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Honor Guard

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Fairfax City firefighters Deborah Rothlein and John Jeniec learn the proper skills of being members of an honor guard in Fairfax last week while going through a mock funeral of a fallen firefighter as part of their training.

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Blue Flowers, New Paradise

Burke Presbyterian Church gears up for mission to Honduran orphanage.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

About an hour-and-a-half drive southeast of its national capital Tegucigalpa, a compound of battered brick buildings lay sprawled out across the landscape of the Honduran wilderness. The communes Nuevo Paraiso and Flor Azul, New Paradise and Blue Flower.

“There is a need to go down and address the poverty situation.”

— Tom Moore

There, partially surrounded by fields of watermelon and rice, the boys and girls who live in these buildings share a common connection: Almost all are orphans, left without providers in what is today the second poorest nation in Central America and one of the 10 poorest nations in the Western Hemisphere. Many are malnourished. A small but substantial minority of them were born with HIV, inherited from their parents. All of them pass the time under the watchful eyes of Sociedad Amigos de los Niños (Friends of Honduran Children), an organization



Volunteers, including Tara Moore, right, relax with the boys on a prior trip to the Sociedad Amigos de los Niños compound in Honduras.

founded by Sister Maria Rosa Leggol, often referred to as the “Mother Teresa” of Honduras.

It is this site where Tom Moore, his daughter and eight other members of the Burke Presbyterian Church arrive at on Aug. 1. They will spend nine days working, interacting and connecting with the slightly less than 200 orphans who call the compound home.

“Most of these kids have been abused or abandoned by their fathers,” said Moore, who will be returning for his fourth trip to Honduras, the first with Burke Presbyterian.

The idea to start a mission to the compound was conceived in January. Moore, who graduated from Woodson High School, lived in Connecticut but his job made commutes to Arlington frequent. Once an elder at Burke Presbyterian, his return to old

stomping grounds led Moore to reconnect with his former church. In a conversation with Pastor Elizabeth Braxton, Moore learned that the church’s regularly scheduled mission to Kenya was in danger of being canceled. President Mwai Kibaki’s reelection had led to widespread protests, violence and looting in the east African country, leaving future travel plans tenuous.

Moore suggested the church sponsor a mission to the twin Honduran communes. Braxton, who had already expressed a desire to become involved in Central America, quickly agreed. Though the mission to Kenya was eventually salvaged, Braxton and the church decided to do a Honduras mission anyway.

“I think it’s important for us to be con-

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Koger Files Chapter 7

Filing leaves creditors with ‘pennies on the dollar.’

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

On July 17, the Koger Management Group, Inc. won approval to shift its bankruptcy application from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 which will result in creditors recovering “pennies on the dollar” of the \$10 million in losses that were filed against Koger.

In June, Robert S. Koger sold his management firm to Gates, Hudson and Associates Condominium Management of Springfield for \$275,000. Gates official later said that about 100 clients remained of the some 440 that Koger once represented.

Once the firm was sold, Koger was free to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which means the court can only distribute the proceeds from the sale and some assets of the firm not sold to GHA.

Lella Amiss E. Pope, an attorney who represents some 60 home owners associations, many of which filed for a share of Koger proceeds, said it was likely her clients and other creditors will receive little more “than pennies on the dollar” of their losses.

The Chapter 7 ruling brought to an end the strange saga of Robert S. Koger and his firm, which had been one of the largest management firms in the Washington area. Pope doubted that Robert S. Koger, now 60, would be left with any significant wealth.

His son, Jeffrey Koger, who was accused of embezzling some \$2.2 million from his

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Salvation Army: ‘University View Closing’

Fresh hopes of parents, staff dashed as officials state decision is final.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

After telling parents last week that they would reconvene to discuss options for keeping University View Childcare Center open, Salvation Army officials reaffirmed their intentions this week to close the facilities.

“University View will be closing at the end of September,” said Capt. Joe Burton, who oversees the childcare center. Those comments were made the day before Burton and members of the advisory board were scheduled to meet July 29 with University View Director Stacy Burke and parent James Chu.

That meeting was the latest in a string of

meetings conducted over the past few weeks between parents and Salvation Army officials since news of the center’s closing was released to staff and parents. The original intent of the July 21 meeting was to inform parents of the Salvation Army advisory board’s unequivocal intention to close the center by Sept. 30. However, officials were forced to backtrack after being bombarded by comments from angry parents, who argued they were kept out of the loop in regards to the center’s financial difficulties. Chu presented a proposal to dramatically increase the center’s revenue. His plan, based on the financial figures provided by the board to justify the closing, would finance the center through December and

possibly June of next year. Members of the advisory board initially rejected that consideration.

“If the center was making money, would it stay open?” asked Chu.

“The answer is no,” said Keith Clark, chairman of the advisory board.

That answer was pointed to by numerous parents as evidence that the board was not being honest with them about their reasons for closing. The meeting ended only because the board announced its decision to reconvene over the next two-10 days to reconsider the matter, inviting Chu and Burke to join them.

“We’re going to table this discussion,” said board member Barry Bateman. “Allow us to table this and reconvene together to reconsider what needs to be reconsidered.”

The impression that many in attendance got was that the viability of Chu’s proposal would play a factor into whether board members changed their minds or not. That was apparently not the case, according to Burton on Monday, who

stated that the board’s decision to close the center would remain final, regardless of the July 29 meeting. When asked why he and

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“We were like a hidden treasure because a lot of people didn’t know about us.”

— Laneica Hughes

Police Charge Man With Assault of Child

Fairfax County Police have charged Fairfax resident Juan Miguel Sejas Castellon, 25, with the sexual assault of a 1-year-old child.

According to a police release, officers responded to the Inova Fairfax Hospital on Sunday, July 27, at 6:30 a.m. Investigators determined through interviews with the child's friends and family who were present that the assault occurred at the banquet hall of the Annandale Boys and Girls Club on Industrial Road earlier that morning.

The release goes on to say that the child was left with several family members in the banquet hall after a party celebrating her christening. Early that morning, an unnamed family member discovered the child in the arms of an unknown man and crying. After taking the child from the man and returning her to the mother, the family discovered injuries relating to sexual assault and took the child to the hospital. Authorities did not divulge how Castellon was identified as the suspect.

Castellon, of the 3000 block of Bradwater Drive in Fairfax, faces one count of animate object penetration and one count of abducting an infant child with the intent to defile.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON



Sejas Castellon

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Restaurant Fire Causes \$1M in Damages

A Tuesday, July 29 fire at a western Annandale restaurant caused \$1 million in damages, according to a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue release.

A uniformed fire officer called Tuesday, at 1:45 a.m. to report the fire at Squire Rockwell's, which is located about 100 yards from the Department of Public Safety Communications 911 call/dispatch center. While outside, the officer smelled smoke and promptly called firefighters to look for a potential fire in the area, according to the release.

Units from Fire and Rescue Station 23 were the first to respond to the call at the restaurant in the 8700 block of Little River Turnpike. Over 60 firefighters were present at the scene after the first firefighters called a second alarm upon their arrival.

"The restaurant was billowing with heavy black smoke coming from the eaves, the roof and the windows," said Daniel L. Schmidt, fire and rescue department spokesman. "The fire was not showing from outside." Active fire was found by the firefighters in the roof, ceiling and attic of the structure. It took about 90 minutes for the firefighters to get the fire under control.

The restaurant was closed when the fire began. "No one was in the restaurant when the fire started," said Schmidt. One of the firefighters was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital after sustaining a non-life threatening injury.

"The damage is estimated at \$1 million to the structure and contents," said Schmidt. Most of the damage is around the bar and seating area. The fire started in the ceiling above this area. Schmidt stated that the cause of the fire is still under investigation.

— CIARA RICHARDS-BENSON

NEWS



David Stanton, an instructor with the National Honor Guard Academy, talks about proper casket movement etiquette during a recent session of the National Honor Guard Academy.



David Stanton, of the Largo, Fla., Fire and Rescue Department, leads a group of National Honor Guard Academy students.

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Practiced Perfection

Public safety personnel receive honor guard training as part of weeklong academy.

When the National Honor Guard Academy decided to conduct its annual training course July 20-25 in Fairfax, most of the firefighters and police officers who signed up thought they were in for some light drilling and a few classes on technique.

What they found instead was a grueling weeklong physical challenge, countless hours of training in the heat and rain and endless drilling on procedures and technique. Everything about the course, held at Lanier Middle School on Jermantown Road, was designed to form a more perfect Honor Guard, according to Doug Swartz, commanding officer of the NHGA.

"It definitely adds an element of pomp and pageantry to a local department," said Swartz.

The organization, made up of instructors from around the country, takes its training course on the road every year. Based out of Seminole, Fla. the academy trained police and firefighters from Virginia, Maryland and Mississippi in everything from basic military drill and ceremony to flag etiquette to funeral services and protocols.

Along with style and technique, the academy also offered classes on developing a standard operating procedure for honor guard units, something Swartz said was a mission of his after traveling around the country.

"It definitely adds an element of pomp and pageantry to a local department."

— Doug Swartz



Fairfax City firefighter John Jeniec salutes during a training session of the National Honor Guard Academy that took place last week at Lanier Middle School in Fairfax.

"I saw a real lack of consistency in drilling and performing [nationwide]," he said after graduation ceremonies Friday.

Nine of the 29 officers and firefighters that participated in the course were from the City of Fairfax and Fairfax County. Tim Butters, assistant fire chief for the City of Fairfax, said the week's events had better prepared his unit in the event of a line-of-duty death.

"You've got one shot to do this the right way, particularly with funerals," he said. "We'll be able to build a procedural manual now."

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

Childcare Center To Close

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members of the board were meeting with Chu and Burke if nothing they said would change the outcome, Burton responded that it was a matter of courtesy.

