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# On Patrol

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**Deputy Gary Gaither, a 19-year veteran of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department rejoined the patrol beat after 12 years in undercover narcotics, five years of helping train deputies, and then desk work. A shift lieutenant, Gaither oversees the 40 or so deputies on patrol during a given shift and responds to calls in a supervisory capacity.**

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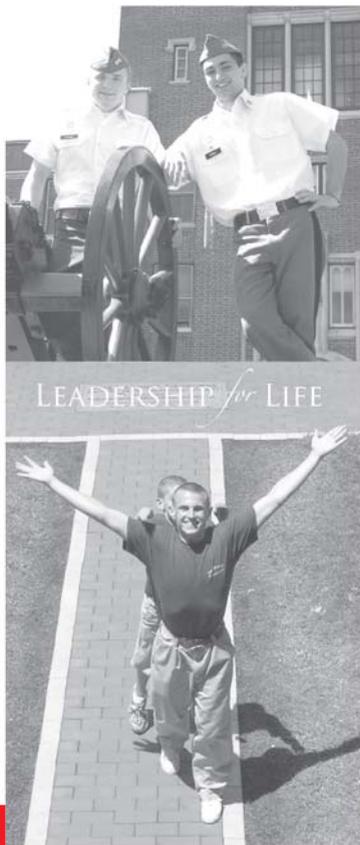
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## NEWS



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Deputy Eric Cote pulls over a Cadillac Escalade for having a headlight out. He issued the driver a warning and made a note about the stop in his onboard computer. Notes are not part of a legal record but come up whenever police look up the registration or licensing information. Traffic stops are the "most dangerous thing we do" said Deputy Mike Safford. Domestic disputes also lend themselves to volatility.

## Observed and Overheard

**D**uring the Loudoun County Sheriff's Department's 11.5-hour evening patrol shift on Friday, May 22 from 3 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., police activity was slower than expected with the kickoff of Memorial Day Weekend. Below, a sample of some of the incidents that three Loudoun County Sheriff's deputies responded to that night, as well as snippets from radio dispatches and observations by the deputies.

**4:49 p.m.:** After sitting for 10 minutes in a striped area between a left-hand turning lane and continuing lanes of northbound Loudoun County Parkway at the intersection of Waxpool Road and Loudoun County Parkway, Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Safford stops a man in a Toyota Solara convertible for running a red light while turning left onto Loudoun County Parkway. Safford makes a quick u-turn, flips on his lights and siren briefly; the driver waves his hand in the air and pulls over. Safford issues the driver a ticket that will total about \$100 in fines, Safford said. "I always come to this light about this time of day," said Safford. "People are so focused on the car in front of them ... that they'll run that light by five, six seconds."

**5:11 p.m.:** Safford responds to a civil complaint in Brambleton Town Center where two drivers had a verbal altercation after one stopped to let off passengers and backed up traffic. Since it is a misdemeanor committed outside of his presence — and the other driver involved was no longer on the scene — Safford told the woman who called police that he could not issue a citation. In such instances the most Safford said he would be able to do would be to take down a note in the incident report that would attach to the offending driver's vehicle registration, but he did not do that in this case.

**5:38 p.m.:** Safford stops to talk to another deputy at the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway and Ryan Road as the remnants of a two-vehicle hit-and-run are cleared up. Stop signs mark the three-way intersection now and traffic signals are in the process of being installed, but as of now this is a dangerous intersection, Safford said. In this case a white Ford Expedition — a large SUV — ran a stop sign, slammed into a Nissan Sentra — a small economy sedan, crushing the car's rear end — and kept going. The leading cause of such blatant stop sign violations is drivers being unfamiliar with an area, said Safford.

**6 p.m.:** Safford responds to assist on a medical rescue call. The woman for whom an ambulance is dispatched is reportedly elderly, highly intoxicated, and on blood thinners, and has fallen and struck her head against wrought iron and is bleeding from her head. Safford expects it to be a routine assistance call where he simply makes sure that everyone involved is safe and the situation is stable. The one possibility that could change that equation is if the subject in question is considered a danger to themselves or to others and an Emergency Custody Order must be issued. In that case officers assume temporary custody of such subjects until a mental evaluation can be completed and the person can be released either into the custody of family or must be hospitalized for further psychological evaluation. Such cases tend to take up most of an officer's shift. That turns out to be the case. The elderly woman is hysterical, her adult daughter can not reason with her, and Safford is forced to take her into custody. At midnight Safford is still listed on the dispatch roster as being in the emergency room with the elderly woman.

**7:15 p.m.:** Driving past the brand new and unopened country club in the rising Loudoun County Estates, Lieutenant Gary Gaither notices a work van

with its backdoors open. He finds the keys in the ignition, no one nearby, and reports the vehicle as suspicious to dispatch.

