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Herndon Man Killed In Chantilly Car Crash

A 56-year-old man was operating a 2007 Ford Taurus east on Lees Corner Road near Centreville Road on Monday, June 29, around 4:30 p.m. He allegedly became distracted while looking at directions, drifted off the road and struck a tree head-on. The 51-year-old passenger was not wearing a seat belt. Both occupants were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. The passenger, Robin Adnamateros, of 415 Picket Lane in Herndon was pronounced dead a short time later. The driver's condition remains non life-threatening.

Detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit were on scene and the investigation continues. Charges are pending. Neither speed nor alcohol is believed to be a factor in this crash.

This is the 16th fatal crash in Fairfax County this year. At this time last year, there had been nine fatal crashes reported in the county.



Celebrating July 4th

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Franklin Farm Froggers's '2008 Young Gunz' form a flag for Fourth of July swim meet's National Anthem. They will be doing it again Saturday, July 4, at 8 a.m., at the Still Pond Pool in Franklin Farms Oak Hill/Herndon.

Sober Ride on Fourth of July

More than 40 percent of traffic deaths on Independence Day are alcohol related. Here in Northern Virginia, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer a "SoberRide" program to help keep possible drunk drivers off the road.

Most people celebrating the Fourth of July will make plans to celebrate at home, to celebrate without alcohol or to have a designated driver in place when it is

time to get home.

But for those who find themselves without an alternative, WRAP will offer a free taxi ride home, so there is no excuse for driving under the influence.

For 12 hours beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 4 and continuing until 4 a.m. July 5, residents may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 50 fare), safe way home.

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Charity's Giveaway Gets Rushed

Nation Children Inc.'s stock of food, children's items wiped out in a few hours.

By the time volunteers from Nation Children Inc. opened the doors of the community center at Lake Anne for the nonprofit organization's summer giveaway, 150 people were already lined up to get in, said Esther Afia Armah, the group's executive programs director. "It was a rush."

Anyone in need could show up for free food, children's clothing, books and toys, although many had been referred by social services. The Friday, June 26 event was scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., but the food was gone by about 1 p.m., and at 3 p.m., volunteers were folding up tables and preparing to leave.

"Everything is finished. That means there are people in the community needing help," Armah said. She said people had come not only from Reston but also from Herndon, Chantilly, Loudoun County and even Washington, D.C.

Nation Children started in Baltimore and has its Northern Virginia office in Herndon. The organization conducts two major giveaways each year, one before Thanksgiving



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Friday's charity outreach event, like all Nation Children efforts, was staged by volunteers. From left, standing, are Swathi Mogili of Reston, Joyce Boateng of Herndon, Vivian Nguyen of Aldie and Melisa Melendez of Herndon. Seated is Nation Children director Esther Afia Armah of Reston.

and one in early summer, in order to provide seasonally appropriate clothing. Armah said the event was especially helpful to people waiting to get on food stamps, which takes about a month.

She said organizers would like to offer more giveaways but lack the resources to do so. "We don't get as much support as we would wish," she said. Nation Children takes donations and receives food from the food bank, but its five directors pay many of its expenses out-of-pocket.

A professional artist, Armah helped to found the organization in 2001, when she lived in Baltimore, as an arts program for poor children with special needs. She soon decided she wanted to help the children's families to care for them and got some friends on board to help fund charity efforts. In 2003, she moved to Reston, and she opened the office in Herndon three years ago.

The organization hosts art programs at the Lake Anne Community Center from spring through fall, "and it's free for every

child that wants to do it," Armah said. "We're coming out with one program that allows children to sell their artwork and keep the money." That program will begin in November and will also be run out of the community center. "We're very grateful to RCC [Reston Community Center] because they don't charge us anything for using their premises," Armah said.

The Herndon office also provides some emergency food and clothing year-round, outside of the semi-annual events.

In response to the recession, Nation Children has also started a program that connects laid-off domestic workers to customers who need housework or yard work done. The service is free, although any customer who wants the organization to conduct a background check on a potential employee will have to pay for it.

On Aug. 29, the group will stage the Just Walk fund raiser in Reston, which will raise money for the Embry Rucker Community Shelter.

— MIKE DICICCO

Herndon Prepares for Metrorail

Town Council discusses Metrorail Station study.

