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Del. Dave Albo (R-42) throws out a ceremonial first pitch during an Opening Day ceremony for South County Little League on Saturday, April 18.

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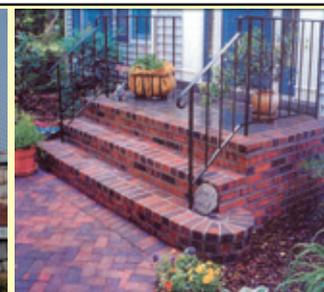
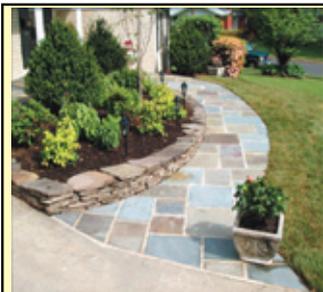
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'We've Become Like a Little Village'

Robinson Theater stages Broadway Classic 'Fiddler on the Roof.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Tevye, Golde, Yente the Matchmaker — all these characters and many more comprising the heart and soul of "Fiddler on the Roof" will burst upon the stage in Robinson Secondary's rousing rendition of the famed play and musical.

"It's a Jewish story, but also a very human story."

— Chip Rome, director

Emily Nice, also in charge of research. "We learned what they'd do before eating and drinking, how the wedding scene would go

Some 102 students are in the cast, crew and orchestra, and the school's Cappies show is April 30. They've been rehearsing since February and are striving to make it as authentic as possible.

"I brought in a rabbi to talk to our cast about [Jewish] traditions and things they'd do in their daily routine," said Assistant Director

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

The women in the village dance during the show's opening number, 'Tradition.'

Bulova Achieves Consensus on Budget

Supervisors vote unanimously to back chairman's spending proposal.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

A year ago, Supervisors Patrick Herry (R-Springfield) and Michael Frey (R-Sully) were so opposed the 2009 Fairfax County budget proposal backed by then-chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) that they came up with an alternative plan.

The only two Republicans on the county board at the time, Herry and Frey suggested scrapping the county's affordable housing preservation

program. They wanted to lower how much the average homeowner paid in real estate taxes and allocate fewer dollars to Fairfax County Public Schools.

Herry and Frey voted against the budget Connolly and other Democratic supervisors supported. The final budget vote tally was eight to two, along party lines.

BUT IN 2009, all the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including Republicans, voted unanimously April 20 to back Democratic chairman Sharon Bulova's 2010 budget pro-

posal. They will take a final vote on the spending plan April 27.

"This may be on of the first times we have a possible unanimous vote on the board," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D), who has represented the Mount Vernon District for 21 years.

"I think this budget package represents a good start to returning the county to fiscal responsibility," said Herry.

The budget could easily have split along party lines this year too.

Fairfax faced the largest budget shortfall it has seen in recent years. Bulova had

to close a \$650 million gap in the county's \$3.3 billion budget, approximately a 19 percent deficit.

"This was not an easy process. It was one of the most difficult budgets you have had to handle," Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) told Bulova.

Even though Democrats still hold the majority of the seats on the board, county Republicans gained momentum in recent months, giving the more conservative supervisors a confidence boost.

Bulova narrowly defeated Herry in the



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)

special election to replace Connolly as county chairman last February. Republican Supervisor John Cook won Bulova's open seat in the Braddock District last month.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I think I was going to get a unanimous vote on this budget," said Bulova.

REPUBLICAN SUPERVISORS said Bulova made concessions in the budget that made it easy for them to support.

"I don't go into the budget process looking for reasons to vote against it," said Frey.

The chairman proposed raising the real estate tax rate from 92 cents per \$100 of

assessed value to \$1.04 per \$100 of assessed value. But a 12 percent drop in housing values across the county overall means that most residents would see a slight decrease in their tax bills.

The Bulova budget also calls for cutting in half funding for the affordable housing preservation program and holding steady the amount of money given to the school system, two measures the Republicans supported last year.

"The previous chairman pretended to listen to me, but he never heard what I was saying," said Frey. "Sharon understood the issues that I raised. She clearly tried to take a balanced approach. She said right up front that everything was on the table."

The only dissent on the budget came from within Bulova's own political ranks.

Supervisors Hyland and Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) tried to push for the board to impose a \$25 annual vehicle registration fee to cover the money cut from the affordable housing preservation program.

"There are still over 1,700 people who are homeless in the county and that does not include people living in overcrowded conditions. ... We did not fund one of our core values because we are not committed to it," said Hudgins.

Hyland said he was disappointed that the county would continue to dedicate a penny of the real estate tax rate to storm water management but would not continue to maintain its commitment to affordable housing.

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Planning Commission Signs Off On New Middle School

The Fairfax County Planning Commission endorsed plans for the new South County Middle School that will be adjacent to the current South County Secondary School during its April 15 meeting.

The middle school site will include 17 acres of park with at least 8-9 acres of playing fields. When the middle school is completed, the South County Secondary facility will be used for high school students only.

South County Secondary is one of Fairfax's most overcrowded school facilities and several people have fought to get the middle school built ahead of schedule to relieve over-enrollment. The Planning Commission's action moves the school system closer to breaking ground on the middle school project.

"This [action] is the only way to get the middle school built by 2012," said Tom Moore, president of the South County Parent Teach Student Association.

But several communities in close proximity to the site have concerns. Even though they support the middle school, many are worried about the impact of the playing fields on the community.

