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Rajdhani Mandir Temple on Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly.

## Temple Hopes To Fix Parking

Rajdhani Mandir wants to add land, more spaces.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

It's on to the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) now for Rajdhani Mandir Temple. It wants to be a good neighbor but, try as it will, it's been unable to prevent those coming to the temple from parking in the

adjacent residential community, Pleasant Valley.

Temple officials have told their members not to park there. Trouble is, they can't control the actions of worshippers from various other ethnic groups who also meet at Rajdhani Mandir.

Many times, the streets are lined with parked cars from elsewhere and residents can't pull into their own driveways because of all the visitors' vehicles. But, a solution may be nearing.

This Hindu temple along Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly has acquired one acre next door and

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## Preventing Tragedy

Teens alert homeowners and firefighters about smoke.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Two quick-thinking Centreville teens last weekend warned a sleeping family about a fire in their garage, preventing a dangerous situation from potentially becoming deadly.

"It was a good thing they were around," said Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department spokesman Will Bailey. "If the kids hadn't driven by there and saw that smoke, there's no telling how far the fire would have spread."

The incident occurred early Sunday morning, around 12:15 a.m., as friends Mark Vaz of Belle Pond Farm and Philip Weinheimer of Sully Station II were returning home after Fourth of July festivities. Mark, 18, had just dropped off Philip, 19, at his house when Philip realized he'd left his wallet in Mark's car.

Mark was driving back to return it when he noticed smoke coming from the garage of a home at 5710 Deer Pond Road, also in Sully II. "So he told Philip and they drove to the home," said Philip's mom, Tina Weinheimer. "My son called 911 and banged on the door to alert the sleeping family, and Mark alerted the neighbors."



Mark Vaz



Philip Weinheimer

Initially, she said, Philip thought it might have been smoke from lingering fireworks. But then, said Weinheimer, "He saw smoke coming from the gutter on the roof. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop 893, and I'm very proud of him."

Equally proud is Mark's mother,

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## 15 Years in Prison for Robbery, Abduction

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Devin Manigo didn't participate in person in the robbery of the Chantilly Prime Mart. But he was every bit as culpable as those who did. And last Thursday, July 2, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, he was sentenced to 15 years in prison for robbery and abduction with intent to extort money.

"This defendant is the entire reason this robbery happened," said

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Mark Sullivan. "He was the mastermind who set everything in motion."

It was 6:15 a.m. on June 22, 2007, and the 51-year-old clerk was working alone in the Prime Mart. All of a sudden, two men wearing masks and bandanas burst into the room and shocked him three times with a taser.

Rickey Price and Antonio Wilson then shut the lights, locked the door and headed for the cash reg-



Manigo

ister. Price snatched the money from it, but knew there was a larger cache elsewhere in the store. He and Wilson repeatedly asked the victim where the money was, then forced him into another section of the store and stole money from his wallet.

Terrified, the clerk finally told the intruders where the money was — and they took it, tied him

up and fled, along with Price's brother Robert, who'd been waiting outside in the getaway car. There was only \$250 in the cash register, but the thieves left with

\$30,000.

Now, all four men involved in the crime have been sentenced for

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**NEWS**



William Lee, 3, from Fair Lakes takes a whack at a fly.



Rachel Taggart, 4, from Reston is getting some spring painted on her face by Sandie Bell.

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**Spring Fest at Fair Lakes**



Mr T performs for the crowds at the Fair Lakes 3rd annual Spring Fest.



Noor Medani, 3, from Chantilly, shows off her face paint.



Mime Lisa Polinori brought smiles to the crowd with her plate-spinning antics.



Henry Moore, 5, from Fairfax takes a spin at the PNC Bank's Wheel of Prizes.



Farmers Alden Leshner and Nerin Hostteter from Heritage Farm and Kitchen sell their produce and fresh meat to the crowds. They are part of Smart Markets Inc., which hold Farmers' Markets all around Fairfax. For more information go to <http://www.smartmarkets.org>



## ROUNDUPS

### Fairfax Woman Is Charged With Two Bank Robberies

Fairfax County police have charged a 24-year-old Fairfax woman with robbing two banks. She is Stephanie Marie Nightingale of 4497 Holly Ave. They believe she robbed a McLean bank last week, as well as a bank in Fair Oaks on June 5.

In the most recent incident, police say a woman entered Cardinal Bank at 8270 Greensboro Drive in McLean, last Wednesday, July 1, around 4:05 p.m. She then approached two female tellers, ages 20 and 42, at the counter, brandished a handgun and demanded money. The tellers complied, and the robber fled.

Investigating detectives later developed Nightingale as a suspect and arrested her in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 2. Police say further investigation reportedly determined she was also allegedly responsible for the June 5 robbery of the M&T Bank, at 11721 Lee Highway in Fair Oaks.

In that incident, police said a woman entered the bank around 11:12 a.m., with her face covered. Brandishing a handgun, she demanded money and was given an undisclosed amount of cash before fleeing. Following her arrest, Nightingale was charged with two counts each of robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. She's being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center and has an Aug. 5 court date.

### Police Seek Information About Car Vandalisms

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the persons responsible for a series of car vandalisms in Centreville and Fairfax. During the overnight hours of June 24 and June 28, the culprits shot the windows of at least 32 parked vehicles with a pellet gun.

The incidents occurred on the following streets: Cedar Lakes Drive, Fair Crest Court, Autumn Woods Way, Hampton Forest Way, Hampton Forest Court, Autumn Willow Court, Autumn Willow Drive and Union Village Circle. Damage to the vehicles is estimated to be more than \$10,000.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131. A \$100 to \$1,000 cash reward will be paid for information leading to an arrest. Callers

do not have to give their names or appear in court.

