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Local Soldier Dreams of Home

Fairfax woman prepares to come home after 15 months in Baghdad.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

When she graduated from Paul VI Catholic High School, Allie Weiskopf Chase had a free ride to any school in Virginia, with intentions to study journalism.

She took a detour, however, and applied to Boston College on a whim. When she was accepted, her parents told her she needed to find a way to pay the tuition.

"Seventeen-year-old girls should not be able to make big decisions," Chase laughed. "But I decided to join the ROTC program with the plan of doing one day and then calling my parents and saying it was too hard."

Several years later, Chase is now a captain in the Army, working as the executive assistant to the commanding general of the 3rd Infantry, stationed in Baghdad.

Chase graduated from Boston College and was commissioned as an intelligence officer, so she is still able to use the skills she learned in her journalism classes.



Fairfax native Capt. Allie Weiskopf Chase is serving in Iraq.

The commanding general is responsible for about 20,000 officers, Chase said, and before every trip to visit soldiers and every meeting he has, Chase has to brief him about what has been going on and the important news of the day.

"We go out to the battlefield every day," she said. "Because the war is going well

"I really think the increase in troops plus the cooperation with the Iraqis has helped things go so well."

— **Capt. Allie Weiskopf Chase**

now, it doesn't make the front pages of the newspapers back home, so people don't hear about all the good stuff we see daily."

For example, Chase said she attended nearly 50 memorial services for soldiers killed in action last May. This year, it has been so long since a soldier was killed, she does not remember the last time she had to go to one.

STATIONED IN southern Baghdad and the four surrounding provinces, Chase said people are starting to come out of their homes more frequently during the day. A boat on the Tigris river is no longer seen as something to fear or shoot at, as it was a short 15 months ago when she first arrived.

Chase credits the additional troops sent to Iraq by President Bush at the start of 2007 for the transformation.

"The 3rd Infantry Division was deployed last May as part of the surge, and the soldiers have worked hard to stabilize this part

of the country," she said.

When one division is sent home this summer, no plans are in place to replace them, which Chase said is a test to see if the area is ready to be left unattended.

"About 100 of our guys live in the towns and villages with Iraqis, and we're trying to build relationships with them, showing them that coalition forces are there to help and have become their neighbors," she said.

Seeing U.S. soldiers every day has encouraged Iraqi citizens to trust them, and has in turn led some Iraqis to let soldiers know when "a bad guy comes into the village," Chase said.

"I really think the increase in troops plus the cooperation with the Iraqis has helped things go so well," she said.

Still, Chase admits she is living in a war zone, as quiet as things may be lately. She does not tell her parents, Jim and Kamay Weiskopf, too much about the daily activities of her job, just to let them know she's doing fine.

"You're always nervous," she said. "One suicide bomber could kill X number of people without warning."

Iraqis are starting to find jobs and rebuild their lives, as electricity becomes more constant and schools start to reopen. The mission has not officially become a peacekeeping one for the 3rd Infantry, but the majority of their work is in that direction, she said.

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Four Months in Jail for Manufacturing Marijuana

Defendant's arguments go up in smoke.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Family, friends and business associates wrote letters to the judge on his behalf. And the defendant, himself, Chris Rouse, promised to never grow or use pot again.

But in the eyes of the court, his words were as flimsy as smoke, evaporating into air as soon as they were uttered. In the end, the person Judge Robert Wooldridge saw standing before him in court last week was a drug dealer of significant proportion.

"The amount of marijuana involved here is a matter this court cannot ignore," said Wooldridge.

Accordingly, he sentenced Rouse, 53, of 11700 block of Swarts Drive in Fairfax, to four months in jail for manufacturing marijuana. In case Rouse is ever again tempted by the leafy, green stuff, he has four years and eight months of suspended prison time hanging over his head.

Rouse first came to the attention of the law last September, when police learned he was cultivating marijuana in a home he'd rented at 7100 Union Mill Road in Clifton just for that purpose. When Fairfax County Police executed a search warrant there on Sept. 11, 2007, they discovered 85 marijuana plants with an estimated street value of \$120,000.

When police searched his Fairfax home, they found more pot, plus drug paraphernalia and a dozen weapons — four handguns, seven rifles and a machine gun with a suppressor. In September affidavits for the search warrants, an undercover narcotics detective explained the case against Rouse. He said investigation had revealed Rouse was manufacturing and distributing marijuana in Northern Virginia.

DURING THE SEPT. 11 search of the Union Mill home, police discovered a hid-



Rouse

den door inside a closet built to conceal stairs leading to the basement. There, in the basement, wrote the detective, "an elaborate marijuana-grow operation was located. [I] observed numerous marijuana plants at different stages of growth, [plus] harvested marijuana hanging in the basement drying."

Items seized from that home included the marijuana plants — some 4 to 5 feet tall; harvested marijuana; two, black-powder rifles; and eight, marijuana grow-lights.

Charged with manufacturing marijuana, Rouse pleaded guilty March 24, in Circuit Court, and returned Thursday, May 8, for sentencing. First, though, defense attorney Lance Gardner called substance-abuse counselor Maria Patricia Vasquez to testify for his client.

She's with the county's Alcohol and Drug Services Program and said Rouse underwent group counseling from November 2007 until he was incarcerated in April. "He seemed serious about the consequences of his drug use and was able to remain clean in an outpatient facility," said Vasquez.

NONETHELESS, said Assistant

Commonwealth's Attorney Marc Birnbaum, Rouse needed to pay a price for his actions. "Your Honor, you see in this courtroom the detrimental impact of narcotics in our community," said Birnbaum. "Many crimes are committed for the money to buy drugs, or as a result of being under the influence of drugs — and the defendant is at the top of that pyramid, growing 10.3 pounds of marijuana."

Referring to the fact that Rouse initially told authorities that the pot he'd grown was for his own, personal use, Birnbaum said, "The commonwealth is incredulous about that. This is a significant crime, a significant grow operation and a significant amount of marijuana, and his punishment should be measured in years."

Gardner said Rouse had a 25-year drug habit and started growing marijuana to finance that habit. "He sold it to the old, Hippie crowd," said Gardner. "He and they all smoked every day — a lot. It wasn't going out to high schools. Mr. Rouse is 53-years old and has never had a criminal offense in his life."

"The 62 or 63 people who wrote letters on his behalf extend way beyond his customers," said Gardner. "There's a wide va-

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2 Charged in Church Robbery

Two brothers from Herndon were arrested and charged with stealing money from donation boxes at St. Leo The Great Church in the City of Fairfax.

Surveillance cameras in the lobby of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3704 Old Lee Highway, showed two men entering the church on Friday, April 25. One man was shown putting his hand in a basin of holy water, making the sign of the cross, and removing his hat before opening a donation box and removing an undisclosed amount of cash, according to Sgt. Pam Nevlud of the Fairfax City Police Department.

"I thought that was a pretty brazen thing for him to do," Nevlud said.

After the video was released to local television stations, phone calls identifying the brothers were made to the Fairfax City Police, she said.

"Someone called in and said they had just seen the two men getting off a bus in Herndon," Nevlud said.

Based on the calls, police arrested Gregory Andrews, 48, and his brother John Andrews, 52, both of the 13500 block of Clear Lake Court in Herndon, according to a Fairfax City Police release. Both men were charged with petit larceny, meaning they took less than \$200 from the church, but the exact amount was not disclosed.

Additionally, John Andrews was charged with destruction of property and possession of burglarious tools. He was detained at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Facility and held on a \$3,000 bond. Gregory Andrews was charged with destruction of property and possession of burglarious tools and is being held without bond at the Loudoun County Adult Detention Center, where he had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court on a misdemeanor offense.

Nevlud said she was grateful to the television stations for airing the surveillance tape, which led to the arrests.

"It's fantastic," she said. "This shows that the Crime Solvers system works. It definitely helped with the apprehension."

— AMBER HEALY



John Andrews



Gregory Andrews

POLICE PHOTOS

NEWS



City of Fairfax Police released these surveillance photos of four suspects breaking into the AT&T Mobility Store on Main Street.

Police Seek Burglary Suspects

Break-in at AT&T Mobility may be linked to similar crimes across region.

The City of Fairfax Crime Solvers is hoping residents can help identify four suspects wanted for burglary. On Friday, May 9, at 6:52 a.m., four males broke into the AT&T Mobility Store at 11015 Main St. in the City of Fairfax and stole several telephones, accord-

ing to police reports. The suspects were described as Hispanic, possibly driving a blue Nissan Pathfinder.

Officials believe these may be the same four individuals involved in a series of similar burglaries in the Baltimore-Washington area.

Anyone with information on these suspects or this incident is asked to call Crime Solvers at 703-591-TIPS/8477. Callers can remain anonymous and information leading to an arrest may result in a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

— AMBER HEALY

'Silver Tsunami' Plan for Seniors



Chairman Gerald Connolly speaks to senior citizens at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald Connolly (D-At-large) addressed retirees and senior citizens as part of a recent presentation on "Lifelong Learning, Lifelong Engagement" in Fairfax on April 25. Connolly shared various aspects of the "50+ Action Plan" developed by the Fairfax County Committee on Aging in 2007.

Speaking to members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, an organization affiliated with George Mason University and serving retirees and older adults, he discussed challenges such as health care needs, housing options, transportation challenges and work/volunteer/learning opportunities for the expected explosion of senior citizens who choose to remain in the community.

Memorial to Va Tech Shooting Victim Unveiled in Annandale



Peter Read is consoled by Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) after reading a memorial resolution by the General Assembly during a ceremony unveiling the Mary Karen Read Memorial at Canterbury Woods Park on May 10.

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CLASSES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

DANCING

Dudney School of Irish Dance in Springfield is currently enrolling children 5 and older. Classes are located near Braddock Road and the Beltway and are taught by Jordan Dudney, a Washington native and champion step dancer. Visit www.DudneyIrishDance.com or call 703-899-5317.

Israeli Dance Class. Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m., at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Beginner, intermediate and advanced. \$5/session/JCCNV member; \$6/non-member; \$4/student or senior. Reservations not required. Call 301-982-0937.

Irish Step Dance Classes. Fridays at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. Open to beginners ages 5-15 at Studio One, 6208 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call Jordan Dudney at 703-899-5317.

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Getting To Know . . .

Barbara Hobbie, Court Appointed Special Advocates volunteer.

Retiring after 21 years with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Barbara Hobbie was looking for a way to help people and to give back to the community. An announcement in the Connection Newspapers led her to become a

PROFILE

volunteer with the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

In that role, she advocates for abused and neglected children dealing with the county court system.

Here, Hobbie answers a few questions about herself and discusses her impressions of CASA.

