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According to the police and fire departments, Ho Bih Chen intentionally set fire to the house he shared with his wife, Chi-Lin, after he killed her. He died in the fire.

Fire Determined To Be Suicide

Man died in blaze after killing wife.

Investigators from the Fairfax County police and fire departments, working together, have determined that the homeowner, who had killed his wife, intentionally set the house fire on Eddyspark Drive, where the husband and wife were found dead.

According to police, Chi-Lin Chen, 55, died of stab wounds to her upper body. Police spokeswoman Shelley Broderick said it was unknown how long she had been dead before her husband, Ho Bih, also 55,

set fire to the house in the early hours of Thursday, April 2. He died in the fire. Broderick said she could not offer a motive for the murder and suicide.

Fire and rescue personnel responded to a neighbor's report of the fire at about 4 a.m. and found the house fully ablaze. A second alarm was sounded, and a total of about 60 fire and rescue and EMS people came to the scene, bringing more than 20 pieces of equipment. They brought the fire under control in about 10 minutes.

Fire and Rescue spokesman Dan Schmidt said Chen had used a "flammable liquid" to ignite the house.

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Herndon Continues To Grow

Proposed budget
calls for
spending reductions.

Herndon Town Manager Arthur A. Anselene has proposed a FY 2010 Budget of \$41,128,785, a 6.3 percent decrease from the current (adopted) FY 2009 Budget.

According to Anselene, balancing the town's budget during the current economic environment requires spending reductions in virtually all areas of town operations. However, he said, "In spite of the significant, detrimental impact of the economy on our world, nation, state and town, Herndon's business and financial environment remains vibrant. With the planned extension of Metrorail to Washington Dulles International Airport, imminent development of the old lumber site adjacent to the W&OD Trail and continued planning for a hotel in our downtown, we anticipate growth of our town during the next year."

HIGHLIGHTS of the proposed FY 2010 budget include:

- ❖ General Fund recurring expenditures (includes personnel, operations and maintenance, debt service and minor capital) totaling \$30,107,530, a decrease of 3.4 percent from FY 2009

- ❖ Projected decrease in recurring revenues (includes real estate and other taxes, permit fees, planning fees, fines, grants, interest income and fees for service) of 3.1 percent from FY 2009. Most significantly, this is impacted by a town-wide average decline in assessed real estate value of 16 percent, with residential real estate values alone falling 27 percent.

- ❖ \$0.02 increase in the real estate property tax, to \$0.26 per \$100 of assessed value. When measured against the reduction in residential real estate assessments, this increase results in more than 90 percent of homeowners receiving a tax decrease, with an average decrease of \$200 per household.

- ❖ \$0.10 increase in the cigarette tax, to \$0.60 per pack.

- ❖ Changes in the rates charged for water and sewer service, as approved by the Herndon Town Council and in response to increases in treatment costs as well as costs to maintain the system.

- ❖ A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that focuses on planning for infrastructure

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Closet president Laura Greenspan speaks to the crowd in front of the store.

The Community's Closet

The Closet, a nonprofit thrift shop, celebrated its 35th anniversary with residents, staffers and elected officials.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

For more than three decades, the Closet, Inc. of Herndon has recognized the needs of its community and took action. Last weekend, the community gathered to return that recognition, albeit in a different way.

Celebrating its 35th anniversary, Closet, Inc. president Laura Greenspan and other members of the store's executive board and staff welcomed elected officials and about 50 citizens to a ceremony in front of the store on Saturday morning, April 4, to thank the community for its support.

"We couldn't exist without our community," Greenspan said. "This celebration is really a celebration of community."

THE CLOSET opened in 1973, when according to Greenspan, a group of women saw a need for a centralized discount store to replace the several individual "clothing closets" operating in churches around the area. Then, the store had only a few volunteers and wrote out its receipts by hand.



From left, Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), Del. Tom Rust (R-86), Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Chairman Sharon Bulova (At-large).

Now, The Closet more closely resembles a department store. Not only does the store boast a staff of 15 full and part time employees and a 16-foot box truck for collecting and distributing clothing in a "traveling ministry" to Oakton and Shenandoah, it is actively involved in the community.

The Closet set up a voucher program to give free clothes and its traveling ministry gave \$57,000 worth of clothing to more than 1,200 people in 2008 alone. In addition, the store has awarded \$2.4 million in cash grants for 300 college scholarships for students at Herndon High School and Mountain View High School in Stafford.

"This facility has just done so much for this community," Del. Tom Rust (R-86) said.

"Without this facility, a lot of people in this community would not have the things that they have today."

VICE MAYOR Connie Hutchinson, joined by Town Council members David Kirby and Charlie Waddell and Town Manager Arthur Anselene, read a resolution adopted by the Town Council to recognize and congratulate the store on its 35th anniversary, extend wishes for future success and to express appreciation to the store and its volunteers.

Next, Supervisors John Foust (D-Dranesville), Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter

Town Receives Grant For Hybrid Vehicles

A \$138,000 award to the Town of Herndon through the Virginia Department of Transportation's administration of federal Congestion Mitigation-Air Quality (CMAQ) funds has been used to purchase five energy-efficient vehicles for the town.

The American-made hybrid vehicles, to be used by the town's departments of Public Works and Community Development, are more fuel efficient and produce less harmful emissions than conventional, gas powered vehicles.

"The awarding of this grant to the town represents significant accomplishment in two areas," said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. "First, it demonstrates our commitment to the environment. The town will continue to apply for, and use, CMAQ funds as town vehicles are identified for replacement.

"And second, grant funding demonstrates financial resourcefulness that efficiently and effectively maximizes the value of town expenditures, particularly in these challenging economic times," DeBenedittis said.

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndonva.gov.

School Named After Lutie Lewis Coates

The Fairfax County School Board has named the two new elementary schools that are scheduled to open in September. The new school in the Coppermine area of Fairfax County will be Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School, and the new school in the Laurel Hill area of Fairfax County will be Laurel Hill Elementary School.

Participants who live within the boundaries of the new schools voted at community meetings for their top choices using a weighted point system. The top choice of community members was then passed along to Superintendent Jack D. Dale, who submitted his recommendations to the School Board.

Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary is named after an African American educator who taught and served as principal at the former Floris Colored School, which was located less than a mile from the current school, and taught at Luther Jackson High School — now Jackson Middle School — in the 1940s and 1950s. Coates, whose teaching career spanned 32 years in Fairfax County Public Schools, was known for her compassion and concern for the well-being of her students as well as for providing a strong foundation in the academic basics and character education for all students. Coates was known to feed students who came to school without lunch and to take in students who needed care.

