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Fredona Manderfield Gartlan, center, wife of former State Senator Joseph V. Gartlan Jr., is aided by family members as she leaves Good Shepherd Catholic Church following the Mass of Christian Burial her late husband.

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Pooch Parade

Darby seeks shelter from the heat in the shade with her owner following the Dog Days of Summer: A Pooch Parade & Pet Fair, on Sunday, July 20, at the Sunrise of Springfield in Springfield. All four legged participants in the parade received prizes.

GPS Evidence Allowed

Judge says GPS tracking of a Falls Church man accused of abduction was not unconstitutional.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

GPS tracking data that led to the arrest of a man suspected in a series of sexual assaults in Fairfax County and Alexandria is admissible in court, according to a ruling made by Arlington County Circuit Court Judge Joanne Alpert.

Despite the fact that the GPS device was used without a warrant, Alpert said that the evidence it collected in the case against David Foltz, a convicted sex offender who is being accused of abduction, is admissible.

"It was neither unlimited nor unreasonable," she said. "The defendant has failed to show that there has been any actual invasion of his privacy."

Alpert's ruling came after a two-day hearing in which Foltz's lawyers, argued that the GPS tracking data, along with police eyewitness testimony that resulted from the data, should be dismissed because of fourth amendment rights violations.

"She gave us a fair hearing," said Chris Leibig, Foltz's lead attorney. "But we respectfully disagree with it."

Leibig also said that he would appeal Alpert's ruling on the GPS evidence issue if Foltz is convicted.

IN THE WINTER of 2008, a team of three Fairfax County Police detectives was trying to solve a series of nearly a dozen sexual assaults that occurred in the Springfield, Annandale and Falls Church areas.

Police believed that these attacks, as well as several that took place near the Van Dorn Metro Station in Alexandria, were committed by the same perpetrator.

"The attacks were unique," said Fairfax County Detective Erik Stallings, "because



DAVID FOLTZ
VA. STATE POLICE

Roadwork Worries Bird Lovers

Tree clearing for HOT Lanes project has already displaced birds, some say.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has offered to schedule regular meetings with environmental activists about the impact of the Capital Beltway's high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes project on wildlife after officials clashed with advocates last week.

Despite bird enthusiasts' request for a delay, VDOT and its private partners in the HOT lanes, Transurban Group and Fluor Corp., pursued some foliage clear-cutting inside a cloverleaf at the Capital Beltway and Route 236 interchange July 16.

The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia had asked officials to wait on clearing the area for three weeks until the bird nesting season was over and fledglings could fly to another location.

Elaine Franklin, of the Audubon Society, had conducted a survey of the area with VDOT's blessing and encouragement last month. She found over 20 bird species living or using the area, including some that had migrated from South America.

"If you lost your habitat, you can't move

next door. There isn't enough space to support that same number of animals," said Franklin of the birds.

VDOT DENIED the request for a stay after an official from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service checked out the site and told the agency it was complying with federal laws that protect migratory birds, according to Steve Titunik, communications director with the VDOT Mega Projects Information Center.

Construction workers had only cleared about 20 percent of the forested area in the cloverleaf and were careful to work around trees where they found nests. Many of the birds actually live under the Beltway ramps near and not in trees impacted by the clearing, said Titunik.

"The birds are closer to the Beltway than the work we just did and they seem quite happy," he said.

Titunik added that VDOT intended to be

sensitive about the cost to wildlife and would try to protect birds and young bird living in trees.

"Environmental issues are just as important to us as safety," he said.

Franklin does not deny VDOT is following the letter of the federal law protecting migratory birds, but she said their actions would still hurt and possibly kill many of them living in or near the cloverleaf.

Even if some of the birds were not living directly in those trees, the birds were using them to find food and build their nests. In the worst cases, some birds might panic and abandon their young, she said.

"What we have found through the process of this issue is that the law does not protect a bird's breeding habitat. It only protects the nest itself," said Franklin.

SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS are angry that VDOT, after asking for input from the Audubon Society, proceeded with the clearing regardless whether the law allowed it.

"Environmental issues are just as important to us as safety."

— Steven Titunik, VDOT

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4 Teens Arrested at Mall

Fairfax County Police have arrested and charged four teenagers from Oxon Hill, Md. with robbery and use of a firearm in commission of a felony outside the Springfield Mall.

According to a police release, an unnamed Alexandria man located a police officer at the mall, claiming to have been beaten and robbed at gunpoint. After being followed to his car by four teens, the victim told officers he was punched by one of the males before one of them brandished a gun, taking his money and belongings.

The release goes on to say that due to a crime prevention and gang deterrent initiative targeting criminal activity, a heavy police presence was in Springfield that night. The victim located a police officer in another section of the parking lot and reported the crime.

Using descriptions provided by the victim, officers apprehended Askia Cuff, 19; Robert Ramsey, 19; Roderick Ramsey, 18; and an unnamed minor, 14. According to Fairfax County Police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell, the suspects were scattered around the immediate area when officers picked them up. After identifying the four men as the perpetrators, the victim was treated for non-life threatening injuries at the Franconia District Police Station.

Robert and Roderick Ramsey as well as Cuff were taken to the Fairfax Adult Detention Center. The minor was transported to the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

Cameras for Metro Stations

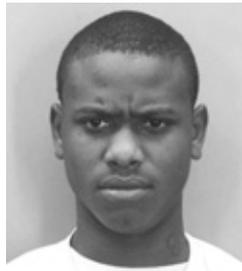
Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee) joined with Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) and Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) on Monday, July 21 in support of placing security cameras at two Fairfax County Metro stations. The stations were listed by the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority as experiencing “significant instances of crime.”

Both the Franconia/Springfield and Vienna stations were cited by Metro Transit Police Chief Michael Taborn during WMATA’s July 10 Board meeting as “high-crime Metro stops” that would benefit from the installation of the Emergency Management and Jurisdiction Camera Program. The cameras concentrate on outdoor areas at the stations.

During a two-year pilot program, from January 2006 to January 2008 at the U Street Metro station, where the cameras were clearly visible to the public, reported crimes at the station “fell approximately 30 percent,” according to the joint Board Matter.

“Police have recommended that suburban Metro stations be outfitted with exterior cameras and Metro has agreed to install the cameras if localities cover the equipment costs. We believe it would be prudent to take advantage of this security program,” McKay said.