"[Maj. James Allison] told the parents at the meeting that the board would reconvene over the next two-10 days and meet with them and so I'm honoring that request," said Burton.

Staff members were first informed that the center was closing July 10. Assistant Director Duan Boomba described the mood of the staff as a mixture of sadness, anger and frustration.

"We function here as a family. The staff, kids and parents, it's all a second home for us," said Boomba. "There's sadness in the fact that we might be losing that. There's frustration and anger on the side of finding out in such a poor manner."

STAFF MEMBER and chef Laneica Hughes said the staff was as taken aback by news of the center's financial woes as the parents were.

"We were so blindsided by it all," said Hughes, who said she had worked at University View since 2004 and had never heard that the center was losing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Hughes also expressed frustration at the center's seeming unwillingness to aggressively advertise. The center has no advertising budget and its main source of marketing is word of mouth. After enrollment dipped to 45 children several years ago, staff and parents handed out flyers, conducted silent auctions and fund raisers for the school, resulting in enrollment almost doubling to 86 as of last week. Parents and staff believe those efforts are proof that keeping news of the center's money problems from them left the Salvation Army with no viable way of making the center a profitable enterprise.

"We were like a hidden treasure because a lot of people didn't know about us," said Hughes.

Boomba said that the staff's general feelings echoed Burke's comments at the July 21 meeting, in which she stated that while the staff is in support of keeping the center open through June of next year, they could not support a measure only extending the closing until December. Burke said the strains of holding a staff and curriculum together under the cloud of December's closing was too much for her to ask her staff.

"For us, it's all or nothing," said Burke at the meeting.

Creditors Left with 'Pennies'

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father's clients, is in custody awaiting trial on charges of attempting to kill a Virginia State Trooper.

Koger allegedly gave his wife Amber Lynn much of the embezzled funds. His wife told a Washington radio station that the couple is separated.

With more than a dozen attorneys working on different sides of the case, Pope guessed that attorney's fees alone would be some \$200,000 eating up a lot of Koger's sales proceeds.

The creditors have called a meeting for August to discuss the matter.

The U.S. attorney filed in the bankruptcy case as a representative of the Small Business Administration, which loaned Koger \$1 million to buy the Fairfax offices.

Boomba reiterated those comments, citing staff members' need for the job security that comes with the full school year.

"We have full-day kindergarten here that runs on the same academic calendar as Fairfax County schools here," she said. "As a parent, who would you put your child in here for three months and then uproot them to another school?"

Boomba said that she was never made aware who was responsible for the center's closing. Confusion about what to do or who to contact was widespread among the staff and parents. That confusion was partly caused by inconsistent answers given by multiple Salvation Army officials regarding who originally proposed closing University View and who ultimately had final say in the matter, according to parents and staff members.

Gary Brown, who sits on the Salvation Army's advisory board, initially declined to comment for the board.

"I don't have any comment to make at all. I think it's important that the Salvation Army speak with one voice and I don't speak for the Salvation Army," said Brown.

When asked if he sat on the Salvation Army's advisory board that handled the center's closing, Brown agreed. When asked about the board's role in the closing, Brown responded that they simply made a recommendation and were not responsible for the decision.

When asked who was, Brown responded "The local commander and [Territory Headquarters in] Atlanta."

Chris Priest, director of communications for Southern Territory Headquarters of the Salvation Army, said they usually depend on the local commanders to manage their own affairs.

"Those kinds of decisions are usually made on a local level," said Priest. "We have to be aware of it, but it's not our decision to close a local program."

Burton said the process the Salvation Army goes through when making these decisions made pointing the finger at any one individual impossible and unproductive.

"The board unanimously approved the closure of the University View Childcare Center," said Burton, who said that after the board made it's recommendation, the proposal went to Maj. Steve Morris, the local commander for Virginia and Washington D.C., then the Divisional Finance Board, then Territorial headquarters. "The process was followed all the way up and back down the line without dissent."

No public statements have been made concerning a federal investigation of Koger that began in 2007.

In a sense, Robert Koger blocked larger recovery by never seeking to get his son to repay the some \$2.2 million he allegedly embezzled from the firm.

The younger Koger and his wife, Amber Lynn Koger, allegedly invested some \$800,000 of this money in a Washington steak house on Capitol Hill. The arrangement for this investment would allow Amber Lynn Koger to receive 50 per cent of the restaurant's profits once it became profitable. The restaurant was profitable in 2007 and the owner filed a court case in Washington saying that he had monies that might be owed to Koger Management and asking the court to handle any distribution.

Some creditors can sue in D.C.'s Federal District Court to recover some of that money.



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Getting To Know ...

Bill Barlow, participant in Virginia Governor's Foreign Language Academy.

BY ESTHER PAK
THE CONNECTION

Bill Barlow is a lifelong resident of Fairfax, and a rising junior at Robinson Secondary School. He was one of two students from Robinson nominated to participate in the Latin Academy at Virginia's Governor's Foreign Language Academies.

Virginia's Governor's Schools serve more than 7,500 of the state's most able students with challenging programs beyond those offered in their home schools.

In this three-week residential Latin program at Virginia Commonwealth University, Barlow was introduced to classical Greek along with further intensive study of Latin.

How did you first find out about the Governor's School program?

My teacher of two years, Magistra (magistra means teacher in Latin) Zeiner, suggested that I apply. She expressed confidence in my interest in and aptitude for the Classics.

When and why did you first become passionate about Latin?

There hasn't ever been a remarkable moment when I realized I loved Latin. It's more something that grows on you if you keep at it. I've found charm in it for the lack of word order. The expanse of time between their world and ours also strikes me whenever I hold a piece of Ancient literature. What the study of Latin does for me is sort of preface the present, it provides context for society today.

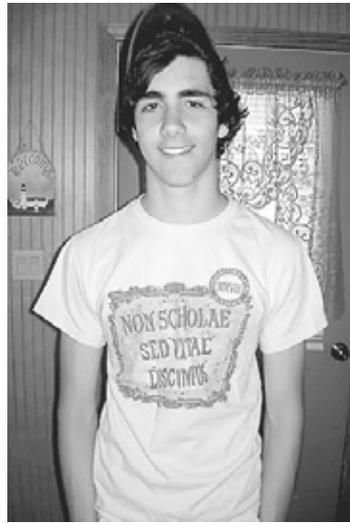
Describe a typical day at Governor's School.

They expected all 45 of us to be at the VCU cafeteria for breakfast by 7:25 each morning. After breakfast, we would attend three, one-hour classes on a block schedule, determined by the day of the week. On certain days it would be Greek, sight reading and epigraphy. On others we would attend conversational Latin, medieval Latin and religion. We would then eat lunch and commence with afternoon activities. Some students worked on a play by Plautus, others adapted scenes from Snow White for presentation on the final day. There was also a contingent of students compiling pictures and such for a yearbook-esque memory DVD. Professors and distinguished members of the Classics community regularly visited us and imparted their knowledge in the lecture hall. After dinner, we would watch movies and after mail call they permitted us to enjoy free time before lights were out at 10:45.

What was your favorite aspect about Governor's School?

Every member of our community could contribute in some way. I haven't kept company with such an intelligent group that could relate to me and appre-

ciate my little puns and eccentricities. We understood each other and basked in the enthusiasm of the faculty. It almost angered me to return home because the dynamic at Governor's school was so stimulating.



Bill Barlow

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Any challenges?

Absorbing the Greek language in about eight classes was definitely challenging. We were also presented with difficult Latin passages to sort through. I can't say that I disliked any of it though. How can you dislike something so engaging?

Do you see yourself pursuing a further study of Latin in the future? If not, what are some other future goals or ambitions you have for yourself?

If I could choose one grammatical construction to adequately summarize my thoughts about pursuing the Classics, it would be Future Less Vivid. I'm curious about a lot of things and I couldn't at this point restrict myself. I know I will forever enjoy delving into the past in one way or another. In terms of ambitions for the future, I simply want to wake up and do something that makes me happy most every day.

Who has been your biggest inspiration?

My uncle, Carlton Sexton, has always been an inspiration to me as he's engaged me intellectually and is willing to have conversations about anything.

What would you tell someone who is considering Governor's School?

Expect challenges accompanied by a completely open experience. If you're willing to relinquish inhibitions and reservations about standard education, you can experience something unconventionally enriching.

What are some of your extracurricular interests and activities?

I read a lot on the side and collect comics. I also program for a robotics team and help out on my school's newspaper. Debate is enjoyable for me and I have been known to attend a few Model U.N. conventions. Though I'm not a Christian, I sing in the choir at my parents' church. I also like to play the guitar a little when I'm alone. A new addition to my activities will probably be reading classical literature independently. Upon returning home I bought a Latin copy of Ovid's "Metamorphoses" and a couple books to continue studying Ancient Greek.

"If you're willing to relinquish inhibitions and reservations about standard education, you can experience something unconventionally enriching."

VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite Summer Olympic sport?



"Pole vaulting."

Steve Courtemanch, Centreville



"Swimming."

Ramsey Nofal, Clifton



"Aquatics and diving."

Wendy Leedy, Centreville



"Swimming. It's really fascinating to watch."

Laura Kehoe, Clifton

— ESTHER H. PAK

Bowersox, Posey To Wed

Mary and Lee Bowersox announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine, to John Posey, son of Libby and Hugo Posey. Bowersox is a Burke native and a 2004 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School. In 2008, she graduated from Christopher Newport University with a degree in communication studies and is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority.

Posey was raised in Springfield and is a 2003 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School. In 2007, he graduated from Christopher Newport University with a degree in fine arts.

A July 2009 wedding is planned.

COLLEGE NOTES

Janice Frances Wieboldt of Burke has earned a master of science degree in special education from Radford University.

internship this summer at Inova Fairfax Hospital. Cardace is a 2005 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Stephanie Cardace has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at James Madison University. A health sciences major, she has accepted an

Three Burke residents, **Calisa Rae Apel, Jenna Adair Johnston and Mary Frances Buchanan** have graduated from Radford University with bachelor of science degrees.

