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SOUTHERN EDITION



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Cutting up after a rehearsal are some of the cast members of Chantilly High's upcoming children's play, "Attack of the Cafeteria Zombies."

Beware 'Cafeteria Zombies'

Children's play pits students vs. aliens.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Aliens from the planet Nimrod plan to take over the world, and their first stop is Spiro Agnew Elementary School. There in the cafeteria, they sell corndogs they've made, and those who eat them find themselves saying, "I hear and obey" — and turning into zombies.

That's the plot of "Attack of the Cafeteria Zombies," the upcoming children's play at Chantilly High. It will be presented Wednesday-Thursday, July 8-9, at 3 and 7 p.m., each day. Tickets are \$5 at the door or at www.chantillyhsdrama.com

"The audience will love this show," said rising sophomore Jessica Bogert.

"It's hilarious and there are jokes for all ages." She plays three roles, including the mother of Devon, one of the schoolchildren battling against the aliens.

"She's really busy taking all her kids to different activities, so she has time for nothing," said Bogert. "She's enthusiastic and nice and wants to

help Devon get rid of the aliens, but she doesn't have time. I'm excited about playing her; I think she matches my personality well because I'm into a lot of different things, myself. This also helps me identify more with my mom who's busy with kids and activities."

Toughest, she said, is "the mouthful of all her daily activities that I have to rattle off. But she has a good personality that's easy to work with. And it's fun to be in a children's show because you can form your own character, just be yourself and have fun with it."

Senior Emma Philipoom portrays Tagament, one of the aliens who turns people into zombies. "I'm the shortest one and I follow the leader and do what he tells me to do," she said. "It's different — I've never played an alien before — but I get to wear funky clothes with bright colors."

She said the hardest part for her is "speaking in a monotone and not laughing when I have to say something silly, because my character doesn't always make sense." But it's great playing such a role because "you have more leeway to be goofy — not like a normal character. You get to go out of your comfort zone and be silly for the little kids

"I get to make fun faces."

— Stephanie Dolezal, actress

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Help Between Slices of Bread

Elementary school students' sandwiches aid Food for Others.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Union Mill Elementary is in Clifton, but its students made sandwiches all year long for the Merrifield-based organization, Food for Others. This is something that they've been doing for eight years.

"It's amazing how fast a class can make 250-300 sandwiches," said parent Jaylynn Viands, co-chairman of the school's Bread Basket program, along with parent Kelly Steinbeck. "This year, Union Mill set a record of over 7,200 sandwiches made."

It couldn't come at a better time, as far as Roxanne Rice, executive director of Food for Others, is concerned. "It's efforts such as these that allow us to continue to fulfill our mission of feeding people in need in Northern Virginia," she said. "This also helps educate the students about giving back to their community."

On a recent Wednesday morning near the end of the school year, five classes of sixth-graders, some 140 students, gathered in their cafeteria to make sandwiches. Students in grades one through six

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CYA Soccer Team Helps Haitian Children

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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The children of a Haitian village called Percin can't afford to go to school and have no access to clean water. But soccer is a bright spot in their lives and they love playing it. Trouble is, they're so poor, they have to do it with Coke bottles and rocks, instead of soccer balls.

But slowly, things are changing, thanks in part to a local, boys soccer team. At the end of the spring season, the CYA U-12 team coached by sister and brother,

Jeane Smith and Mike Gercken, collected soccer gear to send to the children of Percin.

"The kids' shelves are groaning with trophies by the time they're 11," said soccer mom Kathleen Caron, whose son Joe is on the team. "So I suggested that, instead of buying more trophies, we take up a collection of gently used or new soccer equipment."

The team members mainly collected balls, but also cleats, shin guards, socks and jerseys. "A lot of the boys have been playing

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Soccer Team Helps Haitian Children

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since they were little, and they have brothers and sisters who've played, too," she said. "So they scoured their homes and brought back whatever they had."

Before they knew it, said Caron, of Chantilly's Pleasant Valley community, "We filled up three, large tubs of equipment. And CYA will donate some uniforms."

Initially, the team didn't collect with a specific recipient in mind, so Caron looked up soccer charities on the Internet and asked people she knew for suggestions. That led her to Kate McNeill, who volunteers with the Gathering, the college ministry of McLean Bible Church which has a partnership with World Hope International in Haiti.

This organization sends teams to run week-long camps in Percin. And on a trip in March, McNeill, who played soccer in college, ran a soccer tournament there for the children. "I gave them donated balls and soccer cleats, and they loved it," she said.

So she's the one who'll pick up the CYA soccer team's donations and, through World Hope International, headquartered in Alexandria, she'll bring them to the children in Percin. "They go over, a couple times a year, with the donated items and run soccer camps for the kids," said Caron. "It's re-



This CYA U-12 team, coached by Jeane Smith and Mike Gercken, collected soccer gear to send to the children in Haiti.

ally amazing."

She's also pleased with and proud of the boys comprising the CYA soccer team. She said collecting the soccer items "got the focus off them and got them thinking about other people."

The team is still collecting, and anyone with any soccer gear to contribute may e-mail Caron at kathleenbcaron@gmail.com. For more information about World Hope International, see www.worldhope.org/worldhope/aboutnew.htm.

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Art for All Ages

Students from Centreville High School and its middle and elementary feeder schools participated in their annual Centreville Pyramid art show in the spring.

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**Sam Maney, Grade 9,
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ROUNDUPS

Fatal Crash In Chantilly

Fairfax County police say a single-car crash took the life of a 51-year-old woman, Monday afternoon, in Chantilly. The tragedy occurred June 29, around 4:30 p.m., while the male driver, 56, was operating a 2007 Ford Taurus east on Lees Corner Road near Centreville Road.

According to police, he allegedly became distracted while looking at directions, drifted off the road and struck a tree head-on. They also say his female passenger wasn't wearing a seat belt. Both occupants were taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where the woman, Robin Adnamateros, of Picket Lane in Herndon, was pronounced dead a short time later. The driver's condition was non-life-threatening.

Detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit were on scene and the investigation continues. Neither speed nor al-

cohol is believed to be a factor in this crash, but police say charges are pending.

Partial Opening of Willard Road Interchange

Between the night of July 6 and the morning of July 7, there'll be a new traffic pattern at the Route 28/Willard Road Interchange in Centreville. Traffic on Willard Road will shift to the newly constructed bridge over Route 28. At the same time, the ramps on the north side of the interchange will open and the traffic signal on Route 28 will be eliminated.

The changes will move traffic off of the existing Willard Road pavement at the intersection of Route 28 and allow construction of the ramps on the south side of the interchange. These ramps will remain closed for about three weeks, pending demolition of the existing Willard Road

pavement and completion of the ramps.