Herndon Chamber Stages Environmental Expo & Mixer

The Environmental Committee of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce invites everyone to its event at the Hyatt Dulles on April 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon. Expand your green business network. Make connections that can help your business become more sustainable. Take advantage of the interest generated by Earth Day and the new Administration's focus on building a green economy, and get your share of the environmental spotlight. How? Sign up to put your business on display at the Chamber's upcoming Environmental Expo. Event Entry : Members: \$20; Non-members: \$25

Correction

In the March 11 article "Dilemma of Station Location," the Herndon Connection incorrectly stated that the Herndon Fire Station does not have separate facilities for men and women. When the station was built in 1950, no women were in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, but makeshift work was done later to create separate facilities.

NEWS

'Creative Coffeehouse'

New drama director breathes new life into the program.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Zoe Dillard sits, scribbling notes with a pencil adorned with a feather, analyzing the young thespians as they make their way through a scene.

"I saw the anger, and that was good," she said to the actors. "But you know what else I want to see? I want to see the joy on top of the anger."

This is the last period Advanced Theatre class at Herndon High School. Dillard, in her first year at the school, has brought a new level of expertise and a multitude of fresh ideas, collected on a three-decade journey spent learning just as much as teaching.

She began the journey in 1983, with her first job teaching theater at Falls Church High School. After five years, she took a job at Madison High School in Vienna, but after a year, her husband decided he wanted to be a tennis pro and so they and their two daughters moved to North Carolina.

DILLARD taught at an elementary school for 10 of the 13 years they spent there and was able to earn a Master's Degree in Theater at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, refining her teaching skills on what she considers to be the true test of an educator: grade school children.

"It worked out well," Dillard said. "I had never taught elementary school before, but if you can teach elementary school [students], it makes you a better teacher because you have to break everything down to a basic level so the students can understand."

When she returned to Fairfax County, Dillard split time teaching at Oakton High School and Rachel Carson Middle School before landing the theater director position at Westfield High School. Dillard credits her four years at Westfield for influencing the kind of teacher and director she is today because of the people she met and the connections she made.

"I really felt Scott Pafumi [her co-theater director at Westfield] helped me become a more creative director," Dillard said. "He thought outside the box. He did a lot of activities that helped me grow as an artist."

After time, the numbers in the arts programs began to decline and since the school had no full time theater position, the administration offered her the option to teach French and three other classes in addition to her work in the theater department. However, as she was about to accept the offer, she found out about an open position at Herndon High School,



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Herndon High School drama director Zoe Dillard listens to her students as they critique their peers' performance.

and quickly applied.

"I knew that [Herndon High School's drama department] was a good department for me," Dillard said. "It was a nice-sized school and it wasn't too far away, which is important because theater teachers live at their offices."

Dillard said that when she came to Herndon, her goal was to offer as many opportunities for artistic expression to the students as possible. So, the first change she made was to create the "Creative Coffeehouse," which she described as an intimate setting where students can play instruments, improvise, read poetry and more. Dillard said that this new program generated a positive response and plans to put on a third "Coffeehouse" next fall.

Another idea Dillard brought to Herndon was the "Improathon," in which the school hosted Herndon Middle, Westfield High, Robinson Secondary and Oakton High schools. At the event, audience members submitted variables, which the actors on the different teams picked out of a hat

and had to perform. Dillard said that this event was a success as well, and she hopes that it can draw more schools next year and eventually become a tradition in the area.

In addition to educating her students, Dillard also provides opportunities that will open future doors for them. This year, she took her theater students to the Virginia Theater Association Conference in Reston, so that her students could audition for

college recruiters and obtain more information on the different theater programs offered at schools around the country.

"I feel an obligation to the kids to try to guide them toward information about college programs and point them in the right direction," Dillard said. "My experience as a parent has helped me."

Dillard is planning more changes for the future to ensure that her students are presented with the best opportunities to succeed both in the classroom and on the stage. She said that she wants to enter the school in the Virginia Theater Association's One Act Play Competition next year. Also, the school currently performs only two main stages per school year, one

Summer Programs

Zoe Dillard will be running a summer theater program at Herndon High School called "The Grand," modeled after Westfield High School's "Musical Theater Camp." Students participating in the camp, scheduled for July, will perform a production of "Grease." All rising seventh-graders through recently graduated students are invited to audition in June for a spot in the camp. Visit www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/ for details.

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Store Celebrates Anniversary

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Mills) and Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) stood at the podium to announce a resolution of their own that the Board of Supervisors passed, thanking and congratulating The Closet as well.

Following the local officials, Del. Rust and Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), unable to draft and pass a

resolution because, as Rust put it, they belong to a "part-time assembly," presented Greenspan and the store with a certificate to honor the store's contributions to the community.

Though the down economy has had a slight impact on The Closet, store manager Aaron Sawyer said that the basic items of need were still being donated,

allowing the store to press on its in mission to fulfill the needs of its community.

"We have the three things that make success at The Closet: people to donate, people to shop and volunteers," Sawyer said. "With that said, the donations are there and we are on safe ground. When you are committed to a mission, it will take you where you need to go."

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OPINION

Celebrating Poetry

The Connection will print poetry submitted by readers.

April is National Poetry Month according to the Academy of American Poets, and here at the Connection, we invite poets to send submissions for us to print.

On April 10, 2007, the Alexandria City Council named Mary McElveen as the city's poet laureate for a three year term.

This is one service local government could expand in these economic times; Fairfax, Arlington and Loudoun counties, the City of Fairfax, the towns of Herndon and Vienna could consider appointing their own poets laureate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cleaning Up Runnymede Park

To the Editor:
The Friends of Runnymede Park would like to thank everyone who came out last Saturday for a great Spring Clean-up effort.
The 23rd Annual Runnymede Park Spring Clean-up was a great success. More than 125 active citizens came together to make Runnymede Park and the Sugarland Run a more beautiful place. This was a terrific showing, as we had rescheduled the event due to the previous weekend's heavy rainfall.
Scout troops 1572, 1570, 1169, 913 and 157 came out in force to help us pick up more than 1.5 tons of litter that was clogging our stream and the vernal ponds that help our reptiles, birds, and polli-

nators thrive in this small park. Town Council members Connie Hutchinson and Charlie Waddell joined with Del. Tom Rust (R-86) to help make Runnymede Park the pride of Herndon. Fairfax County Planning Commissioner Jay Donahue showed us the best of volunteerism for a worthwhile cause.
The more than 3,000 pounds of trash included glass, plastics, paper, an old bicycle, old clothes and traffic signs. We are grateful for the efforts of John Dudzinsky, community forester, for helping us to coordinate this great event and arrange for many of the necessary supplies and equipment. Dedicated volunteers, including many members of the Herndon Middle School civics class and Herndon High's SAGA club, helped us to prepare the native interpretive garden for spring. Trail edging was installed, new plants added, much weeding accomplished and new mulch put down to help hold the moisture in the soil for these plants.