Family. I am married and have two grown children. Aimee

Cason, 30, is a nurse practitioner lives in San Diego with her husband, William, who is a pilot in the Navy. Erik, 27, lives with his wife, Wendy, in Chicago and works as a software developer. I moved around as a child (lived in four different states), but my children grew up in Springfield. My husband, Richard, is retired from the federal government and is executive director of the National Association of Workforce Agencies.

Your first job. I came to Virginia in 1975 after earning a master's degree in so-



Barbara Hobbie

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cial work from The Ohio State University. My first job was with the Epilepsy Foundation at Georgetown Hospital. I worked for Fairfax County Department of Family Services for 21 years in Adult Protective Services. I specialized in the problem of hoarding and guardianship.

Activities/interest/hobbies. I love playing tennis and I am captain of four USTA tennis teams. I am retired but work part time at Fairfax Racquet Club as a receptionist. I also love to travel.

in the Connection Newspaper. I was retired for a short time and was enjoying myself. I thought I should do something worthwhile for others. I didn't want to provide social work services. I wanted something new. I was always fascinated with the court so the idea of being a court advocate appealed to me. I also liked the idea of helping children. I went to the CASA information session to find out more about the program and the responsibilities of a volunteer. I was impressed by the program and the people who

Favorite local restaurants. Mike's American Grill.

Community concerns. Affordable housing including assisted living in Fairfax County

When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up? I had no idea, but I loved talking to people and I was always interested in people.

Personal goals. I want to become a better tennis player and stay in good health.

How did you decide to volunteer with CASA? I read about CASA

To Volunteer

Applications are being accepted for the fall training class of Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA seeks volunteers to advocate for children that are abused or neglected. Time expectation is 15 hours per month and a one-year commitment. No prior experience necessary, 35 hours of training provided. E-mail Meloni at volunteer@casafairfax.org or call 703-273-3526.

manage it.

What do you hope to bring to the children in the program? I hope to be objective and to make sure their needs are being met. I realize that the professionals such as attorneys and social workers don't have enough time to do some things. I do have the time to find out what the children need and to research the resources. Also, I know from my experience as a parent that sometimes you have to fight to get services for your child.

What, in your opinion, is the most important issue facing children today? First, their basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and safety must be met. Then, they need to belong to a family that provides love and emotional support.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

James Joseph Shay Jr. Dies

Former Fairfax resident James Joseph Shay Jr. died of natural causes on April 20 in Richardson, Texas. He was 84.

Shay was born on Aug. 20, 1923. After graduating from Rye High School in Rye, N.Y., in 1942, he immediately went into the FBI as a Fingerprint Technician in Washington, D.C. In 1943, he took unpaid military leave from the FBI to join the U.S. Army Air

Corps, serving in the South Pacific region during World War II until 1946.

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He advanced to the rank of sergeant and earned a Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon and Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon. A letter from his commander in 1944 referred to his "excellent character," "pleasing personality" and "splendid record."

Shay rejoined the FBI and continued his lengthy career with that agency, working out of offices in Washington, D.C.; Tampa, Florida; and Dallas, Texas. He was promoted from Fingerprint Technician to Fingerprint Unit Supervisor, then to Research Analyst and eventually Special Agent. As an agent, he worked in the Accounting Squad, where he investigated violations of federal laws and presented results to U.S. attorneys for prosecution. He also worked on robbery cases; in 1965 his picture was in the Tampa Tribune newspaper while interviewing a clerk about a diamond robbery case.

Shay sometimes led tours of the FBI Building in Washington, D.C. He attended nighttime accounting classes at Georgetown and Southeastern universities in Washington, and in 1950 he earned a bachelor of commercial science degree from Southeast-



FAMILY PHOTO

A photo of James Joseph Shay Jr. from the 1960s.

ern University. According to a letter he wrote to former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, he resigned from the FBI in 1968 due to personal reasons based on his desire to spend more time with his children.

Shay also worked as an IRS Information Specialist and eventually retired from that government agency. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6796, in Dallas and traveled to 49 states, all except Alaska.

Shay is survived by son and former daughter-in-law Kevin James Shay of Rockville, Md., and Michelle Shay of Gaithersburg, Md.; daughter and son-in-law Kathleen and Barton Roffee of Richardson, Texas; son and daughter-in-law Patrick and Deneen Shay of Houston, Texas; and seven grandchildren, Erika Roffee, Julia Roffee, Morgan Shay, Austin Shay, Krystal Marie Shay, Preston Shay and McKenna Shay. He is preceded in death by daughter Sharon Shay

Services for Shay will be June 10, 3 p.m., at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington. Arrangements are being made by Eastgate Funeral Home in Garland, Texas. Memorials can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter, 4144 North Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, Texas 75204, or the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6796, 9179 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218.

VIEWPOINTS

Should Hillary Clinton drop out of the presidential race?



"Yes."
Jeb Bates, Fairfax



"No, I think she should see it through."
Kathy Cagle, Fairfax

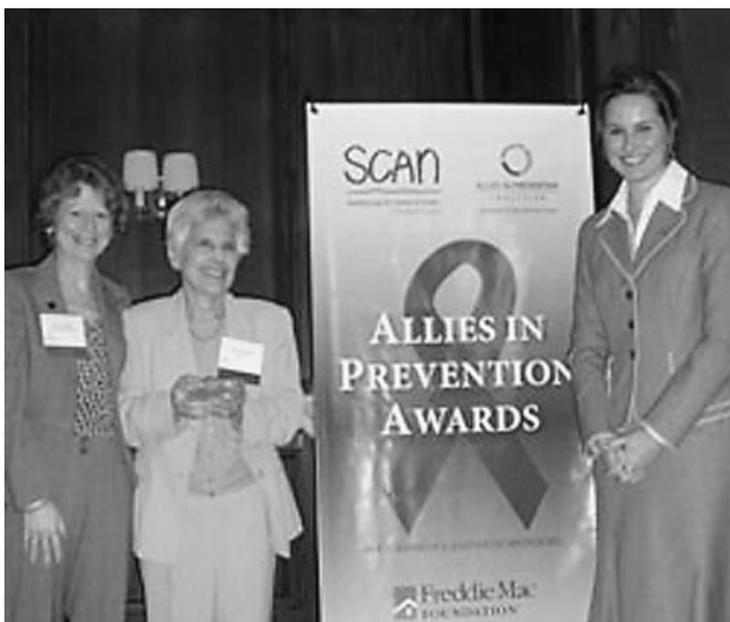


"Yes. She is not playing the game for the people, which is the main thing a candidate needs to think about."
Al Quassab, Fairfax



"Yes. She can't win."
David Kauo, Woodbridge

— AMBER HEALY



Award Winner

On April 2, Carmen Fernandez of Fairfax, center, received a Prevention Award from SCAN and the Allies in Prevention Coalition

during the sixth annual Allies in Prevention Awards Luncheon at Maggiano's at Tyson's Galleria. More than 25 years ago, Fernandez co-founded Hispanics Against Child Abuse and Neglect and worked for 22 years before that with Arlington County as a Child Protective Services social worker. After retiring, Fernandez became HACAN's executive director and serves in this role as a volunteer.

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With more than 3,500 unexpected students, schools will need to make some cuts.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Increases in class size, decreases in staff pay raises and freezing expansion of full-day kindergarten: these are a few of the reductions that Fairfax County Public Schools will consider for the 2008-2009 school year.

School officials had requested a \$63.7 million increase to the \$2.26 billion budget but Fairfax County Board of Supervisors only provided an extra \$40 million, leaving the schools \$23.7 million short of what it requested. According to school officials, the 2.5 percent in additional funding is the smallest percentage increase in the county transfer to the system since 1995.

Supervisors gave the schools a larger budget increase than any other agency. Fairfax County Public Schools was one of the only local government branches to receive an increase in funding at all, they said.

AN ENROLLMENT increase and rising fuel prices mean that additional funds provided by the county will mostly be used to cover existing costs and not to fund improvements or new programming, according to a statement released by schools superintendent Jack Dale.

Fairfax County Public Schools saw an additional 3,541 students in 2008, which will cost the system approximately \$22.5 million in additional funding. Transportation costs related to enrollment increase and ris-



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School board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) disagrees with her colleague At-large school board member Jim Raney's proposals to cut the budget.

ing fuel prices will eat up an additional \$7 million.

Dale has proposed to reduce the employee salary raise from three percent to two percent and halting the expansion of full-day kindergarten and the elementary school foreign language program. He would increase class size by one half of student, likely to affect general education classes more than specialty classes.

The school system has also reduced spending by "streamlining" several programs aimed at at-risk or low-income students, including summer school, Project Excel, QUEST, the Student Accountability program, the Summit program, and Young Scholars program.

WITH UNPOPULAR CUTS proposed, the School Board is looking at other options. Several board members said they would like

to find a way to continue with expansion of the full-day kindergarten and foreign language in elementary schools.

School board members Brad Center (Lee), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield) asked the staff to take another look at implementing an "activity fee" for athletic participation. In earlier budget discussions, the superintendent had said such a fee could produce at least \$2.5 million but the school system's chief financial officer Deirdre McLaughlin said the revenue to be generated was most likely overstated.

Raney proposed some more dramatic cuts. He said the school system should look at closing Gifted-and-Talented education centers and moving those services into every student's base elementary school.

He also asked board members to consider capping enrollment at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology to 1,600 students, the number of pupils the state government has agreed to subsidize. In the 2006-2007 school year, the high school enrolled 1,769 students.

Raney was also in favor of charging students to take Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes.

"We are obligated to provide a free elementary and secondary education. We are currently providing a free post-secondary education in the form of AP and IB courses. We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses," said Raney.

"I don't support any of those initiatives," said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville), who added that the school system would have to retract some students acceptance to Thomas Jefferson if it implemented Raney's proposal.

During the discussion, school board members Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) and Kaye Kory (Mason)

also expressed concern about budget cuts to schools that serve a lot of poor and at-risk students.

Staff said about half of the approximately 35 schools that qualify for extra money to help at-risk students, called Title I funding, would see a reduction in this assistance from the federal government this year. Gibson said he did not want the school system to "pile on" by also cutting money for other programs found in these schools. "Obviously we have some schools in that category and we don't want to rub salt in the wound. What are we doing so that we are not adding insult to injury?" said Gibson.

"We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses."

— Jim Raney

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT 2008 Special School Program Enrollment

Fairfax County Public Schools provided a breakdown of specialty program enrollment based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic factors and special education needs in January 2008. When compared with overall enrollment figures, students who are poor, black, Hispanic, English-language learners or who qualify for special education services are underrepresented in gifted and talented and accelerated academic programs. The same groups of students appear in higher numbers in the U.S. military's JROTC programs.