During this three-week period, northbound Route 28 traffic destined for Willard Road — and Willard Road traffic destined for southbound Route 28 — will be detoured via the Route 28/Westfields Boulevard Interchange and Route 28 parallel roads (Stonecroft Boulevard, Lee Road, Westfields Boulevard, and Walney Road). However, plans are subject to change if there's inclement weather.

Ticket Booth Fire at Chantilly High

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a structure fire, last Thursday, June 25, around 5:40 p.m., at Chantilly High. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered flames coming from a ticket booth, approximately 14 feet x 20 feet, at the rear of the school.

Firefighters quickly brought the fire un-

der control and no one was injured. Damage is estimated at \$6,000, and the ticket booth was a complete loss. Fire investigators say fireworks caused the blaze, and this incident is still under investigation.

Sully District Council Elects Officers

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations elected new members of its executive board for 2009-10. During its June 24 meeting, the group elected the following slate of officers: President, Mark McConn; 1st Vice President, Jeffrey Parnes; 2nd Vice President, Lewis Grimm; Treasurer, Jay Johnston; and Secretary, Kas Miller and Jim Neighbors.

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Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, July 2 and July 9, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

How High Is That Pole?

A telecommunications company is planning to replace a light pole at Chantilly High with a cellular pole. A test balloon will be flown on Saturday, July 11, from 8-10 a.m. (with a rain date of July 18), so the community can see the proposed height impact of the pole on the school campus and its surroundings.

Caputo Joins Grow by Degrees

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) last week became the first, active Virginia legislator to join the Grow by Degrees coalition. This campaign of the Virginia Business Higher Education Council aims to fuel Virginia's strong recovery and sustained economic growth through high-impact investments and innovations in its public colleges, universities and community colleges.

"Helping more Virginians attain an affordable, high-quality education must remain one of our top goals as we seek to compete in the global economy," said Caputo. "We must take action now. The Grow by Degrees' 20/20 vision is a comprehensive plan to strengthen Virginia's economy by strengthening our higher education system."

Help Between Slices of Bread

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take turns making them each week. The PTA provides the bread, sandwich bags, condiments, gloves and sandwich wrap, and the students bring in deli meat and cheese.

Parents set out everything on long tables ahead of time, and the children are reminded where the sandwiches are going and how they'll feed people who don't have food of their own.

"We tell the younger students that the average age for someone hungry in Fairfax County is 9," said Viands. "Then they can identify with the people they're making the sandwiches for. We give the older children math problems, telling them how much food costs, plus bills like rent and electricity, so they understand how hard it is to pay for food if people have lost their jobs or are transient."

"We also tell them this may be all that person eats today, so they realize the importance of what they're doing," she said. "Each child makes several sandwiches in a 15-minute time span, often, as many as 10. Afterward, volunteers drive the sandwiches to Food for Others. It's a fabulous program; both parents and kids love participating."

Union Mill also has a Bread-O-Meter on the cafeteria wall, a poster of a loaf of bread. After each class leaves, the meter is colored in to keep track of how many sandwiches the students have made during the year. "Our kids have a lot of advantages, and it's good to give

them a reality check about what's going on in the world and in this county," said mom Susan Woodruff, before her son Daniel helped make Swiss cheese, turkey and ham sandwiches. "This is a great opportunity for the kids to help other people."

JUST BEFORE the students started to do so, they donned gloves and Viands told them not to touch anything else but the food. She also asked them to make "nice, neat sandwiches" and "think about the 9-year-olds you're going to feed."

Marissa Battle, 11, said it's a great program because "we can give to other people not as lucky as us."



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Union Mill students focus on making sandwiches for Food for Others.



Mack Delgadillo reaches for deli meat for a sandwich.

"I feel good because we're helping the less fortunate to eat," said Mack Delgadillo, 12.

Lauren Jones, 12, said it's nice to make food for other people "and some are around our age, so it's sad."

Adreesh Sharma, 12, said their efforts will help "hungry people get enough food to eat. When I eat lunch today, I'll be thinking that other people might still be hungry while I'm eating."

Union Mill Principal Susan Shadis said it's one of several service projects her students learn from, during the year. "They learn that these sandwiches are not just for the homeless," she said. "People can have a home and still be hungry. Our kids are also learning compassion and are getting an understanding that it could happen to anyone at any time." Praising Viands for her "fantastic job," Shadis said, "What she's done with the Bread Basket program has helped thousands of people."

On that Wednesday, the children made 1,132 sandwiches, and Rice was delighted to receive them. "The number of people we're feeding has increased tremendously in the last nine months because of the economy," she said. "We feed about 3,000 people a month. Last year at this time, it was about 2,000." Food for Others distributes about 2 million pounds of food a year and, said Rice. "This year, it'll be way more. We figure one pound of food equals one meal. We pass out groceries, and sandwiches are part of them. We do so either at our Merrifield location or at 14 sites in low-income neighborhoods in Fairfax and Arlington counties."

As for Union Mill's efforts, Rice said, "This helps us do what we do. And it's gratifying to know the students are doing such a terrific job."

Look Out for 'Cafeteria Zombies' at Spiro Agnew ES

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who'll see the show. But it's for the whole family; the kids will like the big characters and the funny story, and there's also humor for the adults."

Rickie Arnold just graduated from Chantilly but, before going off to Oklahoma University, she'll play Autumn in this children's show written by Director Ed Monk. "Autumn is one of the four kids who figure out that aliens are attacking the earth, and she helps come up with plans to fight them," she said. "We're in the fourth grade, and my character's a little out there, so I play her really crazy."

Arnold said the most difficult part of portraying Autumn is memorizing all the lines she has, but she's delighted to participate

because "all my friends are in the show and it's a fun role to play. There's a joke for everyone and it's a clever script. Little kids are adorable, and they'll all get really into the action."

PLAYING A SCHOOL BULLY nicknamed Fishface is sophomore Stephanie Dolezal. "I play it so that I make my face look like a fish's," she said. "And I'm the first person to be turned into a zombie. It's entertaining and fun because my character is different from the other kids in the school and I get to make fun faces."

The toughest part of her role, she's learned, is that "you can't talk and make the fish face at the same time, so you have to find the right moment to do it." Dolezal

said children's shows are wonderful because "they have goofy lines and characters and you get to play with your role a lot. And in this one, the kids in the audience will especially like the plot and all the aliens."

Junior Andrew "Jello" Reed portrays one of the schoolchildren named Tyler. "I like baseball and idolize [Baltimore Orioles legend] Cal Ripken," he said. "But Fishface thinks I'm a geek and pushes me around and steals my money." Still, he likes playing Tyler because "I can be sillier and kookier because I'm acting for children."