Mission Work for Locals

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nected with our brothers and sisters [in Central America] where there has been such poverty," she said. "So many of them have tried to escape that poverty by coming here."

Sociedad Amigos del los Ninios was started by Sister Maria Rosa Leggol, who grew up an orphan herself and has dedicated almost 60 years of her life feeding, clothing and helping Honduran orphans. She owns dozens of orphanages, farms and communes across the country, including Nuevo Paraiso and Flor Azul. Though it is a church-sponsored mission, Moore said the need to proselytize was far less of a priority in a country that is already 97 percent Catholic than providing children with the basic necessities.

"There's really not a need to go down there and evangelize. There is a need to go down and address the poverty situation," Moore said.

While there, the group will work with the children, farming with them and building what Braxton called "an environmental project playground" and what Moore jokingly called "Central Park." Prior visits by Moore and company had resulted in the building of what eventually became a tech center. With 10 people and less than nine days to work with, building a dorm under those conditions was, to Moore, unrealistic. Instead, they're going to clear a large section of brush outside the entrance to the tech center, pave the area over and set up benches. It will mark the latest in a series of projects designed to transform Nuevo Paraiso and Flor Azul into their own self-sustaining towns.

EDUCATION IS a crucial part of that design as well. The Burke group will individually spend around three-five hours a day teaching the children everything from English, math and art to more casual ac-



Tom Moore holds Honduran orphan Marjorli Cruz.

COURTESY OF TOM MOORE

tivities like dancing, depending on the skill set the group brings with them.

David Norman lives in Springfield but found out about the trip through conversations with Moore. Fresh off the heels of his trip to Kenya, Norman said he was looking forward to visiting the Central American nation.

"It's another part of the world that doesn't get enough attention as a beautiful culture, with beautiful people," he said.

Visiting Kenya, he believes, will serve to prepare him for any shock or surprise he might encounter when visiting the poverty-wracked region. That will leave more time to soak in the Honduran atmosphere and discover the similarities between the two cultures.

"It's about finding out what you have in common more so than having a big shock," said Norman.

To Moore, the biggest success that can be achieved is connecting with as many of the children as they can and boosting their own sense of self-worth.

"I know that's not bricks and mortar, but having somebody believe in them allows them to make healthier decisions," he said. "The process of building that self esteem is one brick at a time."

Va. Tech Team Wins Design Award

Cabin Samuels of Burke was part of a team of six undergraduate aerospace engineering students from Virginia Tech who earned first place honors with their entry of Stingrae in the 2008 NASA Aircraft Design Competition, sponsored by NASA's Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate's Fundamental Aeronautics Program. The students' entry into the competition was part of a two-semester senior aircraft design course for graduating seniors. Fourteen teams and two individual students from colleges and universities worldwide submitted designs.

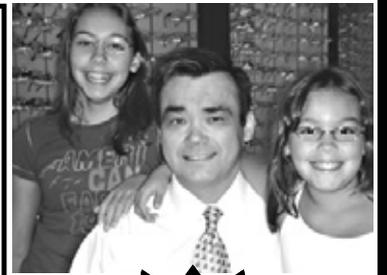
The contest asked students to create a future subsonic transport aircraft that could carry up to 50,000 pounds, operate on runways between 1,500 and 3,000 feet and cruise at speeds between 595 and 625 mph, about the average speed of airliners today. The competition also stressed that concept planes should use alternative fuels and be quieter and more



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OPINION

Seeking More Diversity at TJ

Start by nurturing passion for science in young students from all backgrounds.

Why does it matter how many students of different ethnic or racial groups apply or are accepted to Fairfax County's world-famous math and science magnet school?

The problem isn't so much what happens at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. In a county of more than a million people, and more than 165,000 public school students, the population at TJ is a drop in the bucket.

What matters is how the county is nurturing passion and talent for math, science and other subjects in all 137 elementary schools and then in its 26 middle schools.

In 2004, a Blue Ribbon Commission addressed concerns about under-represented minority groups at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The under-represented groups are African-American and Latino students, who do not apply for admission in numbers proportional to their enrollment in the school system.

That commission recommended that admissions look at students more holistically and depend less on strict cutoffs of grade point averages and test scores.

We don't really know how that "holistic approach" has worked in the admissions trenches. The initial pool of applicants to be considered has about doubled, but the number African-American and Latino applicants has, if anything, decreased.

The 2004 commission found black students accounted for 1.1 percent of TJ's students and Hispanics making up 2.4 percent. And though

one out of five students in Fairfax County is poor enough to qualify for free and reduced-price meals, only one out of every 100 students at TJ is poor by the same standards.

THE STUDENT population granted admission for fall 2007 was about 1.86 percent African-American (nine students) and 2.06 percent Hispanic (10 students).

It's time for schools to consider each individual student. Every first grade teacher in every elementary school should be asked to identify a half-dozen to a dozen students who have interest in math and science. All students should be exposed to hands-on science, field work in the natural world and experiments that will light up the interests of young minds.

Of course we know that the current curriculum is supposed to accomplish this, and that high stakes testing in elementary school has also put more focus on certain areas. But we wonder whether the focus on testing has forced more of an academic, paper and pencil approach, rather than investing in the excitement of discovery.

But by having a list starting in first grade and moving forward through elementary school of students with passion for science, the schools will have data and resources to nurture these students. It's a powerful motivator for a teacher to tell a student as young as six or seven or eight that he or she has a special talent or love for science, or math, and that the student might want to consider being a scientist when he or she grows up.

Applying to TJ

Eighth grade students who live with their parent or legal guardian who resides full-time in a participating school district (the counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, or Prince William or the city of Falls Church) are eligible to apply to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. See <http://www.fcps.edu/news/tj.htm>, or <http://information.tjhsst.edu/admissions/>

Focusing on individual children in elementary schools that have the highest percentage of poor children is also essential.

THIS SORT of approach will result in more students, of all races and economic background, excelling in math and science across the board, not just at TJ.

But in addition, half the slots at TJ should be assigned by middle school, on a percentage basis, so that students from different geographic locations in the county have guaranteed access to the school. And encouraging students who qualify for free-and-reduced meals, students who are from poor families, is also critical.

Real passion for science, the kind of passion that results in young men and women choosing careers in science, is not measured in test scores and grades. It's measured in enthusiasm and attention. If as school board members say, they want to see TJ add to the number of people who go on to be leaders in math and science, they'll have to find a way to foster and measure passion and interest.

A recent proposal to have a 3.0 grade point cutoff for applicants is not a step in that direction.

— MARY KIMM,

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Criticizing by Complimenting

To the Editor:

It seems to be an in vogue way of slamming some one by labeling them "elite." A recent [letter to the editor] repeatedly used the term "elite(s)" in conjunction with the Democratic Party ["Less Taxing Solution," Connection, July 23-30, 2008.]

The dictionary has several explanations of "elite" and most are complimentary. For instance, Green Berets, an elite military force.

"A group or class of persons or a member of such a group or class, enjoying superior physical, intellectual, social, or economic ability," so in a way this editorial tries to slander a group of people who share a political ideology by complimenting them? I want the "superior" people working for us for the

purpose of a better Virginia, and for that matter a better United States.

But then when you look further into the intent of the [letter], it creates more oddities by twisting reality even more by throwing out various numbers and outdated information in what is clearly an extension of the political tactic of "distraction and deception."

LETTERS

Like the praising [State Sen. Ken] Cuccinelli (R-37) for his never ending efforts to insert his egotistical display of self-presumed superior moral authority and religious exclusivity into his role of participating in the governing our state, while he and his party subordinates do everything they can to stubbornly stall every effort of rational compromise in our state legislature.

This [letter] continues with "to take a trip down memory lane to

1998 when state spending was \$17.5 million" without including the fact that gas was \$1.03 per gallon! Also at this time, [James] Gilmore (R) was our governor and our state finances were in a shambles after he and [Gov. George] Allen (R) neglected their responsibilities to govern for all Virginians, not just their narrow minded "no tax" base.

It took Democratic Governor [Mark] Warner to save our AAA bond rating by standing up to the selfish "I got mine" crowd who bleats "no taxes" as they walk toward the cliff of financial irresponsibility. Yes, Warner raised taxes, but only enough to correct the damage done by the two previous administrations that followed their political dogma at all costs.

Comparing our 2008 budget to the budget of 1998 (10 years!) as a way of justifying the blending of reality with political purpose is disingenuous — to put it nicely. Or

possibly this [letter] is from a confused and recent transplant that has a limited comprehension of the population and business growth in Virginia over a 10-year span. I have lived in Virginia for over 40 years, most of my life, and the change in any 10-year period for Virginia has been dramatic.

But I'd bet this editorial is more driven by political motivations than any sense of moving Virginia forward in a responsible way. And that is the last thing we need — more people looking out and their ideologies, religious and political beliefs and ultimately — for themselves. We need responsible politicians do their job; to learn from each other, compromise, and "work it out" for the best result for all Virginians.

James Ross
Springfield

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Local high school students have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of approximately 2,800 National Merit® finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions.

Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are: **David Fox** of Lake Braddock Secondary School (engineering), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Valerie Vargas** of Lake Braddock Secondary School (medicine), National Merit University of Alabama Scholarship; **Richard Jacobson** of Oakton High School (music, government service), National Merit St. Olaf College Scholarship; **Morgan Bell** of Thomas Jefferson High School of Science and Technology (TJHSST) (animal science), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Henry Bosco** of TJHSST (medicine), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Michael Dunn** of TJHSST (computer engineering), National Merit Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Scholarship; **Hanna Howard** of TJHSST (journalism), National Merit Northwestern University Scholarship; **Andrew Stebbins** of TJHSST (software engineering), National Merit Rochester Institute of Technology Scholarship;

Alyson Yee of TJHSST (international relations), National Merit Tufts University Scholarship; and **Colleen Zhu** of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

Some 14 Fairfax County Public Schools graduates from the class of 2008 were named winners of college-sponsored scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). Recipients of college-sponsored scholarships from the NMSC, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

❖ **Neal Norman** of Lake Braddock Secondary School (international political economics), National Merit Fordham University scholarship.