BY ANNA MCCORMALLY
THE CONNECTION

On Tuesday, June 23, a special work session of the Herndon Town Council met to discuss a study that will be conducted on the area around the proposed Herndon-Monroe Metrorail Station. The station is part of the yet unfunded Phase 2 of the Dulles Metro Silver Line project. The north side of the station will be within the Town of Herndon corporate limits, and the study will focus on the potential changes in land use in a quarter to half-mile radius around the station as well as the impact the station will have on the surrounding area in terms of traffic. The town has allocated \$120,000 for the study.

During the session, the Town Council discussed what should be included in the study. Their suggestions were noted in order for the Community Development staff to get a sense of what should go into their draft of a Request for Proposal for the study. Director of Community Development Elizabeth Gilleran composed a memorandum and gave a PowerPoint presentation with aspects the Town Council might want to consider.

"As you know," Gilleran said, "the more detailed you want the study to be, the higher the cost of the study will be."

She suggested that potential changes in land use, details on infrastructure capacity, and traffic analyses could all be factors to be taken into account by the study.

TRAFFIC turned out to be a major concern. The Town Council discussed whether or not to plan on including a CORSIM model in the study, that is, an animated traffic simulation that would be a major cost item.

Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis said that while it would be expensive, traffic analysis was critical. "I want to know we're not going to end up with all day traffic," he said.

Council member Connie Haines Hutchinson suggested that some data from a 2001 traffic survey could be combined with new data and used to make predictions about traffic, to lower costs.

Redevelopment feasibility for the area around the Metrorail Station emerged as a topic of interest to the Town Council. In the Herndon 2030 Comprehensive Plan, land was designated for the Metrorail Station Urban Development Area. The question now is how densely the land could be developed while still keeping with both the

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Herndon Men Survive Plane Crash

Small plane carrying two men crashes near Manassas airport.

Two Herndon men were injured on the evening of Friday, June 26 in a plane crash near the Manassas Regional Airport. Shortly after 5 p.m., Virginia State Police were called to the crash scene, which was about half a mile from the airport.

The fixed-wing aircraft had just taken off at 4:47 p.m. when the pilot told police, he began to experience problems with the plane. As he attempted to return to the airport, the plane, a 1991

Glasair 3, began to lose altitude and then crashed into a wooded area.

The pilot, Robert S. Vachon, and his passenger, Ronald Mangas, both 24-year-old Herndon residents, were flown by Virginia State Police Med-Flight helicopter to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of serious injuries. "From time to time, we do have survivors in aviation accidents," said State Police spokeswoman Corinne Geller, noting that another Virginia man had recently survived a helicopter crash.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) are investigating the cause of the crash.

On Monday, Inova spokeswoman Susan Tulino said Mangas was listed as being in stable condition, but she said Vachon did not appear on the hospital's directory of patients. She said she wasn't sure whether this was because he had been released or for other reasons.

— MIKE DICICCO

No Money Fairfax County to receive on \$250,000 for secondary road construction.

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 statewide 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

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.

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.

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

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beefing Up Protections

To the Editor:

Stormwater management and safety are the highest priorities for VDOT and its private partners on the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project. While the project had an extensive stormwater management program in place, some areas were overtaxed by the heavy and almost daily thunderstorms in recent weeks. That's why VDOT and its private partners have launched new environmental protections to address recent stormwater management concerns along the 14-mile corridor.

New additional systems are now in place to ensure protection during future rain events to include: reinforced silt fences, deeper sediment traps, additional rock check dams, more slope drains and re-stabilization of excavated slopes and embankments. These tools will be used to control sediment, prevent erosion and protect the surrounding environment.

In addition to these stormwater control mechanisms, the HOT

Lanes project staff will also conduct more comprehensive environmental inspections, including daily monitoring and bi-weekly quality assurance by an independent environmental inspection team. Our new Field Environmental Action Team (FEAT) will provide beefed-up staffing to walk the entire work zone keeping a focused eye on ensuring environmental compliance and protection.

The project team is also advancing the installation of permanent stormwater control structures to provide further protection and eliminate the need for temporary control measures.

Larry O. Cloyed, PMP
VDOT Sr. Project Manager

Never Leave Child Alone in a Car

To the Editor:

On Saturday June 20, yet another child died of hyperthermia when left alone in a parked car. April Knight, 2, lived in Kentucky,

and at the beginning of summer is already the 13th child in the U.S. to die in a hot vehicle this year.

How can we be sure this does not happen to the children and families in our own community?

