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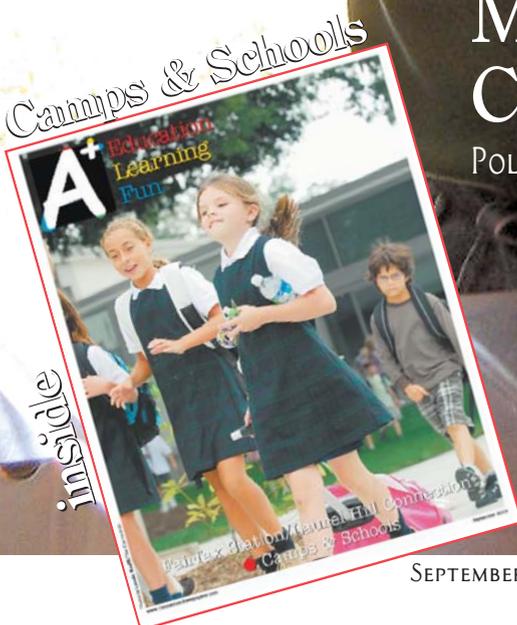
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One Year and Counting

Lorton Workhouse Art Center celebrates first anniversary.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, the folks at the Lorton Arts Foundation had big plans in mind when they opened the doors of the Lorton Workhouse Art Center. Though their final vision has not been realized yet, they are confident that they are on the right track.

The center celebrated its one-year anniversary last weekend, and with dozens of professional resident artists and a

breadth of quality educational and instructional programs, is on its way to becoming the art Mecca of Fairfax County.

"There is something for everyone here," said the Workhouse's Andrea

"No matter who you are, you can find something here that you love."

— Andrea Cordray, Lorton Workhouse Art Center

Cordray. "No matter who you are, you can find something here that you love. It's great to have something like this out here."

The Workhouse celebrated its first anniversary with a full day of free activities on Saturday, Sept. 19. The Workhouse welcomed country artist Holly Allen and jazz musician ETanya Mari' for back-to-back live performances, and all of the Workhouse's buildings were set up for an open house. At the open house, visitors got a free sneak peak of the programs that are offered, with free painting, yoga and dance classes held.

The Workhouse, which opened its doors in September 2008, is a project of the Lorton Arts Foundation housed on

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Certified Chef Kathleen Linton gives a culinary demonstration.

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Falling For Books

Literary event expands beyond GMU Campus.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

For the past decade, the Fall for the Book Festival has provided the Fairfax community with a first rate literary experience. Now in its 11th year, festival staff has a bigger goal in mind: to bring that same experience to the entire Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Over several years, the festival has expanded its reach beyond the City of Fairfax, forming partnerships with organizations such as The Writer's Center in Bethesda, Md. and other groups. This year, however, the festival has teamed with area schools, libraries and has even acquired unused retail space to expand its reach beyond the George Mason University campus.

"We are trying to spread out geographically more than ever this year," said Festival Manager Ruth Goodwin. "We want to expand beyond the campus so more people can come and have this experience."

Started as a two-day event in 1999, The Fall for the Book Festival was organized by George Mason University and the City of Fairfax. Over the past 10 years, it has evolved in a weeklong event that features lectures, art exhibitions, performances, poetry readings, film screenings and much more.

As always, the festival welcomes scores of esteemed literary figures and performers, all with the purpose to provide an in-depth look at the works of favorite authors and introduce new ones. Authors E.L. Doctorow and Sherman Alexie headline the festival, receiving the Fairfax Prize for lifetime achievement and the Mason Award for extraordinary contributions to bringing literature to the public, respectively.

In addition, lectures and readings from acclaimed writers like James Ellroy and Ernest J. Gaines, the festival will also host approximately 150 other poets, political theorists, historians and even Cake Love founder Warren Brown.

"We have stuff for children all the way up and we try to address all different tastes," Goodwin said. "We spread it around so that everyone can

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Fairfax — An Author's Muse

Russ Banham writes about post-World War II history of county.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Russ Banham has just about seen it all in his 55 years. He was on the field after the New York Mets won the 1973 Major League Baseball National League Championship Series. He has been commissioned by an iconic American family to write a biography about their patriarch, Henry Ford, and his circle of friends includes former "Brady Bunch" star Christopher Knight. He also directs plays, and acted in the cult movie classic "Meatballs."

Though little can surprise or intrigue Banham anymore, the history of Fairfax County did just that, and it became the topic

of his 19th and perhaps most controversial book, "The Fight for Fairfax."

In the book, Banham focuses on post-World War II Fairfax County, and the small group of citizens who carried out their vision to make the county the "cradle of the Information Age." Banham did more than two years of research and interviewed more than 200 people for the book, which details the conflict between the pro-growth group and the county officials and organizations who fought to resist them.

"The book serves a historical purpose for Fairfax County, Northern Virginia and Virginia itself," Banham said. "It's a concise, accurate history. It will make a lot of people angry, but that's a good thing. That gets the heart going."

Banham was in Northern Virginia this week to appear at George Mason University's Fall for the Book festival on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Also on his itinerary were book signings and meetings with several local organizations, including the

Fairfax Committee of 100.

Before Banham became the skilled business journalist and best-selling author that he is today, he took a long and sometimes arduous road to get there. Banham was born in Queens, N.Y. to a Catholic, working-class family. From the ages of 14 to 21, Banham had a job at the old Shea Stadium, working as a food vendor at New York Mets baseball games. Banham said that this job was "the best I ever had," and said that his skills as a vendor were unparalleled.

"I was the best vendor there," Banham said. "I ran track in high school so I had great stamina. I also had a great voice, so people could hear me, and I could catch coins from long distances. It was the best job."

During that time, Banham said that his godmother Isabelle took him under her wing and introduced him to the art world. She took him to his first play, ballet and

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Contributing to Delinquency Of Minor Charges Filed

Valerie Roesler, a 27-year-old teacher at Hayfield Secondary School and a former teacher at Paul VI Catholic High School, was arrested and charged with being drunk in public and contributing to the delinquency of a 15-year-old boy Sunday, Sept. 20.



