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Fairfax Remembers 9/11

The ceremony honored those who serve.

On a chilly Friday evening, residents of the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County gathered in the amphitheatre outside of City Hall for a special event: It was Patriot Day — the commemoration of Sept. 11.

Residents in sweaters as well as the men and women of the City of Fairfax Police Department in uniform were in attendance along with the Fire Department gathered under the flag at Veteran's Amphitheatre.

The event served as a tribute to the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, as well as a salute to those who continue to serve the public everyday.

"We are here to honor those who serve us every day," City Council member Joan Cross said.

The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Girl Scout Troop 1523, followed by a series

of musical selections from the City of Fairfax Band and Captain Francis Mensah. Bagpiper Janice Varner kept the mood going with a selection of her own.

Shelby Eakle, a resident who has been working in the City Manager's office for 30 years, said "I'm at a loss for words. This is a remarkable event and this is a wonderful city.

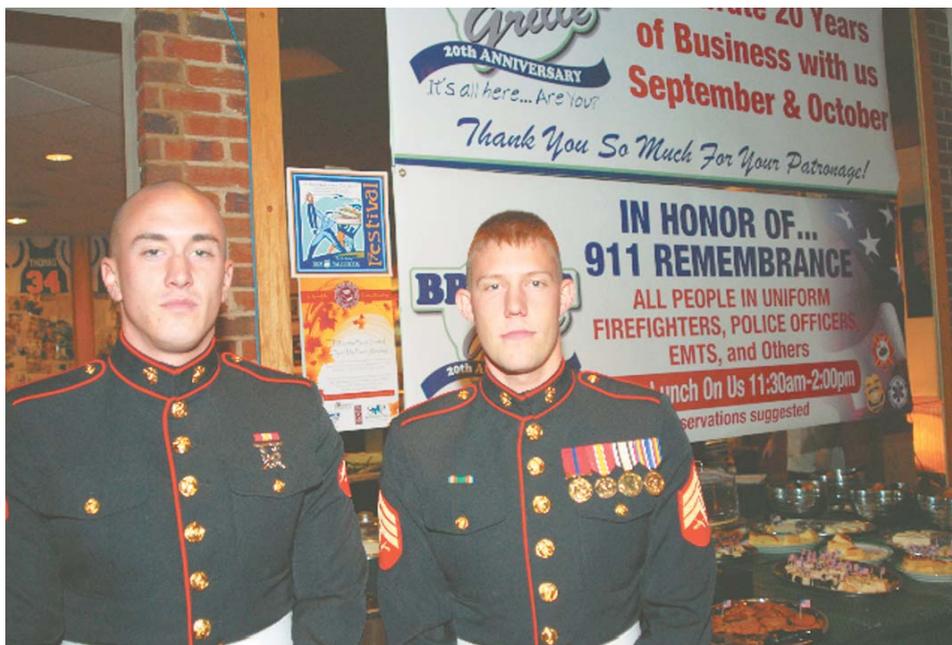
"It's important that we honor and recognize our veterans and policemen and make sure we don't forget those that have served us."

Parks and Recreations Supervisor Joe Kirby said the city band was the highlight of the night.

City Council member David Meyer, who was on duty in his office when the Pentagon was struck, emphasizes the significance of this day remembering the tragic events that transpired eight years ago.

"I just felt a loud crash and someone said, 'the Pentagon has been hit' and I saw the fire from my office. I said a prayer and told all of my staff that it was time for us to leave the building," said Meyer.

—KALONJI GUILLORY



LCpl. Dennis Lynchflohr from Fairfax (left) and Sgt. Garrett Jolly from Wichita, Kansas, attended the Sept. 11 lunch at Brion's Grille.

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Serving Those Who Serve

Brion's Grille in Fairfax offers free lunch on Sept. 11.

Commemorating Sept. 11, Brion's Grille in Fairfax invited all first responders to a free lunch including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, police officers, sheriffs, EMT's, state patrol, firefighters, nurses and doctors.

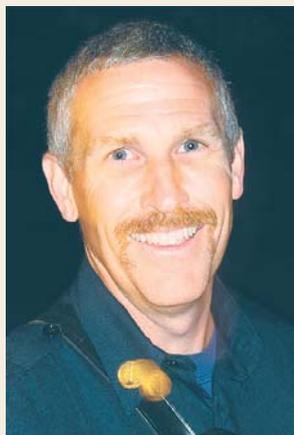
Brion Sumser, owner of Brion's Grille, was on hand to shake hands with his guests thanking them for their service to the community.



Brion Sumser, owner of Brion's Grille (right), was on hand to say thank you to those serving the community.

VIEWPOINTS

Residents Reflect on Sept. 11: Day to Say 'Thank You'



Lt. Jim Pike of the City of Fairfax Fire Dept.

"It's important that we celebrate this day. It was the largest attack on U.S. soil ever and we lost a lot of good people on that day. So it's great to just be able to remember them when we get together like this."



Kathleen Pershing from Springfield

"It's a nice ceremony to have and it's important to have recognition for those that serve us every day on the Police force and in the Fire Department."

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Shanon Gieseke-Smith, hostess, Brion's Grille.



Cyndi Baker-Fralely (in the middle, red hat) with family and friends enjoying lunch at Brion's.

Man Arrested for Abduction

Fairfax County Police have charged Daniel Jimenez Munoz, 25, of Penderview Drive in Fairfax with abducting a woman Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Police said Munoz attacked an 18-year-old woman who was walking outside an apartment complex in the 12100 block of Polo Drive in Fairfax around 10 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9.

He allegedly approached her and tried engaging her in conversation. She ignored him and continued walking, but he grabbed her and threatened her with a small knife. The victim struggled with him and was able to break free.

According to police, an officer recognized Munoz from a composite sketch and an investigation led to his arrest. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with assault and abduction. Based on the investigation, detectives do not believe this is the same suspect involved in the abduction that took place on Sunday, Sept. 6 in the 12100 block of Penderview Terrace.



The police composite of Munoz that led to his arrest

Packing Day for Military Personnel

Little River Glen Senior Center is hosting a Packing Day to gather and pack donated items as care packages for service men and women overseas. Packing Day is Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. This project is being conducted in conjunction with the America's Adopt a Soldier program.