The Fairfax County Park Authority may decide to put up stadium lights for the fields, which could negatively impact the surrounding neighborhoods.

"Light pollution in the future is a very real concern," said Robert Robertory from the Crosspointe Homeowners Association.

Calvin Smith is also afraid people will park on his street, Sullenberger Court, because it will be closer to the playing fields than the on-site parking lot.

"You should require fencing along Silverbrook to limit pedestrian access from my neighborhood," he said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Bank of America Robbed

Fairfax County Police are looking for the man who robbed a Bank of America branch in Lorton. He entered the bank at 9405 Lorton Market St., on Saturday, April 18, around 12:51 p.m. and gave a teller a note demanding money. The victim, a 24-year-old Lorton man, handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and the suspect fled.

The suspect was described as black, approximately 20 years old, 6 feet, 1 inch and 200 pounds. He wore a black cap, black shirt and blue jeans. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Drug Charges for Area Teen

Fairfax County Police have charged a Fairfax Station teen with two drug charges. He is Rhett Gelb, 18, of 11100 block of Hampton Road. In an April 1 affidavit for a warrant to look for possible drugs, paraphernalia and paperwork in his home, an undercover narcotics detective with the Organized Crime Division detailed the case against him.

According to the detective, investigation allegedly revealed that Gelb is a distributor of marijuana in Fairfax County and reportedly sold it to others from his own bedroom. Furthermore, stated the detective, National Crime Information Center records show that Gelb was arrested in December 2008 and charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. He was also arrested in January of this year and charged with possession of a schedule I or II narcotic and possession of marijuana.

In the affidavit, the detective wrote that a "controlled purchase of marijuana" would be made from Gelb on April 2,

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Cold War on Ice?

Talks to build Cold War museum in Lorton break down.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Negotiations to build a Cold War museum at the Nike Missile Site in Lorton have ground to a halt, leaving the future of the museum at that location in doubt.

The talks between museum chairman Francis Gary Powers Jr., son of the U-2 pilot who was shot down over the Soviet Union in an infamous international incident, and the Fairfax County Park Authority ended after a deadline to show financial capability and viability was not met.

"I am deeply troubled by the FCPA Board's decision to walk away from these lease negotiations," Powers said. "We were close to achieving a mutually beneficial interim signed lease agreement that would have enabled the museum to bring donors to the table with check books in hand."

On March 13, after protracted negotiations, the Park Authority imposed a deadline of April 1 for the museum to show that it had enough money to lease the land. However, according to Powers, he could not get the donors who had pledged six and seven-figure amounts to actually sign the checks until a lease was obtained, but the Park Authority wanted him to have the money in hand before it would give the lease.

"We had been in negotiations for more than three years," said Kirk Holley, manager of special projects for the Park Authority. "The proposer had not shown evidence of financial viability for the project."

As a result, the museum requested a 90-day extension in order to meet with its donors and explain the situation, which Supervisor Gerald Hyland (D-

Mount Vernon) supported and said he encouraged the Park Authority to do. However, the request was rebuffed.

"I was not happy that they reached a point where they couldn't go forward," Hyland said. "I had the impression [the Park Authority] would give [the museum] three more months."

According to Powers, the negotiations started to slow before this latest obstacle, with disagreements between the two parties on a number of fronts. Powers said initially, the Park Authority said that it would cover the utilities, but then reversed course, telling the museum that it must pay for the electricity and other utilities to be brought up from the street.

Powers also said that the Park Authority wanted control over the naming rights of the buildings and the content of the museum's exhibits and programs and that this request "did not sit well" with the museum. However, Holley said that the Park Authority has an existing policy regarding naming rights, and that this requirement was not unique to the Cold War museum.

Moving forward, the ball is in the museum's court so to speak, as all of the options are on the table. One option is for Powers and the museum to submit a revamped proposal, which would only be possible if the donors relented and handed the checks over without a lease in hand. Though Powers remains unsure if he wants to pursue this avenue, Hyland said that the Park Authority would most likely be receptive.

"If they're able to put a business plan together, their fund raising is viable and they want to submit a new plan," Hyland said, "the Park Authority is willing to receive a new proposal."

The other alternative is relocation, which Powers confirmed is not out of the question. According to Powers, Prince William County and Isle of Wright County have expressed interest in locating the museum in their respective areas. Also, Powers said that

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Silverbrook Volunteer

Retired Navy Capt. Don Taggart developed mentoring skills as part of his duty while serving with young people in the Navy. He realized sharing these skills with students in grade school would be beneficial to himself and the students. He currently volunteers in the fifth grade class at Silverbrook Elementary School helping individual students with their reading and writing skills. He finds the experience personally rewarding and enjoyable keeping in touch with the younger generation.



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NEWS

Museum

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he has had talks with other museums that offered to partner with the Cold War Museum and roll their exhibits into an existing museum.

All things equal, Powers would still prefer to locate the museum in Lorton, but acknowledges that it may not be possible. After 13 years of investing time, money and more to make his vision a reality, this, in Powers' eyes, is simply just another speed bump.

"The board and I still feel that the Nike Site is the right location [for the museum]," Powers said. "But if there is a jurisdiction that can provide land, we would have to seriously consider it."

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and he expected it to field-test positive for marijuana. Police arrested him, that same day, charging him with one count each of distribution of marijuana and possession of a schedule I or II drug.

Police executed the search warrant at his home on April 2, seizing items including various pills; plastic bags containing suspected marijuana; drug paraphernalia such as smoking devices, digital scales and a grinder; cash from a safe; records and documents and 14 weapons. The firearms included handguns and rifles of various calibers, as well as ammunition.

