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Robinson senior John Dupre lines up a putt during the annual Cougar Classic golf tournament on Monday, Aug. 10 at International Country Club. Dupre tied for fourth with a 76.

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GI Bill Puts College in Veterans' Reach

Obama appears at Fairfax university to roll out new veterans benefits package.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Having grown up in the area, Jacobo Flores returned to Northern Virginia after serving four years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps.

While on active duty, he earned an associate's degree through a community college extension site at one of his military bases. Now Flores wants to get an undergraduate degree in civil engineering, so he enrolled at George Mason University in Fairfax.

The process of getting his college diploma has been slow going. Flores, already older than your typical college student, has not been able to take a full course load at Mason because he also has to work full time to support himself.

In recent years, service members and veterans have received some financial assistance if they decided to go back to school. But the extra help is usually not enough to cover the cost of both tuition and student living expenses. Like Flores, most end up working full time while taking classes.

"We are working to make ends meet," said Flores, who lives in Fairfax and has been working for a federal contractor during the day.

BUT AUGUST brought big changes to Flores and other people who recently served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Post-9/11 GI Bill took effect this month and the legislation dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

The federal law guarantees that most current members of military and veterans from the post-9/11 era can attend any in-state university or college for free.

Those who want to attend a private undergraduate program or graduate school will receive an amount of money equal to that of the most expensive public undergraduate program in the state where their private school is located.

A few private schools and graduate programs have also entered into a special partnership with the Veterans Administration and will provide additional funds to help cover more of their higher tuition costs.

Those who qualify for the new GI benefits also receive a housing allowance, which varies depending on the location of the university and the number of dependents the person has. In some cases, these educational benefits can be transferred to

spouses or children of military personnel.

"This is huge. It is going to make a tremendous difference. ... I am going to be able to quit my job and go to school full time," said Flores, who expects to earn his degree over the next two years if he can take a full schedule of classes.

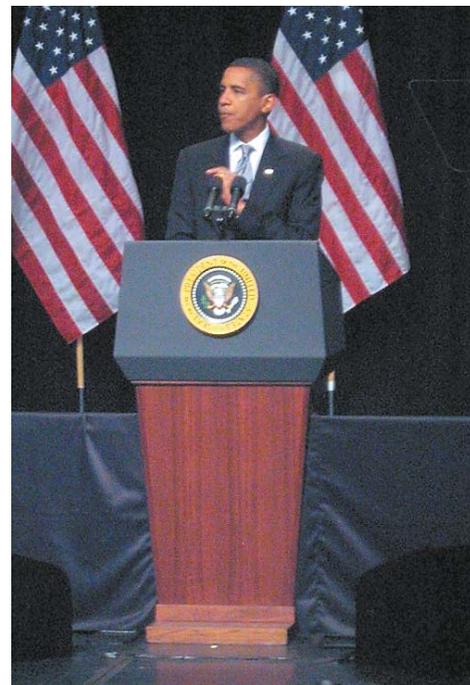
Under the new GI Bill, many veterans enrolled at Mason will receive over \$1,000 more every month for expenses, said Joshua Lawton-Belous, a Vienna native who served as a medic in Iraq.

For example, Lawton-Belous, a Mason senior, said he received \$1,400 monthly to help cover both his tuition and living expenses during previous semesters.

But with the new GI Bill, Lawton-Belous no longer has to worry about covering tu-

"I think a lot more people will be looking at school as an option."

— Jacobo Flores,
GMU Student Veteran

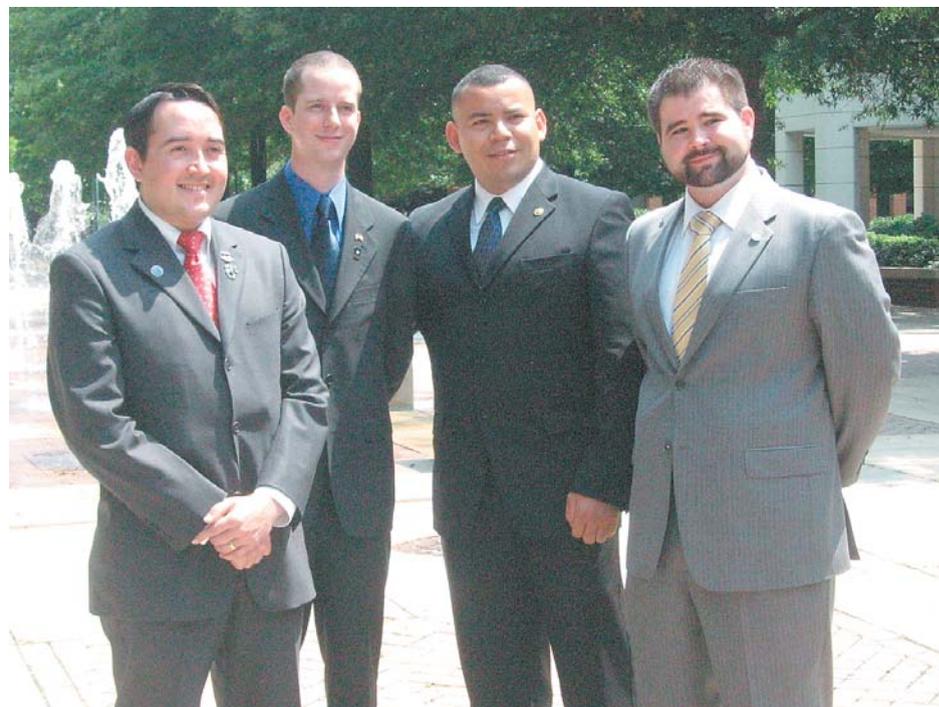


President Barack Obama and Vice-president Joe Biden celebrated the enactment of the Post-9/11 GI Bill at George Mason University Aug. 3

ition costs at all. He will also get \$1,000 each semester for textbooks and about \$1,900 monthly to cover housing and other living expenses.

