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Senior quarterback Sarosh Gilani and the West Springfield football team defeated Robinson, 17-7, on Sept. 12.

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## Flooding Damages Little League Fields

**Volunteers help repair flood-damaged Bryon Park.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**W**est Springfield Little League supporters came off the bench to rally against flood damage on Saturday, Sept. 10. Bearing chains saws, rakes and hammers, hundreds of WSSL supporters, from parents gathered at Byron Avenue Park on Saturday to start the clean-up on the ball fields damaged when Lake Accotink flooded last week.

"It was an incredible outpouring of help. Less than 48 hours after the floods, we had people here ready to clean up the damage," said WSSL President Greg Adams. "This is a testament to the strong sense of community we have here."

Adams said he was at the concession stand near Ebbet's Field, one of the five ball fields at Byron Avenue Park, on Thursday around 3 p.m., accepting a food delivery when the torrential rains started to taper



**Volunteers spent part of the day cleaning freezers and shelves from the concession stand, salvaging what could be repaired and piling up what needed to be replaced.**

off. "I was thinking then that we survived the worse of it, but by 9 p.m. I tried to drive

here and there was 7 feet of water at least above the backstop, and a 4-foot piece of wood in the road, so I couldn't get through,"

**"I've never seen such devastation."**

— **Thuy Do**

Adams said.

The 6-acre park sits in the middle of a floodplain near Accotink Creek, which was swollen by remnants of Tropical Storm Lee and beginning to overflow on Thursday, around 4 p.m. The 40-mile Cross County Trail, which starts in Great Falls Park in the north to Occoquan Regional Park in the south, snakes around the ball fields.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) walked along the Cross County Trail Saturday morning with volunteers, assessing the damage to the fields he used to play on as a child in the 1970s.

"I was concerned about these fields because they sit in the floodplain. This is the worst I've seen. It looks like the fences got the worst of it," Herrity said, pointing to a portion of the Ebbet's Field fence that was smashed by a 30-foot tree.

"What's great is to see the community coming together. It would be very difficult for the county to organize this much labor

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## Fairview Fire Station Gets a Makeover

**Local Eagle Scout landscapes Fire Station 32.**

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he front of Fire Station 32 in Fairview needed work. "It was pretty barren and ugly," said Jason Buttenshaw, a paramedic at Station 32 and local Boy Scout scoutmaster. "It needed some improvement."

"The plants in front of the station were severely overgrown to the point that it was a security issue," said Capt. Robert Konczal of Station 32. "We need to be able to see out our windows. People come at all times of night. We need to have a visual outside."

But the fire station didn't have the means to do the work themselves.

"Right now, there's no funding mechanism," said Konczal. "To re-landscape a firehouse, that's not a priority in the county right now."

Buttenshaw, a scoutmaster in Culpeper, suggested putting the word out to local Scouts as a possible Eagle project.

W.T. Woodson senior Ethan Ellert an-

swered the call. He was on his way to becoming an Eagle, the highest rank in Boy Scouts, but hadn't found a project yet.

"It takes a lot of time and a lot of determination to become an Eagle," said Ellert. "A lot of people drop out. The main thing of becoming an Eagle is the project. It really defines the Eagle."

Ellert thought helping the Fire Station was a worthy endeavor.

"To me it seemed like a good project," said Ellert. "It was for a perfect cause. I was planning on getting it done for the 10th anniversary of 9/11."

Ellert collected money and plants from his Boy Scout troop, parents and neighbors. He organized, at peak, around 25 volunteers. He put in about 150 hours of planning and labor.

At first, the plan was just to redo a 12-foot-by-12 foot area, but Ellert found other things that needed to be done. He planted a low maintenance garden, cut down and thinned existing plants, made a kind of walkway, added a bench and purchased a memorial plaque dedicated toward the firemen

generally and the firemen and policemen who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.



**The Fairview Fire Station after landscaping**

"I like it a lot," said Ellert. "I really do. It makes the fire station look a lot better. It will look a lot better next spring when a lot of the bulbs I planted come up. It's something that will be there a long time."

"We take pride in our firehouses," said

Konczal. "When you're a firefighter you take pride in your fire station and your equipment. ... I told him you hit a homerun here. It's beautiful. We're very thankful for his work."

The relationship between Ellert and the fire station has turned out to be mutually beneficial. "It takes a lot of work to get the rank of Eagle," said Buttenshaw.

## Fairfax County Workers To Receive 2 Percent Raise

Despite numerous appeals to give Fairfax employees a 3.5 percent salary increase, the Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday, Sept. 14, to extend a 2 percent increase and to save some \$28 million from the county's "carryover" funds to defray costs in the 2013 budget. Some of the carryover funds could cover flood damage.

The pay raise will take effect on Sept. 24.

According to a report by County Executive Anthony H. Griffin, county revenues in 2011 came in "\$49 million or 1.5 percent higher than anticipated," giving the Board of Supervisors additional funds to distribute. The saving came from conservative budgeting, higher than expected sales tax revenue, the easing of a federal mandate and the settlement of a lawsuit that could have cost the county.

Last spring when Fairfax adopted its 2012 budget, it voted that if it had a sufficient overage at the end of the 2011 fiscal year, it would provide a 1.5 percent salary increase for county employees.

The size of the savings allowed the board to raise the salary hike to 2 percent. This is the first salary increase for county employees since 2009. But last year, the School Board gave school employees a 3.5 percent increase, raising the cry that there was unfair treatment for employees of county government.

Virtually every leader of an employee group or county union urged the supervisors to provide 3.5 percent to reward the county employees for their role in holding down costs and to allow the attraction of top flight personnel.

"County employees deserve much of the credit for Fairfax County weathering the economic storm," said Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large). But she and the other members agreed with Griffin's concern that a larger portion of the savings should be kept to assist the county in meeting what Griffin said might be a \$100 million short fall in 2013.

— NICHOLAS HORROCK

## Rt. 50/Parkway Closures Set

Motorists should expect overnight delays at the Fairfax County Parkway and Route 50, Monday through Thursday, Sept. 19-22, while crews erect structural steel for the bridge over Route 50 as part of the Fairfax County Parkway/Fair Lakes Parkway interchange project.

Drivers can also expect temporary stoppages of up to 15 minutes throughout these nights while steel is lifted and secured into place. Motorists can expect the following closures between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m.:

\* Sept. 19: Two lanes on northbound Fairfax County Parkway, two lanes on westbound Route 50 and the ramp from northbound Fairfax County Parkway to westbound Route 50 will be closed.

\* Sept. 20: Two lanes on southbound Fairfax County Parkway, two lanes on westbound Route 50 and the ramp from northbound Fairfax County Parkway to westbound Route 50 will be closed.

