCain. She said they were better suited to tackle the nation's issues.

James and Esther Burgess would not disclose who they voted for, but said they always exercise their right to vote. Esther Burgess said three issues were on her mind before she voted, the economy, the foreign policy and innovation. In terms of innovation she said the United States is falling behind other countries and needs a leader to engage the nation's innovators. "That's what creates jobs," said Esther Burgess.

WHILE THE VOTERS may not agree on who the best candidate is to lead the nation for the next four years, they could agree that the election is a historic one, given the weight of the issues and the diversity in the candidates. "Absolutely it is historic," said Dinkins, a 54-year-old who voted for Jimmy Carter in 1976 the first time he voted for a president. "It's a critical point in the nation's history," said Dinkins.

"We will either have an African American

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Voters said they waited less than an expected amount of time to vote at Herndon High School on Tuesday morning.

Election Results

For complete Election Day coverage, see www.connectionnewspapers.com.



The voters' last names factored into the wait they experienced on Tuesday morning at McNair Elementary School.

Hornet Punditry: Analyzing the Races

Herndon High government students predict presidential and congressional races.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Although only a few of them are eligible to cast a vote on Nov. 4, Herndon High School's AP Government students are paying close attention to the presidential race and all of the nation's congressional races in 2008. Covering a range of issues, including illegal immigration, health care, wars and energy, looking at polls and fund-raising efforts, the Hornet pundits have predicted winners in all of the races.

"It is a great opportunity to learn about the whole nation," said senior Sarah Wilson.

"I love teaching in an election year," said Rebecca Small, the AP U.S. and Comparative Government teacher at Herndon. Her classes have predicted that

Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) would win 338 electoral votes in the Nov. 4 election to beat Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) to become the first African-American president.

"We were being conservative giving him [McCain] 200 electoral votes," said Wilson. Classmate Sean McCauley said he also predicted Obama to win, but by a smaller margin. "I had McCain at 222 [electoral votes], I do think it will be a closer race," said McCauley. First period student Christine Swanson also said the race would be closer, because many voters are not saying they will cast a vote for McCain.

Both Wilson and McCauley referred to Obama as "the John Kennedy of our generation."

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Dean Hansen broke down a competitive senatorial race in New Hampshire between incumbent John Sununu (R) and challenger Jeanne Shaheen (D) in Rebecca Small's AP US and Comparative Government class.

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Veterans Day Observance

The American Legion, Wayne M. Kidwell, Post 184, in cooperation with the Town of Herndon, will be holding their Annual Veterans Day Observance at the Veterans Memorial located on the Herndon Town Green on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Former Herndon Mayor Richard Thoesen will be the guest speaker. Herndon High School Junior Naval ROTC will form the color guard and present the Colors of the ceremony. All are invited to attend. The Avenue of Flags will be displayed from dawn to dusk at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery. For more information call the Post Commander David Kirby at 703-481-6189.

Coppermine Boundary Meetings

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will hold two town meetings to solicit input in determining boundaries for a new elementary school under construction at the Coppermine site in Herndon, located on River Birch Drive. The new school will feature 32 classrooms and serve students in grades K-6. Schools involved in the boundary study include Floris, Herndon, Hutchinson, McNair and Oak Hill Elementary schools. The town meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Carson Middle School and Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Franklin Middle School.

FISH Holiday Food, Gift Boxes

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc., is making an earnest appeal to the community for non-perishable food donations for the Thanksgiving and December food boxes. The goal is to provide food for 650 people, about 200 families, for each of the two months. Donations are also needed to buy a \$10 grocery store gift certificate for each box. Gift donations are requested for children, from infants to teenagers, for the December food and gift boxes. Gift cards are preferable for the teens.

Volunteers are welcome to help collect, sort, pack and deliver food boxes on November 17-20 and December 15-18 at 11484 Washington Plaza West, Room 140, in Reston. To donate food and gifts, request food pickup or volunteer, contact Holiday Coordinator Robyn Kampf at 571-926-8019 or rhkampf@gmail.com. Tax-deductible donations can be made to Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc., 336 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170. Please indicate the check is for the holiday baskets.

Business Counseling At Supervisor's Office

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority will send representatives to several Board of Supervisors' offices once a month to offer free on-site, one-on-one counseling to anyone who wants to start or expand a business in Fairfax County or learn about other business services. Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust's office is one of the host locations. For more information visit www.fairfaxcountyEDA.org or call 703-790-0600.

Homes Tour Recreated

Herndon's civic groups are teaming up to bring back the Herndon Homes Tour as the Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon. Organizations participating in the tour will be asked to identify a house, decorate it for the holidays and provide tour guides for it. The Cultivating Community Initiative and the Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center will handle the tour's advertising, marketing and coordination.

Service clubs who would like more information on participation in the Tour can contact Connie Hutchinson at the Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center at 703-HERNDON. The tour will take place on Dec. 6, the traditional first Saturday of December, and the cost of the tickets will be \$10 in advance or \$15 on the day of the tour.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the effort or to have their home considered for the tour can also contact Connie Hutchinson.

NEWS



PHOTOS BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC/THE CONNECTION
Julie Carll of Herndon supported the Republican ticket when she cast her ballot at Herndon High School.

Herndon residents James and Esther Burgess said they always exercise their right to vote, but would not disclose who they voted for on Tuesday morning.

Voters See Election as Historic

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president or a female vice president, that's pretty cool," said Ziegler. "It's different, it says good things about our country." Siler and the Burgesses also mentioned the diversity of the candidates for their reasons of why the 2008 presidential election is historic. Meanwhile, Carll said the close race between McCain and Obama would define the 2008 election as historic.

THE VOTERS at Herndon High School experienced long lines, but did not wait a long time before filling a ballot. About two hours into the voting on Tuesday morning, Nov. 4, Verne Wattawa, the chief election officer at the precinct, said the turnout had been about average for a presidential election. About 600 people had voted by 8 a.m. and Wattawa estimated a wait of 20 minutes for the voters.

"It was a lot better than I thought it was going to be," said Siler, adding that the election officers were well organized at the polling place. Siler said she waited about 35 minutes.

"It was surprisingly efficient. I was very pleased," said Dinkins. He said he expected a two-hour wait, but was done voting after 45 minutes. He was also pleased that the voters had an option of using a paper ballot instead of a voting machine. "It was nice

to have the option to do either one," said Dinkins.

"It was very fast, much better than expected," said Ziegler. James and Esther Burgess echoed that sentiment, adding that it took them about 30 minutes to vote. "It was better than expected, considering the number of people who were here this morning," said James Burgess. "This was the longest line we've been in since we've moved here 10 years ago," said Esther Burgess. Carll also took 30 minutes to vote and said the line was the longest one she had stood in on an election day and that it moved better than expected.