"A lot of veterans are well aware of the differences between the old GI Bill and the new GI Bill. Some have been putting off school until now because they knew it was coming," said Lawton-Belous, who leads the university's Student Veterans Association.

VIRGINIA'S VETERANS have their own representatives to thank for the new benefits.



PHOTOS BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Jonathan Zapien, James Martin, Jacobo Flores and Joshua Lawton-Belous are among the several hundred students at George Mason University who could reap the benefits of a new Post-9/11 GI Bill, which covers the cost of an undergraduate degree for many veterans and active members of the military.

The new GI Bill was the first piece of legislation U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) introduced after he was sworn into office in 2006. One of Webb's top priorities, the GI Bill finally passed in 2008.

"This became law because of Jim Webb's leadership. Period," said former U.S. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), during the formal unveiling of the new GI Bill on Mason's campus Aug. 3.

Webb, in turn, said Warner was a key political ally when it came to getting the benefits package through the Senate. As senior Virginia senator and former chairman of the Armed Services Committee, Warner's persuaded several colleagues, including several key Republicans, to support the new GI Bill, said Webb.

President Barack Obama, who spoke at the Mason ceremony, was also one of the post 9/11 GI Bill's co-sponsors when he was a U.S. senator. In his speech at the event, Obama likened the benefits package to the one given to veterans following World War II.

"[The World War II] GI Bill was the backbone of the largest middle class in history. ... It meant going to college was no longer a novelty," said Obama, who added his own grandfather used the GI Bill to get his undergraduate degree.

Warner, a World War II veteran, also took advantage of the GI Bill.

"When I joined the Navy, I hadn't finished high school. ... The GI Bill gave me an engineering degree. I would not be standing here today if it weren't for the GI Bill," he said.

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— U.S. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.)

Webb graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and is a Vietnam veteran. The senator made his opposition to the Iraq War a centerpiece of his campaign four years ago. During the campaign, Webb wore the combat boots of his son Jimmy, a marine who served in Iraq.

Lawton-Belous said veterans on Mason's campus are grateful for the work Webb and Warner did to expand their education benefits.

"It is just not that often that two politicians who represent you do something that has such a huge impact on your life," he said.

VIRGINIA RESIDENTS are likely to benefit disproportionately from the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

According to the 2007 U.S. Census, about 13.4 percent of the commonwealth's adults are veterans, the fourth highest percentage of any state nationwide. By comparison, only about 10.4 percent of American adults are veterans.

Not only are there more people with military connections in Virginia but the commonwealth's veteran population is more likely to have been active duty since September 2001 than those in other states, according to the U.S. Census.

While only 7.2 percent of American veterans were on active duty during the last eight years, about 15 percent of Virginia

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— John Goff



John Goff plans to walk across the country in May 2010 for charity.

Long Walk for Drink of Water

Laurel Hill's John Goff plans to walk across country to raise money for Charity Water.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

When most people are thirsty, they walk to the sink to fill a glass or meander to the refrigerator to grab a bottle. However, for millions of people around the world, this is not possible, so John Goff is going to take that walk for them, only this one will take him eight months and span more than 3,500 miles.

Goff, a Laurel Hill resident, announced recently that on May 10, 2010 he would begin a walk from New York City to Los Angeles to raise money for Charity Water, a non-profit that brings clean, safe drinking water to people in developing nations.

"I wanted to do a walk across the country and while I was at it, raise awareness for something that I feel is important," Goff said. "I've seen how a lack of clean water affects the lives of people, especially children, so I felt that this cause was worth it."

Goff, 30, first took an interest in the issue of clean water when he was a missionary in Luzon, Philippines for the Church of Latter Day Saints from 2000-02. While there, he saw firsthand how unclean water devastates impoverished communities, as some Filipinos not only had a lack water to drink, they are also had to deal with disease and death due to infections. So, upon his arrival home, Goff decided that he would start a non-profit organization, "Americans for the Advancement of Clean Water in the Philippines," that would bring water to rural areas of that nation.

Knowing that it would take two years or more to get a non-profit up and running, Goff then decided to do something for charity in the meantime so that he could continue to contribute to the cause. The next logical step, therefore, was to find an organization that had a similar mission and support it, and helping Charity Water seemed like the obvious thing to do.

"Individuals raising money is at the core of how we fund raise at Charity Water," said Nicky Yates, director of communications for the organization. "We always encourage people to get out there, be creative and start their own projects."

Goff was able to free up the time for this selfless act, according to his United Airlines coworker and fellow Charity Water supporter, Heather Honeycutt, by performing another. Honeycutt said that the airline announced recently that they would be laying off 2,000 people, and the number would only be reduced if employees accepted a voluntary furlough. Goff, not wanting to see any coworkers lose their jobs, was one of the first to volunteer for the furlough, seeing it as his opportunity to make the walk.

"John would give anybody the shirt off of his back," Honeycutt said. "He does his best to go above and beyond to get people what they need, and this was one of those times. He's totally selfless."

Goff has already started training for the event, going on walks by himself and working out at the gym. He said that once he obtains all the equipment he will need for the walk, he would embark on a practice trip of sorts, walking during the day and

then camping at night. Once he starts the race, Goff plans to record his journey by posting videos on YouTube.com and live blogging through his iPhone so that everyone can take part in his trek.

"I want to share this walk with everyone," Goff said. "Not everyone can go on a trip like this and so I want to share this intimate view of America."

