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Pfc. K.P. Penman of the City of Fairfax Police Department shows off his motorcycle at the Fairchester Woods National Night Out Party.

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# Night Out with the Neighbors



**PFC K.P. Penman compares his boots with the shoes of Elisa Luckabaugh, 7, at the Fairchester Woods National Night Out party at Kutner Park on Tuesday, Aug. 5.**



**Michelle McSoley, a Volunteer in Police Service, searches through the free books donated by Diana's Books, a non-profit, used book rescue.**

**City of Fairfax neighborhoods turn out for Aug. 5 National Night Out.**



**Denise Jones, left, and Julia Marasco fill up their plates at Foxcroft Colony pool party and cook out. Foxcroft Colony was one of the City of Fairfax neighborhoods to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, Aug. 5. The condominium community threw a pool party with music and food.**



**Fairchester Woods residents Joe Beck, left, Lilia Oberman and William Oberman converse at their neighborhood's National Night Out event.**



**Gerry Jovel, left, talks to George Mason University Police Investigator K. Taylor, right, as Kim Luckabaugh, center, enjoys a free drink.**

## Brainstorming Over Fairfax Boulevard

**Council, business leaders meet to discuss redevelopment plans for major artery.**

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t a special work session on Tuesday, Aug. 5, the Fairfax City Council met with teams of developers and business leaders to discuss the redevelopment of three significant parcels of properties along Fairfax Boulevard.

The meeting at City Hall involved the strings of buildings and land in Kamp Washington and Northfax, the former near the intersection of Main Street and Route 50 and the latter at the intersection of Fairfax Boulevard and Route 123. The council last year outlined a four-page strategy for the future development of the area, laying out what it called a unified vision for the types of businesses that will populate the strip as well as their aesthetic appearance.

Three council members from that meeting (Scott Silverthorne, Gail Lyon and

Patrice Winter) are no longer in office, replaced by newcomers Steven Stombres, Dan Drummond and David Meyer. Tuesday's meeting represented the first crack at the Fairfax Boulevard project for the new look council. Mayor Robert Lederer let them know where the project should rank in their minds.

"I'd like to say to our newest members of the council: there will probably not be a higher priority for you over the next two years, with the possible exception of the budget," said Lederer during his introductory comments.

**THE FOUR-HOUR** meeting represented something of a brainstorming session between the City Council and developers, including some who had voiced complaints in prior City Council meetings that overly rigid zoning and planning restrictions were hampering the economic viability of potential businesses on Fairfax Boulevard. The

council called the meeting in part to address those complaints and receive feedback from the business community on how to bring future growth of the boulevard in line with their vision without stepping on the toes of the companies they're relying on to build it.

For developers, it was a chance to not only unveil their plans to consolidate and redevelop large portions of the properties along one of the main traffic arteries of the city, but to have a voice during a time when the council is considering a significant overhaul of its land-use policies.

"When I look at what we did in downtown area, the good and the bad, the failures and successes, what turned it into a success was the city coming up with common vision for downtown and allowing de-

velopment to take it from there," said Lederer.

Council member Joan Cross addressed a team comprised of three representatives from companies Archstone, Regency Centers and the J Donegan Company. "As developers, what factors in this outline would inhibit the creative process and economic considerations ... to progress to [the plan] you have now?"

**"At some point, we're going to have to give a green light, a red light or a yellow light or this whole thing is going to fall apart."**

— Mayor Robert Lederer

"What was inhibiting was one master plan, on a piece of paper, for a huge area of land for different uses," said Jay Donegan, representing his own company.

In its four-page master plan last year, the council outlined a specific plan for each of

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## 7 And Counting

Middleridge community celebrates its seventh annual National Night Out party.



Ian Tracey smiles as he unbuckles himself from 'The Seat Belt Convincer.'



Claudia Reynolds, Catherine Van Aken and Jerry Reynolds enjoy food and drink as they socialize together. National Night Out is aimed at bringing community members closer together.



From left, Sgt. Nyle Berkeley, Master Deputy Sheriff Dwight Greear, Christoph and Sofia Hwang with their mother Sarah and Reserve Deputy Sheriff Stella Norman, Dan Valentini and Michael Congleton at Middleridge's Seventh Annual National Night Out.



Members of Middleridge Community's board, Catie Morales, Al Melanson and Marie Van de Maten are enjoy the festivities at Middleridge's Seventh Annual National Night Out.



Reserve Deputy Sheriff Stella Norman helps Colton Mularoni with fingerprinting at the Child ID stand.



From left, Brooks Mularoni, Mike Harazin and Dean Mularoni pose for a photo with Colton Mularoni as he shows off the frog from the Nature in Middleridge booth.

## Woman Receives 12 Months for DWI Manslaughter

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Courtroom 4F was packed, Friday afternoon, Aug. 1, with family and friends of both the woman about to be sentenced and the young man whose life she'd taken. Tears flowed on both sides and emotion ran high.

"Mrs. Flynn, I wish you hadn't drunk and driven," screamed the victim's mother, Margaret Santoso, from the witness stand, to the Fairfax woman who'd killed him. "Don't you know how much he meant to me? You

destroyed all our lives — our whole family's lives."

In the end, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Leslie Alden sentenced Corbin Flynn, 28, of the Penderwood community, to 12 months in jail for DWI manslaughter. The heartbroken family of Stephen D. Santoso, dead at 23, returned home to Pennsylvania.

The tragedy occurred April 13, 2007, around 8:30 a.m. Santoso was on his way to work when he got into a minor fender bender in the southbound lanes of West Ox Road, near the Route 50 intersection in Fair Oaks. He and the other driver, a 41-year-

## Man, 23, dies after traffic accident.

old Herndon woman, were standing outside their vehicles exchanging information and inspecting their cars' damages.

After arguing with her husband, Flynn, of 12139 Wedgeway Place, had drunk wine in her SUV, just hours before, and had a blood-alcohol content three times the legal limit. Yet she was headed for her job as an aide at a private school for young children. Driving a 2005 Lincoln Aviator, she turned south onto West Ox from Route 50 — and smack into Santoso's vehicle.

