

History Right Here

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Gov. William 'Extra Billy' Smith, portrayed by David Meisky of Springfield, and Gen. Richard Ewell, portrayed by Chris Godart of Herndon, attend the dedication and unveiling of a historical marker for the memory of Capt. John Quincy Marr, the first Confederate officer killed in the Civil War.

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Koger Sentenced For Shooting Spree

Embezzler of homeowner associations sentenced to 66 years for 2008 shootings.

BY KEN MOORE AND
BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The survival of six innocent victims — three civilians and three officers — “is a miracle,” said Judge Jonathan C. Thacher.

“Only by the grace of God did the [shooting] spree not result in mass casualties,” the judge said.

A bullet remains lodged in Scott Duke’s sternum from the night of Feb. 2, 2008, when Jeffrey Scott Koger, 39, of Herndon, fired a revolver randomly at Duke and five others in Alexandria and Fairfax County.

“Having to look at the person who tried to take your life, never knowing you, is kind of hard,” said Duke, Thursday, May 28 at Koger’s sentencing hearing in Fairfax County Circuit Court. “I thought of my family and them getting a call saying, ‘Your son was shot in the chest.’”

Najib Gerdak, 27, of Franconia, attempted to help Duke; Koger then shot Gerdak multiple times. Bullets went through Gerdak’s shoulder, spine, colon and groin.

“There’s not a moment it doesn’t affect me. I have to look at the holes in my body all the time, so you always remember,” said Gerdak, who testified how Koger pointed a gun at his head.

“He asked me twice who my savior was,” Gerdak said. “I didn’t do anything to him, so tell me why I should get shot?”

In February 2008, Gerdak was at the peak of his profession, he said, cutting hair and teaching stylists about the latest and upcoming trends. Now nerve damage impairs his ability to move his hands and bullet wounds have robbed his strength.

“I used to be able to bench a house, now I can hardly carry my book bag,” he said, explaining how he lost most of his clientele and earns 75 percent less income than in 2008.

More than 100 people visited Gerdak at the hospital the day after Koger shot him. Recently, he returned for one of his many follow-up procedures at the hospital for surgery to remove a bullet from his spine.

Gerdak said he thought of his parents as he lay on the cold wet street with Duke, thinking he and Duke were going to die.

“Can you imagine getting a phone call at



Jeffrey Koger

SHERIFF'S PHOTO

four in the morning, ‘Your son’s been shot four times in the spine, stomach, leg and chest,’ and seeing him in the hospital on machines and wondering if he’s going to walk again,” said Gerdak. “No one should have a right to take your life but God. I think Mr. Koger thought he was God that night.”

The two men weren’t Koger’s first victims on Feb. 2, 2008.

Shortly before in the City of Alexandria, Koger shot taxicab driver Bereket Tewelda, 36, who was stopped at

a traffic light at Seminary Road and North Beauregard St.

Koger pulled up behind him in a 1990 Jeep Cherokee, got out of his car, walked to the taxi driver’s window, and fired sev-

“Koger set about to cause harm, death and devastation.”

— Judge Jonathan C. Thacher

eral shots at the driver, a man he didn’t know.

Tewelda still feels pain, can’t sit for more than an hour or stand more than a half-hour at a time and has more than \$170,000 of outstanding medical bills. Tewelda has trouble supporting his family now, he testified.

Thacher sentenced Koger Thursday to serve 66 years in prison for three counts of malicious wounding, three counts of the attempted capital murder of three police officers and two counts of use of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

“Koger planned, prepared and armed himself and set about to cause harm, death and devastation. What makes it worse is he had no specific target, but randomly selected his victims,” the judge said. “It’s a miracle they survived. They survived to endure a life of pain and multiple disabilities.”

Virginia State Trooper Jonathan M. Groner pursued Koger after Koger shot his first three victims.

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New Marr Marker Unveiled in Fairfax

Marker honors first Confederate officer killed in Civil War.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County added another feather in its historical cap last weekend, as the Virginia Department of Historic Resources dedicated a new historical marker in honor of Capt. John Marr.

The marker, located near the flag array in front of the Massey Building on the property of the Fairfax County Judicial Center, was dedicated in a ceremony Sunday, May 31. The event welcomed several elected officials, historians and Civil War re-enactors.

"The markers help connect people to historic places," said Joanie Evans of the Department of Historic Resources, who was in attendance. "It talks about what the community has contributed to history and helps us to learn the past and guide us into the future."

According to the Department of Historic Resources, on June 1, 1861, Company B of



Area residents, dignitaries and Civil-War era re-enactors participate in the unveiling and dedication ceremony for a historical marker located near the Fairfax County Judicial Center. The marker commemorates the spot where Capt. John Quincy Marr died. Marr was first Confederate officer to be killed in the Civil War.

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A Small Way of Giving Back

Library honors Fairfax couple for volunteerism.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

For the past eight years, husband-and-wife team Robert and Priya D'Souza of Fairfax have volunteered at the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Now they've been honored as the library's Star Volunteers.

"This was a competitive nomination, but they've given exceptional service," said Nancy Makowski, the library's adult services information manager. "They make a wonderful technology team that's provided training for library customers in how to use the Internet, library databases and Microsoft office programs."

She estimates that, over the years, their instruction has reached more than 1,000 library customers. "Both Robert and Priya have excellent communication skills and are enthusiastic to share their knowledge," said Makowski. "They are a great asset to the library community."

"I came to the U.S. in May 1999 from India and got a job in Fairfax doing computer programming,"

said Priya D'Souza, who had taught programming to herself. "My husband and children came that December, and I visited the library in Fairfax a lot to read. I thought it was a beautiful place."

After meeting Makowski and the library's technical expert, Andrew Pendergrass, Priya D'Souza told them she worked in information technology and asked if they could start some classes there. "I had the time, so I started teaching Microsoft Office classes in 2000," she said. "This country has been very good to us. The first week I was here, I got three job offers, so I wanted to help others find jobs in IT, too."

Her husband began teaching there, too, although both had and still have full-time jobs. Robert D'Souza is an electrical engineer, but is in his second career as a technology education teacher at Lanier Middle School. Priya D'Souza used to be an IT consultant, then started her own company and is now a financial analyst with Intel in Washington,

D.C.

At one time, the D'Souzas' two children taught with them at the library, but now both are in college. Steve, 19, attends VCU, and Stephanie, 18, is at Johns Hopkins.

"Robert started teaching Excel classes at the library, four or five years ago," said Priya D'Souza. "He's very

"We get much more than we give."

— Priya D'Souza, library volunteer

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Racing for Hepatitis C Awareness, Funding

Tim Harmon 5K is June 13.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

No cure exists for the hepatitis C that claimed Tim Harmon's life in 1999 at age 51. But it's hoped that funds raised by a 5K race in his honor will help toward that goal and also educate the public about this disease.

The 10th Annual Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk is Saturday, June 13, at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine, at the Fairfax County Government Center. The course is mostly flat and fast, beginning and ending in front of the Government Center and going out to West Ox Road and Monument Drive.