\* Sept. 21: Two lanes northbound and one lane southbound on Fairfax County Parkway, two lanes on eastbound Route 50 and the ramp from southbound Fairfax County Parkway to eastbound Rt. 50 will be closed.

\* Sept. 22: Two lanes in each direction on Rt. 50, the ramp from northbound Fairfax County Parkway to westbound Route 50, and the ramp from southbound Fairfax County Parkway to eastbound Route 50 will be closed.

All work is weather permitting. In case of inclement weather, work may continue Sept. 23 and into the following week. Message boards are posted, and Fairfax County Police will assist crews with traffic control each night.

Details of the \$69.5 million interchange project, which will be complete in 2013, are available at [http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/fairfax\\_county\\_parkway-fair\\_lakes.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/fairfax_county_parkway-fair_lakes.asp).



**Congressional Page Christy Fischer of Burke shakes hands with Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), who was Fischer's sponsor in the Page Program.**

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# Summer on Capitol Hill

## Robinson senior serves as Congressional Page.

BY CHRISTY FISCHER

Imagine, as a teenager, going to work every morning not to a pool or fast food chain restaurant but to the floor of the United States House of Representatives in the U.S. Capitol building.

Well, as a House Page this summer, entering that beautiful and historic chamber was an everyday occurrence for me. Furthermore, on any given day I could visit the Senate visitor's gallery, look at the statues in Statuary Hall and the Rotunda and say hello to members of Congress. You might think that a teenager wouldn't value this, but believe me when I say that being a part of this program was the most incredible experience of my 17 years so far.

Some of the jobs we did as pages were fairly simple, such as delivering flags to members' offices or taking packages from Congressional offices to the cloakroom. But as a cloakroom page, my job was to learn the names and faces of all 192 Democratic members of Congress. While it was a bit difficult at first, in the end all the studying was worth it when I picked out U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) from a crowd during a vote and gave him the binder that his staff needed him to receive quickly.

By learning all the names and faces of the Democratic members, I truly took a greater interest in events on the House floor such as voting, because they weren't just a nameless sea of important people to me anymore. Another value of being around members of Congress every day was realizing that most of them really are normal people. They were friendly and welcoming to us pages; for example, we grew to love our daily greeting from U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.) of, "Hello, young people."

Some of my favorite events from the page program were meeting my sponsor, Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), the Capitol Dome tour, making friends with my fellow pages and attending school every morning in The Library of Congress. However,

the most important event was being present during the recent debt ceiling vote in which U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) returned to the House to cast her first vote since the attack in Arizona. The overwhelming applause and support for Congresswoman

Giffords was truly inspiring and the icing on the cake was five minutes later when Vice President Joe Biden (D) appeared on the House floor and shook hands with all the pages, including myself. That historic Monday night is the night that I will always remember when I look back on my time as a page.

That night is also the reason why I am so sad for the sudden termination of the House Page Program. My own memories of being a part of the House of

**"But as a cloakroom page, my job was to learn the names and faces of all 192 Democratic members of Congress."**

— Christy Fischer

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# GMU Hosts Piano Celebration

## Performance launches Dr. Linda Apple Monson Scholarship Fund.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

When Dr. Linda Apple Monson was just 4, she remembers plunking out hymns by ear after church services in her family's home in rural Pennsylvania.

"I begged my parents for a piano and finally they gave me an upright piano for my sixth birthday. That was a wonderful gift that opened up a whole world of music-making to me," Monson said.

Growing up, she also learned to play other instruments, including the accordion, because that was her father's favorite instrument.

"When I was in middle school, the band director at my school asked me to learn to play the bassoon, because he needed it in the band and no one could play it. I enjoyed music thoroughly and embraced each new challenge, because it was great fun," Monson said.

Becoming proficient in several instruments was actually a "ticket" for her college education. Monson received a bassoon scholarship at the Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University when she was 18. Although she double-majored in piano and bassoon, her scholarship was actually in bassoon.

As a music lover and music professor at George Mason University's School of Music, she is giving the gift of music back to her students in a spectacular way.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, GMU's school of music is hosting "A Grand Piano Celebration" in honor of

Monson.

The event marks the launch of the Dr. Linda Apple Monson Music Endowment Fund, which recognizes the commitment and impact that Monson has had on her students, faculty and friends of Mason's School of Music for the past 12 years. The fund will support student scholarships and other related programs in the School of Music. An anonymous established the scholarship. The donor will contribute \$100,000, which will be matched by an additional \$100,000 from private sources.

"I am extremely grateful to all of the donors who have contributed to the scholarship fund," Monson said. "I feel humbled and deeply touched that our community and friends understand the scholarship support for our incredibly talented students here."

Monson said her students come from all around



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Dr. Linda Apple Monson and student Dominick Izzo work together in the deLaski performance room.

the world, and choose George Mason's School of Music because of its world-class faculty, curriculum facilities. In 2007, GMU received the honor of being named an All-Steinway School.

"At George Mason, students get a deep, comprehensive musical education, within the context of a first-rate liberal arts school. We've seen tremendous growth in the numbers and quality of our music students," Monson said. "We have so many students deserving of scholarship support, and this endowment will help attract and retain quality students."

The lead gift for the endowment was made by Steinway Piano Gallery of Washington, D.C.

"Steinway is very pleased to participate in this endowment challenge to benefit the music students and George Mason University," said David Slan, president of the D.C. Steinway Piano Gallery. "It's also an honor to celebrate Dr. Linda Monson, an extraordinary Steinway artist and teacher."

In addition to being a School of Music professor since 1999, Monson serves as director of music at Springfield United Methodist Church. An honored recipient of GMU's 2009 Teaching Excellence Award, Monson has been selected for the Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster, in collaboration with the U.S. State Department and the Council for International Exchange of Schools.

An active performer and scholar, and known as a passionate pianist, she has given lecture-recitals, solo piano recitals and piano master's class all over the world.

"If one likes piano, George Mason University is the place to be. We are top-notch and nurturing," Monson said. "Once you are here, we will do everything possible to make sure you succeed."

## CALENDAR

To submit a calendar item, e-mail the submission to burke@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

### THURSDAY/SEPT. 15

**Oh Susannah.** 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**The Half & Half Tour with Andrew Ripp and Steve Moakler.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Ongoing Book Sale.** 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Adjacent to the information desk on first floor. 703-293-6227.

**Teen Lego.** 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Meet fellow lego enthusiasts, share ideas, and build. Age 13-19. 703-249-1520.

**English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English with other adults. 703-249-1520.

**Bodhnath Stupa, Kathmandu Himalayan Religion and the Culture of Nepal.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn about the religion and culture of Nepal, the setting for Little Princes, this year's All Fairfax Reads selection. Presented by Professor Benjamin Bogin of Georgetown University. 703-978-5600.