Following his arrest, Gelb was released from the Adult Detention Center, April 3, on \$20,000 bond. He has a May 13 court date.

— BONNIE HOBBS

South County Police Station Moves Up

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to move the South County police station project up on its list of building and construction priorities when they took an initial vote on the county budget April 20.

The South County police station was shifted from a Ranking 4 list — where projects are "anticipated but not yet scheduled" — to a Ranking 2 list. As part of Ranking 2, the project is likely to be built in the next seven to eight years, according to budget documents.

The supervisors also committed to assessing "this proposed station in relation to coverage provided by existing stations."

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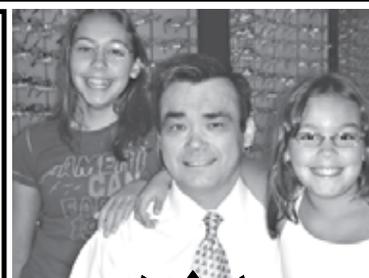


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Extend Earth Day through Spring

Celebrations this month and beyond can lead to more small steps for families and individuals.

While you may or may not be set up to consider biking to work on some days, or any day, it's worth considering getting to work without your car on Bike to Work Day on May 15, and if possible, one day or more a week thereafter.

With dozens of local events this week marking Earth Day, it's a good time to think about taking steps small and large to improve the environment and increase your family's connection to the natural world.

One of the easiest ways to help air quality and traffic this spring and summer involves more telecommuting. Press your employer to allow you and other employees to work from home at least one day a week.

One of the best ways to benefit the environment for the indefinite future is by instilling an appreciation for the natural world in your children and family. This can be as simple as getting out into your own yard and talking about the trees, plants, birds and animals living right along side of you. Get out into a local

park, walk along a stream. Go to programs at the local nature center or classes run by the Audubon Naturalist Society, audubonnaturalist.org.

Make a commitment to be a little warmer in the house this summer, to let the thermostat stay a little higher and the air conditioning a bit warmer. When the light bulb burns out, replace it with a compact fluorescent.

The Washington, D.C. chapter of the Sierra Club offers simple tips for things you can do to help the environment at <http://dc.sierraclub.org/volunteer/lifestyle.asp>. Suggestions range

from reducing the amount of junk mail you receive, using cloth bags at the grocery store and cloth napkins at the dinner table, conserving water, buying local food, not buying bottled water, leaving the car parked at least one day a week, and sharing your values with your children and neighbors.

—MARY KIMM

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EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

FCPS Education by the Numbers

School Board member reviews cost of educating Fairfax County students.

BY ELIZABETH TORPEY BRADSHER

Spring is always a welcomed time of year for students. It marks the beginning of the ending of another school year. It is also a time the when the Fairfax County Public School system finalizes the budget for the following fiscal year. The School Board will be finalizing the 2010 budget on May 21.

During the last few weeks there have been several opinion articles highlighting budget concerns about our Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) system and questioning our education priorities. One parent, Louise Epstein, suggested in her article "Quality Starts in Classroom," that the School Board has issues with authority, accountability and further suggested inefficiencies in our Transportation Department. She negates to mention the Board of Supervisors and School Board's joint effort to address a \$650 million budget shortfall. Furthermore, she does not mention our \$1.2 billion unfunded costs for needed renovations, new construction and infrastructure management.

DUE TO the content of these past articles I would like to take this opportunity to review the following facts about the delivery of an FCPS education and our budget:

- ❖ The county funds 76 percent of FCPS' budget.
- ❖ More than 18 percent of FCPS' funding

comes from state sales tax and state aid.

- ❖ More than 92 percent of all FCPS positions are school based and in the classroom.

- ❖ FCPS' average cost per pupil in FY 2010 is proposed to be \$12,842, a 3.7 percent decrease from FY 2009. This ranks fifth among the nine Washington Metropolitan school districts. (In FY 2009 Montgomery County's average cost per pupil is \$15,252, Alexandria, \$19,078, Arlington \$19,528.)

- ❖ FCPS enrollment in FY 2010 is projected to be 173,573 students, an annual increase of 2.2 percent.

- ❖ In FY 2010, special education services as mandated by the federal government, will be provided to 24,274 students, representing approximately 14 percent of all students.

- ❖ In FY 2010, the number of students eligible for free and reduced price meals per federal government guidelines will be 37,161 students, representing 21.3 percent of FCPS students.

- ❖ Our student population of English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) will represent 13 percent of all FCPS students and is projected to increase by 148 students in 2010.

- ❖ Our Transportation Department has recommended minor changes in fiscal year 2010 resulting in \$4 million of savings.

- ❖ In FY 2005, FCPS will have opened four new schools to accommodate increased county

Earth Day and Environmental Events

Bike to Work Day. Friday, May 15, Join thousands of area commuters for a celebration of bicycling way to get to work. Meet at one of 27 pit stops with gathering places in Alexandria, Arlington Rosslyn and Crystal City, Fairfax Corner, City of Fairfax, Reston, Springfield Metro Park, Sterling, Vienna and Tysons. See <http://www.waba.org/events/btwd/pitstops.php>.

Virginia Invasive Plant Removal Day, Saturday, May 22. Join in this state-wide invasive plant removal day, find local projects in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Reston, McLean, Loudoun and more at <http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/invasives/index.html>.