POLICE PHOTO

Valerie Roesler

According to the Fairfax County Police Department, a patrol officer from the Franconia District Station observed Roesler, an Alexandria resident, and the minor sitting in a parked car at 1:50 a.m. in the 7900 block on Gunston Hill Lane in Lorton. Because of the suspicious nature of the scene, the officer approached the car and an investigation ensued.

"[Roesler] was apparently intoxicated when the officer arrived," said Officer Tawny Wright. "But there was no physical evidence of alcohol in the car nor was there alcohol in their possession."

Police said that the two first met in the last semester of the 2008-09 school year. At the time, according to Principal Ginny Colwell, Roesler was teaching students with documented learning disabilities at the DeSalles Center at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax. It is not clear, however, if the juvenile was a student at Paul VI at the time. Colwell also said that Roesler's contract was not renewed this year because the school needed a teacher with math skills to serve in the same capacity.

"The police are handling this matter," Colwell said. "We are cooperating with them, and we have not heard anything from them [regarding the juvenile's status as a student at Paul VI]."

Fairfax County Public Schools spokesman Mary Shaw said the juvenile was not a FCPS student and confirmed that Roesler was placed on administrative leave Monday, Sept. 21. Roesler then resigned the following day.

According to Wright, the extent of the relationship between the two is not clear at this time, but said that detectives are still investigating and additional charges will be filed if need be.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

Child Abuse, Neglect Yield 10 Years Prison for Local Man

On Friday morning, Sept. 18 in Fairfax County Circuit Court, a 32-year-old Lorton man was sentenced to 10 years in prison for child abuse and neglect causing serious injury to his infant son.

To protect the child's identity, The Connection is not revealing the identity of the father. But police Det. Jeremy Hinson, with the Child Investigations Unit of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, explained the case against him in a July 15 affidavit for a warrant to obtain the child's medical records from Inova Fairfax Hospital. The boy, 4 months old at the time, was treated there from May 2-11.

A Child Protective Services investigator contacted Hinson on May 5 by and told him that the baby was admitted to the hospital, May 2, and had undergone several tests which revealed evidence of child abuse.

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POLITICS

Del. Albo Seeks Re-Election

Incumbent: N. Va. being ripped off by S. Va.

What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

The perennial issue of Northern Virginia getting ripped-off by Southern Virginia. In September 2008, Southern Virginia tried to raise taxes for transportation maintenance and then distribute the money through a formula that for every \$1 Northern Virginia paid, we got back only 35 cents. I was able to help kill that rip-off. And then, this January, the original budget tried to make Fairfax Schools make up for cuts in education to other areas of the state. Again, I was able to help defeat this.

How would you address this issue?

Why are we always fighting this? It's a matter of simple math: Northern Virginia only has 25 percent of the population and thus, only 25 Delegates. So when money is tight, the remaining 75 come after us. I do what ever I can to defeat these Northern Virginia rip-off bills. But to solve the problem, I need more people to join me in aggressively fighting this. Redistricting occurs next year, and Northern Virginia will receive more seats in the House of Delegates.

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

Since I grew up here, live here and work here, I know what the people in my community want and need. For example, I helped deliver more transpor-

David B. Albo

Age: 47

Town of Residence: South County section of Fairfax County

Party Affiliation: Republican

Education: West Springfield High, 1980;

University of Virginia, 1984, Charlottesville, B.A. economics; University of Richmond, 1988 Richmond, law degree

Family: Wife, Rita. Son, Ben, 4.

Employer and Occupation: Attorney, Albo & Oblon, LLP.



David B. Albo

tation funding to our community than any other place in Virginia, I invented the financing mechanism that built South County Secondary School and plan to use it to renovate West Springfield High School, and I have made Virginia's anti-DUI and anti-gang laws the toughest in the U.S.

What differentiates you from your opponent?

I don't "trash my opponent." Instead, I will use this

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Werkheiser in 2005 Rematch

Challenger: After 16 years, funding formula not fixed.

What is the most significant issue facing Northern Virginia?

For 16 years my opponent has failed to address the funding formula that sends 75 percent of Northern Virginia's tax dollars elsewhere in the state. We depend on a fair share of our tax dollars to address our growing traffic crisis and our aging and overcrowded schools. With new leadership, we can change this formula, get our fair share and improve our community.

How would you address this issue?

I will build a bipartisan coalition of legislators to change the funding formula. Enough of the excuse that there are not enough votes in Northern Virginia to change it. We share a common interest in revising the funding formula along the urban-suburban corridor from Northern Virginia (Winchester to Fredericksburg) all the way to Hampton Roads. I will provide leadership to build this coalition. We need action, not more excuses.

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

As an attorney, small business owner and nonprofit director, my experience serving Fairfax County over the last decade has prepared me to represent our community in Richmond. I was appointed by then-Gov. Mark Warner (D) to chair the Governor's Commission on National and Community Service. I also chaired the Fairfax Citizens' Bond Committee that brought \$325 million in improvements to our roads and schools. I will bring a fresh approach and new

Greg A. Werkheiser

Age: 35

Town of Residence: Springfield

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Education: J.D., University of Virginia School of Law; B.A., College of William & Mary; Pleasant Valley High School, Brodheadsville, Pa.

Family: wife Marion Werkheiser, expecting first child this winter.

Employer and Occupation: The Phoenix Project, Non-profit director and founder.



Greg A. Werkheiser

ideas to build a better Fairfax County for our families.

What differentiates you from your opponent?

I have devoted my life to improving our community by building bipartisan consensus and teaching our youth about the importance of honesty and integrity in government. My opponent has consistently opposed moderate, bipartisan leaders like Mark Warner. He has used his political office to drive business to his law firm. My opponent has publicly stated that he would raise taxes on middle class families. I will not. I have been endorsed by Fairfax police, fire fighters, deputy sheriffs and teachers who believe

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that together we can build a safer and more prosperous Fairfax County.