“Installation of the cameras at each of these stations in a way that does not infringe on individuals’ privacy rights would be a significant contribution to public safety. At a



Roderick Ramsey



Robert Ramsey



Askia Cuff

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NEWS



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/THE CONNECTION

The casket of former State Sen. Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. is wheeled from Good Shepherd Catholic Church following a Mass of Christian Burial.

Tributes for Gartlan

Former State Sen. Joseph V. Gartlan Jr. remembered for his character.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
THE CONNECTION

There is a saying, “Eagles don’t flock. You have to find them one at a time.” That may be true. But, eagles can draw a flock to them. Particularly if he is a natural born leader.

That was proved beyond a shadow of a doubt Wednesday afternoon, July 23, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Mount Vernon District when an overflow crowd packed the main church and an adjoining room to pay their last respects to former State Senator Joseph V. Gartlan Jr.

Gartlan died July 18 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital after a short illness. He was 82.

The 90-minute Mass of Christian Burial encompassed both a tribute to his years of service as well as to the life he lived and the standards he set, for both himself and those who would be his friends and those he befriended.

As stated by Father Matthew Hillyard, one of four participating priests, at the outset of the service celebrating Gartlan’s life, “Joe loved his Catholic faith and the Democratic Party.”

The latter was attested to by the presence of two former Virginia governors, past and present cabinet members, state and local legislators and various representatives of the Democratic Party establishment. The former was evidenced by the service itself.

Hillyard also noted that he was surprised to see the Gartlan family seated on the right side of the church. “They always sit on the left side, as would be expected of such a devout Democratic family,”

said Hillyard, to the crowd’s enjoyment.

“Our presence here is a small token of our support for the family. Joseph Gartlan fell in love and stayed in love with all that he championed — family and causes. The Gospel guided Joe’s entire life,” said Hillyard.

“Joe Gartlan’s life teaches us that integrity and character are always a part of both our public and private lives. At the base of what we do here today is Christian love. Love conquers everything — even death,” Hillyard said.

Those sentiments were echoed by former Virginia Gov. Gerald L. Baliles who described Gartlan as, “A public servant, private man, and friend of many. His insistence on goals often prompted me to refer to him as Saint Joe The Gartlan. He never found an adequate substitute for public service.”

Referencing Gartlan’s influence and powers of persuasion, Baliles noted that those characteristics sprang from his “keen intellect that exerted power far beyond” the 36th Senatorial District. “I appreciated most of all his integrity and commitment,” Baliles said.

“Joe Gartlan’s genetic code was a man of many personal drives. His first rule was ‘Be a legislator of unbending principles. The first of which was remain flexible at all times,’” according to Baliles and drawing more laughter.

“He believed strongly that we are all stewards of this earth. None of his efforts were more significant than those on behalf of mental health,” Baliles said.

He was followed to the podium by Supervisor Gerald Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), who recalled that his first encounter with Gartlan was as a young lawyer who faced off against the very accomplished late senator while arguing a case in a Loudoun County Court room years ago. “That was something I will never forget,” he said.

Speaking of Gartlan’s involvement in a myriad of

“Joe loved his Catholic faith and the Democratic Party.”

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Springfield Woman Dies in Car Crash

Other driver walks away with minor injuries, police investigating cause of collision.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Springfield native Jessica Doubleday, 24, died Friday afternoon, July 25, when her Toyota Rav4 collided head-on with a tractor trailer truck on the Springfield/Franconia Parkway near Rolling Road.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, crash reconstruction detectives determined that Doubleday was driving north on Route 7900 when her car crossed over the median into opposing traffic. Doubleday's vehicle crashed directly into a southbound truck.

The release goes on to say that the collision resulted in a fire. According to Don Gotthardt, spokesman for the Fairfax County Police Department, the truck was carrying twin 500-gallon gas tanks on its sides. Police speculate that when Doubleday's Rav4 made impact, one of those tanks may have caught fire.

"My understanding is as a result of impact one of those tanks might have ignited,"

said Gotthardt.

Doubleday was pronounced dead at the scene, while the driver of the truck, described in the release as a 48-year-old Woodbridge man, was treated at the site for minor injuries.

Because the cause of the crash is still being investigated, police are not commenting on why Doubleday's car suddenly crossed the median prior to the crash. When reached by phone, Jessica's father, Bruce Doubleday, said his daughter had Type 1 diabetes and was insulin dependent. She required what he called an "insulin pump" for instances where her blood sugar level rose too high. On Friday, according to Doubleday, his daughter left work with friends at Greenspring on Spring Village Drive. She was having trouble with her insulin device and was driving a mile down the road to her parents' house to have it fixed. It was there that Jessica Doubleday suffered from a diabetic blackout and drifted over the median, her father said.

"She just went across the road. We don't believe anything happened mechanically,"



FAMILY PHOTO

Jessica Doubleday

said Bruce Doubleday.

Fairfax County Police would not confirm whether or not Jessica Doubleday's condition was a contributing factor to the crash, citing the ongoing nature of the investigation.

"She didn't just leave it at 'Come on in, we'll sell you place.' She wanted to sell you a place and talk to you every day," said Bruce Doubleday, who added that his daughter was a catalyst of bringing people together.

"You know how you can go to a dance and everyone's standing around looking awkward and someone walks up and says 'Come on guys, let's dance.' She was that person."

A viewing for Jessica Doubleday will take place Thursday, July 31, from 2-4 p.m. and again at 6-8 p.m., at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home, 9902 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The funeral and internment will be Friday, Aug. 1, 10 a.m. at the same location. Her family has asked that in lieu of sending flowers, those wishing to express their condolences may make a contribution to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International.

JESSICA DOUBLEDAY, a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, was living in Fairfax at the time of the crash. Bruce Doubleday said his daughter was, at her core, a people person.

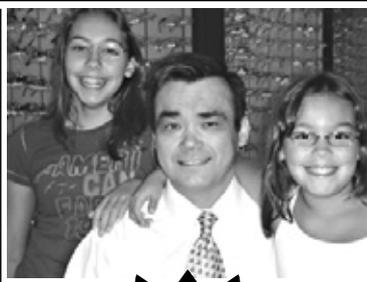
"She liked to be out front. It wasn't an ego thing. It was a 'follow me' thing."

Though not heavily into sports, Jessica Doubleday was a swimmer as well as coach for the local swim team. Bruce Doubleday described his daughter as having "found her niche" as a sales consultant for Erickson Retirement Communities at Greenspring the past two years. She loved her job and the people she interacted with on a daily basis.