When Flynn pleaded guilty, June 30, As-

sistant Commonwealth's Attorney Katie Pavluchuk presented details of the accident. "The defendant, without braking, struck Mr. Santoso's car, propelling it forward, and then struck both people," she said. "Witnesses rushed over to help and called 911. Mr. Santoso began seizing and was Medivaced to [Inova Fairfax] hospital." He died two days later of a subdural hemorrhage in his brain.

Flynn and the Herndon woman were

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## Man Charged in Burglary.

City of Fairfax Police have charged Andre Ross, 52, of Alexandria in connection with a burglary that took place at the P.J. Skidoos Restaurant at 9908 Fairfax Blvd. Ross is the third suspect to have charges brought against him for the crime that took place in March.

According to a City of Fairfax Police release, on March 27 Ross, along with Clyde C. Williams, 50, of Alexandria and Theodore R. Bailey, 53, of Washington, D.C., entered the restaurant during business hours and gained entry to the office, removing an undisclosed amount of money from the safe. Bailey and Williams were both arrested and charged in June. According to City of Fairfax Police spokesperson Pam Nevlud, all three suspects had outstanding warrants in multiple jurisdictions at the time of their arrest.

The release goes on to say that on Aug. 2, Ross was moved from a jail on an unrelated charge. Other jurisdictions have warrants for him as well as Fairfax County. He faces the same charges as the other suspects in the case: two felony counts of grand larceny and possession of burglarious tools.

## City Official Charged with Grand Larceny, Embezzlement

City of Fairfax Police on Thursday, July 31 charged Ernest Carson Hawkins Jr., a City of Fairfax Utilities Department employee, with grand larceny and embezzlement of public funds. He was also charged with converting city-owned property for his own personal gain.

According to a City of Fairfax Police release, an internal complaint within the Utilities Department spurred a month-long investigation that resulted in city officials turning over information to the police concerning the potential diversion of public funds received for recyclable scrap metal. City of Fairfax Police spokesperson Pam Nevlud declined to elaborate on the details of the complaint or the information the police received from the Utilities Department.

The release goes on to say that Hawkins, a superintendent at the department's facilities at 3410 Pickett Road, took metal intended for recycling purposes to a scrap dealer and kept the money, estimated at \$5,000, for himself. Assistant City Manager Dave Hodgkins said the city would consider changes in protocols and procedures to curb similar efforts in the future.

"That's something that we're always looking at and obviously we're going to be looking at certain things that will be taken into consideration," said Hodgkins.

Bond for Hawkins, who lives in Culpeper, was set at \$5,000.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

## 2 Crimes May Be Linked

Fairfax County Police are investigating a pair of similar incidents that occurred several days apart in the Burke area involving two men who fit the same description.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, two Burke-area girls, 15 and 16, were approached by a middle-aged black man Tuesday, July 29 while they were walking through a parking lot of the 6000 block of Burke Commons Drive. After beckoning the two girls to come over, they realized that he was exposing himself and ran away and contacted police.

The release goes on to say that police believe that incident may be connected to a suspicious person report that was filed two days later on July 31. A Burke-area teen, 15, reported walking in the area of Roberts Parkway and Premier Court just before 6 p.m. when she was approached by a man in a gold, older-model, four-door sedan. After attempting to initiate the girl in conversation, the teen reportedly walked away and contacted police. That man was also described as black, in his mid-30s to early 40s, and bald with a goatee. He was wearing a white button-up shirt.

Fairfax County Police are asking anyone with information concerning the incidents or the man involved to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-8477 or e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org).



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**Dr. Nicholas Robert, left, chairs Inova's cancer committee. Dr. Kirsten Edmiston, middle, serves as medical director for the Inova Fairfax Cancer Center. Dr. L. Reuven Pasternak, right, is CEO of the Inova Fairfax Hospital Campus.**

# Cancer Center Honored

**Inova Fairfax Cancer Center receives award, with top marks in care.**

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**I**nova Fairfax Hospital bolstered its reputation as one of the top cancer hospitals in the country recently as the facility was named a recipient of the 2007 Outstanding Achievement Award. The award, presented by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, was given to just 66 hospitals nationwide in recognition of their outstanding cancer treatment programs.

A ceremony organized by hospital officials to recognize the honor took place Thursday, July 31 in the Atrium of the hospital on Gallows Road in Falls Church. After being presented the award, Dr. Kirsten Edmiston, medical director of the Inova Fairfax Cancer Center, gave her explanation behind the center's success.

"What really exemplifies this award is that it's the team working together to really provide quality care from diagnosis to treatment to follow up," said Edmiston.

That teamwork, according to Edmiston and other officials, is what has formed the core of the hospital's award-winning cancer treatment. That core can be broken down into three parts: the quality and depth of the doctors, an advanced research department and a comprehensive inpatient and outpatient program that hospital officials say is as impressive and sophisticated as the doctors and technologies.

"These are the things we do every day so that we

can take care of patients who have very complex problems," said Edmiston.

Dr. Nicholas Robert is a medical oncologist as well as chairman of the hospital's Cancer Committee, a body that was formed 20 years ago to provide oversight on cancer-related patient care. Robert said the fight against cancer is a multi-disciplinary approach.

"A big thing that's happened in the last 30 years, [cancer] was a surgical disease. Now everyone realizes it's not only a question of having a good surgeon but also having a good radiation oncologist and a good medical oncologist," he said.

**THE LAST THREE** decades have seen an explosion of progress, both in the pathology of the disease and the technological means to treat it. As the years progressed, said Robert, the field of cancer-related treatment splintered into more and more sub-groups.

"With that increase in complexity of care, it became necessary for physicians to become more specialized as treatments got more complicated," he said.

Those developments have led to one of the facility's greatest strengths: the deep and diverse pool of cancer-related doctors it has on hand. Some specialize in certain diseases, such as breast cancer or leukemia and lymphoma. Others, like radiation oncologists, focus on certain forms of treatment. With between 20-30 oncologists alone regularly using the hospital, the center

has been able to branch out and explore some of the more narrow fields of cancer research.

