

# Lessons in 'History'

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Jane Macfarlane as Mrs. Lintott and Hans Dettmar as Mr. Irwin discuss some of the frustrations of teaching during a rehearsal for the Elden Street Players upcoming production of 'The History Boys.'

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**Rudge, played by Jake Beckhard, tries to figure out what the school staff's mock panel of college admissions officers wants to hear. From left are Don Petersen, Hans Dettmar and Jane Macfarlane, playing Mr. Hector, Mr. Irwin and Mrs. Lintott, respectively.**

## Elden Street Teaches Lessons in 'History'

Upcoming production of "The History Boys" explores purpose of education, young male mind.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Director Michael Kharfen approached the Elden Street Players with the proposal that he direct 2006 Tony winner "The History Boys" for the group's next production. "What really drew me to [the play] was this debate about what constitutes an education, and how does that help shape you as a person?" Kharfen said.

This is how the theater selects its plays. Directors make their pitches for the shows they would most like to put on, and then a decision is made. "If [directors] pick a play their heart is really into, we're going to get a better product," producer Rich Klare said.

"The History Boys," by Alan Bennett, is the story of eight students at an English boarding school for boys competing for acceptance into the eminent Oxbridge University. They are particularly affected by two of their teachers, an unorthodox, maverick English teacher and another teacher who uses more traditional

### Times and Tickets

"The History Boys" shows Fridays and Saturdays, June 5 through June 27, at 8 p.m., with a 3 p.m. showing on Sunday, June 14, a 7 p.m. showing on Sunday, June 21 and an 8 p.m. showing on Thursday, June 25. All shows are at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive in Herndon. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://eldenstreetplayers.com>, by phone at 703-481-5930 or at the door.

practices, while the headmaster's only concern is university admissions.

"So you're looking at a well-rounded education for the purpose of being educated, as opposed to teaching to the test," Klare said.

**KHARFEN** said he felt that the play's "wonderful combination" of humor and heartfelt earnestness made it "a really enriching experience." And, within the first five minutes, it includes a reference to poet A.E. Houseman, the subject of Tom Stoppard's "The Invention of Love," which Kharfen directed for Elden Street a few years ago, garnering a nomination for a Washington Area Theatre Community Honors award. "It was like fate," Kharfen said.

"Michael is a very accomplished director," said Klare, noting that the production of "Wit" that Kharfen directed for Silver Spring Stage won the 2004 Washington-area Ruby Griffith award for all-around excellence.

He said the theater had also met the challenge of finding enough boys who were young enough to make believable high school students. "We were very lucky because we had a tremendous turnout for auditions," Klare said. Six of the eight boys are actually in high school.

One of those is Matt Jackson, who plays Timms. "It's really funny," he said of the play. "I think it's well written. It's got a good balance between drama and comedy." This is his first play outside of high school. "It's so cool working with adults and having an organized show," he said. "It's just astonishing how smoothly this goes." As for imitating a British accent, Jackson said, "I've watched my Harry Potter."

Just in case, dialect coach Claire Palace, an Englishwoman, had been working with the cast one-

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**Pictured Monday in Memorial Day Parade in Washington, DC: Jack Rue in the rear, closest, with Carl Hall (Springfield) next to him and Ken Meyers (Silver Spring, Md.) in the front passenger seat.**

## To Those We Left Behind

BY JOHN W. "JACK" RUE

To let you know we care —  
now, even more than then.  
Hard to believe it's been 50  
years  
since we left you, went on to  
win.

We moved on then, reluc-  
tantly,  
for the need to finish the job  
where you left off — just as,  
for us,  
you would have done, without  
a sob.  
Those whom He allowed to  
return  
built lives based on our  
shared dreams  
for a better life and the lasting  
peace  
you helped make — part of  
His scheme?

Our belated thanks to you  
won't square the score.  
There could never be enough,  
nor would you ask for more.  
The world you died for,  
Is not here yet,  
but there are many signs  
you've not lost your bet.

