

# Rachel Carson Students Test High

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Gregory Colella, Rohan Banerjee, Sreenath Are, Lauren Huang and Tony Xiao are among seven Rachel Carson students recently honored at this year's national Grand Ceremony for the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Not pictured are Ashley Xue and Philip Yu.



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## Father's Day Photo Gallery

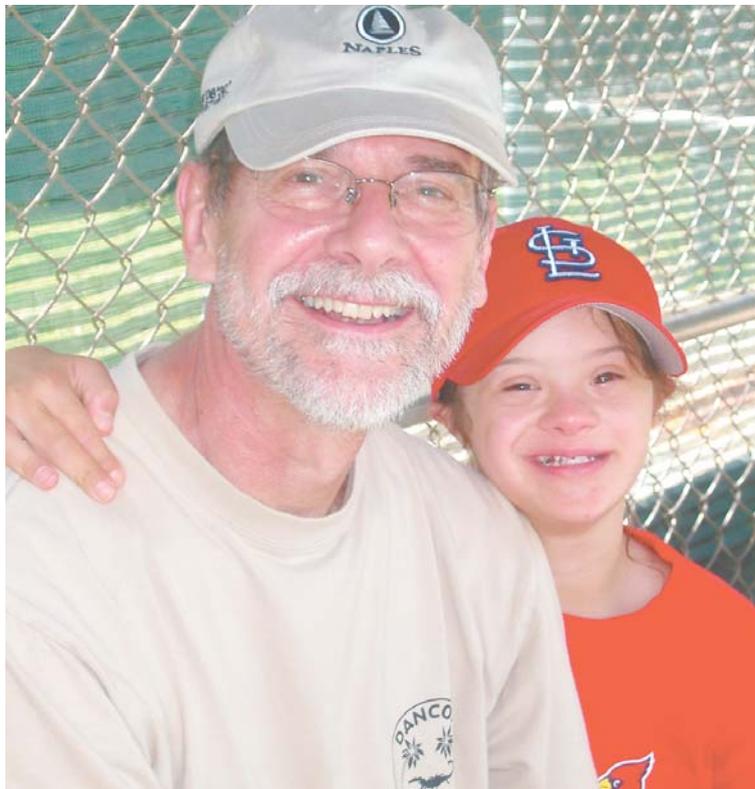
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## FATHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

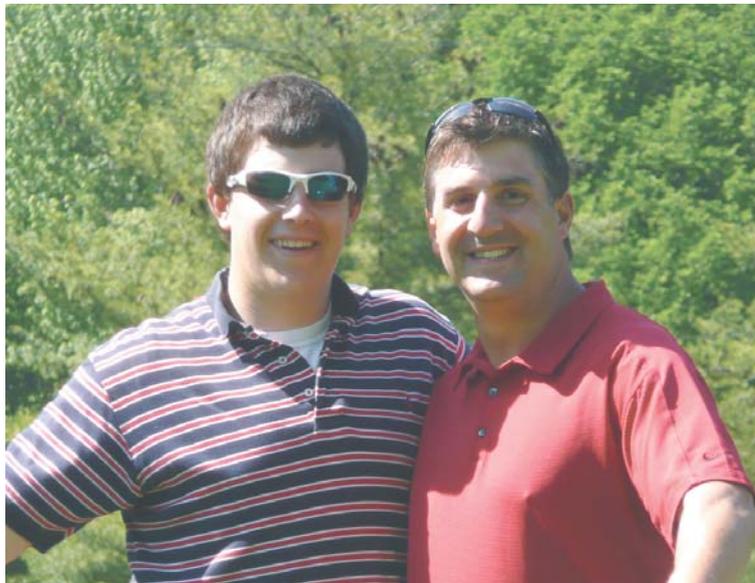
Eleanor L. Benedict of Herndon sent this photo with the following note: **This is a 1948 photo taken in Jersey City, N.J. My Dad, a 24/7 dad, cooked for us, took us clothes shopping and from his long hours of work had a candy bar waiting. I am holding my daughter, who is employed with Griffin Owens in Herndon, then there is my aunt Louise and 'Pop-Pop.' Time goes by quickly. Miss you Dad!**



**Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Melissa and Will Stettner of Herndon share a hug after a softball game at Fred Crabtree Park in Herndon.**



**Albert Evangelista, 92, and his three daughters — AnnaMarie Lawson, Lisa Bowling and Veronica Weller — pictured this month in Chambersburg, Pa.**



**James Joppich of Herndon with his son, Mike, 18, on the golf course this spring.**



**James Joppich and his sons, Jeff, 12, and Ryan, 9, relaxing after Jeff had completed a triathlon that James had helped him train for.**



**Mike and David Larson, 17, enjoy the weekend on Kerr Lake, N.C. The Herndon family spent most of the weekend working to clear up the mess that winter usually deposits around Mike's parents house: cleaning branches, removing brush, cleaning gutters and also washing the boats and Sea Doo's there. After a hard work, on Sunday afternoon, it felt so good to jump in the water and cool off! In this photo, Mike and David are trying to see who can win in a splash fight.**

### WEEK IN HERNDON

## Fourth of July Holiday Schedule

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Independence Day holiday as follows:

Town Offices Closed  
Friday, July 3

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collected on Monday, July  
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Saturday, July 4, 11 a.m. –  
6 p.m.

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July 4, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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include music, games, races  
and more. Fireworks at  
9:30 p.m. For more infor-  
mation, visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

## Long and Foster Collects, Donates Books

Long and Foster employees participated in their 11th annual community service day. On June 3, the Herndon/Reston and North Hills Reston sales offices along with MBH Settlement Group, L.C. of Reston participated in the company's most inclusive day of volunteering during the company-wide Community Service Day. The offices organized a Book Drive in partnership with Reston Interfaith and other non-profit organizations in the community. More than 800 books were collected and will be distributed to local youth groups, elementary school summer reading programs, and community centers in the area as well as the ESL programs supported by Reston Interfaith.