"It's the depth and breadth of this care and the expertise of these surgeons, oncologists and radiologists that sets us apart," said Edmiston.

In addition, this combined expertise allows for the hospital to conduct an array of conferences every year,

**"Now everyone realizes it's not only a question of having a good surgeon, but also having a good radiation oncologist and a good medical oncologist,"**

**— Dr. Nicholas Robert, medical oncologist and chairman of the Inova Fairfax Cancer Committee**

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# Reshaping Fairfax Blvd.

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the three designated areas, laying out restrictions for types of buildings and businesses that they're looking to attract to the city. Included with Kamp Washington and Northfax was the area around Fairfax Circle.

**ACCORDING TO** a July 30 memorandum, the City Council expressed a desire to see Kamp Washington become "an urban village, with a mix of retail, office and residential uses", while the future of Northfax was envisioned as "a consolidated mixed-use development" which would serve as "a signature project that visually reflects its importance" as a gateway to the city. That seemed to conflict with the mostly residential luxury buildings Donegan's team had planned for the western portion of roughly 80,000 square feet of properties they already own or are seeking to acquire along Northfax.

"This would jumpstart this Northfax development in a way that's meaningful and in a way that can be carried over," said Donegan.

**THE DEVELOPMENT** team for Kamp Washington, comprised of representatives from JPI and Ted Britt Ford, laid out some of the challenges they faced in transforming individually-owned properties under their control into a consolidated residential and retail complex.

"Our triangle in Kamp Washington, it has signifi-

cantly more acreage but significantly less streets," said Aaron Liebert, Senior Vice President of JPI. "Within this parcel, we have 20 different property owners, [so] consolidation is very challenging."

While stating that they were generally sympathetic to the need for flexibility, council members, including newcomers Stombres, Meyer and Drummond, expressed the need for officials to maintain and protect the style and makeup of the city.

"We know what we want and will not apologize for certain quality standards, but we're not dogmatic and will be flexible to how we apply them," said Meyer.

The council, during an internal discussion, devised a three-tiered plan to overhaul its land-use policies. In the short term, businesses will use special exception requests that were the staple of previous City Council meetings. Over the next six months, the council along with the transportation and planning committees will work to design an overlay zoning district that would allow businesses to redevelop areas that don't fit into their zone's current acceptable uses. Finally, over the next year, the city will have to come up with a form-based code that would uphold the council's will for the future of Fairfax Boulevard while giving developers the flexibility they need to operate in a financially beneficial way.

"At some point, we're going to have to give a green light, a red light or a yellow light or this whole thing is going to fall apart," said Lederer near the end of the proceedings.

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## PEOPLE

# Getting To Know ...

## Thuc Tran, 13, nationally ranked Judo athlete.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

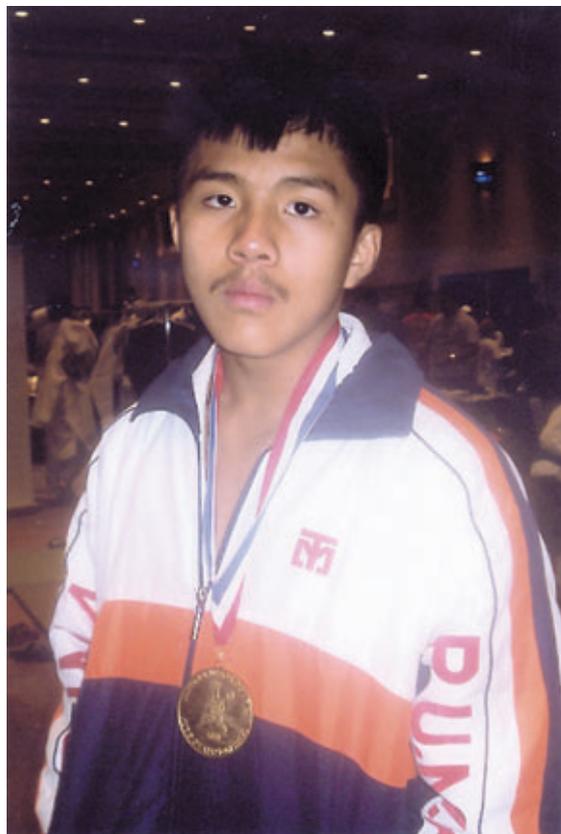
**T**huc Tran, 13, of Springfield is on a roll. The son of Danh and Tam Tran of Springfield has the nickname "Truck" — as in Mack Truck. And the saying goes, you can never stop a Mack Truck ...

Thuc is currently ranked the No. 1 seed in the nation in Judo for winning five national tournaments for his age and weight (64 kilos). Thuc had taken part in three national Judo events by the age of 12.

While admitting that he was a bit nervous going into the Junior Olympics in Orlando two weeks ago, he won the top spot out of 11 qualifiers.

His secret toward winning, he said: "I kept my initial focus and did what my coach had told me to do."

On March 29-30, he won the gold at the U.S. Scholastic National Championship in Menomomie, Wisc., in the 12-13 juvenile age group.



**Thuc Tran of Springfield is ranked No. 1 in Judo nationally.**

A rising GT eighth-grader at Lake Braddock Middle School, Thuc had no prior martial arts training when he first started lessons with Phan four years ago. His coach told him that he could make him into a national champion. "And now I actually am," said Thuc.

To achieve that ranking, Thuc practices about 12 hours a week with Phan, with harder workouts before a competition.

"He's an excellent coach, a great teacher, a good person

and a good role model," said Thuc. "He pushes us to go beyond what we think are our limits."

Dina Towbin, assistant team manager, said the secret to Thuc's success is he's good at following instructions. "I think he's a good kid. ... I think he's a very hard worker. He's very consistent with his training."

However, with all his maturity, Thuc is still a youth with a big heart that tends to ask "illogical questions," said Phan. "There's a side of him that makes you want to laugh at him, and at the same time, kid around with him."

When he's not doing Judo, Thuc enjoys surfing the Internet, playing trumpet in the Lake Braddock Middle School band, taking classes in Vietnamese and attending Catholic CCD classes.