Program	Overall Enrollment	Economically Disadvantaged	Limited English	Special Education	black	Hispanic	white
FCPS Enrollment (All Schools)	164,843	31,320* (19.9%)	21,771 (7.6%*)	24,000 (14%)	18,133* (10.8%)	26,374* (16%)	80,421 (50.2%)
Career and Technical Education (Middle, High Schools)	55,942	12,855 (22.98%)	8,622 (15.41%)	7,641 (13.66%)	6,802 (12.16%)	8,873 (15.86%)	27,321 (48.84%)
Foreign Language (Middle, High Schools)	44,543	342 (.77%)	3,568 (8.01%)	3,081 (6.92%)	3,855 (8.65%)	4,946 (11.1%)	25,189 (54.76%)
Gift and Talented Services (Kindergarten - 12)	61,775	5,180 (8.39%)	7,595 (12.29%)	Not Available	2,041 (6.83%)	2,475 (8.29%)	16,593 (55.55%)
JROTC (Seven High Schools)	823	302 (36.7%)	142 (17.25%)	229 (27.83%)	216 (26.25%)	203 (24.67%)	283 (34.39%)
2007 Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate enrollment (High Schools)	17,994	1,264 (7.02%)	748 (4.21%)	459 (2.55%)	945 (5.25%)	1,269 (7.05%)	11,006 (61.16%)

*approximate figures computed by The Connection Newspapers

—JULIA O'DONOGHUE

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

More Algebra for Eighth Graders

Fairfax County Public Schools will start offering a standard Algebra I class in addition to its honors Algebra I class to eighth graders in two middle schools next year.

The school system wants to increase middle school enrollment in Algebra I so that more students will have the opportunity to complete calculus by the end of high school.

It is difficult for students to fit in all the prerequisites for calculus if they wait until ninth grade to take Algebra I, said staff.

Currently, about 47 percent of students complete Algebra I by the end of eighth grade, according to Peter Noonan, assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Like honors Algebra I, standard Algebra I will be an "open enrollment" class, meaning that it will be available to anyone who wants to take it. The class will resemble the standard Algebra I currently offered to ninth graders.

Hughes and Thoreau middle school will be the first to offer standard Algebra I through a pilot program next year. Noonan said the school system wants to expand the offering to other middle school programs in following years.

Fairfax County middle schools typically offer standard grade six, seven and eight math as well as Algebra I, Geometry and sometimes Algebra II, according to Noonan.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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Area Soldier in Iraq

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CHASE WILL be returning to the U.S. in a few weeks, coming back to her family's home in Fairfax around June 20. She's excited to reunite with her family and friends and to have a two-month vacation before going back to work.

Two people in particular are anxious for Chase to return home: her young nieces, Meghan and Amanda McCabe.

"Aunt Allie deployed to Iraq on Meghan's sixth birthday and just before Amanda's fourth birthday," said their mother, Jennifer McCabe, one of Chase's older twin sisters. "We told the girls that they would be 7 and 5 by the time Aunt Allie came home. We tell them Aunt Allie is in Iraq to protect our country from bad people and that our country is safe thanks to Aunt Allie and all the other soldiers," she said.

When Chase returns home, McCabe said her daughters are planning a trip to a local Build-A-Bear workshop to make teddy bears with their aunt, followed by a trip for ice cream.

"It's one of their favorite things to do with their Aunt Allie," McCabe said.

Even while she is gone, Chase is frequently in their thoughts and prayers, she said.

"Every so often, the girls ask to call Aunt Allie and we have to explain that it's not possible," McCabe said. "If they have something to share with Aunt Allie, we send her an e-mail. We keep her picture visible and pray for her every day."

Chase's parents and sister said they are proud of her and the work she is doing in Iraq.

"Allie has not complained about the conditions or hardships of her situation, but rather, she has kept her focus on her responsibilities," McCabe said.

Jim Weiskopf, a retired Army soldier who served for 26 years, said he and his wife support their daughter and will be thrilled to have her home.

"I'll miss her homecoming, but her mother and her best friend are driving to Fort Stewart in Georgia to meet her," Weiskopf said.

AS A PARENT, Weiskopf said he is always concerned about Chase's safety, but as a former soldier, he knows all the precautions the Army takes to protect its own.

"We are unbelievably proud of Allie and her choice of profession, whether she chooses to do something else or stay in the Army for her career," he said. "We love her and want her to come home safely in three weeks."

In the meantime, Chase will continue to make her daily round, visiting with soldiers and writing thank you notes to anyone who sends her a care package.

"Sometimes I think I'm just a big kid, trying to make light of the light situations we have here because there are so many tough situations," Chase said. "But I get to see the progress we're making every day. Fifteen months ago, people were quiet and hunkered down in their homes. Now we see people outside, hanging up their laundry."

Dealing Yields Jail Time

FROM PAGE 3

riety of people who know and trust him, and a number of friends and relatives have come here today to support him. He smokes dope, but he's not a bad guy."

Saying Rouse is "no longer a threat to this community," Gardner asked Wooldridge to place him on probation so he could continue his drug treatment and "the productive work he's done [his whole life]. He's been in jail, a month and a half, and it has really gotten his attention."

Birnbaum then entered into evidence four photos of the marijuana plants police had seized from the home on Union Mill Road. But, said Gardner, "It was only an 8-foot-by- 8-foot grow area, and those are close-up photos of the marijuana plants."

Then Rouse stood and addressed the court. "I'd like to apologize to the community, my wife, family and friends for my actions," he said. "I did something wrong. I'm ashamed of myself for the embarrassment and hardship I caused my family. I will never use drugs or do anything like this again. I made a mistake and incarceration has taught me that. I will never come before

you again if you give me a second chance to turn my life around."

But Wooldridge refused to be swayed. "It's not your use of marijuana that concerns me today," he told Rouse. "You are a drug dealer in the state of Virginia and, even if it only goes to your 'old Hippie friends,' it doesn't change things. You can't control where it goes after you give it to them."

That circumstance, said the judge, plus the scale of Rouse's marijuana cultivation — "renting a home, having surveillance cameras, 85 plants, 10 pounds of [drug] material, a hidden stairwell and grow lights — makes you a danger to society. This is a drug operation, and the state legislature says it warrants a sentence of from five to 30 years."

Wooldridge then sentenced him to five years in prison, suspending all but four months, and placed him on five years probation following his release. He also ordered Rouse to undergo whatever substance-abuse treatment is recommended by his probation officer, maintain full-time employment, submit to random urine screens and remain drug free. Wooldridge suspended his driver's license, too, but said he'd approve Rouse for work release if he qualifies for it.

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

END BACK PAIN NOW!

New FDA Cleared Procedure by Kimberly Roberts

Just one year ago, Dr Salvatore Nuccio (of Twinbrooke Chiropractic in Fairfax, Virginia) was told an amazing story about Dr. Nick Mobilia, a cosmetic and restorative dentist. Dr. Mobilia had complained of severe pain, weakness and numbness in his right hand,

"I couldn't hold a pen let alone dental instruments without them dropping to the floor. I had to take off from my practice, and I thought my career was over."

After seeing a surgeon and being told he needed surgery for a herniated disc of the spine, they discussed the possible complications associated with surgery. Dr. Mobilia was referred to Dr. Marco Caruso, a chiropractor, one of the first practitioners to specialize in decompression therapy in Westchester County, NY. According to Dr. Caruso, studies have shown that 4 out of 5 adults will experience back and neck pain at least once in their lives. Men and women are equally at risk, and it is estimated that more than 80 percent of missed workdays are due to spinal injuries. The SpineMed™ table uses clinically proven principles to non-surgically decompress the spine and reduce the pressure on the discs. Previous research of this technology found that the treatment provided "good" to "excellent" relief in 86% of the patients with ruptured intervertebral discs. "We have been using the latest technology in decompression therapy and have had several different tables in our practice," said Dr. Caruso.

The engineers of the SpineMed™ table have made tremendous advances in replacing early technology with this 21st Century system.

"Almost all of these conditions can be avoided by keeping a healthy spine," Dr. Caruso said. "Decompression therapy can help patients who have these problems, or patients looking to avoid them."

Decompression therapy results in an increase in joint space, disc height, and an increase in oxygen exchange to strengthen soft tissue." Dr. Mobilia's experience with the SpineMed's intensive decompression therapy had some startling results. "All the pain, weakness and numbness subsided." Dr. Mobilia said, "I was discharged with strengthening exercises and a follow-up exam in one month. With a full recovery, I was glad to return to my busy practice."

It was his story, and many others like it that inspired Dr. Nuccio to consider bringing the SpineMed™ Decompression System to Northern Virginia. After getting the SpineMed™ Decompression System in our office, a long time patient referred her husband, Brett, to Dr. Nuccio for a SpineMed™ consultation. Brett's results are best conveyed in his own words from this letter dated March 25, 2008: "Over the last 7-8 years I have been dealing with often-severe low back pain (degenerating discs in L4 and L5), spinal stenosis, and pain that radiated into my buttocks and often down my right leg, including numbness in my right foot. The pain and suffering would usually last for several months at a time, even using muscle relaxants and anti-inflammatory medications. This past December 2007, I had a recurrence of my back problems that manifested in pain that later degenerated into a very numb right foot from the herniated disc pressing on a nerve."

After reviewing my most recent MRI, my orthopedic surgeon said the numbness was potentially an even greater problem than the pain because the numbness indicated nerve and muscle damage that might become more severe and result in permanent disability (drop foot) over time if not dealt with by surgery. Fortunately, my wife Judy, who has seen a lot of suc-



cess coming to Dr. Nuccio's office over the past year, mentioned the new equipment in the office that might be just what I needed — the SpineMed™ Decompression System. I was already aware of "spinal decompression" and had investigated the technology through other sources but was pleased, after talking to Dr. Nuccio, to see that he had acquired the most advanced piece of equipment on the market: the SpineMed™ System. To make a long story short, after 30 completely pain-free sessions on the SpineMed™ System, I have seen close to a 100% improvement, meaning at present there does not seem to be any numbness at all remaining in my right foot! Based on my previous experience, I had no reason at all to believe that the numb foot would correct itself without surgery. Believe it or not, I feel so good that I have just purchased some jogging shoes to allow me to get back into jogging/speed walking, something I have not even contemplated doing for years because of my back, leg and foot problems. Thanks again to you and your staff for helping me overcome what was threatening to become a semi-permanent disability. For what it is worth, the price I paid at your facility for the spinal decompression sessions was surprisingly less than that quoted to me by another clinic in the area who was touting a spinal decompression system not as advanced as the SpineMed™ System."

What makes up back pain?