❖ **Olivia Bonin** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (art-communication), National Merit University of Southern California scholarship.

❖ **Emily Feeney** of TJHSST (music performance), National Merit University of Rochester scholarship.

❖ **Stephen Houck** of TJHSST (music), National Merit University of Rochester scholarship.

❖ **Mohit Iyler** of TJHSST (engineering), National Merit Washington University in St. Louis scholarship.

❖ **James McAtamney** of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute scholarship.

William McGrath of TJHSST (electrical engineering), National Merit Purdue University scholarship.

❖ **Robert McMullin** of TJHSST (physics-environmental science), National Merit New College of Florida

scholarship.

Geoffrey Miller of TJHSST (medicine), National Merit University of Oklahoma scholarship.

❖ **Rathna Ramamurthi** of TJHSST (law), National Merit New York University scholarship.

❖ **Melanie Szwajkowski** of TJHSST (law), National Merit Northwestern University scholarship.

❖ **Cayla Wallwork** of TJHSST (chemistry), National Merit New York University scholarship.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarships provide between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. Nationwide, approximately 8,300 students have won Merit Scholarship awards in 2008.

Six teachers from Fairfax County Public Schools have been awarded Fulbright Teacher Exchange grants and will travel abroad during the 2008-09 academic year.

The Fulbright Teacher Exchange grant recipients are:

❖ **Theresa DeFazio**, health and physical education teacher at Poe Middle School.

❖ **Kyle Julian**, third-grade teacher at Virginia Run Elementary School.

❖ **Inge Pisano**, French teacher at Oakton High School.

❖ **Ronielle Romney**, English teacher at South County Secondary School.

❖ **Janis Sotherden**, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) teacher at Holmes Middle School.

❖ **Rebecca Watt**, social studies teacher at Stuart High School.

The Fulbright program is the U.S.'s

flagship international educational exchange program and is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since being established in 1946, the program has provided more than 286,000 individuals—including more than 108,000 Americans and more than 178,000 students, scholars, and teachers from foreign countries—with the opportunity to observe each other's political, economic, educational, and cultural institutions and to exchange ideas or to embark on joint ventures benefiting the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The program operates in more than 155 countries.

Two Annandale High School teachers will serve as ambassadors of education and culture in India as part of the Rotary Foundation annual Group Study Exchange. Meredith Hedrick, who teaches English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), and Niki Holmes, who teaches English, were selected for the exchange program, which will take place during the coming winter. Annandale High School is a Fairfax County public school.

Each year, professionals who are selected by a panel of Rotary International members are sent to various countries around the world to establish goodwill and promote peace by sharing cultures and making personal contacts. Through the Group Study Exchange, Hendrick and Holmes will develop relationships with organizations and individuals in India.

Arman Carter, a rising junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, will join an Earthwatch Institute expedition this

summer to study food availability and feeding behavior of grey whales off the coast of British Columbia in Canada.

In August, Carter will join five other high school student volunteers from the United States, Canada, and Korea to work with principal investigators William Megill, assistant professor of biomimetics at the University of Bath in England, and Lei Lani Stelle, assistant professor of biology at Rochester Institute of Technology, and several other university students and project assistants. The volunteers will help researchers inventory the whale population, study their feeding behavior, and measure the abundance and distribution of prey. The project will collect information using divers and surface boats outfitted with underwater video, sonar, and a robotic submersible. Carter, a resident of McLean, was awarded a Delmarva fellowship to cover expedition costs.

The Earthwatch Institute research project, now more than a decade old, is building a geographical predator-prey model on grey whales and their ecosystem, which describes their habitat, the whales' use of it, and the distribution and abundance of prey. One goal of the project is to use this research to help create a conservation plan to protect grey whales, who have experienced sharp population crashes in certain summer feeding areas.

Carter is considering a career in science and sees the Earthwatch expedition as an opportunity to understand what field research work is like. He views habitat protection and sustainable practices as they relate to energy and other natural resources as possibly the greatest challenge of his generation.

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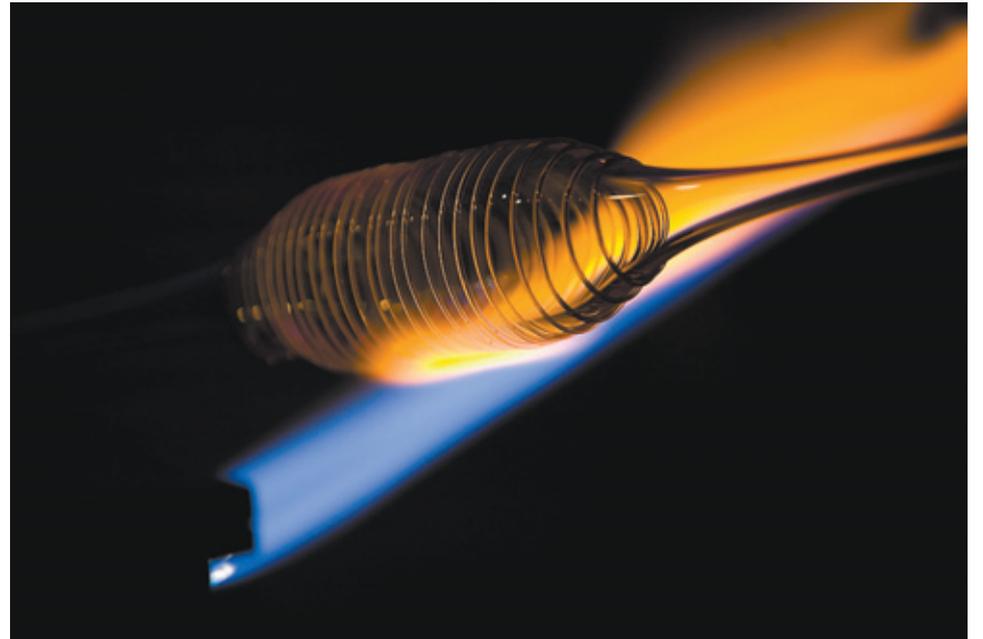
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FINE ARTS



Michael Higgins puts the final touches on the globe for the hummingbird feeder on Tuesday, July 22, in the studio at New Dynasty Glassworks & Gallery in Fairfax. New Dynasty has four employees who create glasswork for wholesale.



Michael Higgins heats a glass rod that he is going to turn into a hummingbird feeder. Higgins makes hummingbird feeders for stores in the area.

Liquid Fire

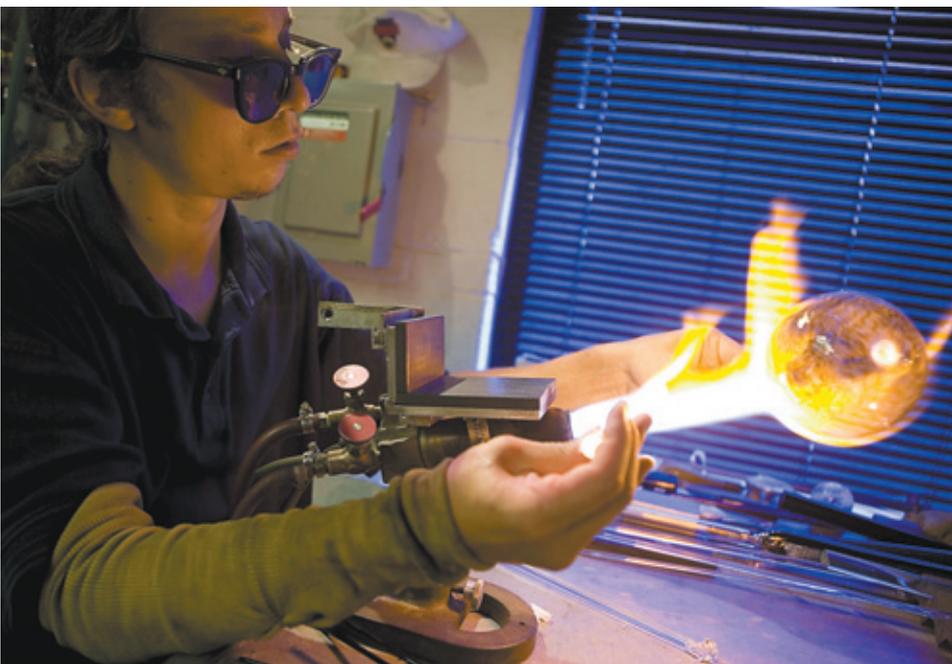
Fairfax glassworks offers classes for novice and advanced glass blowers.