**"As an athlete he has a conviction; he has a heart."**

— **Quyen V. Phan, Judo instructor**

**ON JULY 18-20** at the U.S. Open in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., he won the gold medal, competing against athletes from China, Japan, Canada and Mexico.

"I was basically using what my coach, Master Lee, had told me to do... and reacted to how my opponent moves," Truc said.

Truc earned another third place at the U.S. Judo Association's national competition, where his coach offered tips over the telephone because he could not attend. A week later, he competed in the United States Judo Federation National Championships and won a Silver.

He'll have the opportunity to represent the U.S. at the Pan Am Games — the best of the best — on Dec. 5-10 in the Dominican Republic.

"As an athlete he has a conviction; he has a heart," said his Judo instructor Quyen V. Phan, a fifth-degree black belt who runs Phan University of Martial Arts in Burke Town Plaza on Old Keene Mill Road.

"He's the first junior in Judo who's represented the U.S. team," Phan said, adding, that in his 18 years as a coach, he has sent 1,000 athletes to the national level.

Thuc is a good listener, a hard worker and academically inclined as well. "He seems to apply himself the same way he does academically," said Phan. "He pushes himself physically and mentally."

The U.S. Olympic Committee awarded him a grant for fulfilling the requirements to be a future Olympian, said Phan.

## BUSINESS NOTES

**The Small, Women- and Minority-owned (SWaM) Mentoring Program** celebrated the graduation of its first class on June 27. Sponsored by the Business Opportunity Center at Northern Virginia Community College, the SWaM Mentoring Program is designed to help businesses successfully bid for state and/or local government contracts. Participating companies re-

ceive business counseling and technical assistance, and participate in workshops on business topics while networking with buyers and vendors who are looking for subcontractors. Sixteen companies participated: ACE Products, Activate Results, Blend In Design, C&C General Builders, Capital Construction, ContractDesk, Element H2O, Gordon Information Services, Information Tech-

nology Solutions, McManis & Monsalve Associates, Olshesky Design Group, Potomac Springs Landscape, Robert E. Beach Architects, Sparkle Cleaning, Systems Engineering and We Clean. Program manager Chris Tran is accepting applications for the session which begins in September. For more, contact Tran at ctran@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3329.

## VIEWPOINTS

### Who is your favorite baseball player?

Responding to this question are members of the Springfield Challengers Little League Team.



"Austin Kearns."  
**Caroline Ainsworth**



"Caroline Ainsworth."  
**Will Payne**



"Ryan Zimmerman."  
**Taylor Clouse**



"Gregory Edmonds."  
**Irene Mayberry**

— SAM FUNT

## COLLEGE NOTES

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

Nine Fairfax residents have been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at the University of Mary Washington: **Catharine Adams, Isabel Arellano, Sean Atchison, Lindsay Bothwell, Michael Downey, Meghan McGrane, Hye Rim Park, Marie Randolph and Brittany Valint.**

Three Fairfax residents, senior **Amy Baldwin**, sophomore **Karen Ellrod** and senior **Stephanie Burns**, have been named to the spring 2008 president's list at the University of Mary Washington.

**April E. Glick** has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at the University of Hartford, West Hartford, Conn.

**Michael Biama, Gabrielle Equale and Juliet Stevens** of Fairfax have made the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at the University of Vermont, Burlington.

**Robert M. McMullin** of Fairfax has been awarded a National Merit Scholarship to the New College of Florida. The Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology graduate will be studying physics and environmental science.

The following Fairfax residents have been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at Virginia Tech: **Anisa J. Ali, Mailan Aram, Amy L. Ballard, Casey K. Bridges, Max H. Burkhalter, Ivan F. Bustamante, Su Young Chung, Nikoleta R. Delis, Kristina V. DiStefano, David**



**Samantha M. Bell has been accepted to the college of arts and science presidential honors scholar program at New York University. Bell has also been named to the spring 2008 dean's list. She is a graduate of Robinson Secondary, and the daughter of William and Judith Bell of Fairfax.**

**F. Ellrod, Sabina J. Fedrowitz, Katherine A. Golkow, Jessica L. Gray, Kathleen A. Hallowell, Christopher H. Harvey, Dat T. Hoang, Alexandra G. Hollar, Abraham J. Hwang, Evanthia B. Kakouris, John H. Kim, Kwang W. Kim, Su Y. Kim, George L. Kipouros, Kimberly S. Kirkbride and Kate E. Laflin.**

# CRIME

Incidents reported by the City of Fairfax Police Department, July 26 through Aug. 1.

## BURGLARY

**3100 block of Draper Drive / United Self Storage.** On July 28, at 3:30 p.m., the manager reported that sometime between 9 a.m. on July 27 and 10 a.m. on July 28 unknown person(s) had broken into numerous storage units and taken an undetermined number of items. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

## IDENTITY THEFT

**10900 block of Woodhaven Drive.** On July 28, at 5 p.m., the victim reported that her Social Security number had been used by unknown person(s) to obtain satellite television service in Philadelphia during May and June, 2008.

## LARCENY

**9600 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Sunoco Service Station.** On July 25, at 9:51 p.m., an employee reported that an unknown female subject had pumped gas into her vehicle and left the station without paying.

**9900 block of Main St. / Yesterday's Rose Thrift Store.** On July 24, at 8:53 p.m., the victim stated that on July 13, about 12:30 p.m., she had accidentally left her wallet in a basket at the store and it subsequently had been taken by unknown person(s).

**9600 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Bowl America Parking Lot.** On July 27, at 3:31 p.m., the vehicle owner

reported that sometime between 3:20 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. unknown person(s) had broken a window on his parked vehicle and stolen a laptop computer case, USB drives, papers and checks.

**9500 block of Arlington Blvd. / Chevron Service Station.** On July 28, at 6:59 a.m., an employee reported that on July 27, after 6 p.m., unknown person(s) had broken a window on a vehicle which had been left for service and stolen a stereo.

**9700 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Econo Lodge.** On July 27, at 4:44 p.m., the victim reported that sometime between 12 a.m. and 2 p.m. unknown person(s) had taken cash, a debit card and identification from a table in the room.

