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Before Jeremy Trujillo was sentenced to five years in prison for a Chantilly robbery, both his father and step-father addressed the court.

His father, Eric Trujillo, said his son lacked focus, chose friends poorly and needed a “structured environment.” And his step-father, Dennis Badua, said Jeremy used his emotions to make decisions, sometimes with negative results.

“This defendant had love and support, his entire life, and he ignored that help and support and had a short life of crime,” said Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Michael Gromosaik. “He started...”
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change will be fully funded,” said Jeff Barnes, vice-chairman of the Transportation Advisory Commission.

“I’m excited about finally seeing it come to fruition,” continued Barnes. “It will cut back Fairfax Center’s biggest, single, traffic problem. Anybody who’s driven by there — especially in the holiday season — knows how bad it can get. It can back up traffic as far north as Route 50.”

Parnes says advertisements for construction bids for the Fair Lakes Interchange could be ready as early as December, and At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart can hardly wait to see things move forward.

“The Fair Lakes interchange has been a priority for several years, and people got frustrated that it wasn’t going to get delayed,” said Hart. “It’s a very slow intersection and, since it’s close to the intersection of I-66, it has the potential to back up traffic on I-66, too.”

So Hart called the stimulus funding “good and welcome news. This project has taken longer than most of us would have hoped. It will move traffic through that area much faster than now.”

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) said that interchange is “absolutely mandatory to remove the gridlock, particularly on the Fairfax County Parkway during rush hour.” And all the good this money can do, he said, “demonstrates the value of the stimulus funding from the federal government.”

Meanwhile, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said the county has been working on this project as if it were fully funded.

“We were planning to use RSTP funds, but...
News

Prescription Fraud Yields Suspended Sentences
By Bonnie Hobbs, Centre View

Nearly one-and-a-half 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 Percocet 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.

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 Internal Revenue Service agent advised him to search Hodge’s apartment because she was suspected of prescription fraud. She had been arrested by local police in May or June of 2007.

On the day of the search, the officers found a bowl of Percocet tablets, a prescription pad, and a bottle of Dilaudid tablets. The officers also seized documents and a computer. Hodge was charged with two offenses: forgery and distribution of a controlled substance.

Hodge was arraigned and released on bond. Her case was continued several times. On May 1, she received two suspended prison sentences in Circuit Court.

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Teen Safety in the Summer

Washington Regional Alcohol Program’s tips for keeping teen drivers and passengers safe.

Proms and graduation season is upon us. Most schools have organized events that deter drinking and driving around these joyous times, although there have been tragic exceptions in recent years.

Two years ago, on June 14, 2007, four young women died in a crash in Springfield; two of them had graduated earlier in the day from West Potomac High School, and police reported that alcohol was found in the car.

The summer continues to be the most dangerous time of year for teens and drinking and driving. WRAP’s top tips for parents to deter underage drinking and drunk driving this summer include:

- Talk. Parents can have a significant — if not most significant — impact as to whether their teens will engage in risky behaviors in- cluding the use of alcohol. Talk openly to your teen about alcohol.
- Provide structure. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found that teen children of “absentee parents” were four times more likely to abuse substances than children in structured homes.
- Host a party. Host a teen party in your own home following guidelines of no drugs or alcohol. Ask another parent to help chaperone; when a guest leaves, do not allow them to return; make your presence known; and if you suspect that a guest has used alcohol or drugs, contact their parents.
- Instill self-confidence in your teen by talking with them about peer pressure. At some point, your teen will be offered alcohol. As the National Institutes of Health points out, teens prefer quick “one-liners” that allow them to dodge a drink without making a big scene.
- Lay down the law. In Virginia, it’s a crime to possess, transport or purchase alcohol if you’re under 21. A new law went into effect last year ensuring that teens convicted of driving after consuming virtually any amount of alcohol will lose their driver’s licenses for a year.
- Even if you know your teen won’t drink alcohol, make sure he or she also knows how to avoid getting in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.
- Beware of your civil liability. In most cases, it’s unlawful for parents to allow their children’s friends to consume alcohol in their home. If these same “friends” are involved in a crash, the providing parents may be responsible for injuries, property damages and wrongful death. These same parents may also face criminal charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- Be a role model. Parents, themselves, should be good role models by making sure their behavior is appropriate. Use alcohol moderately, serve as a responsible host and never drive and drink.
- If you suspect that your child is drinking, intervene. Talk to your child and obtain qualified professional help if necessary.