## Rachel Carson Students Test High

Seven students from the middle school among nation's top scorers for Center for Talented Youth.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Deborah Yates said her son Gregory Colella and six of his schoolmates from Rachel Carson Middle School "were all very, very excited to be recognized" at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth's 2009 Grand Ceremony on Sunday, June 7.

"And we got a free lunch," said eighth-grader Lauren Huang.

Because it was the center's 30th anniversary, cupcakes with little anniversary flags were also served, said Gregory, a seventh-grader.

In order to be honored at the ceremony at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, the junior high-school students had to achieve high scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT), which are normally taken by college-bound high-school students.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Five of the seven Rachel Carson students recently honored at this year's national Grand Ceremony for the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth pose with some of their mothers. From left are Deborah Yates; Gregory Colella; Ratna and Rohan Banerjee; Lakshmi and Sreenath Are; Loren Huang; Helen Chen and Tony Xiao. Not pictured are Rachel Carson students Ashley Xue and Philip Yu.

In any given season, only one or two schools have something like seven students among the fewer than 500 hundred children from across the country who were honored at the Grand Ceremony, said Cen-

ter for Talented Youth spokesman Matt Bowden, noting that these were often magnet schools. He said Center for Talented Youth founder, the late Julian Stanley, once estimated that the odds of a middle-school

student scoring high enough to be honored in the Grand Ceremony were about 1 in 10,000.

Bowden said more than 30 Rachel Carson students had qualified for the statewide ceremony that took place the day before. "Rachel Carson's numbers are really outstanding by any standard," he said.

In order to be tested by the center, students have to score in the 95th percentile of their state's standardized test. This year, the center tested 63,000 students.

**THE RACHEL CARSON** students took the tests in January at area high schools alongside high school students, but Gregory said the environment did not intimidate him. "I knew a few people there," Gregory said, noting that three other seventh-graders were in his test-taking group.

To make the cut for the national ceremony as an eighth-grader, Lauren had to score at least a 750 out of a possible 800 on either the math or critical reading section of the SATs. As it turned out, she ranked second in the state for both sections, as well as for her combined score. "I didn't expect it," she said of her score.

Students take all three parts of the tests, but Johns Hopkins doesn't consider the writing sections.

"Overall, she's very good," said Helen Chen, Lauren's mother.

Lauren is also known as the winner of the  
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## Rust Launches Re-election Campaign

Delegate lists five areas for improvement.

Surrounded by works of artistic vision, Del. Tom Rust (R-86) presented his political vision at his re-election campaign kickoff Thursday evening, June 11, at Artspace in Herndon.

Around 100 supporters, including Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and State Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), attended the event. Rust, the incumbent delegate and former mayor of Herndon, outlined his plan in a speech to improve the five areas: business, education, transportation, public safety and energy.

In addition to broad promises "to keep Virginia business-friendly" and "to increase access to higher education," Rust focused on issues closer to his Northern Virginia constituency, including congested traffic and gang violence.

"Some people in Northern Virginia and the 86th District do not feel safe in their neighborhoods and their own homes,"



Del. Tom Rust (R-86) speaks to his supporters at his campaign kickoff on Thursday.



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Del. Tom Rust (R-86), center, meets with his supporters before his speech on Thursday.

Rust said.

Throughout the speech, Rust highlighted his experience in Virginia politics, citing decades of service in local politics and his position as chair of the Subcommittee on Higher Education.

"I think the race, at the end of the day, will be determined by who has a record and is recognized as a leader," Rust said in an

interview after his speech. "In transportation and education, I have a record of accomplishment."

Rust's opponent is Stevens Miller of Sterling, who represents the Dulles District on the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors.

— CHRISTIAN EUBANK



CONTRIBUTED

**Jim and Sue Justen, 917 Leona Lane, are winners of the town's June Yard of the Month award.**

## June Yard of the Month Award Presented

The Herndon Town Council recognized Jim and Sue Justen, 917 Leona Lane, as winners of the town's June Yard of the Month award.

As Yard of the Month award recipients, the Justens will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Meadows Farms Nurseries as well as a "green thumb" Yard of the Month sign to put in their yard for a month. Dori Sobhani, who nominated the Justens' yard for the award, will receive a \$10 gift certificate from Meadows Farms.

The judging panel for the town's Yard of the Month competition comprises citizen members of the Cultivating Community Initiative (CCI), a program designed to encourage neighborhood beautification and community spirit. In addition to Yard of the Month, CCI produces the Herndon Garden Tour, the Good Neighbor Award and the Dress Up Herndon for the Holidays decoration contest.

For more information, visit the town's Web site at [www.herndonva.gov](http://www.herndonva.gov).

## Talents Flourish at Rachel Carson

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school's spelling bee, and she placed third in the county spelling bee.

Seventh-graders had to score at least a 700 on one section of the SATs or a 28 out of 36 in the math section of the ACTs or a 31 in the reading section.

Seventh-grader Sreenath Are scored a perfect 800 on the math SATs, giving him the highest math ranking in the state and putting him at the top in the country. He was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship toward one of the Center for Talented Youth's summer programs.

Bowden said the center offered more than 130 courses in a wide variety of locations, as well as online programs.

Sreenath said he had not yet decided which course to take but was leaning toward the subjects of math and logic.

"We are thrilled about his achievement," said his mother, Lakshmi. "He doesn't seem to work very hard all of the time, but he achieves results."

Rohan Banerjee, also in seventh grade, was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and said he planned to put it toward a three-week residential math and logic course at Johns Hopkins. His scores on the

SATs ranked him first in the state for his combined score and second for critical reading.