Some voters at McNair Elementary School were not as lucky as the voters at Herndon High. The line at McNair stretched from the polling place through the school's long hallway and out the doors, where it curved along the front yard. Those whose last names began with letters H through M waited in line for two hours or more on Tuesday morning to cast their votes. "We've been at a standstill for at least an hour," said Patrice Jenkins.

The election officers would take voters whose last names began with other letters out of the long line and send them to their respective lines at the polling place. "It's just been really frustrating to see people walking right by us," said Jenkins. However, the two-plus hours spent waiting in line did not deter Jenkins from voting. "Absolutely, it's important to vote," she said.

OBITUARY

Otue-Agugua

Dr. Chinwe Mmaegbunam Otue-Agugua, 58, of Herndon, died Oct. 29, 2008. Born Aug. 23, 1950 in Toronto, Canada, to Mrs. Pheobe Otue and the late Dr. Nwonye Otue of Akwa, Nigera.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Pheobe Otue; one son Chuka Agugua of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters, Echika Agugua, of Arlington, and Amaka Agugua of Richmond; one brother, Ifeatu Otue of Awka Nigera; sisters, Adaeze Ezekoye of Pittsburg, Pa.; Nkechi Otue

Adibe of Herndon; Ijeamaka Ekweani of Desert Hills, Ariz.; Ifeyinwa Obioha of Fairfax; Uchenna Otue of White Plains, N.Y. and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

Wake is Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8:30 a.m. until time of service at 10 a.m. at Heritage Fellowship Church, 13515-C Dulles, Tech Dr., Herndon. Burial will be at National Memorial Park, Falls Church.

Funeral arrangements are by Lyles Funeral Service of Purcellville, Va.

SCHOOL NOTES

The **Montessori School of Herndon** will be holding an **open house** Saturday, **Nov. 15**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The faculty and staff will be available to give information about the Montessori method of education and about the enrollment process. Call 703-437-8229 or visit www.montessori-va.com.

A **PTSA meeting** will be held at **Herndon High School** on Wednesday, **Nov. 12** at 7 p.m. to provide an overview of the high school's Career Center.

Oakton High School has three **finalists** in the 2008 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Writing, Photo and Design Contest. **Chris Weil** is nominated in the "In the News" category and **Matt Johnson** and **Erica Wohlleben** are finalists in the "Features" category.

HHS Students Predict Election

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THE STUDENTS also predicted that the Democrats would hold a 56 to 42 seats advantage in the U.S. Senate, with the remaining two going to “others,” and 255 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, with the Republicans taking the remaining 180 seats, after the Nov. 4 election.

“I have found that a lot of districts [predicted to vote for Democrat candidates] are not voting for Democrats, but against Republicans,” said McCauley. He said President George W. Bush’s 23 percent approval rating is hurting the Republican candidates around the nation.



Sarah Wilson

Students in Small’s first period class presented their research and predictions on Thursday morning, Oct. 30. Senior Breanna Eskridge was the only student in the class to analyze a Virginia Congressional race, the Senate contest between two former governors, Mark Warner (D) and Jim Gilmore (R). Eskridge predicted Warner would win the seat. Her prediction is largely based on polls and belief that liberal voters in populous Northern Virginia would vote for Warner in large numbers and win the state for him. Also, she said, “There’s definitely been a lot more funding for Warner.”



Sean McCauley

Small said the contest has seen little publicity, in large part because of the lead Warner has had in the polls. “This is probably the most you’ve seen about this race,” said Small to her class about Eskridge’s presentation. Eskridge said the dynamics of the race would have been different had Tom Davis won the Republican nomination for the race, but that Warner would have probably prevailed either way.



Ahmed Elhelbawey

The first period covered races from Florida to Alaska, where Chris Haberland predicted that Republican incumbent Sen. Ted Stevens would lose his seat. Haberland said the conviction



PHOTOS BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC/THE CONNECTION

Senior Breanna Eskridge presents her research and prediction on Virginia’s Senate race between two former governors, Mark Warner (D) and Jim Gilmore (R), during the AP US and Comparative Government class at Herndon High School.

on charges of fraud would be the deciding factor in the senator’s loss. Had he not been convicted, said Haberland, “He probably would have pulled ahead.” Small said the races the students researched were picked in the first week of the school year. She concentrated on competitive races in selecting which ones would be subjects of class presentations.

THE STUDENTS analyzed common themes that arose from the election research. They noticed that negative ads had a negative effect on some of the candidates attempting to attack their opponents. Another trend the students noticed is the candidates’ use of modern media to reach voters. Advertisements made for YouTube, not televised, were observed for some candidates. Many other candidates used internet-based social networking sites such as Facebook to reach voters.

Regardless of their political beliefs, or whether they are eligible to vote, the students tend to agree that this was an exciting year for them to learn about presidential and national politics. “Definitely, because everything is so down to the wire,” said Ahmed Elhelbawey.

Teacher’s View

Douglas Graney, an award-winning Government teacher at Herndon High School provided answers to the following questions:

Have the close races in the Democratic primary and in the General Election contributed to lively discussions in your class?

Yes. Teaching the primary elections was especially interesting this year because both parties fielded candidates and there were notable candidates in both parties; Obama as a black candidate, Clinton as first major female candidate and Richardson as the first Latino candidate for the

Democrats and Romney as the first major Mormon candidate for the Republicans.

Have the students been more engaged in discussions than in the previous years?

In the current general election I’d say yes due to Obama and Sarah Palin.

Have you as a teacher found the races to be a valuable teaching tool?

Of course. These students only get one presidential election during their four years of high school. The presidential election must be taught and in doing so it opens their eyes to lots of domestic, foreign and most recently, economic issues they may not have been aware of.

Have you learned lessons

from this election cycle that you will employ in your teaching in the future? Please provide an example.

I have readings that I’ve used, with Obama excerpts of “Dreams of My Father,” and McCain excerpts from “The Nightingale’s Song,” that I will use in the future, depending on who is elected.

Do you as a teacher see this as a historic election and why?

Yes. We will have either the first black president, the oldest president ever elected or the first female vice-president. Also whoever is elected will be faced with the same type of problems FDR had in his first and second terms — economic crisis — and his third and fourth terms — two wars — all in his first year as president.

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OPINION

Share Your Voting Experiences

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Northern Virginia polling places were still jammed with voters when the Connection you're reading went to press on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Election results and more stories about residents' experiences on Election Day will appear on our Web site.