**8:43 p.m.:** Gaither responds to a report of a cow on Sycolin Road. It is an unpaved part of Sycolin Road and upon responding there are no cows to be seen. He drives partway up a road towards a few houses, turns around and heads back up Sycolin Road using his mounted spotlight to look into a stand of trees that separates Sycolin Road from the cows' pasture. He finds the cows, who are wandering through the brush back towards their pasture. Gaither stops at two houses near the pasture to try to find the cows' owner but no one appears to be home at either home.

**9:17 p.m.:** A deputy responding to a call on Snickersville Road in western Loudoun calls wearily over the radio that he must divert because of cows on the road. Gaither says that it is the same officer that responded last month when a group of buffalo broke loose from a buffalo farm. One of the buffalo had to be put down after being struck by a car.

**9:20 p.m.:** Driving through Junction Plaza, Gaither issues a parking ticket to an SUV parked in the fire lane outside the Giant supermarket. As a shift lieutenant, Gaither oversees the deputies on duty that night and responds to calls in a supervisory capacity but does not make arrests. Gaither said that handling smaller matters like parking tickets helps to keep his deputies free for more urgent calls and stops.

**9:51 p.m.:** A call about suspected gunfire from Tamarack Court in Sterling comes over the radio. Gaither says that with it being a holiday weekend, he suspects it is someone shooting off fireworks.

**11:32 p.m.:** Deputy Eric Cote pulls

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## On Patrol with Deputies on Friday Night

Unpredictable  
trumps routine.

BY AARON STERN  
THE CONNECTION

**A** half hour before midnight on Friday, May 22, Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Cote pulled over a white Cadillac Escalade luxury SUV on Loudoun County Parkway because one of its headlights was out. Lights flashing, his cruiser idling, Cote sat and waited for 10, 15, 20 seconds. He always does that, he said, to see if anyone inside the vehicle is moving around or doing "anything squirrely."

Cote got out of his car and walked towards the truck. After checking for traffic, he approached the vehicle with a wide berth, his right hand held out cautiously to his side, his left hand directing a flashlight at the driver's window. When he got to the driver's window he closed the three feet or so that he had kept between himself and the vehicle. He spoke with the vehicle's driver for two, three minutes, then returned to his patrol car. He flicked on a muted red overhead light instead of the regular dome lamp as he pulled the vehicle's registration records and ran the driver's license through the onboard laptop computer mounted to the dashboard. The red light is so that he can't be seen from outside his vehicle, Cote said.

The driver's records didn't indicate a previous criminal history and the car — registered to an older man with the same last name, presumably the father of the driver who was college-aged,



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**A man who crashed his bike behind the Southern Walk Plaza in Brambleton was transported to the hospital after midnight on Saturday, May 23. Originally described by dispatch operators as a single vehicle motorcycle accident, the call instead was a man who for unknown reasons crashed his bicycle. No witnesses saw the crash but a woman who found him laying unconscious made the emergency call. The difference between what a call is dispatched as and what it turns out to be is what Deputy Eric Cote described as a version of the childhood telephone game where an original message becomes misconstrued from party to party. Emergency callers are often distressed and consequently provide inaccurate or incomplete information to dispatchers who then interpret the calls as best they can before alerting deputies of the situation. For such reasons deputies are trained to park near but not directly in front of residences involved in disturbances so that they can assess the situation as they approach and keep a safe distance if necessary, Cote said.**

said Cote — also came back clean, though it was stopped for the same reason three months previously. Cote wrote a warning and returned to the vehicle in the same manner with which he approached it initially — the flashlight in his left hand held to his ear and pointed at the driver's window, his right arm held outward. He re-

turned the licenses and registration and walked briskly back to his car.

"Traffic stops are the most dangerous thing we do, because we're approaching the unknown" said Cote's fellow Sheriff's Deputy Mike Safford.

**BY COTE'S ACCOUNT**, Friday, May 22 was a very slow night particularly as it kicked off Memorial Day Weekend. Cote and other officers on duty that night said that they expected many alcohol-related calls and stops, but by 3 a.m. Cote had done little more than stop the Escalade and assist a rescue for a man who had crashed his bicycle in the back of the Southern Walk Plaza in Broadlands and was transported semi-conscious to the hospital.

Slow nights happen. As Friday's lack of activity indicated, there is little rhyme or reason to what creates busy nights versus slow ones other than the human stories behind each individual call and each stop that a deputy makes. That said, there are certain types of calls

that naturally lend themselves to volatility. Nighttime stops like the one Cote made on the Escalade are always nerve-racking, but of all the calls a police officer will respond to on any given shift, it is the domestic disturbances that are the most volatile and unpredictable.

**"When bad things happen they kind of go downhill in a hurry."**

— Deputy Eric Cote,  
3-year veteran

They are the types of calls that remind an officer that no matter how tame the job can be on any given shift, they must always be alert.

