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Volunteers help repair flood-damaged Bryon Park.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

West Springfield Little League supporters came off the bench to rally against flood damage on Saturday, Sept. 10. Bearing chainsaws, rakes and hammers, hundreds of WSLL 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 damaged when Lake Accotink flooded last week.

"Our initial assessment indicates that there could be up to $10 million in damages to bridges and roads in Fairfax County," said Garrett Moore, VDOT district administrator for Northern Virginia. "The 8-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."

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.

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Tropical Storm Tears Up Roads, Destroys Bridges

VDOT estimates $10 million in damages.

By Victoria Ross
The Connection

The 35-foot deep gaping hole in Hillside Road looked like something out of the disaster film "Earthquake." A foot-wide crack ran along the width of the roadway, and appeared to be widening as gawkers stood looking at the sinkhole on Saturday, Sept. 10.

"You can see it starting to crumble," said resident Joseph Pinot, who came to look at the hole with two friends. "It looks like it could collapse any minute."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) was at the site, along with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) officials Saturday morning, to assess the damage. He cautioned several onlookers to stay off the footbridge that runs on the side of the road, but eventually had to call police to stop residents from getting too close to the fissure.

"It's a lot more dangerous than it looks from the roadway," Herrity said. "If you just look at it from the creek, you can see how unstable it is." VDOT had put up several rolls of police tape, which didn't stop nearby residents from walking along the footbridge, and leaning over it to snap photos. By 2 p.m., VDOT had erected a flashing "road closed" sign about half a mile from the sinkhole.

On Monday, Herrity's staff hand-delivered letters to every home on or near Hillside Road, cautioning residents not to go behind police lines near the collapsed road.

"While the pedestrian bridge looks safe from above the embankment, below the bridge abutment is severely eroded and could give way at any time. In addition, there are large sections of roadway which could collapse into the washout at any time," he stated in the letter.

"Of the six roads we are working on, Hillside has the most damage," said Joan Morris, spokesman for VDOT, on Tuesday, Sept. 13. "We have people working round-the-clock putting emergency contracts together, and doing all the estimates for materials for the jobs. I hope that in the next couple of days, we will have a better estimate of when repairs will begin and how long it will take."

Torrential rains from Tropical Storm Lee drenched the region on Thursday, Sept. 9, dumping 10 inches of rain in some parts of Fairfax County and causing flash floods and severe damage to several bridges and roadways.

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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

Lorton Man, 25, Third Drowning Victim of Flood

Galo Sebastian Salvador Vinueza, 25, of the 9000 block of Two Bays Road in Lorton drowned on Thursday, Sept. 8, after he apparently attempted to walk across a flooded bridge on foot, said Fairfax County Police spokesman Tawny Wright.

His death is the third confirmed drowning in the area as a result of flash floods from Tropical Storm Lee.

On Thursday, around 7:40 p.m., Vinueza’s wife returned home late in the evening because of flooding on the roadway. Her husband was not there and she left to search for him, and she located his vehicle parked unattended in the 8800 block of Telegraph Road near the Accotink Creek Bridge, according to police reports.

She contacted police, who initiated a search for her husband but he was not found, and officers listed him as a missing and endangered adult.

Shortly after 9 a.m. on Friday, Vinueza’s wife notified police that her husband had not returned home. Patrol officers coordinated with Fort Belvoir fire and emergency services to continue searching the area. Fort Belvoir fire personnel located Vinueza’s body on base at the Davison Air Field.

“We believe this was an accidental death,” said Wright. “There definitely does not appear to be foul play.”

— Victoria Ross

Solemn Ceremony

County government marks 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2011 terrorist attacks.

In a solemn ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Fairfax County Government Center, local politicians, first responders and members of the community remembered those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The ceremony culminated in a procession to the Memorial Grove at the Government Center, where Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer and Fairfax Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Mastin placed a wreath of remembrance.

Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Mastin lay a wreath in the Fairfax County Government Memorial Grove during the 9/11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11.

Sharon Scarce of Clifton, a Girl Scout volunteer, and Karyn Kram of Girl Scout Troop 1840 were two of the many community members that came out to participate in the Fairfax County Government’s 9/11 10th Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Government Center.
GMU Hosts Piano Celebration

Performance launches Dr. Linda Apple Monson Scholarship Fund.