### Police Charge Three with DWI

Fairfax County police officers conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the Fair Oaks District, from Friday, July 3, at 11 p.m. until Saturday, July 4, at 3 a.m. to deter and apprehend drunk drivers. Some 26 motorists were stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated and were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by drugs or alcohol. Police charged three people with DWI, made one additional criminal arrest and issued nine summonses for miscellaneous traffic offenses. Eight officers and one auxiliary police officer participated.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, July 9 and July 16, 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.

### 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.

## NEWS



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The ribbon is cut at the new Atlantis Waterpark. The ribbon cutters are Todd Hafner, Su Webb, Paul Mcray, Jill Vanden-Heuvel, Chris Pauley Nicholas Tenenbaum and Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully).

## Waterpark Opens at Bull Run

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority officially opened Atlantis Waterpark with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on June 13.

Located at Bull Run Regional Park, Atlantis was designed to evoke the world of Ancient Greece, with an array of mermaids, dolphins and Greek architecture. The waterpark includes a 25-foot high play structure with a 1,100-gallon dumping bucket, water slides, waterfalls, squirters and a large sand play area. The waterpark also boasts a 230-foot open slide and a 170-foot closed slide, as well as a spacious wading pool.

Bull Run Regional Park is located at 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The waterpark is open daily June 18-Aug. 16, weekdays, 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and weekends, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The waterpark is open July 4, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Fees are children under 2, free, individuals under 48 inches, \$6.75, individuals over 48 inches, \$8; seniors 55 and older, \$6.75 and discounted admission, weekdays after 4 p.m., \$5. Group rates and multi-visit passes are also available. For more information, visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

Atlantis houses an enormous water-bucket that rings a warning bell before dumping water on excited ocean explorers.



## Bonner Sentenced: Lied to Grand Jury

Michael Jonathan Bonner was sentenced last week to six months and four days for lying to a federal grand jury regarding the actions of someone involved with the Centreville-based heroin ring. Bonner, 19, of Centreville, was asked where Skylar Schnippel purchased the heroin on March 4, 2008 that proved fatal to 19-year-old Alicia Lannes, also of Centreville.

According to his signed statement of facts, Bonner lied the grand jury to believe Schnippel bought it from J.R. Quick when, in fact, he'd purchased it from Daniel Nash. Therefore, stated the prosecuting attorneys, Bonner "intentionally withheld truthful information and provided false and misleading testi-

mony."

Last Thursday, July 2, Bonner was ordered to spend July 2-5 in jail, followed by six months home confinement. Nash and Quick have already been sentenced in connection with the heroin-distribution conspiracy and their roles in Lannes's death. On Feb. 27, in federal court, Nash was given 20 years in prison, and Quick, 19 years.

Schnippel stood trial, May 4-5, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria and was found guilty of heroin distribution resulting in Lannes's death, plus other charges. He's scheduled for sentencing, July 24, by Judge Leonie Brinkema.

— BONNIE HOBBS



# 15 Years in Prison for Robbery and Abduction

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their actions. On Oct. 3, 2008, Robert F. Price, 31, of Springfield, was given a year behind bars. On Feb. 6, Wilson, 28, of Lorton, received eight years in prison. Next came Rickey F. Price, 23, sentenced March 6 to six years in prison.

During Manigo's jury trial, Feb. 3-4, Sullivan said the Price brothers and Wilson robbed the Prime Mart because Manigo "told them where it was, how to do it and provided the weapon. [Manigo] said there was only one clerk working, it's a check-cashing place with a lot of money and it would be an easy job."

In a July 26, 2007 affidavit, police Det. Eric Deane noted the serial number of the taser taken from the getaway car and wrote that the same weapon "was shipped by Express Mail to Manigo at his home address, 13964 Rockland Village Drive, No. 102, in Chantilly, on May 9, 2007, and received on May 12, 2007."

In addition, a Minnesota woman whom Manigo had met online, testified in court that he asked her to buy a taser with her credit card and send it to him — which she did. On Feb. 4, the jury found Manigo guilty and recommended he serve 25 years in prison.

He returned to Circuit Court for sentenc-

ing, July 2, and Sullivan said Manigo, now 32, engineered the whole crime. "He found the location, recruited the group, informed them where the money was and told them when to hit [the business]," said the prosecutor. "The defendant [even] told them how to use the taser; he said, 'You have to get right up on [the victim].'"

"It was a brutal robbery," continued Sullivan. "The victim was tasered, put down on the ground, kicked by Mr. Wilson and forced to give them the money from the back room. Without Mr. Manigo's help and guidance, it wouldn't have happened. I think the only reason he wasn't there that day was because he was still on probation from his federal charges for drugs and weapons."

Sullivan said the state statute calls for 20 years in prison for abduction as "a strong signal that you just cannot do this to people." Robbery is punishable by five years, he said, because "it simply cannot be tolerated."

He said the others involved admitted their parts, but "Mr. Manigo said, 'No, prove it' — and the jury did — and now he has to live with the consequences. And the fact that he left the courtroom before his trial

started, and we had to delay proceedings for a whole day, also [speaks volumes about him]."

Defense attorney Jason Britt, however, asked for a much lighter sentence. "You rob places where there's money," he said. "And it had been robbed on many, different occasions, so it didn't take particular, criminal aptitude on his part." Until this incident, said Britt, Manigo had been "nothing short of a model probationer and had had no new violations of law."