Members of the community may collect or donate unused items to pack in the boxes. All items can be dropped off at Little River Glen Senior Center. Community members may also donate funds to ship one or more boxes. The cost to mail one box is approximately \$13. Make a check or money order payable to USPS (United States Postal Service). Checks or money orders can be mailed or delivered to the Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax, VA 22032.

Family Night Out

The Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services' Teen Center Division will host a free "Family Night Out" Monday, Sept. 28, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This year's Family Night Out activities will take place simultaneously at seven locations throughout the county. Seniors from Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, Little River Glen Senior Center and Sully Senior Center will have dinner with a family.

Area families can take part in the event at the following locations:

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Advance registration is required. Call one of the centers listed above by Sept. 14 to RSVP. For more details, contact Torrey Piper at 703-324-TEEN, TTY 711 or Torrey.Piper@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fighting Gridlock

Hyland, Keam – in response to The Connection's questions – lay out their priorities in the 35th District race.

With the election 2009 less than two months away, The Connection has asked the candidates for the House of Delegates District 35, Republican James E. Hyland and Democrat Mark Lee Keam, the same set of questions. Here are their responses:

1. What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

HYLAND: Transportation and the economy. We continue to have a transportation crisis, and congestion is getting worse. We will find it difficult to create new jobs in our area without addressing this critical need. I have been endorsed by the Northern Virginia Technology Council and the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. I will work to generate more technology jobs in our region and bring stability to our housing markets.

KEAM: Transportation. The gridlock faced by commuters and residents every day — and at all hours of the day — affects our quality of life and our ability to attract new jobs. According to some estimates, traffic congestion costs families and businesses in our region \$2.7 billion a year, and the average Northern Virginia driver is stuck in traffic 62 hours and wastes 42 gallons of gas while stuck in traffic each year.

2. How would you address this issue?

HYLAND: We need a Northern Virginia Department of Transportation. We need dedicated financing for our roads and mass transit here. For too long, Richmond has used our money and not invested it in our region. I still support a tunnel through Tysons Corner for rail, and believe it's not too late to do it. It will relieve construction problems and enhance the Tysons area.

KEAM: I will fight for a dedicated and sustainable source of transportation funding for Northern Virginia roads that cannot be used for other regions or for non-transportation projects; work to ensure that current construction projects, such as Dulles Metro expansion, finish on time to mini-



James E. Hyland

James E. Hyland

Age: 48
Town of Residence: Vienna
Education: James Madison High School; B.A., George Washington University; J.D., George Mason School of Law
Family: Spouse, Lisa. Two children, James and John
Employer and Occupation: Attorney, self employed

mize disruption; push for Interstate 66 expansion; explore mass transit options and encourage incentives such as HOV lanes and telecommuting to keep more cars off the road.

3. What qualifies you for the office? What qualities do you bring?

HYLAND: Not only did I grow up here, but having spent 18 years working in the U.S. Congress, for people like Sen. John Warner (R-Va.). I will bring a wealth of experience in legislating and forging compromise to actually get things done for our area. My community activities include serving as president of the Friends of the Oakton Library and getting the bond passed to build it; serving on the GMU Law School Alumni Board; and raising funds for James Madison High School's 50th Anniversary.

KEAM: I have a vision for making Fairfax County an even better place to live, to work, to start a business and to raise a family. I am passionate about public service, and I have years of actual experience in both the private and public sector making government work better for constituents and for businesses. I am a pragmatic



Mark Lee Keam

Mark Lee Keam

Age: 43
Town of Residence: Vienna
Education: B.A., University of California, Irvine; J.D., University of California, Hastings College of the Law
Family: Wife Alex Seong Keam, son Tyler Jefferson, 8; daughter Brenna Nicole, 6.
Employer and Occupation: Verizon Communications, attorney

problem solver who seeks consensus and builds coalitions with people from differing views and interests to find common solutions.

4. What differentiates you from your opponent?

HYLAND: I prefer to discuss the positive aspects of my campaign because we need a return of civility in politics. I am a lifelong resident of Vienna and Oakton and a graduate of our public schools, like James Madison High School and GMU Law School. I will work in a bipartisan manner, centrist manner to find solutions to our problems. That is why leaders, like Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman and former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), are supporting me.

KEAM: My campaign is about building a better community together. We are blessed to have great schools, safe neighborhoods and steady economy. I want to continue to move Fairfax County forward by building upon the strong foundations and seeking common sense solutions to the daunting challenges we face today. I am not interested in looking backwards to blame others for problems, and I will not let ideol-

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OBITUARY

Peter John Morgan

Peter Morgan, 20, beloved son of Kent and Julie Morgan, died Sept. 6 in a one-car accident. He was born and raised in Burke. He enjoyed painting and drawing. He delivered food to the homeless for FACETS during his high school years. He graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2007 and was an accomplished athlete and leader in the Robinson Football program. He pursued higher education and played football at Christopher Newport University for two years. He was currently a student at Thomas Nelson Community College, pursuing construction management.

Peter is survived by his parents, Kent and Julie; brother, Danny; sisters, Laura and Emily; and grandparents, Richard and Dolores Baker, Wally and Sirgute Morgan.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the "Peter Morgan Memorial Fund", sent to 6225 Wilmette Drive, Burke, VA 22015. The fund will provide a scholarship to deserving student-athletes from Robinson Secondary School in their pursuit of higher education.

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More Advanced Courses

More participation in upper level courses bodes well for students headed to college.

Fairfax County schools reported this week that about 20,000 students are taking at least one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course this fall, an increase of 700 over last year.

Students benefit from participating in advanced level coursework in many ways. Coping with even one class with higher-level expectations helps in preparation for college classes. Completing advanced courses in high school is a good indication of a student's abil-

ity to complete college level work. While that ability is just one element of college success — organization, time management, discipline and more are major factors — the confidence that comes with the experience is key.

Many students who have taken a full AP or IB program report an easier time with the academics of their first year of college, although there are no doubt plenty of other adjustments to make.

Students who take a full complement of AP or IB coursework also lay the groundwork for getting more out of college, and possibly paying less.