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

We can do better here in Fairfax County. It is time to put an end to the same old excuses and bring fresh, innovative leadership to Richmond. We can fix our roads, repair our schools and ease the tax burden on the middle class and small businesses. Let's get started.

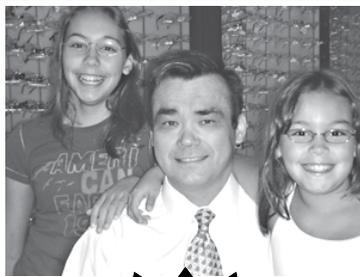
Who are your political heroes/influences?

U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D) has been an inspiration for me ever since I was his speechwriter during his first run for office. His moderate, business-friendly brand of politics has been instrumental in keeping Virginia moving forward. I am honored to have his endorsement.

COLLEGE NOTES

Carlo Santos of Fairfax Station was honored at Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremony on May 15, in Lane Stadium. Santos received a master of science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science.

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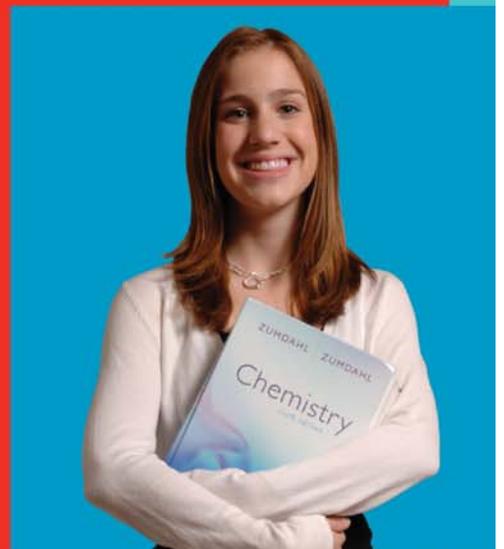
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Hinson interviewed the child's father at the hospital and, he wrote, the father told him he'd "hurt" his son. "On one occasion, [the father] admitted to having smacked his son three or four times on the mouth while he was lying on his lap," he wrote. "[He] stated that this occurred, the end of March, shortly after his wife had gone back to work." Hinson wrote that the father reenacted the incident for him.

Hinson further related another incident of physical abuse that occurred on March 28, while the father was feeding the infant.

After an investigation, police arrested the father on May 8, charging him with child abuse and neglect causing serious injury. He was later indicted by the grand jury and, on July 20 in Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty. He returned to court on Friday, Sept. 18, for sentencing and, at that time, Judge Leslie Alden ordered him to serve 10 years in prison.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Nelson Alcocer Sentenced For Petit Larceny

Believing a church employee who was fired from his job returned to burglarize and steal from that church, Fairfax County Police charged Nelson Alcocer, of the 11400 block of Fairfax Station Road, with grand larceny, embezzlement and burglary with intent to commit larceny.

In a Jan. 29 affidavit for a warrant to search Alcocer's home for the missing church property, police Det. D.E. Middlebrooks detailed the case against him. He wrote that Alcocer was employed as the grounds supervisor at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Annandale until September 2008, when the priest there terminated him "due to work-performance issues."

Alcocer was ordered to return all the church property assigned to him, but an inventory of St. Michael's maintenance/repair equipment revealed an estimated \$5,000 of it was missing. Police said Alcocer later admitted going to the church and stealing a power washer, and they arrested him on Jan. 30.

His case was continued several times. Then on Aug. 25 in General District Court, the burglary charge was dropped and the other two offenses were reduced to misdemeanor charges of petit larceny. Judge William Minor found Alcocer guilty of both offenses and sentenced him to 364 days in jail, with 274 suspended, for a total of 90 days to serve.

— BONNIE HOBBS

42nd Delegate Candidate Appearances Scheduled

Incumbent Del. David Albo (R-42) will debate Democratic challenger Greg Werkheiser in a series of appearances this fall.

Albo and Werkheiser will appear at candidate forums Friday, Sept. 25 and Tuesday, Oct. 13 at South County Secondary School, located at 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. The first forum will run from 12:30-2 p.m., and the second will run from 7:30-9 p.m.

The two will then debate on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7:30-9:30 a.m., at Hayfield Secondary School, located at 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

EDUCATION



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The students compare the wooden flutes they made.

A Place To Grow

School Age Child Care Program offers more than just day care.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Many parents across the county often feel the crunch of raising a family and providing for it each day, not to mention finding the extra time for all of the other commitments they must make.

Though they would like to drive their children to and from school, attend every sporting event or play and efficiently perform at work, all at the same time, sometimes it simply is not possible. Fortunately, the Fairfax County Office for Children's School Age Child Care Program (SACC) is there to bridge the gap.

Founded as a child supervision program for parents who were not able to provide care for their children immediately before and after school, SACC has transformed into an extension of the day's education and an attractive option for all children.

"The program is not a babysitting service," said SACC Regional Supervisor Art Cole. "It's a social environment where children can learn and master new skills. We support what the schools do during the day."

The program, in its 30th year, is open to any elementary school students whose parents work at least 30 hours a week, are disabled, attend school full time, or a combination of them. At typical SACC centers, housed in 135 area elementary schools, child care programs are available before school from 7:15 a.m. until the start of the school day, after kindergarten from 12-3 p.m. and after school from 3:35-6:15. Each SACC center has two rooms provided by the school, with some centers even having their own dedicated, unshared room.

Instead of simply finding ways each day to occupy the students' time for three hours, the SACC program dedicates itself to building upon the education that the child receives during the day. According to Cole, the SACC leaders create and plan a unique curriculum for each year, two years in advance. It is this extensive planning, Cole said, that enables SACC to draw more than 10,000 students into the program.

"We plan our curriculum, and change it, based on the interests of the children," Cole said. "It's all about choices. If they want to do something, we will start it, as long as it's safe."