The truth is summer may be a fun time of year, but it can present difficult, sometimes dangerous challenges for parents. From inconveniences like bug bites to tragedies like drowning and death, children themselves are often unaware of these issues or too young to understand. Fortunately, many of these accidents are preventable. As parents, babysitters and caregivers, it's our job to ensure that every child remains safe and healthy in the coming months. Taking a few moments to be aware of these situations is a small sacrifice to make for our children's wellbeing.

Parents might leave their children alone in a vehicle if they want to avoid waking a sleeping baby or getting the child out of and back into a car seat. But a child can get overheated quickly — it only takes 10 minutes for a car's temperature to increase 19 degrees Fahrenheit. Long lines or a broken register can

make a quick trip in the store unexpectedly longer; meanwhile, the vehicle is growing warmer. This and countless other safety issues for children in parked or running vehicles are very real and very dangerous. A child should never be left alone in a car.

Parenting can be tough at times, and summer safety issues pose a special challenge. Luckily, resources are available dedicated to helping parents make the season both fun and safe. Visit the Parent Resource Center on Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia's Web site at www.scanva.org and look for the feature on summer safety. Reading through tips on children in cars, preventing sunburns, water safety, finding supervision and other topics in our summer safety section is an easy way to increase your knowledge and prepare for this season. Take time to learn more now, and keep summer the fun-filled time it should be for you and your children.

Diane Charles
Executive Director
SCAN of Northern Virginia

Team 116 group shot, outside the west wing of the White House, with Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes.



CONTRIBUTED

Herndon High Robotics Team Recognized at White House

Ten members of the Herndon High School Robotics Team were invited to the White House last week to celebrate the 37th anniversary of Title IX legislation. The students, Mary Brady, Katie Cleveland, Amy Frankhouser, Allie Grimes, Megan Lavery, Page Lightner, Jessica Nicholson, M. J. Sowder, Sara Sowder and Rachel Wallis, were recognized at the celebration. Title IX, enacted in 1972, provided equal access to not only athletic programs but also career education, scholarships and the science, math and technology disciplines.

As part of the celebration, a round table discussion by the White House Council on Women and Girls took place. During opening comments, panelist Joyce Winterton, NASA assistant administrator for education, highlighted the activities of the Herndon students for taking part in a competitive team activity that involves male and female students equally while providing the positive benefits of academics and teamwork for all students. The students met U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, White House senior advisor Valerie Jarrett, tennis legend Billie Jean King and Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes.

Metrorail Scenarios Studied

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wishes of the community and the capabilities of Herndon.

"I think the first and foremost thing we need from this study is infrastructure capacity," said Hutchinson. She argued that the Town Council needs to be cognizant of what the town could handle in terms of higher densities.

Council member David A. Kirby voiced another concern about the high-density area that might develop around the Metrorail Station. He said that it would benefit the town to redevelop Herndon's downtown area, and he was concerned that the newly dense area around the Herndon-Monroe station would take away from it.

"I don't want it [downtown Herndon] to become a ghost town," he said.

"2027: A Vision for the Town of Herndon" put forward a goal of connecting Herndon's businesses and residents to the rest of the world through transit-oriented

development, a synergism between land use and transit that emphasized pedestrian accessibility.

"That appears to be coming," said Gilleran.

TRANSIT-ORIENTED development has the benefit of reducing automobile use, a concern in this age of high gas prices and global warming, as well as promoting walkable neighborhoods that are connected by accessible public transportation.

Gilleran included three scenarios in her presentation, saying more could be added and some could be removed.

"When you add a scenario, you add money," Gilleran said. The three scenarios she included were one in which the area was developed according to the zoning that already exists, a second where the allowable density was increased south of the Herndon Parkway near the rail station and a third with two areas of progressively increased density near the rail station.

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Summer with Books in Herndon

Young readers 'read around the world' in the Herndon Fortnightly Library's summer program.

By ANNA McCORMALLY
THE CONNECTION

On June 22, the Herndon Fortnightly Library kicked off its summer reading program with its first of the summer's weekly programs: Peter McCory, the One-Man Band.

Ninety-four children and their parents came to the event, in which McCory performed fun children's songs and gave them an opportunity to dance and sing along. He connected the program to reading.

"What do you need to know in order to read a book?" McCory asked his audience. "The ABC's." He sang the ABC song along with the children.

The summer reading program is countywide.

"It's great entertainment for the little ones. ... It's a great free activity," said Sondra Eklund, the youth services manager at the Herndon Fortnightly Library.

