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Obama, Connolly, Warner Win

Connolly win leads to special election for chairman's seat.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D) won the battle to replace retiring U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) in Virginia's 11th congressional district handily Nov. 4.

Connolly was ebullient along with Senator-elect Mark Warner at a Democratic celebration at the McLean Hilton on Tuesday night.

"Gerry will be a champion for Fairfax County in Congress."

— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

Connolly defeated political newcomer and Oakton businessman Keith Fimian in an election where voters heavily favored Democrats. He earned 52.98 percent of the vote to Fimian's 44.66 percent, carrying the district with an 8.5 percentage-point lead overall.

Connolly's supporters, particularly his colleagues, praised his work as



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U.S. Rep.-elect Gerry Connolly (D-11) thanks supporters while surrounded by family members for his win over Republican Keith Fimian.

Fairfax County chairman. They said his approach to local government would translate nicely to Congress.

"Gerry will be a champion for Fairfax County in Congress. He brings the Fairfax County perspective that Tom Davis originally brought with him when he was first elected," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Connolly's ascent to congress will be a major change for Fairfax County. The chair-

man has been a fixture in local government, serving as head of the Board of Supervisors for the past five years and the Providence District supervisor for the previous eight.

The county chairman's win also might also point to a more permanent shift in the region's political leanings.

Davis has represented Virginia's modern 11th District for all but two of its 16-year existence. Yet Republicans were unable to fend off Connolly, the most serious Demo-

cratic threat to the seat in years.

President elect Barack Obama won the 11th Congressional District with 55.46 of the vote and approximately a 12-point lead over opponent John McCain. U.S. Sen.-elect Mark Warner earned 64.3 percent of the ballots and posted a 30-point lead in same district.

Connolly posted his strongest numbers in

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For Virginia GOP, a Night To Forget

Republicans suffer major losses at the state and national level in 2008 elections.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

At Westwood Country Club in Vienna, where county Republicans had their Nov. 4 election party, the night was an exercise in frustration.

Spirits were initially high around 8 p.m. as party officials, candidates for statewide office and the party's rank and file continued to stream into the grand ballroom of the club. Though their presidential candidate Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) found himself behind in almost every national poll

coming into the election, many expressed an "anything-can-happen" mentality when the bulk of the results began broadcasting on televisions and projection screens.

"I feel excited and positive," said Puneet Ahluwalia when asked about McCain's chances. "He poured his heart out."

Jim Hyland, chairperson for the Fairfax County Republican Committee, projected optimism at the beginning of the night, laying out the electoral path McCain needed to take to the White House.

"Spirits are up because we still believe McCain can win Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida," said Hyland.

Whoops and hollers broke out when Fox News called South Carolina for McCain at 8 p.m., followed by reports of an early 56 percent-43 percent lead for the Republican senator in

Virginia. That optimism evaporated as the night wore on, with Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) winning all four of the battleground states Hyland listed.

Former Gov. Mark Warner (D) cruised to a 64 percent-34 percent win against former Gov. Jim Gilmore (R) and 8th District Congressional candidate Mark Elmore gave a short concession speech when early results called the race for his opponent, incumbent Jim Moran (D).

"You can tell your kids that Mark Elmore gave 110 percent," said Elmore before thanking his staff, friends and family.

By 9 p.m., the networks had called Ohio and Pennsylvania for Obama, and the party's chances looked sobering. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-10) sizable 60 percent-37 percent win over Democratic opponent Judy Feder was one of the only pieces of good news for Republicans to reach the ballroom all night. A tighter than expected race between business man Keith Fimian (R) and Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D) in the 11th Congressional Dis-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Oakton businessman Keith Fimian (R) lost to Board of Supervisors Chair Gerry Connolly (D) in the 11th District Congressional race.

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"The Republican Party in Virginia needs to find a message."

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)



This surveillance photo shows the suspect that police say robbed a Springfield bank on Tuesday.

Springfield Bank Robbed.

Fairfax County Police are looking for information regarding a bank robbery that took place Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the BB&T Bank located at 7000 Bland St. in Springfield. According to a Fairfax County Police release, at approximately 2:26 p.m., an unidentified man approached a teller and demanded money. After the teller handed the cash over, the suspect fled without incident. No weapon was shown to the teller, nor did the suspect indicate he was armed.

The release goes on to describe the suspect as a white man in his 40s, approximately 5 feet 6 inches and weighing approximately 150 pounds. He was clean shaven and wore brown wire-rim glasses and a black baseball hat. He was wearing a gray hoodie and dark blue pants. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-8477 or e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Oct. 31.

ROBBERY/ARREST

5700 block of Backlick Road. Three men robbed another man on Sunday, Oct. 26. The victim, a 36-year-old Springfield man, was walking in the 5700 block of Backlick Road and saw a small group of men standing nearby. As he walked past, three men allegedly knocked him to the ground, assaulted him and took an undisclosed amount of cash. An investigation led police to a residence nearby where all of the suspects were located. They were arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Julio Cesar Rodas, 22, of Acadia St. in Stafford; German Mayorga, 29, and Jose Hernandez, 40, both of unknown addresses, were charged with robbery. The victim did not require medical attention.

LARCENIES

7500 block of Axton St. License plates stolen from vehicle.
5100 block of Backlick Road. Fireproof box stolen from residence.
4600 block of Conwell Drive. Airbags stolen from vehicle.
5600 block of Industrial Drive. Laptop computer stolen from business.
4700 block of Irvin Square. Purse stolen from vehicle.
6500 block of Grange Lane.