**Kid Science: Magnetic Attraction.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories and activities about the properties of magnets. Age 4-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Computer Basics Training.** 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. One hour session with a technology volunteer for help with basic computer skills and navigating the internet. Adults. 703-644-7333.

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

**Kim Richey and Mando Saenz** at 7 p.m., Passafire and Feed God Cabbage at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Hispanic Heritage Month Family Day.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Latin-Americans' contributions to aviation and space exploration, bilingual story times, tours, book signings and hands-on activities. 202-633-1000 or http://airandspace.si.edu/HazyFamilyDays/.

**Baby Feet, Baby Beat.** 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Music and movement for babies. Attendance limited to 15, age 18-23 months with adult. Tickets available 30 minutes before. 703-249-1520.

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Practice your English conversation skills. Adults. 703-978-5600.

### SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring violinist Karina

Canellakis. Corigliano's Three Hallucinations, Chausson's Poème, Saint-Saens' Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, and Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders with Rachel Franklin at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

**Sally Ride Science Festival.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. For girls in grades 5-8. Discovery workshops by local scientists and engineers, talks by a featured speaker, workshops on ways to support students' interests in science and math and a Street Fair with booths, hands-on activities, food, and music. Admission \$20, registration required. hdelacruz@sallyridescience.com.

**The 31st Annual Fall Mosby's Confederacy Bus Tour.** Departure from Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St., Fairfax, at 8:30 a.m., approximate return 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. Visit various Mosby sites in Front Royal, Flint Hill in Rappahannock County, Little Washington, the Gray Ghost Winery and more. Stuart-Mosby Society members \$65, non-members \$75. 703-971-4984 or dhakenson@cox.net.

**Kids Shows: Rocknocoeros "Colonel Purple Turtle" Official CD Release Show!** 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Passafire and Feed God Cabbage.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Virginia Grand Military Band.** 8 p.m. Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. A concert band extravaganza, paying tribute to the sesquicentennial of the civil war and commemorating the 100th anniversary of naval aviation. Tickets \$20 adults, \$10 under age 18. 703-426-4777 or www.VGMB.com.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association answers gardening questions. Adults. 703-978-5600.

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**A Grand Piano Celebration.** 3 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. This event marks the launch of the Dr. Linda Apple Monson Music Endowment Fund, which honors the commitment and impact Monson has had on Mason's School of Music. The fund will support student scholarships and related programs in the School of Music. Post-concert reception on the Center's Grand Tier III at 5 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$75. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

**The Movement and Three Legged Fox.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

**Fall for the Book at Truro Church.** Reception and book signing 6 p.m., discussion and reading 7 p.m. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Author Dr. Carol Lee Hamrin, affiliate research professor at George Mason University and an expert

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## A Grand Piano Concert

A Grand Piano Concert is Sunday, Sept. 18, at 3 p.m., in the Center for the Arts Concert Hall. The program features Dr. Linda Apple Monson performing solo works, as well as works with other members of Mason's School of Music Faculty.

Monson is presenting solo piano works by Spanish composers. "I had the opportunity to study in Spain in Santiago de Compostela and has an affinity for Spanish music," she said. She is also presenting collaborative works by Schubert with John Aler, tenor, who is a four-time Grammy award winner.

Tickets for each event of "A Grand Piano Celebration" can be purchased separately — lunch, \$50; concert, \$20; post-concert reception, \$30 — or as a package for \$75. For tickets to the performance, or direction and parking information, visit www.cfa.gmu.edu, or the Center for the Arts Box Office, open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information on endowment or sponsorship opportunities, contact Leticia Moreno Enos at lmoreno@gmu.edu.

# Page Recalls Summer on Hill

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Representatives during such a critical time for our government make me want other teenagers to continue to share this experience in the future. Without the Page Program, I would never have seen firsthand how our government works and been able to truly appreciate all the effort that is put into it.

On the last day that Congress was in session during my time as a page several members of Congress thanked us for "representing the American youth" in the House of Representatives. This proves that the presence that pages have in the House of Representa-

tatives and the special look inside the inner workings of the government benefit members of Congress and the youth of America. I can only hope that the Page Program is saved from being cut after nearly 200 years of service to The House of Representatives. I believe that the incredible once in a lifetime experience I had is proof enough that pages belong in the House of Representatives.

*Christy Fischer is a rising senior at James W. Robinson Secondary School. This summer, she served as a congressional page for the U.S. House of Representatives with Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) as her sponsoring member.*

NEWS BRIEFS

## Fairfax Police Extend Invitation to Teens

Teens and their parents are invited to an informational meeting about policing, Monday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m., at the Massey Building, 4100 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax. It will let them learn about Fairfax County Police Explorer Post #1742. The meeting will be held in the A-level conference room.

For any teen considering a potential career in law enforcement, the Explorers are a good place to start. Explorer Post #1742 is open to

county residents between ages 14-20. Members receive law-enforcement training by trained police officers who serve as advisors and facilitators for the program.

Explorers will learn and practice skills that police officers use daily. They'll gain experience in fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention.

This is the only time this year that this program will be offered. Free parking is available in the public parking garage on Page Avenue. More information is at [www.post1742.org](http://www.post1742.org).

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on social and cultural changes in China, will discuss Volume III of Salt and Light: More Lives of Faith that Shaped Modern China, about the Chinese Christian reform movement during the Progressive Era. [kboyd@trurochurch.org](mailto:kboyd@trurochurch.org).

**Bob Graham, former U.S. Senator from Florida.** 2 p.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Author of Keys to the Kingdom. When a senator on the 9/11 Congressional Inquiry Commission is murdered after a controversial op-ed piece he wrote for the New York Times, one of his aides begins to piece together an international conspiracy linking the Saudi Kingdom and al Qaeda. [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1-4 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

MONDAY/SEPT. 19

**Alexandrians During the Civil War.**

7 p.m. The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Talk and book reading by local author Barbara Winters from her book, "Letters to Virginia," a collection of correspondence from three generations of Alexandrians before, during and after the Civil War. Free. 703-591-0560.

**Akbar Ahmed.** 1:30 p.m. Sandy Spring Bank Tent, Johnson Center Plaza, on George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The chair of Islamic studies at American University and author of Journey Into

America: The Challenge of Islam, a study of what it means to be a modern-day Muslim, discusses that book and also his poetry collection, Suspended Somewhere Between, whose verse explores both the political and the personal. [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

**Francine Prose.** 6:30 p.m. Johnson Center Cinema, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. My New American Life, about an Albanian immigrant struggling with the politically and culturally complex post-9/11 world around her, and the pull of family ties and obligations in her native land. [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

**Jacob Paul.** 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Paul, a survivor of the Twin Towers attack, discusses his novel Sarah/Sara, the story of a Jewish girl who embarks on a solo kayaking journey after the death of her father, a World Trade Center survivor who was later killed in a suicide bombing in Jerusalem. [www.fallforthebook.org](http://www.fallforthebook.org).