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- Lumbago (lower back pain)
Any age; usually consists of an insult to the lower back muscles (desk job, driver, package delivery)
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OPINION

Trouble with VDOT

It's possible that it happened on Earth Day, but it was definitely sometime within a week of that day.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, without notice, bulldozed more than five acres of trees in at least three locations as part of preliminary work on widening the beltway for HOT lanes.

These trees were cleared in McLean, Tysons Corner and Springfield.

Apparently these trees were clear cut in order to make way for "staging areas," that is to say a place to park their equipment.

It's an example of the kind of reasoning that takes place at VDOT, and apparently there is more of it to come.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nick Nicholson of VDOT at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes on April 30.

There is no shortage of parking lots anywhere around the Beltway. With a little creativity, and a little notice, VDOT could probably have leased an already-paved "staging area." The loss of the trees is no small thing, especially in consideration of widening a road like the Beltway.

A single tree with a 26-foot canopy can absorb the emissions of a vehicle driven 11,500 miles every year. Or so said Fairfax County officials in October 2007 when they launched the laudable goal of blanketing 45 percent of the county with tree cover by 2037. The county will plant 400 trees a year on county property to reduce pollution and energy costs.

Too bad the county apparently has no say on what VDOT does with property it "owns." VDOT officials should realize that property "owned by VDOT" actually belongs to the residents of Virginia. The tree cutting last month for "staging areas" probably set Fairfax County's efforts back by more than a year. And we'll note again that VDOT says there's more to come.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," Nicholson admitted.

Those trees would also have had the effect of buffering residential and business areas from the noise and view of the Beltway traffic and construction. Three acres alone were across

Taking down acres of trees with no warning and no good reason.

from a middle school, where the trees could have helped clean the air from hundreds of thousands of vehicles a day passing by on the Beltway.

The additional tree canopy envisioned in Fairfax would have the capacity to absorb more than 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually, which could eliminate the need for \$1 million in greenhouse gas reduction services each year.

VDOT officials should undertake an immediate analysis of the way it operates. It must communicate better with local officials and residents. And it must realize that trees have value and take steps to preserve them whenever possible. Even if these sites were the only possible "staging areas," which we do not believe, at least a ring of trees should have been left around the perimeter to act as a buffer.

Construction for the "high occupancy toll lanes" is under way. We can only imagine what surprises lay ahead.

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EDITORIAL

Meeting One Voter at a Time

Candidate in Democratic primary adopts old-fashioned method of campaigning.

BY DOUG DENNEY
CANDIDATE, 11TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

If you want to know how a candidate will serve you in Congress, just look at how they run their campaign. Career politicians send out slick mailers, use poll-tested rhetoric and make promises they do not intend to keep. And we know what career politicians have done to Washington.

Call me old fashioned, but I think the best way to run for office is to talk to real, live voters. I'll knock on a hundred doors or stand in

front of a busy Metro station all day just to talk to the people I will serve in Congress. It's not easy, but it's worth it.

I WONDER if I am the only candidate in the 11th District Democratic primary that is knocking on doors. Every day I find someone who is shocked that a congressional candidate actually showed up on their doorstep. One woman told me she had never actually met any politician she had voted for. What a shame.

COMMENTARY

Unkempt Medians

To the Editor:

It is ironic that you can complain via a Fairfax County Web page about a neighbor's lawn being too high but who to complain to about Fairfax County as the violator and the Virginia Department of Transportation and the lack of lawn maintenance on the medians? The grass height on traffic medians in the county look like we live in an area that cannot afford to maintain appearance. I called VDOT, they have done nothing. This has even presented itself as a safety issue when I try to make left turns and cannot actually see oncoming

traffic in many cases at locations due to the grass height. So I reported VDOT to Fairfax County via their online lawn height complaint Web page but was told I had to contact VDOT directly.

LETTERS We pay a ton of property and other taxes for Fairfax County to ignore this and put it on my as an individual. I bet somebody could get elected to office from Fairfax County just running on a platform that they will improve grass maintenance on common areas. I hear from the county and VDOT that we don't have funds to keep up the maintenance. But at the same time the county

has the nerve to increase our property tax rate and arbitrarily increase our land values so that our overall assessment remains the same even while our building values have decreased. I believe that potential homebuyers see the unkempt grass on the medians and that can detract from our property values. How to get this addressed?

Steve Delahunty
Fairfax

'Morality Gap'

To the Editor:

Re: "FCPS Cite 'Morality Gap'" in the April 2-8 Connection: writing as a former high school teacher

I'm knocking on doors because I care about what people have to say. That's why I'll win this race and that's how I will serve in Congress.

The voters don't want career politicians representing them. They want a public servant who will get something done. I'm not running for Congress because I want to be someone, I'm running because I want to do something. Together, we'll bring change to our nation, to our district, and we'll get it done. I'm ready to serve again.

Doug Denney is an Iraq war combat veteran and a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District. The election is on June 10.

who retired after 30 years, as the parent of three kids who went through the FCP schools, and as a concerned citizen, I am writing to say how appalled I am at the very idea of the school system's gathering alleged data related to the "character and morality" of students. This displays a level of arrogance, racism and waste of public money that is astonishing even for high level central office bureaucrats.

Since when do or should public schools in this country get involved in issues of character and morality?

Robert Tripp
Reston

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As part of his Eagle Scout Project, **Michael Ariale** is hosting a **Bone Marrow Donor Registry Drive** with The National Marrow Donor Program at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, on **Saturday, May 17**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The first step to becoming a volunteer donor is to join the NMDP Registry. Anyone who meets the health guidelines and is age 18-60 can join the registry. After completing a brief health questionnaire, volunteer donors have a cheek swab for tissue testing and sign a consent form. To find out more about marrow transplantation, registering for the May 17 drive, and other ways to help, contact Michael Ariale at 703-866-3733 or NVAmarrowdrive@yahoo.com. Or contact Juliette Williams of the NMDP at 1-888-814-8610 or by visiting www.marow.org.

The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking or Health has published "Your Springfield and Burke Guide to Smoke-Free Dining." The guide was published with grant funds from the

Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Use Control Project. The guide lists restaurants in Springfield and Burke that offer smoke-free dining.

The guide is free. To obtain a copy, visit the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. To receive a copy by mail, call Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5213.

The Arthritis Walk is the national Arthritis Foundation's annual signature event that raises funds and awareness to fight arthritis. May is National Arthritis Month, and the event is **Saturday, May 17**, at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Participants can choose a 1-mile or 3-mile walk. Register online at <http://arthritiswalk.kintera.org/fairfax>. Day-of registration begins at 9 a.m., walk begins at 10 and will last until about noon with other family activities to follow. Other Arthritis Foundations events can be found at www.arthritis.org.

People living with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia are invited to the program, "**Living Well with CLL**," on **Saturday, May 31**, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at the Life with Cancer Family Center, 2700 Prosperity Ave., #100, Fairfax. The program will include an update on new treatments with Georg

Aue, M.D., of the National Cancer Institute and a panel presentation of people living with CLL. To register for this free program, call The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 703-960-1100, ext. 231 or e-mail sarah.singer@lls.org.

Inova Health System's Congregational Health Partnership has been named a 2007 Healthy Hero Award winner. The Healthy Hero Awards program was created by the Amerigroup Foundation to recognize teachers, schools, physicians and community-based organizations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership or innovation in the area of health promotion. Inova's Congregational Health Partnership was selected for its efforts in addressing health promotion in the context of a mind-spirit-body connection in the Northern Virginia area. As part of the award, the Amerigroup Foundation is donating \$1,000 to the Inova Health System Foundation.

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous is a program for individuals recovering from addictive eating and anorexia based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. Meetings are on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m., at Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Call 1-877-805-2823.



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CHOOSING AN INDEPENDENT LIVING SITUATION FOR A SENIOR

A senior who wants to live independently can do so with the help of an array of available home healthcare services. The senior may want independence, but not the responsibility of a house and yard to maintain. In senior housing areas, residents don't have to perform maintenance and can still enjoy their independence while enjoying the comfort of their own homes and their home health providers. They have peers with whom to socialize and provide support. When choosing senior housing, be sure the parking area is safe, well lit, and conveniently located. Also, consider the housing's proximity to shopping, medical care, and other necessities. Be sure the bathroom is safe and adaptable.

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Big Band Dinner Auction with the West Springfield High School band boosters, including live music, silent auction and games. **Sunday, May 17**, 6 p.m. at the school cafeteria, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Admission includes dinner and is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12. Visit www.wshsband.org/auction.

Cooking Class: Fast Food/Convenience Food. Sample the latest convenience foods on the market, plus open cans and boxes of organic food to make instant meals. No meat, poultry, fish, eggs, or dairy. Class includes recipes and food samples. Pre-registration required. **Sunday, May 18**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 9302 Hallston Ct., Fairfax Station. \$45 per person. Call 703-643-2713 for space availability or visit www.localdc.com/cooking.

Chick-Fil-A at Fair Oaks Mall hosts a free "Family Night" **every Wednesday**, 5-7 p.m., with different activities every week: make a seasonal art project to display in the store, get a glitter tattoo or animal balloon, play an instrument and march along in a parade with the Chick-fil-A Cow. Chick-fil-A is located inside the main entrance between Sears and Macy's at Fair Oaks Mall. Call 703-279-1883 or e-mail CFAEVENTS@aol.com for more.

The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking or Health announces the publication of "Your Springfield and Burke Guide to Smoke-Free Dining." The guide was published with grant funds from the Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Use Control Project. The guide lists restaurants in Springfield and Burke that offer smoke-free dining.

The guide is available free of charge. To obtain a copy, visit the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. To receive a copy by mail, call Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5213.

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For more information on the Ride of the Patriots, go to www.rideofthepatriots.com.

Start Your Engines

Fairfax prepares for 10th annual Ride of the Patriots on May 25.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

For 10 years, the Sunday morning of Memorial Day weekend has meant one thing for motorcyclists and the patriotic in Fairfax: the Ride of the Patriots.

About 4,000 motorcycles from a handful of states are expected to gather at Patriot Harley Davidson, on Fairfax Boulevard, said Ken Lyons, coordinator of the event for the Fairfax County Chapter of the Harley Owners Group, better known as HOG.

"This is our 10th anniversary ride and we're expecting a really big turnout," said Lyons.

In years past, the motorcycles have taken up two lanes on eastbound Fairfax Boulevard, stretching from Patriot to Captain Pell's restaurant, over a mile down the road. Last year, over 3,500 motorcycles rode in the parade, which travels from the Harley dealership to the Pentagon, where it joins with the national Rolling Thunder ride.

The annual event is a tribute to veterans, past and current, as a way of honoring those who served and remembering those who did not return home from Vietnam, Lyons said.