He said the reason the abduction penalty is so high is that it was originally intended for kidnapping offenses, but "this abduction was incidental to the robbery." Said Britt: "Wilson and Rickey Price were locked down by DNA evidence and Robert Price was caught [near the scene, shortly after-ward]. Their admissions of guilt were simply to save their own skin."

Britt said Manigo's punishment "shouldn't be 25 times more than Robert Price, who was on the scene during the crime." He then asked for a sentence within the state sentencing guidelines of 3-and-a-half to 11 years. Britt said his client only gave the others "the outlines of the crime — they de-

cidied on [the specifics]. The brutality was exercised by Rickey and Antonio."

**THE FINAL SAY** belonged to Judge David Schell. "The defendants in a criminal case all have different backgrounds and records and play different roles in the crime," he said. "So there's no requirement that they all receive the same sentence."

"The robbery in this case was very violent; a taser was used and the defendant obtained it through an innocent third party and instructed the others how to use it," said Schell. "So this crime is at the upper end of seriousness."

Noting that the victim was both tied up and robbed, Schell said the court "has to fashion a sentence that's just for the defendant and society." Then, although modifying the jury's recommendation, the judge gave Manigo a sentence above the guideline maximum.

He sentenced Manigo to five years for the robbery, plus three more years — all of which were suspended — and placed him on three years probation. For the abduction, Manigo received 20 years, with 10 suspended. Schell ran both sentences consecutively, for 15 years total to serve. He also imposed an additional two years active probation following Manigo's release from prison.

**"It was a brutal robbery."**

— Mark Sullivan,  
Assistant  
Commonwealth's  
Attorney

## A Plan To Solve Parking Problems

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is trying to amend its special permit so it may incorporate this property for additional parking. It also wants to add more parking to its existing site. All it needs now is the county's blessing.

"We want to resolve this parking issue," said Neeraj Bhushan, chairman of the temple's Board of Trustees. "The one-acre parcel next to the golf course, plus an increase in the existing parking, will increase the number of parking spaces by [more than] 200 — from 87 to 302."

Speaking before the June 16 meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee, Bhushan said the temple's entrance will be 230 feet further down, to improve the flow of traffic coming from Pleasant Valley Road and Route 50.

"Egress will be from the current entrance to alleviate traffic," he said. "The sidewalk by the parking area will join the trail; an asphalt trail will go from the parking area to the end of the property. The county wants us not to use the existing entrance. But our traffic consultant says using [that] entrance as a right-in, right-out, will better alleviate the traffic congestion."

Bhushan also noted that a traffic light will be installed at Herndon Avenue and Pleasant Valley Road, since 80 percent of the traffic coming into that com-

munity enters it from that end, rather than from the Route 29 end.

"This issue has been a bugaboo for us, and we want the neighbors to be happy," he said. "We don't want people parking illegally."

**WFCCA CHAIRMAN** Jim Katcham wondered how the temple would control right-in, right-out, traffic movements and was told that an island would prevent left turns. He also asked if Rajdhani Mandir would be willing to help fund the traffic signal.

"Originally, we were to pay \$3,000 for it; but now, they want us to pay 25 percent of the cost," said Bhushan. Figuring the total cost of a traffic signal at \$250,000, Katcham said that would make the temple's portion of the bill \$62,500.

"But on regular days and weekends, there are only 25-30 cars there," said Bhushan. "We'd only need [the signal] on special occasions, so we don't believe we should pay that amount because we're not responsible for all the traffic [on Pleasant Valley Road]."

"Plus, this is not a thoroughfare — we'd be using this parking lot, eight to 10 times a year," said temple member Ramesh Khanna. "Our consultant and engineer are protesting this amount. We don't have stimulus money for that."

Bhushan said there'll be a left-turn lane from the current entrance "so traffic won't back up on Pleasant Valley Road."

WFCCA's Carol Hawn asked if this lane would be built now, or when Pleasant Val-

ley Road is widened from Route 50 to Route 29, years from now, as is shown on the county's Comprehensive Plan. And Khanna assured her it would go in "now, as soon as possible."

**IN ADDITION**, WFCCA's Mark McConn suggested a right-turn lane on Pleasant Valley Road northbound, from Braddock Road onto Herndon Avenue and into the site, and the temple representatives said they're considering it.

The WFCCA then unanimously recommended approval of the temple's parking proposals, contingent upon a positive report from county staff, the temple's consideration of that lane and its contribution of some monetary amount toward the installation of the traffic signal.

"I appreciate all the work you all have gone through to try and reconcile the relationship between the community and the temple," said Hawn. "I think this will go a long way toward that."

Also pleased, Katcham told Rajdhani Mandir's representatives, "We really appreciate your sincere effort to make this work. I think you've done a commendable job."

Replied Bhushan: "That's the purpose of going to the temple — to live in peace and harmony with everyone."

The matter now goes to the BZA, next Tuesday, July 14.

## Teens Help

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Fabia Vaz. "I had called him, wondering where he was, and he didn't call me right back," she said. "Then, when he did call, he told me what happened. I'm glad he stopped and went back; he's the youngest of my four children and is a really good kid."

Bailey said some 30 firefighters from both Centerville fire stations, 17 and 38, as well as from the Fair Oaks, Chantilly and Fairfax Center stations responded. He said first-arriving units encountered flames in the garage and were able to extinguish the blaze within 17 minutes.

He said a vehicle parked inside the garage had somehow caught on fire, but firefighters contained the fire to that vehicle. The garage sustained smoke and water damage, but the fire didn't extend to the house.