**10300 block of North St. / Fairfax City Regional Library.** On July 30, at 9:47 a.m., a citizen found a purse lying on the ground in the 3900 block of Old Lee Highway. Using identification found in the purse, police contacted the owner who stated it apparently had been taken while she was using a computer at the library on the evening of July 28. The only item determined to be missing from the purse was a cellular phone.

**9600 block of Fairfax Blvd. / Sunoco Service Station.** On July 30, at 7:35 p.m., an employee reported that a male subject had left a vehicle for repair on July 11 and then presented an unsigned check in payment and left the business. The employee subsequently went to the subject's residence with the unsigned check which the subject took but did not sign. The employee has since been unable to make contact with the subject.

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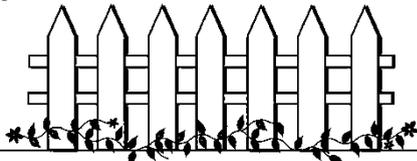
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## Community Guide Inside

Conveying a sense of place.

This issue of the Connection includes our annual Newcomers and Community Guide. Through narrative, listings, viewpoints and photographs, we endeavor to capture what it means to live here, highlights of places to visit and things to do, a snapshot of local history, help finding community resources and tips on adjusting to living here.

If you are new to the area, you'll find resources and ideas on these pages. We hope, however, that even if you have lived here for decades, you'll still find something new in our pages this week.

**EVEN SOME** longtime residents may not have visited some of the key places in and near their hometowns. Have you visited Great Falls National Park and seen the falls? Have you been boating in Lake Fairfax in Reston? When was the last time you visited the animals at Frying

Pan Park in Herndon? Have you attended the historically accurate demonstrations at Claude Moore Park or at Colvin Mill? Our community guide is full of ideas.

We also offer many more resources on our Web site. There you will find the complete community guides for each of our 19 papers, including more extensive listings than appear in the newspapers. You'll also find stories about the top 100 Athletes ever to compete in local high schools.

Our recently redesigned Web site includes stories from all of our 18 weekly newspapers, now with new information throughout the week. A new and unusual feature, you can now access the print edition of each of our papers online, by downloading a pdf version, showing each page exactly as it appears in the paper, including cover, photos, display ads and classified advertising. All our

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We want our relationship with our readers to be a two-way street. Be sure to let us know what you think we've left out that's important, interesting or fun. Let us know your ideas and suggestions. If you know of a community group or activity that should be highlighted in a future community guide, we'd like to know that as well.

— MARY KIMM

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## Something Missing

The following was read to members of the Northern Virginia legislative delegation on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

### Ladies and Gentlemen of the Virginia General Assembly:

You are highly respected for your positions.

As a citizen under your authority, I am proposing to be more aware of what is going on; to pray more for you collectively and also individually if you request it.

Today I call your attention to Virginia's public schools. From my personal observation, God, our Creator, has been forced into a back seat. At my grandson's graduation from Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax in 2004, there was no invocation; also no mention of God in the 12 speeches, seven of which were by students.

After this disappointment, David E. Johnson, Virginia deputy attorney general, advised me that student graduation speakers "can, on their own initiative, include religious themes or references, including prayer, in their remarks. A locality may not prohibit such speech. It is important that students and parents are aware of this right."

Sometime back, a nephew in Lynchburg was cautioned not to end his high-school graduation prayer in Jesus' name. He chose to proceed in using the name that meant so much to him.

At my adult creative writing class given by Fairfax Public

Schools, my first paper was rejected because it spoke of Jesus. A subsequent paper so upset the teacher (a 30-year public school teaching veteran) that she called me at home, intimating that I should resign from the class.

That paper recorded the emergence of our Southern Bible Belt after the return of 100,000

Confederate soldiers converted to Christ in camp revivals in between battles.

These incidents of Robinson graduation, attempted suppression of Jesus' name in Lynchburg and my experience with the writing class, appear to infringe upon First Amendment guarantees of the free exercise of religion, speech and press.

Please use your influence toward reestablishment of a public school environment where God's presence can be freely invoked, and God and Christ can be talked about, written about and sung about.

I too have a dream. Do you?

May God bless you; also Governor Kaine, Chairman Connolly and all of Virginia's public servants.

**Merrill Sickles Jr.**  
Fairfax

## Out of Touch

To the Editor:

Almost 50 years ago, voters were under the perception that if they elected John F. Kennedy president, the Pope would be making presidential policy. In the end, voters' concerns went unrealized.

The election of 2008 is different; if Republican Keith Fimian is elected to represent Virginia's 11th Congressional District, the fear of legislating religious views and papal policy in Congress is all too real. Unlike President Kennedy, who disavowed introducing religion into the Oval Office, Mr. Fimian has known ties to the radical, religious fundamentalist group Opus Dei and openly endorses extremist religious policy positions. Mr. Fimian opposes a woman's right to choose under all circumstances, including rape and incest, and supports legislation to ban the use of birth control for all citizens, regardless of marital status or age. If the voters in Virginia's 11th Congressional District elect Keith Fimian to Congress, he will legislate his religious views and use the power of the federal government to strip away our individual liberties.

Keith Fimian is out of touch with the views of the voters in this congressional district and they deserve to know it.

**Donita Davenport**  
Fairfax Station

## Conservative Candidate

To the Editor:

Contrary to the belief of Republican congressional candidate Keith Fimian, social issues are important to voters in the 11th Congressional District. He is an extreme ideologue seeking to replace a moderate Republican statesman and represent an increasingly

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## DINING

# In the Kitchen with Dave

TV chef offers tips on preparing locally grown, seasonal foods.

BY ESTHER PAK  
THE CONNECTION

For Dave Lieberman, a passion for entertaining and cooking for his friends at college launched a culinary career that now allows him to share his passion with millions of people. He is now a personal chef, author of two cookbooks, the youngest member of Macy's Culinary Council, and host of The Food Network's "Good Deal with Dave Lieberman" and "Dave Does."