The dull landscape you  
viewed  
through cold and foggy gloom  
is back — alive — its beauty  
renewed.  
You'd be proud it wasn't  
doomed!

Reverently, we lay these  
flowers  
here — next to you — a small  
gesture  
to let you know — we remem-  
ber  
you paid the price, full  
measure

Without your 'all,' and all of  
us,  
the Fuhrer's timetable might  
not have missed.  
With your final stand he was  
disabled —  
nevermore to conquer (he was  
really miffed)!

How different this world  
would be  
had we not held at Elsenborn  
Ridge.  
Rest in Peace — your life's  
goal restored  
for being in Heaven is your  
great reward.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John W. (Jack) Rue wrote this poem-prayer after visiting the Henri Chapelle Military Cemetery (Belgium) during the 50th Anniversary of the "Battle of the Bulge." Rue was promoted to captain during the Bulge as well as awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and two Bronze Stars. Rue's outfit also received the Presidential Unit Citation as well as two Belgium Feuree au Guerres. The 99th Infantry Division is credited with holding the Elsenborn Ridge against the Nazi spearhead long enough to upset Hitler's time-table and ultimate defeat of his last vast effort. Rue was "marching," actually riding in an Army jeep, Monday in the National Memorial Day parade with several other 99'ers. He will be 89 in July and is a resident of both Reston and Herndon. He lives half the week with his daughter in Reston and half with his granddaughter in Herndon

# Remembering on Memorial Day 2009

On Memorial Day, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families continue to bear the personal sacrifice of having lost a loved one in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Nearly 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 680 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "Danny really had a heart of gold," said his mother. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him."

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died. Since

her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities, including during Memorial Day weekend.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.



**U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.**

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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# NEWS

## Play Promises 'Loads of Fun'

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on-one to help the boys learn a northern English accent, as opposed to the adults at the school, who are supposed to come from other parts of the country. But, she said, she was aiming for "just a flavor" of the accent. "If we gave them a true northern British accent, nobody would be able to understand them."

A high school junior, Miles Butler, who plays Posner, is the youngest cast member, but he has performed in D.C.'s Ford's Theater, Folger Theater and Studio Theater. Butler, who plays Posner, said he was pleased that everyone he told about the play seemed familiar with it. "It's pretty well-known," he said.

"It's fresh. It's certainly intelligent," said Brian Garrison, adding that the dialogue was his favorite aspect of the show. "It's written so well, it's a beautiful piece."

He said playing the character of Dakin was a new experience. "I've never really played the kind of

pompous but still very smart and sexual person," he said. "It's loads of fun."

"**THE CAST** is excellent, the director is excellent. It's going to be an excellent production," said Hans Dettmar, who plays the more straight-laced teacher, Mr. Irwin. "He's interesting because if anyone is sort of the bad guy in the play it's him. But he's not evil," he said of his character.

But John Burns said his headmaster character was, "in a sense, the villain." However, he added that all the adults in the play want what's best for the students, even if they have different agendas. A George Mason University professor who attended a boys' school in Scotland, Burns was a natural for the part.

The only female in the cast is Mrs. Lintott, played by Jane Macfarlane. Eighteen women competed for the role. Asked how she liked working with an all-male cast, Macfarlane said, "It's divine. I may be old, but I'm not dead yet."

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### FRIDAY/MAY 29

**Schubert Mass in G Major.** 8 p.m., Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Floris presents a concert with the Chantilly High School Chamber Singers, Floris UMC choirs, and members of several local orchestras. Free; donations accepted. Reserve tickets at [www.florisumc.org](http://www.florisumc.org) or call 703-793-0026.

**Herndon Festival.** 5-11 p.m., Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy musical performances, a carnival, three stages



**The Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, continues Sunday, May 31, 3 p.m., with a live performance from The Josh Williams Band. \$25/person. Call 703-435-8377 for reservations.**

show, business expo, children's hands-on art area and more. Free. Call 703-787-7300.

**Cake Tasting.** 4-7 p.m., Edibles Incredible, 11919 Freedom Drive, Reston. Enjoy a complimentary cake tasting. Call 703-709-8200 or visit [www.ediblesincredible.com](http://www.ediblesincredible.com).

### SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Herndon Festival.** 10 a.m.-11 p.m., Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Enjoy musical performances, a carnival, three stages of entertainment, an arts and crafts show, business expo, children's hands-on art area and more. Free. Call 703-787-7300.

**Doggie Expo.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Go on a 2-kilometer walk with your dog through the neighborhood around the Herndon Community Center. After the walk, explore the Doggie Expo featuring pet care facilities, pet grooming, pet sitting and more. Register at

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### SUNDAY/MAY 31

**Reston Sprint Triathlon.** 7 a.m., Lake Newport Pool, 11601 Lake Newport Road, Reston. Join 550 other runners to help raise money for Reston Interfaith in the Reston Sprint Triathlon, an annual event that promotes health, fitness and good will. Visit [restonsprinttri.org](http://restonsprinttri.org).

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### MONDAY/JUNE 1

**Tricks and Games.** 7:15 p.m., Bark N' Bubbles, 795 Center St., Herndon. Build your relationship with your dog and improve your skills as a handler while you learn how to teach fun party tricks as well as practical skills. \$145. Call 703-437-9274.

**Evening at the Canteen.** 5:30 p.m., Mon Ami Gabi, 11950 Democracy Drive, Reston. Enjoy a summer night at the Community Canteen with Samuel & Son freshly shucked oysters and Joseph Perrier champagne. \$30/person plus tax and gratuity. Call 703-702-0233 or visit [www.monamigabi.com/reston](http://www.monamigabi.com/reston).

### TUESDAY/JUNE 2

**Summer Reading Preview for Families.** 7 p.m., Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Don't miss your chance to get a preview of the Summer Reading Program. Enjoy book talks to whet your reading appetite. All ages. Call 703-437-8855.

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 3

**Spanish Chats.** 7 p.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Informal refresher for people who want to practice Spanish. Adults only. 703-689-2700.

**Herndon Book Club.** 7:30 p.m., Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Book discussion group. Adults only. Call 703-437-8855 for titles.

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### SATURDAY/MAY 30

**Autoimmune Disease Health Fair.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. This informational health fair will feature exhibits on numerous autoimmune diseases, area support groups, and resources as well as information on products and services to help those that suffer with an autoimmune disease. Free. Visit [www.sjogren.org](http://www.sjogren.org) or call the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation at 1-800-475-6473, ext. 217.

### MONDAY/JUNE 1

**AARP Driver Safety Program.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. A class for motorists age 50 and better to help improve skills, prevent accidents, and avoid traffic violations. \$12/AARP members; \$14/non-members. Lunch available for \$8.50. Students must attend both days of class to complete the course. Call 703-464-6200, TTY 711 for reservations.

### TUESDAY/JUNE 2

**Committee for Dulles Meeting.** 11:30 a.m., Crown Plaza, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon. Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova will share her thoughts on the progress toward the completion of Phase II of the Dulles Metrorail Project, the creation of the Phase II tax district, and the planning for the areas around all the stations in the corridor. \$55/non members in advance, \$60/non members at door; \$45/CFD members in advance, \$50/CFD members at door. RSVP by the Friday prior to luncheon. Call 703-430-8749.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 5

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## Fairfax Symphony Selects New Music Director

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra selected Christopher Zimmerman to be its new music director this upcoming season. Zimmerman, a guest conductor in May, was selected from a pool of 249 applicants across the globe and will take the podium Sept. 12, to begin the orchestra's 53rd season in Fairfax County. "I want to give people music that is entertaining, but music that is food for thought, food for their heart and soul. It has to be more than toe-tapping," Zimmerman said. See [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org) or call 703-563-1990. Visit [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com) for more on the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra and Zimmerman.

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# SPORTS

## Plenty of Positives For South Lakes Baseball

Despite tough season, young Seahawks played hard, had fun.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

From a win-loss measure, it was a lost season for the South Lakes High baseball team. Despite the poor team record, head coach Galvin Morris took a lot of positives away from the 2009 spring campaign.