CHILDREN of all ages can sign up for the program throughout the summer. In 2008, 1,421 signed up at Herndon, and 53,834 total participated in Fairfax County.

"They can do it from birth to 12th grade," Eklund said. "We sign the kids up and keep track of how many books they've read."

To complete the program, younger children must read, or have read to them, 15 books over the course of the summer. Older participants must read eight. Participants who meet the required number of books are rewarded at the end of the summer with a coupon book. Of the 1,421 young readers that signed up at Herndon last summer, 868 finished the program.

Herndon resident Rachel Delmontagne, 13, has participated in the program for several years. This summer, she is volunteering at the library, signing others up for the program.

"I usually do it every summer," she said, of the reading program. "I like to do it when there's an incentive to read — to get the coupons."

For Eklund, one of the important parts of the program is showing children that reading isn't just something one does for school or because it's mandatory.

"It's about getting the kids to read in the summer and connecting it [reading] with fun," she said. That's done through the weekly programs like the One-Man Band, and other details that keep it entertaining for children. At the sign-up desk, the library offered games to be played, in which participants had a chance to guess how many puff-balls were stuffed into a jar to win a prize. They could also put stickers on a series of maps to show where they were from and see where others were from as well.

"They put a blue sticker where they were born," Eklund said, pointing to the maps that were posted around the library's main staircase. "And when they finish the program, we let them put a red sticker somewhere they read about." That is in keeping with this summer's theme: "read around the world."

THE PROGRAM draws children who already love to read. Patricia Lira of Herndon signed her 5-year-old son and daughter up for the third time this summer.

"They love to read books," Lira said. "Animal books, princess books. Right now, their love is for the Magic School Bus."



PHOTOS BY ANNA McCORMALLY/THE CONNECTION
A crowd of parents with their children enjoy Peter McCory, the One-Man Band for children at the Herndon Fortnightly Library's summer program kick-off event.



Children and their parents come to watch, dance and sing along with Peter McCory, the One-Man Band for children at the Herndon Fortnightly Library's summer reading program kick-off event.

It's also an opportunity for children to be surrounded by other readers and take recommendations for books. After all, what better place to find interesting new reads than a library. The program has a list of book suggestions that Eklund is working through.

"I've been reading the summer reading lists," she said. "One of my favorites was 'Beastly' by Alex Flinn. ... It's a retelling of 'Beauty and the Beast' set in New York City."

Peter McCory of the One-Man Band had reading suggestions as

well. "If you've got a teenage girl, you've got to let her read 'Twilight,'" McCory said, adding that his own daughter loves the popular vampire romance series. "For little kids, picture books by Mary Quattlebaum. And you can never go wrong with Dr. Seuss."

His program on the June 22 ended with a song about reading great stories.

"I hope you have a wonderful summer full of good books and good stories," he said to the children at the program's end.

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Meghan Patricia Oliver of Oak Hill graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Communication.

Onik Abdul Quddus of Oak Hill graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering.

Shawn Xia Liang of Herndon graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



Herndon resident Rachel Delmontagne, 13, volunteers at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, signing up young readers for the summer reading program.

What are you reading this summer?

— ANNA McCORMALLY



Jaimi Tugeon, 4, her first year in the program:

"Angelina Ballerina." (She likes to dance," her mother said.)



Sondra Eklund, Herndon Fortnightly Library Youth Services Manager:

"I'm reading too much. One really fun one for all levels is 'Knucklehead' by John Scieszka. It's his biography of growing up with five brothers. You see how he got so funny."



Helen Mai, 11, from Herndon

"Mysteries. They're fun to read."



Tommie Cason, assistant branch manager, Herndon Fortnightly Library

"I'm reading a fantasy series called 'Darkyn' by Lynn Viehl. It's about vampires who used to be Templar Knights during the Crusades. I like Stephen King too."



Rachel Delmontagne, 13, Herndon, Herndon Fortnightly Library volunteer:

"I'm reading 'Life of Pi.' I like adventurous books."



Peter McCory, One-Man band from Warrenton, Va.:

"I just finished a wonderful book called 'Ship of Gold into the Deep Blue Sea,' the amazing story of Capt. William Herndon, for whom this town was named. That was a great read."



Terry Mobley, retired from the U.S. military and government, from Herndon:

"Normally, I like novels like Dale Brown, Tom Clancy. Military type novels."