Since there are many, different ways he could have played this character, Reed said his biggest challenge was "finding which way works best within this context." He said the audience will enjoy the play because "it's

got aliens and they'll like how the children are standing up to them, like they would in their own imaginations. And overall, the show has a childish and crazy element to it which makes it fun to watch."

There are 17 people in the cast and crew, and Monk said things are coming along fine. He's also looking for a good turnout from the community. "I hope everyone will come and enjoy the show," he said. "It's a lot of silly, fun, summer entertainment, and it's a nice break from the pool and the heat of the day."

He said it's easy to produce because "we only have six rehearsals before we put on the show. But the actors have no homework to worry about — it's summer and they can just come in, do the play and have fun."

Local Baha'i Gather over Sentencing

BY ANSLEY LABARRE
CENTRE VIEW

The afternoon is burned into her memory. Soudabeh Mahboobi strolled down the street of her hometown in Shiraz, Iran after a tutoring session with local neighborhood children. But the 19-year-old Mahboobi never made it home. She was stopped by the police

over a century, she said. There are stories like Fairfax's Nina Fakhari's, whose 90-year-old grandparents were evicted as their home was burnt down. Or some like Nahid Fakhri, a Muslim that fled Iran before facing a public stoning for her marriage to a Baha'i.

"I've never gone back and I don't want to go back," said Fakhri, who has now been a resident of Centreville for 30 years.

And why would she? When the new Islamic regime took control of Iran following the 1979 revolution, these Baha'is say their persecution only increase. They are denied work permits and university educations because of their faith.

"Others are scared of us because we are spreading the word of love, unity, peace and no prejudice," said Mahboobi. But these Baha'is also know that as their faith grows, so will further religious opposition.

THE GROUP MET at Centreville's Regional Library on Sunday, June 28, to encourage the community to write Congress in hopes of stopping further persecution of fellow Baha'i members, specifically those already imprisoned for their beliefs.

The recent protests to Iran President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's re-election have sparked international attention towards all human rights conflicts in Iran. While the Baha'is firmly declare their beliefs prohibit

them from participating in politics or any form of political gatherings, they cannot help notice the turmoil currently afflicting Iranians — Baha'i, Muslim or anywhere in between.

By avoiding direct involvement in politics, local Baha'is are instead choosing to come together and push for the rights of their fellow believers. "On a personal level, talking about Iran right now is not going to do me any good," said Arzhang Youssefi, a Centreville resident who spent his last 37 years away from Iran teaching the principles of Baha'i and working with refugees. But Youssefi and the others do not shy away from politicians stepping forward and showing their support for Baha'i rights.

SO THESE LOCAL residents are preparing for July 11, when seven Baha'i leaders imprisoned for the past year will be sentenced on charges of "spreading corruption on earth," an indictment that is punishable by death in Iran. They are writing to Congress and asking for support on two resolutions, H.Res 175 and S.Res 71, that call for the release of these seven leaders and other imprisoned Baha'is.

Such persecution is no surprise to the men and women that left their homeland for the very same reasons. Still, they hold ultimate faith in the Baha'i religion that has shown them triumph and turmoil alike.

"If there is a power that will change this world," said Youssefi, "this is it."

"I've never gone back and I don't want to go back."

— Nahid Fakhri, Centreville resident

Like many persecuted before her, Mahboobi served the jail sentence for her dedication to the Baha'i faith. And like many persecuted before her, Mahboobi was given a bargain proposition: "If you become Muslim, you can save your life."

Mahboobi is not alone, Baha'i persecution in Iran has been happening for

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Between declining revenue because of the recession and the Virginia Supreme Court striking down the one significant transportation funding plan to come out of Richmond in the last decade, virtually all transportation projects in the state will now cease to exist.

There will be no money for intersection improvements, for widening roads, for bus lines, for filling potholes. No money for transit. Just no money.

If a project is currently under construction, or construction is about to be, it will continue. Otherwise there is no money in the pipeline.

This is a different kind of "no money" than the low-dollar budget that we have coped with in the past. A large jurisdiction like Fairfax County will see only about \$250,000 this year for secondary road construction, down to about a tenth of previous years.

In fact, Metrorail construction bringing rail through Tysons and out to Dulles Airport and the HOT-lanes construction underway on the Beltway are the only two major projects likely in the foreseeable future. Some federal money, some local money and increases on the Dulles toll road will pay for rail to Dulles construction. Federal money will also pay for improvements on the Fairfax County Parkway.

As for HOT-lanes, we suspect that many drivers stuck in traffic in the future will be surprised to discover that they can ride in newly added lanes for a steep toll of as much as \$1 a mile or more (\$14 or more for the trip from the American Legion Bridge to the Springfield interchange), and that the private company in

this public-private partnership will get to keep 100 percent of that toll money to finance the construction.

We are suffering from election fatigue too, and aren't ready to start in on the fact that every seat in the Virginia House of Delegates is on the ballot this November, along with state-wide races for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, plus some special elections and ballot issues.

But these races matter, and every voter should stand ready to make candidates talk

EDITORIALS

Expertise for Annual Community Guides

What would someone new to your town need to know? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, coming later this summer.

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

We invite citizens, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. 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.

about real solutions to real problems, including funding for real transportation spending, dedicated funding for Metro and congestion relief. Likely every candidate will talk about Virginia's ranking as the top state for business. But it's hard to argue that Virginia is open for business if it's economic engine, Northern Virginia, can't solve a single congestion chokepoint or add a busline to bring riders to new Metro stations.

— MARY KIMM

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Appreciates Support

To the Editor:

Thanks so much for all of you supporting our efforts on our big ride for multiple sclerosis on June 6 and 7, the MS-150 bike ride. Our adventures, as always, were definitely something to write home about well, maybe not.

Saturday dawned cool and clear. We actually were only an hour late. We historically are the last ones out of the gate due to a variety of malfunctions, mostly ourselves. At least we are consistent. Our S&K Long Riders team consisted of eight total riders; two of which were clients. In addition, my partner, Frank Stitely, my 20-year-old son, Philip, and my friends, Mike LaPlante, Bill Rice and Quentin Miller joined us to enjoy the festivities and the cause.

Our journey started at a new location, Meadowkirk Farms in Middleburg, Va. We had a beautiful view of the surrounding hillsides and enjoyed having this new base location for our camping sleepover.

We quickly joined into the pack of 800 riders, some of whom were experienced riders, most of whom were not. Our travels left the park and con-

tinued through Airmont, Upperville, Marshall and into The Plains for lunch. The MS folks have plenty of food and drink at the breaks, with our friends at the Corner Bakery providing a wonderful lunch at the halfway mark. After all the hills, we were ready for a nice nap in the shade following lunch to get our legs back (and our energy level).