**Animal Tales.** 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Listen to stories and learn about animals. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

**Chess Club.** 3:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn the rules and strategy by playing the game. Age 6-14. 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

**"A Daughter Examines the Life of Her Journalist Father."** 7 p.m. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Local author

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## Tune in for Elections

Vote early, but not before figuring out who, what, where, when and why.

Voting will be more complicated in some jurisdictions than others.

In Arlington, for example, figuring out what state senate district you are in is important; there are three possibilities, each is contested, and all of the choices are new to you or new to the Senate. In the 30th, Timothy McGhee (R) vs. Adam P. Ebbin (D); in the 31st, Caren D. Merrick (R) vs. Barbara A. Favola (D); in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D).

In Fairfax County, what is arguably the most important race this year is also nearly incomprehensible in its size and scope: school board, especially the at-large race. There will be at least seven candidates on the ballot for the three school board at-large seats, and only one incumbent, Ilryong Moon, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen. There are three candidates endorsed

by the GOP, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Sheree Brown-Kaplan and Lin-Dai Kendall. Steve Stuban, father of a high school student who died of suicide earlier this year after being badly treated by the Fairfax County Public Schools disciplinary process, is also on the ballot. Technically, school board is non-partisan, but party endorsements have been important historically. FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

In the City of Alexandria, determining what Senate district you are now in and sorting out candidates will also matter. Could be 30th, Ebbin v. McGhee; 35th, Sen. Dick Saslaw (D) vs. Robert C Sarvis (R) and Katherine Pettigrew (I); 39th, Sen. George Barker (D) vs. Miller Baker (R).

Virginia's state senate lines have changed dramatically, and all of Northern Virginia's races for Senate are contested by both major parties, so you'll have to tune in wherever you

another time, but an economic death spiral is usually fatal, and as true for an individual as it is for a corporation or a country. It takes longer for a country to die than it does for an individual, but that's what happens when a country gets so far into debt and deficits that it

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borrow money just to pay the interest on the debt. Just like people do with their credit cards. The end comes when the debt becomes so large no one will lend the country any more money. This happened to Greece in March 2010. Next step, bankruptcy unless they are able to borrow more money. When our government runs out of money, the treasury prints more paper money, and now they have even overdone that method.

At one time, it was said that "As California goes, so goes the nation. And this has proved to be true. Californians made decisions in many things and other states followed. California was the first to go broke because of poor politics and poor fiscal management. If you ask what does the economy have to do with whom we elect as president and to Congress? It has everything to do with our jobs, our homes and the welfare of the country. How the country is managed is very important.

Our president and Congress will have to deal with our economy, foreign relations, and things that will affect our future as a people. Let's just look at our economy. No, President Barack Obama (D) didn't cause our recession, but he

doesn't have a clue on how to fix it. Our government's reckless spending and conducting wars over 225 years has produced budget deficits and grown our National Debt out of sight. Today our budget — Oh, wait. I forgot. We have no budget — so government is spending recklessly when they shouldn't be spending at all.

Obama learned these tricks of the trade at Harvard. He hasn't presented a budget since he took office. And it is puzzling why Republicans keep giving him money. More puzzling is why the public puts up with such crummy politicians. Why do they keep violating our laws?

Pursuant to the still-in-force Budget and Accounting Act of 1921, the president must submit a budget to the Congress each year, and that it be submitted between the first Monday in January and the first Monday in February. The proposed budget must contain detailed information on spending and revenue proposals, along with policy proposals and initiatives having an effect on the budget.

In 1974, the Congress passed the Congressional Budget Act, which created the Congressional Budget Office, (CBO). The CBO took control of the budget away from the President's Office of Management and Budget, and he must still submit a budget annually.

The budget process is, of course, very important to the operation and management of governmental affairs. Why hasn't the president and/or the Congress paid any

### Election Dates

**Friday, Sept. 23** is the first day for in person absentee voting.

**Monday, Oct. 17** is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date.

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Every voter should consider voting early via "in person" absentee voting. Given the traffic nightmares caused by earthquakes, flooding and man-made problems, anyone could find oneself unable to get to the polls if something goes awry on Election Day.

attention to this vital requirement that is the law of the land? The Constitution mandates that the president is responsible to ensure that our laws are carried out, and he took an oath to do so. Is this grounds for an impeachment? Yes it is.

**Elmer M. Savilla**  
Burke

### Nuclear Accident Precautions?

To the Editor:

For Hurricane Irene I received e-mails and phone messages from every local politician in the book including Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock), Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Del. Eileen\*Filler-Corn (D-41), Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) and even people not in office. County residents are certainly covered for wind and water precautions. For the 5.8 magnitude earthquake and subsequent Lake Anna nuclear facility shutdown, everyone has been strangely silent, despite continued earthquake aftershocks.

The 1,950 MW Lake Anna nuclear facility is currently shut down for NRC inspections and the plant is not to resume operations until Dominion can prove there has been no "functional" damage to operations equipment. In the meantime, the electricity normally provided by the two reactors is

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being provided from other resources. Both Dominion Virginia power and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), which is responsible for nuclear safety admit that the 5.8 earthquake may have exceeded the reactors design capacity for ground motion. In addition, onsite nuclear waste storage is also over design capacity. The March AP article "U.S. spent-fuel storage sites are packed" reported that "Virginia has 1,533 tons of nuclear waste in dry storage and 1,105 tons in spent fuel pools."

Many tools and equipment can operate safety beyond design recommendations, but when it comes to ruptured pipes, corroded components beneath a facility, internal cracks and other potential maladies and their potential impact on public safety when applied to nuclear reactors and waste, wouldn't you want to know what to do in case of a radiation leakage event? In Japan, the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) constantly misled the public regarding most aspects of the Fukushima nuclear disaster. Where are the timely public updates from Dominion and those responsible for public safety?

**Emile Derek Boyle**  
Burke

## Save Rail Funding

To the Editor:

Do not let the U.S. House of Representatives take away your train. A subcommittee has voted to cut funding for all state-supported Amtrak trains. This action puts the new Lynchburg train, started in 2009, at risk. This train stops at the VRE station at Burke Centre in Fairfax County and in the City of Manassas.

VRE riders are allowed to ride it if they pay an extra step-up fare of \$5. This agreement helps mitigate overcrowding on commuter trains.

This train has enjoyed fantastic success. In less than a year of operation it became Amtrak's most successful state-sponsored train. It covers its operating costs by a wide margin as ridership soars well beyond estimates. In June 2011, 15,851 riders rode it. This exceeds the monthly target by 68 percent. The Burke Centre Station has enjoyed ridership growth of 104 percent between June 2010 and June 2011. The people of Fairfax County and the students of George Mason University have made a mutual discovery. Riding the rails bypasses soaring gas prices, congested highways, drunk drivers and intrusive searches at airports.