On Saturday, Aug. 2, Lieberman was at the Macy's in Fair Oaks Mall as part of The Dave Lieberman/Tools of the Trade Green & Fresh Tour. For this event, Lieberman performed an in-store demonstration of three dishes, featuring the area's locally grown and seasonal ingredients: Chilled Pea Soup with Basil Cream, Butterfish with Summer Corn Succotash and Summer Peach and Blueberry Skillet Cake.

The event included food samples for the audience as well as the opportunity to receive a personalized copy of his latest cookbook, "Dave's Dinners."

Over the past few years, Lieberman has been to 38 different Macy's promoting easy and affordable cooking methods while using quality local, sustainable ingredients. The Dave Lieberman/Tools of the Trade Green & Fresh Tour is comprised of eight more Macy's locations around the country. The program is a partnership with Tools of the Trade Grade Belgique Stainless Cookware, Macy's exclusive cookware brand, and Edible Communities, a national organization that promotes local farm and artisan prod-

ucts.

**Who was your greatest culinary inspiration?**

Probably my dad, because he was the one who was the cook in the family and therefore my culinary role model growing up.

**What inspired you to create a show in college about affordable, easy cooking? How did it lead to the show "Good Deal with Dave Lieberman" on the Food Network?**

My friends and I got this crazy idea to do a cooking show geared towards other people at school with us and we thought the concept of good, locally sourced ingredients on a budget made the most sense. Then the New York Times wrote about what we were doing and that led to producers calling about wanting to pitch a show with me to the Food Network.

**Favorite aspect about working on The Food Network?**

Having so many people use my recipes and my ideas about food is really exciting to me.



Dave Lieberman gives a cooking demonstration Aug. 2 at Macy's in Fair Oaks Mall.

### RECIPE

## Summer Peach and Blueberry Skillet Cake

**Cake:**  
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
Pinch of Salt  
1 stick plus 2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
2/3 cups granulated sugar  
3 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
4 large peaches  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 pint blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring a large pot of water to a boil.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Let the stick of butter come to room temperature to soften, then in a separate bowl, use a mixer to cream together with the granulated sugar. Gradually add the eggs and then the vanilla

extract. Whisk in the flour mixture.

Score peaches at top and bottom and blanch in the boiling water for a couple minutes to loosen their skins. Drop peaches into an ice water bath and then use a paring knife to peel the skins from the flesh. Cut the flesh in thick slices avoiding the pit as you go.

Heat 2 tablespoons of butter and the brown sugar in a non-stick, 10-inch skillet over high heat until bubbly. Add the peach slices in the bubbling butter and sugar and toss until the peaches take on some color. Remove pan from heat, sprinkle the blueberries over the peaches and pour the batter over the top of it all.

Place skillet in oven and bake 35-40 minutes. Let cool 20 minutes then place a plate over the top of the skillet, turn upside down to release the cake. Serve with vanilla ice cream.

### Challenges?

Making good-looking food on television is really difficult and time-consuming, but it's worth it in the end.

**What motivated you to inform others about using local, fresh ingredients?**

I believe that fresh, local and sustainable cooking is the only thing that makes sense for the consumer and the world. Seasonal, local food for the most part is tastier, cheaper and better for the environment and the animals we depend on for our food.

**What motivates you to get into the kitchen? How would you motivate others to get into the kitchen?**

Loving good ingredients is the first step. Figuring out where to get your hands on great ingredients is the most inspirational thing a cook can do.

**Do you have a method for experimenting and creating hundreds of**

### new recipes?

No not really. There's not much method to the madness.

**What is your number one tip for affordable and easy entertaining?**

Keep it simple. Don't cook too much and choose recipes that are no more than a half a page long.

**How do you find yourself trying to improve as a cook?**

Watching other good cooks cook teaches me the most. That, and just cooking myself as much as possible. It's literally trial by fire in the kitchen a lot of the times.

**What is your most memorable food-moment?**

Probably sitting on the warm kitchen floor as a little kid watching my dad make dinner.

**Favorite food to cook when you're with your family?**

Grilled fish.



Dave Lieberman, host of The Food Network's 'Good Deal with Dave Lieberman' and 'Dave Does,' has done cooking demonstrations at 38 different Macy's stores.

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**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](http://www.soles4souls.org). Online registration is \$20, includes a race shirt. Packet pickup day of race. Contact Lyndsay McKeever at 571-214-8805 or [mckeelva@vt.edu](mailto:mckeelva@vt.edu). Visit [www.vapowershift.org](http://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.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 6:30-9 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Call 703-644-7333.

**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](http://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. Call to register 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](http://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.

**Author, historian and educator John Carter** will discuss the letters of his great-great-grandfather, Pvt. William C. McClellan, a Civil War soldier and a POW who died shortly after the war. The letters reveal strong opinions about the generals

and his fellow soldiers and speak freely of events. Carter has assembled the letters into a book which will be available for purchase and author signing. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Call 703-425-9225 or visit [www.fairfaxstation.org](http://www.fairfaxstation.org).

## 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/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

**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. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances). Friday Flicks. Bring a

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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](http://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](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**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](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Truro Church Book Sale.** 12-5 p.m.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 9

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**Fairfax Corner Summer Concert Series: Marshall Artz and Billy Coulter.** 6-8:30 p.m. Free. Fairfax Corner Grand Plaza, 11951 Grand Commons Ave., Fairfax. Call 703-227-0894 or [www.fairfaxcorner.com](http://www.fairfaxcorner.com).

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## SUNDAY/AUG. 10

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**B. B. King will be performing at the Filene Center on Sunday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.**

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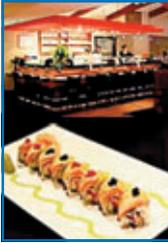
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**N-Scale model trains will be running** in the community room and caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. The Northern Virginia NTRAK model train club will host its monthly display from 1-4 p.m. \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. The museum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

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## HEALTH & FITNESS

# Inova Cancer Center

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each one dealing with a different field of study. "When I got here about 17 years ago, we had one [general] cancer conference. Now, we have about 10-15 conferences a month," said Robert. "We went from a general cancer conference to sub-specialty conferences."