Rarely does a deputy fire his weapon; Safford said he unholsters his only for critical calls. Safford said that except for putting down deer struck by cars he hasn't had to fire his gun, but he knows the possibility is always there.

"You can be in this job and hopefully never have to do it in your career. You can do it in your first week. It just depends," Safford said.

That constant state of alert is something that Cote learned about early on as a Loudoun deputy. After serving in the Marines for nine years and working as a C.I.A. police officer for four years, Cote joined the Sheriff's department three years ago.

In his third month of training, Cote responded to a call of a domestic disturbance. The description from dispatch indicated that the husband and wife had been separated and that the husband's heart medication was somehow the root of the emergency call. Following another deputy to the scene, his training officer in the passenger seat of his cruiser, Cote and the other deputy driving made the mistake of driving to the house, instead of parking several doors down. Doing that allows a deputy to survey and assess the situation as they approach. But as they approached the house in their cruisers the husband came into view, standing in his driveway with a gun to his head. As they drew closer to him Cote had time only to shout "no" as he saw the man pull the trigger. The gun didn't fire. Then the man lowered the gun, racked the slide to put a bullet into the barrel and pointed it towards Cote's car and his training officer in the passenger seat. Not 10 feet away as they passed, Cote slammed on the accelerator. He didn't hear a shot. He and the other deputy parked, drew their weapons and took cover behind the cars and talked the man into putting the gun down. It turned out, said Cote, that the gun the man had was empty but the two others on his kitchen table were not and the man himself was a competition shooter.

Cote learned that night that no matter the nature of the call or the stop, always in the back of his mind he must be ready for any possibility.

"When bad things happen they kind of go downhill in a hurry," Cote said. "You have to keep it in the back of your mind. If you don't, if you start to think like everything's okay, then you're in the wrong job."

**THE PREDAWN BEATING** murder of a Lansdowne man in March

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**Loudoun County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Cote runs a driver's license and registration through the onboard computer in his cruiser. The red light is for nighttime traffic stops so that he can't be seen from the outside, Cote said.**

# 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/](http://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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**Loudoun Sheriff Deputies Eric Cote and Jason Totaro were honored for their work in keeping drunk drivers off the road during the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards for Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety on May 8.** Cote is stationed in the Sterling area and Totaro is stationed in the Ashburn area.

## Combating Alcohol and Driving

**T**wo Loudoun Sheriff's Deputies were recognized last month for their efforts against impaired driving at the 18th Annual Excellence in Community Service and Public Safety Ceremony.

Deputy Jason Totaro and Deputy Eric Cote were among several law enforcement personnel from the region recognized at the ceremony organized by the Fairfax County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP). The ceremony honors officers in their efforts in curbing drinking and driving.

Totaro has been with the agency for nearly three years and is currently assigned to the Sheriff's Office Field Operations Division. In 2008 he removed 26 motorists from Loudoun's roadways who were driving under the influence.

Cote has been with the agency for three years and is also assigned to the Sheriff's Office Field Operations Division. In 2008 he removed 23 motorists from Loudoun's roadways who were driving under the influence of alcohol.

The ceremony was held May 8 at the West Park Hotel in Tyson's Corner.

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## NEWS

# On Patrol with Sheriff's Deputies

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and the beating of his wife who survived the attack are not typical crimes in Loudoun, said Lieutenant Gary Gaither, a 19-year veteran of the Sheriff's Department. Still, deputies see a lot of ugliness that can be emotionally straining and draining over time. Whether it is a domestic dispute, an overdose, an attempted suicide, handling the mentally ill, intoxicated citizens, or whatever else any given shift might throw their way, the emotional weight adds up. On the slow, uneventful night the deputies had to start Memorial Day weekend, the most notable incident that occurred was the death of a woman who for unknown reasons fell from a moving vehicle on Route 7 in Ashburn and was killed in traffic.

"It's kind of hard to explain," Gaither said of encountering ugliness every day. "You never get used to it. You become numb. Me myself, I strive to be a Christian."

Others find more self-destructive outlets, whether it be drinking too much or simply bottling it up and trying to put on a brave face, something younger deputies tend to do, Gaither said.

The routine adds up as well, 12 hours on for two nights in a row, then two nights off, then three on, three off, and so on. Cote said getting off at 2:30 a.m. allows him to keep a relatively normal lifestyle, but Cote, as a regular on the night shift, has a reversed internal clock and personal schedule. Throw in the mandatory overtime of appearing in court during their off hours, and it isn't uncommon for deputies like Cote to get two to three hours of sleep the night after or before a shift and to try to catch a catnap in the station parking lot before they go back on duty.

But Cote said that was precisely what he wanted. Daytime duties tend to deal more with the aftermath of overnight crimes — taking robbery reports, for instance — and involve a lot of speed tickets and traffic accidents. Cote joined the department and picked the midnight shift — 7p.m. to 7a.m. — because he wanted to stop danger before it started.