The temperature stayed no higher than 80 both days and we didn't mind at all. It was almost perfect weather, a few clouds, a little breezy and great scenery. This time, unlike our previous time, my son didn't have any misadventures to shorten his trip. He had to ride the whole 63-mile loop with us. We finally dragged ourselves across the finish line about eight hours after we started.

Our second day provided more great weather, a 53-mile circuit, a few sore bottoms and aching muscles, and of course, more than a few challenging hills.

After a few celebratory congratulations to each other, we packed the bikes and headed for home with the ride and its adventures adding to our list of stories that get taller as the years go by.

Paul Karstetter, CPA
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Centreville Rotary Club Helps Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic

Meagan Ulrich (center), executive director of the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic in Herndon, accepts a donation check from Mary Ann Imgram (right), president of the Rotary Club of Centreville, joined by Wayne Chiles (left), assistant governor for Rotary District 7610.

The Rotary Club partnered with the Free Clinic to expand access to medical services for uninsured families in Centreville, as the club's District Simplified Grant project for this year. The Rotary funding provided van transport from Centreville to the clinic's Screening and Eligibility Health

Fair in April, as well as taxi vouchers for ongoing patient visits from Centreville to the clinic site in Herndon.

The Rotary Club will again be partnering with the Clinic to sponsor free school and sports physicals for uninsured children at a Centreville location on Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. The Rotary Club of Centreville meets every Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at Eggspectations in Chantilly; visitors and prospective members welcome. Visit www.jsfreeclinic.org or call 703-966-8168.

Kaine Attends Caputo Fund-Raiser

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) celebrated the start of summer with a fundraiser at the Sully Estates home of Lu Ann and Steve McNabb. Co-hosting the event were Nancy and Bruce Hutchison, and making a special appearance to show his support for Caputo's re-election campaign was Gov. Tim Kaine. Also attending were several state delegates, including Steve Shannon (D-35th), as well as state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33rd) and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill).

Addressing a crowd in the McNabbs' backyard, last Monday, June 22, Caputo listed some of his accomplishments in the General Assembly and thanked those who've helped him. He said, "It's a great job when you can improve the quality of life for Virginians," and he vowed to continue his quest to do just that.

"In the House of Delegates sometimes, we try to limit the rights of individuals, when we should be focusing on the big issues, such as transportation and education funding, as well as public safety and the environment," said Caputo. "And when we go back in January, we're going to dedicate ourselves to getting the funding we need."

He also said Virginia's lawmakers need to "stare



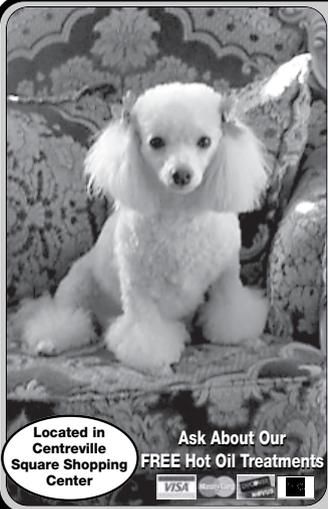
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From left are Gov. Tim Kaine, Del. Chuck Caputo and Jody Wagner, a candidate for lieutenant governor.

the NRA in the face and say we won't allow guns in public places and we will close the gun-show loophole. We need to get the House of Delegates to change because we cannot continue to operate in the current environment."

Lieutenant governor candidate Jody Wagner told attendees, "The 67th District is fortunate to have Chuck. Get out there and re-elect him because we need him in Richmond."

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The **Centreville Farmers Market** will be operating every Friday until Oct. 30 from 3:30-6 p.m. at 5885 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Vendors will change throughout the season.

Craft Vendors are needed for Centreville United Methodist Women's Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 6400 Old Centreville Road; contact psbyers@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Clifton 4th of July. At Clifton Town Park. 4 p.m. parade prep on Dell Ave., 4:30 p.m. parade, followed by potluck dinner at 5 p.m. in the park. The Clifton Betterment Association will provide hotdogs with fixins, beer, wine, cake and lemonade. There is a giant water slide, games for adults and kids. Contact Julie Thompson at 703-988-9289 or julgord8@aol.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

Sunset Tour. 5-7 p.m. Tour Sully Plantation, the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, Northern Virginia's first congressman, and uncle of Robert E. Lee. Tours begin every half hour with the last tour at 6:30 p.m. The tour cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$4 for seniors and children, and reservations are required by July 6. Sully is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly. Call Sully at 703-437-1794.

JULY 11-12

World War II Living History Weekend. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. At Sully Historic Site, meet

over 100 reenactors representing both Axis and Allied troops, and get an up-close look at what life was like for soldiers and civilians throughout the war. Interpreters will have authentic uniforms, equipment, weapons and vehicles, including a half-track tank, on display in their camps. Admission is \$7/adult, \$5/senior and child. World War II vets are admitted free of charge. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

TUESDAY/JULY 14

Rotary Meeting. 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Imgram at 703-966-8168.

JULY 15

Bike Rodeo. 5-8 p.m. Three, one-hour sessions at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. Bring your bike to be tuned up by the Fairfax County Police Bike Squad. Safety briefing and challenge the obstacle course. At Chantilly National Golf and Country Club, 14901 Braddock Road, Centreville.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Peterson's Ice Cream Depot Charity Fundraiser. 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at 7150 Main Street, Clifton. The Depot will donate a portion of its evening proceeds to The Bryce Foundation, a charitable organization dedicated to assisting pediatric oncology patients and their families. For more information on The Bryce Foundation, call 703-266-0146 or visit www.BryceFoundation.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Rotary Meeting. 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Speaker: Sahil Sinha, president of INO Solutions, on "The Digital Divide." Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Imgram at 703-966-8168.

JULY 23-26

Westfield High School "Summer Stage" presents the musical "Guys & Dolls" July 23, 24, 25 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. Order online reserved seating at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or call 703-488-6439 for more information. Tickets \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

Clifton Film Festival. 8:30 p.m. in Clifton Town Park. Submissions must be 3-10 minutes long from children ages 13-21. There is also a 21-and-up category. The films must be 2-5 minutes and the top two will be shown. \$25 entry fee. To participate, contact Dani: dani@cliftonfilmfest.com or visit <http://www.cliftonfilmfest.com>. \$5 admission to the festival. Rain date is Saturday, July 25.

TUESDAY/JULY 28

Rotary Meeting. 11.15 a.m. at Eggspectations, 5009 Westone Plaza, Chantilly, off Westfields Blvd. Speaker: Jennifer Rose, Northern Virginia Family Service, on "NVFS Training Futures Program." Prospective members and visitors welcome; \$12 lunch. Call Mary Ann Imgram at 703-966-8168.