"Win-loss wise, yes [it was poor]," said Morris. "But I think we have a great group of kids. They work hard. We scrapped but couldn't get over the hump."

South Lakes' wins came over Woodson in a Liberty District game and non-district opponent West Potomac (Patriot District).

South Lakes, which saw its season end last week with a 4-0 loss to Marshall in a first round district tournament game, played several district opponents close in tough losses, including set-backs to Langley, 1-0; Madison, 5-4; and Stone Bridge, 3-0.

"We showed our inexperience [at times]," said Morris, who had only two seniors in his starting line-up.

South Lakes' two senior starters, second baseman Jon Baamonde and first baseman Tyler Siqueiros, were solid team leaders, according to Morris.

"I look at him and he's kind of a coach on the field. He kept everyone together and calm. He kind of guided [younger] guys in what varsity baseball is all about."

— Coach Galvin Morris, on senior second baseman Jon Baamonde

Baamonde, an emotional leader and player, earned Second Team All-Liberty District honors this season. In 2008, he made All-District as an Honorable Mention selection.

"I look at him and he's kind of a coach on the field," said Morris, of Baamonde. "He kept everyone together and calm. He kind of guided [younger] guys in what varsity baseball is all about."

Baamonde, in the Seahawks' batting order, hit anywhere from leadoff to clean-up over the course of his varsity career. He hit mostly out of the No. 3 spot as a senior. He improved over his three years of varsity ball in all areas of the game and became a solid player.

"Defensively, he got better every year and on offense, his numbers improved," said Morris.

Siqueiros, more of a quiet leader, made his mark in the field as a sure-handed first bagger.

"He can pick it over there," said Morris, of the left-handed hitting Siqueiros, who had a knack of coming up with tough-hop grounders. "He saved us big time when balls were in the dirt."

**THE TEAM'S TOP** underclassmen ball players this season included sophomore third baseman Will Sweet, an All-District Honorable Mention selection, and sophomore center fielder Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz.

Sweet, along with playing the hot corner position for South Lakes, was also a key pitcher for his team. He tossed a good game in the district playoff loss to Marshall. The Statesmen scored all of their runs in the first inning. Sweet allowed just four hits in the game and went the distance.

Corps-Ortiz played a steady centerfield for the Seahawks all season. Coach Morris said Corps-

Ortiz learned a lot about playing outfield during his freshman season in 2008 from then-senior Noah Sweet, who was a top outfielder in the program.

"Wilfredo really anchored things out there," said Morris, of the 10th grader's stellar outfield play this spring. "Noah really taught him some things in the outfield [in 2008]. You really learn from those guys."

Corps-Ortiz batted in the leadoff position or in the No. 3 hole for the Seahawks. Morris said his hitting showed good improvement over the course of the season.

Freshman Nick Beaulac, who was the team's starting shortstop and a key member of the pitching staff, had a good season as well. Playing varsity shortstop as a ninth grader is no easy task, but Beaulac was impressive with his overall game.

"He's played a lot of baseball and kind of has things figured out," said Morris. "He made errors, but learned from them."

The team's most versatile player was freshman Billy McLaughlin, who saw playing time at second and third base, as well as in the outfield and on the pitching mound.

"He's one of those utility players who can play anywhere," said Morris. "We're looking for his true position. He'll probably be a [infield] corner guy, first or third base maybe. He just loves baseball. He usually has the dirtiest uniform."

A lot of players will return to the team next school year. Morris hopes and expects those back with the program will be improved players hungry to succeed.