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Herndon Book Club. 6:30 p.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Book Discussion Group. Land of the Living by Nicci French. Adults. 703-437-8855.

THURSDAY/JULY 2

Peter McCory One-Man Band. 11 a.m. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com.
Swingin' Swamis Hip Retro R&B. 7 p.m. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com.
Open Mic for Bands Night. 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon (on the Corner of Elden and Spring Streets). Bands will receive 30 minutes to play, and must pre-sign with Andre' Love at soulcraftmusic@yahoo.com or 703-984-9114. Walk-ins will only be accepted if time permits. All types of music welcomed. 703-435-5467.
Farmers' Market at Reston Town Center Pavilion. 3:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Discover locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, and local foods from bread and cheese to salsa and sausage. 703-689-4699.
Literary Heroines Book Discussion. 11 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Explore the role of female characters in Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy. Adults. 703-242-4020.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Fireworks, Fun at Lake Fairfax. At Lake Fairfax Park in Reston the fun begins at 7 a.m. Visitors can picnic in the park, or purchase tickets for The Water Mine Swimmin' Hole, open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Vendors will offer a variety of food for purchase throughout the celebration, and children will find a moon bounce, dunk tank and an obstacle course to amuse them. Fireworks begin at approximately 9:15 p.m. Celebrants are encouraged to come early as parking is limited. Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston.
Feel the Wag Old Time Stringband. 11:30 a.m. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com.

MONDAY/JULY 6

Monday Flicks. 11 a.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring a snack and enjoy a children's book on DVD. Call branch for titles. Age 3-5 w/adult. 703-757-8560.

TUESDAY/JULY 7

Surprise! 11 a.m. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304

Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.
Financial Discussion Group. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Informal discussion of books on the economy, finance and investing with an emphasis on current economic and financial situations. Adults. 703-242-4020.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

Glemania - Who Let the Dogs Out? 11 a.m. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com.
DPT Cajun & Zydeco. 7 p.m. Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. www.lakeanneplaza.com.
Raptor Conservancy of Virginia. 2:30 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. See birds of prey and learn about their place in the wild. Age 6-12. 703-757-8560.
Artsplay. 2:30 p.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Kofi Dennis leads through music, movement and fun. All ages. 703-437-8855.
Farmers' Market at Reston Town Center Pavilion. 3:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Discover locally grown fruits and vegetables, locally raised meats and poultry, and local foods from bread and cheese to salsa and sausage. 703-689-4699.

SATURDAY/JULY 11

Reston Festival. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. The Grandsons will perform, plus fun, food, games, arts and crafts to celebrate Reston's 45th birthday. 703-435-7989 or www.restonfestival.com.
Reston Author Richard T. Stillson will be at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Reston, 5-6 p.m. to sign and read from "Spreading the Word: A History of Information in the California Gold Rush." 703-435-9772.
Friends of Homeless Animals Canine Class Reunion. 3-9 p.m. at M&S Grill, Reston Town Center. All proceeds benefit the 120+ dogs and 50+ cats residing at FOHA. www.foha.org.
Friends of the RCC Bingo at the Reston Festival. 3:15 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. Proceeds benefit the Reston Community Center.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

SUNDAY/JULY 12

Reston Festival. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. Chuck Brown will perform, plus fun, food, games, arts and crafts to celebrate Reston's 45th birthday. 703-435-7989 or www.restonfestival.com.
Artists' Reception. 2-4 p.m. at the Reston Art Gallery and Studios. 703-481-8156.
Friends of the RCC Bingo at the Reston Festival. 1:30 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. Proceeds benefit the Reston Community Center.

MONDAY/JULY 13

Monday Flicks. 11 a.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Bring a snack and enjoy a children's book on DVD. Call for titles. Age 3-5 w/adult. 703-757-8560.
Kaydee Puppets Presents. 2:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Family fun with the "Princess and the Pea" and the "Little Red Hen's Wacky Week." All ages. 703-242-4020.

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Local Flavor Fuels Streaking Braves

Seven-game winning streak has sparked Herndon Braves' turnaround.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

As a lifelong Herndon resident, Dan Lombardozzi has attended his share of Herndon Braves' games, issuing wide-eyed stares to players of the past as if they were steps away from the Major League Baseball All-Star game.

When Lombardozzi, a right-hander pitcher, graduated from Herndon High School in 2006 after posting a 6-2 record with a 1.88 ERA, he did what came most natural: He suited up for the Braves.