Goff has a set a goal of raising \$100,000 for Charity Water, and an additional \$15,000 for the supplies he would need for his trip. Due to a sagging economy, Goff said, many people are reluctant to donate money. Also, Goff said that since he is not involved with Charity Water directly, he is technically not walking for a non-profit. As a result, businesses cannot receive a tax write-off, and therefore, corporate sponsorship has been hard to come by.

Though Goff would love to reach his goal, he knows that any money he can put into the hands of Charity Water means that at least one life has been saved. So, Goff and Honeycutt continue to push ahead, preparing for a treacherous journey that pales in comparison to the plight of the millions without water across the world.

"Every human has the basic right to have clean drinking water," Honeycutt said. "When you go to countries that don't have it, it's heartbreaking. The gap between what we have and they have is amazing."

Support John

Visit www.iwalkforh2o.com to follow John on his journey and to donate to Charity Water.

Money, Money

Albo campaign tops in money raised for 2009 election.

Del. Dave Albo (R-41), who represents parts of southern Fairfax County, has raised more money than any other candidate running for a Virginia delegate seat this year has. The 16-year incumbent has collected a total of \$339,871 in campaign donations since the start of the current election cycle in 2008.

He was also the top fund raiser among state delegate candidates during the most recent campaign finance period reported, receiving \$127,787 from May 28 to June 30.

"I had the most successful constituent fund raiser that I have ever had in June. I bet you I had 140 to 150 people attend and everyone donated more than the minimum," said Albo about his recent fundraising success.

Albo faces Democrat and non-profit executive director Greg Werkheiser in a general election Nov. 3. The two candidates also ran against each other in 2005, with Albo beating Werkheiser 51.2 percent to 47.7 percent.

Werkheiser, who didn't enter the race until the beginning of the year, has raised \$199,040 since the beginning of January.

With combined donations of \$34,000, the health care sector, more than any other Virginia industry, has supported Albo financially in 2009. His largest individual donor for the past two years has been the Medical Society of Virginia, for a total of \$17,500.

As chair of the Courts of Justice committee, Albo has been an advocate for tort reform, including reducing the compensation people receive as a result of winning medical malpractice lawsuits. This is a legislative priority for many Virginia hospitals, doctors, dentists and drug companies.

"They support me because I support tort reform and I am in a position to do something about it," said Albo.

But the Werkheiser campaign said voters should have concerns

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Lorton Woman Charged With Three Bank Robberies

The third time may be the charm, but not, apparently, for a 46-year-old Lorton woman. Authorities say that, after allegedly robbing two banks in Lorton, she was captured Friday after reportedly robbing a third bank in Woodbridge. Cynthia Marie Crawford of the 7700 block of Grandwind Drive is now in jail, charged with three counts of bank robbery.

The first robbery was June 25, at the Wachovia Bank at 8994 Lorton Station Blvd. Fairfax County police say a woman entered the bank around 2:10 p.m. and approached a teller at the counter. She then passed a note, implied she had a weapon and demanded money. The teller complied and the robber fled through the front door.

The second robbery happened July 15, around 2:25 p.m., at the SunTrust Bank at 9400 Richmond Highway. The scenario was the same, except that the female robber entered the bank around 2:25 p.m. The suspect was described as black and in her 40s and wore a purple shirt, blue jeans and a purple hat.

Then on Friday, July 24, Prince William County Police say that, around 9:10 a.m., a woman, later reportedly identified as Crawford, entered the SunTrust Bank at 13408 Jefferson Davis Highway in Woodbridge, implied she had a firearm and displayed a note demanding money. After receiving cash from a teller, she then fled in a vehicle, north on Route 1.

However, a bank employee was able to get the license-tag number and description of her car and immediately notified police. A lookout was broadcast to surrounding jurisdictions, and Virginia State Trooper Robert Hindenlang took a position along the highway and began looking across four lanes of heavy traffic for the vehicle.

A short time later, he spotted it traveling northbound on Interstate 395. He was able to stop the vehicle near Edsall Road, with help from Fairfax County Police Officer Paul Bennett, and they together took Crawford into custody. She has a Sept. 15 hearing date in Prince William's General District Court.

In a July 24 affidavit written by robbery Det. Stephen Needels with the Fairfax County Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau, he noted that "evidence from the Prince William County bank robbery was [allegedly] found inside [Crawford's] vehicle." He also wrote that both the Lorton robberies were committed by "a black female of the same size and stature" and that, in each instance, the robber wore a T-shirt and a baseball cap.

According to the detective, after her arrest Friday in Prince William, Crawford was interviewed by Fairfax County Police Det. Aniello DeSantis, to whom she reportedly confessed her "sole involvement in the two Lorton bank robberies."

Needels then wanted to obtain a warrant to search Crawford's home for baseball hats and clothing worn during the Lorton bank robberies, cash and any records and documents relating to the planning and execution of the robberies. On Monday, July 27, police executed the warrant and seized a purple shirt, purple hat and drug paraphernalia; on Tuesday, they charged Crawford with both Lorton robberies.

Lorton Woman Carjacked

Fairfax County Police are looking for the men who carjacked a 42-year-old Lorton woman and robbed her at gunpoint. The incident occurred Monday, Aug. 10, around 5 a.m., while the woman was on her way to work.

She'd pulled her car over to the side of the road in the 7800 block of Lewis Chapel Road to pick up a co-worker when she was approached by two men. Police say one man produced a gun, grabbed the driver and pulled her out of the car, while the other man took her purse.

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From left are Tim and Marianne Horinko, state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), Dale Frizzelle, Tim LeMunyon and Steve Hunt.

On the Campaign Trail

Cuccinelli's attorney general campaign moves forward.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The whole time state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) spoke at a fund raiser last week for his campaign for Virginia's attorney general, he never mentioned his Democratic opponent, Steve Shannon, by name. But he fully intends to beat him.