A good score on AP or IB exams can be counted for credit in some colleges, so a student with many advanced credits from high school can move directly into upper levels of courses when they arrive in college. And with

credit, some students are able to graduate in three or three-and-a-half years, potentially saving tens of thousands of dollars in the meantime.

Parents and students in schools that offer International Baccalaureate instead of Advanced Placement should know that students who successfully complete an IB course are likely to perform well on the related AP exam, and would be well advised to register to take that AP test. While most colleges accept an AP score of 3 or more for either credit or placement, some colleges are still less consistent about how they handle IB test results. Having the AP test score can make the process in college much simpler. High schools offering IB should also be encouraging their students to take the AP exams.

— MARY KIMM.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health Care, Who Needs It?

To the Editor:

We do. As a senior citizen here in Fairfax County, I need it. And for free. We senior citizens have been paying for it out of our first paycheck since we had Social Security deducted from my first full-time job 65 years ago.

The U.S. constitution says, in part, we are all to be treated equal. Of course, we know that is not how it works today. The privileged have their own health care, the poor do not and the middle class is having a most difficult time paying for it.

The jobless is another problem group of folks. They have no jobs because the wealthy, who have their health care, laid us off, so they can continue to increase their yearly bonus.

Is the current system fair? Of course not. Whenever we, as citizens, demand Congress, who holds our tax dollars in the palm of their hands, to stop taking in donations for their reelection campaigns from drug companies, in-

surance companies and banks, who underwrite loans for insurance and drug companies — until we demand our elected and pre-elected officials to stop these somewhat legal, but unethical ways, only then can we all look to our leaders and expect health care reform to be applied equally for us all to have a chance to be healthy.

Ronald L. Baker
Springfield

Choice Is Clear

To the Editor:

I'm intrigued at the discontinuity between Bob McDonnell's (R) claims and his record.

Much has been written lately of McDonnell's Regent University thesis, "The Republican Party's Vision for the Family." It was written 20 years ago, and Mr. McDonnell says his views have changed. But have they? The language in his 1989 ringing call for change included, among other things, labeling feminism one of the "real enemies of the traditional family" and saying that federal tax

cuts for child care costs encourage women to enter the workforce (the horror!). He called a government safety net for the neediest a socialist effort to destroy the family.

There were many more cries of alarm, and yet candidate McDonnell says he modified his views in the years after leaving Regent University. Really? Then why — over the next 14 years in the state legislature — did he push, sometimes successfully, to enact 10 of the 15 points in his thesis? Mr. McDonnell's excuse that "that was then, this is now" has a hollow ring.

By contrast, Mr. McDonnell's opponent for governor, Creigh Deeds (D), has a consistent record of support for women, for public education and for increasing economic opportunity in the commonwealth. He favors a tax cut for small business for each job it provides, as well as common-sense solutions to our pressing transportation problems. And Mr. Deeds' positions have been consistent throughout his record of public service.

To me, the choice is clear: Creigh Deeds.

Edward L. Jaffee
Springfield

'Family Values' vs. Right to Choose

To the Editor:

Every year we have an election in Virginia. This year is of particular concern for me. The types of candidates I see on the Republican side are determined to bring back "family values" according to McDonnell, and that scares me.

Jane Blechman
Fairfax Station

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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Franconia Museum, located in the Franconia Government Center building at 6121 Franconia Road, Franconia, is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday

from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Members of the Board of Directors staff the museum and are on hand to take questions and discuss local history. The Franconia Museum is a private, non-profit local history museum dedicated to preserving the past, present and future of the Franconia area in pictures, artifacts and stories. On Wednesdays, Jac Walker is on hand to help Franconia residents begin writing their personal story of growing up in the area.

The Fairfax County Park Authority has trail maps illuminating the network of over 200 miles of trails throughout the county. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

trailsframe.htm to download maps of the nationally recognized Cross County Trail and other popular stream valley trails. The maps show the nearest points to access a trail, the location of stream crossings, and provide trail descriptions and distances.

The Fairfax County Park Authority and Fairfax County Animal Shelter offer discounted dog-training courses to those who adopt a dog from the county shelter. For more about dogs available for adoption, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/animalservices or call 703-830-1100. For more about FCPA dog training classes, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

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Residents Reflect on Sept. 11: Day to Say Thank You'

—KALONJI GUILLORY

Ronald Cross, city official

"This is the one day out of the year that I get to say 'thanks'. Thanks to all the people that serve us and go out and serve in our military and keep us safe every day."



Jo Ormshoe from Fairfax

"I'm glad that we still do this. I'm not sure if other cities still do, but it makes me very proud to see it happen in this city. I loved the whole event, I don't know if I had a particular favorite portion but I get very excited when I see fire engines."

Joe Kirby, Parks and Recreation Department supervisor

"I think it's important to remember the tragic day of 9/11 and show some respect for those that still serve and put their lives on the line for us. Out of the tragedy, a lot of good has come forth. Hopefully, we can continue to honor our officials and honor those that lost their lives."



Antonio Morgan from Fairfax

"It's good that they had this celebration. It's important that we celebrate the lives that were lost and not forget that memory. We pray for all those that help us every day and those that were there to help when our nation needed us most on that tragic day."

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Schools See More Teacher Applicants

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale said 29,000 people applied for teaching positions in the school system this year, which is about 10,000 more people than applied for Fairfax County teaching positions in 2008.

"That says something about the economic climate and people trying to get into a more stable employment

situation," said Dale.

The school system hired a total of 943 new teachers overall, according to school system documents.

AP/IB Enrollment Increase

More Fairfax County public school students are taking an interest in Advanced Placement (AP) classes and the International Baccalaureate (IB) program this year.

AP and IB classes are considered more rigorous and can be used by high school

students to acquire college credit and ultimately save money on undergraduate tuition.

According to School Superintendent Jack Dale, 700 more high school students are enrolled in AP and IB classes for the 2009-2010 school year than in the 2008-2009 school year, for a total of approximately 20,000 students taking at least one AP or IB class overall.

The number of students who are seeking an IB diploma — which requires the students to take IB for two years — is up 10 percent from last year as well, he said.