**HIS MOTHER**, Ratna, said her son had worked hard and deserved the honor, "but we're just thrilled."

Gregory took the ACTs and scored highest on the reading section, but he said he would take a math and logic-oriented course if he could fit it in between vacations.

"I wouldn't say I was shocked, but I was pleasantly surprised," his mother said of his score.

Tony Xiao said he was not inclined to take a class over the summer. "Summer is to stay home, sleep late and play basketball," he said, "although he conceded that he might cave to parental pressure and take a course."

Two Rachel Carson students who had been at the Grand Ceremony but could not meet up with the others on Saturday afternoon were Phillip Yu and Ashley Xue.

"At least for me, as a mother, I'd like to thank Rachel Carson for encouraging them and having them take the test and helping smart kids like these flourish," Yates said. "I think it's a great school for that."

## SUMMER JOBS 2009

# A Working Picture

### Students compete in unfavorable job market.

Local high school and college students who are looking to make some extra money this summer may have had a harder time finding employment that pays.

According to latest labor statistics from the federal government, Fairfax County's unemployment rate is 4.5 percent, nearly double what it was last year.

This amounts to approximately 27,500 residents being out of work. Additionally, the Virginia Economic Development Partnership reports that there are at least 40,000 more people who are "underemployed," which means many

residents are working jobs for which they are overqualified.

"I have had more people coming in here and asking me for jobs. Moms that have grown up in this community have come in here and asked me for jobs," said Marty Volk, who owns the Vienna Inn restaurant on Maple Avenue.

According to the most recent Fairfax County Economic Index report, the few new jobs that have come to the Fairfax in the past six months tend to command a higher salary than those that have left the county. The new jobs pay approximately two-thirds more than the average job Fairfax lost and are probably not jobs for which teenagers and young adults would be competitive.

Fairfax County has an unusually well-educated workforce, with nearly 60 percent of people over 25 holding at least a college degree and 90 percent of people in

that demographic group carrying a high school diploma.

Industries that tend to employ teenagers and young adults, such as retail stores, have been hit particularly hard by the economic downturn, according to the county's economic report. In April, Fairfax sales tax, an indicator of the amount of retail activity in the locality, had declined by 8 percent from the same time period last year.

But the employment situation still looks better locally than it does at the state or national level. Compared to Fairfax's 4.5 percent, Virginia carries an unemployment rate of 6.6 percent and the nationwide rate is 8.6 percent.

With the exception of Arlington County, Fairfax also has the lowest unemployment rate of any major locality in Northern Virginia.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE



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**Katherine David jokes with her swimmers at the Fox Mill Foxes' swim practice.**

## Swimming Pool As a 'Second Home'

For Katherine David, over a decade of involvement with Fox Mill Pool in Herndon led to a summer job that combines two of her passions: swimming and working with children.

David, who swam on the Fox Mill Estates swim team, the Fox Mill Foxes, from the ages of 4 to 18, has returned this summer for her sixth year of coaching the Foxes as well as giving private swim lessons.

"It was really nice because I always have this as an option," said David, when asked about the difficulties that many college students are having when it comes to finding summer work. Though she spent some time in a temporary job in her father's office, David,

who is satisfied with the pay and loves working at the pool, hasn't needed other employment with the option of working at Fox Mill available to her.

"The pool is basically my second home," she said.

David, a rising sophomore at Virginia Tech, swam competitively with the Fox Mill Foxes until she graduated high school. She also swam for her high school team.

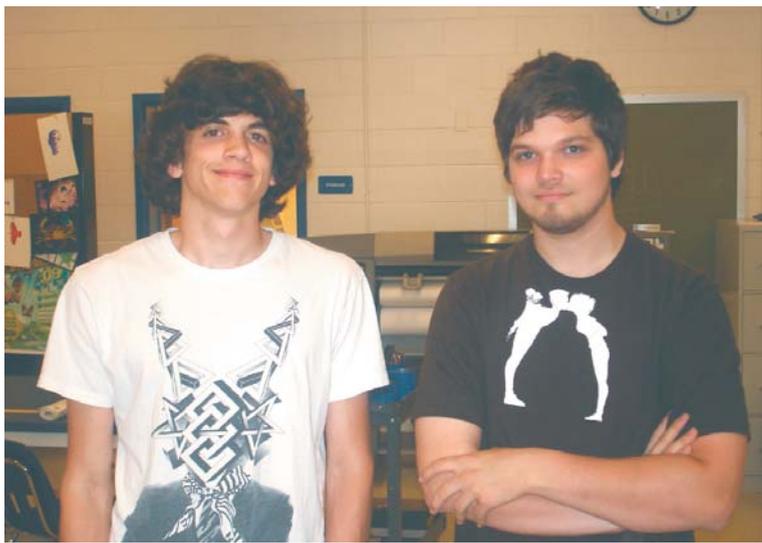
Coaching and teaching at the pool make up a full summer's work for David. Once Fairfax County's schools are out for the year, the Fox Mill Foxes practice daily from 8-10:30 a.m., and David coaches along with Justin Anderson, Britany Vocke and Rebecca Rice. Ad-

ditionally, she gives private lessons throughout the week, usually in half-hour sessions, and her students meet with her anywhere from once to three times a week. Some families bring their children back to David yearly. Others hear about lessons by word of mouth in the community or simply see David working with children when they come to the pool.

David's students range from the age of 3 to 12. "Basically, all the kids need is a desire to want to get in the water," she said. But getting them in the water sometimes presents a challenge. David called patience a definite requirement for the job. "It's definitely hard when

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Nathan Smith, left, of Oakton High School and Josh Davis of Herndon High School and the Fairfax Academy won Best in Show and the People's Choice Award, respectively, at the Free 4 All Film and Animation Festival.

## And the Winners Are ... Area Students

**Oakton, Herndon High students win film festival awards.**

BY CHRISTIAN EUBANK  
THE CONNECTION

After extensive preparation and planning, aspiring directors and animators showcased their works and competed in the second annual Free 4 All Film and Animation Festival.