"We have a big advantage over our competitor in the AG's race because we continue to use our grassroots base, and it's all over the state," said Cuccinelli. "I believe, not only are we better on the issues, but our opponent knows it."

He was speaking Thursday evening, Aug. 6, before about two dozen supporters at the Chantilly home of Tim and Marianne Horinko. Attendees included Mike Thompson, who ran against Cuccinelli in the Republican primary for his Senate seat; Jim LeMunyon, currently challenging Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67) for his delegate seat; and former Fairfax County School Board member Steve Hunt, who'll run for Cuccinelli's Senate seat if he's elected attorney general.

This year, said Cuccinelli, the economy is the top priority on everyone's list. While things seem "stagnant" in Northern Virginia, he said, they're a lot worse in other places. So, said Cuccinelli, "It's important to position Virginia for economic recovery as soon as we can, as best as we can."

Overall, he said, Republicans are up in the polls, but it's still early. Nonetheless, Cuccinelli said things look better now for his party in Northern Virginia than they did during the presidential election.

"[Springfield District Supervisor] Pat Herrity came within 1 percent of winning the [Board of Supervisors] chairman's seat," said Cuccinelli. "[Supervisor] John Cook [R-Braddock] won his seat in the midst of Fairfax City, and Republicans won two city council seats in Alexandria, where [Sen. John] McCain only got 27 percent of the vote [in November 2008]."

"Something's going on, and it's going our way," said Cuccinelli. "There's a clearer choice in the voters' minds; they see a difference [between the Democrats and Republicans]."

He said voters see that "one side wants to own and control the auto industry. And health care's about

who's going to tell you what to do. We'll be awash in regulators. That's the left's view of health care." Cuccinelli said all the states bordering Virginia, except North Carolina, have cheaper health care than Virginia "because of all our mandates. A better model is the free market, allowing you to buy health-insurance policies anywhere in the U.S., not just from

Virginia companies."

Cuccinelli believes companies should have the freedom to do business in the best way possible. He's also for property rights and protecting the Constitution. He also said some people want to "curtail our right to work in Virginia," but he'll fight it.

As a lawyer, he said he knows the law better than his opponent does, and that would be a big part of

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— State Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37)

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Cuccinelli Campaigns

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his job. "It's what attorney generals do — backing up the prosecutors," he said. "And I expect to continue pressing ahead on all these issues." Cuccinelli said gangs represent "the single, greatest, violent threat in Virginia. We have to stay aggressive against this threat to public safety."

Shannon, who serves as a special counsel for law firm Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P.C., was a former prosecutor.

Regarding mental health, a cause that Cuccinelli has championed throughout his career, he wants to improve the outpatient treatment system for mentally challenged people. "They should have government assistance and responsibility for protecting them," he said.

Cuccinelli is also a proponent of offshore drilling. "It's an economic-development opportunity for us," he said. "We'd be able to do this work and add tens of thousands of jobs in Southeastern Virginia. And more cost-effective energy would make that whole swath of the state economically competitive and not

just with the U.S., but with the world. I have an energy background and, if I'm elected, I will be aggressive in this area."

Additionally, he wants government to be more open and accessible to citizens while, at the same time, keeping their private information private. Cuccinelli said the government and other entities should only be privy to this information where absolutely necessary, such as when someone applies for a driver's license.

"We also have to continue fighting against Internet predators, dealing with fraud against older residents and sexual offenders against children," he said. "I'm also for consolidating consumer protection." Currently, it's under several branches of government so, said Cuccinelli, "There's no responsibility" and consumers have a tough time getting help.

Overall, he said, "We're ahead on the issues, but our opponent is ahead in money, by \$900,000. But we had two, solid competitors for the nomination — he didn't." Donations may be made at www.KC4AG.com.

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No one was injured, but the men fled in the vehicle. The car is a green Mercury Cougar with Maryland tags. The suspects are described as black, between 18 and 22, and one wore his hair

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OPINION

Seeking More Facts from Police

Candidates for Attorney General, General Assembly should encourage more openness from police.

In Virginia, police are entitled to hold virtually all information from the public. Broad exemptions for police in the state laws pertaining to freedom of information requests leave it to the police themselves to decide what information from police reports of incidents and arrest can and cannot be released. The result is that the public has virtually no access to actual police reports.

Jody Donaldson, spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department, sums up succinctly: "We have a blanket policy to use the exemption in all cases."

This does not serve the public good.

IN MOST states, the public and the press can

access the actual reports filed by the police on the scene of an incident, with narrow exceptions — to protect the names of victims of sexual assault or undercover officers, for example.

In Virginia, the public, the press and even defendants facing charges based on those reports have no rights to see the actual reports. Instead they can request a "summary" of the report. There are few requirements or standards for providing information in these summaries. The summary of the suppressed document, known as "criminal incident information," includes a "general description" of the criminal activity, the "general location" and "general description" of the

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injuries.

There is no reason for this level of secrecy and obfuscation. Law enforcement agencies that serve the public would be well advised to be open with the public and the press, providing direct access to police reports and documents unless there is a specific compelling reason to redact some information to protect a victim, witness or law enforcement officer. No one would argue to release documents that might endanger someone.

"The exemption for police reports is overly broad, and it should be narrowed," Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association told Connection reporter Michael Lee Pope. "But police and sheriff associations have very powerful lobbyists, and they do not want this to change," Stanley added.

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We Need To Get It Right

Congressman calls for health care reform before tax increases.

BY U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY
D-11TH DISTRICT

Congress has postponed its efforts to pass a health care reform bill until September and that is a good thing.

It gives me and other congressmen additional opportunities to talk with constituents about their ideas and concern. It also gives the House and Senate more time to get it right.

I firmly believe that health care reform is needed. There is a real cost to doing nothing.