Fairfax County's Annual Earth Day – Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, April 25, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Free admission, entertainment, games, activities Call 703-324-5471, TTY 711 or go to www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org.

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Unanimity on Budget

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The reduction in the affordable housing preservation program allowed the county to reallocate money for other housing or housing-related programs that were in danger of being completely cut, said Bulova. She added that the federal stimulus money would allow the county to keep the affordable housing program almost at full funding level in 2010.

Moving forward, Bulova said the county should look at restructuring its affordable housing program to be more flexible.

The affordable housing preservation fund currently has a very narrow focus — to purchase affordable housing units in danger of being converted to higher-end housing. With the foreclosure crisis underway, a greater need may exist to use that funding for other purposes, she said.

Other members of the board supported implementing vehicle registration for different reasons.

McKay wanted the county to impose the \$25 annual fee on each car so that Fairfax could drop the real estate tax rate another cent. Hyland and Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) supported the motion.

“We have the highest foreclosure rate in the county in Lee District and we need to provide some real tax relief. ... I would much rather have people shed a car or two than lose their home,” said McKay.

Smyth said she was concerned about senior citizens on fixed incomes who haven't seen a large drop in their home values and may end up paying more in real estate taxes this year because of the rise in the rate.

But Bulova and Herrity said the average household would end up paying more in taxes if a vehicle registration fee were substituted for a penny of the real estate tax rate.

One penny of the tax rate equals approximately \$45 for the average Fairfax household, but most Fairfax families have about three cars, meaning they would be pay \$75 each year if an annual vehicle registration fee was collected, said Herrity.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) also called the car registration fee “regressive.”

A person driving a car worth \$500 would be paying the same price as someone driving a car worth \$50,000. At least with the tax rate, a person living in a \$300,000 home pays less than a person living in a \$3 million home, he said.

“Never in my wildest dreams did I think I was going to get a unanimous vote on this budget.”

— Sharon Bulova (D-At-Large),
chairman, Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors



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Students of Silverbrook Elementary School in Fairfax Station were recently treated to an assembly by vexologist — student of flags — Gerry McCavera of Flags Unfurled.

Grand Old Flag

FAITH NOTES

Faith Communities in Action Aging Adults Task Force meets Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m., at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax. The FCIA Aging Adults Task Force provides information to help congregations better respond to the needs of older adults. 703-324-2051.

Yom Ha'Atzmaut Celebration. Sunday, April 26, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., at JCC of Northern Virginia 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The community is invited to come together to celebrate Israel's birthday. Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast of pancakes, eggs, juice and

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Suicide Silence and Bury Your Dead, 6:15 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$13 in advance, \$15 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

George Mason University Printmakers Studio Sale, 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., at GMU Fine Arts Building, Fairfax Campus, Printmaking Studio, Room 200. Come purchase quality original prints by international, national and regional artists, faculty and students. The Print Department is moving to a new building and is selling the department's personal collection to raise funds for student activities. Most prices range from \$1-\$100.

'Say Goodnight, Gracie', presented by George Mason University's Theater Department and the GMU Players, 8 p.m., at GMU's TheaterSpace at the school's Fairfax campus. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for students, seniors and GMU faculty/staff. Limited free tickets available for GMU students. 703-993-8888.

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

Kings of Leon, 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com or www.kingsofleon.com.

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'Annie Get Your Gun.' 7:30 p.m., at West Springfield High, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets at the door or online at <http://tinyURL.com/wshstheater>.

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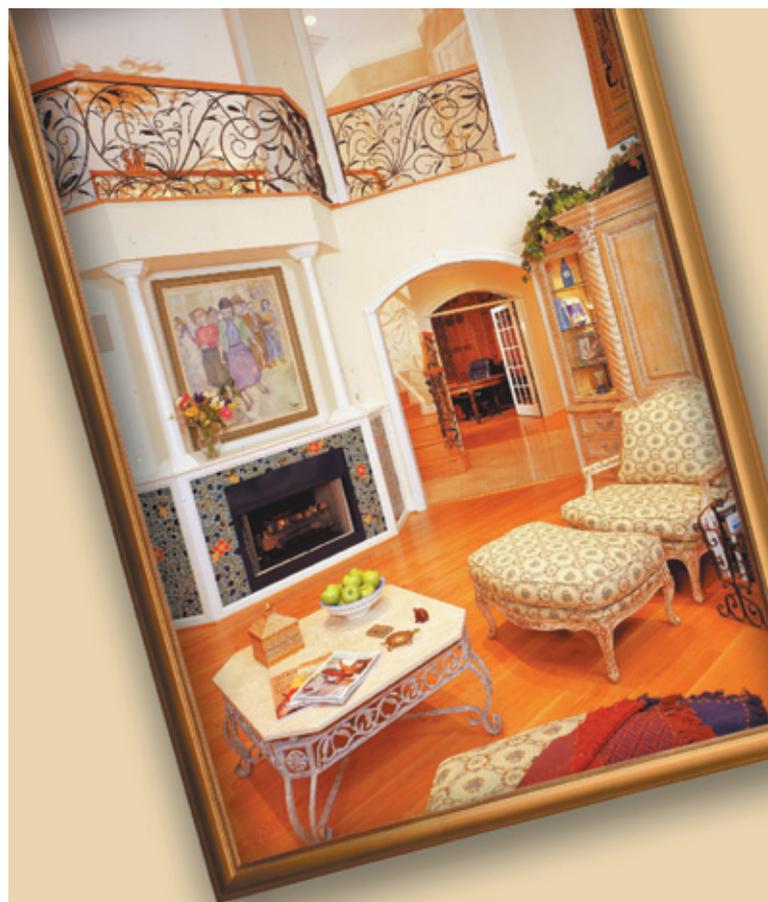
The Arthritis Walk Fairfax, 9 a.m. at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, to raise funds and awareness to fight arthritis. Participants walk in honor of a friend or family member with arthritis on a 3-mile or 1-mile course and take part in activities for the entire family. Visit www.letsmoveogetherfairfax.kintera.org or contact Christina Thomas at 202-537-6800, ext. 3016 or cctomas@arthritis.org.