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Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles is celebrating its 20th anniversary this summer. The staff commemorated the milestone during a recent Associate Appreciation Week, including honoring several charter employees — Vieann Mecke, Maria Pilar Martinez, Myphuong Tran and Kristen Harlow — for their loyal service. The Westfields Associate Celebration took place on the Sunset Terrace with food, beverages, music, prizes and awards. Westfields opened in 1989 and became a Marriott property in 1995. Most recently in 2008, the hotel and conference center underwent a \$10 million renovation that revamped the ballrooms, updated 40,000 square feet of meeting space, and refurbished the guest rooms to include luxurious bedding and convenient plug-in technology.

BUSINESS NOTES

Apple Federal Credit Union's 8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament raised \$30,000 on the green, June 8, for the American Cancer Society. Proceeds earned will benefit cancer research, educational programs and patient services provided by ACS, a cause for which Apple and the Apple FCU Education Foundation have raised more than \$185,000 since the tournament's inception.

Forty-eight area sponsors, including Apple FCU, and more than 110 players were lured to the links at Pleasant Valley Golf Club in Chantilly for one common goal, to take a swing at cancer. Tournament registration, mulligan sales, putting contest sales and 50/50 raffle tickets were just a few of the event's fundraisers.

On July 13, a New York restaurateur couple will open **Trummer's On Main**, formerly the Hermitage Inn Restaurant, located on Clifton's Main Street.

Stefan and Victoria Trummer have relocated to Victoria's hometown to start the business. They come with a collective service, food and beverage background comprised of Citarella Restaurant, Bouley, 'upstairs' at Bouley, Masa, Restaurant RM and Compass in New York. Stefan's mixology will also play a part; a skill honed for years as a consultant for 202 Restaurant and Ultra Club in New York, L2 Lounge in Georgetown, DC, and Hangar 7 in Austria, his native country.

The executive chef role will be filled by Clayton Miller, offering creative American cuisine in the form of such dishes as Vanilla Braised Pork Brisket with Rhubarb and Cherry Leaf and Sake Poached Loup de Mer with Matsutake Mushrooms, Jerusalem Artichoke and Tamarind. The restaurant will be open Monday through Sunday for dinner; Sunday brunch (11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.); Lounge (Monday-Saturday 5 p.m.-12 a.m.). Located at 7134 Main Street,




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NEWS

Fairfax County Out of Road Money

If the project is not already under construction, it probably won't happen anytime soon.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Virginia allocated such a small amount of funding for new secondary road construction projects in Fairfax County this year that the money would barely cover the cost of installing one single traffic signal in the locality, according to officials.

The Virginia Department of Transportation awarded Fairfax about \$240,000 for all new secondary road construction, about 2.5 percent of the \$ 11 million the county received for the same purpose last year.

"A fairly minor signal? Yes, [\$240,000] might cover it. But some traffic signals cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to put in," said Kathy Ichter, director of Fairfax County's Department of Transportation.

In most of the past decade, the commonwealth has given Fairfax between \$20 million and \$30 million annually for secondary road construction. At the time, elected officials and county staff said that amount of money was grossly inadequate to meet Fairfax's needs.

But the shortfalls of years past pale in comparison to what the county could face in the future. Virginia officials have told Ichter to expect Fairfax's funding for new secondary road construction could remain at about \$240,000 per year or lower for the foreseeable future.

"Over the next two to three years, people may not notice it

because we have projects underway that have been in the pipeline for awhile and are already funded. After that, the difference is going to be substantial," said Ichter.

IN FAIRFAX, secondary roads are hardly secondary. The term applies to everything from the local, neighborhood cul de sac to major thoroughfares like Braddock and Rolling roads.

For example, with the exception of Route 123, nearly every street and corridor in the Springfield District is a "secondary road," ac-

Officials halted plans to widen parts of Rolling Road, Telegraph Road, Richmond Highway and Route 7 outside the Capital Beltway over the new few years. No money is available for interchange construction at Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Neuman Street, Franconia-Springfield Parkway and Interstate 95 or Franconia Road and South Van Dorn Street, according to Ichter.

"There are roads that have been included in the secondary program since 1986 and now there is no hope of getting them built in the short term," she said.

LACK OF "secondary road" construction funding could also impact much of the plans to redevelop Tysons Corner and other parts of northern Fairfax County around the new Metrorail extension. According to Ichter, there will be no state money to expand the number

of bus routes or increase service on existing bus lines, even if passengers at the new Metro stations demand it.

There will also be no state money available to assist with developing a grid of streets or installing more pedestrian and bicycle paths in Tysons Corner, where the county hopes to create a more urban landscape, said Ichter.

"I think this will absolutely affect every resident. ... In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done," she said.

Due to the budget shortfall, the Virginia Department of Transportation is also unlikely to mow street medians and the public space along the side of many county roads, except in those areas the long grass poses a safety hazard for drivers.

IN SOME CASES, new transportation projects are moving forward because the federal or local government stepped in to fill the financial gap.

Federal stimulus money will allow construction of the final phase of the Fairfax County Parkway and a new interchange at the intersection of the Fairfax County Parkway,

"In two or three years, when we have no new money coming in, it is going to be extremely difficult to get even basic new work done."

— Kathy Ichter, director,
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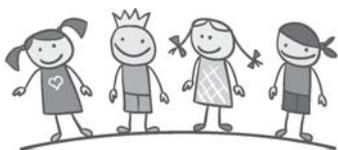
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Amanda Ledig, the daughter of Kathryn and Robert Ledig of Oak Hill, was honored at the Macalester College Honors Convocation May 15. Ledig is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School Science & Technology. She was junior at Macalester last spring and was inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society.

Allison Heinz of Paul VI Catholic High School has been selected for and has chosen to attend this summer's residential Governor's School at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, July 5-Aug. 1. Each summer, 400 students who have exhibited exceptional ability in their particular discipline are invited to participate in the Governor's School for Humanities and Visual and Performing Arts.

A project proposed by Daniel Saboe of Centreville was chosen for the inaugural round of funding from the Jefferson Public Citizens program at the University of Virginia.

Saboe, the son of Joe and Beth Saboe and a graduate of Centreville High School, is a third-year student at U.Va. majoring in civil engineering.

In their project, Saboe and four other students will work in collaboration with the group, Students Helping Honduras and the Universidad Tecnológica de Honduras to set up self-sufficient Internet kiosks in three small villages in Honduras. By teaching computer literacy classes and working closely with the people, the students hope to ensure that this project is sustainable and will promote rural development and result in positive socio-economic change.