Purse stolen from business.
5400 block of Hopark Drive. Cellular phone stolen from school.
5900 block of Kingstowne Towne Center. Groceries stolen from business.
4600 block of Logsdon Drive. Airbags stolen from vehicle.
7100 block of Rock Ridge Lane. Wallet and bucket stolen from vehicle.
7300 block of Spring Summit Road. License plates stolen from vehicle.
6200 block of William Edgar Drive. Purse stolen from vehicle.
3300 block of Wilton Crest Court. Tires stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

6400 block of Edsall Road. Nissan Sentra.
5500 block of Governors Pond Circle. 1993 Honda Civic.
7400 block of Wounded Knee Road. 2004 Acura RSX.

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Oct. 31.

FORGING BANK NOTES/OBTAIN MONEY BY FALSE PRETENSES/ARREST

5200 Port Royal Road. Police responded to the Safeway grocery store, located at 5204 Port Royal Road, for a report of two people attempting to cash fraudulent checks on Tuesday,

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NEWS

Lighter Than Expected

Northern Virginia voters head to the polls amid record registration.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

For Clifton resident Uzair Siddiqui, it was the economy, for Burke resident Karen Saunders it was terrorism and for Springfield resident Betty Jenkins it was integrity. Every voter in Fairfax County had a top issue in mind when they reached their polling location Tuesday Nov. 4 for the 2008 elections.

"There's a lot of enthusiasm, though there's no way of judging for whom," said Springfield resident Fletch Fletcher, who set up a table for the GOP outside the Hunter's Crossing polling station in Greenspring on Spring Village Road.

Fear in the lead up to the election concerning overcrowded polls due to record voter registration throughout the state were seemingly alleviated when voters and poll workers reported shorter than expected lines.

"It's slowed-down for now, but it will probably pick up after lunch," said Greenspring resident Sim Taylor, who has been a poll worker since Richard Nixon was reelected in 1972.

"We've seen huge crowds but everything has kept moving," said Michael Duerksen, chief election officer for Lake Braddock polling station. "A lot of us are veterans in this precinct.

Light but constant rain was a factor for most of the day. According to the Virginia State Board of Elections, preliminary vote totals show nearly 3.5 million Virginians voted in this presidential election, up from approximately 3.2 million in 2004. If those numbers hold, it would represent a smaller than expected increase after 5 million people registered to vote this year, a state record.

By noon Tuesday, the Clifton Elementary School polling station reported that 2,100 of 4,386 eligible votes in their precinct had been cast.

"[The numbers] are high, but I would not say they were unusually high," said Monica Horan, chief election officer for the precinct. "We were prepared for a nightmare and we really didn't get that."

Voters also reported light lines, though many credited a good sense of timing more than any other factors.

"I was surprised. Maybe the big rush for people at work has already happened," said Saunders, who cast her vote around 11 a.m..

"They're shorter than I've ever seen here. I have to believe that people are spreading out their day," said Burke resident Eileen Billinson.

"I thought there was going to be hours of waiting," said Clifton resident Tracy Lattanze.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) spent her morning moving from one polling station to the next, greeting voters and stumping for 11th District Congressional candidate Gerry Connolly (D). She said she was impressed with the Obama campaign coordination in the lead up to the campaign.

"I think the organization from the Obama cam-



Springfield resident Sim Taylor works the polls at Greenspring retirement community Tuesday, Nov. 4 during the 2008 election.

paign is like nothing I've ever seen before," said Bulova. "The number of young voters participating in the process is unique."

Cathy Connolly, wife of Gerry Connolly, visited Greenspring in the morning to greet voters as well.

"It's a very exciting day. We're feeling really, really good about the day across the board," she said.

Cathy Connolly said the increased voter turnout reflected people's desire for change.

"What it really signals is a very exciting time for the country. People in Fairfax County believe in good government," said Cathy Connolly. "We're used to government working for us and its time we got used to that on a national level."

"We were prepared for a nightmare and we really didn't get that."

— Monica Horan

MANY VOTERS based their decision on the perceived strengths of both candidates: national security for McCain and the economy for Obama.

"We live in tenuous times and I feel with John McCain we are safer," said Saunders, who voted for McCain.

"I would put the economy at the top, and then the general direction of [the country] after that," said Siddiqui, who voted for Obama.

However, traditional platform issues like abortion still managed to sway some voters regardless of their feelings about the candidates.

"I'm voting for the person who stands for life. I don't believe in murdering babies," said Jenkins, who voted for McCain.

Jim Dillard, former Republican Delegate from the 41st District was outside the Lake Braddock Secondary School polling precinct, trying to catch people coming out of the polls to educate them about smart growth. This election he has switched sides to support the Democrat Obama, recording a robocall on behalf of the campaign and hanging Obama flyers on doors the day before the election. He said that if Obama won Virginia he would likely do it by following the strategies that Virginia Democrats have used in recent years.

CRIME

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Oct. 28 around 4:15 p.m. They fled the store before completing the transaction and left in a vehicle waiting outside. Officers located the suspects entering onto Interstate 495 and stopped them. Marcus Herbert, 37 and Lloyd Ford, 42, both of Washington, D.C., were arrested at the scene. Shelita Clark, 33, Cheryl Williams-Winestock, 49, both of Oxon Hill, Md., and Samuel Kennedy, 35, of Washington, D.C., were additional occupants inside the car and were also taken into custody. Herbert, Ford, Clark, Williams-Winestock and Kennedy were

transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with forging bank notes. Williams-Winestock was also charged with obtaining money by false pretenses. A store employee recognized her from a previous check fraud case and she was served warrants for two counts of forging bank notes.