THIS YEAR, SACC created a curriculum focusing on the environment and human's impact on it, naming it "Earth Matters." So, each SACC center will be choosing their favorite biome and will create it within their own classroom, and use their second room as a "science lab." According to Cole, the purpose of creating a biome in the classroom is for the students to get an intensive look at certain aspects of the earth's ecosystem. After decorating the room to look like their chosen biome, Cole said, the teachers and students will study the animals within the biome, learn about how humans impact it and how they can protect it.

In addition to the in-class education, Cole said that SACC is stressing instruction out in the field. SACC centers will take their students out to locations within walking distance to study their local environments. For example, Cole said that if schools have bodies of water nearby, then those SACC center students will be collecting water and soil samples and bringing them back to their science labs to perform tests. Also, SACC is continuing its push for its centers to connect with their communities. Throughout the year, each SACC center will be performing community service, whether it is litter pickups or even growing gardens and planting trees.

"We look at the community, see where the need is,

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POLITICS

Del. Dave Albo

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space to tell you about me. I am really not into politics. I got into this job through local community service (at the time I was President of the West Springfield Civic Association and active in the West Springfield Rotary Club). And when a spot came open to run for delegate, I thought it was a great way to get more done for our community.

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

As a Republican, I don't believe government is the

answer to every problem, but I do what it takes to get the job done. For example, government should build roads, and I helped deliver full funding of the Fairfax County Parkway. It's not necessarily government's duty to fund the arts, but we like the arts. So I donate half of my delegate salary to local charities such as school band and local arts programs.

Who are your political heroes/influences?

Former Del. Bob Cunningham. He was my predecessor who taught me that this job is not about you, but about community service. Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11). Tom got me interested in "politics" because he thought that being an elected representative was about getting things done for your community.



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On Political Signs

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So why then does virtually every candidate allow or encourage their campaign workers to violate the law by posting hundreds of signs in the public right-of-way in the medians of major roads?

Political signs on private property, homes and businesses, are part of good political discourse. The person who owns the home or business is endorsing a candidate in a powerful way.

Political signs which are not on private property are almost all illegal.

Political signs in roadway medians simply scream that the candidate in question has enough money to print signs and pay staff members to put them up. Certainly some signs are put in medians by enthusiastic volunteers.

Meanwhile it is not OK for a citizen to take down political signs even if they are illegally in the public right-of-way.

A little local enforcement, citing candidates for violations with an accompanying press release while removing the illegal signs, would go a long way towards curbing this unsightly practice.

No Deception

To the Editor:

On page 18 I read that "in this fiscal year, which started in July 1, the locality received just \$230,000 which does not even cover the cost of installing a traffic signal at a major intersection, said county officials." [Transportation Secretary Paints Gloomy Scenario," Connection, Sept. 17-23, 2009] I double-checked to make sure my eyes did not deceive me, even used a magnifying glass. Hope it was just as typo, otherwise, we can no longer afford our government. Time to outsource?

Arnold Rudakewych
Lorton

Saying Thanks

To the Editor:

The parents and students of the Music Department of South County Secondary School wish to thank the community for their generous support during the recent Tag Day fund raiser on Sept. 12. More than 110 band, choral and orchestra students canvassed all the neighborhoods that attend SCSS and were able to collect more than \$11,000 in a single day. This money will help us as we continue to build an outstanding music program that will benefit not only the students of SCSS but the entire community, as well. Please visit our SCSS Performing Arts Web sites (www.scssbands.org and

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www.southcountybca.org) to see the dates of our upcoming concerts so you can come see how your money is making a difference.

Alan P. Johnson
Tracy Magwire
Band directors
South County Secondary School

Comparing Records

To the Editor:

In his campaign for governor, Republican Bob McDonnell has declared firm support for public education. As a parent, grandparent and educator, I have noted with interest that his record speaks otherwise.

I was surprised to learn that, while in the General Assembly, McDonnell voted against the landmark 2004 bipartisan budget that provided \$1.5 billion for K-12 education, an unprecedented investment in Virginia's schools. He asserts that quality pre-K programs reduce dropout rates, yet I find that, as attorney general, he publicly opposed increased investment in pre-kindergarten. McDonnell voted against funding for classroom computer technology, salary increases for teachers, reduced class sizes and many other proposals to benefit public education.

Where, exactly, is the support?

I see that McDonnell's proposed Statewide Transportation Plan would divert \$5.41 billion from Virginia's General Fund — 44 percent of which funds education, including higher education. This plan to pit transportation against the needs of our schools has drawn McDonnell wide criticism, even from members of his own party.

In contrast, Democratic candidate Creigh Deeds has an 18-year record of leadership in support of public education. In the General Assembly, he voted for the 2004 investment in education and for expanding pre-K programs in 2008. Among the many education bills he introduced (in contrast with McDonnell's two) was legislation to raise Virginia teachers' salaries to the national level.

As a candidate for governor, Deeds offers a comprehensive and detailed plan to strengthen our public schools, make college more affordable and accessible, expand early education, attract and retain skilled teachers, close achievement gaps and spend education dollars more efficiently.

We Virginians know that an educated workforce is the foundation of a strong economy. We therefore need and want a governor with a proven record of dedication to public education. I believe that Creigh Deeds will be such a governor.

Deborah Nagy
Clifton

A little local enforcement would go a long way.

information on absentee voting.

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One Cop's Vote

To the Editor:

When Virginians pick their next attorney general, they need to know more than just who will fight crime and who will help get the economy going again, they also need to know who can be counted on to challenge the federal government's attempts to enact labor laws, like collective bargaining, as repayment to big labor. Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) has done it in the Senate and will as attorney general, and that is why he is the best choice for Virginia's next attorney general.

Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) has made much of his support from two law enforcement unions in Fairfax County. These police unions are backing Steve because he supports intrusive federal legislation like the "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act." This kind of federal legislation will weaken Virginia's right to work laws; laws that have helped make Virginia the most business-friendly state in the U.S. I interviewed Steve personally on this issue and he affirmed his support for collective bargaining. Virginians can see how important Steve Shannon is to the unions simply by looking at Steve's campaign finances. Tens of thousands of dollars have come to him from unions like the New York/New Jersey SEIU and the AFL/CIO.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

Ken Cuccinelli strongly supports law enforcement. That is why these same law enforcement unions endorsed him in 2007. Ken supports Virginia's right-to-work law and he opposes collective bargaining. While Ken supports the constitutional rights of all Virginians, he opposes laws which hurt businesses and stick tax payers with out of control budgets like

California.

Law enforcement officers need a leader in the attorney general's office. We need an attorney general who will stand up to big unions, special interests and the federal government. We need an attorney general who will fight for the rights of Virginians. Most importantly, we need an attorney general who will take decisive action in fighting crime and supporting crime fighters. Ken Cuccinelli

has my vote and the votes of working cops and deputies throughout the Commonwealth. I hope you will give him your vote as well.

Josh David
Boyce, Va.

The author is a Fairfax County Police officer and past president of both the Fairfax Coalition of Police and the Virginia Coalition of Police and Deputy Sheriffs.

COLLEGE NOTES

Colin Reagle of Clifton was honored at Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremony on May 15, in Lane Stadium. Reagle received a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering.

Sean Simmons of Clifton was honored at Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremony on May 15, 2009, in Lane Stadium. Simmons received a master of accountancy and information systems degree in accounting and information systems from the Pamplin College of Business.

Brett Warren of Clifton was honored at Virginia Tech's spring commencement ceremony on May 15, in Lane Stadium. Warren received a master of science degree in apparel, housing and resource management from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

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Burke Centre Friends Book Sale.
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Computer Tutoring. 4:30 p.m. Burke
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THURSDAY/OCT. 1

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 p.m. Dinner served: 7:20 p.m. \$10.

FRIDAY/OCT. 2

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EDUCATION

More Than Day Care

FROM PAGE 6

and connect with them," Cole said. "That way, the children can look at their community and be aware of what is going on around them."

At Laurel Hill Elementary School's new SACC center, for example, the children will be creating a rainforest biome, and will decorate their classroom to resemble the lush greenery of the environment. Then, as the year progresses, the children will continue to decorate the room with that biome's animals and plants so that by the end of the year, the biome will be complete. In their science lab, the students will be researching streams and ponds in the area that they could adopt. If that happens, they will go out as a group regularly to clean and maintain their body of water.

"I want to provide the learning experiences that I had when I was young to these children," said Laurel Hill SACC Supervisor Marquis Simmons. "There's a lot of intrinsic satisfaction seeing these children give back to their community."

While environmental education and community service are the hallmarks of the program this year, SACC centers will also continue to offer standard activities. The students participate in a fitness session each day, playing games like four-square and pin-

dodge, a no-contact variation of dodge ball. Students who do not like sports or physical activity have the choice to stay in the classroom with a different group and read, do homework, play board games and more.

"**SOME THINGS** do not have anything to do with the theme because it's all about the children's interests," Cole said. "We look at the school's resources, and go from there."

Though the SACC instructors are not provided by the individual schools, Lois Kirkpatrick of the Fairfax County Office for Children said, the quality of education has no drop off. Each center has five teachers, and according to Kirkpatrick, many of them have master's degrees and some have even been teaching in the SACC program for 10 to 15 years. Also, many of the teachers possess special skills that they are encouraged to teach other instructors so that students at other centers can learn about it.

"We look for creative people [to teach in the SACC program]," Kirkpatrick said. "We have a wide variety. We have artists, musicians, dancers, riders and more. Some of our teachers were SACC kids, too."

"We've had a lot of success stories with our children [in SACC]," Cole said. "We don't look for short term fixes, we look for opportunities for our children to be successful."

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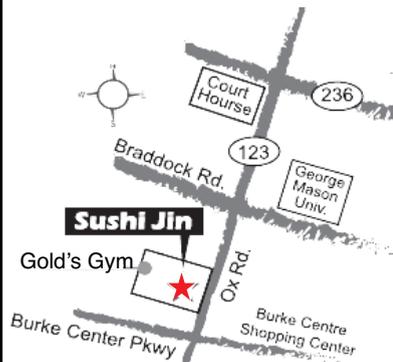


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SPORTS



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Former West Springfield High School Football Coach Bill Renner is selling the spread offense he developed at West Springfield online. Renner's offense helped lead the Spartans to three back-to-back Patriot District titles.

Offense for Sale

Former West Springfield coach is selling spread offense online.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Defeat your rival! Win your conference championship! Never be outcoached again! For \$197 former West Springfield High School Head Coach Bill Renner is hawking a football playbook that promises to help a coach reach these goals.

Renner, who resigned from West Springfield after the 2008 season to watch his son Bryn play football at the University of North Carolina, now is assistant head coach at Lake Braddock Secondary School. At West Springfield, he led the Spartans to three back-to-back Patriot District titles with his five wide attack spread offense. He also broke two regional playoff offense records.

Now Renner's 160-page playbook and 10 instructional DVDs, including game footage of West Springfield playing W.T. Woodson High School, are available on the Web site www.playqb.com.

The Web site sells multiple playbooks including the Tom Brady Quarterback Training System.

While it's not uncommon for coaches to sell instructional guides on the Internet, Fairfax County Public School administrators are investigating who owns a team's intellectual property — the coach or the school?

"It's an ongoing issue and we're taking a look into [who owns the playbook]," said Bill Curran, Fairfax County Public School's director of student activities and athletic programs. "Right now, we just don't have an answer."

The group investigating the issue isn't just looking at playbook ownership rights, but also if teachers can sell lesson plans on the Internet.

According to Curran, the group has been deliberating for a year and might have a decision on the issue in the coming year.

Currently, a school can decide whether a coach can sell his or her playbook or take it to another school, Curran said.