More

In lieu of sending flowers, those wishing to express their condolences to Jessica Doubleday's family may make a contribution to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF), 120 Wall St., (New York, NY 10005-4001, (800-533-CURE (2873) or info@jdrf.org.

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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.

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?

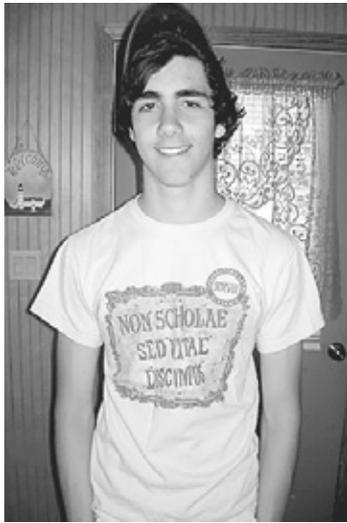
My uncle, Carlton Sexton, has always been an inspiration to me as he's engaged me intellectually and is willing to have conversations about anything.

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.



Bill Barlow

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VIEWPOINTS

What is your favorite Summer Olympic sport?



"Swimming."
Ramsey Nofal, Clifton



"Aquatics and diving."
Wendy Leedy, Centreville



"Swimming. It's really fascinating to watch."
Laura Kehoe, Clifton

— ESTHER H. PAK

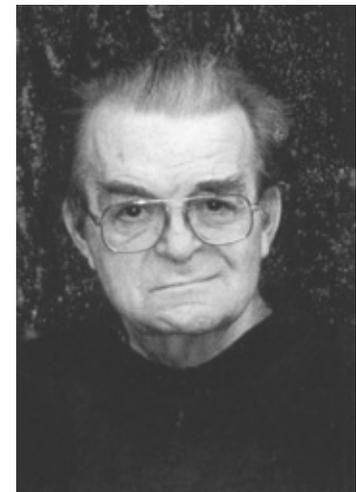
World War II Combat Vet Dies

William Clifton Herold, 86, previously of Springfield, died June 29 at the Tucson, Ariz. V.A. Hospice, from congestive heart failure. Born on June 9, 1922 in Huntington, W. Va., Herold was a decorated World War II combat veteran who, as a rifleman scout for the U. S. Army's 96th Infantry Division in the Pacific during the battle of Leyte, was wounded and received the Purple Heart.

After the war, Herold graduated from the University of Virginia, and he married Jean Caroline Roberts in August 1950. He was a government employee and retired night auditor.

Herold's wife Jean died in December 1980. He is survived by his daughter Ann Sloane and son-in-law Thomas Sloane; granddaughters Sarah Louise and Caitlin Caroline Sloane of Baltimore; son Bruce Herold and wife Charlene of Alexandria; son John Herold of Tucson; son Dana Herold and granddaughter Jean Andrea Herold of Tucson; niece Lee Boebel of Woodbridge, and great-nephews Bill and Scott Boebel of Blacksburg. He was a man who touched many lives, who will be missed.

Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery on July 30, at 9 a.m. A celebration of life will be at Grace Presbyterian Church in Springfield immediately following.



William C. Herold

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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.

Judge Rules On GPS Evidence

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they were physical and sexual assaults but they never rose to the level of rape.”

In nearly all of the attacks, a man wearing a mask approached from behind a woman walking alone on the street. The man would then proceed to attack the women and attempt to grope them.

However, the victims of these attacks offered widely varying descriptions of the heights, weights and ethnicity of their respective assailants.

IN JANUARY 2008, retired Fairfax County Police officer Jim Kraut heard about the series of sexual assaults in the media.

“It sounded amazingly like Foltz’s M.O.,” said Kraut. “It’s effectively a knock down and grab.”

Kraut, currently a security specialist with a local bank, had conducted surveillance on Foltz in 1990 in connection with another series of sexual assaults. Foltz eventually confessed in 1990 to committing six sexual assaults throughout eastern Fairfax County and also admitted to a 1986 rape. Foltz served several years in jail but was released in early 2007.

Kraut’s wife encouraged him to contact Fairfax County Police, something he had never done since retiring in 1990, and notify them of his perceived connection.

“I don’t recall any cases in my two careers where there was this activity and also this frequency,” Kraut

said.

AT THAT POINT, Fairfax County Police had already identified Foltz as a person of interest in the case. But after receiving the tip from Kraut, Foltz became the prime suspect.

“I wanted to surveil David Foltz,” Stallings said. “I wanted to know what he was doing. The only way to stop him was to catch him in the act.”

On Feb. 1, the detectives decided to place a GPS tracking device on a van that Foltz used for work.

Detective Jack Kirk of the Fairfax County Police Department’s surveillance unit monitored the GPS device. When Kirk checked the device on the afternoon of Feb. 5, he noticed that the van was driving very slowly in and out of residential neighborhoods. Kirk described this driving as a “hunting” pattern.

Later that day, Kirk’s GPS device showed that Foltz’s van had been parked that evening for a long period of time in Falls Church only a few blocks away from the site of a sexual assault that fit the pattern of the others.

Based on this information, the detectives decided to have several officers physically follow Foltz around on the assumption that he would attempt to commit

“The only way to stop him was to catch him in the act.”

— **Fairfax County Detective Erik Stallings**

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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
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GPS Evidence Admissible

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another sexual assault sometime very soon. Their assumptions were affirmed the next day. On Feb. 6, Foltz was arrested and charged with abduction after police officers said they witnessed him attack a woman near his Falls Church home.

Arguing in Arlington County Circuit Court, where Falls Church crimes are tried, Leibig said that all the information police officers obtained from the GPS device should be deemed inadmissible.

He said that the police violated Foltz's fourth amendment rights against illegal search and seizure when they placed the GPS device on his van without a warrant and without any predetermined limitations on what type of information they were looking for.

"They have zero standards (for GPS tracking,)" Leibig said. "When you have a unit that believes that they can track anyone for any amount of time with no rules, that's police discretion."

Leibig also said that the eyewitness testimony of the police officers who allegedly saw Foltz commit the Feb. 6 assault should be inadmissible as well. "But for the GPS information, they would not have been doing the personal surveillance on Mr. Foltz,"

he said.

Alpert disagreed with this interpretation. While acknowledging that there is very little precedent concerning the use of GPS devices in police investigations, she ruled that Fairfax County Police Officers acted within the law when conducting warrantless surveillance of Foltz.

"This court believes that the only thing necessary to put a device on a car is reasonable suspicion," Alpert said. "The police clearly did have reasonable suspicion."