The festival, which took place May 22 at Fairfax High School, featured 30 pieces chosen from 45 entries from five counties, Roxanne Kaylor said.

Kaylor, an instructor in the Professional Graphics Studio at the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, explained that film festivals typically cater to college students and more seasoned artists. Free 4 All offers an opportunity for high school students to have their work critiqued by their peers and a panel of professionals.

"This is a chance for kids to get involved in a skill set they really like and show it in a public forum," Kaylor said.

Judges from R/GA of New York, Cox Communications, V! Studios, Interface Media and Mythic Entertainment presented a Best in Show Award. The audience, totaling around 150, voted on a People's Choice Award at the end of the screening.

In the category of film, Nathan Smith of Oakton High School won

Best in Show for his film "beneViOLENCE" and Josh Davis of Herndon High School won the People's Choice Award for his film "Sleep on It". For animation, "BrainFreeze" by Ramez Hashlamon of Robinson Secondary School and "Jar" by Paolo Torrico of Chantilly High School won Best in Show and People's Choice, respectively.

SMITH, a junior, said that he had interest in making films for years, but credited much of his recent success to his summer at the New York Film Academy. The four-week program included courses in camerawork, editing, shooting and other fundamental skills.

"I always had ideas of what I wanted to make, but I never had the resources," Smith said. Since the program, Smith earned a Superior rating for Broadcast Feature at the JEA/NSPA National Journalism Convention and a first place at the VHSL State Journalism Convention.

Smith's film, "beneViOLENCE," focuses on two troubled teenagers who discuss their personal problems with each other before "they take things in their own hands and resort to violence." Smith explained that his film reflects on the process in which people fall into a state of poverty and desperation.

Smith, who plans to compete in Free 4 All next year, said he hopes to attend the NYU School of the Arts after graduation to pursue his dream of being a director.

DAVIS, a graduating senior who took multiple courses at Fairfax

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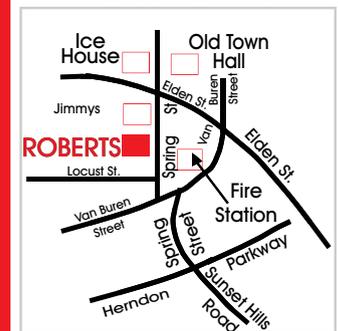
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ing later this summer.

Connection staff members and interns are already working on the Connection's annual Newcomers and Community Guides, which will publish between the end of July and the beginning of August.

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We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

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EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

## Standing in Solidarity: Reflections of an Imam and a Rabbi

BY IMAM MOHAMMED MAGI AND RABBI ROBERT NOSANCHUK

**N**one of us will soon forget the recent events in Riverdale, N.Y., leading to the arrest of men planning violence and spouting hatred against the members of a synagogue. But it does not and cannot stand alone in our memory as we meet one another as Muslims and Jews.

For nearly 10 years, our synagogue and mosque have engaged in dialogue programs and joint projects to raise awareness on issues pertinent to our faith and to build cooperation in our community. We have gained insight from each faith as both Islam and Judaism promote the dignity and integrity of every human being. Learning from our dialogue as rabbi and imam,

we are planning a visit to the Middle East to provide humanitarian aid to Jewish and Muslim communities and to build peace and compassion. And recently we began welcoming one another into our homes to acknowledge the heartfelt prayer and values of the other. During this past year, we held a pulpit exchange as rabbi and imam and members of the mosque at All Dulles Area Muslim Society of Sterling now visit the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston as a location for Friday Muslim congregational prayer.

We hope that these pictures of our communities sharing space with hospitality and sharing ideas and joint projects with respect and cooperation will be remembered this week, alongside the memories of the recent events plotted on a synagogue in New York.

For these events in New York trouble us both. When people plot

violent attacks on synagogues or mosques, this reminds all of us to stand together as one community against all the hatred and religious bigotry that people claim to justify by religion. For hatred has no place in Islam or Judaism. Both of our traditions teach us to love our neighbors and to care about one another as human beings. They teach us to do as several members of the New York Muslim and Jewish communities have done and respond to the recent threats of violence with solidarity.

**STILL WE BELIEVE** even more efforts of solidarity are needed. We must engage people in both of our faiths to build understanding and collaboration until we see anti-Semitism and Islamophobia wiped out. All of the leaders of our community must bear the responsibility of teaching that an attack on one place of worship should be consid-

ered an attack on every place of worship. For in America all of us should enjoy freedom of religious expression and assembly.

In fact, attacks based on errant ideas about our religions are a breach of the very freedom of religion we enjoy in this country. Those who plot violence should not be seen as representing Islam or Judaism or any faith. Nor is it reasonable to justify threatening another community's rights on the basis of one's religion. Rather the motive of those plotting violence is nothing short of racism and hatred. As imam and rabbi, we see attacking any synagogue or mosque as an attack on all places of worship and as an attack on freedom itself.

*Imam Mohammed Magid represents the All Dulles Area Muslim Society in Sterling and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk represents the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation in Reston.*

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**Congregation Beth Emeth**, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, will host a **Yiddish Club** on the **first Tuesday of each month**. Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and more. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

**Every Wednesday**, at 12:15 p.m., **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, offers a lunch-time Healing and Holy Communion service. This half-hour service is offered to all and allows people an op-

portunity to worship during the work week when they may be away from their regular church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament and all who have not been baptized may receive a blessing at the Altar rail. Call the church Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 703-437-3790 or visit [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

Knitters needed the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month, at 7 p.m., at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can

be provided. E-mail [shawl@saint-timothys.org](mailto:shawl@saint-timothys.org) or visit the Pastoral Care page at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

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# Free 4 All Doubles in Size

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Academy, said he decided to craft his piece around the question: "If you have a rock and throw it back in time, did you move it?" Davis' film, "Sleep on It" began as an assignment for his video production.