Cost is \$21, and participants may register at www.racepacket.com, or in person on race day, from 7-8:15 a.m. For more information, call 703-934-8756, e-mail peggy.cook@fairfaxcounty.gov or see www.timharmon5k.org.

"Besides the runners, it attracts a mixture of people," said race director Tom Cook of Chantilly's Armfield Farms community. "A lot of them knew Tim and worked with him; others come to support friends and family members with hepatitis C. And they can either walk or run the course."

SEE TIM HARMON, PAGE 10

Suspended Sentence for 2008 Prescription Fraud Case

Nearly 1 1/2 years have passed since Fairfax County Police arrested Darla Faye Hodge of Fairfax and charged her with prescription fraud. Her court case was continued several times until, on May 1, she received two suspended prison sentences in Circuit Court.

Addicted to pain medicine, Hodge, now 38, wanted Percoset so badly that she forged prescriptions and passed them off as real at area pharmacies. For awhile, she got away with it, until the authorities closed in.



Hodge

An undercover police officer explained the case against her in a December 2007 affidavit for a warrant to search her apartment. He wrote that, on Nov. 19, 2007, an employee of The Austin-Weston Center for Cosmetic Surgery called police to report a prescription fraud. She said she'd been contacted by a pharmacist from the pharmacy inside the Target store in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center.

The pharmacist had called to verify a prescription written by Dr. Robert K. Sigal for 60 Percocet tablets. The pharmacist said a woman with long, black hair had dropped off the prescription, reportedly for her boyfriend. But the doctor didn't have a patient by that name.

On Nov. 27, another Austin-Weston employee reported a similar prescription fraud to police. This time, wrote the officer, a white female with long, black hair tried to obtain drugs from the CVS Pharmacy at 13031 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

The pharmacy technician there told Sheridan that the female customer passed a prescription from Austin-Weston, also supposedly written by Sigal, for 60 Percocet tablets, but for a different man's name. Again, Austin-Weston had no such patient.

Still images of the suspect were obtained from the pharmacy's surveillance video, but her identity was still unknown. Then, on Nov. 29, the officer contacted a detective with the Vienna Police Department to inquire about a similar, prescription-fraud case the detective was investigating for his department. According to the officer, the detective told him a white female passed a fraudulent prescription under yet another male's name.

"In this case, the suspect signed for the prescription with the name of Darla Hodge," wrote the officer. "Computer checks determined that [she] was arrested in Arlington County for obtaining drugs by fraud in 1998." The officer then obtained a digital photo of her from the Arlington County Sheriff's Office and was "able to match this image with the image that was obtained from the CVS Pharmacy on Nov. 27."

Then on Dec. 7, a pharmacist from the Safeway at 3043 Nutley St. in Vienna told the officer that Hodge was currently at the Safeway pharmacy "passing another fraudulent prescription." The officer immediately contacted police units in the area, and they arrested Hodge, charging her with prescription fraud.

Afterward, wrote the officer, Hodge told police she'd had an elective surgery at Austin-Weston in 1996 and kept a prescription written by Dr. George W. Weston. She then "admitted to using the information from this prescription to manufacture counterfeit prescriptions ... that she printed using her home computer."

When she pleaded guilty, Oct. 6, 2008, in Circuit Court, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Tim Davis said Hodge admitted having a stolen prescription pad. "She said she'd had surgery several years ago and became addicted to the pain medication," said Davis. "Investigation revealed she had passed at least 38 forged prescriptions — seven, outside this county. In exchange for her guilty pleas on two charges, the commonwealth agreed not to proceed with the other charges."

Hodge returned to court, May 1, for sentencing for two counts of prescription fraud. On each count, Judge Marcus Williams sentenced her to three years in prison, suspending all that time, and placed her on two years supervised probation.

— BONNIE HOBBS



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Children at Aschiana make colorful and individualized Peace Kites to be sold in the U.S.

Make Kites, Not War

Afghan street-working children gain hope for future via Peace Kite sales.

BY SARA RIDDLE
THE CONNECTION

Kite flying has been a popular hobby in Afghanistan for centuries. Whether it is the designing, making or flying of the kites, this hobby has brought much joy to the country during tumultuous times.

However, kite flying is more than just an Afghanistan pastime. A recent project is proving that kites can be more than just a form of entertainment. The Peace Kites initiative is using kites to help provide education, life skills and hope to thousands of needy Afghan children.

Atta Amin, a Fairfax businessman who moved from Kabul, Afghanistan to the United States in 1982, started Peace Kites in 2007. The idea for Peace Kites came to Amin during a trip back to Kabul. He witnessed how suicide missions and bombings had left the Afghan children struggling to make ends meet and working on the streets from day to night.

"I saw a boy polishing shoes with a deep sadness in his face," said Amin. "He had lost his father and was working hard to bring food to the table for his disabled mother. When I saw that, I decided it was time to help the children."

Amin has been a long-time supporter of Aschiana, the non-profit organization founded in 1995 that provides education and assistance to working street children and their families in Afghanistan. The or-

ganization offers services to improve life skills, basic education, literacy and numeracy, skills development, vocational training, health education, access to basic health care and the development of the environment, according to www.aschiana.com.

Because of the damage from the war, many Afghan children have no one teaching them the basic skills of how to live.

By working with Aschiana, Amin arranged for the organization's vocational school to make thousands of kites for sale in the United States.

"This project can help the kids and encourage them to do more and get more benefits out of life," said Amin.

The kites, which are handmade from wood and paper, are shipped to the U.S. with the help of the transport company DHL.

"I helped Mr. Amin and Aschiana get the Peace Kites to the U.S. by getting them in touch with DHL, which shipped them for free, and arranging for Embassy help in getting the kites properly crated for shipping," said Brent Hartley, U.S. Foreign Service Officer.

— Atta Amin

Up to 4,000 kites can fit in each box shipped to the U.S.

Each kite bears a message of peace in either Pashto or Dari, the country's two main languages. An English translation is also included.

"The children of Aschiana sit and write messages by hand on a daily basis," said Amin.

Through Peace Kites, Amin hopes to raise enough money to better the lives of Afghan children.

"I want to encourage other people to just be creative," said Amin. "I want other people to join me and make this difference."

To purchase a Peace Kite, visit either www.aschiana.com or www.aschiana-foundation.org. All proceeds from the sales go to Aschiana.

NEWS

Construction Fraud Charged

City of Fairfax Police have charged a 33-year-old Fauquier County man with construction fraud and felony false pretense. He is Robert Paul Pullen of 10600 block of Marsh Road in Bealeton. According to police, in August 2008, an elderly City of Fairfax resident was repeatedly victimized by the suspect claiming to do home repairs. The victim paid the contractor for repairs that allegedly were not performed.

Det. Ed Vaughan, of the Criminal Investigations Division, investigated the case and arrested Pullen on Wednesday, May 27. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and held on \$10,000 bond.

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OPINION

Vote June 9, Much at Stake

Polling places open, all registered voters eligible.

Every polling place in Northern Virginia will be open on June 9 for a Democratic primary, with two statewide races and several important contested primaries locally.

Much is at stake for Democrats in choosing a candidate for Governor.