We'd also like to invite you to share experiences of all kinds that you had voting on Election Day or voting absentee. We're interested in positive experiences as well as concerns or problems. Perhaps you waited for more than an hour, but used the time to make new friends or catch up with old ones. Perhaps you saw a polling place where one election worker made a difference by being exception-

ally organized or exceptionally pleasant.

We're interested in the experience of people with disabilities. We did hear that some people with disabilities and some older voters were subjected to unbearable waits for curbside voting in some places. We'd like to know if you

are a voter with disabilities what kind of experience you had, easy or hard.

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To the Editor:

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Phase I, completed in 2006, was a success. We reduced operating costs, paid for the first building with savings from consolidation, and freed up vacant land and school buildings for community use. Consolidation reduced both traffic and air pollution.

This year we are ready for Phase II. The original concept of Phase II was to build another new building next to the Phase I building.

But the real estate downturn presented a unique opportunity to save even more taxpayer funds. An existing building right next to the Phase I building can now be had at a bargain price. Buying and renovating this building will enable us to consolidate our other central office employees, saving \$7.5 million over the next three years, and tens of millions long-term. We can then terminate other leases, return buildings to the community and free up three buildings for use by children, some of whom now attend school in trailers.

The Board of Supervisors should support our efforts to operate more efficiently, save tax dollars and concentrate resources in the classroom.

Dan Storck

Chair
Fairfax County School Board



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CRIME

The Herndon Police Department reported the following activities Oct. 27 through Nov. 2.

ASSAULT

1400 Block of Horizon Court. The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Nov. 1.

700 Block of Elden Street. The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Nov. 1.

900 Block of Young Dairy Court. The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Nov. 2.

LARCENY

400 Block of Elden Street. A 45 year old male of Herndon was issued a summons for shoplifting, Oct. 31.

800 Block of Grant Street. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported, the vehicle was recovered later in the day in a parking lot on the 400 Block of Elden Street, Oct. 30.

800 Block of Dulles Court. A vehicle was reported stolen, Oct. 29. The vehicle was recovered the same day in Greenbelt, Md.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

1200 Block of Springtide Place. Graffiti was found in the area, Oct. 28.

800 Block of Ferndale Avenue. The window of a vehicle was damaged Oct. 17.

1100 Block of Waterford Place. A sliding glass door at a residence was damaged, Oct. 31.

100 Block of Laurel Way. The victim reported the tire on their vehicle

was damaged, Oct. 27.

400 Block of Queens Row Street. Graffiti was found in the area, Oct. 30.

400 Block of Madison Street. A political sign in the front lawn of a residence was damaged between Oct. 31 and Nov. 1.

1200 Block of Elden Street. Graffiti was found in the restroom of a business, Oct. 27.

1000 Block of Alabama Drive. The front door of a residence was "egged" by juveniles, Oct. 30.

DRUNK IN PUBLIC ARREST

800 Block of Dogwood Court. A 24-year-old male of Herndon, was arrested for drunk in public, Oct. 27.

700 Block of Grant Street. A 29 year old male of Herndon was arrested for drunk in public, midnight, Oct. 27.

1200 Block of Elden Street. A 53 year old male of Herndon was arrested for drunk in public, Oct. 27.

900 Block of Herndon Parkway. A 33 year old female of Herndon was arrested for drunk in public, Oct. 28.

1200 Block of Elden Street. A 52 year old male of no fixed address, was arrested for drunk in public, Nov. 1.

OTHER VIOLATIONS

500 Block of Florida Avenue. The victim reported someone used their social security number when filing taxes, Oct. 30.

500 Block of Florida Avenue. Noise complaint, Nov. 1.

1200 Block of Bond Street. Noise

complaint, Nov. 2.

600 Block of Grant Street. An illegal water hook up was found in the area, Oct. 30.

SERIOUS TRAFFIC RELATED INCIDENTS

1400 Block of Herndon Parkway. A 19 year old male of Herndon was arrested for driving while intoxicated, Nov. 2.

700 Block of Dranesville Road. A 32 year old male of Suitland, Md., was arrested for driving while intoxicated, Oct. 30.

287(g) ENFORCEMENT

The table below provides statistical data in relation to the Town of Herndon's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). A detainer is generally obtained when the investigation, or ICE authorization, calls for detention. Detainees are held in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and eventually processed through the federal court system. Final disposition of these cases is under the purview of ICE.

2008 Investigations Detainers Issued		
January	15	4
February 17	5	
March	16	12
April	12	6
May	21	10
June	2	0
July	27	12
August	44	11
September	21	11
Year to Date	175	71

MONDAY/NOV. 17

NVHC Speaker Series. Aaron David Miller, a U.S. Middle East diplomat who advised six U.S. secretaries of state will speak at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston, at 8 p.m. The topic is "America's Elusive Search for Arab-Israeli Peace." Free. Visit www.nvhcreston.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 18

Congregation Beth Emeth Hazak Chapter, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, hosts Rabbi Steve to speak about Jewish medical ethics at 1 p.m. No cost. Light refreshments are served. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

The MOMS Club of Herndon will be meeting 10 - 11:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. This month's topic is "Financial Planning for Families." Open to Herndon (zip codes 20170 and 20171) stay-at-home moms.

is the restoration of civil rights of felons in Virginia. Call 703-658-9150 and 703-757-5893, respectively.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

LWV Meeting. The League of Women Votes of the Fairfax Area is holding its November meeting at 12106 Stirrup Road, Reston, at 9 a.m. The topic is the restoration of civil rights of felons in Virginia. Call 703-860-0512.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Family Autism Night. Learn about pet therapy in this free program for families who have a son or daughter between the ages of 3-22 on the autistic spectrum. Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston. Call 703-324-5517 or e-mail Katelyn.murdock@fairfaxcounty.gov.

OLLI Meeting. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is hosting a general membership meeting from 12-2:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6449 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

RA Newcomers Night. Meeting 7 p.m. at the RA main office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Fare Increase Meeting. A meeting on the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's proposal to increase bus fares and the elimination of paper transfers for the Connector Bus service will be held at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, at 10 a.m.