New Dynasty Glassworks & Gallery is owned and operated by Michael Higgins and his mother Cherry Brown. Michael Higgins began glass blowing in 1999 and opened New Dynasty in the fall of 2004. New Dynasty is located at 8440-A Lee Highway in Fairfax. Classes in both basic

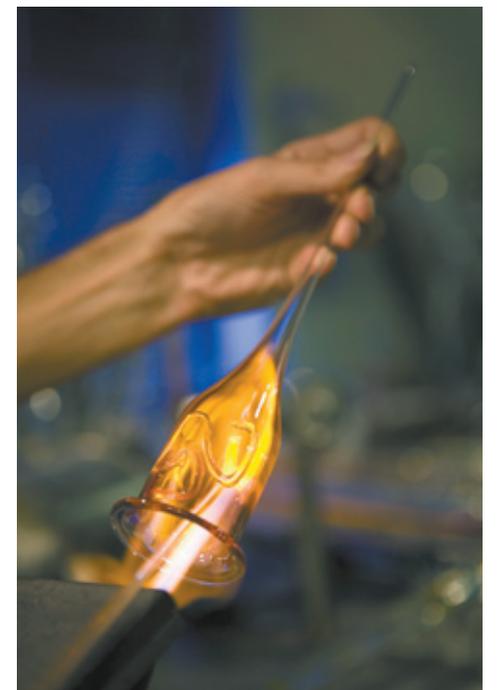
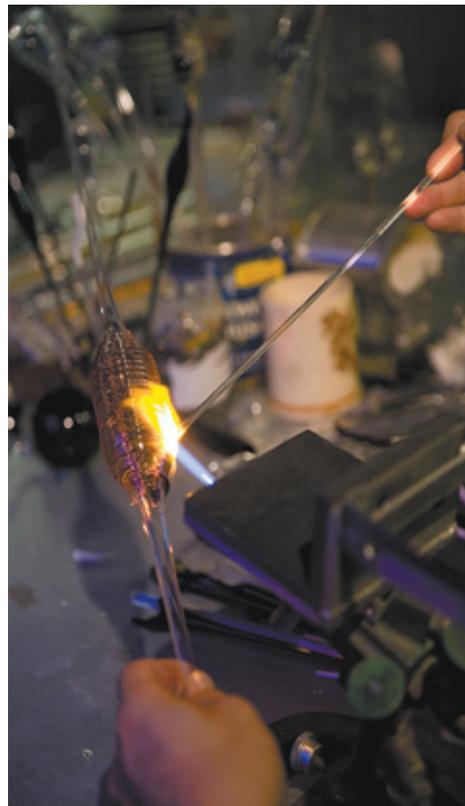
flame working and hollow-form work are offered at New Dynasty. Private lessons are also available for glass blowers ranging in skills from beginners to advanced. Bench time in the studio is available for rent for both hobbyists and professionals. To reserve a spot in the upcoming September class call 703-560-0961 or visit www.newdynastyglass.com.

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Higgins shapes the globe for a hummingbird feeder. Higgins does a type of glass blowing referred to as flame work. He has been glass blowing since 1999.



Higgins creates a design on the glass rod as he works on making a hummingbird feeder.

CRIME

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through July 25.

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION

9700 block of Ox Road. A deer was rescued from an abandoned water treatment plant pit at Occoquan Regional Park, in the 9700 block of Ox Road on Sunday, July 20. The deer was seen swimming in about 8 to 10 feet of water and could not get out. The water pit had not been used in over 10 years and was not contaminated with sewage. The animal control officer sedated the deer with a dart, and with the help of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel, was able to rescue it.

Shortly after, the deer recovered and walked away.

LARCENIES

6400 block of Blarney Stone Court. GPS stolen from vehicle.
5800 block of Chase Commons Court. Wallet stolen from vehicle.
Coffer Woods Road/Burke Lake Road. Stereo stolen from vehicle.
7800 block of Dasset Court. Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
5200 block of Lonsdale Drive. DVD player stolen from vehicle.
10200 block of Marshall Pond Road. Watch stolen from residence.
5300 block of Nutting Drive. GPS stolen from vehicle.

8300 block of Old Keene Mill Road. Gasoline stolen from service station.

7900 block of Orange Plank Road. GPS and iPod stolen from vehicle.

9200 block of Wrights Hollow Lane. Cell phone stolen from vehicle.

5500 block of Yorkshire St. License plates stolen from vehicle.

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through July 25.

BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING

7200 block of Commerce St. An 18-year-old Springfield woman awoke to find a man crawling through her

bedroom window on Wednesday, July 23 shortly after 3 a.m. The victim had been sleeping in her ground floor apartment in the 7200 block of Commerce St. when she felt her blanket sliding off. When she opened her eyes, she saw a man, halfway through the window, pulling on her blanket. She screamed and was not injured; the suspect fled. The suspect was described as a white or Hispanic male in his late 40s to 50 years old. He had short, brown hair and brown eyes. He was wearing a black T-shirt.

WEAPON DISCHARGE/ARRESTS

9600 block of Hagel Circle. Two men were arrested after police

responded to a report of shots fired on Tuesday evening. Officers were called to the 9600 block of Hagel Circle on July 22, at 8:10 p.m., after residents heard the gunfire. Officers learned that one man allegedly stood outside and discharged a handgun then left in a vehicle driven by a second man. The vehicle was located nearby with both suspects inside. Corey W. Johnson, 32, of the 8000 block of Long Creek Drive in Ruther Glen, Va., was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with discharging a weapon in a public place. The driver of the vehicle, Randy C. Geanes, 24, of the 13700 block of Kellingwood Circle in

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American Wildlife. Meet and learn about live animals from your own backyard and beyond with Animal Ambassadors. 7 p.m. Age 6-12. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register 703-293-6227.

Teen Cinema. Chill with a movie and popcorn. Age 12-18. 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

Rude Buddha. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at WolfTrap: Beethoven's Best. 8:15 p.m., at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Tickets \$20 to \$48. 877-WOLFTRAP.

Concert Band. 8 p.m. Veterans Amphitheater, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxvaband.org.

JCC Maccabi Artsfest Teen Performance and Exhibit: "Yachad: We Are One." 7 p.m. Featuring acting, creative writing,

dance, digital animation, jazz/world music ensemble, musical theater, photojournalism, rock/pop bands, visual art, vocal music. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Call 703-537-3045 or visit www.artsfestfairfax.com

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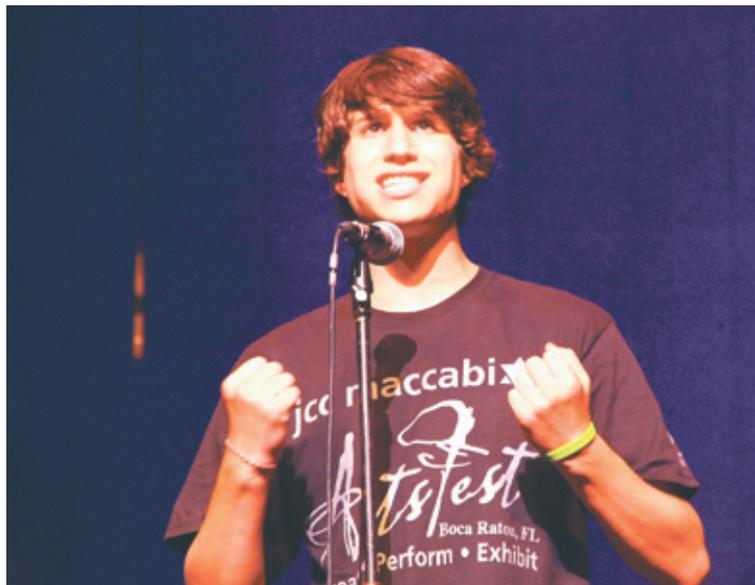
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Friday Flicks. Bring lunch and enjoy videos. Age 1-6 with adult. 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

SATURDAY/AUG. 2

Dave Lieberman, personal chef, author and host on The Food Network. 2 p.m. Cooking demonstration will take place at the Macy's in the Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks, Fairfax. The program is a partnership with Edible Communities, a national organization that promotes local farm and artisan products through online and publication resources. Call 703-359-8300.

Meet the Harleys. Fairfax H.O.G.s bring their motorcycles to answer



questions and share safety tips. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. 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. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Breaking Dawn Book Release Party. The release of Stephenie Meyer's new book "Breaking Dawn." Plenty of food, games, and vampire fun. Design and wear a Twilight T-shirt for the party and win a prize. Ages 13-18. 12 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

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Fairfax Corner Summer Concert Series: Marcus Johnson. 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza, 11951 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxcorner.com.

What on Earth? 10:30 a.m. Simplified look at some earth science topics. Age 6-12. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Block Party at Fairfax Corner. 3-6 p.m. Face painting, balloon, moon bounce and more. Free. Fairfax Corner, 4245 Summit Corner Drive #254, Fairfax. Visit www.FairfaxCorner.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 4

What on Earth? Simplified look at

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Calling All Guys. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 9-12 with adult. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Lights, Camera, Action. This basic production workshop shows how to make films for the library's Cool Clips contest or just for fun. Age 12-18. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call to register 703-978-5600.

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Calling All Guys. 7 p.m. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 9-12 with adult. No registration required. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

TUESDAY/AUG. 5

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 6

A Day at the Beach With Under the Sea. See creatures you'd find at the shore and learn about sand, waves, tides and sun. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 7

Peruvian Cultural Heritage Night. Celebrate Peru's cultural heritage with dancing, poetry reading, music, crafts and food. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Teen Cinema. Chill with a movie and popcorn. Age 12-18. 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

Will Hoge, Old Springs Pike. Rock. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

Trio Caliente. A mixture of jazz and pop complimented with flamenco, bossa nova and salsa. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Lunch Bunnies. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call to register 703-978-5600.