The contentious, high volume campaign between the three candidates, Terry R. McAuliffe of McLean, Brian Moran of Alexandria and Creigh Deeds of Charlottesville will be settled by voter turnout on June 9. Primaries like this in Virginia often garner embarrassingly low turnout given how much it matters.

The winner will seek to extend the leadership of Mark Warner (D) and Tim Kaine (D), the current and past governors, facing Bob McDonnell (R) in the general election in November.

Virginia desperately needs strong leadership at the top for the sake of the economy, transportation, healthcare, education, public safety and the needy.

The governor of Virginia is limited to a single four-year term.

See www.connectionnewspapers.com for more coverage of the race.

Also on the ballot are Democratic primary races for Lieutenant Governor, House of Del-

egates in Vienna, District 35; Arlington, District 47; and Falls Church, District 38.

Because voters do not register by party in Virginia, all registered voters are eligible to vote in the June 9 primary races.

For information on where to vote and more, see www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

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- ❖ R. Creigh Deeds, Charlottesville, www.deedsforvirginia.com

Democratic primary, Lieutenant Governor, choose one:

- ❖ Jody M. Wagner, Virginia Beach, www.jodyforva.com
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For Memorial Day, Romie and Tricia Oplinger placed American flags in the yards of every home in the Fairfax Villa and Cavalier Woods neighborhoods.

Proud To Be An American

To the Editor:

One Fairfax County neighborhood takes on a patriotic appearance every year over Memorial Day weekend when every house in Fairfax Villa and Cavalier Woods has at least one American Flag placed in front of it along the curb.

Romie and Tricia Oplinger have been buying and planting the flags every year for the past five years and plan to continue doing so as long as they can. A small card attached to the staff has their name and reads "Enjoy the day and remember those who helped make it possible."

Romie is a Realtor with Jobin Realty, and although he does not directly promote his real estate

business with the flags, he says that they have opened up a couple of neighborhood doors for a listing presentation. He puts out about 550 flags over a 3-hour time period with help from his wife, three grown children, a grandson and sometimes other family members. People often wave and say thanks when they see the flags being put in. A couple of times neighbors, who have had relatives die while serving in the military, have left emotional messages on Romie's answering machine.

Romie Oplinger
Fairfax

Vote for McAuliffe

To the Editor:

With the Primary Election now less than a week away, our state's needs have never been greater. We face bleak economic times in Virginia, and we need a governor with an unprecedented ability to set the agenda and to get things done. This year, the one candidate who fills that bill is Terry

McAuliffe. Throughout his campaign, he has listened to Virginians' ideas, regardless of their political leanings, and he has pledged to keep listening once elected. Terry knows a good idea when he hears one, and he has pledged himself to turning the best ideas for moving our economy forward into reality once he's elected governor. Put simply, Terry will put Virginia first and get our economy growing again.

That's why he has my vote, and he needs yours too. This Primary Day, June 9, is going to determine the future of our commonwealth, so be sure you vote — your regular polling place will be open from 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

Bruce H. Neilson
Fairfax

Endorsing Deeds

To the Editor:

Tuesday, June 9 is "primary day" for Democrats across Virginia. I am writing to let you know of my support for Creigh Deeds for the Democratic nomination for governor.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6

I serve with Sen. Deeds (D-25) in Richmond and know him to be a stalwart advocate for all Virginians, regardless of status or region. Throughout his 18 years in the Assembly, he has supported legislation to protect our environment, support our teachers and assist our elderly.

Last summer, Sen. Deeds stood with Northern Virginia Senators like me and Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35) to pass SB 5009, which represented the most comprehensive state solution for Northern Virginia's transportation problems since the 1980s. It is the only

legislation in my tenure, which actually transferred state revenue to our region in recognition of our special needs. Of the three candidates running for governor, Sen. Deeds was the only one to take a leadership role on this critical legislation that was killed by the House of Delegates.

Sen. Deeds understands Northern Virginia. He has what it takes to be a successful governor. I invite you to join me in voting for him on June 9 in the Democratic primary.

State Sen. Chap Petersen
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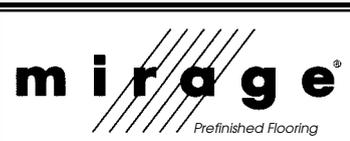
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Primary Tough Choice for Dems

Strong candidates lead to indecision?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

With the Democratic gubernatorial primary less than two weeks away, Scott Surovell still had not made up his mind about his vote.

Surovell, a Mount Vernon resident, is not a typical voter. He is the chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, one of the largest local Democratic organizations in the commonwealth. Surovell is paying very close attention to the race and the three candidates — state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe and former Del. Brian Moran (D-46).

"These candidates are pretty similar on policy. There are subtle differences but they are all strong candidates. I think the question a lot of people are trying to answer is which candidate would be the best to go up against Bob McDonnell," he said. "I am actually undecided. I have really been struggling with this myself."

Many other likely voters are having a tough time choosing a candidate in Democratic Party's gubernatorial primary June 9.

"It was a tough decision. We are have embarrassment of riches this time around and it was a tough choice to make," said Greg Zimmerman, a Democratic activist from Arlington County, who would not reveal who he was supporting publicly.

"I think, for Democrats, I think this primary is really difficult," said Loretta Nawakowski, the Democratic Party's captain for the Greenspring voting precinct, which traditionally has the highest election turn out of any precinct in Virginia. Though the residents are known for being politically active, attendance at a candidates' forum May 14 on the Greenspring campus was particularly high, about 250 people.

Volunteers who have knocking on the doors of reliable Democratic households in Northern Virginia have also found a lot of uncommitted voters.

"I am going door to door and a lot of people are undecided," said Steve Baker, an Arlington resident who supports McAuliffe.

Voters may be having a tough time choosing a candidate because the three men in the race are similar in many respects.

Deeds, a native Virginian who lives in Bath County where he grew up, likes to tell the story of his mother only giving him a few \$20 bills in his pocket when he went off to college.

McAuliffe, a McLean resident, started a driveway paving business at 14 years old in upstate New York so that he could pay for school.

Moran, a former state delegate for the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, recalls when he father was laid off and his employer towed away the company car they

CREIGH DEEDS



Age: 51
Residence: Bath County, Va.
Hometown/Grew Up In: Bath County, Va.
Family: Wife Pam and four children
Education: Concord College (bachelor's degree ñ 1980), Wake Forest University (law degree ñ 1984)
Community Work/Relevant Experience: former Bath County

prosecutor; House of Delegates member (1992-2001), state Senator (2001 ñ present)
Web site: <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com>

used as a family station wagon.

All three candidates promise to make Virginia the epicenter of green technology and jobs. McAuliffe talks of turning chicken waste into fuel. Deeds wants to build an algae-to-fuel plant in Hampton Roads. Moran calls for wind farms off the coast of Virginia Beach.

Northern Virginia, they all expect, would be a hub of green job research and take part in developing things like the smart electrical grid and clean coal technology. "I think we can build on the technology companies that we already have here," said Moran.

Moran, in particular, appears to be trying to set himself apart by running to the left of his primary opponents on social and environmental issues.