"It's tricky," Curran said. "The schools reserve the right to [the

"It's an ongoing issue and we're taking a look into [who owns the playbook]"

— Bill Curran, Fairfax County Public Schools director of student activities

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Lake Braddock's Shut Down Defense

Bruins' defense holds Westfield to just three offensive points.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Senior linebacker Chris Lavery isn't the marquee player on the Lake Braddock Secondary football team, but in the Bruins' 10-9 victory against Westfield High School on Sept. 17, his leadership was as valuable as a highlight reel touchdown.

During the game's tense final minutes, Lavery was able to keep his defense cool and composed.

"I told [the defense] to stay calm," Lavery said. "We knew we could come back. We just had to keep playing and good things would happen."

With only a slim lead and three minutes left in the game, Lavery sealed the Lake Braddock victory by intercepting a bobbled pass by Westfield quarterback Danny Fenyak. It was Lavery's second interception of the night.

"[I] just gave it everything I had tonight," he said. "I'm really proud of the way [the defense] played."

Lavery's clutch defensive play earned high praise from Lake Braddock Head Coach Jim Poythress, who was pleased by the strong defensive outing.

"For him to come out and have a big game against a perennial power [is great]," Poythress said. "I'm very proud of him."

Lavery's heroics weren't the only highlights from the unsung defensive unit.

Down 9-3 in the fourth quarter with four minutes left, the Bruins needed another big



Lake Braddock's offense found the end zone once on a 25-yard rush by Osmon Mansaray in the Bruins' 10-9 victory over Westfield.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

play from their defense.

Senior defensive lineman Keli Doe delivered that play when he recovered a fumble deep in the Bulldog's territory, setting up the game-winning touchdown.

"It was intense," Doe said. "[Senior defensive lineman] Wasim Abbasi rushed in and deflected [a hand-off] and I dove for the fumble. It just felt great [to make the play]."

It seemed as though the Bruins' defense could do no wrong, holding Westfield scoreless for three straight quarters, blocking an extra point and allowing only three points.

The lone Westfield touchdown came from an interception return.

"We just played tight for 48 minutes," Lavery said. "We were a lot better than we were last week. We worked hard, made

plays and gave it everything we had."

Aiding Lake Braddock's defense was its ability to shut down Westfield's rushing attack.

"We changed up the [defensive] scheme a bit," Lavery said. "They tried to run the ball and we stopped it."

Poythress said the Bruins' hard work in practice paid off and noted that his defense had improved since its surprising 43-42 loss to W.T. Woodson High School last week.

"We prepared all week fundamentally," Poythress said. "We worked on tackling, using our hands on the defensive line and playing a whole 48 minutes."

The win also boosted the confidence of the Bruins, who were caught by surprise in the Woodson loss.

"Last week, when [W.T. Woodson High]

"For the defense to come out and prove themselves on the field of battle against Westfield is a tremendous feat."

— Head Coach Jim Poythress

caught up, the kids looked like deer in a headlight," Poythress said. "To come out and prove themselves on the field of battle against Westfield is a tremendous feat."

Although the defense stumped Westfield's offense, Lake Braddock's high-octane spread passing attack was grounded for much of the game.

Junior quarterback Michael Nebrich completed 20 out of 38 passes and threw for 248 yards with five interceptions.

Fortunately for the Bruins, senior running back Osmon Mansaray chipped away at the Westfield defense with a strong rushing attack.

On the game-winning play, the Bruins handed the ball to Mansaray who sprinted through the Bulldogs' defensive line for a 25-yard touchdown, putting the Bruins ahead 10-9.

Poythress said that Mansaray, at 5-foot-8-inches and 160 pounds, is deceptively strong and hard to stop.

"[Mansaray] is a tremendous athlete," Poythress said. "He is small in stature, but can bench press over 300 pounds and squat 450 pounds. He looks like a little guy but he's all muscle."

Mansaray finished the game with 47 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown.

Lake Braddock is now 2-1 on the season. The Bruins' next game is at T.C. Williams High School (2-1) on Sept. 26.

County Schools Reviews Playbook Ownership Policy

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playbook], but it is up to the school [to determine] if the coach can take it."

Renner, a Fairfax County high school coach for 20 years, declined to comment for this story until after the current football season.

West Springfield Offensive Line Coach Steve Fox said he isn't worried that opponents will solve his offense by buying Renner's playbook.

"We've modified [the spread]," Fox said. "It might pose some problems [for other teams that use Renner's offense], but we'd know their offense, too. If [other teams] don't know what's coming, it's very hard to stop."

While West Springfield players say they're not upset about seeing the team's playbook for sale on the Internet, some parents object to the use of players in YouTube ads promoting the offense.

"I have no problem with Renner [selling the playbook]," West Springfield parent

James Linear said. "But when he uses the kids in advertisements, that's when it gets a little shady. When you go to the Web site and look at [the YouTube video], all you see is West Springfield kids."

According to Curran, game film is considered public information and can be taken by and used by anyone.

"If someone wants to film a game, they're welcome to," Curran said. "There are no guidelines against filming a game."

Whether or not Renner is breaking any ethical guidelines by using the game film in his ad is "something that we can't determine at this time," Curran said.

WHILE COUNTY officials investigate playbook ownership rights, Curran questions the playbook's competitive advantage.

"I just don't know that it's anything original," Curran said. "[Renner] didn't invent the wildcat or the spread offense. I'm not sure this playbook is really that groundbreaking."

Fairfax High School Head Coach Chris

Haddock agreed.

"The truth is [having the other team's playbook] doesn't make a big difference," Haddock said. "Most [coaches] in the area already know what their opponent is going to try and do. You can maybe pick up a signal call or audible [from the playbook], but you can't get in the huddle. Even if you could, you still have to stop the play."

Lee High School football Head Coach Robert Everett, a Patriot District rival to Lake Braddock and West Springfield, said he was aware that Renner's playbook was on sale and joked with his staff about buying it.