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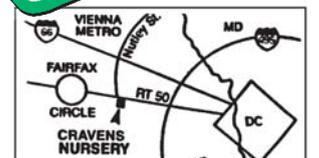
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NEWS

Four Months Jail for Embezzlement

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A Fairfax woman has been sentenced to four months in jail for her part in a January bank robbery in Vienna. She is Mekeda Smith-El, 26, of 3890 Fairfax Square.

She pleaded guilty, July 1, in Fairfax County Circuit Court to one count each of embezzlement and solicitation to embezzle. The commonwealth had previously dropped two related charges against her, in exchange for her guilty pleas on these two charges and her agreement to pay restitution.

At that time, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Dylan Gallagher presented details of the case against her. He said that, on Jan. 28, Vienna police responded to the Wachovia Bank on Maple Avenue for a report of a robbery.

Det. A.E. Sylmar spoke with Smith-El, who'd worked there four years and was the teller supervisor. In a Feb. 12 affidavit, Sylmar wrote that the bank later reported a loss of \$66,700. But, he added, "According to bank supervisors and security, this amount of money was unusually large because Wachovia Bank has a policy that restricts the money in a teller station to \$15,000."

In court, Gallagher said Smith-El told the detective that an unknown man had called the bank, the day before the robbery, to say he wanted to cash a \$40,000 check. So, said Gallagher, "She signed out \$55,000 to cover that withdrawal and other bank-

ing requests she'd have during the day."

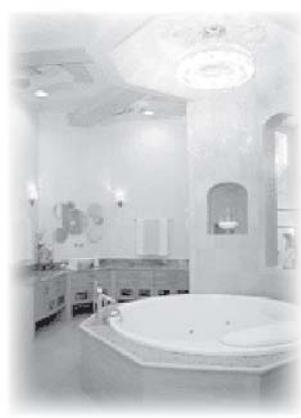
"She said that, about 2:30 p.m., a black man in a hooded sweatshirt approached her and passed her a note," continued the prosecutor. "She said the note read, 'Give me all of your money — \$100s and \$50s — out of your second drawer; give me the note back or I'll shoot you.' And she said he showed her a black-handled pistol in his jacket pocket."

However, after reviewing the surveillance tape of Smith-El giving the robber "stacks of money," said Gallagher, Sylmar became suspicious and asked her to come to the Massey Building for a polygraph test.

"When the test indicated she hadn't told the truth, she said it was all her idea and admitted she'd been taking money from the bank for some time and was now \$14,000 in debt [to the bank]," said Gallagher. "She said she took \$10,000 of it in the last year."

Then, said Gallagher, "She learned that the bank would be audited soon, so she and her friend ... formulated a plan to have someone commit a robbery to cover her thefts. The robber was worried about the icy condition of the roads, but she met him at a Taco Bell nearby and assured him she wouldn't activate the alarm until he had time to get away. They'd arranged to meet at Taco Bell a few days later for her to receive her share of the money."

Smith-El returned to court Sept. 4 to learn her punishment. At that time, Judge Michael McWeeny sentenced her to a total of four years in prison, with three years, eight months suspended. She must also pay restitution to the bank.



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Local Video Studio Wins Award

Home Video Studio of Fairfax has won a Hanley award at the ninth annual Home Video Studio Getaway in Las Vegas, Nev. The Hanley Awards are the highest awards given by the HVS organization. Home Video Studio is the largest international video production services franchise with studios located in the United States, Canada and Sweden.

HVS Fairfax owner Ken Sander submitted his studio's video work in six of the 33 Hanley award categories and won for work in the Photo Keepsake Video category. The video featured photos and documents of a man's childhood through his adult years. The video was a gift from his mother, celebrating the man's birthday.

In addition to being an honored guest at the gala black-tie Hanley Awards ceremony, Sander participated in video production and post production training in lighting, audio, camera techniques and video editing at the convention.



Ken Sander of Home Video Studio of Fairfax holds his Hanley Award.

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BUSINESS NOTES

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Working Mother magazine has named **Booz Allen Hamilton** one of the 2008 Working Mother Best Companies for the 10th consecutive year. From flextime and telecommuting to backup child care and parental leave, Booz Allen is expanding the concept of family-friendly benefits to ensure they cover adoptive parents, fathers and grandparents as well as working mothers. The company was selected based on an extensive application of 500 detailed questions about workforce, compensation, child-care and flexibility programs

and leave policies. This year, particular weight was given to flexibility, family-friendly policies, leave policies, and benefits for part-timers.

Tricia H. De Blander has joined Data Systems Analysts Inc. as director, HR Business Partner Services. De Blander will lead all HR initiatives, including recruiting, workforce planning, professional development and training, benefits and all other aspects of DSA's human capital. Prior to joining DSA, she worked for The MITRE Corporation, where she oversaw On-Boarding and Professional Development Programs. She also served as Lead HR Generalist for the Space Science and Engineering Department at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab, supervising

recruiting and HR generalist services. Along with a bachelor of individualized studies in human resources from George Mason University, De Blander has a masters in human resource management from Marymount University. In 2001, she became a certified senior professional in human resources and is a former president of the Human Resources Association of the National Capital Area, a professional membership organization with over 600 members.

Agnes E. Holland, M.D., Ph.D. joins the practice of Washington Radiology Associates, P.C. Holland completed a four-year residency in diagnostic radiology at New York University Medical

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Vinh H. Nguyen of Westgate Realty Group in Fairfax has graduated from the Virginia Leadership Academy, sponsored by the Virginia Association of Realtors. Through this program, VAR attempts to identify emerging Realtor leaders in the state, encourage them with motivational activities and assist in sharpening their leadership skills so they will exert a strong positive influence on the future of the Association and real estate profession. The Virginia Association of Realtors is the business advocate for real estate professionals in Virginia.

Trish Szego of ERA Elite Group, Realtors, Fairfax, has been elected to the Virginia Association of Realtors' (VAR) Policy Board. The Policy Board is responsible for administering the affairs of the association within the bylaws and mission as approved by the VAR delegate body. Members also serve as directors of the Virginia Real Estate Educational Foundation. Elections took place during the VAR Annual Convention.