Unlike with a wiretap of a telephone, Alpert said that a GPS device only enhances the sensory ability of a detective and does not allow a detective to perform an act that would otherwise be impossible. In this sense, she said, a GPS device

is more akin to binoculars or night-vision goggles.

The GPS data was information "the police could've obtained through their own sensory perception by surveilling him."

Ultimately, Alpert ruled that the attaching of the GPS device to Foltz's van did not violate his fourth amendment rights because "He had no reasonable expectation of privacy on the exterior of his vehicle."

Foltz's jury trial is scheduled to begin later this fall.

"When you have a unit that believes that they can track anyone for any amount of time with no rules, that's police discretion."

— Defense Attorney Chris Leibig



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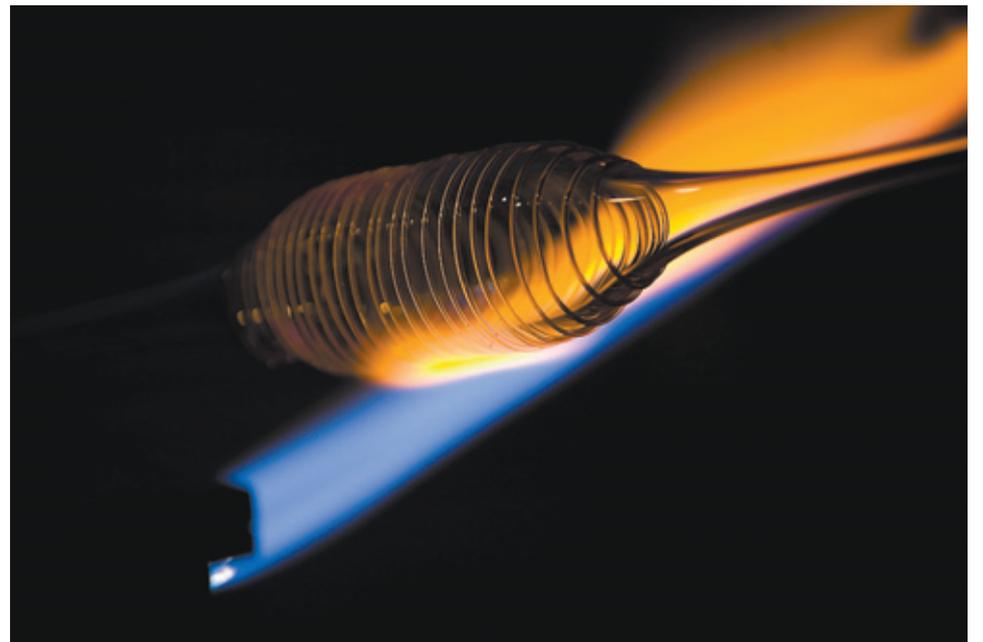
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Michael Higgins heats a glass rod that he is going to turn into a hummingbird feeder. Higgins makes hummingbird feeders for stores in the area.

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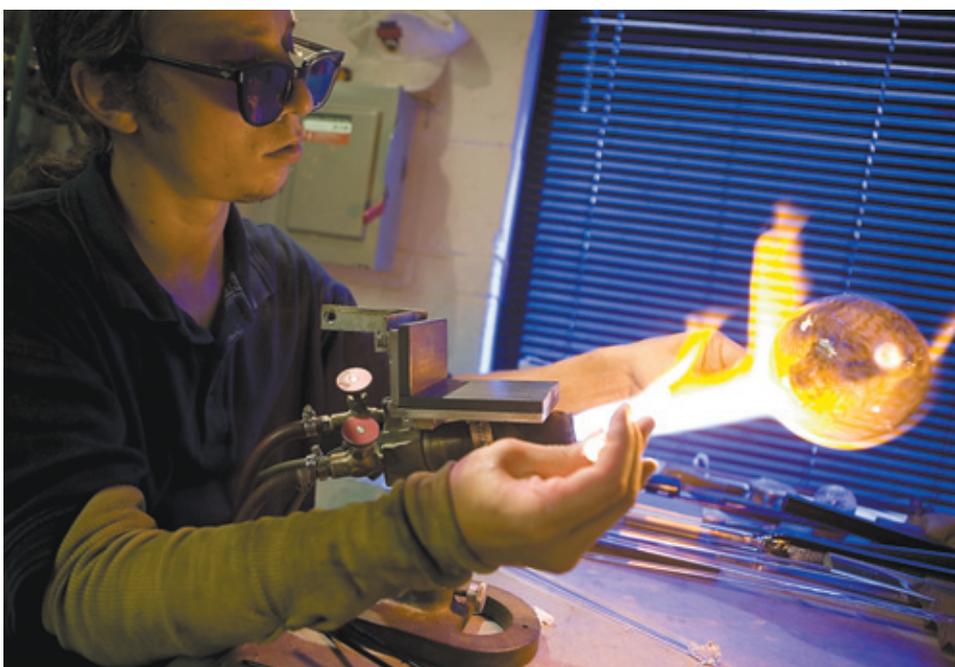
Fairfax glassworks offers classes for novice and advanced glass blowers.

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

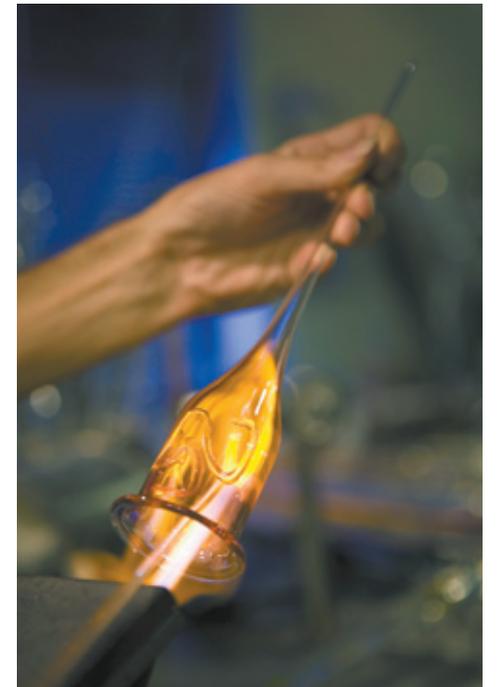
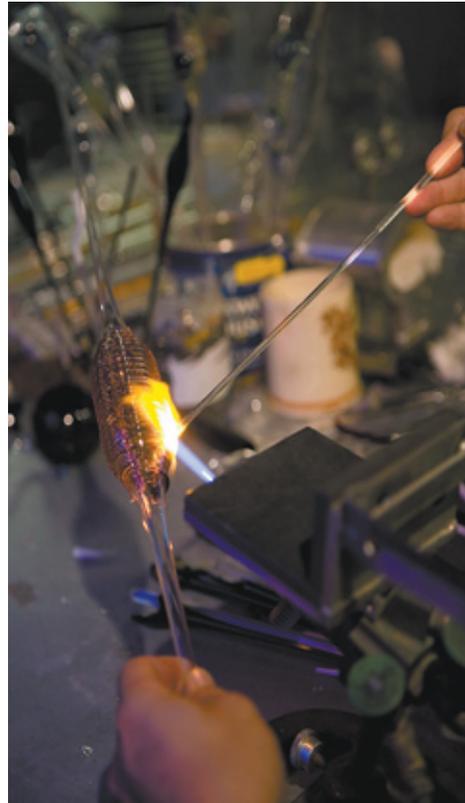
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Higgins shapes the globe for a hummingbird feeder. Higgins does a type of glass blowing referred to as flame work. He has been glass blowing since 1999.