"I've always been making little films and loved to have a video camera in my hand," Davis said. After starting to edit these small pieces, he began to explore the artistic elements of filmmaking and experiment with graphic design.

The film, which focuses on a man who is kidnapped and forced to answer this question, combines both comic and philosophical elements, Davis said. After being told to "sleep on it," the protagonist wakes up in his bed next to a pair of glasses and a rock, bringing the film back full cycle to the opening scene.

Davis said he hopes to "incorporate motion, graphics and effects" into his future pieces and plans to work as a freelancer this summer. He will attend the Art Institute of Washington after graduation. As a career, Davis said he wants to "do something with a lot of variety" such as a job with a small studio.

Davis enrolled in multiple courses at the Fairfax Academy, including two years of graphic design. In addition to creating their own pieces, students in the program organized Free 4 All this year.

"I empower the kids to run this as a production," Kaylor said. "They have total ownership over this festival."

**KAYLOR** said that the academy emphasizes preparing students for professional fields in visual arts. For example, students in the Professional Graphics program have access to 2D animation software, 3D animation software, motion capture programs and green screen compositing. Hashlamon, the winner of Best in Show for Animation, also attended the Fairfax Acad-



**Students from the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts designed a poster to advertise the Free 4 All Film and Animation Festival held on May 22.**

emy and created his work through his graphics class. "You have to have the resources to be competitive," Kaylor said, adding that a solid foundation in animation technology can lead to careers ranging from film to video game design.

Free 4 All, which originated in the fall of 2007, has doubled in size since its inaugural event. Next year, wider advertising will expand the competition to include students from D.C., Montgomery County and private schools, Kaylor said.

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### THURSDAY/JUNE 18

**Children's Shows.** 11-11:30 a.m., Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Shanty Tune Jack will perform. Free. Call 703-464-5559.

**A Journey through Cancer and Divorce.** 7 p.m., Barnes and Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. Lauren Miller, author of "Hearing His Whisper: A Journey Through Cancer and Divorce," will be on hand to sign and discuss her book. Call 703-437-9490.

**The Singing Weatherman.** 7 p.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Meteorologist Stormin' Bob Swanson shares weather songs and science. Ages 6-12. Call 703-689-2700.

**Children's Concert Series.** 11 a.m., Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Shanty Tune Jack will perform children's music. Free.

**Take a Break Concerts.** 7-9 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The take a Break Concert Series kicks off with a live show from Reggae band Mama Jama. Bring a lawn chair or picnic blanket and free tastings of Afro-Cuban food.

**Free Tastings.** 6-8 p.m., Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Enjoy free samples of "Virginia's Finest" gourmet treats, and handmade chocolates. Virginia wines are also available at Lake Anne Florist. Call 703-437-8686.

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### FRIDAY/JUNE 19

"The History Boys." 8 p.m., Industrial

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### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

**Master Plan Amendment Review.** 7-8:30 p.m., Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2709 W. Ox Road, Herndon. The Park Authority will hold a community meeting to present the revised Master Plan Amendment and staff recommendations. Call 703-324-8702.

### Meeting Transportation Challenges in the Dulles Corridor.

7:30-10 a.m., Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Featured speakers Katherine D. "Icher, Director of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and Thomas F. Farley, "Dulles Rail Coordinator for the Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services will talk about the transportation challenges facing the area in the Dulles Corridor. Reserve a space by e-



Connie Slack, In Search of Resolution, acrylic on paper, 40" x 32"

"Faraway Nearby," an all-media, juried exhibition featuring 16 artists selected by Dale Lanzone, president of International Public Art Marlborough, will be on display June 18-July 31 at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. The opening reception is Friday, June 19, 6-8 p.m. and the artists' roundtable will be held Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street Players continue the 2008-2009 season with Alan Bennett's Tony award-winning play "The History Boys," a play about an unruly bunch of bright, funny senior boys in a British boarding school. Tickets: \$19/ adults, \$16/seniors and students. Call 703-481-5930 or visit www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

**Cupcakes for Charity.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m., At Play Café, 2254-B Hunters Woods Plaza, Reston. Purchase a cake or cupcakes and 50 percent of all money the sale will be donated to Reston

Interfaith and Share Our Strength. "When you purchase \$5 or more of cakes or cupcakes during this event, you will receive one child admission to the play area in At Play Cafe (an \$8 value). Call 703-758-1474 or visit www.mallowdrama.com."

### SATURDAY/JUNE 20

"The History Boys." 8 p.m., Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street

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mailing@info@datatrans.org or calling Jim Larsen at 703-380-5645.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 20

**Blood Drive.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 820 Elden St., Herndon. The Herndon Masonic Lodge and INOVA Blood Donor Services will be hosting a blood drive. E-mail BloodDrive264@aol.com to make an appointment.

### MONDAY/JUNE 22

**NARFE Dulles Chapter Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m., Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Dulles Chapter 1241 will hold a luncheon meeting. Guest speaker Dr. Pankaj Merchia, Medical Director, Sleep Heart Centers Lab and Clinic at Reston Hospital Center will give a review of normal sleep, common disorders of sleep, healthy sleep practices and common problems with sleep including insomnia, restless legs, and sleep apnea. Call 703-435-3523 by June 18 to make your choice of the lunch entree for \$16.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 19

**Republican Club of Greater Reston.** 7:30 p.m., Reston Community Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The Republican Club of Greater Reston will meet with special guest Kara Small Bodman, "author and former senior director of the National Security Council." "As a former in his administration, Bodman will provide insights into the workings of the Reagan White

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**Saturday Morning Music.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. The J&B Blues Project, 13-year-old twins who play the blues, will perform. Free.