For all the stress that being a deputy entails — from being constantly aware of and in the presence of danger, to having that sense of aroused suspicion trickle into one's personal life, to being yelled at by bystanders and subjects at responses to the long



PHOTO BY ARON STERN/THE CONNECTION

**Deputy Mike Safford completed Officer Candidate School before deciding to pursue a career in law enforcement. A 2006 graduate of Buffalo State University, Safford, 25, joined the Loudoun Sheriff's Department because he heard it was a good place to work. Married last year, the evening shift from 3 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. allows him to maintain what he called a relatively normal time schedule.**

hours and constantly shifting schedule — Cote said the reward of helping people outweighs such negative factors. That sense of common purpose and shared responsibility is why camaraderie among deputies is particularly strong, and that camaraderie is also a major appeal.

"Here you are, you come to this job, you both put the uniform on and you would do anything for that guy," Cote said. That sentiment is why many ex-military members — Cote and Gaither both served and Safford graduated Officer Candidate School before deciding to pursue a career in law enforcement — are attracted to police work, Cote said.

Beyond the camaraderie and the sense of duty, it is the little things, too, that make the job worthwhile. As Gaither drove

slowly through a neighborhood in the early evening, families were gathered for a small block party and barbecue. As he rolled past a couple of people waved and smiled. He turned a corner and as he did a girl playing in a sprinkler jumped and waved vigorously at the site of Gaither's SUV.

"This is the joy," Gaither said. "This is the joy, man, of the job. Having kids wave at you."

**"Traffic stops are the most dangerous thing we do, because we're approaching the unknown."**

— Deputy Mike Safford, 2-year veteran

## Observed and Overheard

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over a white Cadillac Escalade SUV because one of its headlights is out. After talking with the driver and running the vehicle's registration as well as the driver's licenses of both the driver and front seat passenger Cote writes a warning and lets them go.

**12:21 p.m.:** Cote responds to a call from a private residence near the intersection of Golden Meadow Circle and Ashburn Parkway about an anonymous doorbell ring and activity in the backyard that activated a motion sensor light. Cote investigates and finds nothing. He talks to the home's occupant, a high school-aged boy home alone. Across from Ashburn Parkway is a pond with walking paths, and another nearby park which mean that finding the culprit is next to impossible. "There's about 101

places anybody messing around here could've gone," Cote said. After briefly questioning a white male walking down Ashburn Parkway, Cote moves on.

**12:42 p.m.:** Cote responds to a call for a single vehicle motorcycle crash in back of Southern Walk Plaza in Broadlands. Upon arriving he discovers that it is a bicycle instead of a motorcycle, and the rider is laying on the ground intertwined with his bike, has a knot on his forehead.

The subject speaks incoherently, repeatedly asking for someone named Britney. The subject also tries to get up several times, which Cote discourages by placing his foot lightly on the subject's arm. An ambulance and fire truck crew respond, place the man on a backboard and take him to a hospital. The man's bike remains behind, and

with no patrol cars with mounted bike racks available to take the bike to the nearest station, Cote waits. And waits. Shortly before 2 a.m., after over an hour alone watching the bike, another deputy responds and takes possession of the bicycle.

## Roaming Buffalo

Last month more than a dozen Buffalo escaped from a farm near Bluemont in Western Loudoun County. One of the buffalo was struck by a vehicle on Route 7. The Sheriff's deputy who responded had to put the buffalo down.

"I'm pretty sure it was a DC tag [on the car that hit the buffalo] so they probably aren't coming back out here," Deputy Mike Safford said. "They had to shoot a buffalo. Only out there."

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## THURSDAY/JUNE 4

### Family activities. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

B2R Open House will feature Dr. Divergent's Music Adventure Puppet Show, a lively romp and sing along with musical frogs, squirrels, a variety of other animal helpers at Lansdowne Town Center, 19329 Promenade Drive in Lansdowne.

**Mother Goose Science.** 1 p.m. at Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St. Children 2-4 can enjoy hands-on activities. Free. Register at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) or 703-430-9500.

**Great Danes Rescue League.** 5-8:30 p.m. Meet and Greet Great Danes at Maggie Moos in Stafford.

**Bach to Rock.** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Lansdowne Town Center. Open house for parents and children. Lansdowne Town Center, 19329 Promenade Drive, Lansdowne.

## JUNE 5-7

**Ten-Minute One-Act Festival.** 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sterling Playmakers present a collection of short original plays. At Sterling Middle School, Holly Ave., Sterling. June 5 at 8 p.m., June 6 at 8 p.m. and June 7 at 2 p.m. \$5/one performance, \$7/three-day pass. Visit [www.sterlingplaymakers.com](http://www.sterlingplaymakers.com).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 5

**Nature Explorers.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. Discover the outdoors with a grown up friend (ages 3-5). \$7/child. At Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Call 571-258-3700.