NOV. 11

An Education Programs

Information Session. To be held at 6:30 a.m. at Marymount's Reston Center located at 1861 Wiehle Ave., Reston. To reserve a space, call 703-284-5902 or on-line <http://www.marymount.edu/infosession>

NOV. 12

Business Programs Information Session. To be held at 6:30 p.m. at Marymount's Reston Center located at 1861 Wiehle Ave., Reston. To register for the event, call 703-284-5902 or visit www.marymount.edu/infosession

Mother's First. Mothers First, a nonprofit support organization for women who have chosen to raise their children at home. Meetings are first and second Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Contact 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

LWV Meeting. The League of Women Votes of the Fairfax Area is holding its November meeting at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Centreville, at 12 p.m. and Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. The topic

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THURSDAY/NOV. 6

Ice Skating. The Ice Skating Pavilion at Reston Town Center has its grand opening at 7 p.m., with an exhibition by champion skater Tommy Steenberg. His performances will be followed by skating routines by national and world competitive skaters from Fredericksburg Ice Park and Fairfax Ice, until 8 p.m. The exhibition will be followed by free public skating until 10 p.m.

The Fourth Way. An introduction to the ideas and teachings of G.I. Gurdjieff, also known as "The Fourth Way" will be held at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 7:30-9 p.m. Free; call 703-581-2498 or e-mail restongroup@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Fall Color in the Glade. Go on a walk that goes along Snakeden Branch to Lake Audubon to enjoy the last of the fall color. Meet at the Glade Pool, 11550 Glade Drive, Reston, at 1:30 p.m.

Salute to the King. The 8th annual Elvis Tribute Dinner Show will be held at the Dulles Hilton Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$55; call 1-800-318-8326.

Holiday Shop. Shop at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for Christmas gifts. Vendors can call Marybeth Henry at 703-766-0294 or e-mail momsonline@juno.com. Vendor applications can be downloaded from the church web site at www.saint-timothys.org.

Colonial Day. Discover life along Cain's Branch before Richard Bland Lee made this land his country seat in 1794 at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Hear Revolutionary War stories and help with the labor. \$7/adults, \$5/children.

Bluegrass Concert. Mill Run is playing at the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Doors open at 6:30



Mill Run is playing at the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon on Saturday, Nov. 8. Call 703-435-8377.

p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12; call 703-435-8377.

Craft Show. The First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., Herndon, is holding its annual Tea Room and Craft Show 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Purchase tea plates and beverages and crafts from local artists. Free admission.

Cheer Competition. The 2008 Olympia Cheer and Dance Competition will be held at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, at 10 a.m. The all-day festival will award trophies to the top three finishers in five different divisions. Tickets: \$12/adults; \$6/children ages 6-10. Call 703-953-1801.

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

Yoga-thon. Beloved Yoga, 11872 Sunrise Valley Drive, Suite 101, Reston, is hosting a Yoga-thon from 12-5 p.m. to benefit the Cambodian Children's Fund. Each participant should raise a minimum of \$150 in pledges. Visit hearttothesky.blogspot.com or e-mail eacanda@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Author Signing. Edward M. Lerner,

will be at the Barnes and Noble Spectrum Center, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston, to sign copies of his latest book "Fools' Experiments," at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY/NOV. 20

Farmer's Market. Shop for locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, beverages and more at the Reston Town Square, 11900 Market St. 3:30-7 p.m. Visit www.smartmarkets.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 22

Enchanted Forest. Stroll through a whimsical forest of nearly 300 theme-decorated trees and handmade gingerbread homes while enjoying crafts and entertainment. All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Northern Virginia's mission and community programs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 703-848-2884, visit www.jlnv.org or e-mail tef@jlnv.org for tickets.

Bluegrass Concert. The Blue Moon Cowgirls are playing at the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12;

call 703-435-8377.

SUNDAY/NOV. 23

Enchanted Forest. Stroll through a whimsical forest of nearly 300 theme-decorated trees and handmade gingerbread homes while enjoying crafts and entertainment. All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Northern Virginia's mission and community programs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 703-848-2884, visit www.jlnv.org or e-mail tef@jlnv.org for tickets.

TUESDAY/NOV. 25

Blood Drive. INOVA Blood Drive from 12-7:30 p.m. beside the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St. Schedule appointments at 1-866-256-6372 or inova.org/donateblood.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 26

Senior Movie Day. Reston Association presents a feature film at 10 a.m. at the Multiplex Cinema, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Free to those 55+. Call 703-435-6530.

FRIDAY/NOV. 28

Holiday Celebration. Celebrate the Holidays at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Stores open at 8 a.m.; run with Alan Webb, U.S. record-holder for fastest mile; 11 a.m., Reston Holiday Parade; 12:30-4:30 p.m., visits with Santa; 6 p.m., tree lighting; 6:30-10 p.m., horse-drawn carriage rides. Visit www.restontowncenter.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 3

Holiday Mini-Book Sale. Friends of the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 6

Holiday Celebration. Lake Anne is celebrating the holidays with a petting zoo, entertainment, ornament making and a visit from Santa at Lake Anne Village Center in Reston. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Visit lakeanneplaza.com for details.

Bluegrass Concert. Dead Men's Hollow will play the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12; call 703-435-8377.

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MONDAY/DEC. 8

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FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Bluegrass Concert. Five of a Kind will play the Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets: \$12; call 703-435-8377.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

Lake Anne Walk. Meet at Reston's Used Book Shop in Lake Anne Center at 5 p.m. for a walk around Lake Anne. See holiday lights go on as you walk the lake. Return to the Book Shop to warm up with hot drinks and cookies by the fireplace. Bring flashlight. Visit lakeanneplaza.com for details.

SATURDAY/FEBRUARY 7

Polar Plunge. Registered plungers will jump into Lake Anne to raise funds for Camp Sunshine. Information, registration and pledge forms will be available at www.FreezinForAReason.com.

THEATER

"Secrets of a Soccer Mom," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 7; 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8; 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9; 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13; 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14; 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"The Fisherman and His Wife," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8; 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15; 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

Comedian Adam Ace. On Nov. 7, former theatre student Adam Burger, now a professional comedian known as Adam Ace, will present a fund-raiser for the South Lakes High School Theatre Arts Department. Since graduating from South Lakes and college, Adam Ace has performed in various venues all over the country and on cruise ships, entertaining crowds of all ages.

The 90-minute show is one night only, and starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are

\$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. To learn more about Adam Ace go to www.adamace.com

"Forbidden Broadway," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9; 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14; 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15; 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15 (sign interpretation); 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16; 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 21; 2:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22; 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 22, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23. See www.restonplayers.org. Tickets: \$17-20; call 703-476-4500.

"The Sound of Music," Herndon High School Theatre Department, at Herndon High School, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13; 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14; 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15; 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 16.

"Rumors," The South Lakes High School Theatre Arts Department will present Neil Simon's comedy farce. Show times are at 7 p.m. on Nov. 20-21, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 in the Little Theatre. Tickets

are \$6 presale and \$8 at the door.