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

Roadwork Disturbs Nests

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"We were only asking for a three-week delay. It seems like such a small thing to do, but not according to VDOT apparently," said Amy Gould, who lives near the Beltway/Route 236 interchange.

The transportation agency's decision also gave a few local elected officials pause.

"I am a little puzzled as to why the Audubon Society's advice got ignored," after VDOT expressed in interest in having the organization's opinion, said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) at a meeting last week.

Communication with local elected official also needs improvement, added Connolly, The chairman already has set up a committee to regularly meet with HOT lanes officials about the project but, "knew nothing about the [bird situation] until the day it hit the press."

Transportation officials said they are committed to keeping the lines of communication open and

acted in good faith with regards to the birds' well being. VDOT brought in an outside expert from the federal government to make sure it was complying with the law, said Titunik.

"Some people would probably want us to wait three weeks before clearing every staging area," he added.

VDOT has to be careful not to waste time, since Virginia would be forced to pay a penalty to Transurban and Fluor, if the project is not completed by its end date five years from now.

"Needless to say, time is an important element. We have contracts with various partners that call for the fulfillment of certain things at certain times," said Titunik.

Those involved in the wildlife preservation and rescue surrounding the HOT lanes project said they are grateful the VDOT and other state officials have agreed to meet with them on a regular basis. Many expect more issues with animals — including frogs, bats, raccoons and deer — to surface as the project moves forward.

NEWS BRIEFS

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time when we are seeing record ridership at our stations, it is imperative that we help protect riders and their property so that they will continue to use public transit," he said.

The cost of providing the cameras is "modest," according to McKay. "Therefore, we request that up to \$75,000 from funds available from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission be allo-

cated to install security cameras at both the Franconia/Springfield and Vienna Metro stations," the three requested of the Board of Supervisors.

They also asked that the Fairfax County Police Department coordinate with the Metro Transit Police on the best way to implement the program. Fairfax County Police Chief Rohrer supports the program, according to McKay.

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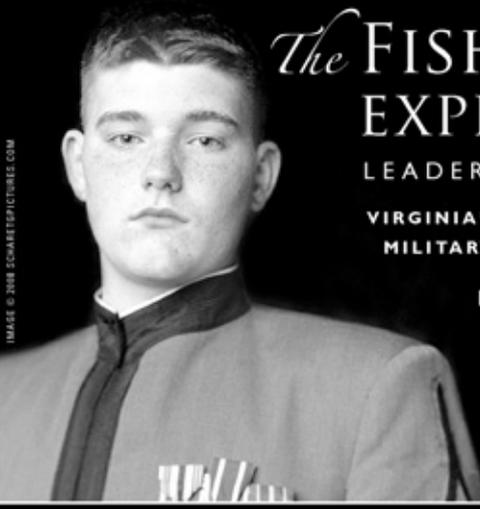
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TUESDAY/AUG. 5

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TUESDAY/AUG. 12

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A puppet show presented by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Participants will receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Age 3-7 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 13

Lunch Bunnies.

Bring lunch and the fun will be supplied. Age 1-5 with adult. Noon. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610.

Practice Your English.

Conversation group for people learning English. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/AUG. 14

Traditional Folk Music Night.

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Keith Caputo, the lead singer of Life of Agony, will perform Wednesday, August 6 at Jaxx Night Club.

CALENDAR

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Andrew Acosta performs traditional folk, blues and bluegrass. With 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/parks/performances.

The Nicolo Whimsy Show. Nicolo the Jester shares his juggling, clowning and comedy. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010

Balloon Animals. Learn how to make your own balloon animal. Age 6-12. 1 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

Kings Park Concert Band. 55 adult volunteers under a professional conductor will play Big Band style. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Teddy Bear Picnic. Stories, songs, and activities about teddy bears. Bring your favorite bear. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

Gorgeous Frankenstein with BellaMorte, The Banner, and more. 7 p.m. All ages; \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night

Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Sting Things. Who are the creatures that can sting? Learn about the bugs and even a plant that can sting, as well as how to avoid getting stung. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. 7-10 a.m. Launching from Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton.

MONDAY/AUG. 18

Discover Art. Play bingo around the world, participate in reader's theater and make an international craft. Age 6-12. 2 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

Mother-Daughter Book Discussion. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

It's a Colorful World. A rainbow of stories and activities. Age 13-23

months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Book Discussion Group. Call for title. 7:15 p.m. No registration necessary. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/AUG. 21

Vietnamese Cultural Heritage Night. Celebrate traditional and folk Vietnamese music and dance. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Springfield Writers' Group. Share work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Night Music. Classic rock and top 40s hits. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring lunch and enjoy for stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

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CONNSP

Gartlan Remembered

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local causes following his retirement in 2000 from the Virginia Senate, Hyland said, "Joe never really retired. When he came to Mason Neck, I gained a very active and vocal new constituent."

Citing Gartlan's participation on the Citizens Alliance Rescue Effort, CARE, created to preserve and enhance Inova Mount Vernon Hospital when it was rumored that Inova Health System planned to close it, Hyland noted the irony of the timing of Gartlan's death. On the night that IHS representatives met with CARE's offspring, the Southeast Health Planning Task Force, July 16, to guarantee the hospital's future, Gartlan was unexpectedly absent. Unbeknownst to his fellow Task Force members, he was a patient in that very hospital a short walk from the Mount Vernon Government Center meeting site.