Friday Flicks. Bring a lunch and enjoy videos. Age 1-6 with adult. 11:30

a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

Shane Hines. **Pop/rock. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.**
Truro Church Book Sale. 12-5 p.m. Books, videos, CDs, DVDs, and cassettes. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-631-1275 or visit www.trurochurch.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 9

Microsoft PowerPoint. Learn to put together an attractive presentation. 2:30 p.m. Age 13 and up. 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. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Teen Beach Party. Enjoy fun in the sun with great food and outdoor sports. Age 12-18. 12 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Mambo Sauce. Rock/soul/hip-hop. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

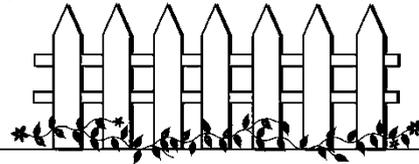
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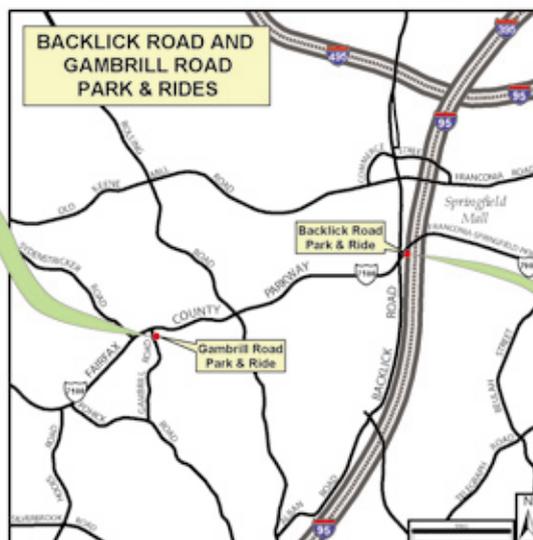
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8291 WOLD DEN CT	\$409,000	Sun 1-4	Prudential	Irene Curry	703-383-6139
7918 BENTLEY VILLAGE DR #14A	\$279,900	8/17-104	Everything	Christopher Owens	703-816-0404
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6609 BERKSHIRE DR	\$399,900	8/24-14	Long & Foster	Patricia Grant	703-360-4319
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11802 YATES FORD RD	\$2,295,000	8/3-14	Wolf Run	Carey Besch	703-239-5800
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Mommy Mart, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Find gently used items for babies, children or maternity, including clothing, toys, books, videos, strollers, nursery items, bedding and more. Free. Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Call Bertha Moseley at 703-385-7858.

SUNDAY/AUG. 10

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. No registration necessary. 12-3 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Truro Church Book Sale. 12-2 p.m. Books, videos, CDs, DVDs, and cassettes. Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-631-1275 or visit www.trurochurch.org.

Virginia Power Shift 5k Fun Run. 9 a.m., at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. The money earned will go to funding Virginia Power Shift and shoe drive donation for www.soles4souls.org. Online registration is \$20, includes a race shirt. Packet pickup day of race. Contact Lyndsay McKeever at 571-214-8805 or mckeevala@vt.edu. Visit www.vapowershift.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 11

Bugs, Garden, and Food with Forensics 101. Learn how bugs and plants are used to solve crimes in this hands-on forensic science program. Age 6-12. 2:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call to register 703-978-5600.

Ride the Wind. Hear stories and fun facts about kites flown in countries all over the world and make a kite. Age 8-12. 2:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

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Virginia Ballet presents "Precedence." 4:30 p.m. A summer dance concert featuring the integration of contemporary dance styles with classical ballet techniques. \$10, all seats reserved. The Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater on the NVCC campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Call 703-249-8227 or visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 12

Mother Goose & Fabulous Puppet. Join Mother Goose and her puppet friends Jack and Jill for fun-filled stories and songs. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

Make Your Own Pop-Up Cards. Learn how to make special pop-up cards for friends and family. Supplies Provided. Limited sign up. 10:30 a.m. Age 6-12. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call to register 703-293-6227.

American Wildlife. Meet and learn about live animals from the backyard and beyond with Animal Ambassadors. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

A Change of Pace, Houston Calls, You me and Everyone We

Know. Rock. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

A Day at the Beach With Under the Sea. 2:30 p.m., age 6 to 12. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call 703-293-6227.

THURSDAY/AUG. 14

Traditional Folk Music Night. Andrew Acosta performs traditional folk, blues and bluegrass. Also The New Old-Time String Band and Speedy Tolliver. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/

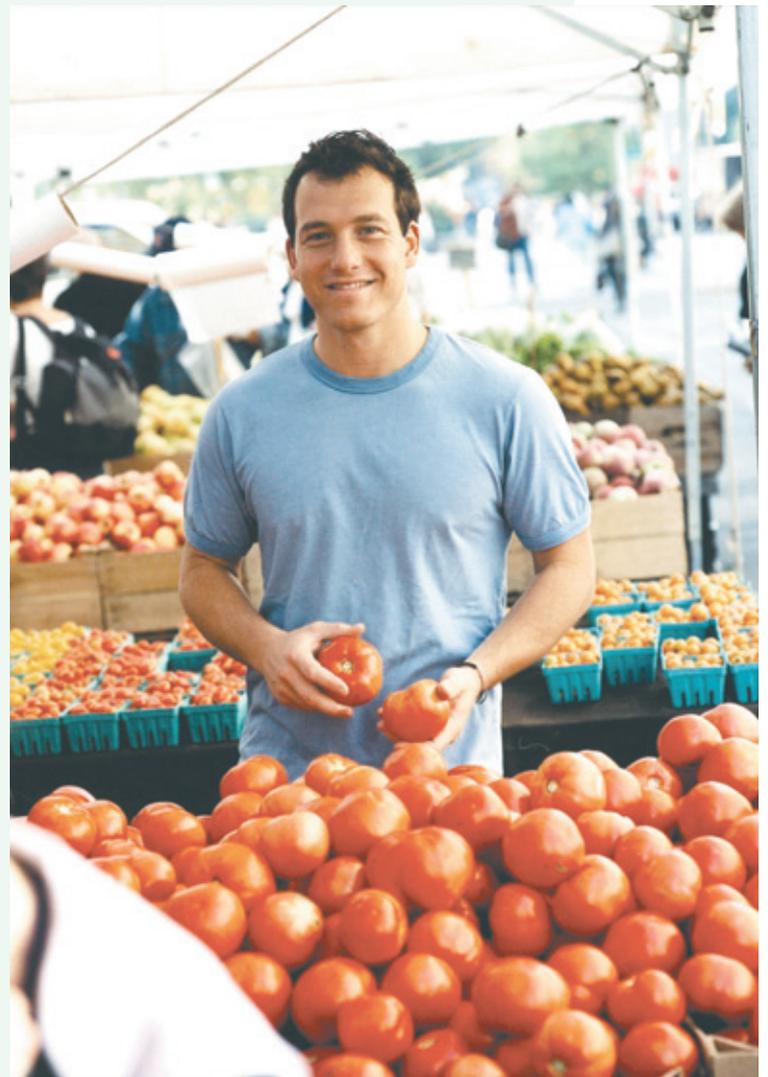
Chelsea Lee. 7:30 p.m. Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring a lunch and enjoy videos. Age 1-6 with adult. 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call 703-978-5600.

Fairfax Corner Summer Concert



Dave Lieberman, personal chef, author and host on The Food Network, will hold a cooking demonstration on Saturday, Aug. 2 at the Macy's in Fair Oaks Mall. The program is a partnership with Edible Communities, an organization that promotes local farm and artisan products through online and publication resources.

Teen Book Chat. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Age 12-16 with adult. 7:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Call to register 703-978-5600.

Teen Cinema. Chill with a movie and popcorn. Age 12-18. 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call to register 703-644-7333.

An Evening with the Greencards. Americana/bluegrass. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Tickets \$15. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

BG and The Mojo Hands at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr, Fairfax. Complimentary swing lesson, 7:30-8 p.m. BG and The Mojo Hands, 8-10 p.m. \$12. Call 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

Series: The Walkways and Dr. Fu. 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza, 11951 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxcorner.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 17

N-Scale model trains will be running in the community room and caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. The Northern Virginia NTRAK model train club will host its monthly display from 1-4 p.m. \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. The museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. 703-425-9225.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 12-3 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

Fairfax Provides Family Leave

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a paid parental leave program July 21.

Men and women working for the county will have the option of two paid weeks of leave when their baby is born, or they adopt or foster a child starting in September. The new parents will have a year after the arrival of a child to take advantage of the benefit.

"As a county, we want to have a family friendly work environment," said chairman Gerry Connolly (D), who initiated the program.

Currently, county employees who are new parents can use a combination of sick and other types of leave to take paid time off after a child arrives. In some circumstances, coworkers can transfer their leave to a new parent if he or she does not have enough of his or her own paid leave available.

The additional two weeks of leave would be available on top of these options. The federal government requires the county to give new parents 12 weeks off after the arrival of a new child, though it does require the leave to be paid.

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Every supervisor supported the measure, though Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said he would like to have more clarity about its fiscal impact.

In its write up to the board, county staff said they did not expect the new policy to have great fiscal ramifications but also indicated they did not know how much it would cost. Each government department would be expected to absorb the impact of new parents taking leave in current fiscal year, which ends July 1.

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) was a sponsor of similar legislation that would provide four weeks of paid leave for federal employees. Connolly is running to replace Davis, who is not seeking re-election, in the U.S. Congress.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

2nd Admin Building Advances

The Fairfax County School Board voted to move forward with contract negotiations for a second central administration building July 24, though several members expressed trepidation about the public's reaction to the purchase.

One School Board member, Springfield representative Liz Bradsher, voted against the measure, saying public outreach about the acquisition had been inadequate. The others sided with officials pushing for the building, arguing that the \$122 million project would pay for itself and result in long-term savings for the school system.

"It would be imprudent for us not to look into this seriously," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill.)

The schools' central administration hopes to move some of its departments and offices out of leased space and old schools scattered throughout Fairfax and into the building, conveniently located next to the school system's current headquarters in Merrifield.

The office consolidation would reduce spending on energy, gasoline, custodians and other items, eventually generating enough savings to pay for the building itself and more, said staff.

Without the consolidation, the building-purchase money would not materialize and therefore, the board does not have the option of using it for other purposes, they said.

"It will not divert money from the classroom. These savings cannot occur if we do not consolidate," said School Board member Tessie Wilson (Braddock.)

Wilson and other school board members added that the consolidation is also necessary because certain sites that currently house administrative offices are slated to be schools again. New housing and population resurgences in certain parts of the county are expected to yield more children than some area schools can handle, they said.