J.M. Waller Associates, Inc. of Burke and **Lanmark Technology, Inc.** of Fairfax recently received Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Achievement Awards, for recognition of outstanding business acumen and success in Federal procurement, the company's dedication to hiring veterans and service-disabled veterans, and the demonstrated support of the veteran and disabled-veteran community.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 17

Are You 50 or Better? Come to the Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke 12-2 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Randolph Bragg will give a "Spirited" Presentation: George Washington's Distillery at Mount Vernon. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry at 703-620-0161 by Sept. 10. The cost is \$8; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. For more info on SCFB, see www.fairfax-burkesc.org.

Nuts About Squirrels! 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories, songs and activities about squirrels. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Atonelement by Ian McEwan. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Ballyhoo!, Black White Radio, Monaka and Prettier In Person. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 18

The Hits of the Beatles. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 19

29th Annual Fall Mosby's Confederacy Bus Tour sponsored by the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. The Tour Leaders will be Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding and Eric Buckland. The bus will be leaving the Truro Rectory at 8:30 a.m. We will be visiting various sites in Marshall (Salem) and Rectortown as well as the Caleb Rector House, and more, arriving back at Truro around 5:30 p.m. Price: \$65 members of the Stuart-Mosby Society \$75 for non-members. Contact Don Hakenson, 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@cox.net; Gregg Dudding, wdudding@cox.net. Send a check made payable to Don Hakenson to Don Hakenson, 4708 Lillian Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310.

Country Western Dance sponsored by The Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association will be a smoke-free, alcohol-free dance. 7:30-11 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. \$10 for NVCWDA members, \$12 for non-members, and \$5 for ages 16-20 with student ID. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941. Learn and enjoy the Two Step, Waltz, Line, Swing, Cha Cha, and other specialty dances. Couples and singles are welcome. Snacks and drinks will be available.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Adults. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information and advice. 703-293-6227.

Truro Church Used Book Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Huge outdoor book sale on the front lawn. Book donations may be dropped off at Truro Church-Common Grounds, Sept. 8-17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Hits of the Beatles at 2 p.m., **Rocknocoeros Family Happy Hour** at 7 p.m., and **Chainsaw**

SUNDAY/ SEPT. 20

Anniversary of Birth of Confederate Battle Flag. 4:30 p.m., at the corner of Main and Oak streets, Fairfax. Author and local historian Ed Trexler will speak at the Frank Stringfello2 Camp #822 Sons of Confederate Veterans ceremony. Free. 703-250-8705 or stringfellowbuva@worldnet.att.net.

Lecture by Mark Vogl on "Jefferson Davis, American Patriot, American President." 6 p.m., at the Panera Bread, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Hosted by Frank Stringfellow Camp #822 Sons of Confederate Veterans. Vogl's first book, "Military Lessons of the Civil War," was published in the spring of 2007 and received the Jefferson Davis Historical Gold medal from the United Daughters of the Confederacy. \$5. 703-250-8705 or stringfellowbuva@worldnet.att.net.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

"Grand" Piano Celebration. Jean Carrington Cook Memorial Scholarship Concert featuring Mason's Piano Faculty and Scholarship Students. 3 p.m., at Concert Hall, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$15 adult, \$10 senior, students free.

"Chopin for Lovers!" Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel. 7 p.m., at Concert Hall, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets: \$38, \$30, \$19. Youth through grade 12, half price.

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Premiere of "Spies in Crinoline," a docudrama about Civil War heroines Antonia Ford and Laura Ratcliffe will be shown at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., at Cinema Arts Theatre, which is located in Fair City Mall, near Route 236 and Pickett Road in Fairfax. Tickets \$5. For more information go to: <http://www.cinemaartstheatre.com/>.

The Pork Dukes, S.P.O.T.S., Jumpship (ex-Images) and Point Blank at 1 p.m. and **Tony Lucca, Jay Nash, Matt Duke and Christopher Williams** at 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 21

One-on-One eAudiobook Training. 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to download digital audiobooks to a personal computer and portable MP3 player. Call to sign up. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Kid Science: It's Electric! 2 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, discussion and experiments about electricity. Age 4-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

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Traci Oberle and Marni Maree Exhibit at Vale Arts Show

Watercolorist Traci Oberle of Burke and Marni Maree of Springfield will exhibit their most recent work Oct 2-4, at the Vale Arts Fall ART Show in Oaktown The nine member ValeArts will exhibit more than 125 original works in the three day show. Maree has prepared a series of ever-colorful watercolor florals for the show while Oberle has experimented with the abstract in a group of mixed media pieces. The varied paintings will hang in the 1888 Vale schoolhouse, which had been used as a Fairfax county school until the 1930s. Hours are: Friday, Oct. 2, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free.

"Global Warming: Science, Adaptation and Mitigation" by Jagadish Shukla. 7 p.m., at Concert Hall, George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free.

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 22

Speaker: Ralph Eubanks. 6 p.m., at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Memoirist Ralph Eubanks, director of publishing at the Library of Congress, is the author of "Ever Is a Long Time: A Journey into Mississippi's Dark Past" and "The House at the End of the Road: The Story of Three Generations of an Interracial Family in the American South." www.fallforthebook.org.

Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. One-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Call to sign up. Adults. 703-249-1520.

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DC Rocks for the Cure. Memphis 59, Trustfall and The Dialogue. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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SATURDAYS

Al-Anon Beginner's Meeting. 7-8 p.m., at Messiah Methodist Church, Room 212, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. See www.AlAnonVA.com for more information and meeting times. For those whose life has been affected by another person's drinking, Al-Anon may help. Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and Friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 17

Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club. 6:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center (Sully District Station), 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Meeting and presentation by the speaker, Jim Gilmore, former governor of Virginia will begin at 7 p.m. after the social. For more, visit <http://www.wfrwc.org/>.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 20

Democratic Women of Clifton will host U.S. Gerry Connolly (D-11) 3-5 p.m., at Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Connolly will discuss how a bill is made and the upcoming Virginia elections. Parking available in the parking lot next to the shops.



Command Sargent Major Michael W. Williams asked all veterans to stand up during the 9/11 ceremony.

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Saint Peter's in the Woods hosts its Annual Community Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5911 Fairview Woods Drive, Fairfax Station. Free. Games, entertainment, face-painting, moon bounce and more.