The Friends of Runnymede Park are delighted that so many people were willing to donate their time to protect our water supply and our remaining native habitats. We invite everyone to come to Runnymede Park and see what more than 125 dedicated people did for a special part of our Town.

Dave Swan
President
Friends of Runnymede Park

The National Poet Laureate serves as consultant to the Library of Congress and "seeks to raise the national consciousness to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry."

Virginia also has a poet laureate, a position established by the General Assembly and appointed by the governor from nominees submitted by the Poetry Society of Virginia. The current poet laureate of Virginia is Claudia Emerson, claudiaemerson.org.

The Alexandria Poet Laureate will promote an appreciation of poetry as an art form, encourage creative writing and reading of all forms of literature, and promote literacy through poetry.

Are you a poet? The Connection will print poetry submitted by readers this spring and occasionally throughout the year.

Moving Words Poetry Reading

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Release of Poetic Voices Without Borders, 2

April 23, 2009, 7 - 9 p.m.
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BULLETIN BOARD

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SATURDAY/APRIL 11

Parent/Child Art Workshop. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. Make soft picture frames to hold children's drawings with artist Pat Macintyre. Free. Call 703-481-8156.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

Lawyers Road Resurfacing Meeting. 7-9 p.m., Langston Hughes Middle School, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. The Lawyers Road Resurfacing/Restriping Meeting will be held to discuss the proposal, which would reduce four travel lanes on Lawyers Road between Reston Parkway and Myrtle Lane from four lanes to two travel lanes, plus center turning lane plus bicycle lanes in each direction. Information on the project can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill/transportation.htm.

Transit Oriented Development Seminar. 7:30 a.m., Oracle, 1910 Oracle Way, Reston. The DCRA, DATA and TYTRAN are cosponsoring the third in a series of seminars on Transit Oriented Development.

VOLUNTEERING

Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), Inc. is seeking volunteers who want to interact in a fun thrift shop, The Bargain Loft, at 336 Victory Drive in Herndon. Pricers are needed to accept, sort and price donations; cashiers are needed to assist customers and provide check-out at the cash register and credit card processing. Training is provided. Volunteers are asked to work one day per week, Tuesday - Saturday, for a 4-hour shift. To learn more about volunteering, call Sherri Longhill at The Bargain Loft at (703) 437-0600,

Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Sam Carnaggio, John Gosling, and Bruce Wright will be the guest speakers and each will focus on a different facet of transportation. E-mail dcra@dullescorridorrail.com or call Jim Larsen at 703-380-5645 to register.

The Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities. 7:30 p.m., Gatehouse Administrative Center located at 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. The Committee will hold its monthly meeting. Guests are welcome to observe and/or provide public comment at any meeting. Anyone needing accommodations for a disability in order to attend or participate in this Fairfax County Public Schools activity should call 703-204-3956 or # 711 to access the Virginia Relay TTY service. Visit www.fcps.edu/ss/ACSD.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

Republican Club of Greater Reston. 7:30 p.m., Reston Community Center's Rose Gallery at Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza, Reston. The Republican Club of Greater Reston will hosts its regular open meeting, which will be an evening with the Republican candidates for Virginia's next attorney general. All welcome. Liquid refreshment provided. Visit www.restonrepublicans.com or call 703-406-9740.

or send an email to sherri.longhill@herndonrestonfish.org.

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program** is seeking volunteers to deliver free tax preparation services at no cost to working families and individuals. Volunteers contribute a few hours weekly during tax season to help prepare tax returns, or serve as greeters, screeners, site coordinators and interpreters. To register as a volunteer contact James Do at 571-749-7838, TTY 703-533-5316, or james.do@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Budget Challenges Addressed

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improvements related to neighborhoods and transportation. The CIP includes expenditures of \$1,907,000 for the General Fund (\$1,134,000 of which is provided through grants and developer proffers) and \$635,000 for Enterprise Fund operations.

SPENDING REDUCTIONS included in the proposed FY 2010 Budget include 11 positions identified as vacant in FY 2009 that will not be filled in FY 2010; no market rate adjustment or pay-for-performance increases for employees; revision of on-call and overtime scheduling to reduce costs; increased health insurance premi-

ums to employees; and reduction or elimination of some employee benefits. Operations and Maintenance expenditure reductions include reduction of general operating expenditures; reduction of operating hours at the Herndon Community Center and the Neighborhood Resource Center; reduction of some promotional and special event expenditures; and scaling back on some services such as refuse pick-up on holidays. Replacement of vehicles and equipment is also being deferred, and a 12 percent reduction in grant funding allocation is recommended.

"The fiscal conditions under which the FY 2010 budget initiatives will be executed ensures the

town's financial viability and, with the proposed tax rate increase, demonstrates the town efforts to maintain our AA+ financial rating by recognizing the importance of balancing the town's real estate tax revenues," Anselene said.

A Citizen's Guide to the Proposed FY 2010 Budget will be mailed to all households in the town. The proposed FY 2010 Budget is available for review in its entirety on the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov. Hard copies are also available at the Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn St., and the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St.

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

Dillard Sets New Goals for Herndon

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musical and one play. Next year, Dillard hopes to add a third show, a full-length Shakespeare production performed by her Advanced

Theater class.

While she has big plans on the horizon, in the meantime, her goal is simple, yet very significant: to watch her students learn and grow as people and actors.

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'Tom Sawyer' Comes to Area

Herndon-based Classical Ballet Theatre presents American classic.

Herndon-based Classical Ballet Theatre (CBT) will present two performances of the United States premiere of "Tom Sawyer," based on the American classic, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" by Mark Twain. The full-length ballet takes place on Saturday, April 11, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale.