"We cannot turn these buildings back into schools until we have a place to put the personnel," said Wilson.

Proponents of the building purchase also point to cost savings from the "first phase" of the school system's central administration consolidation.

The schools' are projected to save \$10 million as a result of some departments move into their current headquarters, called Gatehouse I, in 2006. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors also gave the school system a \$150 million boost in its capital budget, when it turned over some of the buildings it had vacated to the county.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Date Sold
6100 WINDWARD DR	3	3	1	BURKE	\$476,500	Detached	0.117631	06/23/08
9434 PACKARD WAY	3	1	1	BURKE	\$190,000	Townhouse	0.048737	06/25/08
5304 CROWN POINT RD	3	2	1	BURKE	\$465,000	Detached	0.303398	06/25/08
5612 KEMP LN	4	2	1	BURKE	\$550,000	Detached	0.287787	06/25/08
5721 WOOD MOUSE CT	3	3	1	BURKE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.053375	06/26/08
9457 WOODEN GLEN AVE	4	4	1	BURKE	\$708,000	Detached	0.2455	06/26/08
10003 GEORGIAN WOODS CT	4	2	1	BURKE	\$415,000	Detached	0.085514	06/27/08
6704 WOODEN SPOKE RD	4	2	1	BURKE	\$475,000	Detached	0.193343	06/27/08
10845 SPLIT OAK LN	4	2	1	BURKE	\$515,000	Detached	0.142264	06/27/08
5722 WOODEN HAWK LN	4	2	1	BURKE	\$545,000	Detached	0.200459	06/27/08
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6108 OLD LANDING WAY #6108	3	2	1	BURKE	\$235,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		06/27/08
10222 FAIRE COMMONS CT	2	2	1	BURKE	\$290,000	Townhouse	0.067746	06/27/08
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CRIME

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Woodbridge, was issued and released on a summons for having a concealed weapon. No one was injured.

ROBBERY

Williamsburg Square. An 11-year-old Lorton-area boy was robbed of his bicycle on Monday evening. The victim's mother called police on July 21, at 7:25 p.m., to report the incident. An investigation determined the boy was riding his bike in the area of Williamsburg Square when he was approached by at least 10 boys between the ages of 12 and 15. The suspects demanded the victim's bike and threatened to assault him. The

suspects fled with the victim's bike and he ran home. The victim's mother located one of the suspects riding the bicycle on Hagel Circle. The suspect dropped the bike and fled when the mother approached. The bicycle was recovered and the victim was not injured. The suspects could only be described as black, white and Hispanic.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

7000 block of Essex Ave. Police responded to a home in the 7000 block of Essex Avenue on Monday, July 21, at 12:09 a.m., for an attempted robbery. Officers learned that the victim, a 21-year-old Springfield-area man, was walking along Essex Avenue when he saw two males hiding behind a tree. One man

approached the victim, displayed a knife and demanded money. The victim turned to run and both suspects chased him. The victim was able to make it inside a home nearby before the suspects caught him. No one was injured. The suspects were both described as white. One suspect was in his teens, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed 160 pounds. He wore a white T-shirt, hat and jeans. The second suspect was in his 20s, about 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighed 170 pounds. He wore a purple shirt, jeans and carried a black backpack.

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SPORTS

Senior Sluggers Put on Show

Northern Virginia Senior Softball hosts annual All-Star Game.

BY ANDREW DODSON
THE CONNECTION

Ben Fisher remembers playing Little League baseball against Gary Parks in Arlington over a half century. After the days of Little League, they did not see each other until they met up on the diamond again — 50 years later.

“We always played against each other,” Fisher said. “And now we get to play against each other again.”

Fisher and Parks, both 65, are All-Stars of the National League of Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) along with several others. Teammates and managers elect the best players from their respective team and those players compete for either the Washington or Wilson Division.

NVSS offers a unique opportunity for seniors — who are at least 50-years-old — to continue play the game that they grew up loving.

“Whatever level of play you are and as long as you are in some kind of shape, we’ll have a team for you to play on,” said NVSS Publicity Chairman Dave Scheele. “It’s great for your health and it’s just a great opportunity to have fun.”

The league has three sub-leagues: Continental, American, and National. The Continental is the equivalent of AA ball, American is AAA, and the National League is the premier division. League managers evaluate players at the beginning of the season to determine which league fits their respected abilities.

DO NOT LET the gray hair fool you; these boys play with as much heart and strength as Major League All-Stars of today. Many of them have the ability to crank the ball over 300 feet out of the park — ask any of the players about Bill Grewe.

“Those are automatic for him,” said outfielder Bob Williams. “He can hit homers at will.”

Both dugouts lock focus on his smooth swing each at bat waiting for another ball to go the yard. Last year, Grewe set the NVSS record, clobbering 58 homeruns in a single season.

While other sports like tennis and golf provide great recreational and healthy activity, softball offers something more, according to outfielder Peter Shockley.

“The thing about softball is it’s a team sport and you have that atmosphere,” Shockley said. “You can make a lot of friends out here.”

Shockley sat the all-star game, nursing a back injury. He said he is saving his back for the games that really matter in the coming week. His team currently sits in a tie for first in the division.



Tom Garofalo high-fives Jim Ridgell after Ridgell made a nice catch to end the inning.

Defense was pivotal in the first two innings for both teams. The Wilson division All-Stars scored the first run of the game in the third inning.

Powerful hitting continued in the fourth and fifth inning for the Wilson team, racing to a 7-1 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth.

One memorable highlight came when second baseman, ‘Crazy’ Jerry Sviatko laid out for a diving grab in the infield. Sviatko threw the ball to the shortstop covering the base for the inning-ending out while still on the ground. Teammates and opponents both applauded the play by the retired schoolteacher and Sviatko walked back into the dugout with a small grin on his face. Washington Division’s All-Stars rallied for an extra run in the seventh inning, but Wilson’s All-Stars answered with two runs. Going into the ninth inning, Washington trailed 9-2.

“Come on guys,” one player shouted. “Let’s do this one bat at a time.”

A controversial out at first caused the Washington dugout to jeer at the first base umpire.

“Come on Blue,” shouted one player. “Yeah, we need all the help we can get right now,” echoed another.

Power hitter Tom Wells pelted a ball into centerfield. The outfielder quickly threw back to first, causing the first baseman to leap for a catch. When the first baseman came down,

Wells collided with him. The collision forced the Washington manager to pull the injured Wells out of the game.

With two outs, the Washington Division All-Stars strung together a slew of hits and pulled in a run, but it was not enough to overcome the 9-3 deficit. The game ended with a grounder thrown to first.

AFTER THE GAME, both teams met at centerfield for a line of handshakes. The game proved that you are never too old to enjoy America’s favorite pastime. Each player comes from a different background, yet the 500-plus members of NVSS each join for the same love for the game.

First baseman Jerry Sheetz said he feels privileged to play with some of the greatest guys he has ever met.

“It’s amazing when you look around and see that this guy had bypass surgery, or this guy has cancer. It kind of makes it hard to complain about a paper cut,” said Sheetz.

A picnic followed the game and as players headed over for it, all they talked about were certain plays during the game and what they would have done differently. It was quite evident these grown boys truly love baseball.

“It doesn’t matter who you are,” said Scheele. “As long as you love the game, come on out and play ball.”

“Whatever level of play you are and as long as you are in some kind of shape, we’ll have a team for you to play on.”

— Dave Scheele, NVSS Publicity Chairman

2008 All-Star Selections

National Conference: Washington

Bill Grewe	Alexandria
Wayne Masefield	Reston
Tony Giannini	Oakton
Steve Adamson	Sterling
Mike Kosar	Vienna
Don Webber	Springfield
Pete Shockley	Alexandria
Ben Fisher	Fairfax
Jerry Sviatko	Alexandria
Tom Ramberg	Reston
Jerry Sheetz	Lorton
Alan Gillespie	Springfield

National Conference: Wilson

Dave Shultz	Ashburn
Mike Burchfield	Annandale
Frank Jacobs	South Riding
Mike Bellows	Fairfax
David Black	Burke
Tom Bowers	Herndon
Donzell Jackson	Fairfax Station
Larry Scarlata	Springfield
Wayne Cowles	Springfield
Steve Turchan	Burke
Dan Barolo	Alexandria
David Hobson	Arlington
Paul Math	Annandale
Jeff Harrison	Springfield
Bruce Remick	Springfield
Bryon Stiflar	Springfield

Continental Conference: Jefferson

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Don Luhn	Alexandria
Jim Ridgell	Alexandria
Jim Fuller	Burke
Barry Sidman	McLean
Bruce Pels	Arlington
Barry Newman	Annandale
Lloyd Spafford	Great Falls
Norman Aronovic	Vienna
Ron Sarson	Oak Hill
Tom Garofalo	Great Falls
Ron Paulson	Springfield
Rob Stotz	McLean
Henry Ruempler	Alexandria
Guy Sapienza	Herndon
Jim Meyers	Annandale
Baz Baziliuk	Burke
Steve Ordun	Vienna
John Miller	Lorton
Ted Ringelheim	Springfield
Paul Schmitt	Vienna
Howard Walton	Fairfax
Pete Hoffman	Oakton
Dick Peyer	Falls Church
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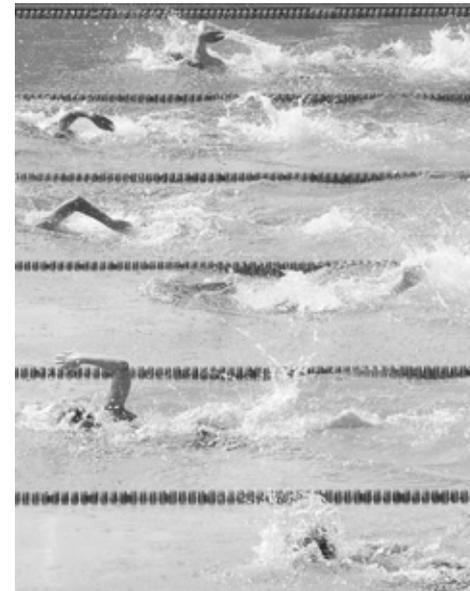
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Jay Kalner	Arlington
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Al Harvey	Fairfax
Dick Knox	Oakton
John Ray	Springfield
R.C. Phillippi	Fairfax
John Quast	Alexandria
Hal Lippman	Falls Church
Bill Wells	Alexandria
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Eric Garand	Fairfax
Jesse Christian	Arlington
Chuck Leone	Vienna
Don Beless	Oakton
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Herman Porter	Fairfax



Katarina O'Reilly of the Vienna Aquatic Club competes in the 50-meter freestyle.