Virginia Tech student Natalie

Mutchler of Centreville won a \$1,000 scholarship for winning the "Baskerville Studio" competition during the spring semester. "Baskerville Studio" allows the students to design (conceptually) a project on a real piece of land — a library in Blacksburg. It's the first time the students have been given a project where they will have to work constructively, including meeting codes, fire safety, questions of the structure and a bit of budgeting, among other things.

Vianney Torres, a 2009 graduate of Centreville High School, is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from Alpha Delta Kappa, Virginia Iota Chapter for the coming year, 2009-2010. Each applicant must be a female, graduating senior, desiring to attend college to pursue a field in education or some specialized field of the teaching profession. Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism and world understanding.

Dave A. George of Chantilly, a senior majoring in business information technology in the Pamplin College of Business, was one of 127 Hokie Ambassadors who volunteered for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Virginia Tech during the 2008-09 academic year. Hokie Ambassadors are student tour guides who show prospective students and their families around the Virginia Tech campus.

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Centreville High's Class of 1999 is holding its 10-year class reunion on Oct. 10 at the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria. Go to www.greatreunions.com. Or call 800-655-7971.

Paul VI High School's Class of 1989 is holding its 20-year reunion on Oct. 24 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Hyatt Fair Lakes. Call Capital Reunions at 703-266-6702 or go to www.capitalreunions.com.

Chantilly High's Class of 1989 is holding its 20-year reunion on Oct. 3 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Hyatt Fair Lakes. Call Capital Reunions at 703-266-6702 or go to www.capitalreunions.com.

Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be 5 years old by Sept. 30, 2009 and live within the school's boundaries. Boundary information can be accessed at www.fcps.edu/boundary/. If you have a child who meets these requirements call Mrs. Nolan at 703-227-3500. Visit <http://www.fcps.edu/start.htm>

For more information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

Centreville United Methodist Church will hold Music Camp from Aug. 10-14 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Children in grades 2-6 (2009-2010 school year) are invited to attend and will enjoy a Christmas in August theme. The campers will learn and perform the musical "Radio J-O-Y!" Registration forms can be found on the church Web site www.centreville-umc.org. Registration is \$20 per child with a \$50 family maximum. Contact the church office at 703-830-2684.

The Ekoji Buddhist Temple, located at 6500 Lake Haven Lane in Fairfax Station will hold its 27th annual Obon Festival Saturday, July 11, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. Festival activities include Japanese folk dancing, taiko drumming performed by Nen Daiko, a candle illumination ceremony, kid's games and crafts, and traditional Japanese food dishes. Temple tours and short lectures on Buddhism will be held during the festival. Attendance is free and food and

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Westfield's Datta Re-Careers

A standout tennis player at WHS, Sam Datta takes his love of boxing to another level.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

Seated in the front row for a boxing match at ABC Sports Complex in Springfield, Sam Datta's friends wondered why they were invited. Datta was sparring for the first time and his friends weren't exactly looking for a souvenir to commemorate the occasion.

That's not to say they didn't get one anyway.

Less than two minutes into his career as an amateur boxer, Datta's opponent landed a solid shot to his nose. The blood started gushing and enough so, apparently, to make its way to the front row of seats. After the fight, Datta approached his friends and realized what had happened.

No wonder that Susan Datta, Sam's mother, has never seen her son fight.

"I don't give her a hard time, but I know that everyone's mom is the exact same way," Sam Datta said. "I've seen very few moms in the stands at fights. And if they are there, their heads are usually turned away. So I can completely understand that."

"Boxing is definitely a safe sport, but there's a potential for something to go wrong. ... And I know that she wouldn't want to see that."

Since starting his boxing career at age 15, Datta, a former standout tennis player at Westfield, has tossed aside his racket in favor of boxing. And when he left home to attend James Madison University after graduating from high school in 2008, Datta immediately found a gym there — the Staunton Boxing Club. Working with the gym's owner, Bruce Frank, Datta has started to perfect his craft, winning the 152-pound Virginia/North Carolina championship at the Golden Gloves tournament in Virginia Beach back in March.

BELIEVE IT or not, the sports are actually intertwined more than people think. Although nobody has ever tried to clock Datta while he was lining up a serve, the one-on-one competition is what drives him to succeed in both.

"Both sports are really tough

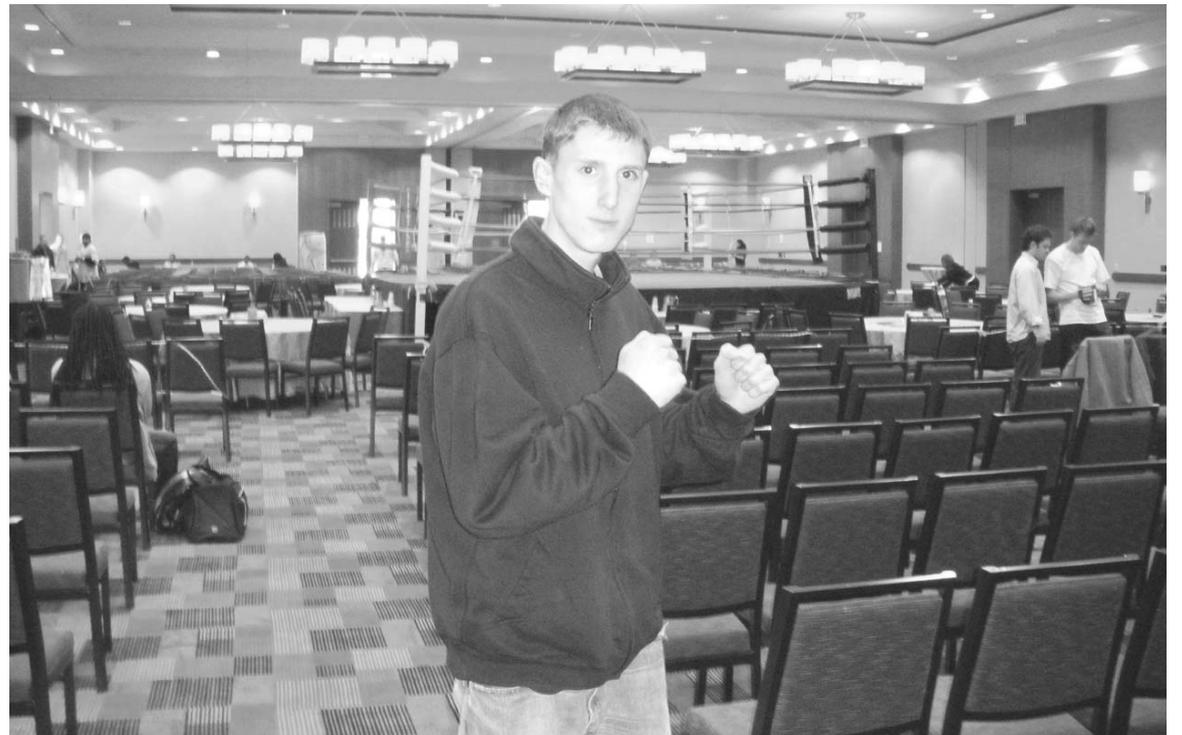


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Back in March, Westfield graduate Sam Datta won the 152-pound Virginia/North Carolina division at the Golden Gloves boxing tournament in Virginia Beach.

because it's just you and there's nobody else that you can put anything on," Datta said. "If you have a bad day, it's your fault and no one else's."