'I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change,' 3 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performed by members of the Shenandoah University Conservancy. Includes opportunities for audience interaction with Director Jonathan Flom. clorange@su.edu or acamel@su.edu.

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THEATER

'Fiddler' at Robinson

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and how they'd pray, to make sure it was all accurate. And we've had to learn pronunciations foreign to most of us."

But things have progressed well and, she said, "We've become like a little village, ourselves. We've emphasized the sense of family that's so important in this play, and that's why it's got universal appeal and should resonate with the audience."

Senior Piper Hillman is both choreographer and set designer. She's pleased when all the actors learn the dance numbers "really well so they look good." She especially likes seeing them perform the song, "LChaim," because "it has the most unusual and interesting moves."

The sets include a street in Anatevka with shops, a town square and houses, plus the interior of Tevye's house and an inn. Hillman said it was difficult nailing all the old wood to the flats "because it was falling apart," but she's liked the wood's authenticity. She also "painted the floor blue around the edges for color and a dreamlike feel. It's artistic, but makes sense." And the sets' many levels, said Hillman, make them "more natural and aesthetically pleasing."

Portraying the lead character and patriarch, Tevye, is senior Eric Fischer. "He's a philosopher and sometimes dreams above what he can attain," said Fischer. "He wants to be a scholar or a rich man, but can't be. He's contemplative of the world around him and is a loving man committed to his faith. Jews are hopeful for the Messiah to come and things to get better, so he's light-hearted. He also loves his family and wants the best for them. He believes that, as long as tradition is maintained, the quilt of his town will remain complete."

Fischer's delighted with his role and believes he has the same energy and curiosity about life as Tevye. Hardest, he said, is "showing the audience how conflicted he is when he realizes he's made wrong decisions." But Fischer's happy Tevye's such a fun guy. "He's always making jokes, and it's fun to be a little crazy with him on stage."

His favorite song is "If I Were a Rich Man" because it shows Tevye at his most energetic. He also likes "Tradition" because it shows how proud Tevye is of his town. He's pleased with the show's balance between happiness and an awareness of suffering. "The background of intense poverty and oppression makes this show's humor even that much more fun," he said.

As Yente, senior Sarah Russell is "a typical, Jewish grandmother. She overreacts and loves to feed off the guilt of others. She complains, but is really happy being a matchmaker and the town gossip. She's my favorite character in my favorite show, so it was an honor to be cast as her."

"Coming from a Jewish family and grow-



Sarah Russell, left, appears as Yente the matchmaker and Zach Sheldon as villager Avram.

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ing up with the music, I really feel like I'm playing my own grandmother, who's a lot like Yente," said Russell. "She knows everyone in her town and is interested in their lives." Russell's favorite song is "Sabbath Prayer" because of its harmony and because "it's really heartfelt and speaks to everyone who cares about family and religion. The Sabbath prayer is about blessing the family and keeping loved ones healthy and safe."

She says the audience will appreciate Director Chip Rome's interpretation of the show as "something different from the movie and completely new. It's what makes our musicals here more professional and unique."

Senior Josh Berrent plays Lazar Wolf, the butcher. Tevye promised him that he could marry his eldest daughter, Tzeitel, but she refuses because she loves someone else. "His wife died and he's an old man," said Berrent. "Now he's lost and drowns himself with alcohol. It's an interesting role and I get to create his complicated background."

She said the cast bonded offstage so they could bond as a family on stage, and she especially likes the song, "Chavaleh," sung by Tevye as his third daughter, Chava, heads to Siberia with the man she loves. "It's a bittersweet lullaby and all three daughters dance in the background," said Auch. "It's a touching moment and shows how much this father loves his daughters."

Director Rome says the high-school audience will be hooked by the love stories, and adults will be drawn to "the life-cycle traumas of watching your children grow up and away. Yet, funny and sweet as this is, it's in a very serious context. Bigotry and anti-Semitism are still with us, and the proof is how popular the show has been across the globe, translated into many languages. It's a Jewish story, but also a very human story."

More

The curtain rises Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 30-May 2, and Friday-Saturday, May 8-9, at 7:30 p.m. each night, in the school theater. Tickets are \$10 at the door, but it's best to order them in advance at www.robinsondrama.org.

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James Fenimore Cooper's "The Spy" presented by the Acting Company. 4 p.m., at the GMU Center for the Arts. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket



The Springfield Art Guild has a new show running through May 20, at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. The show features the work of artist Yasuko Riggs. The library is open Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact Deena Sanks at 703-825-1334.

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Lullaby Stories, 7 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

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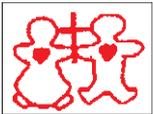
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McGillicuddys Make Foes See Double

Identical twins are two of several sophomore hurlers for W.T. Woodson's baseball team.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Mom can decipher which one's which. Dad, according to his sons, constantly gets confused and makes excuses to cover his mistakes. Chris Warren, W.T. Woodson's baseball coach, is just thankful the pair have numbers on the back of their jerseys.