Contact your member of the U.S. House and U.S. senators Webb and Warner to protest this potential service cut.

**Dick Peacock**  
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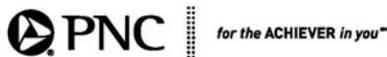
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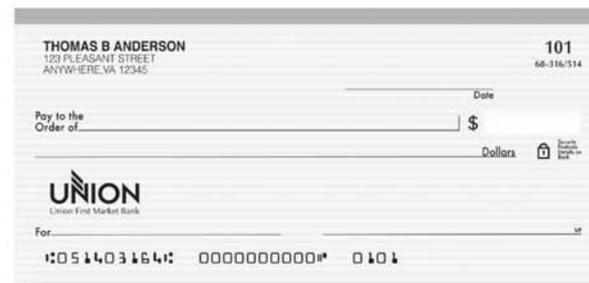
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# HomeLifeStyle

## 'Back to School Makeover'

Family renovation allows for multi-tasking, interaction and family-friendly work-at-home space.

By JOHN BYRD  
THE CONNECTION

Vienna's Johnson family, Christer, his wife Beth and daughters Natalie and Megan, recently remodeled the family-use areas of their circa 1960s Colonial with an eye to spending more time together, even when working at home.

"We wanted an enhanced environment that would make it easier for all four of us to interact, multi-task and learn from one another," says Christer, 40, an IBM executive who has occupied the 5,000 square foot residence with his family for nearly a decade.

"I wanted it to be easier for Beth to do her work while keeping an eye on the girls, and for the girls to have some exposure to computers and the internet."

The family also wanted to a) access family living areas without tracking-in mud, b) keep down clutter, c) improve kitchen efficiencies with more visual contact to the outside and d) create an aesthetically cohesive whole.

Starting from these goals, Katherine MacNeil at Sun Design Remodeling in Burke commenced a plan that converts a boxed-in kitchen/great room into an open floorplan, including specified activity zones, uncluttered sightlines and an orderly sense of purpose crisply articulated in alcoves, anterooms and precisely-purposed built-ins.

"You could call it a back-to-school makeover," the designer quips.

MacNeil's first challenge was to render the Johnson program and budget as an actionable floorplan

"Katherine helped us visualize," Christer Johnson says. "Her drawings allowed us to edit back a rather over-large program into ideas that are focused and manageable."

Hence:

◆ A needlessly long garage-to-kitchen hallway borrows a few square feet from the dining room to become a family entry, complete with designated closets and cubbies;

◆ A U-shaped kitchen counter is replaced by a triangular food preparation island and dining counter;

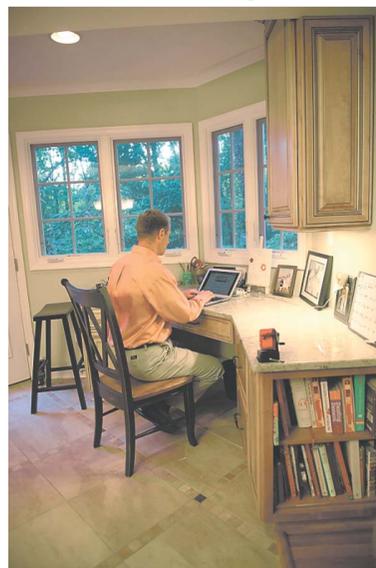
◆ A wing off the rear of the house, a hexagonal-shaped bump out, accommodates a custom-designed work-station.

"This is the command center," MacNeil points out. "It's the spot where adults can check on work projects without leaving the family, and the kids can start homework with Mom nearby."

Naturally, a key consideration is where this essential cockpit should be located. One can't have a "command center" in the middle of primary traffic streams, so MacNeil proposed an



The purpose of the renovation was to create a space where the family could multitask and learn from each other. Here, Christer and daughter Megan prepare dinner while daughter Natalie tackles homework and a friend uses the computer in the background.



Christer Johnson and his wife Beth (not pictured) can see their daughters Megan and Natalie Johnson from their "command center" in their remodeled kitchen.



Natalie Johnson uses the microwave, built into the kitchen island, while her father cooks.

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octagonal alcove that extends the rear elevation from the breakfast area. A steel I-beam now supports a portion of the existing rear bearing wall. The alcove also features several divided-light windows and a glass-facing door.

The set-up allows Beth to work from the computer while keeping an eye on the kids playing in the backyard. It's also situated so that she can oversee the children's online activities while preparing dinner.

The work-station complements the existing decor, which mainly deploys traditional furnishings and soft neutral colors.

The solid maple desk features a spacious ivory-hued granite surface. Bookcases and cabinets — finished in a brown antique glaze — were built by Sun Design carpenters to satisfy specific household requirements.

Other original pieces include an alderwood hutch, a floor-to-ceiling wet bar and surfaces, plus drawers and cabinets for a wide array of tasks and tools.

"The built-ins make it clear that living productively is really about knowing what you need, and how to put the whole picture together" Christer says. "Having an experienced guide conduct the process is enormously helpful."

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# HomeLifeStyle

## Big Design for Small Spaces

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Whether in a tiny apartment or a sprawling home, most people have encountered a small-space dilemma. A few local interior designers share their suggestions challenges from cramped kitchens to limited storage.

Lauren Liess of Lauren Liess Interiors in Herndon says never underestimate the power of color.

"It can either open up a room or make it feel smaller, she said. "Some people might want to make a small room feel cozy so they might use a darker color, while others might want to open it up so they might use a lighter color."

"Using a common color throughout threads through the house and brings fluidity to the space," said Alex Deringer who owns 2 Ivy Lane Interiors along with her design partner Courtney Cox. "A common thread of color adds a casual elegance. It is a unifier."

Bold colors can work in small spaces too. "Think of [furniture] as a little black dress," said Deringer. "Start with neutrals and always accessorize it with color through

pillows or other accessories." Lighting is important in any space, but is vital to a small space. "You don't want [small homes] to feel cramped or tight," said Laura Campbell of Peabody Architecture. "We try to alleviate that with lots of natural light."

Elizabeth Todd saw the significance of lighting when she purchased a two story building in Old Town Alexandria. She turned the top level into an apartment which she rents to her sister. The home had only two windows.

Todd, who houses her store The Shoe Hive in the building's bottom level, said: "The first thing that I thought of when I got up there was 'how do you make this place lighter?'"

Todd called on Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors added recessed lights and skylights to give the space an airy feel.

Just because a kitchen is small on space doesn't mean that it can't be big on style and efficiency.