To purchase tickets for any of these shows or for more information, go to www.sltheatrearts.com, or call 703-715-4589.

"Anne of Green Gables," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 14; 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 19; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Shining City," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, Jan. 23-Feb. 14. See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Brooklyn Boy," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23; 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24 (sign interpretation); 8 p.m., Friday, Jan. 30; 8 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 31; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 1; 8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 6, and 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 7. See www.restonplayers.org.



Opening Night On Saturday

The cast of "Forbidden Broadway" includes, from left, Sharon Grant, Ron Sweeney, Jolene Vettese, Joshua Redford, Adrian Cabbage and Courtney Basich. The Reston Community Players opens its 42nd season with the musical on Saturday, Nov. 8 at CenterStage at the Reston Community Center. See www.restonplayers.org.

HCTV

HCTV-23 Herndon Community Television on Verizon FiOS Cable-channel 42 and Cox Communications Channel 23. Tune in to the video web pages on either channels for updates. Call Jan Tirrell at 703-689-2323. HCTV is also looking for volunteers, training is provided.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

7 a.m. Jazzercise
8 a.m. Army News Watch
9 a.m. Travel TV
10 a.m. Vintage HCTV- Hook, Line and Sinker (Oct 1991)
11 a.m. Guitar Instruction 8
Noon Jazzercise
1 p.m. Across the Aisle
3 p.m. Army News Watch
4 p.m. Concert: The Corvairs
6 p.m. Jazzercise
6:30 p.m. Army News Watch
7 p.m. Travel Television
7:30 p.m. Across the Aisle
9 p.m. Guitar Instruction 8
10 p.m. Vintage HCTV- Hook, Line and Sinker (Oct 1991)

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

7 a.m. Jazzercise
7:30 a.m. The Reading Lady
8 a.m. King Henry Show
9 a.m. Road to Recovery in the United States-Past, Present and Future
10 a.m. Across the Aisle
Noon Jazzercise
1 p.m. Travel Television
1:30 p.m. Classic Antique Auto Show
3 p.m. King Henry Show
4 p.m. Concert: Gay Adegbalola
6 p.m. Jazzercise
6:30 p.m. The King Henry Show
7 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern Open Mike Night
8:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction 8
9:30 p.m. Woody's Western Theater-Jesse James Rides Again Pt 5

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

7 a.m. Jazzercise
8 a.m. Music and the Spoken Word
9 a.m. The Reading Lady
9:30 a.m. King Henry Show
10 a.m. Guitar Instruction 7
10:30 a.m. Guitar Instruction 8
Noon Jazzercise
12:30 p.m. The Abita Springs Opry Show
6 p.m. Jazzercise
6:30 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
7 p.m. Guitar Instruction 7
7:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction 8
9 p.m. Road to Recovery in the United States-Past, Present and Future
10 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern Open Mike Night

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

8 a.m. Music and the Spoken Word
9 a.m. Cornerstone Connection
10:30 a.m. David Young - A Musical Journey
12 p.m. Vintage HCTV- Hook, Line and Sinker (Oct 1991)
1 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
1:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction 7
2 p.m. Guitar Instruction 8
2:30 p.m. Classic Antique Auto Show
3 p.m. Travel Television
4 p.m. The Abita Springs Opry Show
8:30 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 p.m. Woody's Western Theater-Jesse James Rides Again Pt 5

MONDAY/NOV. 10

7 a.m. Jazzercise
8 a.m. NASA Connects
9 a.m. Recovery in the United States-Past, Present & Future
10 a.m. Across the Aisle
Noon Jazzercise
12:30 p.m. Woody's Western Theater-Ghost of Zorro Pt 9

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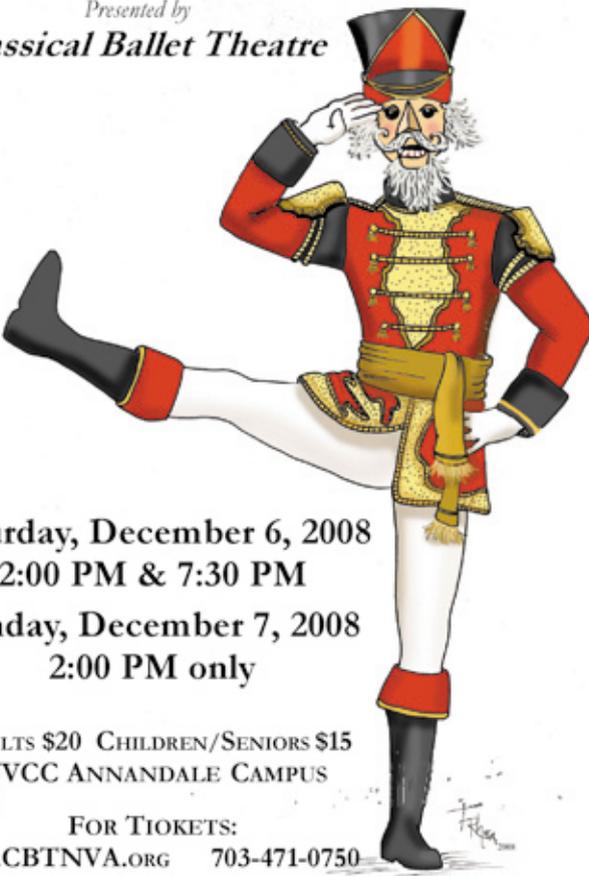
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BY MELANIE LEGOULLON
THE CONNECTION

Johnny Curtis isn't a stereotypical cage-fighter, if such a thing exists. With a wife, four children and a tree removal business, this devout Christian and graduate of Fairfax High School and George Mason University doesn't fit the barroom brawler mold that one expects.

Curtis fights out of One Spirit Martial Arts in Herndon, training five to six days a week so that he can compete against other fighters in professional mixed martial arts (MMA) events like one that took place Saturday, Oct. 11 at GMU's Patriot Center.

The event was the latest in a string of Ultimate Warrior Challenge (UWC) shows presented by Ultimate VIP International and aimed at showcasing local talent for the rapidly-growing audience of MMA fans in this region.

Through a series of bouts that pit East Coast vs. West Coast fighters, the promoters are trying to raise the expectations of local sports fans by providing shows that rival those broadcast from the well-established ultimate fighting hubs of California and Las Vegas. The message from Fairfax to the rest of the nation that night: the East Coast region can and does produce professional MMA fighters of the same caliber as those seen on TV.