"Personally, I think it's a great way to show the media that people do support the troops," he said.

SPECTATORS LINE UP along Fairfax Boulevard and Nutley Street and crowd onto overpasses along eastbound Interstate



Adorned with the Stars and Stripes, this helmet at the 2007 Ride of the Patriots served as a reminder of the event's mission: to remember and honor those who served in America's armed forces.

66, waving their hands, flags and banners as the bikers pass by.

"The City of Fairfax has started bringing out bleachers for us because so many people come out to watch," said Don Whitmore, a volunteer organizer of the event and HOG member.

The morning begins early, with motorcycles lining up at 6 a.m. A small ceremony, including the Fairfax High School Marching Band, a group of bagpipers and comments from elected officials, begins at 8 a.m.

"I think it's a great way to show the media that people do support the troops."

— Ken Lyons

This year's keynote speaker is Sgt. Maj. Kenneth O. Preston, the highest-ranking enlisted member of the U.S. Army.

"We had a representative from the Coast Guard last year and we wanted something different," Whitmore said. Through a friend, Whitmore was able to secure offers from both the Army and the Marines, both eager to participate in the Memorial Day weekend event honoring the troops.

When Preston leaves the parking lot for the parade, he will be riding on a custom-built motorcycle, made by the popular Orange County Choppers group, well known from the show on the TLC Network.

"The Army has used that chopper for recruiting new officers during Bike Week in Daytona," Whitmore said. "It's a really pretty bike, very unusual looking."

Shortly before 9 a.m., members of the HOG group will take the stage, also donated by the City of Fairfax, to direct all riders to start their engines. With up to 4,000 motorcycles starting simultaneously, it is sure to be a noise to drown out the cheering crowd.

Riders, led by Preston and HOG members, will travel east on Fairfax Boulevard to Nutley Street and continue on Interstate 66 to the Pentagon. "Last year, we left Patriot at 9 a.m. and when I pulled into the Pentagon lot at 9:50, the last bike had just driven by Patriot," Whitmore said. "That's about 13 miles of motorcycles."



In 2007, over 3,500 motorcycle riders lined up along Fairfax Boulevard in preparation for a group rides to the Pentagon and the National Mall.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MAY 15

City of Fairfax Daytime Book Club.

Book title TBA. Adults. 1 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register, 703-293-6227.

Family Search introduction. Using the Family Search genealogy databases and the Family History Library Catalog to search for your ancestors. Ages 13 and up. 1 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register, 703-293-6227.

Let's Hear It For The Girls. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 9-11 with adult. 7p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 703-978-5600.

Reading Across the Centuries. Join the great literature book group. Writer and university instructor Wendi Kaufman facilitates the discussion. Call information desk for title. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Pohick Regional Library. Adult. 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 703-644-7333.

Everyone But Pete, Numa. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at TT Reynolds, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and www.ttreynolds.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Bingo. 7:15 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-273-3638.

Zelos, Burn the Ballroom at TT Reynolds, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and

www.ttreynolds.com.
The Internals and guests. 8 p.m. at Fat Tuesday's, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

Bike to Work Day. Join area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a way to get to work. Bikes can ride free on Metrorail and Metro buses for the day. For more information, including a list of local events, visit www.waba.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Northern Virginia Regional Group Car Show, open to all pre-1983 vehicles. Registration is \$10 in advance, \$15 day of, admission is free, but donations accepted. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Call 703-352-2787.

Young Lordz at TT Reynolds, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and www.ttreynolds.com.

Future with Armed Elephant, 8 p.m. at Fat Tuesday's, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

Arthritis Walk. The Arthritis Foundation's signature event features a three-mile and one-mile course at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Registration is 9 a.m. and walks are 10 a.m. For more see http://arthritiswalk.kintera.org/fairfax.

Guided Walking Tour. Meet at the Moore House, 3950 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 7 p.m. Call 703-385-8414.

Microsoft Excel Introduction to creating spreadsheets with Microsoft Excel. Ages 13 and Up. 2:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register, 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Adults. Every Saturday in May, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 703-978-5600.

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World Children's Choir seasonal concert featuring selections from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" and music from Austria, Canada, China, Korea, Italy, Japan, Turkey and the United States. 7 p.m. at the Ernest Cultural Center Theater, NOVA Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children, students and seniors. Visit www.WorldChildrensChoir.org or call 703-883-0920.

Heather Hill Gardens Herb Festival, with a British tea party theme, will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Visitors will be able to taste and get recipes for herbal tea party favorites, learn about growing culinary herbs, and container gardening. Planting demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is free, visitors can take home a free herb plant. Call 703-690-6060.

Fairfax Corner Fountain Grand Opening, 12-2 p.m. at the Grand Plaza at Fairfax Corner. Free. Live music and giveaways, chance to win theater tickets and shopping spree.

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Find out about the latest design plans to construct four HOV/Bus/HOT (high occupancy toll) lanes on the Capital Beltway from the Springfield Interchange (I-95/I-395/I-495) to just north of the Dulles Toll Road at Old Dominion Drive (Route 738). Virginia Department of Transportation project managers will be available to answer your questions.

Project information may also be viewed at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VDOT's Project Office, 6400 Commerce Street, Springfield, or call toll free (877) 495-VDOT (8368). Property impacts and relocation assistance policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing, or submit them, by June 5, 2008, to Roger Boothe, Project Manager, VDOT, 6400 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150. You may also e-mail your comments to: Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov. Please reference "Capital Beltway HOT Lanes" in the subject heading.

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SUNDAY/MAY 18

Vocal Concert. Tenor Antonio Giuliano performs 6 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Advance: \$20/general, \$10/seniors and students; door: \$25/general, \$15/seniors and students. See www.providencechurch.org or call Kathy at 703-978-3934.

Potting Party and Plant Exchange. The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society presents a hands-on descriptive program with Bonnie Mirmak on how to prepare soil for potting. Attendees will take home their free potted mum, and are asked to bring one of their own potted and labeled seedling or divided perennial to exchange with a fellow gardener. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. Open to the public, free admission and refreshments. Call Jim Dunn at 703-560-8776.

MONDAY/MAY 19

Monday Movies. Enjoy a movie based on a book and discuss which is better — the movie or the book. Age 6-18. 3:30 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 703-978-5600.

By the Light of the Moon. Stories and activities about animals at night. Age 3-6 with adult. 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 703-644-7333.

Bob Browns Puppets, part of the Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Call 703-452-ARTS.

Art in Lorton. Learn about Lorton's Workhouse Arts Center. View a sideshow on the former Lorton Prison site's history and hear about the artist studios, art gallery, events center, museum, restaurants and more. Adults. 7:30 p.m. at the Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, 703-339-7385.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Book Discussion Group. "I, Claudis" by Robert Graves. Adults. 7:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register, 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion Group. "Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress" by Sijie Dai. Adults. 11 a.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 703-978-5600.

Book Discussion Group. "The God of Small Things" by Arundhatib Roy. Adult. 7:30 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, 703-978-5600.

Evening Book Discussion Group. "Housekeeping" by Marilynne Robinson. Adults. 7:30 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 703-644-7333.

Spring Concert by the West Springfield High School Band, 7:30 p.m. at the school, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Free. Additional concert Wednesday. Visit www.wshsband.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Writer's Roundtable. Discuss work

with other writers. Adults. 7:30 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 703-644-7333.

Spring Concert by the West Springfield High School Band, 7:30 p.m. at the school, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Free. Additional concert Tuesday. Visit www.wshsband.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

The Echo Boomers, Educated Consumers. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. TT Reynold's, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and www.ttreyolds.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 23

Bingo. 7:15 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-273-3638.

Sematic at TT Reynold's, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and www.ttreyolds.com.

BPM, Three Legged Fox, Poor Man's Lobster. 8 p.m. at Fat Tuesday's, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

Little Acorns: Moms and Babies. Listen to a story, sing a song and take a trail walk in search of wildlife and their young. Suitable for ages 2-3, \$5 per child, prepaid reservations required. 9:45-10:30 a.m. or 11-11:45 a.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale, 703-941-1065.

SATURDAY/MAY 24

Guided Walking Tour. Meet at the Moore House, 3950 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 7 p.m. Call 703-385-8414.



Mum's the Word

The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society holds a potting party and plant exchange Sunday, May 18.

Snake and Turtle Feeding. Brief presentation and demonstration, at least one snake and two turtles are fed. \$2 per person, reservations are required. 1-2 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale, 703-941-1065.

Goodnight Walk: Sounds of the Night. Learn about animal sounds and take a nighttime stroll along the Old Oak Trail. Suitable for ages 4 and older with an adult. \$5 per child, prepaid reservations required. 7-8 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale, 703-941-1065.

Backyard Games and Outdoor Fun. Celebrate National Backyard Games Week with a free afternoon of outdoor games with a nature twist. Suitable for ages 4 and older with an adult. Reservations required. 2-3 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale, 703-941-

1065.
Wolf Trap Ribbon Cutting. Construction and improvements to the Main Gate facilities, including plaza, restrooms, gift shop, box office and concession stands, at Wolf Trap's Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, will be officially completed with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6:15 p.m. Visit www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 25

Canoe the Marsh. Explore the marsh with an experienced naturalist 8 a.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$25. Reserve a spot at 703-528-5406.

Ride of the Patriots. 10th anniversary ride begins 7 a.m. at Patriot Harley Davidson, 9739 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Call 703-642-8213 or visit

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THURSDAY/MAY 15

Planning Commission Meeting. 8:15 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Board auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Contact Linda Rodeffer at 703-324-2865.

City of Fairfax Daytime Book Club. 1 p.m. at the Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., call 703-293-6227.

Independence Day Celebration Committee meeting, 7 p.m. at the City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-7858.

Basile Networking Breakfast Club anniversary networking expo, 7:30-10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Food and beverages included. Door prizes, and gift for the person who brings the most friends. To reserve a place, contact 703-359-5642 or basilelebma@yahoo.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Destination Fairfax meeting, 8:30 a.m. at the City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Call 800-545-7950.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Park Authority Board John McAnaw celebration. Unveiling

of the John McAnaw Woodlands and Recreation sign. 2 p.m. at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Contact Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Microsoft Excel Class, for ages 13 and older. 2:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., call 703-293-6227.

Keith Fimian for Congress Campaign Kickoff with Sen. John Warner and Reps. Frank Wolf Rep. Tom Davis. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Fairfax Volunteer Firehouse, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. \$15. Call 703-944-4842.

Information Meeting for Fairfax CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocates, 11 a.m.-noon at the Dolley Madison Community Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. The

group advocates for abused or neglected children. Call 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or e-mail ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

Republican Convention - 11th Congressional District. West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Participants will choose delegates to the Republican National Convention, some party officeholders and more. Congressional nomination information TBA. For registration details, contact 703-352-1337.