Alisher Saburov, CBT's associate artistic director, is choreographing "Tom Sawyer" for Classical Ballet Theatre's 75 dancers. Saburov, a former principal dancer with the Kremlin Ballet, said he is excited to bring Tom's cleverness and imagination to life on the stage.

Pavel Ovsyannikov, the former conductor of the Presidential Or-

More

Classical Ballet Theatre, associated with the Classical Ballet Academy of Northern Virginia, provides pre-professional training and performing opportunities to young dancers in the Washington, D.C. metro region. Tickets are on sale for \$20 adults; \$15 students/seniors. Performance dates and times are Saturday, April 11, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. All performances take place at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets can be purchased at www.cbtnva.org, by calling 703-471-0750, or at the Ernst Community Cultural Center box office beginning one hour prior to performances.

chestra of Russia, composed the score for "Tom Sawyer," for the Kremlin Ballet. The orchestral score incorporates a variety of musical genres. Natalia Kramarevskaya has designed the original costumes.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to herndon@connectionnewsletters.com or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewsletters.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 8

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Adult book discussion. Call 703-689-2700 for this month's title.

THURSDAY/APRIL 9

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy stories and activities with other toddlers. Ages 2-3 with an adult. Call 703-689-2700.

Friends' Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Friends of the Reston Regional Library will meet for a book discussion. Call 703-689-2700 for this month's title.

SATURDAY/APRIL 11

Sophie the Performing Dog. 11 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Sophie, a terrier, will make music, play basketball and perform other tricks. All ages. Call 703-689-2700.

Easter Festival and Egg Hunt. 10:30 a.m., Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. An Easter event for preschoolers featuring crafts, games, face painting and an Easter egg hunt. Call 703-793-0026 or visit www.florisumc.org.
Parent/Child Art Workshop. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W., Reston. Make a spring necklace or pin flower holders with artist Pat Macintyre. Free. Call 703-481-8156.

SUNDAY/APRIL 12

"Lost & Found." Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Artist Anita Bucsay Damron's paintings and mosaics will be on display in the exhibition entitled "Lost & Found." The exhibit can be viewed during times the church is open, but call the church office at 703-742-7992 to check which specific times the exhibit can be viewed, as other functions are taking place concurrently.

Easter Celebration. Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro, Westin Reston Heights, 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Enjoy an Easter brunch for the whole family from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Easter egg hunts starting at 12 and 2 p.m., a petting zoo and more. Reservations required for brunch. Visit www.viniferabistro.com or call 703-234-3550.

MONDAY/APRIL 13

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy an interactive storytime for you and your child. Ages 13-23 months. Call 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/APRIL 14

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy stories and activities with other toddlers. Ages 2-3 with an adult. Call 703-689-2700.

Virginia Bluebells Walk. 1:30 p.m., meet at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Reston. Go on a two-mile walk at the Fraser Preserve of the Nature Conservancy in Great Falls. For details and reservations, call 703-742-9148.

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Rajashree Ranganathan, of Herndon, will present her formal solo dance debut in an Indian classical dance form, known as Bharathanatyam Arangetram, on Saturday, April 11. 4 p.m. at the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church. Free. Email rsvprg@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

Contemporary Jazz. Miles Stiebel, jazz violinist and Reston Resident, will be performing at Reston Community Center's CenterStage.

ART

An exhibition entitled "Two Views" will be on display through May 7, 12-5 p.m. on weekends at the Reston Art Gallery and Studios, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The exhibition is a dual show by Gail Axtell and Pat Macintyre. Call 703-481-8156.

The League of Reston Artists will host the "LRA Fine Art Membership Exhibit" through May 4 at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, Jo Anne Rose Gallery, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The artist reception will be Sunday, April 5, 2-4 p.m.

2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Visit www.milesstiebel.com.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy an interactive storytime for you and your child. Ages 13-23 months. Call 703-689-2700.

Miles Stiebel. 8 p.m., CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Local artist Miles Stiebel will perform jazz. \$15/person. Download an order form at www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call the box office at 703-476-4500, option 3 for tickets.

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Susan Crites. Special story time with Susan Crites, local children's author of "I Love You More Than Rainbows" at 11 a.m. in the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Visit www.susancrites.com.

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy stories and activities with other toddlers. Ages 2-3 with an adult. Call 703-689-2700.

"I Love You More Than Rainbows." 11 a.m., Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Local children's author Susan Crites will read "I Love You More Than Rainbows." Free; registration required; call 703-437-8855 to register.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

San Jose Taiko. 8 p.m., CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. San Jose Taiko brings the rhythms of taiko, the Japanese drum while incorporating

many world rhythms. \$30/person. Download an order form at www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call the box office at 703-476-4500, option 3 for tickets.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Founder's Day. Enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment in tribute to Reston founder Robert E. Simon, Jr.'s 95th birthday at the Lake Anne Center. Tickets on sale soon for the evening celebration with a champagne toast, cake, and dancing.
Saturday Samplings. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Anne Florist, 11426 Washington Plaza W. Enjoy free samples of "Virginia's Finest" gourmet treats, and hand-made chocolates. Call 703-437-8686.

Parent/Child Art Workshop. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W., Reston. Create a colorful butterfly or bug with artist Pat Macintyre. Free. Call 703-481-8156.

Healthy Kids Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., YMCA Fairfax County Reston, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. YMCA Healthy Kids Day celebrates making wellness a fun family affair with activities such as family yoga, games, sports, blood pressure screening, wellness assessments, swim tests, raffles and more. Visit www.ymcadc.org or call 202-232-6700.

Basket Bingo. 7 p.m., Herndon Moose, 779 Center St., Herndon. The Virginia German Shepherd Rescue is having a Basket Bingo featuring Longaberger baskets. There will also be raffles, 50/50 bingos and door prizes. \$20/person. E-mail maryanne@shepherdrescue.org or call 703-435-2840 and press 8.

The Elden Street Players have been recognized for outstanding performances by the Washington Area Theater Community Honors program. At its annual awards banquet Sunday, March 1, the Elden Street Players received 3 WATCH Awards for Outstanding Performance. The awards received are: Outstanding Performance as a Lead Actress in a Play, **Jane MacFarlane** as "Sister Aloysius" in Doubt, A Parable; Outstanding Performance as a Lead Actress in a Play, **Karen Jadlovs Shotts** as "Hedda Gabler" in Hedda Gabler; Outstanding Achievement as a Cameo in a Play, **Lolita-Marie** as "Mrs. Muller" in Doubt, A Parable.