The American economy cannot sustain the continuing increases in health care cost for families, small businesses and government. Insurance premiums have doubled over the last decade. We already are spending 18 percent of our nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on health care and if we fail to act, premiums will continue to rise. By 2040, we will be spending a staggering 34 percent of GDP on health care.

We must reform the system or unchecked health care costs truly will bankrupt the nation.

When Congress returns in September, it will continue work on a bill. It is a laborious process to develop a plan to reform a system that accounts for one-fifth of our nation's economy, but we have no choice.

My approach to dealing with this issue has been to read the bill from cover to cover, immerse myself in the fine print and the nuances of health care reform, make my voice and

yours heard in the debate, and most importantly listen to you, my constituents.

I have heard from thousands of 11th District residents through my telephone town hall meetings, office open houses, community events, health care town halls at senior centers, e-mails, phone calls and even while eating lunch in Fairfax.

I WANT TO continue to hear from you and I encourage you to write me or visit my Web site [<http://connolly.house.gov>] to let me know what you think.

COMMENTARY

Everybody has something to say about health care reform and here are some of the key issues that you and our neighbors have raised with me:

- ❖ We must make health care more affordable for everyone and that means families, businesses and the government.

- ❖ We shouldn't increase the federal deficit and place new burdens or taxes on families and small businesses.

- ❖ People deserve the freedom to choose their own doctor and insurance plan.

- ❖ We must prohibit insurance companies from "cherry-picking" and denying coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

- ❖ We must seek portability of benefits to give people the peace of mind to know they won't lose their coverage if they get sick or lose their job.

- ❖ We need to cap costs for those who suffer a catastrophic illness so no one is forced into bankruptcy because of exorbitant medical bills.

- ❖ We need to close the "donut hole" in Medicare Part D that benefits no one but the insurance and drug companies and costs seniors thousands of dollars for prescription drugs they

need to stay alive.

- ❖ Every American should have access to quality health care. Right now, families with health insurance pay an extra \$1,000 each year in premiums to cover the cost of the uninsured.

I have made the case in congressional committees, on the House floor, and in the media that new taxes should be the last resort, not the first, when it comes to paying for health care reform. Our problem is not that we spend too little on health care, but that we spend too much.

WE MUST DO everything possible to find cost savings. The drug companies and the hospitals have offered up hundreds of billions of dollars in savings, but the insurance companies, which have seen their profits increase 428 percent over the last decade, have not offered one single dime in cost reductions. That's wrong. Simple reform in the insurance sector could save as much as \$100 billion.

Taxing employer-provided health benefits also is a non-starter for me because it would have a devastating impact on Northern Virginia residents, many of whom enjoy generous employer-provided health plans. In a related action, I recently joined with other moderates in expressing concern about the proposed "sur-tax" on high-income earners because the original proposal had a disproportionate impact on small businesses and families across Northern Virginia.

We need to pass a health care reform bill in Congress. But before I cast my votes, I want to ensure that the legislation will make health care more affordable, improve the quality of health care, provide access to all Americans, and hold the line on taxes.

Based on everything I have heard from our neighbors, so do you.

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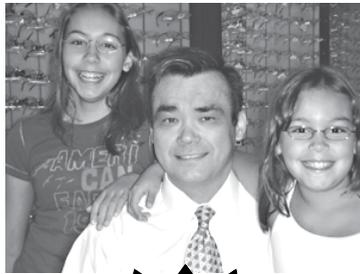
"One of our largest challenges is health care reform. Are we really going to be able to trust someone who has taken several thousand dollars from the health care industry to do something about it?" said Dave Mason, Werkheiser's campaign manager.

Albo urged residents to also take a close look at Werkheiser's donors. With a total of \$49,716 contributed, Werkheiser's largest financial supporter is the House of Delegate's Democratic caucus. Albo points to it as an organization that has received a lot of money from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and other unions.

"Democrats don't want to have a giant \$50,000 check from a labor union appear on their campaign finance reports so the money goes through the party instead," said Albo.

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Charge: Sexual Assault, Abduction
Grand Larceny



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B/M 08/30/1947
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Charge: Bench Warrant
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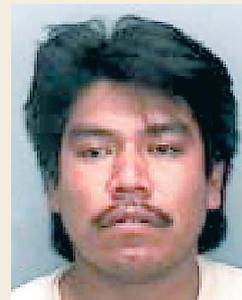
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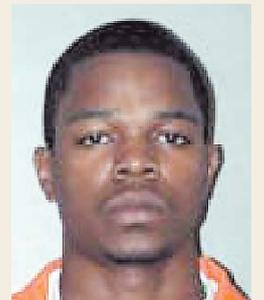
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Last known address: Falls Church



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Meet Fairfax County's Most Wanted

Police compile Ten Most Wanted list to aid in apprehension of criminals.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

For police officers, the Fairfax County Police Department's Ten Most Wanted List is an invaluable tool in their quest to fight crime in local communities. For those living outside the law, however, the list signifies the beginning of the end to their criminal activities.

Compiled by Lt. Mark Kidd and his squad, the list has become an essential tool for officers across the county to identify and apprehend known criminals.

"Anything that can be used as a tool to catch people is a good thing," said Fairfax County Sheriff Stan Barry. "It needs to be publicized more, but for people who need to be brought to justice, it's a good thing."

Though the list names the fugitive individuals who have committed the typical

major offenses like murder, Kidd and his squad make sure that all types of crime are represented so that all suspects who have not been apprehended are accounted for. So, as evidenced by the current list, suspects in crimes such as sexual assault, robbery and drug distribution appear. Then, when an officer believes that he or she has apprehended someone on the list, they can contact the department's teletype section to confirm that the warrant is still active.