**SUPPORTING THE** doctors at Inova is a research department that sits on the cutting edge of medical science. In addition to its own work, the hospital has numerous partnerships with schools like George Mason University and Virginia Commonwealth University, as well as federal organizations such as the National Institute of Health. The hospital's program with GMU, a joint initiative known as the George Mason University-Inova Health System Translational Research Centers, is designed to recruit scientists from around the world to study advances in the fields of proteomics, nanotechnology and genomics. There, scientists and doctors from both entities find ways to fight cancer on a genetic and molecular level. Patricia Snellings, director of communications for the College of Science at GMU, said the partnership with Inova has given the school's research a real-world dimension that increases the applicability of their research.

"Our scientists tell you we can come up with new discoveries all day long, but they'll never help a patient unless we get it out of the laboratory and into patient care," said Snellings.

The initiative's work in proteomics, a branch of molecular biology dealing with the coding of proteins, provides an example of the hospital's reliance on their research department to not only give them best tools of today, but also the finest instruments of tomorrow. Edmiston described a new trial the hospital is running: a piece of a cancer patient's tissue is taken at Inova and sent to research colleagues at GMU. Using that tissue, scientists can pinpoint spe-

cific abnormalities in that patient's protein pathways. Once those abnormalities related to cancer are identified, doctors and researchers can then go about finding ways to suppress them through novel immune drugs before they turn malignant.

When asked if that effectively constituted a cure or genetic vaccine for certain types of cancer, Edmiston said: "Absolutely."

**LIFE WITH CANCER**, the hospital's comprehensive program for providing what Program Manager Sabine Gnesdiloff calls "psycho-social" support, is designed to complement the medical treatment cancer patients at the hospital are undergoing. Like its medical and research counterparts, the program's strength is its versatility. Gnesdiloff said her staff and volunteers provide everything from information and education about a patient's particular disease, therapy, bereavement counseling, yoga, exercise and nutrition advice and a host of other services.

"[People ask us]: What does it mean? What are the treatments, how can I find a doctor? Can you provide some resources or guidance?" said Gnesdiloff.

Patrick Murphy, who works as a nurse for Doctors Without Borders and was recently diagnosed with myelogenous leukemia, described the program as "a group of people that will come together and help you get through the issues that you face as you go through your recovery and fight the disease."

"One of big realizations is recognition that it takes a team of individuals with different perspectives and different skills to provide optimal care for someone going through cancer treatment," said Robert. "To think you can do it all by yourself is unrealistic and you can't be as successful unless you have a team."

The award was dated 2007 because the survey used to determine the winners, conducted every three years at almost 500 hospitals nationwide, finished in 2007. Inova Fairfax officials, according to Edmiston, learned of the designation last month.

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# SPORTS

## Champions Crowned at All-Star Meets

BY MICHAEL GARCIA  
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THE CONNECTION

**H**undreds of swimmers, parents, team reps, and fans gathered on Saturday hoping to witness an exciting finale to another Northern Virginia Swimming League season. The NVSEs annual All-Star meet, held this year at Little Rocky Run, did not disappoint.

Top swimmers from each of the 17 divisions competed for the honor of league's best swimmer in their respective event or events. In the interest of time and competition, the meet had a different structure than regular season contests. Individual medley races started first and the team relay events were eliminated. Regardless of the abbreviated contest, those in attendance witnessed close finishes and dominating performances alike.

Though all the swimmers who competed represented the elite in the NVSL, a few stars shone brightest. Winners of multiple events included: Cassidy Bayer of Mount Vernon (girls eight and under backstroke and butterfly); Miller Surette of Lee-Graham (boys 9-10 breaststroke and IM); Suzanne Dolan of Overlee (girls 9-10 freestyle and backstroke); Janet Hu of Mosby Woods (girls 11-12 freestyle and IM); Alessandra Troncoso of Old Keene Mill (girls 13-14 breaststroke and IM); Sean Fletcher of Hunter Mill (boys 15-18 butterfly and IM); and Ashley Danner of Cottontail (girls 15-18 breaststroke and IM).

Hu and Danner turned in some of the day's most impressive performances. Hu won her freestyle event by almost two seconds (27.85) and her IM event by more than five seconds (1:08.45). Equally as dominant, Danner won her breaststroke event by almost two seconds (32.73) and her IM by three (1:04.23). Danner returned to Cottontail after swimming in the Olympic Trials earlier this summer.

And there was no shortage of thrilling finishes, either. Fletcher captured his first win, in the individual medley, by only .03 seconds over Bradley Phillips of Pinecrest. Even closer, Matt Weinberg of Orange Hunt defeated Michael Hallock of Fox Mill Woods in the boys' 15-18 backstroke by only .02 ticks in the day's most heart-pounding finish. In all, 12 races were decided by .18 seconds or less.

Still, perhaps nothing captured the thrill of All-Star Saturday quite like the final race. In the last heat of the last event - girls' 15-18 butterfly - Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree sped to a record finish of 28.93 seconds. The time broke the record she had tied at the Divisional Meet the previous Saturday and which had been set 24 years ago, by a mere one-hundredth of a second - the smallest of margins.

**THE COLONIAL SWIM LEAGUE** had its fair share of impressive performances as well, as 13-year old Christopher Crapco of Hayden Village won all three of his events for the third consecutive year. The Broadlands Piranhas had three of their own three-time winners, with Isaiah Fitzgerald, 8, Kristin Haufler, 12,

and Alli Haufler, 14, all taking three gold medals. The Burke Centre Penguins' Matt Jones, 12, won his fourth, fifth and sixth gold medal this year, winning all three of his events.

Double-winners at the meet were Madelaine MacPhail (Chinquapin), Andi Mack (Ashburn Village), Vince Marrocco (Cascades), Meghan Thompson (Chantilly National) and Micheal Herrmann (Barrington).

At the meet, 35 different swimmers took first-place medals. Eighteen different teams boasted a gold-medal winner, with Broadlands taking ten gold medals, followed by Hayden Village with six, Burke Centre Penguins with five and Ashburn Village, Burke Centre Stingers and Cascades each taking home four gold medals.