LARCENIES

- 8100 block of Colony Point Road.** Bicycle stolen from business.
- 6200 block of Falcon Landing Court.** Pistol and GPS unit stolen from vehicle.
- 4300 block of Markham St.** Purse

- stolen from business.
- 10400 block of Premier Court.** Purse and wallet stolen from vehicle.
- 8300 block of The Midway.** Political sign stolen from residence.
- 5300 block of Windsor Hills Drive.** Driver's seat stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

- 5400 block of Donnelly Court.** 2006 Volkswagen Passat.
- 5900 block of Ridge Ford Drive.** 2000 Chrysler Sirius.
- 8500 block of Springfield Oaks Drive.** 2002 Chrysler Voyager.
- 8700 block of Wadebrook Terrace.** 2004 Acura RSX.

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The property consists of 34.39 acres, is identified on the Fairfax County Real Property Identification Map as Tax Map No. 67-2 ((1)) parcel 3, and is owned by the Islamic Foundation of America.

A full copy of the text of the proposed resolution approving and directing the acquisition of the Islamic Foundation of America property as well as a description of the property interests to be acquired is on file and available for public inspection in the Public Information Office of the Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

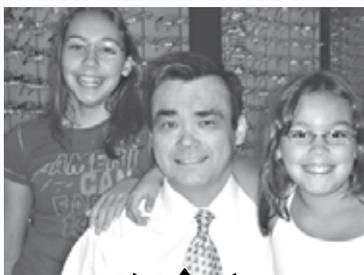
Written comments from the public on the acquisition of the Islamic Foundation of America property will be received by the Fairfax County Park Authority for a period of 30 days, closing on November 11, 2008; the public hearing will be held on November 12, 2008. Any person desiring to speak at the public hearing may call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, send an email to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or may appear and be heard. Written comments should be directed to David R. Bowden, Director of Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. Email comments should be sent to: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Hunt Valley Elementary School participated in a mock electoral election on Thursday, Oct. 30. School tech specialist Evan Lemmerman compiled the votes while dressed as Uncle Sam.



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Sixth grader Rebecca Yoon studies her Senteo voting device during the Hunt Valley Election 2008.

As Hunt Valley Goes ...

Mock election at Springfield school reflects national attitudes about candidates, politics.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

In Carol Kirkpatrick's sixth-grade classroom at Hunt Valley Elementary School in Springfield, the arguments among the students often play out as simpler versions of the ones currently happening over the airwaves and on the campaign trail.

Sixth grader Tyler Wynn sought to tie the Republican presidential candidate John McCain (R) to the unpopular incumbent.

"Because who got us into this crisis? George Bush," Wynn said. "And who's on George Bush's side? McCain."

On Thursday, Oct. 30 at the Hunt Valley Election 2008, students from grades 2-6 participated in a mock electoral presidential election just six days out from the real election. A total of 339 students representing 20 electoral states spent part of their morning and afternoon voting for five different presidential tickets. Principal Patricia Small said a decision by popular vote would not have taught children about the reality of the voting process.

"We decided it would be 'winner-takes-all' with an [electoral college]," said Small. "We felt it was important throughout the process that this be more than a popular vote."

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— Patricia Small, principal,
Hunt Valley Elementary

WITH THE last two real presidential elections being decided by razor thin margins, including in 2000 when the winner of the popular vote lost the election, the mechanics of the election had to reflect that possibility. Children wishing to vote first had to register. Registration took place in September during recess, forcing children to choose whether they wanted to give up their free time in order to participate. As in real elections, not everyone eligible to vote did. Sixth grader Jack Dunphy was unable to vote, having failed to register.

"I really didn't feel like taking time away from recess," he said.

Using information pamphlets from Scholastic, Hunt Valley teachers spent the weeks leading up to mock election educating their classes about the various candidates. McCain, along with Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) appeared on the ballot, along with Bob Barr (Libertarian), Rep. Cynthia McKinney (Green Party) and Ralph Nader (Independent). However, coverage of Obama and McCain was dominant, leaving little time or votes for the others.

"We really didn't get to talk about the other candidates," said sixth grader Rebecca Yoon, who voted for McKinney.

The election wound up as a landslide victory for Obama. Capturing over 60 percent

of the popular vote, Obama won 183 of the 264 electoral votes up for grabs. Fifteen of McCain's 81 electoral votes came from Kirkpatrick's class.

School technical specialist Evan Lemmerman, dressed as Uncle Sam, spent the morning of Oct. 30 wheeling a cart filled with individual Senteo clickers to each classroom. Using the electronic devices, each child cast his or her vote. After Kirkpatrick's class went for McCain, mini-debates broke out at each table as children explained their reasons for their choice. The war in Iraq and the current state of the economy were the top issues cited by most voters.

"I voted for McCain because I don't agree with some of the things Obama said, like I think the troops should stay [in Iraq] because the bad people are there," said Caleb Holbrook.

Danielle Cossio took the opposite view, saying ending the war trumped McCain's heroic military service.

"I do feel bad about McCain, because he got tortured, but I don't think he's the right person," she said.

MANY OF THE reasons given by the children echo ones that both candidates have spent millions of dollars promoting during the campaign. Many of the students said they had been following the race in the media, listing CNN, Fox News, The Examiner and the Washington Post as sources of information.

"I voted for McCain because if we take the troops out of Iraq, the terrorists will win and it will threaten our national security," said sixth grader Sammy Branson.

"I voted for Obama because I think that McCain won't be able to make the economy better as fast," said Brahmpreet Kaur.

Kirkpatrick said children were relying on outside sources to make up their mind.

"I think they're echoing their parents, what they hear at home, what they hear in the media," said Kirkpatrick.

Parents were mentioned as an influence in many of the children's decisions. David Heizer, a student in Angela Gressett's class, cited the John McCain sign put up by his father when he voted for Republican candidate. Sixth grader Matt Blackburn said his family's military history helped sway him toward McCain.

"My whole family is Republican," said Blackburn "[McCain] went to the Naval Academy and is a soldier, like my family."

Second-grader Emily Butters put it more bluntly.

"Sometimes I like to follow what my mom does," she said.