**Bridal Open House.** 5-7 p.m. Annalee's Formals in Brambleton Town Center, 42395 Ryan Road, Suite 104, Ashburn. Register online at [www.wahmfest.org/bridalshow](http://www.wahmfest.org/bridalshow). Free event but registration is required.

**Sharon Thomas Experience (Jazz).** 7:30-10:30 p.m. Lansdowne Resort's Free Summer Concert Series - on the Terrace. Executive Chef Jason Lage and the culinary team will be offering a variety of fresh grilled foods. Call 877-509-8400 or visit [www.lansdowneresort.com](http://www.lansdowneresort.com).

**The "Bloody Eighth"** Virginia Infantry-Then and Now, a lecture by Dave Purschwitz, Historian, 8<sup>th</sup> Virginian Volunteer Infantry. 7 p.m. \$5 admission. At Loudoun Museum, 16 Loudoun St., SW, Leesburg. Call 703-777-7427.

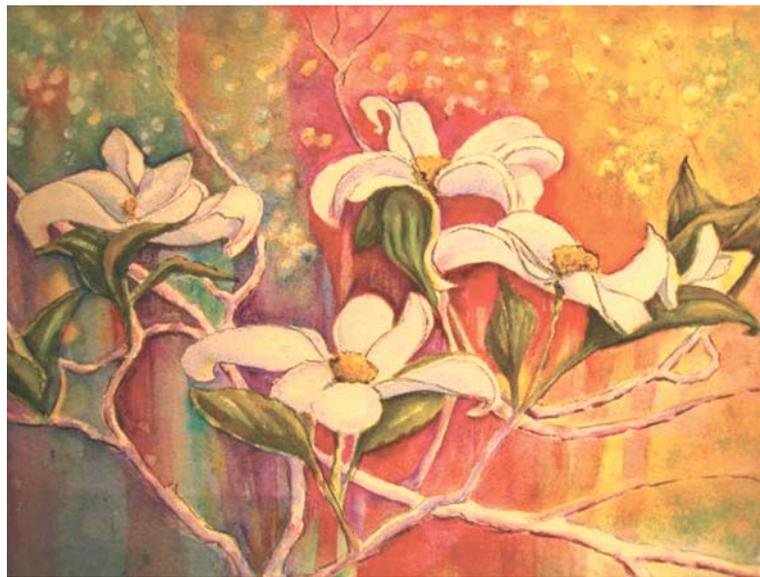
## SATURDAY/JUNE 6

**"Integrative Nutrition: Using Food as Medicine on your Healing Journey."** 2-4 p.m. At Inova Loudoun Hospital, 44045 Riverside Parkway, Conference Room A/B, across from the Birthing Inn in the back of the hospital, Leesburg. Call 703-968-9818.

**Music Hall Concert.** 7 p.m. . Accompanied by live musicians, our various choirs and music ensembles will perform a variety of selections including Enya's *Sail Away* and a John Williams Tribute, among others. At Sterling United Methodist Church. Call 703-430-6455 or go to [www.sterlingumc.org](http://www.sterlingumc.org).

**Car Wash.** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Briar Woods Music Boosters. At Briar Woods High School, 22525 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn.

**Blood Drive.** 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Organized by Sant Nirankari Mission (Universal Brotherhood of Greater Washington area) with the American Red Cross at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Sterling.



**White Dogwoods Watercolor by Judy Armstrong McDonnell.**

## Loudoun Sketch Club Art Show

The Loudoun Sketch Club Art Show offers artwork done by local members of Loudoun's first leading visual art organization. The show is at the Loudoun County Government Building lobby at 1 Harrison Street, Leesburg. Artwork may be seen and purchased from now through Friday, June 26. The Loudoun Sketch Club began in 1944 as an active group of local artists. Never far from its roots for light-hearted enjoyment of visual communication, the Loudoun Sketch Club provides a resource for serious collectors who appreciate the value of fine art produced in Loudoun County.

**Charity Dog Walk.** 10 a.m. for runners, 10:15 a.m. for walkers. Registration is \$20 onsite, which begins at 8 a.m. Activities and exhibits continue until noon. At Douglass Community Center in Leesburg. Proceeds benefit the Loudoun County Animal Shelter and Douglass Community Center Advisory Board for children's programs.

**Kids' Fishing Derby.** 9 a.m. to noon. Prizes awarded. At Claude Moore Park's two fishing ponds, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Call 571-258-3700.

**National Trails Day.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join the Loudoun Walking and Volkssport Club on marked 5K and 10K walks. At Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Call 571-258-3700.

**Awesome Bug Hunt.** 1:30-3 p.m. Hunt for insects over land and in the waters. At Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Call 571-258-3700.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 7

**Farmers Market Opening.** The Brambleton Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Visit [www.loudounfarmersmarkets.org](http://www.loudounfarmersmarkets.org).