"Joe's service on the Task Force was a major factor in our success. Preserving Inova Mount Vernon Hospital was the last victory he achieved," Hyland said.

Hyland had established a Web site for people to send their remembrances of Gartlan. He read a number of them to the audience including one from State Senator Linda T. "Toddy" Puller who succeeded Gartlan in representing the 36th Senatorial District.

In closing Hyland thanked the Gartlan family for "sharing Joe with all the people." He assured them, "We love him. We miss him. But, we will never forget him."

When it came time for the family response, Father

Charles McCoart Jr., pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, spoke for them. He thanked all those in attendance and those who could not be present for all "their support and outpouring of love."

"The family feels extremely fortunate to have had Joe for all these years. As his one granddaughter described him, "he was awesome," McCoart said.

"His life was exceedingly well lived. And, good or bad you always knew where Joe Gartlan stood and where you stood with him," he said.

PRIOR TO the presentation by Baliles and Hyland, several of the Gartlan children and grandchildren read passages of scripture and lead prayers for many causes championed by Senator Gartlan throughout his life — both as a practicing attorney and as a public servant.

Following the service, a large funeral procession, led by a phalanx of Fairfax County Motorcycle Police, accompanied his body to Mount Comfort Cemetery on South Kings Highway where it was interred. Following the burial the family had a reception at the Belle Haven Country Club.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Fredona Manderfield Gartlan, Joseph Gartlan is survived by four sons and two daughters plus seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to New Hope Housing, 8407 E. Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309 or United Community Ministries (UCM), 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria, VA 22306.

FAITH NOTES

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.

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CRIME

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. 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 Ruthers 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 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.

LARCENIES

6600 block of Billings Drive. Bicycles stolen from residence.
7200 block Bona Vista Court. Tire stolen from vehicle.
6100 block Cumberland Ave. Muffler stolen from vehicle.
9600 block of Eaton Woods Place. GPS stolen from vehicle.
6300 block of Gravel Ave. Bumper and license plate stolen from vehicle.
7700 block of Gunston Plaza. Beer stolen from business.
9700 block of Hagel Circle. Camera stolen from vehicle.
7400 block of Heatherfield Lane. Bicycle stolen from residence.
5700 block of Kingstowne Blvd. Clothes stolen from business.
6600 block of Loisdale Road. Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.
9300 block of Richmond Highway. Wallet stolen from business.
6200 block of Rose Hill Court. Wallet stolen from vehicle.
Summer Ridge/Wescott Hills Way. Radio stolen from vehicle.
6600 block of Telegraph Road. Purse stolen from vehicle.
6000 block of Trailside Drive. Motorcycle stolen from park.
5900 block of Wescott Hills Way. DVR player and wallet stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS
7000 block of Brookfield Plaza. 2006 Chevrolet truck reported stolen.
6200 block of Farrington Ave. 2007 Honda Accord reported stolen.

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West Springfield Tabs Muir to DSA Position

Renowned field hockey coach, W.T. Woodson assistant DSA replaces O'Reilly.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield has hired Andrew Muir to be its next director of sports activities, school officials announced on Monday. Muir, most recently the assistant director of student activities at W.T. Woodson and perhaps better known as a field hockey coach, replaces Tim O'Reilly, who spent two seasons atop the West Springfield athletic and activity program.

Muir stepped down as the Cavaliers field hockey coach in 2005, only to return for the 2006 season when the school had trouble securing a quality replacement. The 2006 team went 19-3, but was upended by Stafford, who was on a 46-game winning streak and the defending state champions, in the state quarterfinals. Muir, who finished with a 152-63-12 over 11 seasons retired after the Cavaliers made their fifth straight state tournament appearance.

During the last two school years, Muir has concentrated solely on his student activity duties. He has been an assistant DSA for four years, the last three of which have been under Dan Checkosky.

"He was someone that was considered an administrator when he was here," Checkosky said. "He'll do an outstanding

job at West Springfield. I can't say enough good things — he's definitely ready for this position. He will definitely excel at West Springfield High School."

Checkosky cited Muir's help with an extensive renovation project, as well as input within Northern Region and Liberty District meetings.

"He's well respected among the DSA and assistant DSA world and throughout Fairfax County," Checkosky said. "He's someone that contributed to the Northern Region, the Liberty District and Woodson High School. It's an exciting time for him and for West Springfield. They really got a good one."

Muir lives in the Springfield school district and coveted the West Springfield job because he children will eventually matriculate through the high school. It was a reason he wasn't hesitant about leaving the school he's worked at for the past decade.

"I couldn't speak more highly of what Woodson was able to provide me in becoming a future DSA," Muir said. "My experience with the school was tremendous... [West Springfield] is a school that is very community based and is very similar to Woodson."

When Muir inherited the Cavaliers program in 1995, they went 0-15 and scored just one goal the entire season. Nine years later, he led W.T. Woodson to on a perfect



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Andrew Muir was hired Monday to lead the West Springfield activities department.

season — 23 straight wins — capped by Samantha Howard's game-winning goal in overtime of the 2003 state final. The Cavaliers — behind Howard's 20 goals and 19 assists — became the first Northern Region state champion since McLean downed Albemarle in 1986.

In 2002, W.T. Woodson went 20-2-1, won its first-ever Northern Region title before bowing out in the state semifinals.

The W.T. Woodson director of student activities Dan Checkosky told "The Connec-

tion" in 2006 that stepping in for one more year as head coach was a testament of Muir's character.

"It shows how unselfish he is," said Checkosky about Muir's decision to coach for another year and his commitment to the players. "He did it for the kids."

SOURCES INDICATE that Muir and former Oakton DSA Phil Levine were finalists for the job vacated by O'Reilly. The former football coach elected to take an assistant principal position at Chantilly because of family reasons, leaving the Spartans without a DSA since June 25. O'Reilly spent four seasons at Thomas Jefferson, where he was the assistant DSA and head football coach.

A three-year letterman at the College of William & Mary, O'Reilly was the offensive coordinator at Stonewall Jackson for 15 years, leading the Manassas-based school to nine playoff appearances.

Now, though, Muir inherits a coaching staff with long tenured head coaches like Bill Renner (football), Dick Wickline (boys basketball) and Bill Gibson (girls basketball)

"Like anyone who moves up in the work force, you can understand what the job entails, but until you get into the seat and are doing all of the aspects of the job, I don't think you're 100 percent prepared," Muir said on Wednesday. "My time at Woodson makes me feel like I have a lot of the knowledge and skills required. I didn't know where my office was until [Tuesday]."