Parenting: The Early Years Class. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, will offer a six-session video study for parents of young children on Mondays from 7-9 p.m. starting Oct 5-Nov 16 (no class on Oct. 12). \$15 registration fee, which includes a workbook. To register, contact Frank at 703-971-5151 ext. 112, or e-mail dce@franconiaumc.org. Web site: <http://www.franconiaumc.org>.

Community Days at Harvest

Get Ready Fairfax

Members of the Fairfax County Health Department, Fairfax Medical Reserve Corp volunteers and community and county partners conducted a drill Saturday, Aug. 15, at a mock medication dispensing site in the parking lot of the South County Government Center. The exercise was funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

Another drill is scheduled for the beginning of September in the Reston Town Center.



Fairfax County Health Department staff members Maria Leonard and Marisa Lengor provide information on the flu virus.

Church. Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4. Bring the whole family to Saturdays events from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and will include inflatables, rock wall, pony rides, face painting, magic show, drawings for prizes, etc. On Sunday a special one-hour community service will begin at 10:30 a.m. highlighting the various ministries of the church. Grand prizes will be given away on Sunday. Must be present to win and at least 18 years of age. Free. Harvest Church is located at 7401 Beulah St., Kingstowne. Call 703-971-7070 or visit www.harvestchurch.org.

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One God Ministry Church, located at 4280/4282 Chain Bridge Road,

Fairfax, has launched a new Web site with news, events, training, conferences, fellowship programs and more. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m., and Wednesday Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Women's, Men's, and Youth Bible Studies are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. A Spiritual Gifts Service is the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. One God Ministry has ministries for youth, men, women, couples, music and singles. 703-591-6161 or www.onegodministry.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church presents Financial Peace University, a video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth and better manage their finances. Contact Arlene K. Darke at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. 703-323-9500 or adarke@lordoflifelutheran.com.

New Women's Bible Study meets at Jubilee Christian Center on Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. The study will focus on "Spirit, Soul, and Body" by Andrew Wommack. \$10 per person. Nursery provided for registered children. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

The Fresh Fire congregation meets every Sunday for a service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Sackey and his congregation invite all to participate in preaching and teaching, praise and worship, in a Christ-centered ministry. Fresh Fire International Center meets at the Chinese Martial Arts Building, 8426-B Lee Highway, Fairfax, opposite the BMW Fairfax; entrance is in the back. 703-815-8950.



At the first station in the drill, the greeting unit includes Fairfax medical corps volunteers Rod Bubeck, Deborah Hardy and program manager Dianne Quebral.



Firefighters Joseph Herrera, Brendan Downing and Matt Helmuth.

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Seven doctors recently received certificates from Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Family Medicine.

Seven Family Medicine Doctors Graduate

Seven new family medicine doctors joined the ranks of primary care physicians in Virginia on June 27 with the graduation of the 36th class of residents of Fairfax Family Practice Center.

Dr. Sam Jones, program director for the Fairfax Program of Virginia Commonwealth University's Department of Family Medicine presented the graduates with their certificates at a ceremony attended by the residents, their faculty, staff, family and friends.

All seven of the physicians will be remaining in Virginia for the next phase of their careers. Dr. Richa Bhatnagar is joining a practice in Charlottesville. Dr. Audrey Kim will be working for a practice operated by Virginia Hospital Center. Cassandra Hodziewich will be practicing with the Kaiser Permanente Group in Falls Church. Dr. Kate Hare and Dr. Daniel Shep-

herd-Bannigan will be staying with Fairfax Family Practice —Hare at the Fair Oaks Office and Shepherd-Bannigan at the Vienna Office. Dr. Elizabeth Gannon is continuing her training with a fellowship in Sports Medicine at Fairfax Family Practice. Dr. Winston Liaw is pursuing a fellowship in Public Policy and International and Community Health with the Robert Graham Center for Policy Studies in Family Medicine and Primary Care; he will be continuing his clinical practice at the Fair Oaks office of FFPC.

Fairfax Family Practice Centers is a privately owned primary care practice in Northern Virginia in operation since 1972. It operates 10 primary care offices in Fairfax, Vienna, Herndon, Reston, Lorton, Manassas, Gainesville and

Broadlands, with more than 100 providers and 100,000 patients.

Separation of Powers Separates Council

Three council members walk out of the Sept. 8 meeting when Drummond introduces controversial motion.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

A long-standing divide between city officials concerning real estate assessments came to a head at Sept. 8 City Council meeting, culminating with three board members walking out of the proceedings.

The debate, spawned by discussions to turn over the city's real estate assessment function from the City Manager's office to the Commissioner of Revenue, had lasted for several months prior to the meeting. However, when Councilman Dan Drummond introduced a motion pertaining to the matter during the comments section of the meeting, Councilman Gary Rasmussen cited a violation of parliamentary procedure, and along with two other council members, walked out of the meeting.

"This is a very controversial issue that has been discussed at least twice previously," said Rasmussen. "This is a topic that has equally divided the council."

The controversial topic is the decision lying ahead of the city council to transfer the authority of real estate assessment from the city's real estate depart-

ment, which is controlled by the finance department, which in turn answers to the city manager. According to Mayor Robert Lederer, the topic was first broached at a public work session on May 12, and was further discussed at the council's July 26 public work session.

Drummond raised the issue during the comments portion of the meeting, where he distributed a copy of his proposed motion to his fellow council members. However, before any discussion could take

place, Rasmussen called a "point of order," contending that the motion should have been introduced as a consent agenda item or as an item slated for a public hearing. Rasmussen encouraged any council members who agreed with him to walk out, and Joan Cross and Gary Meyer followed. The move, in effect, eliminated the council's quorum, and forced them to adjourn their meeting.

"I felt that it wasn't right to [introduce the motion this way] without it being on the public agenda," Rasmussen said. "So, not knowing if there were enough votes to defer [judgment], I did this."

THOUGH RASMUSSEN did not want a decision
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"This is a topic that has equally divided the council."

— Councilman Gary Rasmussen

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SPORTS



Woodson's Paul Gates finished the course with a time of 16:04. "He's a sophomore and he is our No. 1 varsity runner. We're expecting him to perform well." Woodson's Head Coach Casandra DeVaughn said.