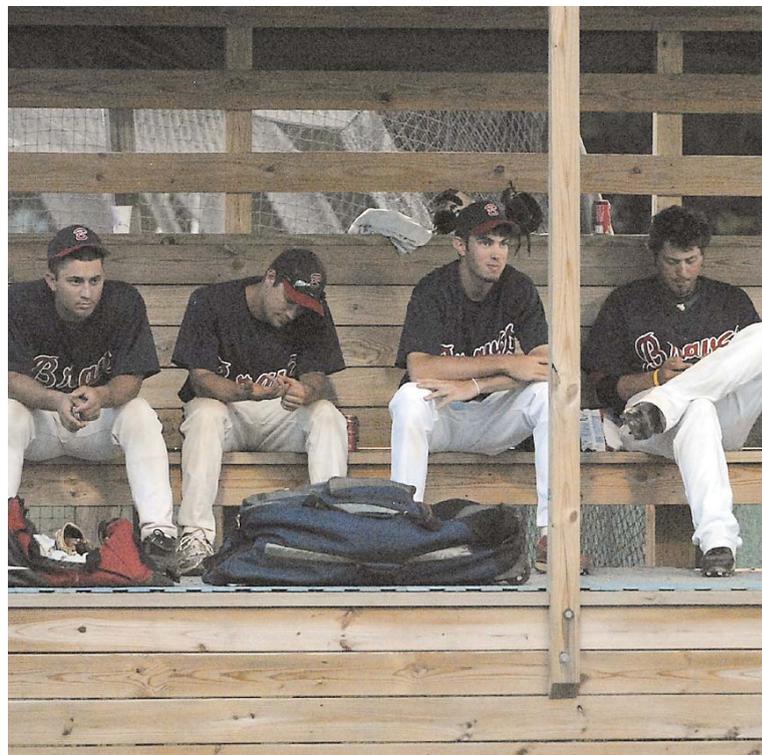
But Lombardozzi and his family have taken their entanglement with the Braves' organization farther than most. Every summer since he was in middle school, the family has hosted at least one player from the team, which is one of eight in the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League.

This year, in addition to the one Brave that the Lombardozzi's continue to house, the family has welcomed Rider University right-hander Ryan Miller. In the past, the family has hosted a few notable Braves in Matt Gaski and Mark Jurich (Louisville). Gaski, a U.N.C.-Greensboro graduate, is currently with the Brooklyn Cyclones, the New York Mets' Single-A short-season affiliate.

"It was cool to be around it and then get to play for the team," Lombardozzi said.

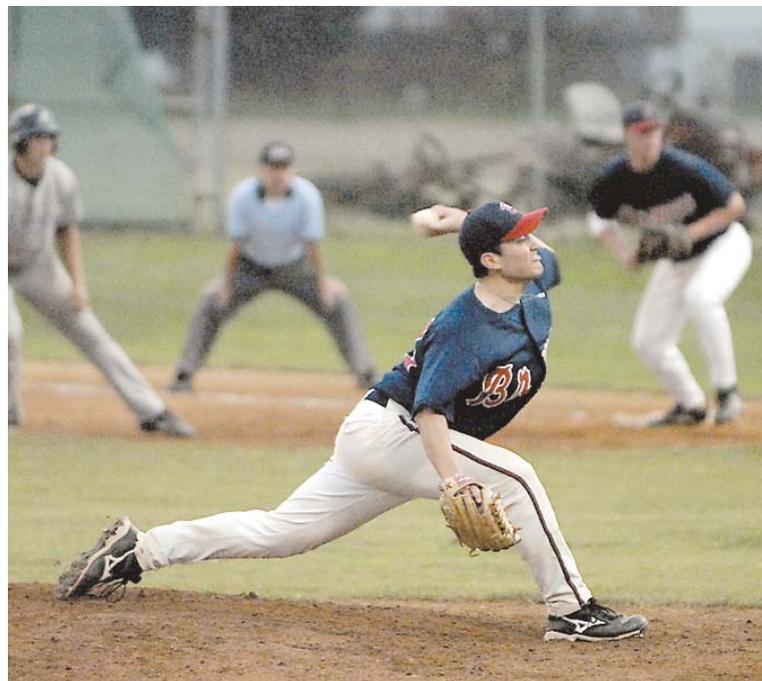
Along with 2009 Herndon graduate and first team All-Northern Region catcher Zach Leach, Lombardozzi is one of two Herndon-area players to suit up for the team this summer. Furthermore, the Braves also feature a few George Mason University players in pitcher Jack Zeltner (Centreville), pitcher Darren McLean and infielder Dan Palumbo.