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Passover Commemorated

A schoolwide Passover program at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation brought children from kindergarten to seventh grade to the synagogue to commemorate the Jewish holiday. Students performed in skits and had a traditional Passover Seder meal. Here, Cantor Irena Altshul shares the Passover services with Zachary Pracher, 6, a first-grader at NVHC's religious school.



FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, has announced their Holy Week Services schedule:

April 8: Healing and Holy Eucharist Service, 12:15 p.m.

April 9: Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Service, 7:30 p.m.

April 10: Stations of the Cross, 12:15 p.m.; Passion Gospel and solemn prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday Service, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Visit www.saint-timothys.org or call 703-437-3790.

Southview Baptist Church, 2620 Reston Parkway, Herndon, has announced their Holy Week Services schedule:

April 10: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

April 11: Free Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Visit www.southview.org or call 703-860-8800.

Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Reston, has announced their Holy Week Services schedule:

April 9: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

April 10: Good Friday Service, 12 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday Celebration followed by free lunch, 11 a.m.

Visit www.washingtonplazachurch.com or call 703-471-5225.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, offers several worship opportunities this Easter season:

April 9: Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.

April 10: Good Friday Vigil, 12:30 p.m.

April 12: Easter Sunday Worship Services with Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.; Service of the Draping of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.

Chabad of Reston-Herndon, 2598 Viking Drive, Herndon, will host their Community Passover "Seder" Wednesday, **April 8** at 7:30 p.m. and on the second night Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. \$36/adults and \$18/children. Call 703-476-1829 or visit www.chabadrh.org.

Trinity Presbyterian Celebrates Anniversary

Herndon Church formed 50 years ago by merger of three local churches.

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Herndon (<http://www.trinityherndon.org>)

will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Easter Sunday, April 12. The Easter Sunday celebration will launch a series of activities over the next six months designed to celebrate Trinity's role in the community over the past half century.

"On April 12, 1959, 266 charter members gathered to merge what had been Herndon Presbyterian Church, the Congregational Church of Herndon (those two churches had merged earlier in 1949), and the Floris Presbyterian Church into a single church," said Senior Pastor Stephen Smith-Cobbs. "Trinity was the product of that merger."

Between Easter Sunday and the conclusion of its Anniversary on Homecoming Weekend, Nov. 21 and 22, former pastors, associate pastors, and interim pastors — as well as former members who have become pastors — will return to Trinity to join in worship. The current schedule of visiting past clergy and staff is as follows:

May 17 - Rev. Charles Carlsson Jr. — Pastor 1972-1981
May 24 - Rev. Jennifer Kates Witten — Associate Pastor 2001-04
May 31 - Rev. Carolyn (Lyn) Johnson — Interim Associate Pastor 1991-1992
June 14 - Rev. Steve Tisinger — Former TPC member, now a pastor
June 21 - Rev. Tom Reid — Associate Pastor 1986-1991 and Rev. Rachel Wilkinson Crumley — Former TPC member, now a pastor
July 19 - Rev. Kevin Powell — TPC member, now a pastor
July 26 - Rev. Joe Blankenship — Associate Pastor 1992-99
Aug. 2 - Rev. Julie Wilson Black — Former TPC member, now a pastor
Aug. 23 - Rev. Teresa Suder — Former TPC Member, Interim Associate Pastor 2000

About Trinity Presbyterian Church

Trinity's congregation is committed to active service and mission in the community to share the gospel through ministries of Christian compassion. The church reaches out to those in need in partnership with LINK, Reston Interfaith, the Herndon Free Clinic and The Closet as well as national and international missions at the Presbyterian Church (USA). Trinity also sponsors one of the largest Boy Scout troops in Northern Virginia and the Trinity Presbyterian Preschool. Fellowship activities include family night suppers, small group gatherings, musical concerts, a Parent's Night Out babysitting co-op, youth fellowships and recreational teams.

Aug. 30 - Rev. René Whitaker — Interim Associate Pastor 2005-06
Sept. 6 - Rev. David Voss — Interim Pastor 1981-83
Oct. 4 - Rev. Mary Boyd Click — Interim Pastor 1995-97
Oct. 18 - Rev. Meg Mann — Seminary Intern 2000-02
Nov. 21 - 50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend, Music Concert, 5 p.m.; Celebration Dinner, 7 p.m.
Nov 22 - Worship Service (one service only) 11 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Susan Andrews will be recognized as a Special Guest Preacher and daughter of Mark Andrews (temporary supply pastor, 1993, deceased).

"We look forward to welcoming these past members of the Trinity family back to Herndon, and invite the community to celebrate with us," said Smith-Cobbs. "Plans for our Homecoming Weekend in November also include a special musical concert, an anniversary dinner and a service of celebration on Nov. 22 with special music and Rev. Susan Andrews as a guest minister."

Many Kinds of College Recruiting Experience

Local athletes remember the highs and lows of choosing a college.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Here is a look three college athletes from Northern Virginia – AJ Price (South Lakes), Ashley Abed (Oakton) and Jeff Allen (Langley). Each is pleased with where they ended up, but getting there was completely different for each, and anything but simple.

A.J. PRICE, SOUTH LAKES

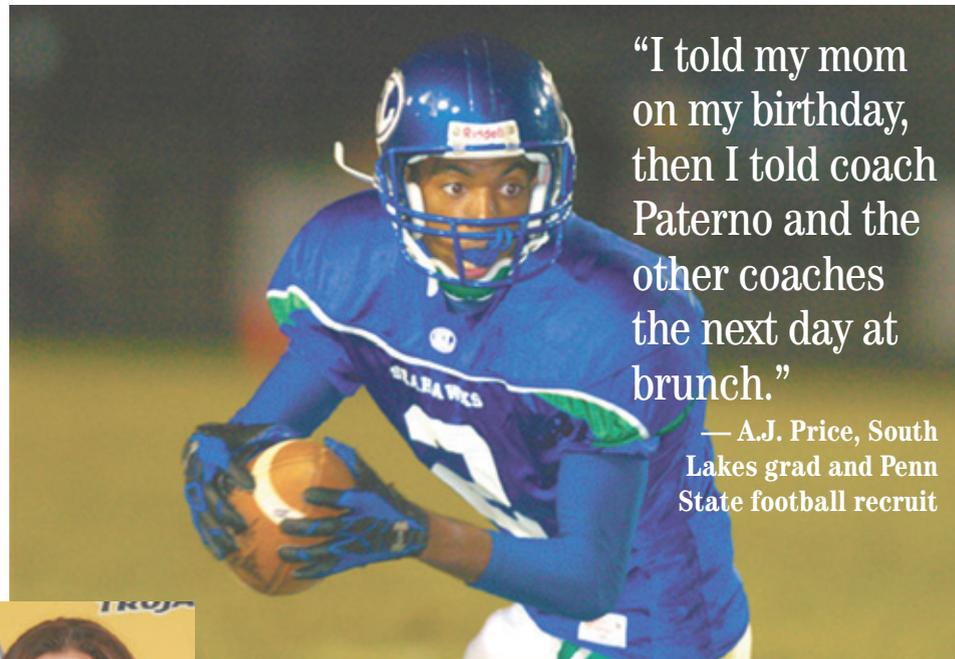
A.J. Price, a 6-foot-4 inch football wide receiver at Penn State University, did not emerge into a major recruiting prospect until his senior year in high school at South Lakes.