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— Fairfax County Sheriff Stan Barry

"They look for diversity when compiling the list," said Officer Don Gotthardt of the Fairfax County Police Department. "They've got a plethora of information of names and offenses that they rely on. After examining all of the data, he and his squad make a determination of who they are going to put on the list."

The primary goal of the list, according to Gotthardt, is to raise the public's awareness

of the fugitives. Gotthardt said that when an individual is put on the list, that person's public profile increases dramatically as more people then know the suspect's identity, appearance and the area that they person most likely frequents. As a result, Gotthardt said that citizen reports allow police to gather more intelligence, which makes the apprehension much easier.

In addition, Gotthardt said that the list is beneficial for police in a similar way. When police are given the identity and information of a fugitive, they are able to recognize the individual more effectively on the street. In just one example of the list's efficacy, Gotthardt said that an officer once recognized on site that an individual in a vehicle he had stopped was on the list and was able to readapt his strategy to deal with the suspect.

"Once, within a week [after a suspect was put on the list], an officer in Mount Vernon noticed somebody from the list, and as standard operating procedure, he called dispatch," Gotthardt said. "He said 'start me out in a different way, I'm with somebody

on the top of the list,' and requested another officer for assistance to make the arrest."

Overall, Gotthardt judges the list to be a great success in the department's fight against crime. Though no statistics are available to quantify how many arrests were results of the list, Gotthardt said that based solely on the number of calls they receive from citizens reporting sightings of people on the list, it is surely work-

"I cannot tell you how many calls we get on a regular basis [about the list]."

— Officer Don Gotthardt

ing.

"I cannot tell you how many calls we get on a regular basis [about the list]," Gotthardt said. "It certainly raises visibility and awareness."

Read the List

To see the Ten Most Wanted List, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police and click on 'Ten Most Wanted' underneath 'Quick Links' on the police department's home page.

CALENDAR

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.

THURSDAY/AUG. 13

Redemption Thursdays: bands TBA. 8:30 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. 18+. \$5 in advance, \$7 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Journey to the Jungle with Animal Ambassadors. 10:30 a.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. See beautiful macaws, a giant toad and huge creepy crawlies as we visit the amazing tropical rain forests of the world. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Drum Circle. 2:30 p.m., at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385. The Cultural Foundation for Children presents a glimpse of African traditions, chants and celebrations. All ages. Registration required.

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! 10:30 a.m., at Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, second floor of the Bank of America building, Springfield. 703-451-8055. Meet our insect friends in stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. Registration required.

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Raptor Conservancy of Virginia. 10:30 a.m., at Kingstowne Library 6500 Landsdowne Centre,

Alexandria. 703-339-4610. See these birds of prey and find out more about their place in the wild. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m., at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010. Bring your lunch and join us for stories. Birth-5 with adult. Registration required.

Chess Club. 3:30 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Learn the rules and strategy; play the game. Age 6-15.

FRIDAY/AUG. 14

The United States Navy Band. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-324-SHOW.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. at Kingstowne Town Center behind the Sunoco Gas Station.

JAXX 15th Anniversary! 9 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. TBA, 94' Mentality, Frayz, Sensylla, Zoe, TBA. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Evening at the Pond: Local Reptiles. Children 3 and older will see local reptiles up close from 7:30-9 p.m., at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. A walk in search of these cold-blooded creatures will follow. \$5 per person. Call 703-451-9588 to reserve.

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jaxxroxx.com.

Kinship Respite Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria and the Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax. A chance for grandparents (and other relatives) who are raising a child for another family member to enjoy a rare day off while providing a fun day for the children. The children will enjoy planned water activities with the theme, "A Day of Backyard Water Play - Let the Learning Flow." Children ages 3-12, who are residents of Fairfax County or the cities of Fairfax or Falls Church, can participate in the free program. Registration is required by Monday, Aug. 10. Lunch and snacks will be provided. 703-324-3517, TTY 703-449-1186. For reasonable ADA accommodations, 703-324-7723, TTY 703-222-9452.

Video: Butterflies. View a free video on the world of the "flying flowers" of the insect world, butterflies, 10-10:30 a.m., at Huntley Meadows Park & Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. 703-768-2525.

Nature Night Hike. Hikers 7 and older will learn the nocturnal activities of the residents in the surrounding woods at Lake Accotink Park from 8:30-10 p.m. Meet at the Visitors Center, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Bring a flashlight. \$5 per adult and \$3 per child under 16. To make prepaid reservation, call 703-569-0285.

Nature in Your Hands. 12-3 p.m. Stop by the marina deck at Fountainhead Regional Park for a live animal display. Learn about the habits of some of our smaller native wildlife. A naturalist will have live snakes, turtles, frogs and maybe even more. Fountainhead Regional Park is

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Explore the Night. 8-9:30 p.m., at Fountainhead Regional Park, 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station. Join us at Fountainhead for an exploration into the night life of the park. Learn about local nocturnal animals through a short talk and hike onto the trails at Fountainhead. Bring good walking shoes and water. Reservations required. Call 703-250-9124. Free.

Exercise Paddle Adventure. 4:30 p.m.-sunset at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. Paddle trip with interval training and endurance. General good health required. Must be 18 or older. Kayak experience necessary. Call 703-339-6104 for reservations (required), directions and other information. Cost: \$30 per person or group rate.

Movie Screening: "Shadow of the Moon" 6-10 p.m., in Gallery W-16, second floor Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The movie chronicles the NASA Apollo Program between 1968 and 1972 through the words of the men that flew on the missions including Jim Lovell, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. In addition to the movie screening, the Workhouse will also host Stan Lebar as a guest speaker from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.workhousearts.org or www.workhousearts.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 16

Walk with a Naturalist. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., at Occoquan Regional Park 9751 Ox Road, Lorton. Join a naturalist for a guided hike along the scenic view trail at Occoquan Regional Park. Learn about the local

plant and animal life and all the natural wonders outside in the Northern Virginia. Bring water, good walking shoes and binoculars if desired. Meet at the scenic view trail head by the first parking area on the right at Occoquan Regional Park. 703-690-2121. Free.