As it turns out, opposing hitters and pitchers are not the only ones that John and Joe McGillicuddy have tormented lately.

Identical twins that play corner infield spots and pitch for the Cavaliers, the McGillicuddy twins might be different in how they approach the game, but the results, on

sides, have been equally as impressive.

The taller of the two with slightly broader shoulders, John McGillicuddy is a prototypical starting pitcher. His pitches aren't quite as dynamic as his brother's, but he's much better at pitching to contact, keeping his pitch counts down and enabling him to stay in games longer.

Joe McGillicuddy is a natural reliever. He pitches primarily from the stretch, with a hard, 12-to-six curveball that makes his twin brother jealous. But Joe McGillicuddy pitches for strikeouts, meaning his pitch counts tends to run a bit high.

"I think it's good because even though we're twins, we're not exactly the same on the mound," Joe McGillicuddy said.

Both emerged onto the local baseball scene last spring as freshmen, combining to go 3-3 in 43 innings for W.T. Woodson, which finished 11-10 overall, 7-7 in Liberty District play.

Besides their on-field exploits, the McGillicuddy twins have made an impression on Warren with their off-the-field work, too.

"They're good team guys," Warren said. "They do whatever they're asked to do. They're just a real plus to the team in terms of what they bring to the table. They both have good work ethics, and I've been really impressed with both of their developments since last year."

So far this spring, the McGillicuddy twins have a combined record of 2-1, with John McGillicuddy allowing only three earned runs in 19 innings of work and Joe McGillicuddy averaging almost a strikeout per inning.

Last Saturday during the 'Battle for Little River Turnpike,' John McGillicuddy's fifth-inning, two-run triple broke open a 5-3 game, helping W.T. Woodson to a 9-6 win over local rival Annandale.



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John McGillicuddy, left, is hitting .385 this season for W.T. Woodson's baseball team. His twin brother, Joe McGillicuddy, right, is battling shoulder soreness but has averaged nearly a strikeout per inning.

With W.T. Woodson taking its 7-5 record into Wednesday night's home game against Marshall — a game that ended too late for this edition — John McGillicuddy has had a greater impact this season than his brother because with right shoulder soreness, Joe McGillicuddy remains unavailable.

Not that Joe McGillicuddy hasn't been a positive influence on his brother.

On a 5-acre plot of land in Clifton, the twins immerse themselves in baseball. The room they share is all baseball all the time, both with conversation topics and décor. They even have their own personal batting cage out back.

After practice or if there's a game, the McGillicuddy twins will go home and talk, discussing each play, each at-bat and, really, each pitch.

"We try to critique each other, and we get straight to the point," said John McGillicuddy, who is hitting .385 this season with 10 RBIs. "If he did kind of bad, I

tell him what he needs to work on and he takes it to heart."

Both are part of a talented cadre of sophomore pitchers that also includes Bryson Hough, Tyler Wislocki and reliever Joe

Brendler, who struck out the side in his first inning of work Saturday, April 18, during a 9-6 win over Annandale.

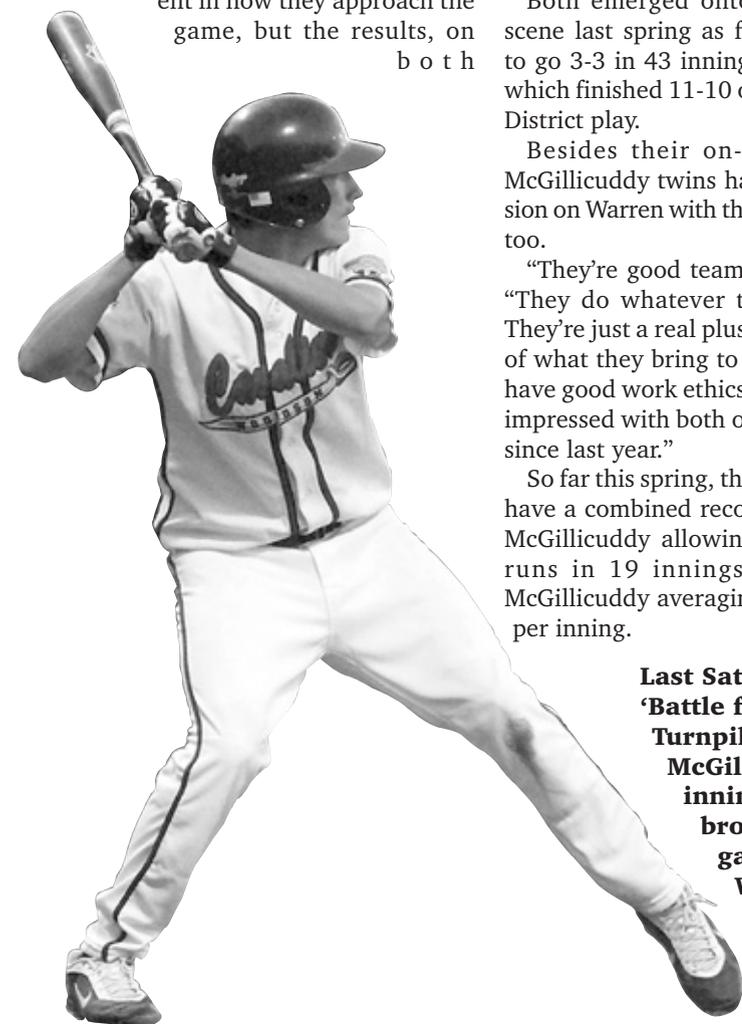
Besides the sophomores, W.T. Woodson, as evidenced by a 7-3 up-

set win over West Springfield over spring break, has flourished offensively with a batting order comprised of more juniors and seniors. Colin Dempsey, Kirk Lewis and Connor Reilly, are all regular players who have hit over .400 on the season.