Looking around the stadium seats, it becomes clear that the demographics of the local fan-base are not as obvious as one might think. Intermingled with the target 18-25 year old male audience, one sees a surprising number of women, youths and seniors. Many wear T-shirts advertising their favorite fighter teams. Others wear apparel from their own martial arts schools, perhaps supporting a local fighter on the card.

The fighters are as eclectic as their fans. Each fighter has their own personal style, often combining elements from a variety of disciplines such as boxing, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai kickboxing into a hybrid system of stand-up and ground techniques.

Kris "Savage" McCray, who fights out of Gold Medal Grappling in Woodbridge, refers to his particular style as Ameri-Jitsu. When asked to describe it, he smiles wryly and says it has "sambo, Jiu-Jitsu, kickboxing, NHB boxing, American wrestling-style wrestling kind of mixed all in one. It works, though. It's different."

IT WORKED for him that night. As the first bout of the night, McCray set the tone for the rest of the show by submitting his opponent with a rear naked choke and forcing him to tap out only a minute and a half into the first round. That's not a bad way to make a professional debut in front of a hometown audience of over 5,200 attendees.

The audience loved him, as they did LeVon Maynard of Norfolk, who trains with Global Martial Arts Academy in Virginia Beach. Maynard knew how to work the crowd. He entered the stadium strutting to the beat of his walkout music as if he were entering a disco rather than a cage-fight.

"I can't even describe the feeling that you feel when you've got a thousand people cheering for you after



Johnny Curtis and his opponent, Brendan Schaub of Denver, Colo., pause in the clinch.

you win a fight," Maynard said later. "I'm hoping that they continue to put out more shows in Virginia, and continue to bring out this great crowd, and I'll continue fighting for them."

That was good news for Herndon residents John and Jennifer Tackett, who saw the relatively untapped East Coast MMA market as a business opportunity.

"As the popularity of MMA grows, more individuals are taking the sport seriously, training like professional athletes and looking to MMA as a career," said John Tackett.

To cultivate this growth, the Tacketts recently launched a networking site, FighterLink.com, to put organizers and promoters in touch with fighters, both regional and national. They decided to sponsor Saturday's show after attending the last UWC event in April.

"We were blown away by the size and professionalism of the event," Jennifer Tackett said.

Curtis knows that the growth of regional MMA is critical for him as an East Coast fighter. More fans mean more venues to fight.

"It is great to have more opportunities to compete," he said. "I would like to compete every eight-10 weeks if possible. More shows also mean better pay for the fighters."

However, Curtis admitted that the real reward for him is the competition itself — being challenged in the cage. "I would enter the cage if there was no audience at all," he said.

Curtis did not win his match. His foot slipped and he tore his ACL in the middle of the fight. "My opponent quickly pounced on me and was kind enough to give me a nap courtesy of his punches," joked Curtis. "Which he is supposed to do, I have no problem with that."

Many would throw in the towel after a setback like that, but Curtis has a different attitude. "You have to be able to adjust when God lets some things happen in life that you were not expecting," he said.

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Oakton Football Completes Perfect Regular Season

Both the Cougars and Herndon are gearing for the playoffs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Oakton Cougars completed the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record following last Friday night's 38-13 Concorde District football win over visiting Herndon.

Next up for coach Joe Thompson's team is the postseason where Oakton will host South County in a first round game of the eight-team, Northern Region Div. 6 playoffs. The Cougars are the No. 1-seed of the playoffs, while South County is a No. 8-seed.

Herndon (6-4), meanwhile, will travel to Westfield for a first round playoff contest.

Oakton took control of Herndon right from the start, grabbing a 14-0 lead after one quarter and surging ahead by a 24-0 score at the half. Senior running back Trey Watts scored two first half touchdowns, and senior back Jonathan Meadows also ran for a score. The Cougars got a first half field goal (22 yards) from Derek Gleich.

In the second half, Oakton got touchdowns from receiver Jay Young, who caught a 15-yard pass from quarterback Chris Coyer (9-of-12, 121 yards), and a 12-yard scoring run from Meadows.

Herndon scored all its points in the fourth quarter, the first coming on a 70-yard scoring run by Zach Leach and the second on a



Herndon running back Sam Groter scored a touchdown against Oakton last week.

one-yard run by Sam Groter.

HERNDON is making its first playoff appearance since 2003. But coach Joe Sheaffer said his team must play better than it has in recent weeks if it is to have a chance of beating Westfield this Friday night. Since defeating Westfield in a dramatic overtime affair at Herndon's homecoming on Oct. 17, the Hornets have lost lopsided affairs to both Robinson and now Oakton.

"That's my biggest concern," said Sheaffer, Herndon's second-year head

coach. "After we won that game a few weeks ago, for some reason we've had no consistency in practice. It's almost like [the homecoming win over Westfield] was our defining moment. My thing is to get the kids some confidence back and to have a real good week of practice. We've been very inconsistent in practice and it's very frustrating. Last year at this time we were getting better and better."

The 2007 Herndon squad, indeed, was playing its best football at season's end after a tough 1-4 start to the fall. The Hor-

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— Herndon High Football Coach Joe Sheaffer

nets won four of their last five games and barely missed a playoff berth. This season, the team is struggling but has gotten into the postseason. The Hornets will need a dramatic turnaround to defeat a tough and perennial winning Westfield team for a second time this season.

"I can handle us not winning," said Sheaffer, of his team's recent games. "What I can't handle is we're not playing well. That's discouraging."

But Sheaffer is not discouraged by his teams' overall play throughout the season. Herndon was a respectable 3-3 in the brutally tough Concorde District, one of the elite football district's in the state.

"Overall, I'm really happy about the season," said Sheaffer. "We know the Concorde District is a dog fight."

Cougars Capture Boys' Cross Country Title

Herndon girls win region volleyball playoff match.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Oakton High boys' cross country team captured the team title at the Northern Region championships meet held on the afternoon of Oct. 30 at Burke Lake Park.

Oakton captured the championship with 63 points, ahead of second place Robinson, third place Jefferson and fourth place Lake Braddock. All four

teams will compete at this Saturday's state AAA championships, set to take place at Great Meadows in The Plains.

Oakton was led by junior Andrew McCullen, who finished third overall in the boys' race. Also for Oakton, senior Neal Hendricks (6th place) earned a top 15 medal. The champion Cougars also received solid races from junior Patrick Fulghum (16th place), senior Dante Morales (23rd), senior Chris Weil (27th), senior Karlan Cruz (30th) and junior Matt Woodhouse (37th).

On the girls' side, the Oakton girls finished a strong second in the team standings at regionals. Thomas Jefferson High was the team champion. The other three teams who earned state bids were the second place Cougars, third place Robinson and fourth place Lake Braddock.