**THE WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB** swim team had a big day at the Dominion Country Club League All-Star meet, winning 13 gold medals at the meet, with Laura Kellan winning three events and Kayla O'Malley, Matt Callahan, Bohe Hosking and Palmer Lloyd each winning two gold medals. Lowes Island Country Club won 10 gold medals, with Ryan Natal and Torrie Zarella each winning three events. The Boggs family from the Mount Vernon Country Club won a total of four gold medals, with Jeff Boggs winning three events and Clara Boggs winning one. Other multiple winners at the meet include, Kate Klimkiewicz from International Country Club, Megan Byrnes of International Country Club and Riverbend's Jessica Hawken.

**THE NVSL DIVING** All-Star meet crowned eight champions over the weekend at the Dunn Loring Swim Club in Vienna. More than 170 divers from across Northern Virginia earned the privilege to compete at All-Stars through the performances at the eight individual division championship meets that were held on July 27. Boys and Girls in the following categories competed - Freshman (age 10 and under); Juniors (age 11 through 12); Intermediates (age 13 through 14); and Seniors (age 15 through 18).

Cassie Self, representing the host pool, won the senior girls competition while John Trope of Rolling Hills in Springfield took the senior boys. Truro Homes' Simone Freidman took the intermediate girls, with Carl Buegler of Arlington Forest taking the intermediate boys. Allison Stickel of Vienna Woods and Matthew Hubbard of Truro Homes won the junior boys and girls, while Stephanie Chewing of Old Keene Mill and Grayson Campbell of Vienna Woods took the boys and girls freshman titles.

In addition, the league recognized those competing All Star divers who were competing in their final NVSL meet. These divers included Hal Cogan (Rutherford, Fairfax), Raymond Curry (Lee Graham, Falls Church), David Garaffo (Hayfield Farm, Alexandria), Bobby Horton (Sleepy Hollow B&R, Falls Church), Jim Kuhn (Mansion House, Alexandria), Maureen Reed (Dunn Loring, Vienna), Cassie Self (Dunn Loring, Vienna), Dale Tornell (Springfield) and Samantha Winter (Tuckahoe, McLean).



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**Hayden Village won six gold medals at the CSL All-Star meet over the weekend.**



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**Ryan Stomvoll pours an ice bucket over his teammates as the Westwood Country Club swim team celebrates winning the Dominion Country Club swim league championship.**

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NEWS

12-Month Sentence for Flynn

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treated for their injuries at the hospital and released. However, while police Officer Lance Hamilton inventoried Flynn's SUV after the accident, he "detected an odor of alcohol and found a plastic cup containing remnants of alcohol," said Pavluchuk. Later, at the hospital, said the prosecutor, "The officer smelled alcohol on her."

Flynn also told a detective she'd been drinking wine at her godmother's house from April 12 at 9 p.m. until April 13 at 4 a.m. Then, on her way to her job, said Pavluchuk, "[Flynn] headed the wrong way on West Ox, changed lanes and didn't see the [earlier] accident."

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun said Flynn and her husband Joe were having "financial disputes" throughout April 12 and she "had a couple glasses of wine" at home, that night. Greenspun said Flynn was upset, but didn't drink alcohol at her godmother's house. But he said she was anxious and hysterical and was given half a Xanax to calm her down. Said Greenspun: "She couldn't sleep and she had a drink of wine in her SUV outside her house," before sleeping a couple hours in bed.

On Friday, Aug. 1, Flynn — who'd been jailed after her guilty plea — returned to Circuit Court for sentencing. First, though, witnesses for both sides testified. Greenspun began with his client's mother, Deborah Driscoll, who spoke of her daughter's condition since the accident.

"This has been the most difficult year of our lives," said Driscoll. "My daughter felt grief, remorse, pain

and agony for the Santoso family. She was devastated by what she did. She's had panic attacks, terrible anxiety and had to be placed under psychiatric care."

At the time of the accident, Flynn was two weeks pregnant and she had a baby girl in January. That's when, said her mother, she could "identify with losing a child. She always wanted to make a difference in the world, and she could speak to people about what happened to her and to the Santoso family. She takes full responsibility and will spend the rest of her life trying to save other people."

Flynn stood and, with tears streaming down her cheeks, said she'd wanted to look the Santosos in the face and apologize. "But my words are no good and will not reveal the depths of my pain and sorrow. I hate jail, but I know this is where I deserve to be for what I've done. I wish I could bring Stephen back to your family but, since I can't, I'll reach out and talk to people about drinking and driving."

Alden then sentenced her to 10 years in prison, suspending all but 12 months, and placed her on nine years active probation. She also ordered Flynn to pay the costs incurred for her prosecution, undergo mental-health and substance-abuse treatment and perform 250 hours of the type of community service Greenspun had suggested. After six months, said Alden, she could be placed on work-release or electronic monitoring at home, if the sheriff agrees.

Afterward, outside the courtroom, Stephen's father said a similar crime happened in Pennsylvania. "The victim was 53 and the driver got six years [in prison]," he said. "I was hoping for a minimum of that much."

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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.

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.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY  
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Improved by the premises known as  
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.

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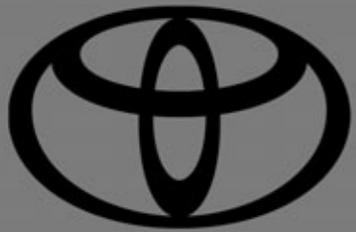
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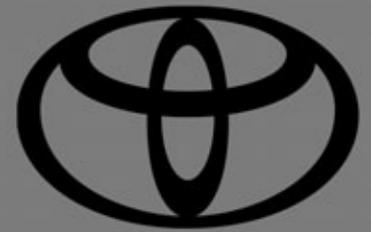
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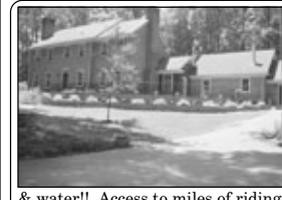


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