Virginia Downs Carolinas Team

Wilson Plays in U.S. Junior Amateur.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

Six Northern Virginia players contributed to the Commonwealth's victory over a combined North and South Carolina golf team July 21-23 in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Virginia won with a 55.5-43.5 margin at The Dunes Golf and Beach Club. Springfield's Mimi Hoffman was the team's playing captain during the three-round tournament. Alexandria residents Linda DiVall (6.5 points) and Shelley Savage (6) paced the local contingent in two four-ball rounds and one of captain's choice (scramble). Joan Gardner (Alexandria), Susan Podolsky (Alexandria), and Kay Tyler (Springfield) also contributed points.

FORREST WILSON, an Alexandria resident, played in the 2008 United States Junior Amateur Championship on July 21-26. While he didn't make it into



The 24-member Virginia team won the 52nd annual Virginia-Carolinas women's team matches —its fifth victory in the last six meetings.

match play, he certainly enjoyed himself.

"It was the greatest golf experience of my life," he said after returning home from Shoal Creek Golf Club in Birmingham, Ala.

"I thought I played pretty solid," he said, "but putting, my caddie, and the course

length were the biggest problems."

The atmosphere and player perks impressed Wilson as well—brand new Titleist ProV1s on the practice range, private player locker room, free Smoothies and food, free housing in private homes. "It was the real deal. I felt like a pro on the PGA Tour."

Post 176 Advances in Legion Tournament

Fourth-seeded Springfield Post 176 (16-13) slipped into the second round with a 6-4 victory over first-seeded Arlington Post 139 after rain postponed the game originally scheduled for Sunday. Post 176 halted Post 139's league-best 15 game winning streak.

Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976 will faced off with Springfield Post 176 in the winners bracket at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at Lake Braddock, but results were unavailable at press time.

The tournament championship game is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. at Lake Braddock and a possible winner-take-all game would be Saturday at 7 p.m.. The winner advances to the state tournament in Stuarts Draft, Va.

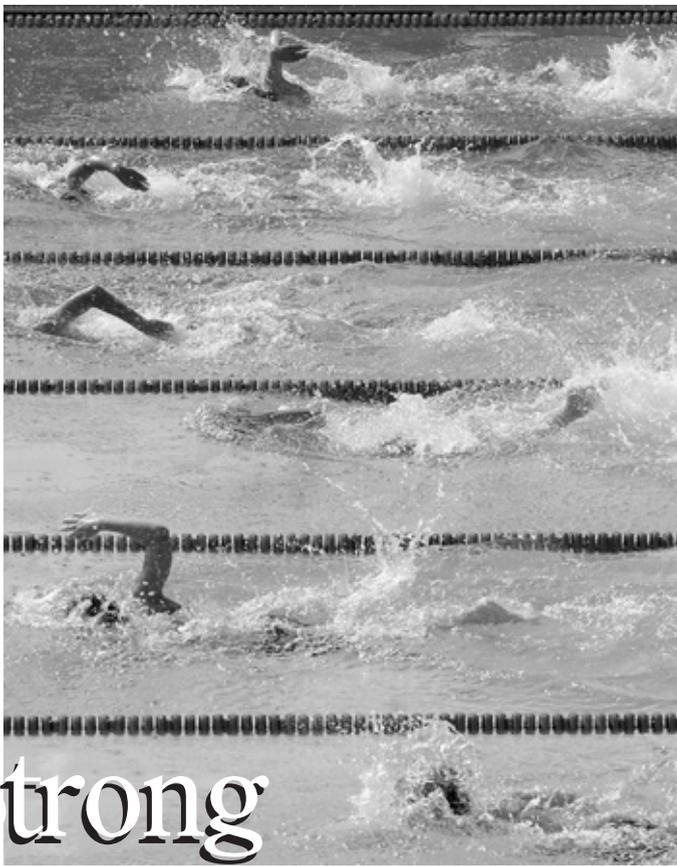
Earlier this month, Post 176 had five representatives in the league all-star game. They included first baseman/catcher Taylor Kewer (Hayfield), infielder Eddie Boddie (Bishop Ireton), shortstop Josh Brown and Lee representatives Ryan Davis and Andrew Sanders.

Post 176 finished with a 14-13 regular season record, which was good for fourth in the 10-team league. Vienna Post 180 won the league last season.

—ERIC J. GILMORE

SPORTS

Swimmers race in the 50 Meter Freestyle during the NVSL District meet at Lee-Graham pool on July 26.



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Only The Strong Survive

Local pools compete at districts, ready for all-star meet.

The Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) held their division championship meets on July 26, with various Mount Vernon and Alexandria-based swimmers qualifying for the upcoming all-star meet. The NVSL also hosted divers from 47 teams in the league's Division 8 championships, which included first-place showings from divers at Mansion House in Division 2, Hayfield Farm in Division 3, and Stratford Recreation Association in Division 7.

Three swimmers set various NVSL records — recorded over a 53-year period — at the meets.

In the Division 10 Championships at Mosby Woods, Janet Hu swam the 11-12 girls 100-meter individual medley (1:07.81), breaking the former record of 1:07.93 set by Ashley Danner of Cottontail in 2003. The record was Hu's 13th NVSL record.

In the Division 2 meet at Tuckahoe, Eva Greene swam the 13-14 girls 50-meter backstroke in a new record time of 30.59. Greene bettered the former record of 30.64 set in 2003 by Katy Hinkle of Donaldson Run. A little while later at Tuckahoe, Sean Fletcher swam the 15-18 boys 50-meter butterfly in 25.28 breaking his own record time of 25.49 that he established earlier this year on June 28th.

In the Division 9 Championships at Walden Glen, Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree swam the 15-18 girls 50-meter butterfly in a time of 28.94, tying the record set by Mary Quinn of Forest Hollow in 1984.

IN THE NVSL diving meet, divers competed in the following four age groups, with freshmen (10-and-under), juniors (11-12), intermediates (13-14) and seniors (15-18).

Springfield-based Ravensworth's Allie Vogus won the junior girls title in Division 2, while teammate Paige Blennerhassett finished as the runner-up in the intermediate girls category.

In Division 3, Orange Hunt's Christopher Toomey won the freshmen boys title, while Parliament's Brandon White also qualified for the upcoming all-star meet on Aug. 3 at the Dunn Loring pool.