11th Congressional District Democratic Convention. Scheduled speakers include U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, State Sen. Dick Saslaw and the four candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in the district. Participants will elect

national delegates and an alternate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Noon at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Contact George Burke at georgeburke@cox.net or call 202-288-2104.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Rabies Clinic. Low-cost rabies clinic 2-4 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The cost for rabies shots at the clinic is \$10, cash or checks only. 703-830-1100.

Republican Women of Clifton meeting with Michael Zak, author of "Back to Basics for the Republican Party." 2-4 p.m. in Fairfax Station.

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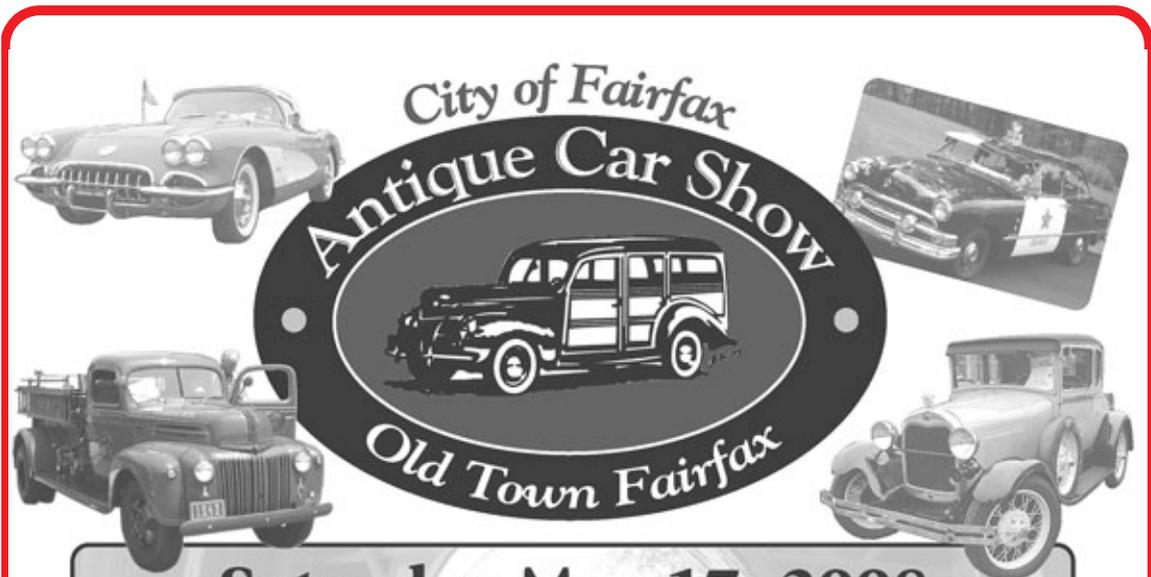
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CRIME

Incidents reported by the City of Fairfax police department, May 6 through May 12.

The Criminal Investigation Division is investigating the case.

BURGLARY

10750 Fairfax Blvd. / Forever Communications. On May 8, at 10:47 p.m., officers responding to a security alarm discovered that unknown person(s) had gained entry to the business. Subsequent investigation revealed that a number of cell phones had been stolen. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

11015 Main St. / AT&T Mobility. On May 9, at 6:52 a.m., four unknown males broke into the business and stole several phones.

LARCENY

3100 block of Musket Court. Sometime on May 5, between 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., unknown person(s) stole an iPod that was left unattended in front of the residence.

10400 block of Armstrong St. Sometime on May 6, between 4:30 a.m. and 8:20 p.m., unknown person(s) stole a campaign sign.

3600 block of Jermantown Road. Sometime on May 6, between 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m., unknown person(s) stole a purse that was left unattended in a vehicle.

3800 block of Meredith Drive. Sometime on May 6, between 4:30

a.m. and 8:20 p.m., unknown person(s) stole a campaign sign.

11001 Lee Highway/ Office Depot. On May 8, at 11:07 a.m., the store manager reported that an unknown male suspect had stolen a portable scanner from the store and fled in a vehicle traveling east on Main Street.

VANDALISM

4000 block of Whitacre Road. The victim reported that sometime between 2 p.m. on May 6 and 3:19 p.m. on May 7, unknown person(s) kicked the driver and passenger side doors of his vehicle that was parked on the roadway. Both doors were damaged.

CALENDAR

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www.patriothd.com.

“Blast Off”: The U.S. Marine Band begins the summer performance series at the Filene Center of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 8 p.m. Program includes John Philip Sousa, John Williams, Morton Gould, Aaron Copland, Leroy Anderson and Ernesto Lecuona, and finale fireworks display. Free, no tickets required. Call 703-255-1900 or visit www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/MAY 26

Memorial Day.
Creature Feature. Meet a common Fairfax County snake that doesn't follow the usual rule – the northern brown snake. Suitable for ages 4 and older, reservations are required. 1-1:30 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St., Annandale, 703-941-1065.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Down On the Farm. Stories and activities. Ages 3-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register, 703-293-6227

Teen Café. Food, games and fun. Age 12-18. 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 703-644-7333.

Seven Seas Toastmasters Club. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday at the Burke Giant Store meeting room, 6011 Burke

Centre Parkway. Open to all. Contact 703-978-7905 or nwbil@verizon.net.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Blind Rhetoric. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at TT Reynold's, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and www.ttreynolds.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Bingo. 7:15 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-273-3638.

Jubeus & Zach Deputy at TT Reynold's, 10414 Main St., Fairfax. Ages 21 and up. 703-591-9292 and www.ttreynolds.com.

Funkmknkz, The Common Threat, other guests. 8 p.m. at Fat Tuesday's, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Library-Warming Book Sale. All ages. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register, 703-293-6227.

Virginia Filipino American Soldiers. We Fought For Freedom. A conversation with soldiers interviewed for the book "In Our Uncle's Words," published by the Filipino American National Historical Society. Books available for sale. All ages. 3 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 703-644-7333.

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CAMPS & SCHOOLS



International Festival at Boyd

The Boyd School Fairfax Campus celebrated its International Festival and family fun event on April 26. Participants enjoyed international foods, music, and crafts and highlights of each continent and culture. The entertainment included Karate demonstrations, Dance, Song and Gymnastics which we performed by the children. Singing It's A Small World After All the children paraded around the playground.



Make-a-Wish Olde Creek Elementary had fund raiser on April 4 to raise money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. Activities included face painting, dancing, staff vs. students volleyball game, and a cookie walk. Here, the Olde Creek bear has fun with students.

COLLEGE NOTES

Send notes about student achievements to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

Kristina H. Baker of Fairfax is on the dean's list at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. A junior, she is a communication and design, innovation and society major.

Jay Strotman was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Bridgewater College. Strotman was also named captain of the varsity basketball team. He is a 2004 graduate of Robinson Secondary School.

Several Fairfax residents were named to the University of Mary Washington's dean's and president's lists:

❖ **Stephanie Burns**, senior

❖ **Karen Ellrod**, sophomore
 ❖ **Briana Amoroso**, junior
 ❖ **Isabel Arellano**, senior
 ❖ **Amy Baldwin**, senior
 ❖ **Ryan Kleman**, freshman
 ❖ **Jiyeon Lim**, junior
 ❖ **Meghan McGrane**, senior
 ❖ **Stephen Pierce**, junior
 ❖ **Marie Randolph**, junior
 ❖ **Margaret Smith**, senior
 ❖ **Andrew Uyehara**, senior
 ❖ **Brittany Valint**, senior

Laura Ann Karr, daughter of David and Ann Karr of Fairfax, was recently inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma at James Madison University. Karr will graduate in 2008 from JMU with a bachelor of business administration in marketing. Beta Gamma Sigma is an honor society for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.



Linda Franklin-Carroll and some of her students at Laurel Ridge Elementary.

Long-Time Teacher Retiring

Linda Franklin-Carroll steps down after 34 years.

Linda Franklin-Carroll is retiring from Fairfax County Schools. But first, let's do the math: 33 years as a classroom teacher; five years as elementary school guidance counselor; 34 years of her career has been in Fairfax County Public Schools with the other four career years in California and in Department of Defense Schools in Germany.

Count the lives, Franklin-Carroll has touched and the number approaches 3,625. Each year, Franklin-Carroll would have told you the most important students are the ones she currently has in her classroom. This year, that would be her 39 kindergarten students at Laurel Ridge Elementary School in Fairfax.

Oh wait ... we haven't counted the parents of the students or the administration, faculties and resource personnel with whom Franklin-Carroll has developed personal and professional relationships throughout the years.

With her 34 years of teaching and working as a counselor in Fairfax County, Franklin-Carroll has touched many lives. A parent of one of her kindergarten students wrote, "If anything would convince me that it would be a good idea to relive my childhood and be 6 again, it would be the possibility of being assigned to your classroom."

Dedication and stamina aside, Franklin-Carroll has worked at Laurel Ridge School for 34 years, the last 14 years as a kindergarten teacher. Someone wrote of her work with young children: "A maestro is a master of art, usually a composer, teacher or conductor. Linda Franklin-Carroll is a maestro in her kindergarten classroom. The work noise of children creates a majestic score and is a

daily production as Linda works with others toward a collaborative goal ... the teaching of children, thus enabling them to learn."

Another parent noted Franklin-Carroll's "recipe for success" as a teacher: "Mrs. Carroll's recipe for success has as its ingredients 33 years of elementary school teaching experience, five years of school counseling, two advanced degrees in early childhood and counseling, a natural gift for making learning fun, an ability to manage classroom activities with positive feedback, daily inclusion of volunteer parents in the classroom and a clear message of unconditional love for her students."

With numbers, dedication, experience, skill and years duly noted, let's celebrate! Join Franklin-Carroll in celebrating her retirement from Fairfax County Public Schools. Present and former students and their parents are invited

for a picnic on Saturday, May 17, from 12-2 p.m., in the Clifton Town Park in Clifton — follow the signs. Principals, teaching colleagues, former students 21 and over, and friends are invited to join Linda Franklin-Carroll on Saturday, May 17, 2-7 p.m. to celebrate her retirement at the conclusion of the school year. Host for the party are Tom and Jean Peterson and Phil Krum. The celebration gathering will be the home of Tom and Jean Peterson, 7150 Main St., Clifton. Tom Peterson, a former colleague of Franklin-Carroll's, is the mayor of Clifton. At the celebration, Franklin-Carroll's sons, Kirk and Kent, and their spouses, and her daughter, Kellee will join in this celebration. Visit www.lindafranklin.com for more information.