In fact, boxing was a large part of Andre Agassi's family. His father, Mike Agassi, was a boxer and represented Iran — under his original, yet-to-be-Americanized name,

Emmanuel Agassi — in the 1948 and 1952 Summer Olympics.

Matt Datta never boxed. He has, though, always been a fan of the sport. And when his son came to him and said that he'd like to learn how to defend himself, it was dad's job to make sure he did what was right for his son.

So Matt Datta sought out Han

Kim, whom he had read an article about in Centre View. Kim owned House of Champions and had a reputation for developing amateur boxers. About six months into his training there, Sam Datta had another idea; sparring, he thought, looked like fun.

"Of course his mom said, 'No way,'" Matt Datta joked.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Win Eludes Sully

In an NVSL matchup with the visiting Fairfax Frogs on Saturday, June 27, Sully Station lost, 222-180. However, the team's U-8 girls' squad commanded sweeps in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Sully Station also got a win from the U-8 girls' freestyle relay team of Payton Moore, Allison Hickey, Shelly Kehoe and Elise Mozeleski. Michael Smith, Austin Figueroa and Michael McPherson, members of the 13-14-year-old boys' division, swept their age group in breaststroke. The 9-10 boys' freestyle team of Carl Gerland, Arun Maran, Dominic Huffman and Harrison White were also victorious. The 13-14 boys' 100 medley team (Michael McPherson, Michael Smith, Corey Calhoun and Brandon Fiala) won, as did the 15-18 boys' team of Jake Humphrey, C.J. Fiala, Richard Xue and Josh Hahn. Sully Station got its final win with the mixed-age relay team of Collin Fiala, Huffman, Brandon Fiala and Humphrey. Sully Station travels to Fox Mill Woods on July 4.

Recording-Setting Piranhas

The Sully Station II Piranhas won their first meet of the season against Country Club Hills, 254-148, on Saturday, June 27. The Piranhas posted 65 personal-best times, won nine straight relays — 10 of

12 overall — and set three team records. Breaking records were the U-8 boys' freestyle relay team of Brody Campbell, Allan Beres, Kellen Campbell and Flynn Crisci, the 13-14 boys' 100 medley lineup of Kevin Jiang, Andrew Kwon, Ian Harkes and Ben Wu and the 15-18 boys' 200 medley squad of Tyler Munger, Matthew Pangman, Eric Schulze and Alex Sullivan. Furthermore, Crisci, Carly Logan, Jack Jiang, Carli Molano, Erin Schulte, Kwon and Munger all won two events apiece.

Practice Pays Off

The ManorGate Marlins have been working extra hard during their practices and it showed in their Saturday home meet on June 27 against Chinquapin. Each of the Marlins pushed to surpass their personal-best times and swept 14 races. With a final score of 361-83, the Marlins are pushing to beat all of their records for this year.

SYA Registration

Southwestern Youth Association fall registration is now available online at www.syasports.org. Register early to assure placement on a team and avoid late fees. Registration is available for the following sports: Babe Ruth baseball, softball, baseball and T-ball, soccer, football, field hockey, track and field, cheerleading and lacrosse.



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With a 52-33 win over Loudoun Triple Threat, the Fairfax Bulldogs U-12 boys' basketball team won the Battle of Balls Bluff tournament for a second consecutive year. The Bulldogs were led by All-Tournament players Evan Gray, Zach Hess and Dillon Lopynski. Pictured are (front row, from left): Lopynski, Zachary Sheahan, Joe Katchmark and Hess; (back row) coach Steve Katchmark, Amar Taifour, Gray, Sean Thompson, Patrick Lawless, David Little, Michael Fox, Owen Glowacki and coach Jon Hess.

Out of Money

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Fair Lakes Parkway and Monument Drive. County government is using some of its own revenue for Telegraph Road improvements in anticipation of a change in traffic patterns when several new jobs move to the Fort Belvoir military base.

Under Virginia law, state transportation funding must be used for maintenance before capacity enhancements and new construction. So, a general lack of transportation funding coupled with the rising cost of Virginia's road maintenance has resulted in fewer dollars for new transportation projects. Several sources of revenues specifically dedicated to transportation, including the sales tax and fees associated with car purchases, have also declined in the recent recession.

Nearly all elected officials have said that more transportation funding is needed, particularly in heavily congested areas like Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads. But state government officials, including the governor and Virginia General Assembly members, have been unable to reach a compromise on how to address the problem.

For the most part, Republicans in the General Assembly have been unwilling to raise taxes to assist with transportation needs. In general, Democrats have been unwilling to divert money from other state programs like education and public safety to solve transportation issues if taxes or fees are not increased to address the problem.

The closest the state government has come finding a transportation solution was in 2007, when a bill with new transportation funding mechanisms passed out of the Virginia General Assembly.

The bill passed the responsibility for raising revenue off to local governments, like the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and regional bodies, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.

But the Virginia Supreme Court declared the 2007 transportation bill unconstitutional, stating that regional entities made up of appointed members, like the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, do not have the power to impose taxes on residents.

Since then, Republicans and Democrats in the state government have been in a deadlock, unable to find common ground over how to solve the transportation crisis. Without resolution, the revenue has dwindled.

In several ways, Fairfax County's hands are tied, even if the supervisors wanted to raise their own revenue for transportation.

The Virginia General Assembly has put several restrictions on types of taxes and revenues the Fairfax supervisors are able to implement. They are mostly limited to adjusting the local real estate tax rate.

Herrity has suggested Fairfax County use some of its bonding authority to find extra money for transportation projects. But using the county's bond capacity for transportation would mean there are fewer dollars for Fairfax's other priorities, including school building construction and renovation, said other supervisors.

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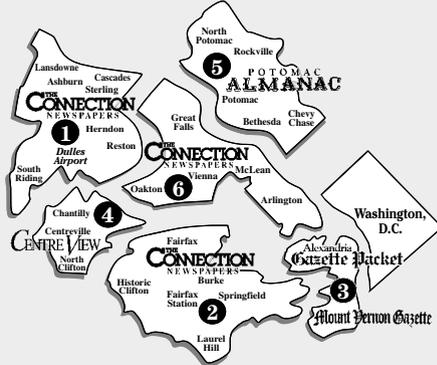
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"Opera News;" Who New?