**Pancake Breakfast.** 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$6, Ages 3-8 \$4, seniors \$5, under 3 is free. Ashburn Volunteer Fire Rescue Department, 20688 Ashburn Road. Registration forms available at June 7 pancake breakfast. Visit [www.ashburnfirerescue.org](http://www.ashburnfirerescue.org).

**Cat Adoption Event.** Noon to 3 p.m. Come meet special cats and kittens in search of homes. Sterling Petsmart, 46220 Potomac Run Plaza, Sterling. Call 703-691-HART (4278) or [www.Hart90.org](http://www.Hart90.org). Free.

## MONDAY/JUNE 8

**Buddy Day.** 4 p.m. Children ages 6-8 are invited to bring a friend to the library for some awesome buddy games and a cool craft. Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn.

**Potty Party.** 7 p.m. Learn a new approach to potty training with certified instructor Dana Carmichael. Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn.

**Teen Reading Volunteers.** 4:30 p.m. at Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road. Teens will read aloud to 3-6 year olds. Free. Visit [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov) for more.

**Frogshackle Open House.** 2:30-3:30 p.m. Explore the rock box and compare the crystals, turquoise and other minerals. Free. At Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Call 571-258-3700.

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## TUESDAY/JUNE 9

**Teen Movie.** 7 p.m. "The Day the Earth Stood Still." Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St, Sterling.

**MOMS Club of Ashburn Meet and Greet event.** 3:15 p.m. At the playground next to Breezyhill Pool. Call Jenn Schlosser, Membership VP, at 703-858-1918 or [junejenn13@yahoo.com](mailto:junejenn13@yahoo.com) or visit the web site at [www.geocities.com/momsclubashburn](http://www.geocities.com/momsclubashburn).

**Keep Your Brain Alive.** 11 a.m. Learn tips and strategies to keep your brain alive by working crossword puzzles. Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

## JUNE 10, 17

**Liturgical Poetry.** Noon. Brown-bag lunch and Jewish learning topics. Send an email to [JewishStudies.Teacher@gmail.com](mailto:JewishStudies.Teacher@gmail.com). For more information, call Michael Leavitt at 703-598-2666 or email at [JewishStudies.Teacher@gmail.com](mailto:JewishStudies.Teacher@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 11

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# Postseason Joy Ride Continues for Potomac Falls Soccer

**Gryder's boys' team captures Region II title with OT win over Broad Run.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he key elements to the Potomac Falls High boys' soccer team's late season tear has been outstanding team work and step-up individual performances by some of the Panthers' elite players.

Two of those players — senior midfielder Asa Fox and junior midfielder Conor Shanosky — both shined in leading Potomac Falls to a 2-1 overtime victory over Broad Run in last Saturday night's Region II tournament title game played at Park View High School in Sterling.

It was the 10th win in a row for Potomac Falls (16-5-1), including six straight in postseason play. On May 22, the Panthers captured the Dulles District tournament crown with a 2-0 triumph over Park View.

At the ensuing regional playoffs, Potomac Falls defeated Orange County, 7-0, and Brentsville District, 2-1 in overtime, to reach the championship game versus district foe Broad Run.

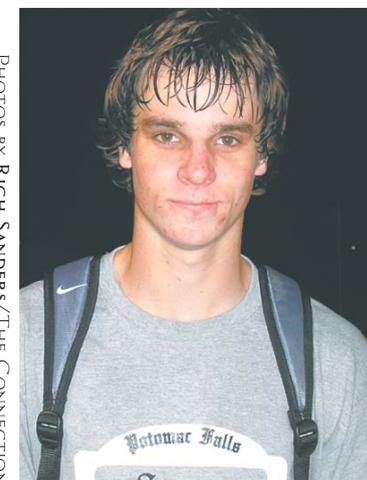
"There's a reason they've won 10 games in a row," said Broad Run coach Jonathan

**"We've wanted this from the beginning of the season. No one really believed in us. The region title win was all desire and it came down to overtime."**

— Asa Fox,  
Potomac Falls Senior Midfielder



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**Conor Shanosky of Potomac Falls scored the OT game-winner against Broad Run.**

hit off the left post."

Following an abbreviated Potomac Falls celebration as a result of the score, the game's final moments were played out with Broad Run unable to tally the equalizer.

It was a thrilling win for Potomac Falls which, earlier this week, opened up play at the state AA tournament with a Tuesday

quarterfinals home game against Grafton (Yorktown) out of the Bay Rivers District.

While Potomac Falls was set to host Grafton in state quarterfinals action, Broad Run was set to hit the road with a Tuesday game at Jamestown High (Williamsburg), the Region I champion and member of the Bay District.

"We're going to states, we're still playing," said Hicks, the Broad Run coach following the stinging loss to the Panthers.