If elected governor, Moran promises to seek repeal the 2006 Marshall-Newman amendment, which defines marriage as between a man and woman and bans marriage-like contracts for same sex couples. "We should not be placing discriminatory language in the Virginia constitution," said Moran at the Greenspring forum.

As a state senator, Deeds voted in favor of the same-sex marriage amendment in 2006. McAuliffe said he does not support gay marriage but is fully supportive of civil unions. But he has said multiple times that the campaign should focus on other issues.

"If we don't fix the economy, we are going to go backwards on several fronts folks," said McAuliffe at an Annandale debate.

Moran has spoken out against drilling for oil or natural gas off the coast of Virginia and opposes the construction a new coal power plant in Surry County between Richmond and Hampton Roads.

On the issue of offshore drilling, McAuliffe backs limited exploration for natural gas but not for oil. Deeds said he would support some exploration for oil and natural gas.

McAuliffe says if elected governor, he would work to push all payday lenders, which provide small, short-term loans at a very high interest rate, out of Virginia.

Critics of payday lenders said many people become trapped in a unending cycle of debt through these types of loans, which

TERRY MCAULIFFE



Age: 52
Residence: McLean, Va.
Hometown/Grew Up In: Syracuse, NY
Family: Wife Dorothy and five children
Education: Catholic University of America (bachelor's degree -1979); Georgetown University (law degree ñ 1984)
Community Work/Relevant Experience: Democratic National Committee chairman

(2001-2005); confidant of U.S. President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; national finance director of President Jimmy Carter's 1988 re-election campaign
Web site: <http://www.terrymcauliffe.com/>

they can never afford to pay back.

McAuliffe has also been critical of Virginia's largest utility company, Dominion Power, for not being open to renewable energy and energy efficiency proposals. "There should be no more rate increases until they agree to move on wind and solar power," said McAuliffe, who is not accepting donations from Dominion or the company's political action committee.

Dominion Power has been the largest business interest or individual contributor to Virginia's statewide political campaigns over the last 13 years. Since 1996, the utility company has donated \$5.2 million to political candidates, \$2.45 million to Democrats and \$2.65 million to Republicans. Both Moran, who has accepted \$46,800, and Deeds who has accepted \$57,200, from Dominion since 1996,

said McAuliffe's pledge to turn down Dominion money is hollow because the McAuliffe campaign held a fundraiser at the home of Thomas Capps, Dominion's retired president.

When there is consensus on an issue, such as the need for quick job creation, the candidates have different approaches.

Deeds, who represents the Charlottesville area, wants to use Virginia's well-regarded higher education system to spur growth and new employment.

McAuliffe would have a hands-on approach to attracting business to Virginia. As governor, he intends to be the commonwealth's number one salesperson and business recruiter.

"You all know I am good at getting money out of people," said McAuliffe at a meeting with the Northern Virginia Technology Council. The candidate, who once wrestled an alligator for a campaign donation, revolutionized political fundraising for the national Democratic Party.

Moran, who runs his own small law office, said he intends to shore up the economy by supporting and promoting small businesses.

"I have created a business in Virginia, a small business," said Moran.

If elected, Moran's first action as governor would be to convene a bipartisan sum-

BRIAN MORAN



Age: 50
Residence: City of Alexandria
Hometown/Grew Up In: Natick, Mass.
Family: wife Karyn and two children
Education: University of Massachusetts, Amherst (bachelor's degree), Catholic University of America (law degree)
Community Work/Relevant Experience: former Arlington County

prosecutor, House of Delegates member (1996-2008), House of Delegates Democratic caucus chair (2001-2008)
Web site: www.brianmoran.com/

mit of business community members and government leaders to brainstorm about the best ways to address the current economic situation in Virginia. The summit would not just address job creation but also housing needs and other problems that have cropped up in the down economy.

"We need a governor who puts the people first," said Moran at the Greenspring forum.

Deeds and Moran have similar professional backgrounds. Both worked as local prosecutors and are currently lawyers at small law firms. They are also both former members of the House of Delegates. In 2001, Moran replaced Deeds as the House of Delegates Democratic caucus chair when Deeds won his election to the state senate.

A fixture of political talk shows, McAuliffe is one of the most recognizable Democratic Party figures on the national stage, even though he has never held elected office.

McAuliffe is trying to reshape his public persona into that of a Mark Warner-like businessman, who does Democratic Party activism on the side. He has rescued both a failing bank and Florida home building company during his career. Through these and a few other business ventures, McAuliffe said he has created several thousand new jobs.

Deeds and Moran tout their legislative experience in Richmond as an asset.

Deeds said he was able to get legislation passed as member of the minority and the majority party in the House of Delegates and Senate.

"I am going in knowing that system like the back of my hand," said Deeds.

While McAuliffe talks about needing to win more Democratic seats in the House of Delegates, Moran points out that he has actually done that as head of the House of Delegates Democratic caucus.

"I helped build the House Democratic caucus from 33 members to 45 members," said Moran.

McAuliffe, who has lived in McLean for almost 20 years, does not seem phased by his lack of experience at the Virginia statehouse. The Washington insider is running as a Richmond outsider.

"If you are happy with Richmond, I am not your guy," said McAuliffe.

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NEWS

Un-Dowd-edly Good

In a year's time, Fairfax senior Frances Dowd went from the back of the pack to the front, winning her first Virginia AAA state title in the 800-meter run Saturday, May 30, with a time of 2 minutes, 12.09 seconds.

Just a year ago, she finished 27th and even surprised herself with the finish this spring.

"It was unbelievable," Dowd said. "I didn't expect to do that well. It's an awesome feeling of accomplishment."

The race featured two previous state champions and two other girls who had beaten Dowd earlier in the season. Fairfax head coach Mark Whalley said that it was one of the more competitive state 800 races in the past few years.

Dowd stuck to her pre-race routine of a warm-up, drills, stretching and visiting with other athletes, but admitted she was really nervous.

Adding to the jitters was the fact that the race had a different start than most 800 races, with runners in individual lanes instead of the usual waterfall start. This made for a fast first 200 meters, as runners didn't want to be out of the race at the break point. Dowd stayed in position though, crossing the midway point in fourth — and exactly on her goal split of 66 seconds — before taking the lead with 300 meters to go.

"She didn't focus on the outcome," said Whalley. "She focused on what she was trying to do, stay out of trouble, not get boxed in and work the second half."

Dowd set school records in both the 800 and 1,600 this season. She was the Concorde District champion in both events and the Northern Region champion in the 800. She will run for Virginia Tech next year.

Lacrosse Academies

Academy International will host two week-long lacrosse academies for girls at Cooper Middle School in McLean Aug. 3-7, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and Aug. 10-14, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. A field hockey camp will also be offered at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington July 27-31. Coaches from Canada and Great Britain will group players by age and skill level to customize training and make playing lacrosse fun. To learn more or to register, visit www.academyinternational.net or call 703 816 0244.



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THINGS TO DO

Tim Harmon 5K Walk/Run

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Harmon worked 20 years for Fairfax County and was director of Residential Services for Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS). He also founded a substance-abuse treatment program for teen-agers.

Because of his efforts, seven new residential treatment programs were opened. He also helped expand those at A New Beginning and Fairfax Detox in Chantilly, New Generations in Vienna, plus Crossroads and Sunrise House.