By Victoria Ross  The Connection

When Dr. Linda Apple Monson was just a child, 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 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 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 Fullbright Senior Specialist Roster, in collaboration with the U.S. State Department and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

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 a pianist, you have to do everything possible to make sure you succeed.”

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 have 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; pre-concert reception, $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 Eoos at lemoeo@gmu.edu.

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Fri.-Day. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 15
Teen Lego. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Meet fellow lego enthusiasts, share ideas, and build. Ages 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.

Springfield Writers’ Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7210 Commerce St, Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. Adults. 703-451-8055.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Landowdew Town Centre, Alexandria. Conversations for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.


FRIDAY/SEPT. 16
Evergrey, Powerglove, The Absence and more. 6:30- p.m. Jaxx, 6335 Rolling Road, Springfield. VIP tickets give one hour early entry and a Meet and Greet with Evergrey. VIP Tickets advance sale only $20 advance, $23 at the door, $50 VIP. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxrock.com.

*Nunsense.* 6 p.m. Lucy Susan Dinner Theatre, 10712 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Dan Goggin’s comedy about a group of nuns. Reservations required. 703-550-7384.

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. 703-249-1520.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17
Galler After Hours: Social Ballroom. 7-10:30 p.m. Gallery W-16, Second Floor, Workhouse Arts Center, 9016 OX Road, Lorton. A reception featuring balcony dining led by a dance instructor. Complimentary refreshments and cash bar will be available. $10 per person, $8 members. Ballroom mini-lesson with a focus on the foxtrot, additional $5. All skill levels welcome.


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 playground 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.

Northern Virginia NTRACK Challenge 10K. 10 a.m. 2 mile Warmup, 10K. 703-426-4777 or www.northernvirginiantrack.org.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 8 p.m. Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Teague 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. 703-204-7777 or www.VGMB.com.

Sandy County Crew Learn-to-Row Day. 1-4 p.m. Sandy Run Regional Park, 10450 Van Thompson Road, Fairfax Station. Any South County High School and adult interested in crew are welcome to attend. Crew is a co-ed venture (lettering) spring sport, no prior experience is necessary. 703-490-4555 or www.sc-crew.org.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring violinist Karen Canadiello, Conductor: John Conti’s Three Hallelujahs, Chausson’s Poine, 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@fairsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 18
South Fairfax Chamber Challenge 10K. South County Secondary School, 8951 Silverbrook Road, Lorton Sponsored by the South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, to benefit the academic and athletic programs at South County Secondary School. http://southfairfaxchamber.org Registration and check-in for the 10K begins at 6:30 a.m. Welcome, race instructions and warm up from 7:45-8:45 a.m. Race starts at 9 a.m. on a USATF-certified course with electronic timing: $30 advance registration, $40 on site. Registration for South Fairfax Fun Run for all ages begins at 9 a.m., and the run at 12 a.m. Children’s Fun Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Music, carnival games, prizes, arts and crafts and the Iron Man Challenge. Family Health & Fitness Fair. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bloodmobile on location, exhibits, health screenings, nutrition counseling, and more. Hula Hoop Challenge. 12 p.m. Limbo Contest. 1 p.m.

Northern Virginia NTRACK. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Members will have a display and 5-900 varsity (lettering) spring sport, training runs. $3 adults, $1 children. www.workhousearts.org or 703-425-9225.

Northern Virginia Archers “Deerlayer” 3D Hunter Course. 9 a.m. -10 a.m. 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station. Field target course with tournament scoring. www.northernvirginiaarchers.com or 703-256-6683.

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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 on 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. Fovela (D) in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D). In Fairfax County, determining what Senate district you are in 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, Ilyrion Young, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElvene. There are three candidates endorsed by the GOP: Lola Mancheno-Smoak, Shereen 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; FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

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Cut Spending

To the Editor:

Drive a very exceptional car. It’s a typical small foreign station wagon you see around Fairfax County, the type lots of unassuming people drive, very functional and efficient. Yet this car of mine has been attracting some attention lately, because on my bumper I bear a small sticker that clearly says “Cut Spending.” It doesn’t happen often, but people give me dirty looks at stoplights, cut me off at intersections and two times I’ve nearly been the victim of road rage — one guy drove in front of me and slammed his brakes on, so I barely avoided an accident.