"Open shelving instead of upper cabinetry in the kitchen really adds to the feeling of space in a kitchen," said Liess.

Nicole Reynolds tried this technique when she purchased her

home in Old Town Alexandria four years ago. Built in 1825, the home is just over 1300 square feet and has low ceilings and a galley kitchen. Deringer and Cox created a kitchen for Reynolds using soft colors, glass-front cabinets and small scale-appliances like a dishwasher drawer.

Ann McCord enlisted the help of David Peabody of Peabody Architects and Interior designer Sarah Pak of SPI Design, who added extra storage space to McCord's home by using empty wall space and built-ins.

The design team added a built-in wine rack, book shelving and an area to rest a bed for her cat. A similar space was added to the bottom of a half-wall that surrounds her kitchen. There are built-in spaces for bowls for pet food and another space for a dog bed.

"[This keeps you from] seeing a big dog bed in the middle of the living room," said Pak. "By thinking through how a person really lives in their space and using design creatively, you can make a small space seem bigger because everything has its place and each function is thought through and planned for," said Pak.

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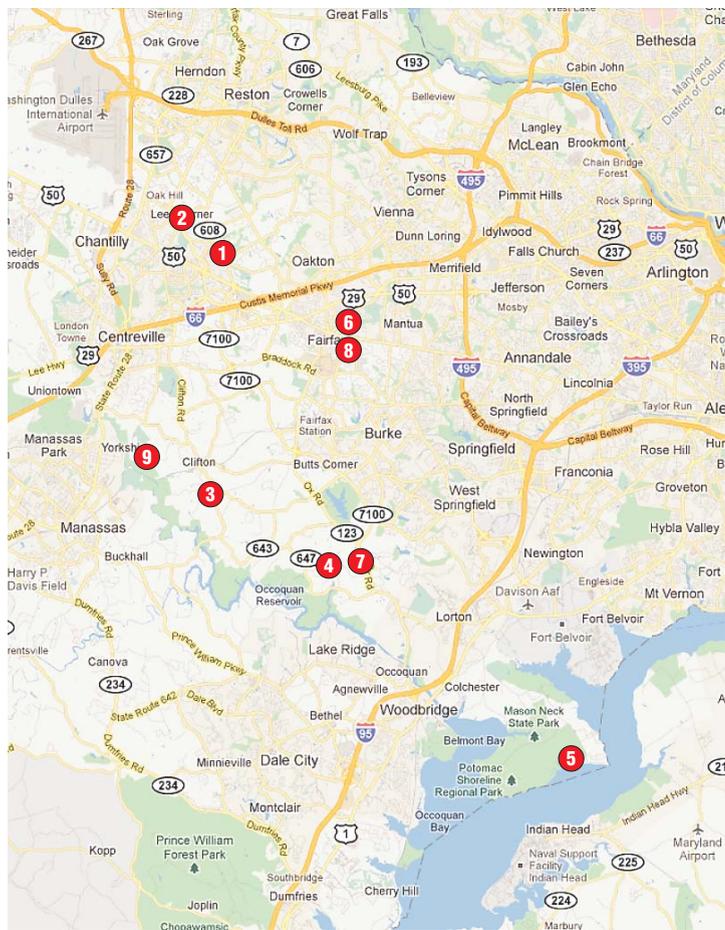
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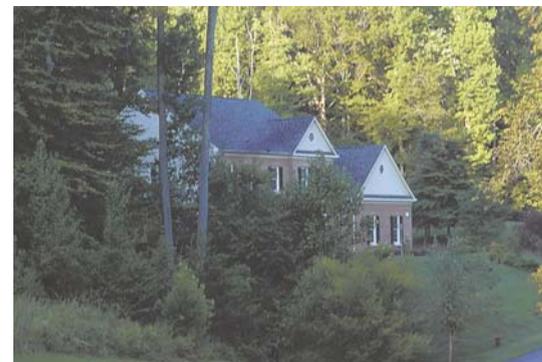
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# Volunteers Pitch In To Help Clean Up Ball Fields

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this quickly," Herrity said. Energetic little leaguers provided some of the labor. Isaac Bowdon, 11, pitched in to help rake leaves that got tangled in the field's fences. "It's pretty crazy how the water got this high," Bowdon said. "It must be like 10 feet high."

Samantha Miller Green, 11, helped a group of children scoop out live fish from one of the flood-created ponds. "This is so cool that we can save some of these fish. We're going to throw them back into the creek," she said.

Ethan Vancini, 12, showed off one of the fish he caught. "It's like fishing in a port-a-potty he said, "the smell is pretty bad."

From 8 a.m. until dark, volunteers did everything from raking leaves off the fences to search-and-rescue missions in the woods, carrying out pieces of bleachers, picnic benches and port-a-potties that had gotten swept away by the swift-moving floodwaters.

"I've never seen such devastation. I'm in the Navy, so you never underestimate the power of water. That's one thing the sea teaches you. But I never expected to see this," said Thuy Do, who pitched in during the clean-up efforts with his 10-year-old son, Nathaniel.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

**Volunteers try to put together some of the fields' fences that collapsed during the floods.**

Although the WSLI has been around since 1972, following a tremendous population explosion in the West Springfield area, this is not the first time the fields have been damaged by floods.

In June 1972, Hurricane Agnes caused extensive damage to the facilities as floodwaters rose to 4 feet inside the concession

stand. Hundreds of volunteers came out to repair the flood damage after than storm.

In 1979, the Accotink fields were purchased by the county and dedicated to the exclusive use of WSLI and the Springfield Youth Club.

Alan Goldstein, who has lived in the area for several years, said he usually walks the

Cross County trail for about a mile on Saturdays. He said he was surprised by all the damage. "All of the grass and plants are flattened. It looks like a giant broom swept everything down," he said. Other bikers and hikers on the trail pointed out debris in the woods to the volunteers.

Adams said the hard work paid off. "Many people said the park looked like night and day from the time we arrived to the time we left."

The fall season was supposed to start this week, but all games at Byron are closed through Friday, and games will take place at other parks. For more information, visit the WSLI website at [www.wsllbaseball.org/](http://www.wsllbaseball.org/)

## Donations Needed

Greg Adams, president of West Springfield Little League, said calls have been pouring in from people wanting to know what they can donate. "Also, we are going to have to replace many items that people don't have laying around to donate. Any contributions you can make to the league to help offset these costs would be greatly appreciated," Adams said. The mailing address for WSLI is: P.O. Box 2563, Springfield, VA 22152. For a list of items needed, go to [www.wsllbaseball.org/](http://www.wsllbaseball.org/).



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**Allegra Goodman.** 4:30 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, Grand Tier III, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Readings from the novel *The Cookbook Collector*, a romantic comedy which spans from 1999-2002, including both the dot-com bust and the 9/11 attacks. Goodman will appear with novelist Alan Cheuse, author of "Song of Slaves in the Desert." www.fallforthebook.org.