Oakton's top finisher was senior Becca

Kassabian, who was sixth overall. Teammate Lanie Smith, a junior, also earned a medal with her ninth place finish. The Cougars also received solid runs from juniors Alison Gregor (25th) and Kathryn Berlin (27th), and senior Kelly Jones (42nd).

LAST YEAR'S GIRLS' region team champion, Herndon, finished seventh at last week's championships.

"It's very disappointing," said Herndon coach Pete Sherry. "Last year we won it and I thought we would definitely finish in the top four and maybe win it again."

Herndon's Carolyn Hennessey, a sophomore, was the top finisher for the Hornets. Hennessey finished 10th overall, earning her a top 15 medal, with a time of 18 minutes, 14 seconds. Herndon's next two top finishers were senior Hiruni Wijayarathne (24th overall) and senior Jessica Wilds (36th).

"Her goal was to get into the top 15 and she did her job," said Sherry,

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South Lakes (near side) saw its girls' volleyball season end last week with a first round Liberty District tournament loss to Stone Bridge. The top-seeded Bulldogs went on to ultimately win the title.

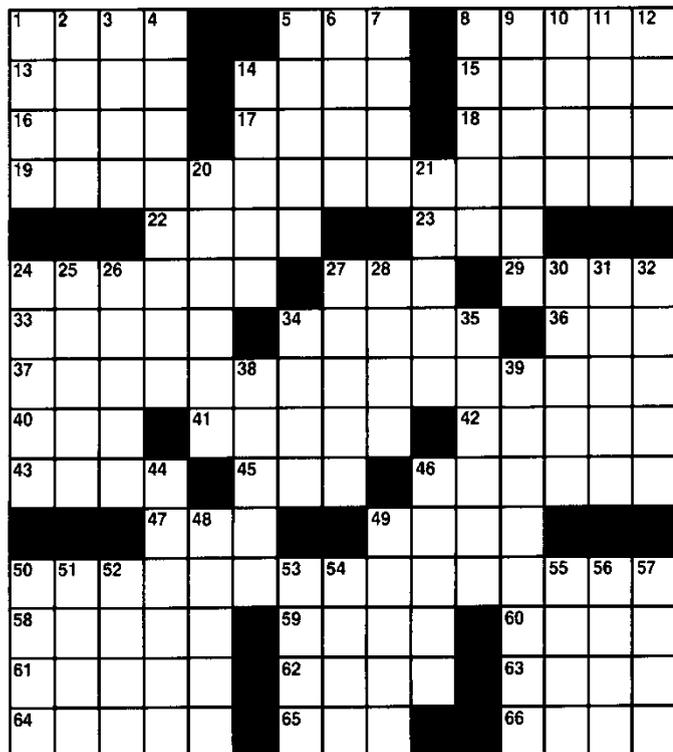
"Her goal was to get into the top 15 and she did her job. She was aggressive and the only one to step up and run better than the week before."

— Herndon High Cross Country Coach Pete Sherry, on runner Carolyn Hennessey

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- 1 Shih Tzus, e.g.
- 5 One-time Chinese chairman
- 8 Hoopster Gilmore
- 13 A Great Lake
- 14 Zeus's wife
- 15 Stop
- 16 Dudley Do-Right's love
- 17 Apiece
- 18 Avignon's river
- 19 Quip about links lovers, part 1
- 22 Baseball bosses: Abbr.
- 23 Magazine income producers
- 24 Beads worn by a nun
- 27 Wish for a hot summer day
- 29 "What the —!"
- 33 Keep away from
- 34 Gaels, etc.
- 36 Rap's Dr. —
- 37 Quip, part 2
- 40 Consumed
- 41 Old photo color
- 42 Confiscate

- 43 Eliot's Adam
- 45 Lobsterlike
- 46 Made amends (for)
- 47 "— nuff!"
- 49 Get-ready work
- 50 Quip, part 3
- 58 Dancer Ailey
- 59 Treaty preceders
- 60 "A Doll's House" heroine
- 61 Former Big Apple mayor Abe
- 62 Suffix with concession
- 63 St. Patrick's land
- 64 Goes it alone
- 65 Cagy
- 66 Wallop

DOWN

- 1 Successor to 5-Across
- 2 Chocolate-and-cream cookie
- 3 Part of a fish
- 4 Successful through one's own efforts
- 5 Beef, pork, etc.
- 6 St. Louis landmark

- 7 Hawaiian island
- 8 Bitter
- 9 Go over again
- 10 Town NNE of Santa Fe
- 11 "— She Lovely?"
- 12 Understands
- 14 Husband to Catherine, Anne, Jane, Anne, Catherine and Catherine
- 20 Marsh birds
- 21 Big bag carrier
- 24 Therapeutic center, for short
- 25 Like some leaves
- 26 Used a piggy bank
- 27 Malodorous
- 28 — Romeo (Italian auto)
- 30 Newsman Newman
- 31 Fad
- 32 Atwitter, with "up"
- 34 Superhero accessory
- 35 Many a bridesmaid
- 38 Long-necked bird
- 39 Unlocked again
- 44 Alaska native
- 46 Get up
- 48 Dancer Gregory
- 49 Actor Luke
- 50 Bell —
- 51 Butter substitute
- 52 Race track shape
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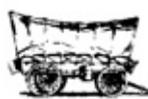
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

While having a conversation recently with my mother about how it was that I could stand the pressure of watching our home town team, the Boston Red Sox, play baseball night after night, as they mostly won their 2008 playoff games, many of which were "elimination games" and extremely stressful if their winning mattered to you, I had an epiphany of sorts.

Sure, I love sports; sure I'm a long time member of Red Sox Nation, having been born, bred and buttered in New England; sure, my father was an even longer-time Red Sox fan, having sold concessions at Fenway Park during the Great Depression when he was a little boy, but my fanaticism may have much deeper psychological underpinnings than that.

Watching sports, especially during those moments of game-changing, series-ending, history-making, life-affirming circumstances, creates tremendous amounts of anxiety and discomfort, and depending on the outcome, mind-crushing and mood-altering disappointment as well. As fans, we all have mechanisms for dealing with the highs and lows and the roller-coastering emotions in between. It can be drinking, smoking, eating, not eating, sitting, standing, pacing, fidgeting, fumbling, dressing a certain way, undressing a certain way, watching from a specific place, not watching (like my father-in-law), following a particular routine, etc.; all in an attempt to charm the Sports Gods and secure your team's rightful place above the rest and to secure, as well, your admission into the fan's Hall of Fame (which of course does not exist outside of anyone's head). No individuals being equal in this pursuit, as a fan you do whatever you can to cope and hope and bring home the win.