"I think this group will work," he said. "They're talking about playing together in the summer."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

### Oakton Girls End Season

Oakton High girls' lacrosse midfielder Danielle Filipponi (pictured) was one of seven seniors on the Cougars' squad this spring. Oakton, under coach Jean Counts, saw its season end with a 19-18 loss to Woodson in a first round Northern Region playoff game on May 12.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Registration is open for the Reston Youth Association (RYA) Fall 2009 Football and Cheerleading programs. The RYA programs are open to youth ages 6-16 in Reston and the surrounding areas. The fee is \$110 (\$80 for cheerleading) for those registered by June 30. Financial assistance is available. No experience is needed. RYA is a member of the Fairfax County Youth Football League and abides by its rules of full player participation, regardless of ability or experience. Three levels of play are available in each weight class, based on age, weight and experience. Games will be played on the turf fields at Lake Fairfax Park. Practices will begin Aug. 10 and the first games are scheduled to begin after Labor Day. Obtain information on the RYA programs and register online at [www.restonseahawks.org](http://www.restonseahawks.org). For questions, call the RYA Hotline at 703-620-2019, or send an e-mail to [vp@restonseahawks.org](mailto:vp@restonseahawks.org).

Paul VI High School boys' soccer player Chris Griffith, a resident of Reston, has verbally committed to play soccer at Washington & Jefferson College in Pennsylvania.

Griffith was a key member of the Paul VI Panthers' team this season. He played in a variety of roles in the midfield and in the back, and was one of 12 seniors who helped lead the team to one of their most successful seasons in program history.

"I wish Chris all the best in his future endeavors," said Paul VI head coach Matt Leiva. "He is a strong student-athlete as well as a very mature young man, and I am sure he will succeed at Washington & Jefferson College both on the field and off."

W&J head coach Ian McDonald is thrilled to have Griffith coming to his program.

"It is much excitement and anticipation that we welcome Christian Griffith to our soccer family here at Washington & Jefferson College," McDonald said. "Through our face-to-face meeting and numerous conversations, plus video analysis, we believe Christian possesses the talent and character to be a great addition to our program and the college community as a whole. Christian is not only a gifted athlete, but is also very gifted academically. I look forward to a very productive four years with this young man."

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## It's Not Fun or Funny



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The re-escalating price of gasoline is starting — or rather accelerating — its impact on my digestive system; that is to say, it's giving me more than indigestion. It's beginning to eat away at the layers of tolerance that I've built up over the years, and is likewise effecting, adversely I may add, my sunny disposition. In spite of the many suggestions one hears about driving to maximize one's use of gasoline as efficiently as possible (properly inflated tires; clean air filters; slowing down, generally, smoother accelerations and more gradual decelerations, etc.) the fact of the matter is, I wonder how much any of it really matters — in the big picture. Picture this, with less mattering, to me, I'm getting madder at more people for indiscretions, oversights, forgetfulness and so forth that I might otherwise have ignored when the price at the pump — and some of the related product and service increases — were not returning to previously painful highs.

Now I haven't quite gone public yet, with any of my observations and suggestions as the actual circumstances have presented themselves. But if anybody was telepathic or could read lips — or understood muttering — I'd have already gotten into a number of fistfights; well, verbal confrontations, at least. And it's not like I wrote the book on social discourse or proper behavior when push comes to shove (figuratively speaking, of course; I don't condone violence). But, there does seem to be a dollars and sense correlation. If I were to guess, and make a casual, non-scientific, not-supported-by-any-empirical-evidence observation — as the price of a gallon of gasoline goes up, people's behavior has an inverse reaction to it: it goes down, as in it gets worse. As the dollars needed to fill the tank become almost indecent (again), so too does the corresponding behavior of the person filling that tank.

I don't know if it's simply that we feel helpless against the forces combining (I didn't say conspiring, many others did, though; others with a great deal more knowledge and insight than I will ever have.) to prime the pump, but the loss of any control over a portion of the family, business and/or government budget allocated for such expenses, creates a stress unhealthy for mere mortal men. Moreover, the victimization and exploitation us mere mortal men feel as the Oil and Gas companies quarterly profits are announced simultaneously it seems, to the still-increasing unemployment rate and bankrupt protections being granted to some of America's oldest and most familiar companies, gives one pause to reflect: Has America passed itself by? Is what opportunity and quality of life, which many of us have experienced — and some even taken for granted — indeed been compromised by circumstances many in a position of responsibility say is mostly beyond our country's control? And if so, does that mean that our future is not nearly as bright as we thought it was? And if the future is likely to be more difficult than the past, then my attempts at humor concerning the minutiae of everyday life seem rather unimportant.