If elected, Obama would become the first African-American president in U.S. history. That point was not lost among some of the children.

"We've had all white presidents, but this year it should be different," said Yoon.

"He would be the first black man actually to be president," said Butters.

The mock election was the first one under Small, who is in her second year as principal of Hunt Valley. In the weeks following the election, she said administrators will look at where they made mistakes and try to fine-tune the process to be as realistic as possible.

"This is the first time we've done this. Four years from now we'll know what we need to do to make it more sophisticated," said Small.

Kirkpatrick said the mock election was a way for those under the legal voting age to symbolically carry out their civic rights.

"Every year we hear them complain that they can't vote. This year they have a voice, at least at the school," she said.

Small said she hoped that by familiarizing the students with the voting process at a young age, they will be more likely to participate in real elections.

"All we're trying to do is make our children more aware of our government, to understand it's important," said Small. "Hopefully when they turn 18 they'll register to vote."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Senator John McCain made a campaign rally stop at Interstate Trucking in Springfield on Nov. 1 to rally support for Tuesday's Presidential election.

McCain in Springfield

Candidate says Fairfax is 'key' to GOP victory.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

U.S. Presidential candidate John McCain visited the Fairfax area for the second time Nov. 1, indicating the Republican is serious about competing for votes in Virginia's most populous locality.

"Fairfax County is key to this election. You know that," said McCain, speaking to about 6,000 people outside the Interstate Van Lines warehouse in Springfield.

Though Democratic candidate Barack Obama has spent more money and personal time in Virginia overall, McCain has made more public appearances in Fairfax during the 2008 election season. In addition to the Springfield event, McCain and Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin appeared at a large rally in the City of Fairfax Sept. 10.

By contrast, Obama has not visited Fairfax since July and Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Biden never made a local campaign appearance. Biden and Obama made separate appearances in Loudoun and Obama appeared in Prince William County on Monday, Nov. 3.

THE OBAMA campaign may not have to win over as many voters in Fairfax as McCain. County residents voted overwhelmingly for the Illinois senator during the Democratic primary last winter and favored Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry

over President George Bush by eight points in 2004.

In recent statewide elections, local Fairfax voters have also given the nod to Democrats in overwhelming numbers. The county supported former Gov. Mark Warner (D) by about 10 percent margin in 2001, current Gov. Tim Kaine (D) by 22 percent margin in 2005 and Sen. Jim Webb (D) by an 18 percent margin in 2006.

A Democrat has also occupied the Fairfax County's highest local elected office, Board of Supervisors chairman, for the past 13 years.

The McCain campaign chose to have its rally in a more conservative area of the county. The Interstate Van Lines site off Rolling Road is in Republican Rep. Tom Davis' congressional district and Republican Del. Dave Albo's House of Delegates district.

The warehouse is also on the border of the Springfield District, where residents elected Republican county supervisor Patrick Herrity and Republican-endorsed School Board member Liz Bradsher to county government last year.

"Fairfax County is key to this election."

— Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.)

MCCAIN'S MESSAGE and personal background could resonate with many Fairfax County residents, including many military

families.

The Arizona senator is a Vietnam veteran and former prisoner of war. He and Palin together currently have three children serving in the military, said Cindy McCain, the candidate's wife, at the Springfield rally.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 7

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Young Peoples Theatre fall show, "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.," at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. 7 p.m. Reserved seats are \$10, unreserved seats are \$12. www.YPTNVA.com or 703-866-3546.

Rocky Guttman, 8-12 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors," 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Tickets \$17-\$34. Children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

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"Footloose," 7:30 p.m. at the W.T. Woodson Performing Arts Department, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. 703-503-4600 or wtwdrama.org.

"The Laramie Project," 7:30 p.m. at South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Adults \$10, under 18 \$6. 703-446-1591.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

White Lion featuring Mike Tramp with Baby Jayne, Bloodlines, Mis-Fit and more. Age 21 and over. 8 p.m. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

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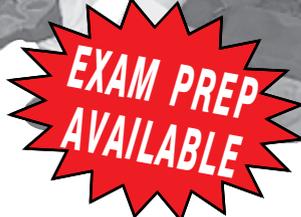
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TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Fairfax County Public Schools, meeting to solicit citizen input to determine boundaries for the new elementary school under construction at the Laurel Hill site on Laurel Crest Drive in Lorton, a 38-classroom school serving kindergarten through grade 6. Schools involved in the boundary study include Gunston, Halley, Lorton Station, Newington Forest and Silverbrook elementary schools. Meeting will be at 7 p.m. at South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road in Lorton. Contact Denise James at 703-246-6920 or denise.james@fcps.edu.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

The League of Women Voters: Restoration of Civil Rights of Felons in Virginia, 9:30 a.m. at 7902 Bracksford Court, Fairfax Station. Call Lois, 703-690-0908. League office, 703-658-9150 or <http://lwv-fairfax.org/Meet.html>.

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Tickets \$49, available at www.dare2share.org. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.

Family Outdoor Movie Night. 7-9 p.m. Large outside screen, open concessions. \$15 per car. Occoquan Regional Park, 9520 Ox Road, Lorton. 703-690-2121.

Young Peoples Theatre fall show, "Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.," at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. 3 p.m. Reserved seats \$10, unreserved seats \$12. www.YPTNVA.com or 703-866-3546.

Rocky Guttman, 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

Seventh Annual Franconia History Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Franconia Elementary School, 6043 Franconia Road. Free admission. Music, local history presentations, historical displays and trivia contest. Local authors book signings. Refreshments available. Jim Cox at 703-971-7943 or Franconiamuseum@yahoo.com. Visit www.franconiamuseum.org.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Pre-performance discussion begins at 7:15 on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$22-\$44. Children 12 and under half price. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Friends of the Kingstowne Library Book Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

"Footloose," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. 703-503-4600 or wtwdrama.org.