Robinson's Taylor Crosson battles with Centreville's Juli Cuomo in the later stages of the race.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Helping foster great football experiences for its youngsters, the **Fairfax County Youth Football League** (FCYFL) has enrolled its 2,000 coaches into USA Football's Certified Coaching Education Program (CCEP). The league encompasses more than 7,200 youngsters from 380 teams throughout Fairfax County in Northern Virginia. USA Football, the sport's national governing body on youth and amateur levels and the official youth football development partner of the NFL, has trained more than 20,000 youth football coaches in all 50 states since 2007. In addition, the FCYFL will employ a financial subsidy from USA Football to have gold-standard background checks conducted on league volunteers as well as to implement USA Football's Youth Football Rule Book in 2009. Fairfax County Youth Football League coaches will have completed USA Football's CCEP in order to coach on the league's sidelines this season. The online course can be found at usafootball.com.

"Certifying our coaches raises the level of our program to new heights never experienced by our league," said FCYFL Chairman Mark Meana of Vienna.

Jimmy Lange (30-3-2, 21 knockouts) will return to the ring on Saturday, Sept. 26 at the Patriot Center in Fairfax to defend his World Boxing Council (WBC), according to U.S.-Ice Promotions.

Lange, in a 154-pound title fight, will go up against his former teammate from "The Contender," Jonathan Reid (34-11, 19 KOs), in a 12-round main event. Tickets are on sale and available for purchase through the Patriot Center box office and all area Ticketmaster outlets.

Lange, of Great Falls, is currently ranked No. 11 by the NABF and No. 34 in the world by the WBC at 154 pounds.

George Marshall High School has hired Ann Orrison Germain as its new head girl's soccer coach. Germain brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Statesmen women's soccer program. She was a member of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team from 1984-86. She has coached at the high school or club level since 1980. Most recently, Germain has been working with the Olympic Development Program.

Finding Their Stride

Woodson's cross country team finishes eighth and 11th in Monroe Parker Invitational cross country meet.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

W.T. Woodson High School sophomore cross country runner Paul Gates hoped that he could use Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park on Sept. 12 as a test of his abilities against some of the region's best runners.

Finishing with a time of 16:04, Gates turned in the best time of all the Woodson boys. His 12th place finish helped him gauge where he stands with the Patriot District's best.

"I stayed with the leaders for the first mile," he said. "In the second mile they pulled away, but in the third mile I just went all out."

WITH STIFF COMPETITION from Chantilly High School's Chris Foley and other Patriot District rivals from Lake Braddock Secondary School and West Springfield, Gates' strong effort was enough to keep pace with the tournament favorites.

"I just wanted to go out there and run my

race," he said. "I was able to run the way I wanted to."

Though he didn't place in the top 10, the sophomore's cross country career is bright. Woodson's coach, Casandra DeVaughn is looking for Gates to be a leader this season.

"He made a major improvement today," DeVaughn said. "He's a sophomore and he is our No. 1 varsity runner. We're expecting him to perform well."

Last season Gates finished 16th at the district tournament and ran a 16:31 at regionals.

While Gates was Woodson's top performer, DeVaughn quickly pointed out that many members of her young team exceeded expectations, giving the Cavaliers hope to compete in the historically strong Patriot District.

"We have a lot of new faces this year, but this was a great way to start out the season," DeVaughn said. "Our freshmen started off strong and now we're just looking for kids to work hard and step it up. We're in a good place for the season."

The Cavalier boys finished in eighth place in the team competition with 269 points. The girls finished 11th with a score of 338.

With one race completed this season, Gates said he's ready to use what he learned in the race to improve.

"I need to improve my endurance and work on my speed," he said. "[The Patriot District] is tougher and we all need to step up to meet the demands of the district."

Another competitor, Robinson Secondary School, used the Monroe Parker Invitational as a way to gauge where it stands in the Concorde District this season.

"We lost our top two girls from last year, but I got some encouraging signs from this race [about our team]," Head Coach Jeremy Workman said. "We lost four of our seven runners from the boys team but I was encouraged to see our front runners step up today."

THE ROBINSON GIRLS finished fifth overall in the team competition. Junior Taylor Crosson placed 11th with a time of 18:58. Sophomore Barbara Platenberg was the only other Ram girl to place in the top 25, finishing 14th with a time of 19:09.

In the boy's race, the Rams finished seventh overall with junior Nick Reed ranking seventh with a time of 16:03 for the only top 25 finish for a Robinson boy.

"We still have a big gap between our runners [times]," Workman said. "It's big enough to run a truck through, so we have to fix that this season."

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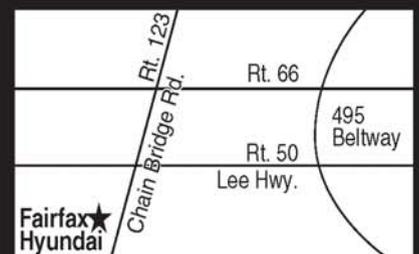


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NEWS

Adventure Links To Run Hemlock Overlook

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) and Adventure Links recently entered into a new operating agreement for Hemlock Overlook Regional Park in Clifton. Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Supervisor Pat Herrity (S-Springfield) recently joined in the kick-off of the agreement by flying through the canopy of the forest on parallel zip lines.

The agreement came after the Dec. 31, 2008 announcement by George Mason University that the school was ending its operations at the park on June 30, 2009. NVRPA put out a request for proposals for an organization to replace GMU. After reviewing 10 proposals, the Park Authority chose Adventure Links to run the training programs at Hemlock Overlook. For years, fifth and sixth graders from area schools have visited Hemlock Overlook to tackle



Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) suits up for her zip line adventure.



Supervisor Pat Herrity (S-Springfield) prepares to fly down the zip line at Hemlock Overlook Regional Park in Clifton.

the zip lines.

For more information or to schedule a program at Hemlock

Overlook, visit www.hemlockoverlook.org or www.adventurelinks.net.

Candidates Address Issues, Voters

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ogy or partisanship get in the way of making progress.

5. If you could say one thing to voters, what would it be?

HYLAND: I will not forget that you have honored me to represent you in our state legislature. We only elect 100 people in the House of Delegates out of 7.7 million residents. I intend to work hard and make my voice heard. I will not be a quiet freshman member of the House. We need someone fighting for our families, commuters, students, parents, children, government employees and small businesses in our region.