"Tim hired me in 1984 as a substance-abuse counselor [for ADS]," said Cook, who still occupies that position and works with teens. "This county's lucky to have so many services, and Tim was a driving force behind a lot of them."

The race is run to remember Harmon and to raise awareness of hepatitis C. Proceeds go to charities including the Hepatitis Foundation, the American Liver Foundation and local drug-treatment centers, including Sunrise in Fair Oaks.

Prizes in the 5K are awarded to the top three, male and female overall finishers, plus the top three finishers in 14 age groups in five-year increments. The race has four divisions: Runners/walkers, Fairfax County employees, baby joggers and public safety. Fire and police personnel will compete

against each other for team and individual trophies.

Registered participants receive custom T-shirts designed by Kay Rankin. They're orange, black and white and feature an image of a runner. "I run in about 25 races a year, and it's always great to get a nice, bright T-shirt," said Cook.

Sports Plus, Battlefield Screen, Cassaday Inc. and The Miller Firm are the major sponsors. More than 100 trophies, plaques and medals will be presented, as well as door prizes from local restaurants and merchants.

They include Potomac Nationals baseball tickets, goody bags from Starbucks and gift certificates from Potomac River Running Store, Ledo's Pizza, Panera, Foster's Grille, Chipotle and J.R. Stockyards.

Silent auction items include signed footballs by Brian Griese of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and his father Bob Griese, the Hall of Fame quarterback from the Miami Dolphins; a baseball signed by Washington Nationals outfielder Elijah Dukes; and gift certificates for rounds of golf at Osprey Bay Golf Course.

Adding to the fun is a live, classic-rock band, The Sock Monkeys, who'll entertain before, during and after the race. "They've played every year, since the first year, and are always a big hit," said Cook. Post-race



FILE PHOTO

Runners take off at last year's Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk.

refreshments such as bagels, granola bars, juice and soda will be available.

"Last year, we raised nearly \$13,000 and had 700 participants," said Cook. It costs about \$8,000 to put on the race, with the T-shirts and trophies being the biggest expenses. But Cook wouldn't dream of stopping.

"We start working on it in January and, after 10 years, it's what I do, each spring," he said. "Nine or 10 of us on the race committee have been on it for nine years. And we get a lot of positive feedback on the race — it's a great activity."

Literature in the race packets also helps educate people about hepatitis C and how

to avoid contracting it. Harmon's disease was discovered through a routine blood test but, unfortunately, no vaccine was available for this silent killer.

The disease has no symptoms, so people don't realize they have it until they're diagnosed. But by then, their livers may be irreparably damaged and that's what happened to Harmon. For more information, call 1-800-891-0707 or see www.hepfi.org.

Harmon left behind a wife and two daughters, now grown. "Tim also has a 9-year-old grandson he never saw," said Cook. "Matthew was born the year after he died, and he comes to the race every year and participates."

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Army of Me, The B-Film Extras and Miguel Tenicela. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 5

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring your lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

The Kennedys at 7:30 p.m. and DMV Showcase Vol. 4 at 10:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Celebrate Fairfax Festival. Enjoy rides, concerts, performing arts, exhibits, food and fireworks. 6 p.m.-midnight, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

Read to the Dog. 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker

Road, Burke. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

Neighborhood Yard Sale. The Edgewater Community is hosting a garage sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the neighborhood's entrance on Burke Lake Road and Windward Drive in Burke.

Celebrate Fairfax Festival. Enjoy rides, concerts, performing arts, exhibits, food and fireworks. 10 a.m.-midnight, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

Annual Louisiana Swamp Romp, 2 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge Matinee with I Saw A Ghost, The Conflicted and Youth In Asia at 2 p.m. and Escape the Armada, 1000 Watt Boombox, Used Up, Metrophish and more at 6 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Celebrate Fairfax Festival. Enjoy rides, concerts, performing arts, exhibits, food and fireworks. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

MONDAY/JUNE 8

Celtic Women, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$25-\$55. Wolf Trap

Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Friends Meeting. 7 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Join our Friends group for their monthly meeting. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Bedtime Stories: Under the Stars. 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Come for stories under the stars. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

Pink Martini, 8 p.m. at the Filene Center. \$40 in house, \$22 lawn. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Fairfax Anime. 6:30 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Watch and discuss anime and manga. Snacks provided. Age 12-18. 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion Group. 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Books by Oliver Sacks. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group. 7:15 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Call for topic. 703-293-6227.

Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. One-on-one help with computers,

common software applications and navigating the Internet. Adults. 703-249-1520.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Teen Book Chat. 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Mother-daughter book discussion group. Call branch to register and for book title. Age 12-16 with adult. 703-978-5600.

Bugs Don't Bug Me. 10:30 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Luka Bloom and Birdie Busch. 7:30 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

"Greater Tuna," 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or www.fxplayers.org.

King Teddy, 8-10 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr, Fairfax. Complimentary swing lesson, 7:30 p.m. \$10 per person. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Chess Club. 3:30 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn the rules and strategy; play the game. Age 6-14. 703-644-7333.

Where Do We Go From Here? 10:30 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax.

Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. The Places In Between by Rory Stewart. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Genealogy Databases. 2 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Search for ancestors using the library's genealogy databases and other free Internet databases. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Sex & Missiles. 8 p.m. At Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

"Greater Tuna," 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or www.fxplayers.org.

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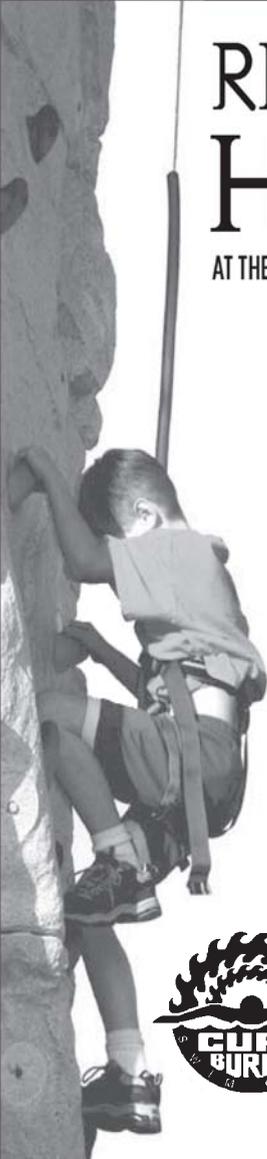
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Rams' Jumping Dunleavy Breaks Loose

Girls' lacrosse advances to Virginia AAA state final with Chantilly on Saturday.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Megan Dunleavy stood opposite Broad Run goalkeeper Allison Bogle with less than 18 minutes remaining during the Robinson girls' lacrosse team's Virginia AAA state semifinal matchup Tuesday night, June 2 at Westfield.

With a free-position shot, the senior attack/midfielder was granted a chance to fire away at Bogle, an unobstructed view that wouldn't require any sort of dodge, spin or jump.

That's not to say Dunleavy wouldn't try some sort of acrobatic leap anyway.