**Concerts on the Town.** 7:30-10 p.m., Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900

Market St., Reston. Chuck Redd will perform live with Nicki Parrot, Delores King Williams, Neil Williams and Robert Redd. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets; alcohol permitted at restaurants only. Free.

**Folkstone Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m., W. Ox Road and Folkstone Drive, Herndon. Children's toys and clothing, furniture, collectables and more. \*

### SUNDAY/JUNE 21

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**Love Your Body.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. The day will feature Yoga Workshops for kids, families and adults, live music, complimentary massages, energy healing demonstrations and healthy food samples. Visit www.belovedyoga.com or call 703-860-9642.

**Father's Day Baseball Trip.** 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Bus pickup at Reston Association, 1930 Isaac Newton

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### THURSDAY/JUNE 25

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### TUESDAY/JUNE 23

**Children's Concert Series.** 11 a.m., Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Zee Keyboard Man will perform children's music. Free. \*

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 24

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# Swimming Pool As a 'Second Home'

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the kids don't want to learn, or are still afraid of the water."

Working with children and the challenges that it presents is some-

thing that David has always loved. "Working with kids has always been a passion of mine," said David, who once considered being a teacher. Now she is studying

English at Virginia Tech and intends to go into law. "Maybe some kind that works with kids, like adoption law," she said.

— ANNA MCCORMALLY

## Doing a Labor of Love

For aspiring vet tech Jody Sayre, working at the Herndon PetCo is just another opportunity to spend time with animals.

"I've been around animals all my life. I grew up on a farm," said Sayre, whose family moved to Virginia from Massachusetts about 10 years ago. "Everything about my life has revolved around animals."

As an employee of PetCo, a chain pet and pet supplies store, Sayre doesn't just talk the talk, she has 25 cats, three hamsters, a snake and a bunny, and fosters animals that need homes. Some of the animals she cares for are ones left at PetCo when owners decide they no longer want a pet.

"If people don't want their animal they can bring it here," said Sayre. "But they have to bring the habitat and a week's worth of food, and then we put it in the store and someone can come and take it. We can't store it with our other animals."

She says that when that happens, the animals are usually adopted. "I'm usually the one to take it home," she said. "That's how I got my snake and all my hamsters."

Sayre previously worked at the Icing at Fair Oaks Mall but wanted

to work at PetCo because of her love of animals. "I love this job," she said, though at the rate of \$9.75 an hour, she thinks the pay could be better.

"I've been trying to get a job as a receptionist at a veterinarian's clinic," she said, "but they think I'm too young, I think. They want someone with more experience."

Sayre graduated in 2008 from Chantilly High School and will begin the courses she needs to train as a vet tech this coming fall at Northern Virginia Community College. She plans on keeping her job and hopefully bumping up her hours.

"I'm going to do school part time and then work here full time," said Sayre.

Becoming a vet tech, assistants who help veterinarians as well as clean and supervise animals, requires a basic college degree as well as a six-month program and two-month internship at a veterinarian's office. Sayre estimates she will finish training in about four years. "And if I want to become a vet," she said, "two more years."

But Sayre isn't sure if being a veterinarian is for her. "Vet tech



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**Jody Sayre plays with a cat at work.**

might be fine with me."

In addition to making pet supply sales and explaining pet basics to new pet owners, Sayre has opportunities to handle the animals.

"The birds are my favorite," she said, and had several anecdotes about the PetCo birds. "The canaries escape, and parakeets ... we have to catch them. It's very hard. We have to jump up on shelves, we have to run around the store with a net, they just fly everywhere. ... It definitely keeps me on my feet."

— ANNA MCCORMALLY

## Camping for Living

The University of Virginia's early spring break gave rising sophomore Colleen Hanlon a chance to grab one of the most adorable summer jobs out there. Being a counselor at the Katydid Camps at Frying Pan Park gives her an opportunity to work with children in a setting that she loves.

"I always loved going to camp when I was little," said Hanlon, who has worked for five years as a swim coach and for three as a lifeguard. Over spring break this year, she applied to many jobs and heard back immediately from Frying Pan Park. After a next-day interview, she had the job.

"It was the easiest application I've ever done," Hanlon said. "I think it was because I was back so early. More than half my friends don't have jobs right now." Hanlon is being paid more as a counselor than she was as a lifeguard.

This past week, Hanlon and her co-counselor were in charge of the "Ducks," a group of 12, 4- and 5-year olds. At the camp, which for these younger children is a half day, activities include playing on the playground, a daily animal craft and activity that keeps with the "farm" theme, and, of course, snacktime.

"We learn about the farm every day," Hanlon said. The camp activities will often revolve around a certain aspect of the farm. "One day we did a craft about sheep, and then we learned about sheep." Under the watchful eye of their counselors, Katydid campers visit the Frying Pan Farm Park animals. The farm has, among other animals, horses, cows, sheep, ducks, goats and peacocks.



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**Colleen Hanlon talks with a camper during snack time.**

"They love the animals," she said. "They pet the goats. Well, my girls were afraid of the sheep because they were loud. My girls covered their ears. But they usually like all the animals."

Keeping track of the children is what Hanlon called the biggest challenge of her job. "Some of them listen and some don't, some wander ... some go see friends in other groups." She and the other counselors overcome this difficulty by counting heads. "We count everywhere we go," Hanlon said. It's an effective system; she has never had a camper go missing. Hanlon is planning on working at the camp again next summer.

"I think most of them are returning counselors," she said of her co-workers.

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# SCHOOLS

**Stephanie Kate Butler** of Oak Hill graduated from Villanova University during their commencement ceremony on May 17. Butler earned a Bachelor's degree cum laude in Science in Nursing.

**Daniel Drew** of Herndon, an entering freshman in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business, was awarded the Robert C. Morris, Jr. Freshman Merit Scholarship in Accounting. The \$4,000 scholarship is awarded annually to entering freshmen in accounting and information systems.