**DURING POTOMAC FALLS'** tremendous 10-game win streak, three of the victories have come over Broad Run.

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**Two weeks ago, Potomac Falls celebrated its Dulles District tournament title win (pictured). Now, following three more wins, the Panthers are Region II champions.**

Hicks, who's Spartans captured the regular season Dulles title this spring. "Their two players who scored against us — Conor and Asa — are two of the best around. Conor is probably one of the premier strikers in the state."

The finals contest was a gem with both Potomac Falls and Broad Run playing at a high level throughout the 40 minutes of regulation play and on into the extra sessions. It was late in the second, 5 minute

overtime period where Shanosky, a tall, spectacular midfielder who had played brilliantly both offensively and defensively throughout the night, came up with perhaps the Panthers' biggest goal of the season.

After receiving a pass from the left corner of the field from teammate George Echert, Shanosky drilled a 22-yard shot in from straight range. The ball struck off the left post and into the net, to give the Panthers a 2-1 lead with about 30 seconds remaining on the clock.

"Conor got possession and got himself positioned," said Potomac Falls coach Dave Gryder, of the scoring sequence. "He pulled off a [defensive] player, leaned back and hit it left footed with enough [power]. It

# Potomac Falls Captures First-Ever Region Baseball Crown

**Panther Reliever Dimsey outstanding in 5-1 finals win over Orange.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Potomac Falls High baseball team, which has already won district and region titles this postseason, is now looking to gain a state championship.

The Panthers (21-3), who defeated Orange County High in the Region II title game last week, opened up the Virginia State AA playoffs with a quarterfinals home game versus Grafton (Yorktown) on Tuesday. (See game write-up at connectionnewspapers.com, Cascades Sports). A win there would advance Potomac Falls to the state semifinals this Fri-

day at Radford University.

This marks the first state playoff appearance for the Panthers since 2003. That season, Potomac Falls was runner-up in the region and had to travel for a first round state playoff game at Tabb High School in the Tidewater area. The Panthers won that game before losing to Stuarts Draft High in the state semis.

Two years before that, Potomac Falls, after finishing second in the region, won a state playoff game at Powhatan High before seeing its season end at the semifinals with a loss to Heritage (Lynchburg).

As good as those Potomac Falls teams were, this year's squad is likely better, ac-

ording to longtime Potomac Falls coach Joe Terango. Those teams of '03 and '01 had outstanding team chemistry, just as this year's squad does. Also, those teams, like the '09 Panthers, had outstanding pitching and defense.

The elements that differentiate this year's team from those past Potomac Falls state playoff squads is hitting and a deeper starting pitching staff. This year's Panthers can hit the baseball with the best of them.

"This team can hit the heck out of the baseball," said Terango.

The coach said his team deserves all the accolades it receives this spring.

"The kids have done it all," said Terango,

whose team defeated Broad Run in the Dulles District finals two weeks ago. "They are determined, hard working and have a lot of chemistry. We're proud of every one of them."

**IN POTOMAC FALLS'** region finals game at Orange last week, the Panthers were playing in front of an energetic home crowd of up to 800 people. Orange High, located just outside of Charlottesville, is a member of the Jefferson District.

"It's the kind of environment we like to play in, but we were a little nervous at first," said Terango, of playing on the road against a vocal, spirited crowd. "I told them, 'This is why you decided to play for Potomac Falls

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# 5-1 Finals Victory

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baseball — to play in games like this.”

Behind outstanding pitching from starter Mike Detaranto and reliever Eric Dimsey, and a breakout top of the seventh inning on offense, the Panthers defeated Orange County, 5-1, for the program's first-ever region title.

Detaranto, a senior right hander, missed most of the season with arm troubles, but has returned to help the Panthers this postseason. Terango had him on a 40-pitch count against Orange, which meant he could not go deep into the game. But Detaranto gave the Panthers 3-1/3 strong innings of one-run baseball.

“He's been our consistent No. 2 starter since he was a sophomore,” said Terango. “He's had injuries this season. But we decided he was ready to start [against Orange]. He's a senior and he deserved a start.”

The score was 1-1 when Detaranto departed. Dimsey, a senior lefthander, entered the game and tossed shutout ball the remainder of the game to earn the win.

Terango said Jake Kline (9-1), the team's No. 1 starting pitcher who earned accolades this spring as both Dulles District and Region

II Player of the Year, was available to come in if the situation had warranted late in the ball game.

Potomac Falls scored four runs in the top of the seventh to break a 1-1 tie. Key RBI base hits in the inning came from senior catcher Mike Spring and third baseman Matt Rubino. Potomac Falls' first run earlier in the game had come on an RBI single from first baseman Ryan Miller.

Through the first six innings, Potomac Falls' hitters had mostly struggled against Orange's talented No. 1 starting pitcher, who had the Panthers waving at curve balls out of the strike zone. But Terango encouraged his players to stay patient at the plate and not swing at pitches that fell out of the strike zone. In the seventh, Potomac Falls got it going at the plate.