Theater of the First Amendment presents Jack Gilhooley's "The Warrior," at George Mason University's TheaterSpace at 8 p.m. The performance will be followed by a panel discussion on the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. This play contains adult language. Tickets are \$15. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. TheaterSpace is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

W.T. Woodson High School PTSA Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Frost Middle School, 4101 Pickett Road, Fairfax. Free admission. 703-321-8373.

"The Laramie Project," 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Adults \$10, under 18 \$6. 703-446-1591.

The Fairfax Master Naturalists Fall Tree ID Program, 1-3 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park. Learn from Virginia Department of Forestry experts Jim McGlone and Bryant Bays and hear the latest about the emerald ash borer infestation. Meet in the main parking lot near the dam, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free, no registration required. Contact Karen Monroe at FMNvolunteer@cox.net or visit www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/fairfax.html.

Rocky Guttman, 8:30-12:30 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

Seventh Annual Franconia Day. 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 3K Run/Walk, door prizes, trivia contest, live music, Civil War and ghost stories. Franconia Elementary School, 6043 Franconia Road, Franconia.

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University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle. Call 703-993-3000 or visit www.patriotcenter.com.

GMU Chamber Ensembles, 2 p.m. in the Harris Theater, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-8794.

Percussion Ensemble Recital, 7 p.m. in the Harris Theater, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-8794.

MONDAY/NOV. 10

Let's Make a Gift. 3:30 p.m. After-school crafts. Age 6-12. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Leaf Jumpers. 10:30 a.m. Stories and songs. Age 24-35 months with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Culinary Institute of America Admissions Reception, 7 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Learn about CIA degree programs. Register at 1-800-CULINARY or www.ciachef.edu.

Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Veterans' Day Commemoration. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Col. George Mason was a member of the Virginia militia. Mansion tours, period reenactors and how Mason furthered the cause of American freedom. Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston road, Mason Neck. www.gunstonhall.org.

GMU Symphonic Band Concert, 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall, George

Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$15 adults, \$10 students and seniors. 703-993-8794.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Practice Your English Conversation Group. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Faculty Artist Series: Stanley Curtis on Trumpet, 8 p.m. in the Harris Theater, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-8794.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

George Mason University Speaker Series: Virginia Ashby Sharpe, Ph.D., Georgetown University Medical Ethicist, National Center for Ethics in Healthcare, U.S. Veterans Health Administration. Free. 6 p.m. at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Mason Hall, Room D3AB, Fairfax. 703-993-1850 or chpre.gmu.edu.

Lighters and Matches are Tools for Grownups Only. 1:30 p.m. Age 4-5 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

What's New in Picture Books. 7 p.m. Books for preschoolers. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Fall Fun. 1 p.m. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Women in the Military Memorial, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene

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Mill Road, Springfield. Brig. Gen. Wilma Vaught, U.S.A.F. (Ret.) President of the Board of Directors of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation, will speak about the memorial and recount stories of the women who have served. \$17. 703-768-4543.

Workshop Jazz Band, 8 p.m. in the Harris Theater, George Mason Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-8794.

Dave Berry, 8 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

FRIDAY/NOV. 14

Y&T with Switched at Birth, Gate 1, Sinners Trail and NeoComplex. Age 21 and over. 7:30 p.m. \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

Dave Berry, 8-12 p.m. at Kate's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860.

The Kirov Orchestra under Valery Gergiev, at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30-\$60. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. Visit www.gmu.edu.cfa.

Christopher Paul Curtis, author of "Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963" and "Bud, Not Buddy," 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Books available for sale and signing. 703-324-8428.

Lunch Bunch, 12 p.m. Bring lunch. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

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Spartans Maintain Steady Pace

Despite injuries and losses, West Springfield football set up to make a run at region.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

At the beginning of this football season, it appeared as if the West Springfield Spartans could win one game and they'd advance to the Virginia AAA state championship.

With all of the hype surrounding the fact that 15 starters returned from last year's team that reached the Northern Region title game, it seemed that all West Springfield needed to do was to not get lost driving to the field.

But, as much fun as crowning a champion after one game could be, the Virginia High School League requires teams to play at least 10 of them — each more important than the next.

Through that 10-game schedule, West Springfield (7-3) has endured a two-game losing streak to start the season, as well as injuries to its quarterback, running back and one of its linebackers. Still, after that brutal 10-game slate, the Spartans have the same goal and opportunities as they started with.

With a win over fifth-seeded Woodson on Friday in the first round of the Northern Region playoffs, the No. 4 Spartans will move one step closer to replicating that 2007 title game appearance.

"We've had some setbacks along the way, but any season is going to be like that," said



FILE PHOTO

Filling in for injured starter Brandon Bailey, who was lost for the season with a broken hand, junior running back Dan Collins ran for 269 yards and three scores during last Friday's 46-12 win over Lee.

North Carolina-bound quarterback Bryn Renner. "You're going to have ups and downs, and I think we've responded very well."

The season started with back-to-back losses to Division 5 powers Stone Bridge (10-0) and Edison (10-0), who've combined to beat opponents by an average of 34.8 points per contest. From there, West Springfield gathered itself and reeled off five straight wins, two of which that came against Patriot District competition.

During practice before a win over Hayfield on Sept. 19, senior linebacker Scott VanBuren tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee. VanBuren tried to return

two weeks later but without any strength or mobility in his knee, season-ending surgery was required.

In a 52-42 win over eighth-seeded South County (6-4) on Oct. 10, Renner sprained his left shoulder. It's not his throwing shoulder, but coach Bill Renner, Bryn's dad, still kept his son out of the following Saturday's game against T.C. Williams.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, West Springfield lost starting tailback Brandon Bailey with a broken left hand during the same South County game. The Spartans stumbled against the Titans, suffering an 18-16 upset at T.C. Williams while Bryn

"We've had some setbacks along the way, but any season is going to be like that."