That fall season, South Lakes coach John Ellenberger elected to emphasize the Seahawks' passing attack on offense. As a result, Price had a breakout season, catching 32 passes for 816 yards and 11 touchdowns. He averaged 25.5 yards per catch and earned Second Team All-State accolades, among other honors.

During Price's high school junior season a year earlier, South Lakes had utilized the wishbone offense which stresses running the football. Price played well that season but did not catch many balls because the Seahawks simply did not pass often.

"That's the reason AJ remained an unknown guy until his senior year at South Lakes," said coach Ellenberger.

But Price stood out following his prolific senior campaign. Major collegiate football programs, such as Duke, the University of Michigan, the University of Virginia and Penn State, contacted Ellenberger in order to make their intentions known about recruit-



"I told my mom on my birthday, then I told coach Paterno and the other coaches the next day at brunch."

— A.J. Price, South Lakes grad and Penn State football recruit

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



"I was like, Gosh, this is happening again."

— Ashley Abed, Oakton grad, who changed colleges to find the right fit

2007 Oakton High graduate Ashley Abed was part of an Anderson University women's basketball team that qualified for the NCAA Div. 2 tournament this past season.

ing Price. Each of those programs ultimately offered him a football scholarship.

"Every time someone new would come into the picture, Ellenberger would tell me every-

AJ Price emerged to become one of the metro area's top receivers during his senior season at South Lakes, drawing the attention of several big-time college football programs.

thing," said the low-key Price, of the major college suitors expressing interest. "I'm not really one for all the glamour and all, and I wasn't used to being the person being talked about. I tried to take [the attention] in stride."

Price, who graduated in 2008, will never forget the December day during his senior year that Penn State, a renowned powerhouse program under legendary coach Joe Paterno, offered him a scholarship.

The moment came during the school day. Ellenberger, teaching an English class, got a call from Penn State and was told by a member of the Nittany Lions' football staff

that they would make an offer to Price. The teacher-coach immediately found Price to give him the big news.

"Coach Ellenberger said they made an offer and I had a big grin on my face," said Price. "He ran down the hall and [found me]. I thought, 'Wow, not too many people experience this.'"

Price committed about a month later during a weekend visit to Penn State with his mother. First, he informed his mother of his decision, which happened to be the day of A.J.'s birthday (Jan. 19).

"I told my mom on my birthday, then I told coach Paterno and the other coaches the next day at brunch."

The funny thing is that Paterno, during that brunch, was still in a recruiting mode with Price prior to learning of the recruit's decision.

"He had gone through this spiel on why Penn State was a great program," said Price. "He went through this 10 minute speech."

When Price informed the coach he was going to accept the scholarship, Paterno was pleased and in good spirits.

"He jokingly said I could have saved him the breath," recalled Price, with a chuckle. "He was very happy."

Price completed a redshirt freshmen season this past fall, meaning he still has four years of football eligibility. As a redshirt, Price was allowed to practice with the team and dress for home games but he could not play. The first time he put on a Penn State uniform was for the Nittany Lions' season opener against Coastal Carolina.

"My jersey was huge," said Price, of his No. 14 uniform top. "There was a sense of, 'I made it.' My [younger] brothers [Brandon and Sean] and mom were in the stands watching."

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World Wide Web of Recruiting?

High school athletes, college coaches take recruiting to the Internet.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE CONNECTION

Even before they became two of the top runners in the Mount Vernon High School track and field program, seniors Shaquille Thomas and Johnathon McMillon did everything together.

Friends since early childhood, the pair was nearly inseparable according to Thomas's mother, Susan Crawford.

Thomas, who lived on Fort Belvoir military base between 1999 and 2005 began running in 2000 in a program on base that his mother helped coach. He convinced McMillon to join him two years ago.

So now as they chase dreams of running track in college, the pair has decided to go through the recruitment process together.

The two don't look to be the prototypical recruits who make a college coach salivate. Neither has finished better than third at the Northern Region championships during the

outdoor or indoor track seasons and both have thus far qualified for the state championships just once.

"I didn't really start track seriously until last year, so I didn't really have any expectations about recruiting," McMillon said.

That's why last year towards the end of indoor track season, McMillon's father, Ron, took his son's recruitment in a direction many in this area and around the country have — to the Internet.

One day while surfing the web checking

out track results, Ron McMillon stumbled upon a service called beRecruited.com, one of several online services that, for a fee, helps connect high school athletes with college coaches.

Almost immediately, Ron McMillon set up accounts for both his son and Thomas, posting video he had taken from meets to the web. A year and a half later, Thomas has received interest from more than 20 colleges, while Johnathon McMillon is slated to attend Virginia State University on a track scholarship next fall.

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Recalling the College Recruiting Experience

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Price said his recruiting experience in dealing with Penn State was outstanding. His contact person through the process was Penn State assistant coach Larry Johnson, a former head coach at T.C. Williams High in Alexandria.

"I love it [at Penn State]," said Price, a history major. "They've been the same since they recruited me until now. Coach Johnson was really great and someone I kept in touch with [during the recruiting process]. He was always in touch with me."

FOR ASHLEY ABED, a 2007 Oakton High graduate, the path to becoming a women's college basketball player at NCAA Div. 2 Anderson University (S.C.) was an eventful journey.

The 5-10 forward said she always desired to play college basketball. During her junior season at Oakton, and thought she would fit in nicely with a Div. 2 college program. Abed had to initiate contact with some of the schools she was interested in, and her high school coach, Fred Priester, made a highlight tape of Abed to give to schools.