Now, I ask myself, why does this sticker raise so much ire among some people? All I’m asking is that our government lives within its means and stops spending money like its growing on trees, or being printed wildly by the Federal Reserve — ignore that, because the Fed is wilder on printing money than we’ve ever seen. But just, because the money’s there, should the nation continue spending like there’s no tomorrow? Is that what people really want? I’m trying to raise a very basic point here: nothing is worth spending that, regardless its short term gain, threatens our long-term viability. In World War II, we spent huge amounts of money (relative to our gross domestic product) we didn’t have to defeat the Germans and the Japanese, and so we rescued democracy from fascism and dictatorship. The post-war world has proved this to be the absolute right thing to do.

Now we’re in relative peace, and the burdens we bear are a metastasizing federal bureaucracy and uncontrolled entitlement expenses. The latest projections, even after the terrible debt-ceiling battle early in August, are for annual federal deficits of about $1.4 trillion at least five more years. And that with rosy economic assumptions built into them. Keep in mind that a trillion is a thousand billions, or a million millions. We fought WWII for less than half a trillion. The annual deficit and accumulated federal debt now stands at $15 trillion, almost the size of our GDP. A recent economic report shows that, without spending reform, by the year 2020, a fifth of the entire world’s production will be dedicated to supporting American retirees and health care. Ask yourself if that is a sustainable future. These numbers are too big to comprehend. Another perspective would be to point out how the climb in federal spending has resembled the top slide, the beginning of a roller-coaster. It’ll be a lot less fun for future taxpayers (i.e. our children) to pay off this debt than it has been for us to run it up in the first place.

What justifies spending these huge amounts? Good government? Big government? Tighter regulatory controls? Huge defense contractors propping up the local economy? Subsidies to agriculture interests, cost-ineffective green energy firms, automobile firms still owned by the government, labor unions friendly to the administration, and payments to Wall Street bankers who make big party contributions?

I don’t think so. In fact, I think most of the men and women who fought and sacrificed for our prosperity back in the 1940s would be horrified to see their legacy being squandered by such a spendthrift federal government. But of course, they are mostly gone now, so they can’t speak up, so they don’t know who to believe anymore. So, my sticker will stay on my car. My prayer is I will stay out of accidents, and that in time, more and more people around the Washington area will think less of vested interests, and more about the people outside the Beltway. These outsiders, who don’t depend nearly so much on government spending, see much more clearly what is really happening to all of us.

David Paine

Kingstowne

Taxes Versus Unemployment

To the Editor:

Lately, many politicians and some politically motivated columnists have made claims about the relationship between the income tax rate for the top income tax bracket and the creation of new jobs.

In a reasonably lengthy study of our tax rates and unemployment history since World War II, I have found no real correlation between the two. As the income tax on the high-est brackets ranged from a maximum of 94 percent in 1945 to a low of 28 percent in 1988, no direct correlation to job creation is even remotely discernible. Many factors have a more direct impact on our employment rates including population growth, mechanization, relocation of American factories overseas, and financial manipulations, among others.

Whenever someone claims that raising our tax rate on the top income bracket by a reasonable amount would adversely affect our unemployment rate, we can be sure they are politically motivated and they are not basing their claim on fact. If the American voters were to bother to examine the facts, those making such unfounded claims would be served, and would have, short political careers.

Marvin Lautenheiser

Springfield

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**Alexandria Board of Elections:** 703-746-4050, http://alexandriava.gov/Elections

**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.

Tuesday, Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot in person.

Saturday, Nov. 5 is the last day to vote an absentee ballot in person.

Tuesday, Nov. 8 is Election Day.

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School Board

To the Editor:

I am a life long resident of Fairfax County, and I endorse Sheree Brown-Kaplan for School Board. Brown-Kaplan is a strong advocate of an independent audit of our school system to ensure the efficient and effective use of the public’s investment in the FCPS budget. This will help get needed funds to our students and teachers, who before this year faced frozen yearly salaries and occasional furloughs as a result of county budget deficits.

In addition, Brown-Kaplan will help change the FCPS punitive discipline system that has resulted in two very saddening teen suicides. Brown-Kaplan supports discipline policies that help students learn to correct their behavior rather than merely isolating students from their friends and existing supports. She is also committed to notifying parents when their children will be questioned about non-criminal offenses. This is important to any parent of a child in the school system.