BECAUSE OF George Mason's historic 2009 season and the Patriots' sixth NCAA tournament appearance, Zeltner, McLean and Palumbo were late arrivals for



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Braves, a wooden-bat summer team in the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League, feature three pitchers who played baseball in Northern Virginia this spring.



In 15 innings this summer, left-hander James Giuletti has allowed only two earned runs for the Herndon Braves. He also has a 1.20 ERA and 12 strikeouts.

Herndon, which started its season on Saturday, June 6, less than a week after Mason's season con-

cluded. Furthermore, Lombardozzi's Coastal Carolina team played all the way until the same date. All told, without some of its top players, Herndon struggled early on, losing eight of its first nine games.

Now with a full complement of players, though, things have turned around as the Braves won five straight games last week, and handed the College Park Bombers a 8-3 defeat on Sunday, June 28.

"We lost a lot of tough games early, but we're rolling right now."
— P.J. Mitchell, manager, Herndon Braves

All told, the Braves (8-9) are riding a six-game winning streak that has reversed a 1-8 start.

"We're starting to go on a nice little run," said second-year manager P.J. Mitchell. "It took us a while to find ourselves. We lost a lot of tough games early, but we're rolling right now. We're ready to make that push to put ourselves back in the hunt."

Right fielder Corey Taylor (Binghamton) has been at the forefront of Herndon's resurgence. In a three-game span last week, Taylor hit a total of five home runs. On the season, he's hitting at a .373 (22-for-59) clip with 17 RBIs. And his slugging percentage of .814 is nearly double that of his closest competition.

WATCHING TAYLOR and the other Braves from the bench this season has been Galvin Morris, who's assisting Mitchell for the second straight year. In addition to coaching in the Clark C. Griffith League, another college summer program with teams in Vienna and Fairfax, he's been the skipper at South Lakes since 2000.

Morris has loved every minute his low-pressure duties, too. On game days as a manager, he's often tense, too worried about strategy, substitutions or filling out a lineup card. This summer, Morris finds himself joking around with several players, something that wasn't as easy to do as his team's manager.

"Guys come up to me and tell me that I'm really loose. Well, I tell them, you should come see me in the spring," Morris said. "Come to a spring game and see how loose I am. It's different. And the kids approach you a little bit different when you're an assistant and not a head coach."

Morris has had a few conversations with Leach and Lombardozzi that have confused some other members of the team. The Northern Region? The Concorde District? Who's Al McCulloch and why's his name on our field?

But, with a full team now and roster mixed of some local guys and some not-so-local guys, a certain familiarity has developed for the Braves, a team that has had a long, rich history in college wood bat league: They're winning.

"As far as the Braves' organization and family, it's a real talent-oriented team," Lombardozzi said, "and for a lot of the good players that come out of this area, it's the perfect league to come back to."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Reston Swim Rundown

In Reston Swim Team Association action over the weekend, the Northern Hills Hurricanes upended the Newbridge Dolphins, 549-512. Triple-event winners for North Hills were Courtner Clark, Nicole Flint, Lindsey Hill, Ryan Hill, Benjamin Livaudais, Catherine Swarts, Rachel Swarts and Emma Tierney. Triple-event winners for Newbridge were John Baldwin, Shannon Burke, Zac Carey, Celia Compton and James Meikle.

The Hunters Woods Blue Marlins swam past the Lake Anne Stingrays, 607-448. Triple-event winners for Hunters Woods were Allen Lee, Alex Li, Dylann Nasr, Phillip Pan, Lucy Tamberrino and Ashley Turner. Triple-event winners for Lake Anne were Ramzi Assir, Joanne Fu and Tope Oladimeji.

In the third meet of the day, the Lake Audubon Barracudas scored a 601-492 victory over the Autumnwood Piranhas. Triple-event winners for Lake Audubon were Alissa Avilov, Sabrina Groves, John Hughes, Matthew Hughes, Brooke O'Donnell, Garrison O'Donnell, Lauren Petka, Will Sickenberger, Mary Weidman and Dmitriy Zhigunov. Diya Murthy won three events for Autumnwood.