For more, see www.wrap.org.

Virginia Run Sprint Triathlon a Success

To the Editor:

On Mother's Day the Virginia Run neighborhood hosted the fifth-annual Virginia Run Sprint Triathlon. This wonderful event run by Fins Wheels Feet Racing raises money for Special Olympics Virginia. Each year 500 athletes sign up to participate including several Special Olympics athletes! After competing in the race for the last four years and having had a cousin that benefited so greatly by the Special Olympics Organization, I had the wonderful opportunity to assist Fins Wheels Feet Racing with their fund-raising by finding sponsors for the 11 special Olympics, the 12 miles on the bike course, three miles on the run course and the 10 lap lanes at the pool. With so much support from the generous people of Virginia Run and neighboring businesses, it looks like Special Olympics Virginia will receive around $12,000 from this event! I wanted to personally thank all of those that generously donated:


Thank you so much to all of these individuals and businesses that made such a positive impact on such a great charity! Thanks also to LJ White and Shanda Richardson, co-race directors for all of their hard work and dedication to keeping this great event in Virginia Run each year!

Tracy Cheifetz
Virginia Run Centreville

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ROUNDUPS

Sexual Assault Is Charged

Fairfax County police have charged a 29-year-old man with sexually assaulting a woman, early Sunday morning, in a parking lot. He is Victor Ramirez-Giron of no fixed address. Police say the alleged incident occurred June 7, around 12:30 a.m., in the 4300 block of Cannon Ridge Court.

According to police, the woman, 20, was at the trunk of her car when a man ran up and grabbed her waist. They say he then pulled her clothing and abduction with intent to defile. He’s being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center and has a July 14 court date.

Female Bank Robber Sought

Fairfax County police are looking for a woman who they say robbed the M&T Bank, at 11721 Lee Highway in Oakton, at gunpoint. They say she entered the bank Friday, June 5, around 11:12 a.m., with her face covered. Brandishing a handgun, she demanded money and was given an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing.

She’s described as white, in her late 20s, about 5 feet 6 inches, with a slim to medium build. She wore a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and black shoes. No one was injured during the robbery.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrime solvers.org or text "TP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 16
Rotary Meeting. 11 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Speaker: Susan Stolpe of Reston Ministries. Prospective members and visitors welcome; $12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Ingram at 703-966-8168.

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Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at Sully District Station, 4960 Stonecrest Blvd. Meeting of the Western Fairfax Republican Women’s Club. Free. Visit www.wfrwc.org for more.

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WFCC Land-Use Meeting
The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Agenda items are:

❖ Rajdhani Mandir Temple along Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly hopes to incorporate an adjacent one-acre parcel for additional parking and also add more parking to its existing site.

❖ Fast Eddie’s in Centreville’s Newgate Plaza wants to reconfigure its dance area and parking to its existing site.

Help To Plan Centreville Day
Although Centreville Day 2009 isn’t until September, members of the Centreville Community Foundation and others are busily making plans for it. The next planning meeting is Tuesday, June 16, at 7 p.m. at the Long & Foster Building on Route 28 in Centreville (opposite the movie theatre; use the entrance facing Route 28).

Clifton Hosts Wine Festival
The third annual Clifton Wine Festival is Saturday, June 20, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Seventeen Virginia wineries will showcase their wines along Main Street, and those over 21 will be able to enjoy samples. For more information and to buy tickets, see www.cliftonwine.com.

WFCM Thrift Shop Opens
At Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) will hold a ribbon-cutting and grand opening of its newly renovated and enlarged thrift shop. It’s at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly, and the public is welcome to shop and to join in the festivities. The celebration is from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and includes refreshments and prizes. Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will cut the ribbon at 11 a.m.
Sports

Finally: Title Drought Over for Chargers

Chantilly girls’ lacrosse comes up huge, routes Robinson 13-4 in state title game.