"I think the outcome would have been different, had my son not been there," said Weinheimer. "It could have been devastating. A husband, wife and three children were in the house, and they thanked him afterward. When he came home, he woke us up and said, 'I saved a family tonight.'"

Similarly, Vaz said the blaze "could have caused a lot of damage. Mark said the lady hugged him in thanks."

Agreeing with the moms, Bailey said, "If it wasn't for these kids knocking on the door and waking the people up, the fire could have been a lot worse. The family was blessed that day."

Mark Vaz is a 2009 graduate of Westfield High and will enter the Culinary Institute of America in New York this fall for training to become a professional chef. Philip Weinheimer is a 2008 Westfield grad and is a sophomore at NOVA.



# Republican Pioneer Dies

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
CENTRE VIEW

**E**. David "Dave" Foreman, a pioneer in Fairfax County politics and an icon to area Republicans, died Thursday, June 18 after a short battle with leukemia. Foreman, 72, was receiving treatment at Duke Medical Care in North Carolina after being diagnosed only 13 days prior with the blood cancer, according to his son, David Foreman. "He was the most thoughtful, loving, caring individual you could come across, both to friends and family," David Foreman said. "He was just an amazing person."

A former Springfield resident, Foreman began his political career in 1971 when he was elected to chair the then-lagging Fairfax County Republican Committee in Virginia. During his time as chairman, Foreman cultivated some of the most recognizable political figures in the county, many of whom still serve in political roles today, such as U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis.

Through his efforts to promote his party and find candidates that appealed to Republicans of all levels of conservatism, Foreman is credited with pulling the Republican Party even with the Democratic Party, which had dominated Virginia politics.

"Dave really brought us into two-party parity," said Davis, who was recruited by Foreman to be a pre-

cinct operations chairman on weekends while he was in law school at the University of Virginia in the early 1970s. "He created a broad-based coalition and carried a winning attitude into the county."

After serving Fairfax County Republicans, Foreman was elected to chair the 8th Congressional District Committee from 1978 to 1982, where he led campaigns for Richard D. Obenshain, chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia from 1972-78, when he won the party's nomination to run for the U.S. Senate in 1978.

Upon his retirement from politics, Foreman used his knowledge of the political process and became a lobbyist for the shipbuilding industry and later for various committees and organizations in Richmond and Washington, D.C. Among Foreman's other activities was serving as the executive director of the Washington Redskins cheerleaders, little league coach and as a sponsor for the West Springfield High School dance program.

"He was very active in the community throughout his years in Northern Virginia," David Foreman said. "He was able to do it all and do it in a successful way. He was successful for his party, successful as a lobbyist and as a husband, father and grandfather."

About two years ago, according to his son, Foreman moved to Sunset Beach, N.C., to spend his later years fishing and playing golf, two activities he loved dearly. Though he was physically removed from



**E. David Foreman**

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# No Texting While Driving

Virginia's new law banning drivers from texting while driving went into effect on July 1, and no one can argue that anyone should be behind the wheel of a moving car while they type or read information on a cell phone.

It's clear, given the state of transportation funding in Virginia (there is none) that we can all expect to be spending more time in traffic.

My new commute into Old Town Alexandria includes traversing almost the entire length of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (Alternatively, I can traverse nearly the entire length of the Beltway between the American Legion and Woodrow Wilson bridges.)

The GW Parkway is a beautiful drive, with views of the Potomac River; the road is still lined with forests, and a variety of birds sail overhead.

Over the course of a week, the trip invariably includes some time at a standstill, usually for one of several road improvement sites, at the "hump-back" bridge, and at Spout Run,

to name two.

Most commutes via auto in Northern Virginia probably include periods of standing still each week.

For the sake of productivity, it might make sense to amend Virginia's new anti-texting-while-driving law slightly for drivers actually stopped in traffic. Drivers over 21 who are in cars that are actually standing still (and in "park") should be allowed to use their phones for texting or checking email or even looking up traffic cameras to see what the hold up is.

## New Law on Drunk Driving

Also beginning on July 1, 2009, drivers who have been convicted of driving under the influence in Virginia twice within a 10-year period are required to use ignition interlock devices for a minimum of six months.

This is an improvement over current Virginia

law that mandates the same for drivers twice convicted of driving drunk within five years.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving identifies ignition locks as an effective tool in the battle against drunk driving, with studies showing that they reduce repeat drunk driving offenses by 64 percent. The interlock device requires that a driver blow into the equivalent of a breathalyzer before the car will start.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program cites statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Drunk drivers killed in traffic crashes are eight times as likely to have a prior conviction than fatally injured sober drivers. People whom have been arrested for drunk driving are at greater risk for a future traffic fatality, and the risk increases with the number of drunk driving arrests.

In 2007, 378 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Virginia's roadways. Virginia recorded 28,787 convictions for driving under the influence in 2007.

— MARY KIMM,

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### EDITORIALS

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



A variety of religious literature was offered at the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community bookstall at the annual Celebrate Fairfax event.

## Sharing Literature at Celebrate Fairfax

A hot, busy day went by for several young Muslims as they manned the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community bookstall at the three-day Celebrate Fairfax event last month. The group had been hosting the booth at this affair on their organization's part since Celebrate Fairfax first began. Every year they have secured their place to offer their peaceful message, selling a wide range of religious literature. The booth's organizer, Usman Choudhary, said that this year they included books on homeopathy for their booth, as well as the Holy Quran along with other religious books and pamphlets. He believed what made them different from other booths was that they were giving away their Holy Quran for free to those who really wanted to read it.

Among the volunteers were youths who, on the morning of Saturday and Sunday, had been involved in other community service prior to helping at the stall.