— Bryn Renner

Renner and Bailey watched.

While Bryn Renner's shoulder is "good enough to do the job," it would be a stretch for Bailey (832 yards, seven touchdowns) to make it back this season.

"We've had to plug some people in because other guys have gotten hurt, and they've played really well," said Bill Renner, referencing junior running back Dan Collins (791 yards, nine touchdowns), who has taken over for Bailey and most recently rushed for 269 yards and three touchdowns during a Week 10 win over Lee.

"There are a lot of guys who were with us last year at the regional final and I've seen more of a maturity in this group than a lot of other groups because of that experience," Bill Renner said.

Through all of the possible setbacks, West Springfield has moved forward. Against Woodson on Friday night, a team that has scored an average of 30 points per game this season, the Spartans don't feel the need to slow down.

"I think we'll run our scheme like we usually do, just sling it around the field," said Bryn Renner, who has passed for 2,247 yards and 29 touchdowns this season and has only been intercepted three times. "Some of our key guys have missed games, but we've just persevered. We're right where we want to be, sitting with the No. 4 seed and trying to make a run."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Edison's Degfae Adds Signature Win

After second-place finishes at the Monroe Parker, Glory Days and Octoberfest Invationals, Edison's Leoule Degfae was still looking for a signature win when he started the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park last Thursday for the Northern Region cross-country championships.

Sure, Degfae had won the National District individual title only seven days before but that win lacked the prestige of the larger Invationals.

"It makes first place even sweeter," said Degfae, who finished with a time of 15 minutes, 12.27 seconds and grabbed the first region title for an Edison runner since 1974. "I never won an invitational, but winning this makes up for all the [second-place finishes]."

Behind Degfae, the Edison boys team placed seventh, while the girls, keyed by

a seventh-place finish from Myah Hicks (18:06.91) took eighth.

The top four teams and 15 individuals will advance to Saturday's Virginia AAA state championship race, held at Great Meadow in The Plains. Start times are 11:45 a.m. (AAA girls) and 12:30 p.m. (AAA boys).

Spartan Hurlers Shine at Showcase Tournament

At the World Wood Bat Association Fall Championship, an 80-team amateur baseball tournament that took place Oct. 23-27 in Jupiter, Fla., three West Springfield pitchers competed with their travel teams for a shot at the prestigious tournament title. Seniors Mike Kent (Hurricanes Baseball) and Richie McMahon (Richmond Braves National), as well as junior Bobby Wahl (Orioles Scout Team) all made starts, with

Kent and McMahon picking up wins. Kent threw six innings and scattered three hits, while McMahon tossed a complete-game two-hitter.

Lee Lines Up with Edison Again

It's almost as if someone hit rewind on the Lee football team's season. After starting the year with a mistake-riddled 35-14 loss to Edison, the Lancers will get another crack at the Eagles when the two meet for the first round of the Northern Region playoffs on Friday.

During that Week 1 contest, Lee surrendered an early kickoff return and punt return — both touchdowns — and couldn't mount a counterattack against Edison's defense (allowing 10.7 points per game).

"We have another chance to put a better situation back on the field," said Lee coach Rob Everett, whose team enters the

matchup with a 3-7 record.

In last week's 20-17 win over Chantilly, Edison's Stephon Robertson (knee), Angus Harper (concussion) and Josh Page (knee) all suffered injuries and could miss Friday's game.

Regardless, Everett has learned that when facing Edison's veteran head coach, Vaughn Lewis, one can never take anything for granted.

"We're going to play our game and do what we do defensively," Everett said. "Regardless who's in there, it's going to be a very capable and explosive player running the ball."

In addition to Robertson (878 rushing yards, 18 touchdowns) and Harper (849 rushing yards, eight touchdowns), Edison (9-0) has thrived this season thanks to quarterback Levi Barber (1,035 passing yards, 345 rushing yards and 12 total touchdowns) and wide receiver Corey Washington (23 catches, 344 yards and five touchdowns).

FAITH

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.

Church Women United World Community Day "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free" service on Friday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. at St. John's United Methodist Church, 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield. Barbara Teats will speak on prison ministries. Postal Forever Stamps will be collected for prison ministries. Reception to follow. 703-425-5625.

Immanuel Christian School Fall Open House on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 6915 Braddock Road, Springfield. Tours, classroom observation and curriculum available. Fall 2009 kindergarten-eighth grade registration is now open. 703-941-1220 or www.icsva.org.

Grace Church Veterans Day Program, Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 9800 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Honoring our country's servicemen and women and highlighting how military chaplain ministries extend into the battlefield, hospital and more. Dinner at 6:15 p.m., program 7-8 p.m. 703 323-8033.

Divorce Recovery Workshop, a nine-week program on Wednesday evenings through Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. The program is free; book (used) is \$12. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Contact Mary Stedman at 703-569-9862, ext. 213, or mstedman@messiahumc.org.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Christmas Bazaar is Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Local crafters, a room just for children to shop in, a tea room, and a Grandma's Attic with "nearly new" gifts. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-455-2500.

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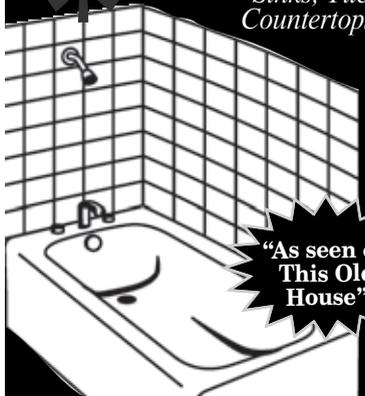
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OPINION

Share Your Voting Experiences

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Northern Virginia voters turned out in record numbers on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4. Election results and more stories about residents' experiences on Election Day appear in this edition of the Connection and on our Web site.