"Since I was little, I've always kind of jumped when I shot. It's a habit," said the 5-foot-4 Dunleavy, who eventually did score her fifth goal of the game on a jump shot from point-blank range. "I guess since I'm short, I try to get a higher shot on the goal."

Dunleavy's teammates wouldn't need any assistance getting a lift, as they cruised to an 18-5 win. Now Robinson's victory sets up yet another date with Chantilly, a team the Rams (18-3) have already played three times this season. That state final matchup is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, at 6 p.m., at Westfield.

In the Concorde District final, Robinson ended the game on a 3-0 run to hand the



Pictured here with freshman Katie McHugh, senior Megan Dunleavy, right, scored five times during the Robinson girls' lacrosse team's 18-5 win over Broad Run Tuesday night.

Chargers a 9-8 loss. In the Northern Region title game on May 20, Robinson scored four unanswered goals in the final 8:36 to seal a 10-9 win.

In that region title game, Dunleavy was a visible presence on offense. She just wasn't much of a presence within the team's record book, scoring just one goal. And during the Rams' 15-5 state quarterfinal round win over Albemarle, Dunleavy again scored only once.

Considering the fact that she has a lacrosse scholarship to the University of Virginia and has totaled 72 goals this season,

Dunleavy's lack of production did not exactly come as a welcomed change of pace.

But what head coach Alison Neun explained to Dunleavy was that in the state playoffs scouting reports are designed and followed. Although opposing teams may struggle to locate Robinson even with a portable navigation system, they know about Dunleavy and what she can do on a lacrosse field.

"Everybody has your number and everybody learns who your top players are," Neun said. "You have to get used to that attention and adjust to it. If they're marking

"I guess since I'm short, I try to get a higher shot on the goal."

— Megan Dunleavy, senior,
Robinson Secondary

tighter on you, you have to help your teammates out."

It didn't take long for Dunleavy to make the adjustment. With Broad Run taking a looser approach on her, Dunleavy opened the scoring for Robinson only 62 seconds, finishing off a pass from teammate Tory Barron.

In the first five minutes of the game, Robinson jumped out to a 4-1 lead on three more goals from Rachel Moody, Barron and Eastman before Broad Run's Nina Duney scored to make it 4-2 with 20:07 remaining.

Freshman Katie McHugh (two goals, assist) and Moody (four goals, two assists) followed with a pair of goals before Broad Run cut its deficit to two (6-4) at 9:53 of the first half.

But Robinson closed the first half on a 4-0 run, as the Rams got tallies from Rachel Moody, McHugh, Dunleavy and Sarah Moody, who scored off of a free-position shot with 0:27 left before halftime to the make the score 10-4.

To start the second half, Dunleavy scooped up a ground ball and, without breaking stride, beat Bogle to stoke a 5-0 run for the Rams. After that jumping free-position shot, Sarah Moody added her second of three goals on the night, and Dunleavy tallied again make it 14-4 at 14:35.

Badr, Makumbi Fuel Late-Season Run

Even the goalkeeper scores as Rams cruise to Northern Region title game victory.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Alex Makumbi found Samir Badr just to the left of where Badr surprised himself and anyone watching on Saturday afternoon, May 30, at Madison High School. With an ear-to-ear smile, Makumbi put his arms around Badr and the two began to yell. They had something to celebrate.

Although Makumbi's goal in the 50th minute of the Robinson boys' soccer team's title match with Westfield would give the Rams all the offense they would need, Badr's goal required more attention. Not only did it come from 68 yards out on a free kick, it came from the team's goalkeeper.

"You never expect that to happen," said

Robinson coach Jac Cicala, whose team pulled off a 3-0 victory over Westfield. Robinson, however, unexpectedly dropped its Virginia AAA state quarterfinal game against Mills Godwin Tuesday, losing 1-0 on penalty kicks.

But Cicala's team was able to enjoy its end-of-the-season success because of Makumbi and Badr, two players with entirely different responsibilities who somehow converged to accomplish the exact same thing. It was even something they had talked about prior to the game, too.

Because Saturday's game was played as a continuation of a rainout on Friday night — started with 15 minutes, 58 seconds left in the first half — Robinson's players drove themselves to Madison instead of taking a bus.

During that trip, Makumbi sent a text

message to Badr, telling him that he was going to score an important goal in only a matter of hours. Badr, though not serious, sent a message back to Makumbi telling him he was wrong. If his team needed a key goal, Badr was getting it.

MAYBE THE two exchanged a few text messages before the postseason started. In the Concorde District title game, Makumbi scored the Rams' lone goal during a 1-0 win over Centreville on May 15. Badr, a U-17 national pool team player, has provided the Rams with a clean sheet during every one of his starts this season.

"We bring a lot of heart, a lot of determination and a lot of fight," Badr said. "We care a lot of making a difference. We care a

lot about shining. In the finals, I think it's important that guys step up, and I think me and 'Koko' are the quality that can."

Early in the second half against Westfield, Makumbi corralled a pass a few yards away from the top of the 18-yard box. After turning, he saw that there wasn't a Westfield

defender to be found. So Makumbi took a few steps forward and fired a shot past the goalkeeper, Kody Palmer. Badr's goal would come nearly seven minutes later and senior defender Jimmy Brewer converted a penalty kick in the game's 65th minute.

"The ball was in the air, and I trapped it," Makumbi said of his goal. "I guess the defenders got confused, so I just kept on go

"We care a lot of making a difference. We care a lot about shining."

— Samir Badr, junior,
Robinson Secondary

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SPORTS

Late-Season Success

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ing straight.”

“It was a breakdown in our game plan,” said Westfield Coach Tom Torres. “We were supposed to have someone tight on Koko and someone covering five yards.”

IT WAS at this point that Robinson could’ve relaxed, realizing that Makumbi’s marker, combined with Badr’s goalkeeping, probably would have been enough. In 11 contests since a 3-2 win over Herndon on April 23, Robinson held its opponent scoreless during regulation play, a stat undoubtedly attributable to Badr’s presence.

Makumbi, meanwhile, has etched his name on a few stat sheets and on some he has not. But his contributions throughout the postseason were essential nonetheless. Cicala, in his second year at Robinson, credited Makumbi not only for his scoring touch but for the trickle-down effect that his presence has on the rest of the Rams’ offense.

“He’s so strong,” Cicala said. “He creates problems for defenses. You have to respect him because you can’t let him go. He might not have the stats that a [Westfield senior] Sean Murnane has, but he creates problems.”

Problems struck for Robinson (15-2-2) and Westfield at 4:48 p.m. Friday. After play was halted because of rain for 26 minutes, the two teams stepped back on the field to resume the region title game at 5:14 p.m. But 39 seconds of clock time later, the game was called for the evening and restarted Saturday at



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Robinson’s Alex Makumbi (13) congratulates Samir Badr after the netminder scored during the 57th minute of the Rams’ 3-0 Northern Region final victory over Westfield last Saturday.

noon.

“Those are the type of things that we can’t control,” Badr said of restarting a day later. “What happens with the weather, we can’t really control that. We knew that the game was going to be played, and we knew we had to have the right mindset to go into it.”

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Area residents, dignitaries and Civil-War era re-enactors participate in the unveiling and dedication ceremony for a historical marker located near the Fairfax County Judicial Center in Fairfax.