**Mariah Cook** of Herndon was named to the Dean's List at Chadron

State College for the spring semester.

**Danielle Robinson** of Herndon, a recent graduate with a degree in management from Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business and a degree in Spanish from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, has been awarded selection to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

**K. Arienne Johnson**, daughter of Mike and Barb Johnson of Herndon, made the Dean's List for the spring semester at Goshen College. Johnson is a junior studying history and Bible and religion.

**Daniel Drew** of Herndon, an incoming freshman in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems in Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business, was awarded the Robert C. Morris, Jr. Freshman Merit Scholarship in Accounting. The \$4,000 scholarship is awarded annually to entering freshmen in accounting and information systems.

The **Herndon High School Girls Track Team** won the 2009 District championship for the first time in school history. **Carina Peter, Emily Palmer, Tania Hassan, Carolyn Hennessey** and **Rich Roethel** were individual champions.

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# SPORTS

## Rivals Turned Teammates, Friends

Oakton's Keith Werman, Lake Braddock's Shane Halley, now teammates, help Cavalier baseball squad.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

In the moments that followed the University of Virginia baseball team's ACC Championship-clinching victory over Florida State on May 24, players celebrated, parents fumbled with their digital cameras and Shane Halley and Keith Werman did something that would've made them both sick had it occurred only 12 months earlier.

They stood and posed for one of those pictures. Together. Holding a trophy.

Though they played opposite each other at two of Northern Virginia's top baseball programs in Lake Braddock and Oakton, respectively, Halley and Werman both have made significant contributions to a history-making Virginia squad this spring as true freshmen.

After a 6-3 win over the Seminoles where Halley entered the game as a late-inning substitution and Werman went 0-for-4 while starting at second base and batting in the No. 9 hole, the pair obliged as teammate Will Campbell insisted that they pose together with the ACC trophy.

"Lake Braddock and Oakton have always been big rivals come playoff time, and finally we were together to win a championship and that was pretty awesome," Werman said. "We just said that we had to get a picture of this."

The ACC title hasn't been the only awesome thing for the Cavaliers (49-14-1) this season. Halley and Werman have enjoyed a why-isn't-every-year-like-this ride that continued Monday afternoon with a victory in the College World Series — the school's first. Behind two hits, two RBIs and two runs scored from Werman, the Cavaliers disposed of Cal State Fullerton, 7-5, and they will now face Arkansas on Wednesday night.

**WERMEN DIDN'T** mind having his head shaved. At the beginning of the season, Virginia threw a formal banquet to officially start its season, and, as tradition dictates, all of the freshmen had to get a trim. The haircut was also symbolic. It served as the first and last form of playful harassment put forth by the veteran players.

Both noticed it early on: The older players did not mess with the younger guys. They embraced them. They made them feel comfortable. Which was important as Virginia started four of those freshmen Monday.

Halley didn't waste any time providing Virginia with validation of its recruiting efforts, striking out the side during his first career appearance Feb. 22 during a 12-0 win over Bucknell. On the season, Halley had amassed a 3-0 record on the mound with 23 strikeouts and a 1.86 ERA as of Wednesday morn-



PHOTO COURTESY OF WILL CAMPBELL

**Oakton graduate Keith Werman, left, and Lake Braddock's Shane Halley share the ACC Championship trophy after the Virginia baseball team beat Florida State on May 22.**

ing. In 19 1/3 innings, he's only walked three batters. At the plate, Halley has four hits in eight at-bats.

For his success, Halley attributed most of it to pitching coach Karl Kuhn, whose about-face approach has sat well with the right-hander.

"The mental approach is the same: You want to go after every guy," Halley said of the primary difference between high school and college baseball. "But going about that is a little different than you'd do in high school. In college, it's more location than just being able to rear-back and blow it by someone."

**WITH HIS HAIR** gone, Werman was also without something that has appeared nearly as often: playing time. A mainstay behind the plate and in the infield at Oakton, rarely had Werman been relegated to the bench like he was during the early part of this spring.

But ever since a May 10 win over Duke, Werman been a regular presence at second base for the Cavaliers. With a batting average of .406 (28-for-69) through Wednesday morning with a .488 on-base percentage, he's been an effective one, too.

"To be completely honest, it was a major adjustment," said Werman, who has gone 6-for-9 with two doubles and three RBIs during his team's first two CWS games. "Really, I think it's the biggest adjustment that I ever made with baseball."

Halley and Werman lived in adjacent dorms — Halley in Kent, Werman in Dabney — but spent a considerable amount of time together this year away from baseball. As both will admit, their Northern Region rivalries didn't exactly bring the two closer together. But Virginia did.

"This means a lot to us and I'm sure that means a lot to the people back home," Werman said. "I know they're there to support us. It definitely brings us together, and we're proud of where we've gotten to so far."

**"Finally, we were together to win a championship and that was pretty awesome."**

**— Keith Werman, freshman, University of Virginia**



**Ridge Heights Sharks swimmer Madi Cook goes all out in the freestyle in their meet against the Hunters Woods Blue Marlins.**

## Swimming Season Heats Up

The results of the week two of the Reston Swim Team Association (RSTA) competitions that took place on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>:

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'Fine Fields' by Michele Norris, of Lorton, and 'China Revisited' by Brenda Belfield, of Reston, during the installation of the Greater Reston Arts Center's 35th anniversary exhibit, 'Faraway Nearby.'

## GRACE Celebrates 35 Years

Anniversary exhibit  
'Faraway Nearby'  
opens June 18.

BY ABIGAIL ALBRIGHT  
THE CONNECTION

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) is celebrating its 35th anniversary with an all-media, juried exhibition, "Faraway Nearby."

The exhibition will run from June 18 to July 31, with an opening reception on Friday, June 19, from 6-8 p.m. The awards ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. during the reception.