By Jason Mackey
Centre View

Michelle Gates could only watch helplessly as members of her team dotted the lacrosse field at South County Secondary School on Wednesday, May 20. Chantilly had just lost its fifth straight district, region or state title game, and Gates knew that once again she’d have to gather her team and figure out something to say that would lessen the sting.

After a 10-9 loss to Robinson where Chantilly squandered a three-goal lead, Gates told her players to take off the rest of that week, the weekend and then Memorial Day. Forget about lacrosse for a while. Just come back fresh on Tuesday.

But during that time period the big-game losses started to gnaw at the fifth-year coach. Gates knew that she had a tremendously talented team, but she was also sick of re-runs. So she put her thoughts into words.

During a break from teaching that Tuesday, Gates started to write. She penned a letter and addressed it to her team, telling her girls to forget about the past and focus on the present. She promised that the Virginia AAA state tournament was the rebirth that everyone was looking for.

“I really wanted them to know how I felt about them because sometimes when I’m picking up the pieces of them losing, it’s so hard,” Gates said. “I don’t think they realize how hard it is for me to watch them like that.”

That awful feeling wouldn’t return. On Sunday evening against Robinson in this year’s state final, Chantilly erased all doubt by handing Robinson a 13-4 loss to garner its first-ever state title. Though a few Chargers ended up on the field, it was more a result of the typical, celebratory pile than a moment of heartache.

“It was such a good release of tension to see them win and not have to worry about picking up the heartbroken lacrosse players again,” Gates said.

Over the past two years, no girls’ lacrosse team has been more dominant during the regular season. Yet no team had also been as snake-bit
ten come postseason time. Before Saturday’s game, Chantilly had a record over the past two seasons of 37-5 and all five losses came with some sort of trophy on the line.

According to senior midfielder Brittany Griel (Delaware), who scored five times during the route of Robinson, Chantilly’s players did not overly focus on the big-game letdowns. But it was something that throbbed every time she ran. Lauren Yates and Morgan Schack were also recoverying from concussions at the time.

Chargers Roll Into History

With 2-1 win over Mills Godwin, Chantilly girls’ soccer nets first-ever state title.

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Six weeks ago, Katie Menzie sat in a conference room next to Chantilly’s gymnasium unsure whether she’d even practice later that day.

With two calves that couldn’t stop cramping and a full hour of running ahead, Menzie had just finished some physical therapy with one of the school’s trainers. She would eventually take part in only select portions of that day’s workout, which was moved indoors because of rain.

Four days ago, with her Chantilly girls’ soccer team in the VirginiaAAA state championship against Mills Godwin, Menzie, a senior midfielder, was more than a part-time participant.

The James Madison recruit scored the Chargers’ first goal, controlled the midfield along with teammate Cortlyn Bristol (William & Mary) and walked away from the field at Westfield High School with a rather large trophy that served as a symbol of her team’s 2-1 victory Sunday afternoon.

“Everyone really wanted this game and we were all looking forward to it,” said Menzie, whose goal came from the middle of the field just outside the 18-yard box. “I knew before this game, I was extremely pumped and it kinda spread. Everyone was so excited.”

Menzie was only one small part of the Chargers’ dominant second half of the season, though. Around mid-April, Chantilly was saddled — like most teams — with a laundry list of injuries. Bristol sustained a concussion. Both of Menzie’s legs throbbed every time she ran.

With her teammates, Cortlyn Bristol (4) celebrates a 2-1 win over Mills Godwin this past Sunday. It was the first-ever state crown for the Chantilly girls’ soccer team.
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By KENNETH B. LOUIRE

The question was posed by my co-worker, Big Joe Smith, one night up at and back after hours to do a little organizing: "Hey Ken, how are you doing?" My answer: "Jeez, I'm in pretty good condition for the condition I'm in." And the "condition" to which I refer is cancer. Yup, cancer as in the dreaded, terminal, disease. If only this column was going to be a light-hearted recounting of antitoxic antics but alas, poor Yorick, I know it well. It's not.