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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 working made a difference by being exceptionally 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.

—MARY KIMM,

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Process above Partisan Politics

Forty-year procedure for choosing judges serves Commonwealth well.

BY DEL. DAVE MARSDEN
D-41

As I write this, I am preparing to meet with the other delegates and senators who represent Fairfax County in the General Assembly to select a new judge for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. The vacancy was created by the elevation of the Honorable David Schell to the Circuit Court.

I once spoke with a staff member at the National Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, who shared with me that many people believe that Virginia has the finest judiciary in the country. In Virginia, judges are appointed by the legislature, and in Fairfax County we have devised a very fair and impartial way of selecting judges for our courts. The current system was put in place over 40 years ago in an effort to keep partisan politics out of the selection process.

Every delegate or senator who represents part of Fairfax County is able to vote by secret ballot for the judge of his or her choosing. This

vote occurs only after extensive interviews of the candidates by a judicial selection committee of the Fairfax County Bar Association and a vote of all bar members as to the suitability of all of the candidates for a judgeship. The Asian, Hispanic and Black Bar Associations also conduct interviews and make recommendations.

Candidates are then referred to the Fairfax General Assembly members as either not qualified, qualified, recommended, or highly recommended by the Bar. After reviewing this material, the judicial candidates are then interviewed by the members of the General Assembly, and their merits are discussed prior to the vote being taken. A judge must be elected by a majority, so multiple votes can occur until one candidate receives that majority.

Candidates selected through this process are then referred to the Judicial Selection Committee made up of senators and delegates who serve on the Courts of Justice committees in

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you from getting to the polls during the hours that they are open.

Absentee-in-person voting has always been leisurely at this satellite location — I don't remember anyone waiting for more than

a few minutes or circling the parking lot for 20 minutes trying to find a parking

space. Not this year! In the last week of voting, people began lining up at 11:30 a.m. for voting that would not begin until 1 p.m. Lines stretched from one end of the governmental center to the other and doubled back on themselves. I was struck by how patient people were and how determined they were to

cast their vote. Normally, we're a do-it-now group of people, unwilling to wait more than a few minutes for anything, yet voters waited in line for two and three hours.

I didn't think there'd be many people left to vote by the time Election Day came around, but as I was wrong. As I waited in a very long line at my polling place at an hour when turnout is usually light I thought about this historic election and reflected that whoever won would have an enormous obligation to the American people to honor their trust in democracy.

Now that the election is over, I hope that we can take that elec-

tion civic mindedness and put it to use pulling together as a community and a nation. Heaven knows, the challenges in front of us will take all our energy, courage, and determination to overcome.

As the year draws to a close, I would like to wish a happy holiday season and new year to you and your families. I hope you'll join my staff and me for our annual open house on Saturday, Jan. 31, from 1-3 p.m., in the community room of the Franconia Governmental Center.

While there are many times when partisan politics make progress difficult, you can be proud of the system put in place many years ago, and adhered to today, that has made Fairfax County the envy of many jurisdictions around our commonwealth.

Supervisor Jeff McKay
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POLITICS

Connolly To Succeed Davis in Congress

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the City of Fairfax.

Connolly also won in the part of the 11th District that overlaps with Prince William County, where he received 51.85 percent of the vote.

"While I congratulate Gerry Connolly on his win, his victory was not resounding. I think those numbers indicate voters had some doubts about his leadership of this county," said Jim Hyland, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

CONNOLLY'S move to Congress will trigger at least one special election — and possibly one or two more — for local positions this year.

Residents will vote in special election for a new chairman in February or March following Connolly's resignation as county chairman in early January.

At least two candidates, Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield), have already expressed interest in the chairman's race.

Bulova, who has represented the Braddock District for 21 years, has said she will officially kick off her bid for county chairman Nov. 12, and has already secured a campaign staff manager for the race.

"I think I can do a very good job as chairman. I was mainly happy serving the



Sen.-elect Mark Warner, Gov. Tim Kaine and Sen. Jim Webb watch early results while attending the Democrat watch party in McLean on Tuesday night.

Braddock District, but now I think it is something I should do and can do well," said Bulova at the Democratic victory party in Tysons Corner on election night.

Bulova cited her leadership on regional

commissions and the county board's budget committee chair as preparation for the chairman's position.

As a district supervisor, Bulova said she has also taken on Fairfax County's larger

problems, like transportation. She was instrumental in bringing one of state most successful public transportation systems, the Virginia Railway Express, into existence, she said.

If elected, the Braddock supervisor said she would bring a style different than Connolly's to the county's highest office.

"Gerry and I are both policy wonks and budget wonks, but my temperament is different. I am more measured," said Bulova.

Herrity could not be reached for this article, though Fairfax County Republicans said they expected him to announce his own chairman campaign soon.

"Pat Herrity is highly likely to be a candidate for that spot," said Hyland the day after Connolly won his election for Congress.

Herrity is in his first year on the county board but could bring name recognition to the race. His father, Jack Herrity, served 16 years on the Board of Supervisors, including 12 years as chairman.

In his short time on the county board, Patrick Herrity has butted heads with Connolly several times, particularly on how county money set aside for affordable housing has been spent.

A victory by either Bulova or Herrity in the chairman race would automatically lead to a second special election for a district supervisor this spring.

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Republicans Endure Losses in Local, National Races

FROM PAGE 3

district buoyed spirits throughout the night. With the results still in doubt, Fimian took the stage to chants of "Go Keith, Go!" from those in attendance. He thanked outgoing U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), who he said "pulled me out of a hat for this race."

"I have to tell you I'm more energized today than I've ever been about this country," said Fimian.