Paul O’Brien
Falls Church
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Cleaning Up Ball Fields

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be like 10 feet high.”

Samantha Miller Green, 11, helped a group of chil-
dren scoop out live fish from one of the flood-cre-
ated 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
catched. “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-res-
cue 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.

Although the WSLL 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
WSLL and the Springfield Youth Club.

Alan Goldstein, who has lived in the area for sev-
eral 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 infor-
mation, visit the WSLL website at
www.wsllbaseball.org./
CALENDAR

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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.

*Nunsense.* 5 p.m. Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre, 10712 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Dan Goggin’s comedy about the antics of a group of nuns. www.lazySusan.com or 703-550-7384.

MONDAY/SEPT. 19
Hidden Pond Monday: Venomous or Poisonous? 2:30 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Learn the difference between venomous and poisonous animals and see some of the fascinating animals brought by the staff of Hidden Pond Nature Center. 703-451-8055.

Moo, Baa and Oink, 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landowsone Centre, Alexandria. Animals on the farm. Age 12-23 months with adult. 703-339-4610.

Read to the Dog. 4:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landowsone Centre, Alexandria. Read to a reading therapy dog. Call to register for one 15-minute slot. 703-339-4610.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 20


Inova HealthSource Fight the Flu. 1 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landowsone Centre, Alexandria. Shots $30 or Medicare Part B, must be 18 or older. See www.inova.org/flu or call Inova for details. 703-750-8818.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21
The Wheels on the Bus. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Songs, stories, and activities about the big yellow school bus. Age 3-5. 703-451-8055.

Circles and Squares. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories about shapes. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-339-7385.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 22
Friends of the Burke Centre Library September Book Sale. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Most paperbacks $1, hardbacks $2, children’s $1. 703-249-1520.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landowsone Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-971-0010.

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Find out about design plans for the proposed high occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes between Edsall Road in Fairfax County and Germantown Road in Stafford County. Learn about the findings in the I-95 Environmental Analysis and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation’s (DRPT) Transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan for I-95. Representatives from each of these projects will be available to answer your questions. Exhibits and a video will be available. There will be no formal presentation.

Review information at www.virginiastateprojects.com and meet the planners. Plans are also available at VDOT offices at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, 6333 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, or VDOT’s Fredericksburg District Office at 6150 Towne Road, Fredericksburg. Please call ahead on the project hot line at 1-450-895-4946 or be sure that appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

The environmental assessment will be available on September 9, 2011, on the project Web site and at the above locations. The transit and TDM plan will be available on September 26, 2011 at www.dot.virginia.gov and at the meeting.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing. Comments on the project design and environmental analysis may be sent to John Lynch, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6333 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22311 or e-mailed to jt37@dot.virginia.gov by October 14, 2011 with “I-95 Joint Meetings” in the subject line. Comments on the transit and TDM plan can be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond 23219 or to dop@dot.virginia.gov by October 26, 2011.

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**Home Life Style**

**‘Back to School Makeover’**

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

By John Byrd

The Connection

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winter’s Johnson family

Christie, his wife Beth and daughters Natalie and Megan, recently transform-

ed 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 environ-

ment that would make it easier for all four of us to interact, multi-task and learn from one another,” says

Christie, 40, an IBM executive

who has occupied the 5,000

square feet residence with his

family for nearly a decade.

The purpose of the renovation was to create a space where

the family could multitask and learn from each other. Here, Christie and daughter Megan prepare dinner while daughter Natalie tackles homework and a friend uses the computer in the background.

The work-station complements the dining area, which

mostly deploys traditional furnishings and soft neutral colors.

The solid maple desk features a spacious every-bend granite

surface. Bookcases and cabinets designed to satisfy specific household requirements. Other original pieces include an addressed back, a floor-to-

celing wet bar and surfaces, plus drawers and cabinets for a wide array of tasks and tools.

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MacNeil points out. “It’s the spot

where adults can check on work

projects without leaving the family, and the kids can start homework

from the dining room.

Naturally, a key consideration is

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renovation was to convert the

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c) improve kitchen efficiencies with more

counter space and new storage

opportunities.