She eventually elected to accept an offer to play at Francis Marion University (Florence, S.C.).

"I had gone down for a visit, liked the coach and had a lot of fun with the players," recalled Abed.

But during the summer prior to her freshman year at Marion, Abed learned that a coaching change had occurred and the coach who had recruited her was no longer with the team.

"I was kind of overwhelmed and didn't know what to expect," she said, of the change in coaches. "I had to go down and meet [the new coach]. She was a great coach."

Abed did, in fact, like the new coach. But as things turned out, she received less playing time than she had hoped.



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Fred Priester, Abed's high school coach at Oakton, helped his former player find a new college following her freshmen basketball season at Marion University (S.C.).

"It was kind of my role to be a verbal player on the bench and to be a practice player," said Abed.

Following the season, she decided she would transfer and began another search for schools even as her freshmen year at Francis Marion was winding down.

Anderson University was not a school Abed had initially looked at during her school search a year earlier. But then-Anderson women's coach Jeff Dow, upon learning about Abed, was interested in recruiting her. She visited the campus and met the coach.

But again, the school Abed was ready to attend made a coaching change. Dow, Abed learned the summer prior to her sophomore year, was leaving. The new coach would be Jim Brunelli.

"I was like, 'Gosh, this is happening again,'" said Abed.

But Abed, while on a summer vacation, received a phone call from Brunelli, who reassured her of her place with the program.

Abed, it turned out, had a terrific season. The Anderson team was not expected to do well as a result of the late coaching change, but won the Conference Carolina championship and qualified for the NCAA Div. 2 tournament. Abed, a guard-forward, played 20-plus minutes per game.

"Coach Brunelli taught me a lot about myself," said Abed. "I really appreciated that. He was the first coach to look me in the face and say, 'I believe in you.' It felt really good to play and help a team win...."

"I honestly would not trade the experience for the world," she said. "I was at a great university at Marion and made great friends. I still keep in touch with them."

JEFF ALLEN, LANGLEY

A SCHOLARSHIP was not in the plans, at least not at the start, for Langley High graduate and current Elon University rising football senior Jeff Allen.

Allen, who played the physically demanding center position on the offensive line for Langley under coach John Howerton, had selected Elon (Southern Conference), a Div. 1AA school in North Carolina, as the college of his choice. He wanted to play football, but had not been offered a scholarship from the academically renowned school. So he eventually decided he would try to make the team as a walk-on player his freshmen year.

With the help of Howerton, Allen promoted his football abilities to the Elon coaching staff by sending them a highlight football tape during Christmastime of his senior year in high school. But he had not heard back from the football office.

It turned out that the Elon football program was at the time in the middle of a coaching change. Allen found out later his

tape had likely been tossed aside.

But, not to be discouraged, Allen sent a second tape to the new coaching staff. He was informed, however, that the new recruiting class had already been selected. He was told he could try out for the team as a walk-on with scholarship money possibly available down the road if he made the team.

Allen did, in fact, make the team as a backup center. Not only that, he got put into a week-four game at Appalachian State (Boone, N.C.) that freshmen season, when Elon's starting center was ejected.

He started a few more games that freshmen season. For the remainder of his freshmen season, Allen played a backup role with sporadic playing time, but it had been a successful first season for him. His play, in fact, had earned him a scholarship.

"My two goals [as a freshman] were to get onto the field and to be a scholarship player," said Allen.

Last fall as a junior, it all came together for Allen, who started all 12 games for the 8-4 Phoenix, who barely missed the playoffs. Now, Allen, a business administration major with a concentration in management, is finishing his junior academic year at Elon and looking forward to next fall when he will play his senior season.

"I basically came from out of the blue," he said, remembering that walk-on freshmen season. "I just kind of showed up."

Allen, who has played under Elon coach Pete Lembo throughout his career, said "I knew I couldn't slack off. I had nothing guaranteed."

Allen credits his high school coach, Howerton, with preparing him for college football and the rigors of line play.

"His practices were set up [to teach] line technique," said Allen, a two-time, First Team All-Liberty District center at Langley. "There was a good work ethic. It made a huge difference for me. I knew I was going to be ready for college [football]."

World Wide Web of Recruiting?

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"Usually, they wouldn't get this kind of attention unless they were some-of-a-kind talent," said Crawford. "The kids who don't make the newspapers need something like this."

Part of the reason Avi Stopper got out of coaching college soccer at the University of Chicago was the misconception he perceived from recruits and their parents about how to get noticed on the recruiting trail. A co-founder of captainU.com, similar to beRecruited.com, Stopper thinks parents and athletes sometimes don't understand how college coaches think. "A lot of people have the mentality that the way recruiting works is you go to showcase tournaments and then you get recruited," said Stopper. "There are 1,000 players at any given showcase and 50 college coaches and the odds of a college coach seeing you play randomly when you're doing something great is really slim."

Stopper's website, captainU, is a web-based software that helps student athletes through the recruiting process, helping them devise a step-by-step strategy to pursue athletic opportunities after high school.

The Web site beRecruited was started back in 2000 now has more than 150,000 athletes, including 190 from Alexandria, 107 from Fairfax, 53 from Arlington, 31 from Reston, and 27 from McLean.

Still there are detractors. Bill Finney, the athletic director and women's basketball coach at Division III Marymount University in Arlington calls recruiting websites "a waste of money."

He says coaches are more savvy than to believe clips on the web that create the illusion of a basketball player with a 100 percent shooting percentage. He thinks recruits should be focusing on everything but athletics when looking for the right college.

"I would rather have my daughter go into the guidance office and say this is what I want to do the rest of my life," said Finney, who had one daughter play



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Mount Vernon senior Johnathon McMillon (left) got a scholarship to run at Virginia State University next year.

basketball at Georgia Tech and another play for him at Marymount.

"Instead of throwing away all this money, put the responsibility on your kids. Families can do all this on their own. All they have to do is research what colleges match both their academic and athletic needs and reach out to them. A lot of people are expecting someone to call them up and say we want you, but that's just not how it works."