Paddle Adventure-Morning Tour. 8 a.m.-12 p.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. Enjoy a morning park paddle tour on the water before the hustle and bustle of boaters. See eagles in the morning light as they hunt for the day. The trip will be led by a Potomac Overlook Park Naturalist. No experience is necessary. Call 703-339-6104 for reservations (required), directions and other information. \$30 per person or group rate.

N-Scale Model Trains will be running in the community room and the caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum from 1-4 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. 703-425-9225. www.fairfax-station.org.

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Stars on Sunday Series with Potomac Jazz Project. 2-4 p.m., at The Workhouse, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. To Learn more, visit <http://www.potomacjazz.com>.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. For more information, call 703-644-7333.

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Bruins, Stallions Golf Challenged Early

Area teams take to difficult International Country Club for Cougar Classic.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Unsure of exactly what might happen if he uncorked a full swing with his driver, Kenny Towns was forced to make a few adjustments on Monday afternoon, Aug. 10. Towns, who's entering his junior season on the golf team at Lake Braddock, possesses a powerful swing, but it's one that's almost too powerful sometimes.

At International Country Club for the Cougar Classic, an event that the Bruins haven't played since 2005, Towns was forced to shift his game down a few gears. At the tee box, he frequently elected to stick with his irons rather than try to control his driver and other woods around several doglegs at International.

"I just didn't feel accurate enough with my driver," said Towns, who finished with an 18-hole total of 80. "The holes were short enough to where I could still get my irons out there."

That Towns was even in that situation came as a surprise to many at Lake Braddock. For the past three seasons, the Bruins have played the Stafford County Invitational, which takes place annually at the Gauntlet at Curtis Park, on the same day as the Cougar

Classic. The Bruins finished second in the event last fall.

But this year, head coach Karl Kerns elected not to travel south. Instead, Kerns thought International would offer an appropriate and difficult test. Lake Braddock finished tied with Madison for fourth place with a team score of 341, while Westfield finished first at 302. Westfield's Tim Ritter won the individual title with his score of 74.

Because of its multitude of doglegs and blind tee shots, straight drives off the tee are imperative. By electing to use a shorter club off of the tee, Towns was trying to keep things under control and not make too many mistakes. By contract, Lake Braddock plays its home matches at Twin Lakes Golf Course, a longer, runway-style course that favors big hitters and doesn't punish wayward drives as much.

"Twin Lakes is just straight, and here you have to be more accurate off the tee, which killed me," Towns said.

All of Lake Braddock's players struggled a bit, Kerns said, but it's nothing that should set off any alarms. For the first tournament of the season, Kerns was more than pleased with the Bruins' performance and valued the chal-

lenge that International presented.

"You have to think your way around this course," Kerns said. "We're used to playing at Twin Lakes where, if you get on the Lakes Course, you can just bomb it everywhere and make par from anywhere. Here, if you don't keep it on the fairway you're going to get in trouble and it's going to show on the

"I just didn't feel accurate enough with my driver."

**— Kenny Towns, junior,
Lake Braddock Secondary**



PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock's Kenny Towns wasn't entirely pleased with his 18-hole total of 80 at Monday's Cougar Classic. His putting, though, was a strong point. 'I made some putts and saved myself a little bit,' Towns said.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Winning Relay Team At Eastern Michigan University for the USATF Youth Outdoor National Championships, the Summers & GeorgiaREE track club's 4x400-meter relay team took first place. The team includes, seated in the middle, from left, Ra-Mon Mathis and Kevin Johnson, as well as, standing, from left, Anthony Swindell and Andre Washington.

Stars on the Rise

In the past eight months, Summers & GeorgiaREE track and field club members competed in three national championship meets: the Nike Indoor Nationals (Boston, March 13-15), the USATF Youth Outdoor National Championships (Michigan, June 30-July 5) and the USATF Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships (North Carolina, July 28-Aug. 2). During the indoor track and field season, the club consisted of only 12 members, but as the summer, outdoor season began, the number of teams grew to include 32 athletes. Twenty-two of those 32 competitors traveled to Eastern Michigan where the team won a total of 24 medals, took second place in the Young Men Division and won a national title in the 4x400-meter relay. Eight athletes qualified for the USATF Junior Olympic meet and six competed, with Isaiah Simmons representing the club on the medal stand twice. The 4x800 relay team was 13th and Kevin Johnson finished 25th in the 400 dash (Young Men).

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South County Hires Holsclaw

South County has hired TD Holsclaw as its new track and field coach on Tuesday afternoon, July 28. Holsclaw will oversee the indoor and outdoor programs. He was a head coach for 15 years, two of those spent at George Mason University. In addition to having been named the Virginia Beach Region Coach of the Year in 2000, Holsclaw was the Northern Region Coach of the Year for track and field in 2004-05 when he led his teams to a pair of district titles and one regional championship.

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Tournament Starts Golf Season

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scorecard.”

South County’s top player, sophomore Jake Carey, played in the same four-player grouping as Towns and could commiserate with him. Carey shot an 83 on the day, a total that he wasn’t totally displeased, but still a number that could be improved upon with some consistency.

“I’m just exhausted. It was a tough day,” Carey said. “I hit a few good shots, a few bad shots. But overall it wasn’t awful.”

John Caulfield is in his third year of work as the South County head coach and each year the team has improved. In 2007, South County finished with its highest district seeding in school history (second) but missed out on the regional tournament because of a tiebreaker. In 2008, the Stallions reached the region tournament for the first time in school his-

tory.