"The [five wide attack spread offense] moves the ball down the field so well," he said. "There are some positives to [buying it], but you still need to learn how to recognize [when to use the plays] and the book doesn't teach you that."

Everett agreed that the book would not give a team a competitive advantage.

"[The playbook] would give you a good overview of [Renner's system]," Everett

said. "But I'm not sure you can buy [the playbook] solely to shut it down."

Although Haddock said he would not sell his playbook, he pointed out that playbooks from college and professional teams are easily available online.

"You can go online and look up any playbook you want, but football is a game of fads," he said. "The spread offense is what's in right now. Ten years ago, it was the wishbone and wingback."

Everett said that he wasn't comfortable with selling a playbook in any capacity.

"I just don't feel comfortable making a profit off of something that the kids execute," Everett said. "I know we don't get paid that much [to coach], but I don't think I need to sell my playbook."

Regardless of what playbook a team faces, Haddock said, strong fundamentals and athleticism are more important than plays on paper.

"At the end of the day, [football] is always going to be about blocking and tackling," he said.

Russ Banham Tells Fairfax's History

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museum trip, and even took him on a trip to Europe when he was 11. It was her influence, Banham said, that made him want to become an actor, and he soon made his first foray into acting as a senior in high school.

"She took a terrific interest in me and she was the seminal influence in my life," Banham said. "She gave me these opportunities my friends did not have, and it all sort of rubbed off on me."

BANHAM WAS accepted to St. John's University in Queens on a full scholarship, and though he wanted to pursue acting, his father wanted him to go into pre-law. However, Banham quickly realized that the fraternity life and a law degree was not for him, and switched his major to speech and theater. Knowing his father would not approve of him being an actor, Banham told him that he wanted to be a playwright and received his father's blessing. He would go on to direct several successful campus productions.

"When I got to college, I pledged a fraternity and studied pre-law," Banham said. "It just didn't suit me, and all the pretty girls

were in drama."

After college, Banham did not know how to get hired as a director, so he took several acting jobs, hoping to break into the business. One of his first parts he landed was a role in a Broadway production of "The Merchant of Venice," which starred Zero Mostel as Shylock. Mostel died immediately after the first public performance of the play in Philadelphia.

"That was truly a baptism by fire for me as an actor," Banham said.

Following the play, Banham appeared in several off-Broadway plays, and landed a spot in the 1979 cult classic film "Meatballs," opposite comedy star Bill Murray. After the movie, Banham was courted by several major network studios, and decided to sign a contract with NBC. That year, he was cast as Brad Hopkins in producer Norman Lear's sitcom "Joe's World," which was cancelled after 12 episodes.

"['Joe's World'] has a modicum of fame because it was the last of the topical satire sitcoms," Banham said. "After the series ended, there was a stigma attached to the actors, so I had difficulty."

It was that difficulty, combined with his insatiable desire to be productive, that led him to the world of journalism. One of his actor friends encouraged him to freelance for a business publication, the now-defunct "Journal of Commerce," and after writing a story on spec, was given \$100 and the article was published. By 1983, he was a staff reporter and section editor covering insurance and risk management for the paper and was fully entrenched in the world of business journalism.

To Purchase

Go www.press.gmu.edu/fightforfairfax to purchase Banham's book.

"When I got that \$100, I thought, 'This is better than waiting tables,'" Banham said. "For someone who fancied himself a playwright, it was a good next step, as strange as it sounds."

During his time there, Banham was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for investigative journalism for his series of articles on the allegations that the U.S. Embassy in the Soviet Union was bugged. However, by 1987, he sensed that the publication was near its end, and left to seek work as a freelance journalist again.

Banham said that because of the Pulitzer nomination, all he had to do was mention his name to a magazine, and he would im-

mediately be hired to write an article. It was during this time that Banham honed his skills, and soon, was writing corporate histories of such companies as Coors ("Rocky Mountain Legend") and USF&G, a major national insurance company. In 2003, this résumé led the Ford Family to commission him to write about the 100-year history of the Ford Motor Company, which became his most successful book to date and was translated into nearly a dozen languages.

When working on a biography of Virginian Maggie Bryant, the person responsible for the construction of the Dulles Greenway, Sidney Dewberry, whom Banham interviewed for the book, told Banham that his next book should be about the history of Fairfax County. Though he initially scoffed at the idea, after hearing the local history, he was intrigued and began research on what would become "The Fight for Fairfax."

"The subject matter was contentious," Banham said. "On one hand, you have well-meaning county officials who wanted to preserve things. On the other, you have the public sector which recognized that in post-war America, Washington was growing by leaps and bounds and saw that Fairfax was at the threshold of a tremendous opportunity."

CALENDAR

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,at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Local wineries from Virginia and North Carolina, art and all day jazz performances. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. www.workhousearts.org or 703-584-2927.

Author Signing/Lecture. George J. Haas, author of "The Martian Codex: More Reflections from Mars," will conduct a lecture and PowerPoint presentation featuring NASA photographs of aesthetically designed structures found on the surface of Mars. 1 p.m., at the Boarders Express, 6725 Springfield Mall, Springfield, 703-971-9443.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

Art, Wine & All That Jazz. 12-8 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$25 in advance or \$30 at the gate. www.workhousearts.org or 703-584-2927.

Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra, under the direction of Christopher Johnston, performs Jazz With Strings at 7:30 p.m. The music of Cole Porter, George Gershwin, Duke Ellington, and Charlie Parker/Clifford Brown accompanied by a string orchestra. The concert is in the Forum at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Adults \$15, seniors/teens \$10, age 12 and under free. 703-569-0973.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 10

Children's Consignment Sale sponsored by Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool. 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Children's clothing and furniture, baby equipment, toys, books and videos, maternity and nursing clothes and more. Due to space constraints, shoppers with strollers are not permitted. www.spring-mar.org or 703-239-1213.