"I got the opportunity to serve in a homeless shelter this morning and spread the word of peace at the Celebrate Fairfax festival," said Ibrahim Chaudhry of Centreville. "Yeah, it was

a busy day, but it was worth it."

This organization is already a part of the Adopt-a-Highway Program, and they are regular volunteers for cooking and delivering food to the Embry Rucker Homeless Shelter in Reston. For this group community service is an ongoing activity that never rests, they are driven by the dedication and love for their neighborhood and fellow human beings, so let us be inspired by the good acts that still exist in society today, and perhaps follow their example. See [www.alislam.org](http://www.alislam.org).

Seher Chowdhry  
Centreville

## Prepare for Safe Summer

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 20, yet another child died of hyperthermia when left alone in a parked car. Two-year-old April Knight 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 sleep-

ing 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°F. 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, there are resources dedicated to helping parents make the season both fun and safe. Visit the Parent Resource Center on SCAN of Northern Virginia's Web site at [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org) — and look for the feature on summer safety. Reading through tips on kids 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

## Write

The Centre View welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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# Republican Pioneer Dies

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Northern Virginia politics, his mind never let him stray too far. In daily phone calls, Foreman and his son would not only discuss sports, but would also debate politics and other issues facing the Republican Party.

"We got into a lot of political disagreements because I was always a little bit more of a moderate conservative than he was, but differences like those were great," said David Foreman, who is chief of staff for Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). "It was great to have those conversations. I'm very thankful I called him every day."

Through his contributions to his party, county and state, Foreman's memory will live on and those

who knew him will forever be thankful that their lives intersected.

"He was a good man, husband and father and a good citizen," Wolf said. "He touched a lot of lives and made a very positive difference in the commonwealth. He will be missed."

Foreman is survived by his wife of 49 years, Rosemary Foreman; children Dave Foreman III and wife Susan and Sheryl Olecheck and husband Arthur; and his five grandchildren. Other surviving family members include his brother Robert Foreman, of Naples, Fla. and sister Gertrude Alexander, of Jacksonville, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Leukemia Society of America, North Carolina Chapter, 5950 Fairview Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, N.C. 28210.

# Suspended Sentence for Burglars

Both men who burglarized a Chantilly doughnut store in January have now received suspended sentences. They are Ramiro Garcia-Gomez, 22, of 14502 Trans World Ave. in the Meadows of Chantilly community, and Anibal Lopez, 34, of 4054 Chantilly Road.

The incident occurred some time between Friday, Jan. 30, at 11:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 31, at 12:55 p.m. at the Chantilly Donuts store at 4394-E Henninger Court. Computers, cash and checks were stolen, but Fairfax County police arrested the culprits shortly afterward, when they tried to cash a stolen check at a nearby check-cashing store.

Police also discovered the stolen property inside a car parked outside.

They seized the vehicle and charged each man with charged with burglary and grand larceny. Their burglary charges were later dropped, but the grand jury indicted both Lopez and Garcia-Gomez on grand larceny.

They each pleaded guilty in Circuit Court. On May 1, Judge Bruce White sentenced Lopez to 12 months in jail, suspending all that time and placing him on probation. Then on June 26, Judge Robert Smith gave Garcia-Gomez an 11-month suspended sentence and placed him on a year's probation.



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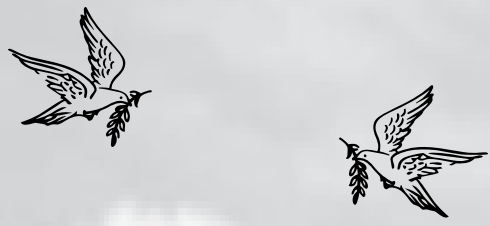
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# WORTH NOTING

## ONGOING

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.

## 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.

## FAITH NOTES

**The Ekoji Buddhist Temple** will hold its 27th annual Obon Festival on 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 drinks will be sold throughout the evening. All are welcome. Visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org). Ekoji Buddhist Temple is at 6500 Lake Haven Lane in Fairfax Station. Visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org) or call 703-239-0500.

**Oakton Baptist Church** will host Vacation Bible School from Monday, Aug. 3 to Thursday, Aug. 6 from 6:30-8:45 p.m. Dinner each night will be available at 5:30 p.m. for \$3.50 a person or \$10 for a family. There will be classes for preschool to adults. Call the church to register or to get a ride each evening. All are welcome. The church is at 14001 Sullyfield Circle Chantilly; call 703-631-1799.

**Jubilee Christian Center** is hosting a Vacation Bible School, July 20-24, 12:30-3:30 p.m. For ages 3 through sixth grade, the theme is "Museum at 12627, the Mystery of God's Great Plan". There is no charge, but must be pre-registered by July 10. Jubilee Christian Center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 to register, or see [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

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## 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.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 15

**Tea Time.** 1-3:30 p.m. \$15. Enjoy an interactive tour of Sully Historic Site as well as teatime refreshments at 3 p.m. Call 703-437-1794. At 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly.