In the final meet, the Lake Newport Lightning earned a 555-511 win over the Glade Gators. Triple-event winners for Lake Newport were Amy Edgmond, Dan Ni, Casey Storch, Katie Storch and Ryan Williams. Triple-event winners for Glade were Natalie Bardach, Andrew Draganov and Ryan Tiller.

NOTABLE: In the 11-12-year-old boys' category, Alex Li of Hunters Woods set an RSTA record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 29.20 seconds, breaking the 2004 mark. Li also set a record in the 50 butterfly with a time of 33.47 to break a record from 1989.

Also in the 11-12 boys' category, Jason Fu of Lake Anne set a record in the 50 breaststroke with a time of 39.83 to eclipse a 1997 mark. John Baldwin of Newbridge set a new mark for the 15-18 boys' division in the 50 backstroke with a time of 30.77, breaking a record that was set in 1983.

PEOPLE



Theresa Naquin Commits to JMU for Soccer

Theresa Naquin has made a commitment to play soccer for James Madison University. Naquin played as a forward during three seasons for the Herndon Hornet H.S. squad, coached by Nick Stames and Chuck Keefer. The 5-foot-9-inch soccer athlete also played for the Chantilly FC Net force travel team, coached by Terry Foley. The FC Net force won the Virginia State Cup title in 2007 and was runner-up in 2008. Naquin will follow in her brother's footsteps. Chris Naquin played four years as a striker for the JMU Dukes. JMU plays in the CAA conference and advanced to the NCAA sweet 16 last seasons. Theresa Naquin is pictured here with her family as well as Herndon High and JMU representatives.



PHOTO BY GERRY WASHBURN/PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

Lions Club Installs Officers

Officers for the Reston Lions Club were installed by District Governor Elect Tony Reyes of Woodbrige on June 17. The installation dinner was at Café Montmartre in Reston. From left are Wallace Smith, vice president, Reston; Jack Gazlay, treasurer, Oak Hill; Andy Goodman, secretary, Reston; and Michael Moseley, President, Herndon.

Herndon Resident Participates in Ministry Inquiry Program

This summer, a record number of 33 Goshen College students will participate in the college's three inquiry programs. Of those students, 11 will participate in the Ministry Inquiry Program (MIP), where they will have the opportunity to work with pastors from a church and explore their interests in ministry.

A Herndon resident, Arienne Johnson, a junior history and Bible and religion double major, is working at Washington Community Fellowship in Washington, D.C. Johnson, daughter of Mike and Barb Johnson, is a 2006 graduate of Archbold (Ohio) High School and attends Zion Mennonite Church.

The Ministry Inquiry Program is a joint effort of Mennonite Church USA and the five Mennonite colleges in the United States.



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Arienne Johnson

The 22-year-old program enables students from Mennonite colleges to test their calling and gifts for

ministry by serving as pastoral interns. Under close supervision from host pastors, students take on various worship, pastoral care and administrative roles during their 11-week terms, including preaching, leading worship, youth ministry and hospital and home visits.

For the third year, participation in the inquiry programs included the opportunity to take a one credit-hour May term course that explored vocation, goals for the summer, prayer methods and a blessing ceremony.

At the end of the summer, each student will receive a scholarship of up to \$1,500 toward tuition costs for the next academic year, along with a \$500 stipend from the host congregation.

— TYLER FALK



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Matthew Baamonde receives the Peter Kaleta Award. From the left is the Assistant Chair of Contemporary Writing & Production, Andrea Pejrolo with Matthew Baamonde and Contemporary Writing & Production Chair Matthew Nicholl.

Baamonde Graduates from Berklee College of Music

Mathew Baamonde of Herndon participated in Berklee College of Music's 2009 Commencement, which took place recently in Boston at Boston University's Agganis Arena. Berklee President Roger Brown presented honorary doctor of music degrees and diplomas to legendary Motown singer/songwriter

Smokey Robinson; multimillion-selling singer Linda Ronstadt; Dominican singer/songwriter Juan Luis Guerra; and award-winning producer and sound engineer George Massenburg. Robinson delivered the commencement address to the graduating class and more than 4,000 guests.

Dudzinsky Receives Eagle Scout Award

On June 13, Anton Dudzinsky of Boy Scout Troop 1570 received his Eagle Scout rank award at his court of honor ceremony held at ArtSpace in Herndon. Del. Tom Rust (R-86) presented him a Virginia State flag and a congratulatory letter from the Virginia House of Delegates honoring his achievement.



"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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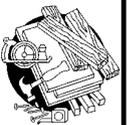
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