Swimmers race in the 50-meter freestyle during the Northern Virginia Swimming League Division I meet at Lee-Graham pool on July 26.

The Best of the Best

The Northern Virginia Swimming League and the Colonial Swim League held their divisional championships over the weekend and the top swimmers in each division didn't disappoint, with three records falling in the NVSL and four in the CSL. Mosby Woods' Janet Hu set her 13th NVSL record at the NVSL Division 10 championships by breaking the 11-12 girls 100-meter individual medley with a time of 1 minute, 7.81 seconds. Two records fell in the NVSL Division 2 championships, with Eva Greene breaking the 13-14 girls 50-meter backstroke record with a time of 30.59. Later, Sean Fletcher broke the 50-meter butterfly record with a time 25.28.

In NVSL Division 9 at Walden Glen, Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree tied the mark for the girls 15-18 50-meter butterfly with a time of 28.94 – set by Forest Hollow's Mary Quinn in 1984.

At the CSL Blue Division championships, Chase Club's Ellyn Baumgardner lowered her own 15-18 50-meter breaststroke record with a time of 33.07. It was the third time that Baumgardner lowered the 15-18 50-meter breaststroke mark in two seasons.

At the CSL Red Division championships, Chantilly Highlands' Robert Grimmatt-Norris set three CSL marks. Grimmatt-Norris set the boys 15-18 100-meter individual medley record with a time of 1:01.38 – besting his own time by .09 seconds. In the boys 15-18 50-meter butterfly, he swam a time of 26.52, beating a 11-year old record. Grimmatt-Norris finished his day by breaking the 15-18 50-meter backstroke record, with a time of 27.44.

—PAUL FROMMELT



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Michael Southern, above, of the Lee-Graham Swim Team prepares for race in the 50-meter freestyle. David Emson, left, of the Overlee Swim Club competes in the 50-meter freestyle.



Mia Cleary of the Lee-Graham Swim Team competes in the 50-meter freestyle.



Matthew Kuhlik of the Chesterbrook Swim Team competes in the 50-meter freestyle.

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Yet the school system is conducting the building purchase on a very aggressive timeline for some. The School Board is expected to take their final vote on the building purchase in mid-September, leaving only six weeks for public outreach.

"It is the middle of summer break and there are only two weeks in September," said At-larger member Ilryong Moon, who was concerned the community might not be focused on school matters at this point in the year.

The school system would be conducting some public meetings on the issue and had made contact with some key interest groups. Chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said he was optimistic about receiving the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce's support for the project and possibly the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations.

Still, some major players said the window time seemed short and inopportune. The school board has been discussing the building purchase less publicly for six or seven months but several members of the school community will still be taken by surprise, said Michelle Menapace of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Many members of the Fairfax Education Association — which represents the bulk of the county's teachers — are likely to "view this [building purchase] with extreme skepticism," said Leonard Bumbaca, the union's president. He added that the association would not be able to give the school system an "official" opinion about the building purchase until late August, when teachers return from vacation.

"We don't see a particular rush on this. ... The time is going to arouse suspicion," said Bumbaca.

School Board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon) also stated that it could be in the school system's best interest to wait since county projections show the "price of commercial property declining next year."

Tistadt said it was important to move forward this fall, even if the political climate was not ideal. He plans to present his case for the building's purchase to the Board of Supervisors in October.

Even if the school board approves the building purchase, Fairfax County Public Schools has to have the supervisors' approval to move forward. Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D) would not rule out the purchase but is skeptical.

"I think it is going to be an uphill sell, to me and to the public," said Connolly, who is running for U.S. Congress in November's election.

Connolly added Fairfax's budget woes could also cause the county to cut back on the school system's capital budget, a move Tistadt called "devastating." Fairfax County Public Schools has \$1 billion of unfunded projects in its current capital budget and any decrease would lead to the cutting of much needed upgrades or renovations.

During last week's School Board meeting, a handful of West Springfield High School parents testified in support of the central administration building purchase but linked the project to the renovation of their high school. "Do you want a 21st century administration building supporting 20th century schools?" said Monique Craft, a West Springfield alumni and parent of a current student.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, located at 10383 Democracy Lane, Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and choir practice (open to all) on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. Visit www.mccnova.com or call 703-691-0930.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

The Catholic Diocese of Arlington offers the USDA Special Milk Program to eligible children at St. Leo the Great School in Fairfax and St. Bernadette School in Springfield.

Burke Presbyterian Church, located at 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, offers a **coffeehouse worship service** on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m., for people who may be unavailable Sunday mornings or are seeking a break from a more traditional style of worship. The service offers the same lesson and sermon as the Sunday service, but in a less formal environment. A nursery is provided for young children. Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke.

Arabic Bible Baptist Church is located at 5424 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Pastor: Tony Ghareeb. Call 703-273-5599 or e-mail to Tghareeb@wmconnect.com.

The Fairfax Church of Christ sponsors a **16-week Divorce Recovery support group** every Monday at 7 p.m. at the church. Call 703-631-2100 or visit www.fxcc.org. The Fairfax Church of Christ is located at 3901 Rugby Road, Fairfax.

A **new casual worship service** with a praise band is at 9:45 a.m. at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. Visit www.sumcdisciples.org or call 703-451-8223.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church offers **Crossroads**, a new 'come as you are' worship service each Saturday evening at 5 p.m. at 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Visit www.stmatthewsumc.org or call 703-978-3500.

Truro Church MOPS would like to invite all mothers of preschool-aged children to join MOPS for relevant speakers, small group time with other moms and food. The group meets the second Thursday of every month, at Truro Church, located at 10520 Main St., Fairfax, in the church fellowship hall on the lower level. Call 703-222-2332 or e-mail amandazubi@hotmail.com.

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

HEALTH NOTES

Alternative House conducts an open door discussion about issues facing young people in the community on Tuesday, Aug. 12, at 6-7 p.m. Includes an overview of programs and services, and the opportunity to talk with the executive director, a board member and staff. Tour the teen shelter. Information provided on how groups and individuals can support programs. For information or to RSVP contact Gina Cocomello at gina_cocomello@thealternativehouse.org. Alternative House helps children and youth stay safe, make positive decisions, achieve educational success and overcome crisis by providing counseling, shelter neighborhood support, and after school programs.

EZ8 Women's Running Camps will begin Sept. 2 at Burke Lake Park for an eight-week program. Beginner to Intermediate female runners are invited to register in advance for one of two camps meeting three times per week. Call 703-586-5037/

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Good Grief for Children 5-12 Years Old. Life with Cancer Family Center, Suite 203, Room B, 2832 Juniper St., Fairfax, in the Merrifield area. This is the continuation of an eight-week series utilizing group activities and art therapy through which children can share thoughts and feelings to help with the grief process. Call 703-698-2841.

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21 Announcements

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
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4640 Battenburg Lane, #622, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Hadi A. Ashour, dated June 21, 2007, and recorded June 22, 2007, in Deed Book 19409 at page 2149 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Unit 622, Phase 6, The Residences at Fair Chase Condominium
Tax Map No. 056-1-24-0622

Commonly known as 4640 Battenburg Lane, #622, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$40,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.875 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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21 Announcements

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
Improved by the premises known as
8809 Southwick Street, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jeanie Watson, Angel Dizon, II, Linda Dizon and Angel Dizon, Jr., dated December 9, 2005, and recorded December 13, 2005, in Deed Book 18039 at page 619 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Lot 20, Section 2, Ridgelea, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1575 at page 67, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 8809 Southwick Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22031.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$60,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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21 Announcements

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
Improved by the premises known as
8809 Southwick Street, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jeanie Watson, Angel Dizon, II, Linda Dizon and Angel Dizon, Jr., dated December 9, 2005, and recorded December 13, 2005, in Deed Book 18039 at page 619 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Lot 20, Section 2, Ridgelea, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1575 at page 67, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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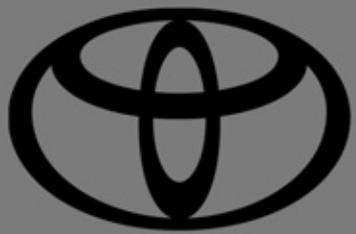
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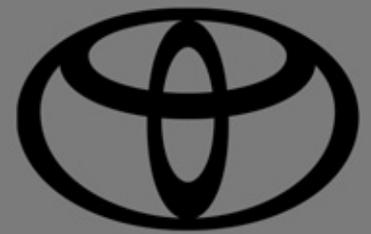


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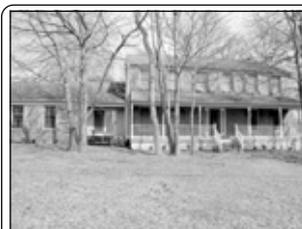
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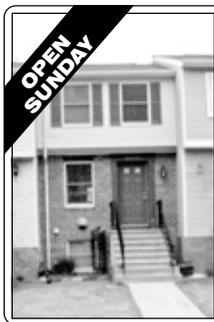


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