“He had been throwing a lot of curve balls in the dirt,” said Terango, of the Orange pitcher. “In the seventh, his pitches were staying up more and we got him.”

In the bottom of the seventh, Orange, trailing 5-1, got one base runner aboard, but that was it as Dimsey finished the game to earn the win in relief.

# Capturing Region II Title

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“I think our players have gotten better and I think their players have gotten better,” said Gryder, of his team's head-to-head matchups against the talented Broad Run team (15-7).

Earlier in the postseason, Potomac Falls had beaten Broad Run in the district semifinals.

Gryder said his team went into the region finals game against the Spartans motivated both by gaining the region title and earning the right to play a first round state playoff game at home.

“Both [Broad Run and us] are playing at states,” said Gryder. “Knowing we had a chance to play at home, that was our big thing. [Our guys] knew what was at stake and they accomplished it. The game could have gone either way.”

Potomac Falls scored the game's lone goal in the first half, that coming when Fox, the Panthers' standout midfielder, received the ball about 20 yards away from the Broad Run goal before dribbling through and around Spartan players, then knocking in a close range

shot to make it 1-0 with just over seven minutes remaining in the half.

Broad Run came back early in the second half with a score of its own — a head-in goal from Kevin Reitzel off a corner kick assist from Danny Reategui less than four minutes into the half.

Both teams rushed the other team's goal area relentlessly thereafter, but neither could score again in regulation. Finally, the Panthers broke through following nine-plus minutes of overtime to garner the win. Ryan Howard, the terrific Potomac Falls goaltender, earned the win in net.

“We've wanted this from the beginning of the season,” said Fox. “No one really believed in us. The [region title win] was all desire and it came down to overtime.”

Fox said teammate Shanosky's game-winner goal was picture perfect.

“Conor's a great player and put it away beautifully,” said Fox. “It feels great to win.

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Oregano, thyme, rosemary, sage, basil, mint; some of the home-grown herbs and spices a few of our friends are growing/cultivating; with distinction, from what I've heard. And as I was listening to the ebb and flow of how their gardens grow, I could not imagine for a moment, why in the world I would ever undertake such an endeavor. Nevertheless, the passion and enthusiasm with which these friends were discussing their gardening gains — and losses, was so heartfelt, so filled with conviction, I couldn't help but be drawn into the conversation.

And the conversation was wide-ranging, too, gardening wise; from south-facing, to potting, to planting, to trimming and pruning, to plant-life expectancy, to harvesting, to the impact of weather and watering. The tips/anecdotes/words-to-the-wise just kept coming. As for the words to the stupid (yours truly) all I could do was ask questions and listen in amazement as these friends spoke about the care and feeding, locally, of these centuries-old and historically popular spices. The conversation sounded similar to many I've had about sports; using past, present and imperfect examples of players, performances, statistics, tendencies, championships, etc., rather than planting location, depth, proximity, and too many other planting considerations lost in translation, to determine an appropriate course of action/pursuit.

As I listened, and unfortunately didn't really learn, since it was established that my life didn't really depend on the outcome, (which if it did, it was suggested, I might pay more sincere attention), I nonetheless marveled at the depth of information that our friends possessed on the subject, information I presumed existed, but never previously bore witness to.

It never ceases to surprise me the things; categories, hobbies, avocations, vocations, pursuits, that people are into, and aware of, most of which are usually beyond my comprehension — and grasp, quite frankly. And it's not that I'm stupid when I sit and listen cluelessly; it's more that I'm incredulous how little I know about so many subjects, one of which was discussed this particular evening: the trials and tribulations — and rewards, of growing herbs and spices in your own backyard. Who knew there would be such back and forth — and such knowledge, about such things? Not me (in case you didn't know that previous sentence was rhetorical.)

And though I am now not the least bit interested in tilling the soil at "Belly Acres," (our two-acre, non-ancestral home), I am nevertheless intrigued by the possibility. The only problem I foresee, other than all the obvious problems that you readers foresee, is what exactly would I do with all the herbs and spices if I were able to actually grow them? The closest I get to a spice is my aftershave. The closest I get to an herb is my neighbor across the street. I realize that herbs and spices have something to do with food and taste and cooking and food preparation, but that's no more my world than growing the stuff was in the first place. Oh, I can certainly appreciate the effort required to grow your own; my problem is, if I did grow it, would I have to eat it?

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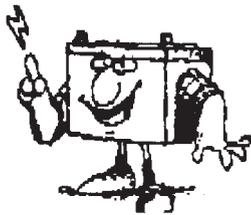
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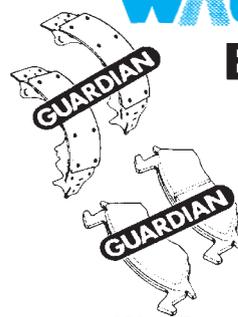
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