STATE AND county Republicans expressed the need for changes in their approach to Virginia voters in the wake of Obama's victory. Del. Dave Albo (R-42) said the party had gotten away from talking about how to solve problems. He pointed to negative advertisements run in 2005 against gubernatorial candidate Tim Kaine's (D) comments on the death penalty and in 2006 against Sen. candidate Jim Webb (D) regarding books he had written before his political career was launched.

"That doesn't talk about how your kids are going to college or how you're going to build roads," said Albo. "We need a more solutions-based approach."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said his party needed to start being more competitive in Northern Virginia if they wanted to reverse their trend of electoral defeat.

"The Republican Party in Virginia needs to find a message," said Herrity, "the kind



Congressional candidate Keith Fimian and Jim Hyland, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, talk with Susan Jones as she checks the precinct numbers on her laptop.

of message that resonates with Virginia and Fairfax County voters."

Some at Tuesday night's reception expressed frustration and anger about the results.

"Because of what I know about Obama, he has basically no morals," said Lisa Montgomery.

"It's going to be nice, we're going to be on guard," said Heather West, pointing to

increased Democratic majorities in the House and Senate. "[Obama] will have no excuse if he fails."

Lisa's husband, Butch Montgomery, said he completely disagreed with Obama on issues like the economy, abortion and taxes, but that if elected he would accept it, using his reaction to Bill Clinton's election 1992 as a model.

"I didn't like [Clinton], but I'll honor the

position," he said.

The 11th District Congressional race was the last race keeping those that hadn't already left the country club from going home. At 10:30 p.m., Fox News called the race for Connolly. Fimian informed those at the reception on his intention to concede the race to Connolly.

"These results, they swept a lot of [Republicans] away tonight," he said.

He thanked his staffers, supporters and family, stressing the need to avoid falling into despair.

"We should take a lot of heart in what we have and not focus on what we don't have. There was a lot of talk this election about change. Well, in two years, people are going to want to see a lot of change," said Fimian to cheers from the remaining supporters.

In an interview with The Connection after his concession, Fimian said he was inspired by the people he met as a candidate.

"Having never run before, I didn't know what to expect," he said. "What I realized is how many people love our country and care deeply about it."

When asked what he had learned about himself throughout the course of the campaign, he pointed to his work ethic, saying hard work pays off.

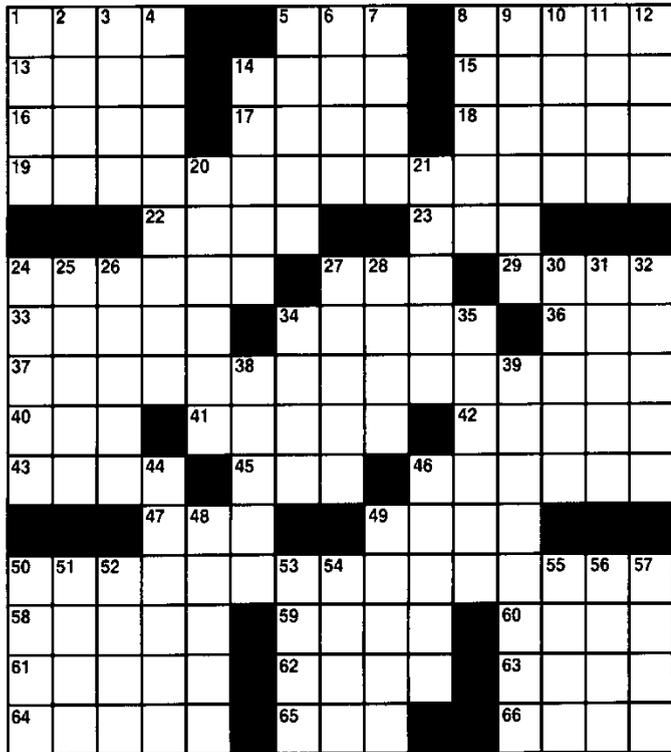
"I left everything out there. This cycle I came up short but I'm convinced that the secret to success in American is hard work," said Fimian.

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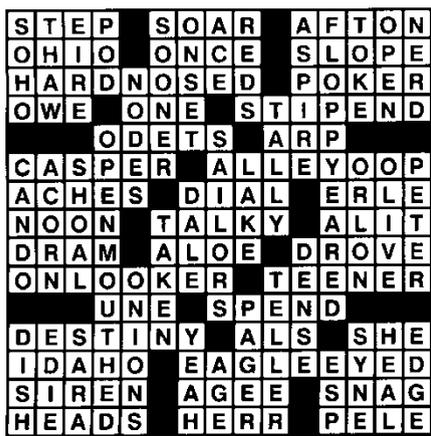
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- 24 Beads worn by a nun
- 27 Wish for a hot summer day
- 29 "What the —!"
- 33 Keep away from
- 34 Gaels, etc.
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- 7 Hawaiian island
- 8 Bitter
- 9 Go over again
- 10 Town NNE of Santa Fe
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- 12 Understands
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- 20 Marsh birds
- 21 Big bag carrier
- 24 Therapeutic center, for short
- 39 Unlocked again
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- 46 Get up
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- 49 Actor Luke
- 50 Bell —
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COUNTY OF Horry)
CASE NO.: 2008-DR-26-2386

Mary Roe,
Plaintiff,) **SUMMONS**

vs.)
John Doe,
Defendant,)

In Re: Ryan Grant Spriet Morgan

(DOB: 9/22/03), and Emma Danyelle

Spriet Morgan (DOB: 9/22/03), minors

under the age of fourteen (14) years.

TO: the Defendant above named:

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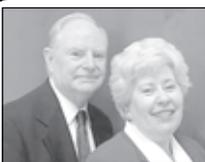
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