"Since this is our 35th anniversary, one of the ways we are celebrating it is by celebrating the artists that are working in contemporary art," said Joanne Bauer, GRACE Exhibitions Director. "GRACE has always been dedicated to excellence in contemporary art and this show is a fine way to celebrate those 35 years, by mounting a show of this caliber."

The show will feature 32 works by 16 artists that were picked by Dale Lanzone, the president of International Public Art Marlborough.

More than 100 artists submitted five works each, and Lanzone picked what he found to be the 32 best pieces.

The criteria for submitting artists was that they either had to be "Nearby" and live in Virginia, Maryland or D.C., or they may be "Faraway," but must have exhibited with GRACE before.

"I'm thrilled that so many artists we have shown in the past are here, and also that we have new artists that we've never shown before," Bauer said.

One of the artists is Brenda Belfield of Reston, one of the founders of GRACE.

"Brenda really mentored a lot of artists in Reston, she was more than just one of the founders of GRACE, she was really a founder of the whole arts community here," Bauer said.

Other Reston artists exhibiting at "Faraway Nearby," include: John Adams, Melanie Newlon, Michael Ohgren, Connie Slack and William Zuk.

Monica Stroik, who grew up in Reston but now resides in Alexandria, has two paintings in the show.

Other "Nearby" artists are: Julia Bloom, Paul Ellis and Freya Grand of Washington, D.C.; Michelle Norris of Lorton; Lauren Wells of Annandale; and Diane Weiner of Bethesda.

The "Faraway" artists are John Harris who is from Connecticut; Harry Longstreet from Washington; and Shinji Turner-Yamamoto of Ohio.

On Thursday, June 25, GRACE will be hosting an Artists' Roundtable. The artists in the exhibition will be talking about ideas in contemporary art and answering any questions that visitors may have.

The 32 works in the show that will be discussed at the roundtable include oil and acrylic paintings, photography, meticulous drawings, twig sculptures and paintings made with ash, clay and tree resin.

"There is no 'school of' represented here; we simply have individual artists expressing their varied visions and range of talents — if there was a school of the era of 2009, it would be the school of 'there is no school,'" said Lanzone, of the works in "Faraway Nearby."

Most of the works will be available for purchase. For more information about "Faraway Nearby," visit GRACE's Web site, [www.restonarts.org](http://www.restonarts.org).

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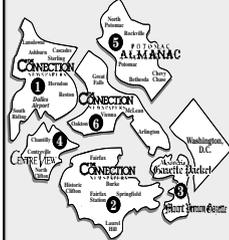
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## Chemo-Cocktailing at the Depot



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now that the cancer cat is out of the bag (see June 10th column titled, "Dying To Tell You, Sort Of"), I suppose it's reasonable to keep my readership (what there is of it) apprised of goings on. Today, as I sit and write, I am being infused (the medical profession has its own fancy word for chemotherapy) and attempting to write while I am being treated (it's not painful).

This is chemo-cocktail number two of four (or six) total; a final determination has yet to be made; the treatment is sort of fluid (no pun intended), depending on how I tolerate it. Due to a "normal" brain scan (thank God!) indicating that the cancer had not spread to my brain, my oncologist was able to add a third chemical to my intravenous mix, a chemical called Avastin, known for its effectiveness in fighting brain cancer. So, here I sit, comfortable in a barcalounger-type, blue recliner watching the I.V. drip its magic potion (some might characterize it as poison) directly into my vein in order to kill the cancer cells, cut off the blood supply to the targeted tumors — hopefully shrinking them in the process; in this context, shrinkage is the hoped for result) and not side-effect me so uncomfortably that we have to modify the treatment. After all, it's the tumors we're after, not my comfort. But my body has to cooperate, and that's not exactly in the patient's control.

At this very moment, control is what I don't have. Nor, according to my oncologist, do I have a lot of time. But that can change, results both good and bad can alter the present and as a result, most definitely alter the future. Medicine/treatment is not arithmetic, it's not an exact science; certainly what my doctor says is a bit more than a presumption but it's not necessarily so simply because he says it is. As a patient, I have some say. And even though I'm sitting down at this very moment, it doesn't mean I'm going to take the treatment sitting down, if you know what I mean.

However, at this early stage (of the treatment, not the diagnosis), I'm a bit unclear how to proceed. As you can imagine, after receiving a diagnosis of this severity, your priorities change. People, places, things that mattered previously don't seem to matter nearly as much. It's not so much apathy as it is antipathy. But that's unhelpful, and counterproductive even, so far as affecting the cancer. "Live, love, laugh" is a mantra that I've been encouraged to embrace; as is having a positive mental attitude/approach, both of which are proven, anecdotally speaking, cancer fighters. And thanks to my parents, I have them both. I have to admit though, a diagnosis of this kind will shake you to the core.

My challenge is to plan for the worst, yet live for the best. And it remains a difficult pursuit. It's as if I'm serving two masters, each requiring different types of loyalties. Loyalties that, given my abbreviated life expectancy, are tested on a daily basis. How do I plan for a future that's no longer guaranteed and not have it impact my present?

Each day that I wake up, in relative good health, it becomes more normal, or should I be honest and call it, "the new normal." Because that's what my life has to become, as in doing as many of the things I used to do (health considerations notwithstanding) before. Sure, I have some issues, but it's nothing I can't handle. And the longer I continue to have these issues, the better I'm able to adapt. Moreover, each day, I'm learning more about my situation and the alternatives (some non-traditional) that are available to me.

Chemotherapy is the beginning, but it doesn't have to be the end.

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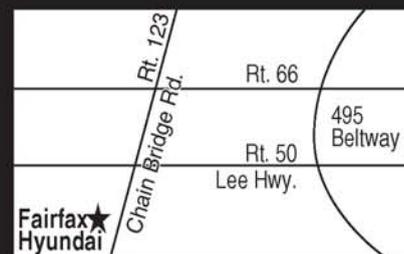
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