"Most of our pitching is made up of sophomores, so we're a little up and down," Warren said. "But if we can continue to improve, then hopefully we'll be one of those teams that people don't want to play at the end of the year."

"Even though we're twins, we're not exactly the same on the mound."

— Joe McGillicuddy, sophomore, W.T. Woodson High



Pakistani Players Visit Robinson

Don't be shocked if a girls' soccer team from Islamabad, Pakistan soon claims its first-ever Concorde District or Northern Region title.

On Wednesday, April 15, 14 high school-age soccer players from Pakistan visited Robinson Secondary School as part of a cultural exchange program. In

addition to a one hour clinic with Robinson's girls' soccer team, the two groups sat down and had veggie and cheese pizza for lunch.

The equivalent of a Pakistani school district official was one of the chaperones on the trip, and while at Robinson, spent considerable time discussing the regular season and playoff structure that most people, the Rams included, take for granted.

"One of the things that they're trying to do is to bring organization to the different

areas of the city," said Rams coach Jim Rike.

The group took a tour of Robinson, visiting a biology classroom that one Pakistani player said was "10 times the size as her own," while also visiting Robinson's band and choral rooms, with the girls from abroad marveling at the bounty of trophies that both groups had won.

"They could relate to the trophies because apparently their team is pretty good," Rike said.

According to Rike, the first 25 minutes of conversation centered around the cultural differences and who was or wasn't allowed to do what.

After that, it was pretty much typical high school talk, focusing on clothes, school grades and college. Both sides even promised to stay in touch via Facebook.

"It was very beneficial," Rike said of the interaction. "It was a great exchange of cultures."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Nguyen Dominates Patriot District

South County's
Michelle Nguyen
60-0 in district play.

BY JASON MACKEY
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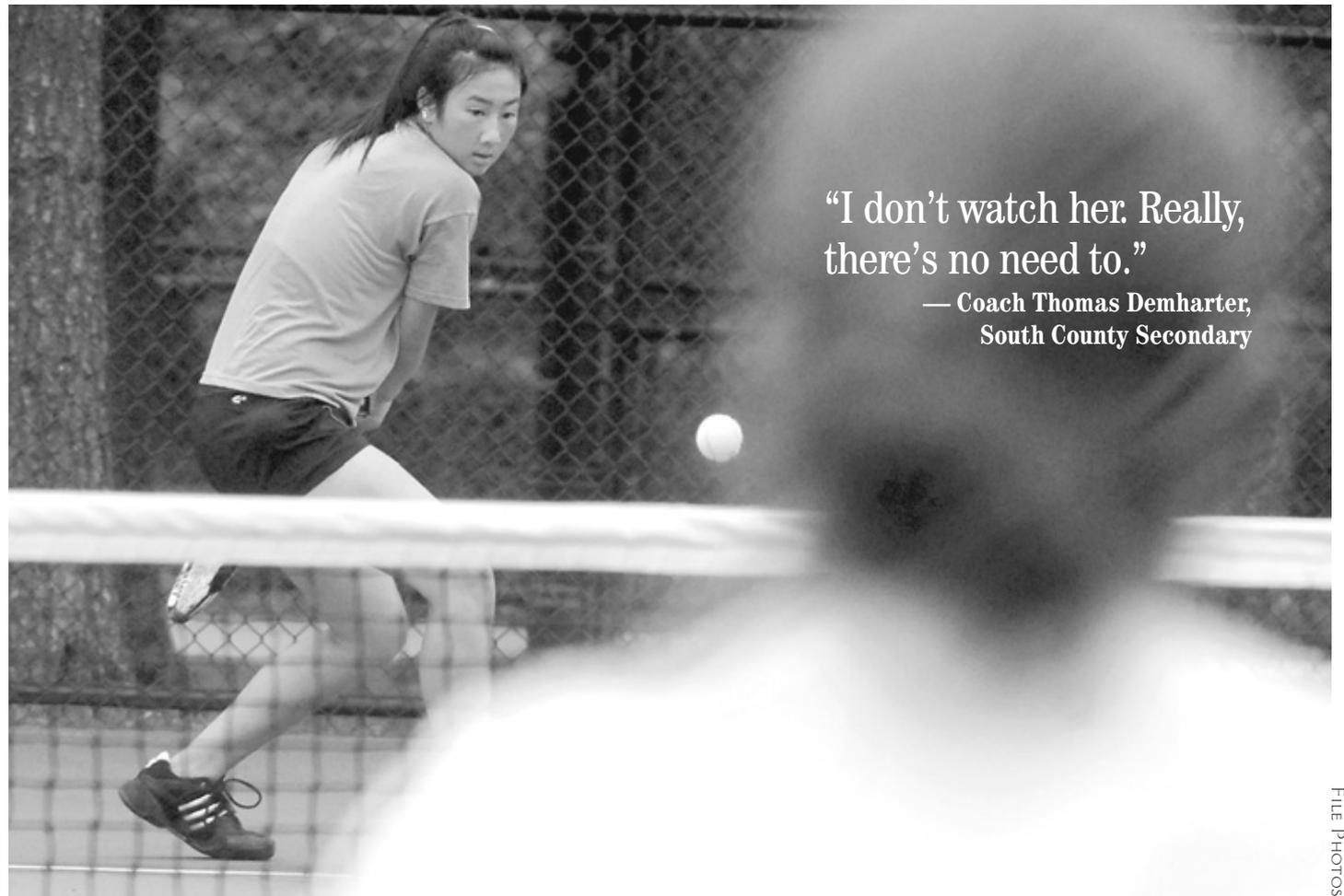
Six tennis courts sit just to the left of South County's football stadium and border the lacrosse team's practice field. Divided into two sets of three, the entire complex is surrounded by a chain link fence that encloses all six courts together.