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

As a currently-receiving-treatment cancer patient, I am often sitting in a medical-related office/facility somewhere either waiting for an appointment with a doctor, for some kind of scan/diagnostic procedure, lab work, prescription drug refill, etc. And as most people know — and likely have experienced — these waits can vary from minutes to hours.

Being prepared to fill this time is a prudent and practical step to take. Unfortunately, other than carrying my cell phone and my appointment book, I rarely do. As a consequence, if calls are not being made — or received — or notes not already written, I am left to fend for myself, you might say, in order to pass the time. And by fending, I really mean scrounging, as in looking around at the various tables, chairs, shelves, counters, etc., for something, anything, to read.

Most often, there is ample material to be found. Being able to actually read what's available though is another thing. The condition — and timeliness — of these magazines leaves a lot to be desired and may even leave a little to the imagination. Of the many magazines scattered about: Time, Newsweek, US Weekly, People, Sports Illustrated, as a few examples, most are out of date; in fact, One New Yorker Magazine had a Sept. '07 Issue date. In addition, the general condition of many of these magazines made them almost unreadable: front and/or back covers missing or torn; inside pages also missing and/or torn; many of the pages shredded, yellowed, stained, written on and some with corners bent and curled; less than ideal circumstances for someone who came ill-prepared to wait, needing something marginally stimulating to pass the time, time which needs to be filled two to three times per week on average.

Occasionally, I do find magazines that are not so difficult to read, shall I say. And during a recent visit, after encountering the normal appointment delay and magazine mayhem, I did notice one magazine that appeared by its cover's condition, to have been barely touched by human hands so I picked it up: "Opera News" was its title. And not that I know too much about the difference between "Opera News" and Oprah news (although now I know that they both have magazines), but I had never heard — or seen about the former, though I've certainly heard about — and seen — the latter.

Aside from the content (which was totally unfamiliar to me), it was the condition and publication date of the magazine that caught my eye. The condition was hot-off-the-press perfect and its publication date was the week of the month on which I found myself sitting and waiting. Of all the magazines strewn about whose content I might have had a passing-the-time interest in reading (most of which were fairly — or unfairly — unreadable as I've previously described), the one magazine that was the most physically readable and the most current was the magazine that I was least interested in reading, content-wise.

Under my present health circumstances, I can't exactly characterize this sort of irony as a cruel trick, but I can see its use a fodder for a column. Perhaps for my next appointment, I'll be better prepared to sit and wait because I expect little will change, other than me, that is.

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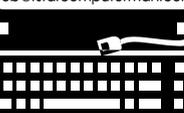
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Jessica Marie Brown and Heath Ellington

Brown, Ellington Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Jr. of Clifton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Marie, to Heath Thomas Ellington, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellington, also of Clifton. A February wedding is planned.

Miss Brown is a 2001 graduate of Centreville High School. She received a bachelor of science in athletic training from Wingate University in 2005 and is certified as an athletic trainer. She is currently employed as an operations manager with Pool Pros, Inc. in Northern Virginia.

Mr. Ellington is a 1995 graduate of Flint Hill School and received a bachelor of business administration in hospitality and tourism from James Madison University in 2000. He is currently employed as a program analyst with Northrup Grumman.

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Army Sgt. Craig Bolin, son of Major (Ret.) Stephen and Bonnie Huneke of Centreville and the late CW3 Billy Bolin, will be home in the coming weeks for his R&R leave. He graduated from Basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia, in January of 2006. This is his second tour of duty in Iraq as an Infantry soldier. He is serving with the 2-5 Reg of the 1st Cavalry Division based out of Ft Hood in Texas. Bolin is a 2004 graduate of Westfield High School in Chantilly.



Christopher McDowell and Julia Roderique

Roderique, McDowell Are Engaged

John and Dawn Roderique of Clifton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julia, to Christopher McDowell, son of James and Lynette McDowell of Springfield.

Julia is a 1999 graduate of Centreville High School and a 2003 graduate of The George Washington University where she earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and entrepreneurship. She is employed as an account director for Williams Whittle, an advertising agency located in Old Town Alexandria. She also performs the viola professionally with the Cherry Blossom String Quartet.

Chris is a 1997 graduate of West Springfield High School in Springfield and a 2001 graduate of James Madison University where he earned a bachelor's degree in studio art with a minor in graphic design. He is employed as a senior programmer analyst with ATSC, an IT services company in Arlington, and coaches freshman football at West Springfield High School. A January 2010 wedding is planned in Centreville.

Genius is the gold in the mine; talent is the miner that works and brings it out.

—Marguerite Blessington

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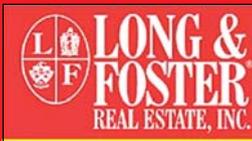
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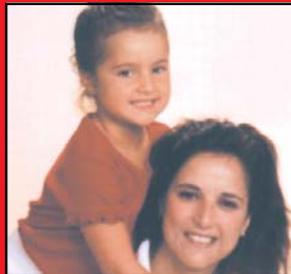
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Centreville Virginia Run

Three finished level 5 BR/4.5 BA center hall brick Colonial w/grand 2-story foyer and curved staircase. Main level owner's suite w/separate sitting room. Finished lower level with bonus room, full bath, 2nd FP, built-in masonry wet bar & exercise room. **\$650,000**



Chantilly

Affordable two-level 2 BR, 1 BA townhome in close-in Chantilly neighborhood of Brookleigh. Features fenced in rear yard with access to parking, convenient commuting location and walking distance to shopping, restaurants & more. New paint & carpet throughout. Kitchen recently re-done. It sparkles! **\$129,000**



Reston

NOT a Short Sale or Foreclosure!! Well kept home with many recent improvements-roof replaced, along with hardwood flooring, windows, carpeting, tile foyer, kitchen & breakfast, etc. Ralph Lauren textured painting throughout. Mature trees surround the deck and common area. Seller is providing a 1 year home warranty for the buyer. **\$345,000**



Fairfax

Wonderful Farrercroft subdivision in Historic Fairfax City with walking paths to shops, restaurants and new library. This lovely Courtyard home features one full bath for each bedroom on upper level and one full bath on lower finished level along with den, office, & recreation room. Other features include hardwood floors on main level, gourmet kit, 2-story fam room w/FP wall of windows, w/o to patio. **\$815,000**



Great Opportunity in City of Falls Church.

A lot of house for the money. Sunny interior with hardwood floors, updated bath on main and upper level, big eat in kitchen with separate breakfast room, French doors to family room addition, upper level has 2 bedrooms & full bath, main level bedroom, large lot with 2 car garage, full basement, partial finished. **\$575,000**



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