**Book Discussion Group.** 1:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. *The Water Is Wide* by Pat Conroy. Adults. 703-978-5600.

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Sarosh Gilani is one-half of West Springfield's quarterback rotation. The senior rushed for 60 yards and threw a touchdown pass during a Sept. 12 victory against Robinson.

## QB Duo Leads Spartans

Gilani throws touchdown pass to fellow QB Sutter in win over Robinson.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield quarterbacks Sarosh Gilani and Tyler Sutter split reps at a position that is often reserved for just one athlete, an established leader who brings continuity to an offense. Gilani and Sutter, however, have put their egos aside for the good of the team.

On Monday, Sept. 12, the duo took turns leading the West Springfield offense against a tough Robinson defense. Gilani started the game and was the more effective runner. Sutter came off the bench and was the more accurate passer. But when the Spartans had a chance to wrap up a win against the tradition-rich Rams, both quarterbacks made an impact on the victory-clinching play.

Leading 10-7 with less than 5 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, West Springfield faced third-and-goal on the Robinson 14-yard line and had both quarterbacks on the field at the same time. Gilani took the snap and fired a pass to Sutter, who had lined up to the right as a slot receiver. The well-covered Sutter pulled in the well-thrown ball and found his way into the end zone, sending the Spartans to a 17-7 victory at Robinson Secondary School.

"I just had to catch that," Sutter said. "It was an excellent throw by Sarosh. All I saw was the ball. I didn't see anything around me. I didn't know if I was wide-open or covered."

Gilani's touchdown pass to Sutter capped a 14-play, 74-yard drive that chewed more than 6 minutes off the clock. Gilani completed an 11-yard pass to Sutter earlier in the drive.

"I zipped it in," Gilani said of his touchdown pass. "I knew I could do it, I knew [Sutter] could do it. I

was so proud of him."

Gilani, a senior, rushed 10 times for 60 yards and completed three of 12 passes for 34 yards and a touchdown.

"It really doesn't matter," who's playing quarterback, Gilani said. "As long as we're moving the ball, I'm moving the ball, he's moving the ball and we're winning, that's all I care about. Sometimes he gets more reps, sometimes I do. As long as we get the W, that's all I care about."

Sutter, a junior, rushed 15 times for 60 yards, snagged two receptions for 25 yards and completed four of five passes for 23 yards.

"We're both good friends and when one is in we trust each other," Sutter said. "It's just a completely different game. We're both different types of quarterbacks. It just turns out well."

The Robinson defense limited running back Jonathan Dunn to 58 yards in 22 carries, though Dunn did break off a 15-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Gilani and Sutter helped pick up the slack, combining for 120 yards on the ground.

"We have scripts for our team periods, some of them are designed for one quarterback [and] some designed for the other," West Springfield head coach J.T. Biddison said. "You don't want to be predictable, so you kind of overlap them here and there. ... I think either one of them if they were the only quarterback we had we'd be fine. They both throw very well, they both read very well. ... I think either one can lead our team without the other."

**THE GAME** was originally scheduled for Sept. 9, but was postponed until Sept. 12 due to issues stemming from inclement weather. Biddison said his team remained focused despite possible distractions coming from playing on a Monday night. Sutter said the team realized what it could accomplish when it went into halftime with a 3-0 lead, thanks to a 39-yard field goal from Tyler Czajkowski.

West Springfield improved to 2-0, including a season-opening 42-34 win against Edison on Sept. 1. The Spartans will travel to face Lee on Friday, Sept. 16, at 7:30 p.m.

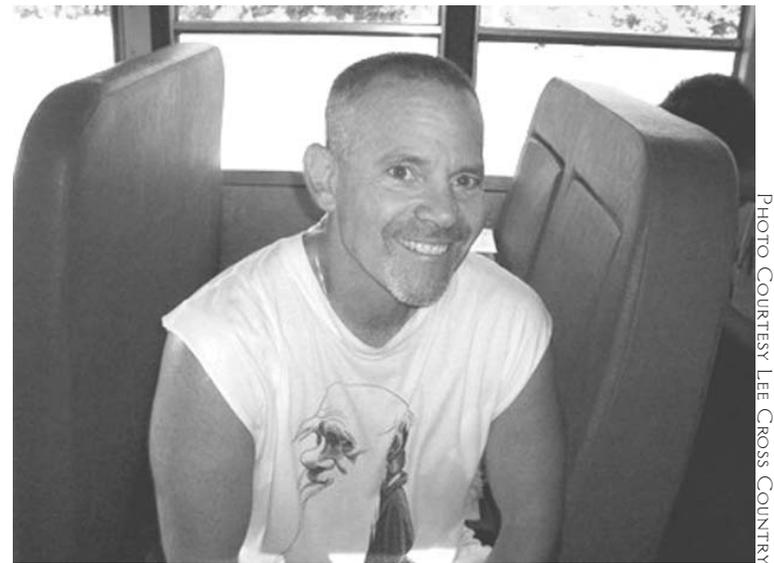


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Barry Mensh recently retired as a Fairfax County school teacher and coach. For more than 30-plus years, he coached cross country, first at Marshall High then at Lee High.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

**Patriot District** cross country has a different look this fall with the popular Barry Mensh no longer head coach of the Lee High boys' and girls' programs. Mensh has retired as a Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) teacher and coach and will no longer be at the helm of Lancers' cross country.

"Hard to believe, but, after 32 years, I silently retired from FCPS, both as a biology teacher and cross-country coach," said Mensh. "I will cherish the memories. It was a tremendously difficult decision, but was fueled by my desire to watch my own daughters as they progress in both academics and athletics."

Mensh's two daughters are Kelsea, a 14-year old freshman cross country runner at Forest Park High (Woodbridge), and 10-year old Jessica, an active swimmer and travel soccer player.

"I was just missing too many things being up in Fairfax County," said Mensh.

Mensh is a 1975 graduate of Lee High School. After earning a degree at Old Dominion University in 1979, he took a position as a biology teacher at Marshall High School in Falls Church. He taught and coached at Marshall for 21 years before returning to Lee in 2000. There, he remained until his retirement.

Mensh gained a love for running as a 17-year old in college and, over the years, has run in 13 marathons. Along with coaching high school cross country, he has also coached high school track and field during the winter and spring seasons.

Mensh's top two runners at Lee last year were Abraham Yacob, who finished sixth at the State AAA boys' championships; and Bailey Kolonich, who earned First Team All-Patriot District honors on the girls' side.

Mensh said he will attend Northern Region races and meets whenever he can.

"I'm still a great fan," he said.

Lee's new cross country coach this fall is Jason Rodriguez, a former West Springfield High runner.