— SHARON COMPTON

Dunleavy's Goal Lifts Rams To Concorde Title

Junior scores in closing seconds to secure Robinson girls lacrosse victory.

BY NICOLAS A. LAMONT
THE CONNECTION

Knotted at 13 in the closing seconds, the Concorde District girls lacrosse championship seemed destined for overtime. No. 2 Robinson and No. 1 Chantilly had battled back and forth since the opening faceoff Friday night at Fairfax High School. Robinson junior Megan Dunleavy brought the game to a sudden end as she found herself with an open shot that found the back of the net just as the final horn sounded to give the Rams a 14-13 win.

"I was just running down and I saw Allie

GIRLS LACROSSE

ROBINSON	14
CHANTILLY	13

[Kimmelman] so I threw it to her, she got doubled and I was just wide open in the center. It was just the perfect set up," said Dunleavy, who scored a game-high six goals.

ROBINSON (10-3) handed Chantilly (11-1) its first loss of the season and avenged an 13-11 overtime loss at the hands of the Chargers on March 31.

"They are a phenomenal team, we knew it all year. The first time we played them, we got caught back on our heels really early, so we just had to make sure we answered back to everything they did and we did a pretty good job of doing that," said Robinson head coach Alison Neun.

The Rams fell behind early as Chantilly quickly struck twice in the first two minutes of the game but Robinson fought back to gain a 6-5 lead with 10 minutes 43 seconds left in the first half on an unassisted goal by junior Sarah Moody, her second of three on the day. Robinson would not trail the remainder of the game.

"Robinson is an excellent competitor, they are always out to in. This game was [decided by] one point, the last one was two



ROBINSON'S ROAD TO VICTORY

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
3/13	Lake Braddock	W	15-6
3/24	Loudoun Valley	W	12-10
3/26	Woodson	W	15-12
3/29	Paul VI	W	11-5
3/31	Chantilly	L	13-11
4/4	Centreville	W	21-2
4/8	Herndon	L	12-11
4/10	Westfield	W	11-10
4/18	Oakton	W	14-10
4/22	Fairfax	W	20-5
4/25	Georgetown V.	L	15-7
5/1	Fairfax	W	21-5
5/5	Westfield	W	15-5
5/9	Chantilly	W	14-13

points. It's always neck and neck and Robinson just got this one in the win column," said Chantilly head coach Michele Gates.

The Rams took a 10-7 lead into halftime and survived Chantilly comeback attempts as the Chargers tied the game twice in the second half. Chantilly junior Brittany Griel led the charge in the second half, recording two goals and an assist in the final frame but three second-half goals by Dunleavy and a defense that did not allow a goal for the final 11 minutes of the game gave Robinson the title. Robinson's offense keyed them through the Concorde District tournament as they outscored their opponents, 50-23, in the three victories to take the conference crown. Neun, however, believes that it was the Ram's defense allowed them to claim the title.

"We talked about going into the tournament that the offense wins the games, when you go into tournaments it's the defense that wins the championships," said Neun.

NOTE: The Rams followed up their victory with a 19-3 win over Edison in the first round of the Northern Region tournament.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Robinson junior Megan Dunleavy scored a game-high six goals, including the game-winning goal in the final seconds, to lead the Rams to a 14-13 win over Chantilly in the Concorde District finals.



The Robinson girls lacrosse team stands behind their Concorde District championship banner.



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The Fairfax Men's Lightweight 4.

HIGH SCHOOL WIRE

Fairfax Men's Lightweight 4 placed second at last Saturday's Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship at the Occoquan Reservoir. The Lightweight boat will now compete in Nationals which will be held in Tennessee on May 23 and 24. The team, coached by Nathan Walker, include Justin DeGaetano, Anthony Castaneda, Brian Yonish, Luke Warnock and Haden Sawyer.

Robinson's **Matt McKeag** has stepped down from his post as the Rams' boys basketball head coach to take a job at Varina

High School in Richmond. Last season, McKeag lead the Rams to a 9-11 finish and a 7-5 mark in the Concorde District after starting out 0-5. Robinson is accepting resumes the vacant position. Resumers can be sent to Michael.McGurk@fcps.edu. The job will close on Tuesday, May 20.

Woodson baseball senior **Jacob Morely** was named Co-Player of the Year for the Liberty District. Morely, who will play at the Virginia Military

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SPORTS



PHOTO BY MICHAEL O'KEEFE

The Thomas Jefferson Men's First 8 receives gold medals. Front, holding Eric Rothstein trophy, coxswain Raj Goel (Herndon). Back row, from left, Stephen Mathews, Chris Rutley, Chris Gear, Nolan Pollack, Nader Al-Naji, Patrick Collard, Colin Haas, Phil Grisdela.

Jefferson Crew Wins Gold at States

For the Jefferson Colonials, last Saturday's Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship had a special significance. The regatta included a ceremony in memory of former Jefferson rowing coach Eric Rothstein, who was killed in 2001. Driven by their desire to honor Rothstein and to continue their decade long winning streak, Thomas Jefferson's Men's Varsity 8 quickly took the lead in the finals and raced to a gold medal finish. Also finishing in first place for Jefferson were the Women's 2nd 8 and the Men's 3rd. Taking home silver for the Colonials were the Men's 2nd 8 and Women's 3rd 8. Next week, TJ will compete in Philadelphia for the prestigious Stotesbury Cup, with the Men's Varsity 8 and Women's 2nd 8 defending their championship titles.

SUMMER CAMPS

South County will hold its summer **boys basketball** camp in three sessions this July. The first session will be held from July 14 to July 18. The second session will be held from July 21 to July 25 and the third session will be held from July 28 to August 1. Each session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to ages 18 to 15. The camp will cost \$180. For more information, call South County boys head coach Mike Pflugrath at 703-446-1680 or email at Michael.Pflugrath@fcps.edu. For the latest information, go to www.StallionSports.org.

South County Athletic Boosters present a Summer 'Real' **Girls Lacrosse** Camp from June 22 to June 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. First graders through junior varsity-level players are welcome. At the camp, rookies will learn solid basic skills and positioning in game-like situations. Experienced players will learn skills necessary to play in high school with emphasis on defensive techniques. The cost of the game will be \$80. For further information and a registration form, check www.stallionsports.org or contact Barbara Mahony at 703-446-1681 or email at Barbara.Mahony@fcps.edu.

The South County Athletic Boosters present the Stallion **Field Hockey** camp, running from June 23 to June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the South County Athletic Complex. Rising second through ninth graders are

eligible. The cost of the camp will be \$150. For more information, contact Leah Conte at 703-446-1571 or email at leah.conte@fcps.edu. Visit www.stallionsports.org to download a brochure.

Lake Braddock will hold two **baseball** camps this summer. The Future Stars Little League Camp, for ages 7-12, will run for three sessions. The first session will run from June 23 to June 27. The second session will run from June 30 to July 3 and the third will run from July 14 to July 18. Each session will cost \$250. Three sessions will cost \$350. The Bruins' Big Diamond Development Camp, for ages 13-16, will run for two sessions. The first session will run from July 7 to July 11 and the second camp will run from July 21 to July 25. The cost will be \$140 for one session or \$250 for both. Each camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.lakebraddocksports.org.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins **Girls Basketball** Camp will run from June 30 to July 3 for third graders to rising freshman. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$140. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins **Boys Basketball** camp will run for three weeks this summer. The first week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from June 23 to June 27. The sec-

ond week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from July 7 to July 11. The third week, for rising seventh graders to rising seniors, will run from July 14 to July 18. Each week will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$175 per week. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

The West Springfield High School **boys basketball** program will be holding three weeks of basketball camps this summer. The first week – the "offensive camp" – will run from June 30 to July 3 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and will cost \$100. The Spartans will also have two full-week, all-day camps July 7 to July 11 and July 21 to July 25, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions will cost \$150. Further information and registration forms can be found at www.spartansports.org. Call Dick Wickline at 703-913-3874 or email at wshsbbbcamp@gmail.com for more information.

The Northern Virginia Region Cheer Coaches Association will hold its annual summer **cheerleading camp** in three sessions. On July 12, the NVRCCA camp will be at Centreville High School. On July 19 and July 26, the camp will be at Fairfax High School. Each session will cost \$35, or \$90 for all three. For more information, contact NVRCCA Secretary Sarah Krawchuk at sarah_santoro@hotmail.com.

HIGH SCHOOL WIRE

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Institute next year, hit .413 with three home runs and 12 RBI for the Cavaliers during the regular season. The Cavs beat Thomas Jefferson on Tuesday night, 11-1, to advance to the second round of the Liberty District tournament.

In a rematch of last year's Concorde District boys tennis singles final, Robinson's **Drew Courtney** beat Fairfax's **Sid Balaji**, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, to win his fourth consecutive district title. Courtney lost the first set, 6-4, to Balaji, but fought back to win the second set, 7-5. At 5-3 in the third set, Courtney left no doubts about the outcome, ripping a backhand winner, an ace out wide to the backhand, a serve wide to the forehand and backhand volley winner and an ace on match point.

In the consolation final, the Rams' **Kevin Castellow** beat Fairfax's **Jason Luu**, gaining revenge for his only district loss of the season.

In the doubles finals, Courtney and **Stephen Hardy** were bested by the Rebel team of Balaji and Luu.

The Northern Virginia Football Officials Association (NVFOA) is seeking new members for its 2008 training class who can become on-field game officials and electronic clock operators for games at the youth, middle school, and high school levels.

Information and application forms are available at our web site www.NVFOA.com or you can contact Commissioner Dennis Hall at 540-837-1316 or Email commissioner@nvfoa.com.

The Connection will publish community sports news, notes and results at no charge. Send notices by Email to pfrommelt@connectionnewspapers.com, ATT: Community Sports. Call sports editor Paul Frommelt at 703-917-6409 with any questions or concerns.