SUNDAY/OCT. 11

The Flying Karamazov Brothers. 4 p.m., at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. Tickets for youth through grade 12 half price. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$42, \$34, \$21. The Center for the Arts complex is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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Virginia Opera: Puccini's "La Bohème." 8 p.m., at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. The Center for the Arts complex is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Tickets are \$86, \$72, \$44. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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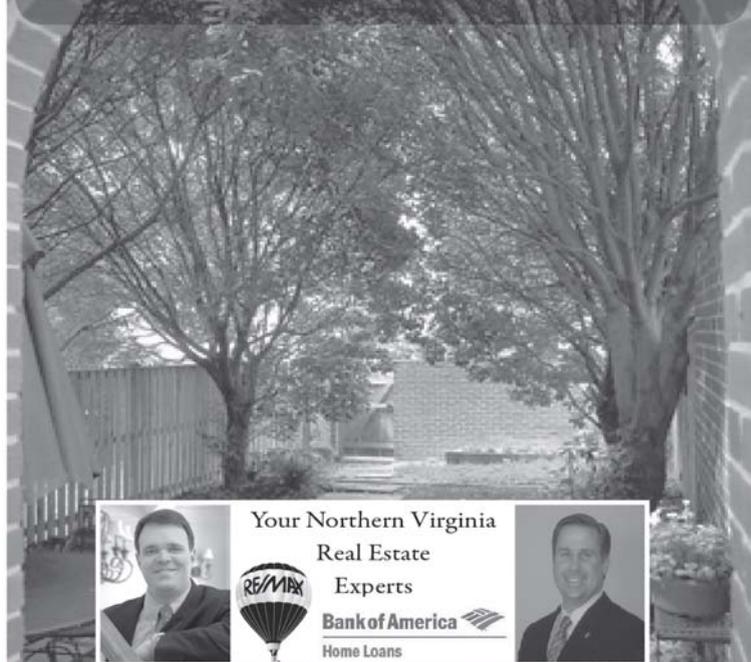
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Lorton Arts Center

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the same tract of land as the former Lorton prison. In July 2004, the Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of a 55-acre portion of the former correction's facility to the Lorton Arts Foundation so they could create the Workhouse Arts Center. The center was opened last year after the completion of Phase I of the Workhouse Arts Center.

Though the buildings are expansive and the ground meticulously maintained, the center would be nothing without its myriad program offerings and impressive list of resident artists. The Workhouse has more than 125 resident artists that spend a minimum of 14 hours a week in the facility, with most spending as many as 60 hours. In addition to creating their own works, they are the faculty for four major programs: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Mind and Body Program and the "Kids Zone."

"The artists here are the best at what they do and the fact that they share it, and share it here is amazing," said the Workhouse's Sarah Mabbitt. "If you want to learn something, this is the place to be."

Now that the first year is completed, the Workhouse's staff is looking forward to the future and the places where they can take it. In addition to the programs already in place such as animation, cinematography, fitness and typical art classes, the center is in the process of expanding its offerings.

Performing Arts program director Garen Hearne said that she is currently building the youth theater program and is conducting an audition for the Lorton Youth Theatre Ensemble called Spot-Lyte.

In the Kids Zone, instructor Alice Watson is creating the "Drop-In Club," where parents can drop their children off at the Kids Zone for art education and other activities while they run errands. In the Visual Arts program, glass art director Rick Sherbert

said that they are working to add more classes, and that he is constantly sifting through resident artist applications to ensure that the best available artists are teaching at the Workhouse.

"We'd like this to be a place where people can come and express themselves," Watson said. "We want to nurture a new generation of artists. It's going to be a terrific thing for the county."

When all phases are complete, the Workhouse will consist of 234,000 square feet of adaptively reused buildings and 60,000 square feet in new construction. If all goes according to plan, by the time the last building opens, the Lorton Arts Foundation will have achieved its goal to become a new cultural center for the county. In the meantime, however, the staff is thankful that they got through the first year, but knows that much more work lies ahead to fulfill its mission.

"It seems like yesterday we were in the mud, waiting for the construction to begin," Sherbert said. "But we've got so much more to do."

Fall for the Book Festival

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find something that interests them." The festival is able to have all of the events that appeal to every taste because of their recent dedication to expansion. In all, according to Goodwin, 40 percent of the week's events will take place off of the George Mason campus, with events in 11 different cities and towns in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. The partnerships in the different communities, participants say, benefit all involved.

"Our mission is to promote literature and the craft of writing and this event does that," said Kyle Semmel of the Writer's Center. "This is a wonderful festival, and it's definitely been a wonderful partnership."

Though the locations may have changed and the scope expanded to attract new readers, the festival nonetheless still manages to draw the same, loyal attendees that have been a part of the Fall for the Book from the start. Annandale resident Carrie Smith is one of those original patrons, having been to almost every day of all previous 10 festivals, and course, is attending this year. It is the opportunity to see a different side of her favorite authors, she said, that keeps

her coming back.

"I love getting to meet the authors face-to-face," Smith said. "It's nice to see more than just a picture on a book jacket cover. It's very intimate, and I've met some great people."

While this year's festival only kicked off Monday, staff is already planning next year's events. According to Executive Director William Miller, the author selection process for the festival is continuous, as the selection committee constantly strives to identify the authors that will not only appeal to the widest audiences, but also provide an experience that will only deepen their love of reading.

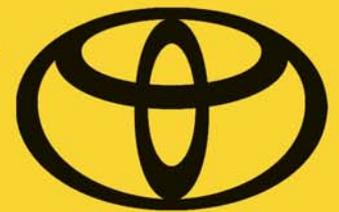
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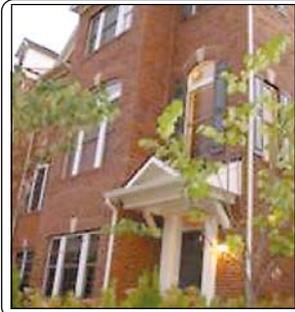
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