And as I was explaining an abbreviated version of this philosophy to my hearing-impaired mother (for whom my brother and I felt compelled to buy the MLB package from Comcast because of her growing passion for the Sox), I inadvertently discovered what may very well be the real reason I am able and determined to watch my beloved Red Sox win or lose, day after day, right down to the hopefully not, bitter (and premature) end: the opportunity to bite my nails without any recrimination or frustration by others as to the reason why I'm doing it.

Moreover, given the understandable tension of the sport's moment, as a fan I would be hard-pressed not to be nervous. And biting one's nails is a reasonably accepted, and semi expected-type normal behavior, especially from a fan watching an extremely stressful, highly competitive, contest, where it's likely there will be any number of slings and arrows of potentially outrageous fortune. Furthermore, given the emotional stakes fans have invested in their team's winning, especially Championships (in whatever Conference, Division, League, etc. you value), how does one not bite their nails?

So that's what I do, I bite my nails. It's normal, almost. Under these circumstances, it's sort of what people/fans do. It's all the other times when I bite my nails — constantly, which are not normal, not expected and not reasonable (and rarely tolerated, I may add). But under these unique, sports-related circumstances, my nail biting is hardly noticed, hardly mentioned and rarely a topic of conversation, unlike every other moment when it is noticed, mentioned, etc. No wonder I love being a fan, it's the one time where my abnormalities are considered normal. Some call it fanaticism, I call it nirvana.

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SPORTS

Herndon Wins Region Playoff

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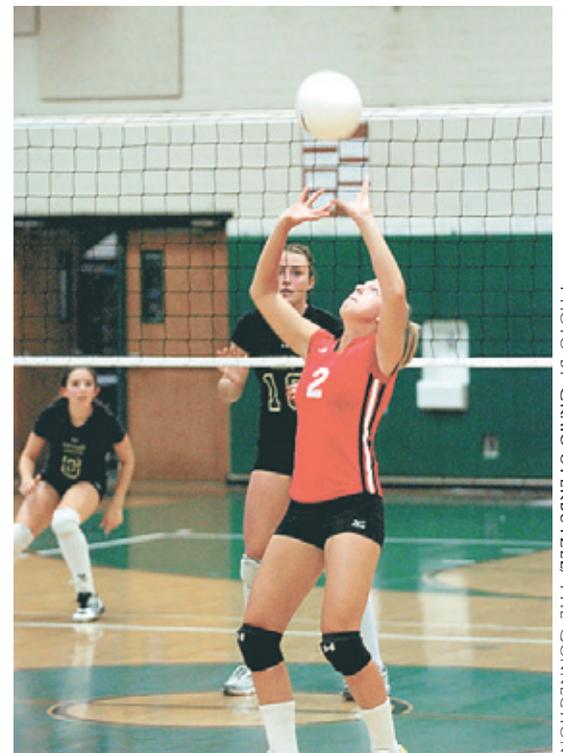


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Herndon High senior setter Mandy Roth (2) earned all-district tournament honors last week.

of Hennessey's solid run. "She was aggressive and the only one to step up and run better than the week before."

Herndon, two weeks ago, finished second overall at the Concorde District championships. Wijayarathne finished third overall at districts and Hennessey was fifth.

THE HERNDON BOYS finished sixth overall at the region meet, a nice surprise for coach Sherry, who earlier this season did not envision the Hornets doing that well.

The team had a terrific race from senior Todd Van Luling, who was ninth overall and earned a medal. Teammate Jack Jasper, a junior, also broke into the top 15 with a 12th place finish.

Sherry said he believes Van Luling can earn another medal at states. A top 15 finish there would earn him all-state recognition.

"Top 15, that's his goal," said Sherry. "This is his first time at states. That was his goal and he achieved it."

South Lakes' top boys' finisher at regionals was sophomore Will Sickenberger, who finished 64th overall in the large region field of runners.

THE HERNDON HIGH girls' volleyball team defeated South County in five games on Monday night in a first round match of the 16-team Northern Region tournament. The competition took place at South County High School in Lorton. The Stallions entered regionals as the top seed from their Patriot District, while Herndon was the No. 4 seed from the Concorde District. The Hornets won the match, three games to two, by the following scores: 25-22, 19-25, 25-18, 16-25 and 16-14.

With the win, Herndon (17-4 overall record) was scheduled to meet Liberty District No. 2 seed Langley in a quarterfinals round match on Tuesday (Election Day).

At last week's Concorde District tournament, Herndon defeated Robinson in a first round match. By doing so, the Hornets earned an automatic seeding for this week's regionals tourney. Following the victory over Robinson, Herndon lost to region power Chantilly in the district semifinals in three games. The Hornets, despite being swept by the Chargers, played Chantilly tough, losing one game by a 22-25 score and another by a 25-27 score. During a regular season meeting between the two teams earlier this fall, Chantilly had won much more decisively.

"We played them better [last week in the playoff meeting] than we have in the past," said Herndon coach Pat Smith. "Chantilly plays a tough game, they are strong and tall."

Smith said the Hornets played Chantilly

pretty much even with the exception of the Chargers' potent serving. Chantilly had eight service aces in the match, compared to one for Herndon.

"Give Chantilly credit, their eight serving aces was probably the difference," said Smith. "They served much tougher than we did."

Smith said that, even in defeat, Herndon came out of the district semifinals match feeling confident about its chances of defeating the Chargers should the two teams meet for a third time this season in a region semifinals meeting. Chantilly defeated T.C. Williams in a first round region match on Monday.

Despite having such a good win-loss record this season, Herndon did not have any of its players selected to the All-Concorde District First Team. Two Hornets made second team, however. Those players were junior middle blocker Steph Drahozal and senior libero Emily Jones. Also, senior setter Mandy Roth made honorable mention. She was also the lone Herndon player named to the all-district tournament team.

Smith was disappointed more of her players were not recognized in all-district honors. She said her team might have been hurt in the selection process by the fact that the Hornets do not have any true star players and play unselfishly and well as a team. All-district teams are selected by the coaches.

"We're not a one-horse team," said Smith. "Across the board, we play as a team."

It is not the first time Herndon has been overlooked in all-district selections. A few years ago when the Hornets went 16-1, none of the team's players made first team all-district.

Maybe the slight will motivate the Hornets at regionals.

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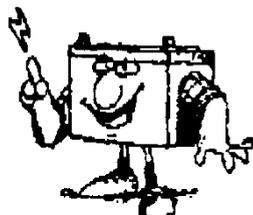
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