Gov. William 'Extra Billy' Smith, portrayed by David Meisky of Springfield, and Gen. Richard Ewell, portrayed by Chris Godart of Herndon, attend the unveiling of a historical marker in Fairfax.

Historic Marker Honors Confederate Officer

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the 2nd Cavalry of the Union Army entered the Town of Fairfax Courthouse and engaged the Warrenton Rifles, which Marr commanded. During the firefight, Marr was hit by a stray bullet and ultimately died from his wounds. The engagement turned out to be the first land conflict of organized military units in the Civil War, and hence, Marr became the first Confederate officer to die in the war.

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), who emceed the ceremony and has a connection to Marr, said that the conflict was much more of a small skirmish than an actual battle. However, the incident is significant significance not only because it was the first time the armies fought, but also because a watershed event in the nation's history took place right in the area.

"All things considered, it was a minor engagement, but at the time, it garnered a lot of press," Petersen said. "It's so significant because for the first time, the two armies faced off, and it took place literally in the [court's] courtyard."

Petersen's knowledge and passion for the subject stems from family history. Petersen said that according to family lore, after Marr was shot, his body was brought into his great-great-grandfather Thomas Moore's house. Petersen said that Moore was the circuit court clerk and that after seeing Marr's body, he promptly moved south and joined the Confederate

"It talks about what the community has contributed to history."

— Joanie Evans, State Department of Historic Resources

Army. Though the marker is in place, the text on the sign has sparked a little controversy.

According to Jack Hiller, Fairfax County history commissioner for the Springfield District, the text that the Fairfax County Historical Commission and Historic Fairfax City, Inc. agreed upon was not the text that appeared on the final product. Hiller said that the sign was supposed to note that Company B of the 2nd Cavalry was part of the Union Army, but on the final product, it simply said that Company B engaged the Warrenton Rifles.

As a result, project co-chair Ed Trexler, a

member of Historic Fairfax City, Inc., is currently trying to determine whether the Department of Historic Resources or the sign's manufacturer, Sewah Studios of Marietta, Ohio, made the mistake. Hiller said that if the manufacturer is at fault, then the sign would be replaced free of charge, but if the fault lies with any of the historical commissions, then the cost of the \$1,350 sign would fall on them.

Minor issues aside, the event's participants were more than happy to see a historical marker join the existing memorial.

"Often times, we take for granted the history in our own backyard," said Del. David Bulova (D-37), who was a guest at the ceremony. "We are blessed to have so many people who are willing to dedicate their time to keep the history alive so future generations can learn about our community's past."

Robert and Priya D'Souza Offer Computer Training

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good and has more patience. I teach Microsoft Office classes once a month, on a Saturday, at 2:30 p.m., in the conference room."

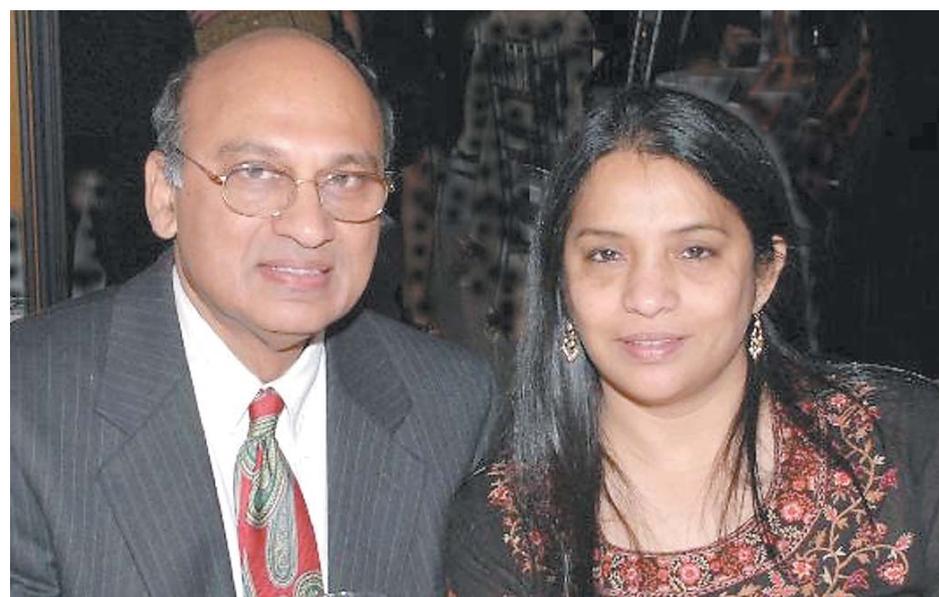
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"We like doing things together, and it's quite a fulfilling experience because we've met so many amazing people," said Robert D'Souza. "There was a couple, almost in their 80s, who used to teach bridge on cruise ships and were very sharp. They had never used the Internet before, but were so keen on learning how to open an e-mail account and look up things on the Web."

Anywhere from four to 25 people, of all different ages, attend the D'Souzas' classes. "What's really rewarding is when they say, 'Oh, now I understand,' or they're able to take shortcuts and understand holistically what it's all about," said Robert D'Souza. "It starts them off, and we have a good feeling that we're making people happy."

He and his wife were honored at a special, volunteer luncheon in mid-April and both were quite pleased. "That's very sweet of them," said Priya D'Souza. "The people at Fairfax Library have been wonderful to us and so open to having these classes." But, she said, "We get much more than we give. To see people able to get a job or, for example, do their own taxes [on the computer]. It's nice to be a part of that."

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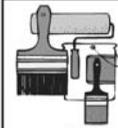
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Shenandoah University nursing student Sonya Bhuller of Haymarket has been elected to serve as secretary on the board of the Virginia Nursing Students Association. Bhuller is a third-year BSN nursing student in the Division of Nursing. She is a member of Rho Pi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society for Nursing and serves as vice president of the Student Nurses Association at Shenandoah University. Bhuller helps run the annual blood drive within the Sikh community in Fairfax.

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

Alyssa Fabia of Fairfax has been named to the fall 2008 dean's list at Hamline University. Fabia, a graduate Robinson Secondary School, is the daughter of Roland and Victoria Fabia of Fairfax.

Fairfax residents Mallery Monroe and John Petty have graduated cum laude from James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

Fairfax residents Ibrahim Almohaimede, Nicholas Cool, Edward Kim, Shannon Kudlick, Jean Lee, Erin Loesley, Candi Plaster, Adam Shinal, Haleh Tousi, Janet Yoo and Anthony Lavezzo have graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

Fairfax residents Armun Asgari, Elizabeth Bikowski, Allison Bourne, Alexandra Busch, Elaine Bussjaeger, Ho Jin Choi, Alyssa Gaughen, George Hanuschak, Lauren Lamore, Robert McCandlish, Mallery Monroe, Kaylene Posey and Ashley Sammler have been named to the fall 2008 president's list at James Madison University in Harrisonburg.