**LAKE BRADDOCK** got its first football win of the season last weekend with an overwhelming 39-0 shutout victory at Annandale High. The Bruins (1-1), the two-time defending Division 6 Northern Region champs, had lost their season opener on Sept. 2 to visiting Centreville, 23-8. Lake Braddock, with the taste of that opening week loss to the Wildcats still fresh, came out hungry and ready to play against the Atoms. The Bruins built a 10-0 lead after one quarter and extended the margin to 17-0 at halftime. They scored six points in the third quarter and 16 more in the fourth.

Game highlights for Lake Braddock included: a first quarter 90-yard kickoff return by junior Rori Renzi; a fourth quarter 60-yard interception return for a score by Renzi from his defensive back position; two rushing touchdowns and 82 total yards on just three carries by Kyle Shanahan; and a solid passing game by quarterback Tyler Quigley (19-of-29, 186 yards).

Lake Braddock will play at 2-0 Westfield this Friday night. The Bulldogs are coming off a 28-13 home win over T.C. Williams.



Marvin Hamlisch

PHOTO BY JASON COHN

# Musical Evening Awaits

Michael Feinstein, Marvin Hamlisch kick off ARTS by George! at the Center for the Arts.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

The burnished brilliance of the American Songbook will be resident in Fairfax County as award-winning artists Michael Feinstein and Marvin Hamlisch come together for one night to kick-start the fall entertainment season at George Mason's Center for the Arts "ARTS by George" event on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Solo and together they will celebrate and perform the "best of American music," said Feinstein, "rich, powerful, life-affirming and immediate for an audience."

The American Songbook are true classics with lasting value. Along with the up-tempo sounds and ballads, Feinstein and Hamlisch will bring witty patter and banter about the American musical cultural landscape.

"We are thrilled to welcome back two of our favorite and most popular musicians for this year's ARTS by George! performance," said Thomas Reynolds, George Mason University, Center for the Arts, director of artistic programming, marketing and audience services. "Both Mr. Hamlisch and Mr. Feinstein are world class performers, and each has an extraordinary rapport with the audience."

Hamlisch has been awarded Emmys, Grammys, Oscars and a Tony along with a Pulitzer and Golden Globes for work such as "The Chorus Line" and "The Way We Were." Feinstein has won a Drama Desk Award and is a Grammy-nominated multi-platinum-selling singer and pianist and member of the Library of Congress National

Recording Preservation Board.

The American Songbook are collected works from Broadway, Hollywood musicals and Tin Pan Alley. "They are just so extraordinary, in these hectic fast paced times, they give us time to breathe," said Feinstein. "It is so gratifying to me when the audience feels the songs and brings them into themselves at a performance. So gratifying to take something and make it so immediate."

When asked about new audiences for the American Standards Hamlisch said "Please bring your children even if they know little or nothing about the music and have no idea about the American Songbook. I promise you they will have a great time."

"Audiences for this music continue to evolve," Feinstein said. "I am happy that young people today with the advent of the digital age can discover this music and have access to it."

As for the expected songs to be performed, Hamlisch said it is not so much a secret. "We want the audience to have a great time," he said. "We select our songs based upon the moment and the audience. It's like dressing for a very special evening, a moment in time and the feelings at that moment. It is so much fun."

**"I am happy that young people today with the advent of the digital age can discover this music and have access to it."**

— Michael Feinstein

## Where and When

Michael Feinstein and Marvin Hamlisch perform The American Songbook on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m., at Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, George Mason University, Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$40-\$70. Call 888-945-2468 or visit [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

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There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at:

Burke Facility # 28066  
5701 Burke Centre Parkway  
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The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Burke Petroleum Realty, LLC to develop a Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of Liquid Phase Hydrocarbon at the Site. If you have any questions regarding the cleanup, please contact:

Kleinfelder  
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The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ on September 18, 2011. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Kurt Kochan at (703) 583-3821 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. The DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until (October 18, 2011) and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC# 2010-3109.

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#### TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jamie Reichenbach, dated April 28, 2006, and recorded May 1, 2006, in Deed Book 18417 at page 603 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Condominium Unit 51341, Stonegate at Faircrest Condominium and the limited common elements appurtenant thereto including limited common element parking space no. S-256 as established by condominium instruments recorded in Deed Book 15683 at page 72, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia. Commonly known as 5134 Brittney Elyse Circle, #1, Centreville, Virginia 20120.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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#### OBITUARY



**Audrey J. Truumees**, 75, died, Monday, September 12, 2011 at her residence. Born on March 28, 1936 in Bronx, NY. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Lillian (Nasie) Clerke. Ms. Truumees worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia in Fairfax and also volunteered her time with the church and community services.

She is survived by four loving children, Paul Truumees, Roy Truumees, Laura Nye all of Long Island, NY and Liisa Klopfenstein of Bartonsville, PA; eight grandchildren; two great grandsons; a sister, Leslie Higgins of Ft. Myers, FL and a brother, Walter Clerke of Tamarac, FL. She was preceded in death by a grandson, Jon Klopfenstein, a daughter, Linda and a sister, Lynn Downey.

A viewing will be held from 9 am to 11 am Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 2935 Kingston Road, York, PA 17402. Followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 am at the church with the Rev. Louis Petruha O.F.M. Cap. officiating. Burial will be private. The John W. Keffer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 902 Mt. Rose Ave., York, PA 17403 is entrusted with the arrangements. KefferFh.com

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

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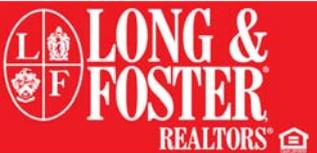
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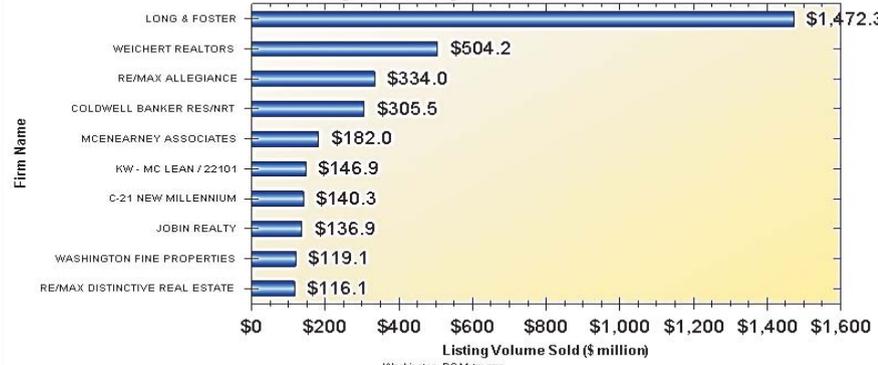
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