The proposed octagonal alcove that

primary traffic streams, so MacNeil

proposed an alcove above that

extends the rear elevation from the

kitchen hallway borrows a few

sightlines and an orderly sense of

activity zones, uncluttered floorplan, including specified work centers,

character and family-friendly work-

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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 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’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.
Hillsdale Overpass Collapses

“[This is the most damage from flooding since Hurricane Agnes in 1972],” said John Harrington, a VDOT worker. While the Hillside Road collapse was the deepest gash in a county road, the Lorton Road Bridge over Giles Run washed away on Friday, causing two cars to slip down the collapsed bridge. No one was injured, according to police. Lorton Road, which carries about 6,000 vehicles each day, will be temporarily replaced within two months, according to VDOT officials. The posted detour route would be a little more than 8-miles long.

By the end of the weekend, VDOT engineers completed assessments on more than 200 bridges. As of Tuesday afternoon, VDOT crews continued to assess road and bridge damage in Northern Virginia from the flooding, which destroyed bridges on secondary roads and damaged pavement on dozens of roads.

According to VDOT, in addition to Lorton Road Bridge, two other bridges were destroyed and will be replaced with temporary structures: * Beach Mill Road over Nichols Branch will be temporarily replaced within six weeks. Beach Mill Road carries about 1,700 vehicles a day. The posted detour will be approximately six miles long. * Towlston Road will be temporarily replaced within six weeks. This road carries about 350 vehicles a day, and the posted detour will be approximately 2-1/2-2 miles long.

Plans were already underway to permanently replace each bridge that was damaged by the flooding, said Moore. Construction for the permanent bridges on Beach Mill and Towlston roads is scheduled to begin in 2012, and a Fairfax County project on relocating Lorton Road, which includes a new bridge over Giles Run, is scheduled to begin in 2013. The following roads were also reported closed as of Monday morning, Sept. 12:

- Sunrise Valley Drive eastbound between Glade Drive and Mercator Drive
- Hillslide Road (both directions) between Moverly Court and Cameo Square
- Essex Avenue (both directions) at Middlesex Avenue
- Miller Road (both directions) at Westbur Lane
- Hunter Mill Road (both directions) between Crowell Road and Chamberlain Drive
- Walker Road (both directions) between Colvin Run Road and Walker Mill Road

For the most updated listing of road conditions by county, including major and secondary road closures, call 511 or visit www.VA511.org and click on Road Conditions. Northern Virginia traffic information is also available on Twitter @511northernva.

To report road flooding, traffic signal outages, or debris and downed trees in roadways, contact VDOT’s Customer Service Center at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623).

In an effort to deter onlookers, police officials emphasized that anyone caught beyond the police work zone could give way at any time, according to a statement released by Fairfax County Police.

To view the full list of road closures and to see a map of the affected areas, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.
Musical Evening Awaits

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

By David Siegel
The Connection

T he burnished brilliance of the American Songbook will be resi- dent in Fairfax County as award-winning artists Michael Feinstein and Marvin Hamlisch come to- gether 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 is a 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 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 extraor- dinary, 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. We are 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 se- cret. “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.”

Where and When

Michael Feinstein and Marvin Hamlisch perform The American Songbook on Sat- urday, Sept. 24, at 8 p.m., at Concert Hall, Center for the Arts, George Mason Univer- sity, Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are $40-$70. Call 888-945-2468 or visit cfau.edu.
**PROVISIONAL TO CLEANUP AT UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE**

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

Burlingham Factory #3 28696
9701 Burke Centre Parkway
Burke, Virginia 22015

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:

Klifianter
1340 Chantwood Road, Suite 1
Manassas, Virginia 20110-2684

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 Kuchak at (703) 593-3821 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.

Robert E. Dameron
Director, Environmental Quality Storage Tank Program
13007 Crown Court
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

AT&T intends to file an application to construct a new cellular telecommunications facility at Old Yates Ford Road, Clifton, Virginia 20124. AT&T is publishing this notice in accordance with §505.5, Telecommunications Regulatory Policy Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 36 CFR 800. The project referenced as “Lake-wood” will consist of the construction of a new monopine tower, and various telecommunications composing on an existing parking lot at the Boy Run Marina park. Antennas will be installed at a height of 110 feet RADAR center. Parties interested in submitting comments or questions regarding any potential effects of the proposed facility on Historic Properties may do so in writing by contacting Ms. Rebecca Grant, AT&T, at 7150 Standard Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076 or theresa.sharkey@atlanticbroadb...
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