A 20-year member of International, Caulfield was well aware of the challenge the course presented and even sent an e-mail to his team over the weekend to suggest a few tips for certain holes. As a result, South County finished fifth with a score of 343.

Still, Caulfield wasn’t measuring results. He simply wanted to see his team put forth a quality performance on a difficult course.

“I didn’t expect to see a lot of arithmetic results on the scorecard,” Caulfield said, “but I wanted to see them get the experience of playing at a different place and playing against this level of competition because that’s more what the postseason stuff is going to feel like.”

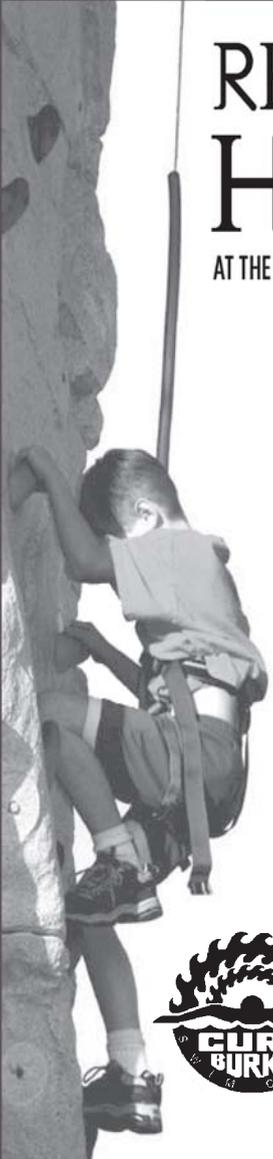
ROBINSON finished second with a team score of 315, led by Alex Austin’s third-place 75 and John Dupre’s fourth-place 76. To read more about the Rams, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Linza to Hayfield

On Thursday, July 30, Hayfield hired Jimmy Linza to succeed Scott Broyles as the head coach of its baseball program. Most recently, Linza spent five years at Mount Vernon High School (2001-05), winning three National District titles during that span. This

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past spring, Linza served as an assistant director of student activities at McLean. Linza has been a head coach for 19 years and, while at Mount Vernon, was named the 2005 Northern Region Coach of the Year for baseball. During a 24-year career, Linza has amassed a record of 229-104-6 (.684).



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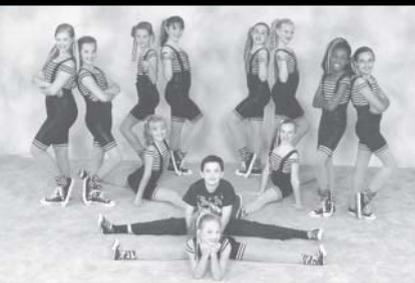
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New GI Bill at GMU

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veterans have served during that time. Virginia veterans also tend to be younger. About 8.4 percent of American veterans are between 18 and 35, compared to about 12.6 percent of Virginia veterans.

But in general, Virginia veterans have been more likely to pursue higher education, with about 34 percent of earning a bachelor's degree or higher, compared to just 25 percent nationwide.

In Fairfax County, veterans are actually more likely to earn their bachelor's degree than the county's general population. According to the U.S. Census, about 70 percent of Fairfax's veterans have completed college, compared to just 58 percent of the county's residents overall.

THE LARGE VETERAN presence in Fairfax may have had an impact on George Mason University, which is particularly sensitive to the needs of the military community.

With the exception of Old Dominion University, which runs special online courses for active military personnel, Mason has the largest military and veteran population of any school in Virginia, said Michael Johnson, the school's director of military services.

Last year, Mason had 983 students who had special status through the military, including spouses and other dependents. At least 385 of those Mason students were veterans, said Johnson, who has been at the school for nine months.

Several student veterans at Mason said Washington, D.C. is a magnet for military and ex-military personnel alike because of job opportunities in national security and defense-related fields.

People currently in the military and veterans could also have found Mason particularly attractive because it is significantly cheaper compared than other four-year schools in the metropolitan area.

But Mason is also the only school in Virginia and one of only a handful of schools in the country that has devoted staff, like Johnson, to veterans and military person-

nel. The university created Johnson's position nine months ago at the suggestion of the campus' Student Veterans Association, which has a little over 70 members.

"Creating this brand new position shows a willingness to work with veterans. Especially when George Mason was facing budget cuts and was having to cut other positions, it was quite a statement," said Lawton-Belous.

According to Johnson, active members of the military and veterans have different needs than typical undergraduate students.

They usually are at least four years older than students fresh from high school and are paying their own way through college, which gives them a different perspective than a typical undergraduate.

For example, Reston resident Jonathan Zapien served in the Army's Special Forces for five years before coming to Mason to finish his undergraduate degree. The veteran, who enlisted in 2002 following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, works full time and is married to an American University law student.

Other differences exist as well. The military tends to instill a certain personal discipline in people, so veterans don't tend to struggle with time management as much as younger students, said Johnson.

BUT STUDENTS with a military background have their own set of issues. This year, Johnson secured a grant that would allow him to hire a psychological counselor to focus exclusively on Mason's military community.

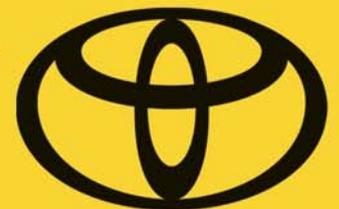
Johnson expects that community colleges would see a larger influx of students at first. Johnson, who is a veteran himself, said the military has had to lower its standards in order to keep recruitment numbers for enlisted soldiers up and he suspects that a lot of people who want to take advantage of benefits are not prepared to enter a four-year school directly.

"I think a lot more people will be looking at school as an option. Guys who would think about re-enlisting may be looking to get out now," Flores said.

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