Remote, Universally



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm at a funny age, somewhere between accomplishment and retirement/entitlement. And though I truly believe I have plenty of good years ahead, it's the years I've left behind that concern me more. It seems like the tools I've used to reach this point in my life might not be the tools I'll need to reach the next points in my life. Specifically, I'm referring to technology, past and present versus future. As a few examples: utilizing a solar-powered calculator instead of pencil and paper and one's actual brain; replacing an eight-track tape player with a CD player and then replacing the CD with the upgraded benefits of a DVD; scrapping the VCR for the enhancements offered through TiVO/DVR; communicating via cell phone rather than with a cordless land line (and not having to be within 500 feet of its base); and switching to cable/digital/HD television and saying goodbye to antennas/rabbit ears (with or without the aluminum foil), among many others too numerous to mention but familiar to most.

These sorts of improvements, this kind of progress, I could handle; it seemed to follow in some sort of line with what had preceded it. Mentally, conceptually, even literally, I was able to connect the dots, so to speak and follow the progression of change. Things sort of built upon the hands-on experiences and instincts I had accumulated over time, those formative Wonder Bread-years where one sort of understands and appreciates a bit of what's going on and much of what has already gone on.

But now, the technology changes so quickly that some of the improvements seem not to be grounded in, or even based upon, the previously accepted technology of the day. It's like having to learn a new language/verbal means of communication when the previous language offered few familiar elements that were compatible; like going from English to Chinese to Navajo to Bushmen to signing for the hearing impaired. Other than them all being means of communication, it's not as if knowing something about one will help too much with the other. Your experiences will only clarify all that you don't know rather than some of what you might know. This is exactly how I feel about the technological revolution that is likely passing me by.

All my learning instincts (and many of my life's experiences) seem unsuitable for the environment in which I must now thrive in order to survive - or else. It sometimes feels like an episode of "Star Trek, Next Generation," where I'm stuck in a recurring time loop and can only succeed up to the point where I've already succeeded (something to do with the time-space continuum). It's sort of an upgraded "Peter Principle" for the 21st century. I feel like I've reached a point in my life where I've become successful but unfortunately for me, the kind of success I've had (and am having) does not make for a successful transition to the next level. It's as if I'm a victim of my own successful circumstances.

I can only do what I know how to do. But continuing to do that might not get me to the promised-to-no-one land. To succeed more, going forward, is going to require doing things with which I've had little success doing. I suppose I don't have to totally undue, I just have to find a way to redo, and redo in a way in which I've never done before; specifically using/embracing technological tools of the future trade, tools with which I have few instincts, limited experience, minimal aptitude and zero patience. And yet, if I don't embrace this new math, you can count me out, literally and figuratively. But I'm too young to be counted out. So either I change for the better or not change for the worse.

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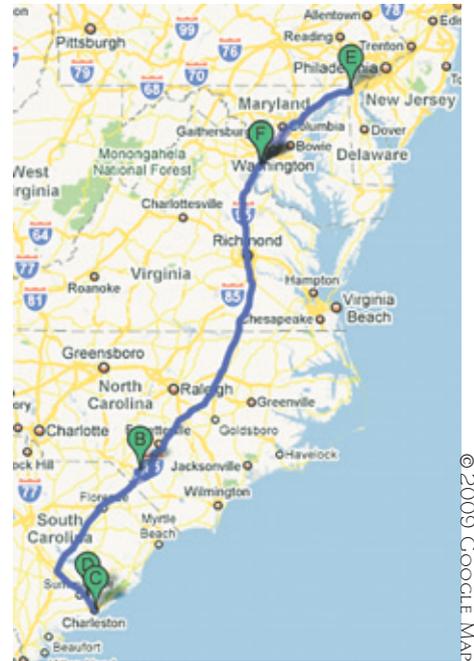
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How Far to Go?

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By JASON MACKAY
THE CONNECTION



Sbardella family roadtrip, more than 1,200 miles.

Perhaps the only thing as practiced as Stephanie Sbardella's swing may be her penmanship. After each of the collegiate softball camps that Sbardella, a junior third baseman at South County, attends, she has made it a point to draft her own personal thank-you letter to that school's coach.

In the past two years, Paul Sbardella, Stephanie's father, can count on one hand how many times the family has stayed home for the weekend, instead of electing to attend some sort of camp or clinic, which the Sbardellas believe are imperative for Stephanie's recruitment as a college athlete.

During one particular weekend this past winter, the Sbardellas left Lorton on a Friday morning and drove to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke — roughly 350 miles away — for a camp. Later that day, they drove 167 miles to Charlestown, S.C. and stayed the night.

The next day, Stephanie Sbardella attended Charleston Southern University's camp from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and then hopped back in the car for a 10-hour drive to the University of Delaware, which was Sunday's destination, again for a camp.

"It's something that she's really interested in," Paul Sbardella said. "I'm just there to support her. ... But it is a lot of driving."

It's also costly. In all, Paul Sbardella estimates that he's spent between \$7,000-\$10,000 on travel expenses and fees asso-

ciated with all of the camps, clinics and competitive tournaments that his daughter attended during the past year.

At camps like the ones Stephanie Sbardella frequents, players of all ages, not just college recruits, are welcome. Some feature instruction. Some are composed mostly of games.

"I worry about the effect it's going to have on their bodies 10 years down the road."

— Coach Jim Rike, Robinson Secondary

BY DIRECTING his own program at the high school level and also serving as an

assistant soccer coach at Shenandoah University, Robinson girls' soccer coach Jim Rike has been on both sides of high-level recruitment.

Rike still attends camps as a Shenandoah representative but also hears about experiences that some of his high school players have had at them as well.

The defending Virginia AAA state champs, Robinson has four girls on its current roster committed to Division-I schools, with possibly two more on the way. To combat their rigorous club schedules, Rike has started to give his players at least one day off during the week, knowing that they had spent almost the entire weekend playing soccer.

"Five of my girls are on one club team, and they're approaching almost 150 games in a year of high level, premiere, showcase games because they keep going and going and going," Rike said. "I worry about the effect it's going to have on their bodies 10 years down the road."

"From my standpoint, as a college coach, I only need to see a kid a couple times to see whether he can play for me or not," Rike continued.

"I don't see need to see him 40 times. I've told my girls that you can have three or four great games, but all it takes is one really bad game and that gets set in the coach's mind and it evens out."



A junior on South County's softball team, Stephanie Sbardella has been proactive during the recruiting process.

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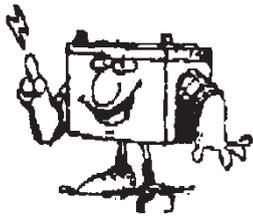
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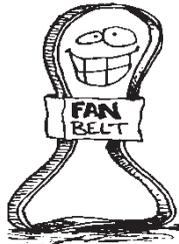


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