But I can't solve any of these problems; I can only write about them — and complain (a little ignorance goes a long way). I have to tell you, though, from where I sit — and write, it's getting ugly. People (myself included) are getting irritated, and unless something changes soon, the American consumer will be an endangered species.

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### Celebrating 'Service to the Community'

State Dels. Ken Plum (D-36) and Tom Rust (R-86), along with State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), read their House Joint Resolution at the FISH Fling, to 'commend Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc., for its service to the community on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.'

### WEEK IN HERNDON

#### Arrests Made in Bank Robbery

Two people have been arrested in connection with a bank robbery that occurred Wednesday, May 20 at the BB&T Bank located at 13300 Franklin Farm Road. A Centreville man, 37, was charged with robbery, the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, malicious wounding and abduction. He was also charged with possession of narcotics for a prior, unrelated offense. A 50-year-old woman also of Centreville, was charged with robbery. She was also charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle stemming from a previous, unrelated case. The woman was located near the bank robbery scene and an investigation determined she was operating with the male.

The suspects entered the bank wearing a mask, displayed a handgun and announced the robbery. Two men were able to subdue one of the suspects after a brief struggle. Officers arrived a short time later and took the suspect into custody. The two men sustained minor injuries during the scuffle with the gunman. The 23-year-old victim was transported to Inova Fair Oaks Hospital and the 42-year-old victim was treated at the scene.

All residents of Herndon, Reston and adjacent communities, age 50 or above, are invited, free of charge.

All those interested in reserving seats are requested to call Will Grein or Chris Moore at 703-437-5886.

#### Road Closure on Grace Street

The Grace Street Waterline Improvement Project, which will replace aging water main and enhance water supply throughout impacted neighborhood will force a road closure at Grace Street, between Vine Street and Fortnightly Boulevard beginning June 1, and will last approximately four weeks. Work will primarily occur between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Detour signs will be posted to direct motorists to alternate routes. Residents of the project area will have access to Grace Street and will be notified in person or writing should driveway access or water service be temporarily affected.

E-mail the Town of Herndon Department of Public Works at Public.works@herndon-va.gov, call 703-435-6853 or visit www.herndon-va.gov, Town Services, Road Closures

#### Apex Foundation of Herndon Honored

The Apex Foundation of Herndon recently was honored by OAR of Fairfax County, Inc. for its continued financial support of the organization's mission to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime. Apex received the William Sandweg Award for on-going advocacy and financial support of OAR's mission at the organization's awards recognition reception on May 20.

#### Sixth Annual Senior Senior Prom

The Rotary clubs of Herndon and Reston will again present the Senior Senior Prom, the area's premier social event for all the young at heart. The event will take place Saturday, June 6, 2-4:30 p.m., at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. Dance music and entertainment will be provided by the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble and The 8-Week Wonders Swing Dancers.

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Sienna DeSantis, Jane Luca, Conor Williams, Arjun Singh, Gonzalo Pinillos and Joan O'Brian, members the staff and company commander of Herndon High School's Navy JROTC, march in formation before relieving their position to the new staff and company commander.

## Change of Command at Herndon High

The Herndon High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) conducted its Senior Night and Change of Command ceremony on May 8. Graduating seniors were honored and relieved of their duties as a new command group was ushered in. The ceremony is a time-honored tradition that formally symbolizes the con-

tinuity of authority as the command is passed from one individual to another. After the change of command, members of the JROTC received awards and were promoted in rank based on their achievements during the previous school year.

— ARTHUR WESSEL



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Adam Schalk, Conor Williams, Arjun Singh, Shane O'Flynn, Gonzalo Pinillos and Anna Truong stand at ease after assuming the position as the new staff and company commander of the Herndon High School Navy JROTC.

Herndon High School Principal Agustin Martinez and graduating senior Sienna DeSantis. DeSantis received the Daughters of the American Revolution Award.



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