**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

**Dairy Days.** 1-4 p.m. \$5/person. Make your own ice cream and churn your own butter. The kids can play historic games, and enjoy a taste of 18th century life and marvel at the difference between today and yesteryear. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

### 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](http://www.BryceFoundation.org).

## SATURDAY/JULY 18

**Clowning Around With Shakespeare.** 10-11 a.m. At E.C. Lawrence Park amphitheater. An interactive, fast-paced one-person show filled with humor of Shakespeare's clowns. Production is put on by Young Audiences of Virginia. At 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

**Attorney Mitch Lambros** will discuss applying for Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) benefits when you have 'difficult to diagnose' syndromes which include pain, fatigue insomnia, and/or anxiety. Presented by The NOVA Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia (FM), and MVPS/Dysautonomia (OI) Support Group. Saturday, July 18, from, 10 a.m. - 12 noon, in the McDonnell Room, Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. No registration required; no fee. Contact Elly at 703-968-9818 or CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com. On the web, see [www.cfsnova.com](http://www.cfsnova.com)

## 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 22-24

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Zucker for a BBQ and Havdalah service on Saturday, July 18 at 6 p.m.

For more information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit [www.yadshalom.com](http://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](http://www.centreville-umc.org). Registration is \$20 per child with a \$50 family maximum. Contact the church office at 703-830-2684.

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❖ July 29 at 7:30 p.m.: Bob Brown Puppets. Bob Brown will entertain us with his puppets in a variety show for all ages, Second Hand Stars. (Fairfax). Call 703-323-9500 [www.lordoflifelutheran.com](http://www.lordoflifelutheran.com)

**Temple Beth Torah** is a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) that meets at St. John's Episcopal Church in Centreville. Religious school is held at the Goddard School in Chantilly. The

congregation offers the Northern Virginia Jewish community services that provide numerous spiritual, educational, support and social opportunities including religious school for member children age 3 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation. The congregation welcomes all members of the community to attend any of our services or events. For more information, a newsletter, or a membership package, call 703-263-2252 or visit [www.BethTorah.net](http://www.BethTorah.net).

**Shalom Jewish Children** is a fun, hands-on Jewish educational program for young children based on experiential learning. Each session is about Jewish holidays, values and celebrations. Meets in Centreville at the Rocky Run Recreation Center. Contact Gloria Pioso at [yadshalom@yadshalom.com](mailto:yadshalom@yadshalom.com) or call 703-579-6079.

**Recovery and Support Care Groups** at New Life: Passion for Community in cooperation with New Life Christian Church has an ongoing recovery and support groups for people suffering with various addictions, destructive and dysfunctional behaviors, or who just need some support. These groups are a safe place to receive support and healing. Contact Lucy Martinez at 703-222-8836.

❖ Recovery Connection (12-step group), Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at Westfield High in Chantilly;

❖ Food Freedom (a women's group; 12-step group), Sunday's at 9:30 a.m. at Westfield High in Chantilly;

❖ Single Mom's support Group, Saturday's at 9:30 a.m. in Centreville (call for location);

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## COMMUNITY



From left are siblings Mason, 3, and Elsa, 5, Hencken.



Hailey Cronin, 2, gets a wagon ride.

# An Old-Fashioned Fourth

The epitome of small-town Americana, the Town of Clifton celebrated the Fourth of July, last Saturday, with a parade, a flag-raising ceremony and a potluck picnic in the park. Children also enjoyed a waterslide and old-fashioned games such as tug-of-war and egg toss.



This patriotic float took third place in Clifton's Fourth of July parade. Front row, from left, are Morgan Stroup, 7; Garret Stroup, 5 and Jason Mitchell; back row, from left, are Will Mitchell, 9; Dylan Robertson, 6; Ivy Mitchell, 8; Sean Robertson, 8; and Ian Mitchell (Will's twin), 9.



Leading the Fourth of July parade down Main Street are (from left) Wayne Nickum, Dwayne Nitz and Sierra Brooks.



These two, young Nationals fans show their patriotism.



Josie Layfield, 4, rides her bike down Main Street.

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# SCHOOLS

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

**The Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative** and the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives have awarded college scholarships amounting to \$17,000 to 11 Northern Virginia high school students in Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford counties.

Independent committees selected nine students to receive NOVEC's Dollars for Scholars from hundreds of seniors who applied. The committees looked for high academic achievement, community service, work experience, extracurricular activities, and demonstrated leadership. NOVEC's 2009 Dollars for Scholars Winners:

- ❖ Samantha Henry, Westfield High School, GPA: 4.2;
- ❖ Stephanie Kelly, Centreville High School, GPA: 4.2, University of Virginia.

**Jay R. Liotta**, of Oak Hill, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from Elon University on May 23.

**Stephen J. Gardner** of Centreville was recently awarded a \$2,000 Pamplin College of Business Transfer Merit Scholarship at Virginia Tech. These scholarships are offered to the students with the highest GPA's entering Virginia Tech from any given Virginia community college in recognition of outstanding academic performance. Stephen attended Northern Virginia Community College in Manassas during the 2008-2009 school year where he attained an overall GPA of 3.6.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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>

**Greenbriar West Elementary School** is now accepting information for next year's Kindergarten classes. Those with a child who will turn five years of age by Sept. 30 should call the school office with the child's information. Call 703-633-6700 for more information.

**Pleasant Valley Preschool** is a non-profit cooperative preschool that holds its classes in the Greenbriar Community Center. It offers programs for 3-5 year olds and is enrolling for the 2009-10 school year. Call the school at 703-378-6911 or visit the Web site at [www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com](http://www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com) for more information. The Community Center is located at 4615 Stringfellow Rd. in Fairfax.

**Clifton Children's Academy** is offering a new Accelerated Junior Kindergarten program. It is available to those children who may have just missed the cut-off date for public kindergarten, those children who may not have been quite ready to begin kindergarten this fall, or those children who are excelling on the academic front and are looking for even greater challenges. The program consists of language arts, early math, social studies and science, as well as foreign language and visual arts. The school is located on Compton Road in Centreville. Call the school at 703-968-8455 or visit its Web site at [www.childrensacademy.com](http://www.childrensacademy.com).