No, this column is going to be about a health situation that I find myself in, quite unexpectedly, I might add. The situation to which I refer is a recently diagnosed, stage IV lung cancer patient, alighting that vacation you always wanted to go on in chemos cycle, with no radiation to follow and surgery not an option. There are two big tumors in the oncologist's office listening to him read the news, yet the oncologist feels that surgery would not exactly be a patient-friendly pursuit. "Surgery is not a good idea, given my health and fitness." 13 months to two years, although, as my doctor said to me recently, he's "wrong all the time," which I replied, "I'm glad you're wrong all the time." Nevertheless, as a result of the seriousness of his prognosis I've made a few changes. I have to tell you, though, if the shock of the diagnosis doesn't kill you, totally out of the blue, symptom free, and I'm a lifelong non-smoker (5 percent of lung cancer patients are non-smokers) before the actual cancer does, you have, as Ricky Ricardo so often said to Lucy, "some 'splaining to do." And for the week or so after we (team Louie or me, my wife and my brother's) received the diagnosis, you're in a haze, and you can explain nothing, assem- bly/messaging information, trying to sort out fast from fiction, find some chink in cancer's armor, navigate a path to a longer and healthier life, a life that only days before was not so abbreviated.

Moreover, when you recall what the oncologist told you in that initial team meeting you probably quit work and maybe consider taking a second one, or the next one you always wanted to go on never had the time or the inclination to take, your world officially changes. I remember sitting in the oncologist's office listening to him read through the reports of the various scans/less/suspicions that I had and then to hear him summarize the diagnosis — and several, I swear I felt like I was watching a Lifetime movie, a movie I saw at least a hundred times while sporting a blue, symptom free, and I'm a lifelong non-smoker (5 percent of lung cancer patients are non-smokers) before the actual cancer does, you have, as Ricky Ricardo so often said to Lucy, "some 'splaining to do." And for the week or so after we (team Louie or me, my wife and my brother) received the diagnosis, you're in a haze, and you can explain nothing, assembling/messaging information, trying to sort out fast from fiction, find some chink in cancer's armor, navigate a path to a longer and healthier life, a life that only days before was not so abbreviated.

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light through it all and morphed into the group that second-year head coach Melissa Bibbee thought she had all along. The Charg- ers had lost hardly anyone from last year’s 12-5-2 team, which reached the Northern Region semifinals. Surely, now, they could challenge for district, region and state hon- ors.

Done, done and done. In a 1-0 win over Robinson on May 15, Chantilly earned the first of its postseason tro- phies, defeating the Rams on penalty kicks.

Two weeks later, Chantilly topped Oakton, 1-0, in the Northern Region final with a goal from Kristen Melchiori, who scored for the fourth time this postseason.

And after state quarterfinal and semifinal wins over Atlee (1-0) and Kempsville (3-0), respectively, Chantilly (20-2-1) found itself lined up against Central Region champion Mills Godwin, which had beaten Ocean View and Frank W. Cox to reach the state final.

The CHARGERS wasted little time in cap- turing the game’s momentum. In the first half, Chantilly fired 12 shots, six of which were accurate enough that they had to be stopped by Mills Godwin goalkeeper Jessie Ashworth.

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Chantilly, Westfield High Each Win One Cappie

Chantilly and Westfield High each won a Cappie during Sunday’s 10th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center, in Washington, D.C. But the night mostly belonged to Robinson Secondary School, which scored seven Cappies — including Best Musical and Lead Actor in a Musical for “Fiddler on the Roof.” Hayfield won the Best Play Cappie for “Twilight of the Golds.”

For its play, “Harvey,” Chantilly’s tech crew constructed a huge house that portrayed a different setting on each side and had to be quickly transformed from one side to the other. So the students were especially pleased to win the Cappie for Stage Crew.

“We had a gigantic set and we turned it around in 1 minute, 8 seconds,” said senior Darrian Leverett. “It was two stories, and it was on wheels, not turntables,” said senior Darrian Leverett.

Senior Meghan Carroll was “so excited.”

Classmate Pat Smith said, “This is my first show I’ve worked on, so it’s amazing to be a part of it.”

Added junior Holly Pardeo: “A lot of work went into it.”

Westfield’s Elisabeth Bloxam won the award for Rising Critic. Afterward, she said, “I’m shaking a lot. It’s such a shock.” — Bonnie Hobbs

Elizabeth Bloxam of Westfield High School, Rising Critic Award.