Fairfax residents Brittany Abetz, Amina Adem, Michael Aldave, Patrick Angelo, Zachary Bauer, Blair Bowers, John Buchanan, Kathleen Coffey, Thomas Cumberland, Adam Dec, Sarah Fargis, John Fitzgerald, Nicholas Gallo, Victor Geagla, Whitney Hanner, Holland Henn, Brian Hrubik, Courtney Hyde, Ashley Kim, Monique Kim, Winie Kim, Richard Knoche, Shannon Kudlick and Sarah Lott have been named to the fall 2008 dean's list at James Madison University in Harrisonburg.



Nothing Cavalier About Woodson Senior Athletes

Twenty-five W.T. Woodson senior athletes were honored Thursday, May 28 for the memories they made as Cavaliers and their decisions to produce more of them at the collegiate level. Director of student activities Dan Checkosky opened the hour-long ceremony with a wide-ranging compilation of quotes, invoking the likes of George Will, Vince Lombardi and Joe Paterno. After a round of individual introductions, a group photo was taken, as well as individual shots with each athlete and their parents. The ceremony, which took place in W.T. Woodson's dance and gymnastics studio, was polished off with some cake, fruit and juice.

Those honored included:

Annie Griffin (Stonehill) — Basketball
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Becca Bajkowski (Allegheny) — Basketball
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Becca Geist (Christopher Newport) — Lacrosse
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Tara Leeth (Virginia Wesleyan) — Softball
Alex Winters (Methodist) — Softball
Sam Burt (Wheaton) — Football
Max Waizenegger (Georgetown) — Football
Kirk Lewis (Shenandoah) — Football
Mary Beth Barham (Yale) — Field Hockey
Kelly Harrison (Barry) — Crew
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Emma Holman (Mississippi) — Rifle
Jaime Pritchard (Colorado St.) — Track and Field
Lindsey Ottavio (Longwood) — Soccer
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Peter Slattery (Mary Washington) — Swim and Dive
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Historic Image

Visitors to TD Bank's City of Fairfax branch at Bevan Drive and Fairfax Boulevard are greeted with a large, colorful wall mural that depicts The Tavern, a famous Fairfax hostelry, once located at the northwest corner of Main Street and Chain Bridge Road. The mural is based on a photo taken in 1926. The 7.5-foot by 13.5-foot mural was created by colorizing and enhancing old black and white photographs. The Fairfax City location was provided courtesy of the Historical Society of Fairfax County.

COLLEGE NOTES

Margaret Malloy of Fairfax has been awarded a bachelor of science in biological sciences from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Ill.

William Malloy of Fairfax has been awarded a bachelor of science in nursing from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Ill.

Koger's 66-Year Sentence

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Koger drove up to 80 miles per hour to elude police on Franconia Road, before crashing into a traffic control box in front of the Springfield Shopping Mall.

"The defendant got out of the vehicle with the firearm in hand," Groner testified in earlier case hearings. "I said, 'Drop the gun, drop the gun,' over and over again."

When Koger fired his weapon, Groner and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police officers shot back, hitting Koger in the mid-section.

Police found two additional revolvers and more ammunition in Koger's Jeep.

"As I sit here in the courtroom and see all the people who were affected, it's overwhelming," said Metro Transit Officer Gary Taylor. "Our lives were irreversibly changed that night."

Taylor has two sons, one 20-years-old, the other a teenager. "I didn't hug my kids that much before," he said.

Officer Heidi Rivas, a single mother of an 8-year-old son, remembers thinking her son would be without his mother.

"It's made me very alert and cautious. I feel like I'm on duty, 24/7 now, because I never know what'll happen at any time," she said. Her own mother asked her to quit her job, she said.

Metropolitan Transit Officer William Birmingham, an investigator, was formerly trained for combat as a Marine sergeant, he said.

"I thought, 'I can't believe this is how I'm going to die, right here, right now,' and I thought about the chief telling my then fiancé that I was dead," said Birmingham.

All the officers testified how the incident affects their families, their wives and their children the most. "I think about how things can turn from benign to chaotic pretty quickly," said Groner.

Koger embezzled \$3 million from 400 homeowner associations using 140-bank wire transfers before the shooting spree.

Koger was the former chief financial officer of his father's real estate management firm, Koger Management Group, which filed for bankruptcy in July 2007.

KMG collected homeowner association dues and provided a variety of financial and maintenance services for homeowners associations with 70,000 members in Virginia. HOAs in virtually every part of Northern Virginia were affected including in Ashburn, Chantilly, Arlington, Burke, Springfield, McLean, Reston, Herndon and Alexandria, among others.

Robert Koger, the father, reported to Fairfax City Police in November 2006 that he believed his son had embezzled \$800,000, kicking off the investigation.

Last February, U.S. District Court Judge Leonie M. Brinkema sentenced Koger, who pleaded guilty in November to wire fraud and income tax invasion, to 66 months in

prison and ordered that he pay more than \$1.2 million in restitution as well as \$775,272 to the IRS for tax evasion.

Koger's emotional problems escalated as he tried to provide a lavish lifestyle for his wife, his defense attorney said.

"Mr. Koger's actions were ultimately derived not from pure greed, but rather as a result of his severely deteriorated mental health state coupled with an unhealthy need to provide for his wife," said Peter D. Greenspun, at Koger's sentencing in federal court. Untreated mental health challenges included Koger's bipolar disorder, alcohol dependence, bulimia nervosa and borderline personality disorders.

"No one had any idea of the depths of his emotional problems because emotional issues weren't discussed in that family," said Anita Boss, a forensic psychologist who testified last Thursday. "His mental state was in a severe downward spiral in the six months preceding this event."

Prosecutors from Fairfax County and Alexandria City spoke last Thursday.

"Our purpose is to establish justice for the gaping and permanent holes

"That's a person who can't be allowed out in society."

— Casey M. Lingan, prosecutor

[Koger] inflicted on the lives of innocent victims," said Randy Sengel, Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney.

"The officers who placed their lives on the line, and Mr. Tewelda and the others who were injured by his rampage, those are the ones who need a sense of hope," said Sengel. "We need them to walk out of this courtroom with a sense of value and respect."

Full recoveries won't happen, said Casey M. Lingan, Fairfax County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney.

"The emotional effects struck as deep as the bullets that struck their bodies and also derailed the dreams of these families forever," he said. "The crimes prove he's capable of murdering people, not just one, but six. That's a person who can't be allowed out in society."

Crying, Koger apologized to the law enforcement officers and the civilians he injured. Koger said he has no recollection about what happened.

"I've learned piecemeal over the past year what happened, and I'm horrified," he said. "I'm extremely sorry, if I could take it all back, I would. I feel horrible, the pain I caused is remarkable."

But Judge Thatcher rejected Koger's claim that he doesn't remember. "While convenient, it's just not credible," he said.

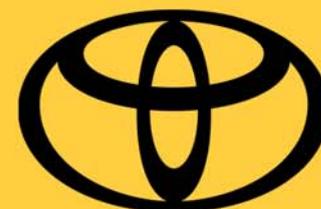
Lingan took a different approach. "So you don't remember?" Lingan said, cross-examining Koger after Koger's apology.

"No," said Koger. "So you don't have to live with the memory of lying in your own blood for the rest of your life?" Lingan asked.

"No, I don't" said Koger.

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