WEEK NINE Northern Region Lacrosse Poll

Presented by TripleEDGE Lacrosse

Boys Lacrosse

Rank	(First Place Votes)	Points
1	Chantilly (12)	120
2	Langley (1)	117
3	Oakton	96
4	Madison	84
5	Westfield	68
6	Robinson	63
T-7	Annandale	57
T-7	WT Woodson	57
9	Lake Braddock	34
10	West Springfield	10

Also receiving votes: South County 6, Falls Church 3

Coaches participating: Annandale, Chantilly, Hayfield, Thomas Jefferson, Lake Braddock, Langley, Madison, McLean, Robinson, Stuart, West Potomac, W.T. Woodson, Yorktown

Girls Lacrosse

Rank	(First Place Votes)	Points
1	Robinson (8)	113
2	Chantilly (3)	104
3	Stone Bridge (1)	93
4	Oakton	74
5	WT Woodson	72
6	Westfield	57
7	Annandale	55
8	Langley	36
9	West Springfield	17
10	South County	16

Also receiving votes: Yorktown 13, Herndon 4, Madison 4, Thomas Jefferson 2

Coaches participating: Annandale, Chantilly, Edison, Herndon, Langley, Madison, Marshall, Robinson, South County, Stone Bridge, Westfield, Yorktown

Boys Lax First-Team All-Region

Name	Position	School
Bryan Bayliss	Attack	S. County
Matt Johnson	Attack	Annan.
Ross Fernandez	Attack	Woodson
A.J. Cybulski	Attack	Madison
Tyler Ott	Attack	Chantilly
Ian Mills	Midfield	Chantilly
Paul Gaski	Midfield	Woodson
Dilon Brothers	Midfield	Yorktown
Jake Nolan	Midfield	Chantilly
Stephen Kowalski	Midfield	Jefferson
Owen Masters	Midfield	Langley
Dylan Grimm	Defense	Oakton
Brett Burnette	Defense	Langley
Patrick Pembroke	Defense	Langley
Mike Quigg	Defense	Chantilly
Danny Conlin	Defense	M. Vernon
Derek Keggerreis	Goalie	Chantilly
Ross Lavin	Goalie	Westfield

Coach of the Year: Kevin Broderick, Chantilly High School

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12535 NORTH LAKE CT	3	3	1	FAIRFAX	\$422,000	Townhouse	0.042929	03/28/08
4200 MOZART BRIGADE LN #Y	3	2	0	FAIRFAX	\$360,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		03/28/08
4123 POINT HOLLOW LN	3	2	0	FAIRFAX	\$419,900	Detached	0.208264	03/28/08
12888 GRAYS POINTE RD #B	1	1	0	FAIRFAX	\$213,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		03/28/08
3859 INVERNESS RD	3	3	1	FAIRFAX	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.058219	03/28/08
3766 SUDLEY FORD CT	3	2	1	FAIRFAX	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.026056	03/28/08
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3743 SUDLEY FORD CT	2	2	0	FAIRFAX	\$295,000	Townhouse	0.044766	03/31/08
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tage" seminars at 11166 Fairfax Blvd., Suite #200, Fairfax. The free seminars address licensing requirements, training, professional development, mentor programs and income potential. Call ahead for dates, times and seating availability. For more call Kevin Lee at 703-766-2710 or visit <http://fairfaxrealty.com>.

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Sofia Montgomery, 5, and her mother, Carmen, visit with Clicky at the Inova Children's Hospital on May 9. Clicky is the mascot for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's online safety program, NetSmartz. The two are from Mason Neck.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

Temple B'nai Shalom will offer a monthly Tot Shabbat Service on **Friday, May 16** at 7 p.m. This service is geared for all children from infants through age 6. The temple is located at 7612 Old Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Call 703-764-2901.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, is having a Mayfair on **Saturday, May 17**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Children's games, crafts, food, music, plant sale, silent auction and more. Proceeds will benefit the church's Ministry for Tomorrow capital campaign. For more information, visit www.standrews.net.

Stop Hunger Now **food packaging event**. Assemble meals to feed people facing food shortages, **Saturday, May 17**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hoos Road, Springfield. Families are welcome and asked to donate at least 20 minutes to the effort, children must be accompanied by a parent. No need to register. Visit www.stophungernow.org or www.sumcdisciples.org, or call 703-451-8223.

Sale of children's materials, **Saturday, May 17**, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., with half-price after noon, at **St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church**, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Call 703-385-9506.

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A room at the Best Western Hotel in Fairfax caught fire last week, according to a Fairfax City release.

City of Fairfax and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units were called to the Best Western at 3535 Chain Bridge Road on Monday, May 7 at 6:03 p.m. for reports of a fire. When firefighters arrived, they saw smoke and flames coming from a third-floor room. The fire was contained to that room and was quickly extinguished. No other rooms were damaged and the hotel was reoccupied, according to reports.

One adult was taken to Fairfax Hospital for smoke inhalation, but no other injuries were reported.

An initial investigation led firefighters to believe a malfunctioning air conditioning unit cause the fire. Damage was estimated at \$5,000.

Workshop Update, May 19

With an opening day scheduled for this fall, representatives from the Workhouse Arts Center will host an information night on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lorton Community Library, 9520 Richmond Highway in Lorton.

A slideshow featuring past and present images of the site will be presented, along with an update on the site's construction and a preview of the artists studios, gallery space, museum and theater performances that will take place there. For more information, call 703-339-7385.

Bike to Work On Friday, May 16

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association are urging commuters to leave their cars behind and ride their bicycles to work on Friday, May 16, as part of the regional "Bike to Work Day."

The annual event is part of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Commuter Connections program, designed to encourage people who can bike to work to do so. Last year, more than 1,000 cyclists participated in the event and used the pit stops set up at various locations within Fairfax County.

"Bike to Work Day" pit stops will be set up in Fairfax Corner near the Government Center; at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station; at Reston Town Center; in Vienna at the W&OD Trail on Maple Avenue; at the University Mall in Fairfax and at the Booze Allen Hamilton offices in Tysons Corner.

Snacks will be provided at each pit stop, along with entertainment, speakers and raffles for bicycles and other prizes. Participants can register and receive an official "Bike to Work" T-shirt.

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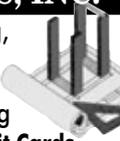


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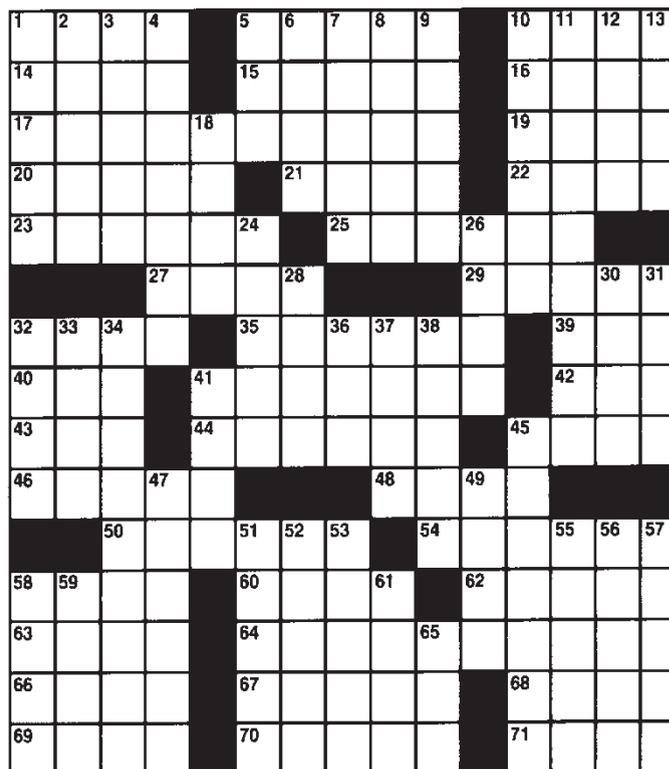
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- 16 Malcolm X, for Denzel Washington
- 17 Where the President works
- 19 Minute amount
- 20 Jeans material
- 21 Regarding
- 22 Dick and Jane's dog
- 23 Skipped the wedding
- 25 Coin flips
- 27 High-hatter
- 29 Cockeyed
- 32 Seldom seen
- 35 Zoo inhabitants
- 39 Ill temper
- 40 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 41 Sewing groups
- 42 L.B.J.'s successor
- 43 Bed-and-breakfast

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- 6 Davenport
- 7 Chubby Checker's dance
- 8 Front of a sheet of paper
- 9 Nabisco cookies
- 10 Crops up
- 11 Dress for Scarlett O'Hara
- 12 Choir voice
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I have never been a knight in shining armor. Nor have I ever been a man in uniform (Cub Scouts and organized team sports notwithstanding). Certainly I have been a fish out of water and on occasion, I will admit to having been a bit of a wallflower. I may not be the most memorable character you'll ever meet, but nor am I totally forgettable, either. I try not to take up too much space (figuratively speaking) and require very little attention as well. Left alone, I will not wither and die.

Basically, I need to be fed and watered daily, just like our mini rex rabbit, Chester; he seems fairly content to nibble his kibble, crinkle his nose, drink his water, inhale his kale, and toss his toys from side to side and seems not bitter at all when he uses his litter. When out and about (about 30 minutes a day), he hops and hops and chews everything in sight, and a few things we can't see so he needs to be monitored at all times (not unlike some people I know).

Left well enough alone, he will cause goat-like carnage in the house (he's an indoor bunny). He's already chewed Comcast cable wires, "Monster" brand stereo cables, newspapers and magazines, the fringe on Oriental rugs, upholstery and anything and everything he can get his buck teeth on. As simple and mundane as his routine/life appears to be, he seems content, so far as we know. I mean, we haven't received any complaints as yet, and he's been a member of the family going on five years.

It seems like the responsibilities I have — and fulfill — with respect to care-giving our animals (four at present; two cats, one dog and of course, Chester), are the closest I'll get to wearing shining armor. And yet, I'll likely never know if that's how my actions are perceived. Will a cat rubbing his hind quarters against my leg or curling his tail under my nose mean love, gratitude and appreciation? Or will he merely be scratching an itch and I'm the closest thing around? Does my dog Bailey's close proximity to my body indicate his love for me or am I simply protection from a nearby draft or is it a non-verbal queue to "treat" him as soon as I get up? Is Chester's licking of my hand yet another sign of love and affection or is it, as my wife, Dina, has suggested, merely his need for salt and moisture (a salt lick is a recommended in-cage necessity for rabbits)?

Obviously the animals can't talk to me (unless this was a Disney movie), but their actions speak volumes, right? I am their hero, their universe, their savior. Without me (and Dina, too) their life would be difficult, incomplete you might say. Their eyes, their focused glares, tell me all I need to know. And though they are not blood relatives, they are family nonetheless and providing their cradle to grave needs gives me a certain stature — and pride — that I don't think I would otherwise have, nor have ever had not having been in uniform — or armor — in my life (not counting Halloween, either).

Granted, there's more to life than animal magnetism, but given my modest demands and familial associations, I'm fairly content to walk quietly — and write weekly — as to my comings and goings, misgivings, faults and foibles and stick it to the man; that man most often being me. It's easy to take shots at others, anybody can do that. I'd rather stick to the subject matter I know best; me, myself and I. It may not be much but it beats the alternative.

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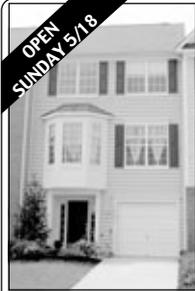
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