With six singles players all squaring off at once, the head coaches of each team during a match patrol the outer fence, shouting instructions to the players inside that range anywhere from what shot to play next to necessary mechanical adjustments.

The in-match routine for Thomas Demharter, South County's fourth-year coach, differs slightly from other coaches who visit South County. He never visits a particular portion of the complex, namely the court Michelle Nguyen is playing on.

"I don't watch her. Really, there's no need to," said Demharter of Nguyen, who was last year's Northern Region singles champion and a three-time Patriot District singles winner. "I feel like everybody else needs the help more than she does."

A senior lefty who last year reached the Virginia AAA state semifinals, Nguyen is 48-0 against district opponents during the regular season, 60-0 when counting postseason



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— Coach Thomas Demharter,
South County Secondary

South County's Michelle Nguyen has gone 60-0 against Patriot District foes during a prolific tennis career that will continue next season at George Mason University.

play. The most games she has ever allowed an opponent to win? Six. That happened during her freshman campaign when she played through strep throat.

"Michelle sees the whole court," Demharter said. "She's always thinking two points ahead. She can overpower you if she wants. She can outsmart you, or she can outrun you. It's the whole game."

Moments before her 10-0 singles win over Lake Braddock's Shannon Allin Thursday afternoon, April 16, Nguyen felt a pop in her racket. A string snapped. Nguyen, rolling her eyes, looked down in disgust. Not again.

Because of the amount of spin that she likes to put on her shots, Nguyen has her rackets strung inordinately tight, typically with a string tension of around 65 pounds. While the tactic may help her game, it's also fairly costly. With the strings wound tighter, naturally, they're more susceptible to break and Nguyen estimates that she breaks about a racket per week.

"My mom wants me to start stringing my own rackets," said Nguyen, who has accepted a scholarship to play tennis at George Mason University next season. "But since I'm going to college,

they'll string them for me."

The spin Nguyen's shots carry is partly a result of her racket's tightness but partly a result of which hand she hits those shots with — her left. Nguyen still plays her groundstrokes right-handed, but her left-handed serve can often confuse opposing players, as it's not something that high school players see every day.

Nguyen believes that her left-handedness allows her to pull her slice out wide, thereby forcing the other player to chase it more often. She also feels that it helps considerably on serves, improving the movement on both her kick and slice serves.

DEMহারTER DOES the imitation best. With his arms curled out like he's carrying two watermelons, the coach walks forward, careful not to bend his knees — almost like Frankenstein. It's an all-in-good-fun imitation of Nguyen during last year's Virginia AAA state semifinals when she had to retire because of dehydration. Nguyen watches and laughs.

Never one to drink too much Gatorade before, during or after one of her matches, Nguyen didn't deviate from that routine during a humid June day last year. She even, for some odd reason, decided to wear a T-shirt instead of her normal tennis garb. In the third set, Nguyen felt a pop in her calf.

"I felt [the calf] going out, so I just said I'd take it easy. So I was playing a soft game," Nguyen said. "Then she lobbed me,



In the Virginia AAA state semifinals last spring, South County's Michelle Nguyen was dehydrated and couldn't finish the match. 'I really want to win states this year,' Nguyen said.

Stallion Uprising

The first year, the Stallions were 1-14. The second season, 4-10. Last spring, South County's girls' tennis team won its first-ever Patriot District title at 12-2, and this year, with a 5-4 win over Lake Braddock on Thursday, April 16, the Stallions are tied atop the district with the Bruins.

All of those steps have been a part of a from-the-ground-up approach authored by fourth-year coach Thomas Demharter and his staff. While Demharter has enjoyed building a program around three-time district champion Michelle Nguyen, others have been involved as well.

"It's nice to start a team from scratch," Demharter said. "Some coaches, they come in to something and they have to rebuild it. We've built this up over four years. But we're lucky. We have a lot of kids that want to win."

I ran back, and I just fell. It was scary. I thought I broke my leg or something because I normally don't just fall."

Nguyen wouldn't quit. She kept trying to play, all the while obviously dehydrated and looking somewhat like Demharter's imitation. Eventually, she was forced to quit and relinquished the chance to reach the state finals for the first time during a prolific career. So, will it happen this year?

"We're definitely going to be taking some bananas and Gatorade," Demharter said.

The tennis will be less of concern, provided she still has a racket.

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and

DARIN RAMSEY,
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and

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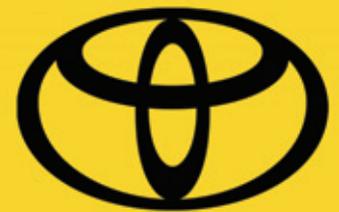
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This the 6th day of April, 2009.

M. DeVondria McClure
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