Kindergarten registration is open at **Union Mill Elementary School**. Packets are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the main office, 13611 Springstone Drive. 703-322-8504.

The **Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool** is now enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. The preschool offers classes for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Questions, Gretchen Reamy at 703-830-3175 or [Gretchen-cliftonpc@vacoxamil.com](mailto:Gretchen-cliftonpc@vacoxamil.com)

## BUSINESS NOTES

**Blue Iguana** would like to thank everyone who entered the Blue Iguana Free Lunch Contest in June by dropping their business card in the "fish bowl" at the front of the restaurant. The winners of the Blue Iguana June Free Lunch Contest are: Phylis Byrom of Chevy Chase Bank; William Sweeley of EKS Ltd., and Ed Buhain of Excella Consulting.

**Brett Billington, of RE/MAX Gateway in Chantilly**, is accepted as a Member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network, a prestigious industry achievement. Members of the Network are carefully selected and managed by RISMedia, which has provided the real estate industry with objective, unbiased news for nearly 30 years. As a Member of the Top 5 Network, Billington is among the first real estate agents to be accepted into this elite organization. He has been a consistent top producing agent since entering the real estate business in 2003. According to Billington, he attributes his success to having great marketing and communication skills, an up-to-date knowledge of the ever-changing market conditions, constant training and education, persuasive negotiating skills and a dedicated desire to exceed client expectations.

**Meet local business owners** and build a business network through the BNI Business Roundtable. Meetings are Wednesdays at 8 a.m. at Eggspectation, 5009 Weston Plaza Dr., Chantilly. Cost is \$8 for Continental breakfast or \$12 for hot breakfast. Go to [www.bnichantilly.com](http://www.bnichantilly.com).

**The Centreville Rotary Club** has moved its meeting location from the I-Hop in Centreville to the EggsSpectations Restaurant in Chantilly. The Rotary Club meets Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 p.m. for lunch. There is a new guest speaker every week with topics ranging from estate planning to how the Rotary helps during emer-

gencies. Contact Gregg Caldwell at [gregg@gandcauto.com](mailto:gregg@gandcauto.com).

**The Clifton Business Connection** chapter of BNI invites area business professionals to visit its weekly networking meeting held every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Heart in Hand Restaurant in Clifton. Visit [www.bninova.com](http://www.bninova.com).

**BLOC (Business Leaders of the Community)** is celebrating its second anniversary as a business networking group. But this business networking group has a philanthropic role — beside for always doing business and networking with each other. Currently BLOC has grown to two-chapter meeting in Chantilly and Dulles. but the group is looking to expand to other areas, so more people can network with each other and more good works can be done for the community. Call Debra Weeks - Alexander at 703-264-7711 or e-mail [dawonlinenow@yahoo.com](mailto:dawonlinenow@yahoo.com)

## HEALTH NOTES

**The Fair Oaks Parkinson Foundation Support Group** meets monthly on the fourth Saturday, from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. at Sunrise at Fair Oaks, 3750 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax. The Parkinson Foundation welcomes PD patients and family members. Free. Support Group leader is Bill Robbins 703-830-3823. Go to [www.ParkinsonFoundation.org](http://www.ParkinsonFoundation.org).

## PEOPLE NOTES

In Chantilly, the following residents have been nominated for a Fairfax County Volunteer Service Award:

❖ **The Interact Club of Chantilly** volunteered at Pathway Homes Inc., and are nominated for the Youth Volunteer Group award. They were nominated by Abigail Denecke.

❖ **Annalisa Waybright** volunteered for Brain Injury Services, Inc., and is nominated for the Adult Volunteer award. She was nominated by Tomoko Taguchi.

**Justin Mahlmann**, PE and principal in the firm, has been named the managing director of Bowman Geothermal. Mahlmann, who came to Bowman Consulting eight years ago, has over 15 years of engineering experience, was the branch manager of Bowman's Prince William office, and was a regional vice president. He has a civil engineering degree from The University of Virginia. Mahlmann will be working out of Bowman's Chantilly office.

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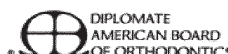
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**Matt Snyder had a breakout season as a freshman this spring at Ole Miss, hitting .298 with a team-high eight home runs and 31 RBIs. 'It gave me a lot of confidence in myself,' he said.**

## Staying Home Pays Off

Matt and Mike Snyder play summer ball locally, spurring upstart Carney Pirates.

BY JASON MACKAY  
CENTRE VIEW

**M**att Snyder hit eight home runs to lead the University of Mississippi baseball team this spring, and the Rebels advanced all the way for the NCAA Super Regional, a three-game series that they eventually dropped to the University of Virginia.

And although that power surge came on the heels of Snyder's eye-popping performance as a senior at Westfield, where he set three school records with 15 home runs, 40 RBIs and a slugging percentage of 1.197, Snyder entered this summer with one goal: gaining weight.

That, he knew, would further increase his power numbers.

So instead of playing in South Carolina's Coastal Plain League, Snyder asked Ole Miss for an exemption, saying that he and his twin brother, fellow Rebel Mike Snyder, would benefit more from staying home. In Centreville,

working — an obvious, away-from-home requirement — was unnecessary. So was cooking. Linda Snyder had that covered.

"I'm crushing my mom's cooking right now," joked Matt Snyder. "She makes some good food, and she's been putting all kinds of weight on us."

**SINCE EARLY** June, Matt and Mike Snyder have both played integral parts for the Carney Pirates, a second-year entrant in the Clark C. Griffith Collegiate Baseball League. Because of the Snyder twins and others, Carney has challenged the Vienna Senators atop the league's standings.