KEAM: Every single day, I am grateful that my family and I have been able to achieve our small piece of the American Dream, right here in Vienna. I want everyone else to have great opportunities to succeed and to realize their potential. I want our government to work for us with smart policies that will make our quality of life even better. I will be a tireless advocate for you to make sure that your interests are represented in our government's policies.

6. Who are your political heroes/influences?

HYLAND: My father who worked in government most of his life and served on the National Security Council in the Nixon/Ford Administrations, and while there, helped end the Vietnam War, and bring about a more peaceful world by going to Russian and China. He always provided me with common sense advice. Linwood Holton, our first Republican governor, who led the fight to end racial discrimination in Virginia. Sen. John Warner, who protected our servicemen and woman while in the Senate. President Reagan, who led a full life before becoming president that gave him an underlying belief in the greatness of the American people.

KEAM: I am inspired by the Kennedy brothers for their lifelong dedication to public service, and Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and Cesar Chavez, for their courage. As an immigrant, I admire pioneers like Shirley Chisholm, Bobby Jindal, Norman Mineta, Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice and Barack Obama for inspiring young people to pursue the road less traveled.

FAIRFAX SCHOOLS NOTEBOOK

Families Complain about Fewer School Bus Stops

Fairfax County Public School staff and school board members received more complaints than usual about student bus stops during the first week of school this year.

As a way of cutting costs and dealing with budget cuts, Fairfax schools decided to consolidate some of their neighborhood bus stops.

But some families felt as if the new stops were unreasonable or even dangerous.

For example, one bus stop consolidation meant that

students would have to cross Fox Mill Road, a major corridor in the Oakton area, to get to catch their school bus. The school system's transportation department has since changed that bus stop configuration so that students do not have to cross the busy street.

The school system's chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said the kinks in the bus stop system might take a little while to work out, since each situation must be looked at individually.

"I think this is going to be a fairly lengthy process. We can't just assume the parents are wrong and we are right," said Tistadt.

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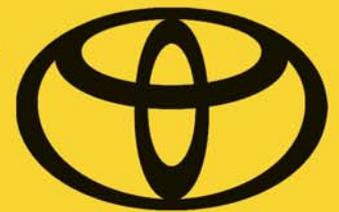
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Council Faces Tough Choice

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to be made on the motion, Drummond contended that he was only introducing the fact that he would like to add the motion to the Sept. 22 meeting's agenda. Drummond said that he had no intention of calling a vote on the motion, and said that introducing the motion in the comments section of the meeting follows the precedent that the council had set on previous matters.

"The motion I was going to make was to get [the motion] on the agenda to have a public meeting," Drummond said. "We would not have voted on it that night."

Drummond, along with fellow supporters of the transfer of the assessment function, said that the purpose of the transfer would be to restore the direction of the original city charter. According to Commissioner of Revenue Page Johnson, when the city was founded, the charter called for the Commissioner of Revenue to handle real estate assessment activities. However, in 1965, when the city was still on a four-year assessment cycle, then-Commissioner Frank Carter informed the city council that he did not have the time nor the resources to do a full assessment every four years. At his behest, the authority to assess real estate values was relinquished, and the council created the real estate department under the city manager's umbrella to handle the task.

Johnson also said that in 1974, then-Commissioner Hal Thomas requested that the function be given back to the Commissioner's office, but the council said no. If Drummond's motion passes, then the original system will be back in place, where the Commissioner of Revenue handled all assessments, the council set the tax rate, and the treasurer collected the revenue.

Drummond said that the purpose of restoring the original system was to save money, as he felt that the Commissioner's office could handle the task by itself, as it already handles 40 percent of the city's revenue. In addition, Drummond said that it is possible that since the Commissioner of Revenue is deemed a constitutional officer by the state, then the city could receive more funding for the position.

"I got on the council in July 2008, and we were facing a fairly tight budget," Drummond said. "Without knowing the history of the situation, I came to the conclusion that we may be able to save money by the consolidation of the function."

ON THE OTHER HAND, Rasmussen and others who do not favor the transfer claim

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Center and completed fellowship training in Breast and Body Imaging at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, both in New York City, before entering private practice. She is a diplomat of the American Board of Radiology, a research scientist and has published numerous peer reviewed papers on specialized uses of magnetic resonance imaging.

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that the system is not broken, and therefore, there is no need to fix it. Rasmussen and his supporters said that since the powers were transferred in 1965, the city has built an effective, efficient assessment staff and that taking the position away would only endanger the process.

"Our real estate assessor has a well-documented record of high performance," said City Manager Bob Sisson. "There is nothing broken that needs to be fixed."

Both Drummond and Rasmussen have support from elected officials from all across the spectrum. Johnson said that he favors the transfer not only because it was the way the city was chartered, but also because he believes that it will create a system of checks and balances within the city government. Johnson said that currently, since the city assessor works for the city manager, who in turn works for the city council, in effect, the entirety of the city's assessment functions are controlled by one body. Therefore, passing the motion, he said, would restore the separation of powers.

"My premise for doing this is that it restores the fundamental system of checks and balances in the city," Johnson said. "No one entity would have control over the taxation of the community."

THOUGH THE MOTION'S opponents agree that it would bring back the separation of powers, they contend that passing the motion could lead to further problems. According to a memorandum written July 7 and sent to the city council and City Manager Bob Sisson, City Attorney Brian Lubkeman said that transferring the function could be risky because the city council would be unable to appoint or remove an assessor nor any people under his control without the Commissioner's consent, and that there is no requirement for the Commissioner to allow a council review of any information that the office collected.

Though a long-awaited answer to the issue will come Sept. 22, for now, Lederer is not taking any sides on the issue, but is concerned instead over the tactics employed by Rasmussen, Cross and Meyer. Lederer said that healthy debate on the issue is needed, and refusing to discuss it can only be a detriment to a good decision.

"This is an issue to discuss and debate," Lederer said. "I could argue both sides, but if a minority takes it into their hands to walk out because they realize they are not in the majority, then government will be paralyzed."

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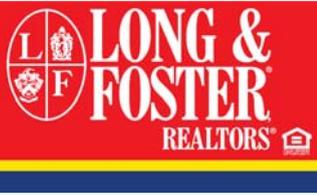


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