Parliament's Allie Snow (junior girls) was the lone first-place winner, though Elizabeth White (intermediate girls) and Sarah Trempe (senior girls) both qualified by finishing in second.

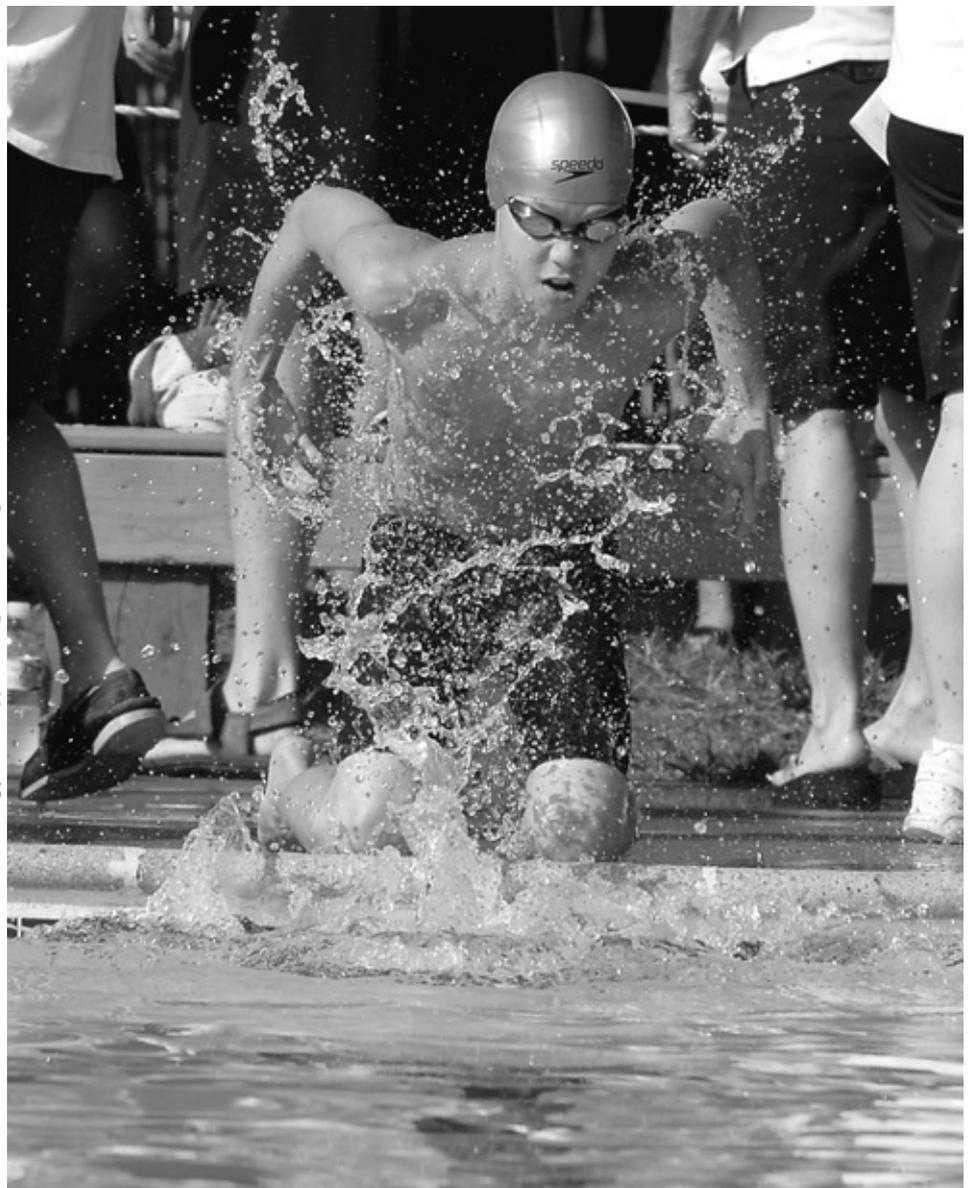
Nicole Toomey took the senior girls crown, while younger sister Lauryn Toomey will serve as an all-state alternate. Orange Hunt's David Wilde (intermediate boys) was an automatic all-star qualifier with a second-place finish.

In Division 4, North Springfield had a pair of first-place finishers with Jack Gigliotti (junior boys) and Sean McKinney (senior boys). McKinney will not attend the all-star meet. North Springfield also had Cassia Kruse, who finished third and will be an all-star alternate.

FORMER HOLLIN MEADOWS swimmer Chad Chadbourn, a 2006 Mary Washington College graduate met Jenna Balkus, a graduate of the College of William & Mary, who swam for the Hiddenbrook Hurricanes while both were serving for the Peace Corps.

So the NVSL alums spent three days teaching children swimming techniques in the small community of Buenos Aires, Costa Rica. Chadbourn and Balkus recently organized a swim camp for 7-12 year-olds during the annual school vacation. With the help of six Peace Corps volunteers, the Northern Virginia natives taught basic aquatic skills to 50-plus youth in the small town, approximately six miles from Puerto Limon and the Atlantic Ocean.

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Matthew Kuhlik of the Chesterbrook Swim Team competes in the 50 Meter Freestyle.



The Riverside Gardens Tsunami coaches celebrate their NVSL Division 10 co-championship trophy.

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A swimmer competes in the 50 Meter Freestyle during the Northern Virginia Swimming League District meet at Lee-Graham pool on July 26.

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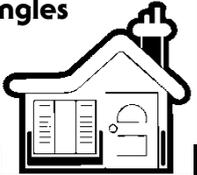
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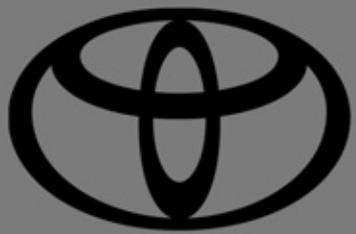
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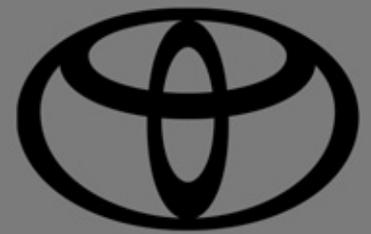
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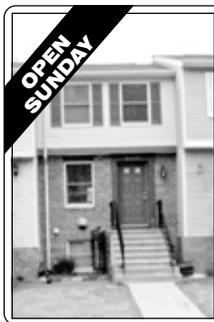
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