"We just come out here every at-bat, every pitch and make the plays and have good at-bats," said Mike Snyder, who has found his groove this summer, hitting .286 with two home runs and eight RBIs prior to Monday's contest

against the Southern Maryland Cardinals. "We string 'em all together, and that's why we've been doing pretty well in this league so far."

**IN FIVE** head-to-head meetings this season, the Pirates hold a 3-2 advantage, although they've lost the past two contests, including Tuesday night's 7-1 decision that dropped Carney's record to 15-7 this summer.

In addition to Matt and Mike Snyder, the Pirates dress 12 players who graduated from Paul VI, and from a baseball standpoint, Carney has been supported by its dynamic pitching staff. In 22 games, Carney pitchers had a combined ERA of 2.29 and have allowed a league-low 42 earned runs.

**"I'm crushing my mom's cooking right now."**

— Matt Snyder, Westfield graduate

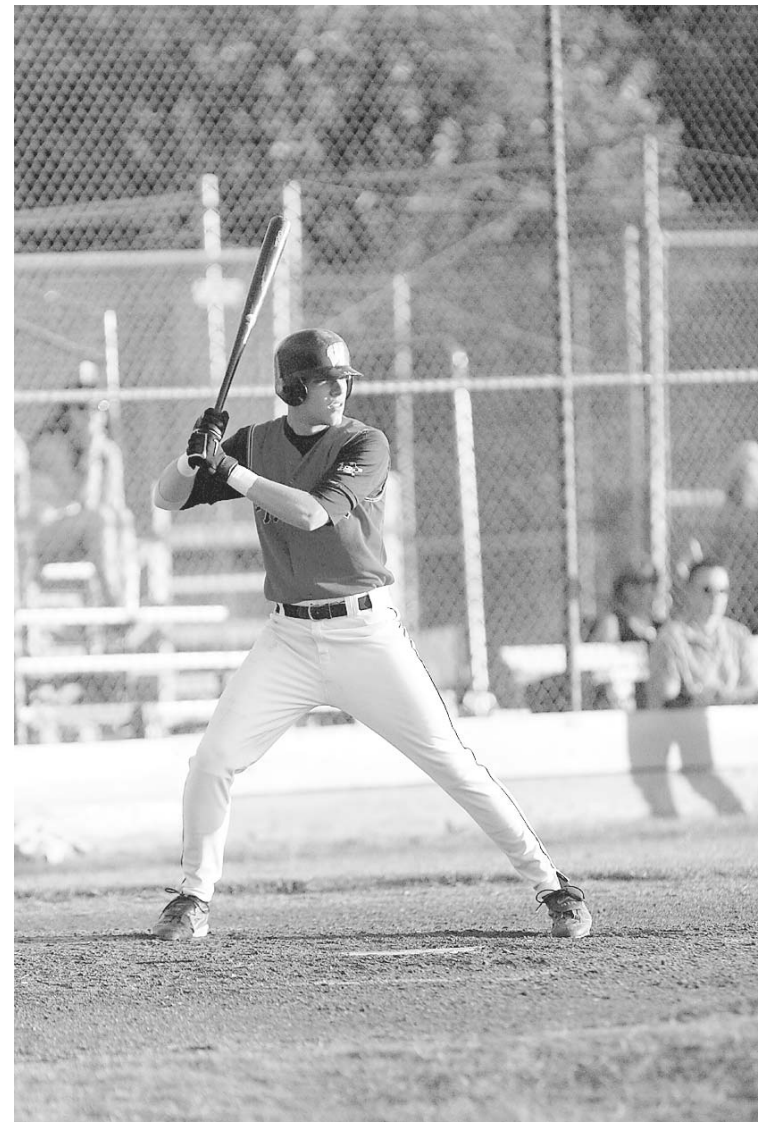


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**Despite only getting 25 at-bats at Ole Miss, Mike Snyder has caught fire at the plate this summer for the Carney Pirates and before Monday's game against the Southern Maryland Cardinals was hitting .286 with two homers and eight RBIs.**

The same thing that makes this team special for first-year manager Billy Emerson is the same thing that sometimes makes his head spin.

Because he coached almost the entire group either at Paul VI or through various travel teams, Emerson is familiar with his players and how they operate.

They, in turn, are familiar with him.

"I still have to stay on them about everything," Emerson joked.

Among the Paul VI guys that Emerson benefits from, infielder Matt Murakami has taken a liking to the wooden bats, as evidenced by his .308 batting average with eight RBIs and 12 runs scored through Monday.

One of three catchers on the team from Paul VI, Rob Lamas was hitting .333 through Monday. Same for shortstop Brett Bowers and catcher Chad Morgan — both former Panthers.

Ironically, however, the team's hottest hitter didn't graduate from Paul VI and doesn't look like one of the Snyder brothers. George

Piccirilli graduated from Osborn Park High School in Manassas and was hitting at a .359 clip. He led the team with six doubles and 14 RBIs.

"We've been getting the job done," he said. "Getting guys on base and moving them over ... quality plate appearances. That's what our coach takes pride in us doing: going up there and having a quality at-bat."

**EMERSON ALSO** pointed out that staying home to play summer ball has its share of distractions, whether those include after-game plans or more money in players' pockets. (When traveling away from home to play summer baseball, working often rivals practice time and weightlifting, leaving players poor but strong.)

"There are more distractions for the local guys playing in this league than there are for the out-of-town guys," Emerson said. "The out-of-town guys are here to play baseball."

So too, apparently, are the Snyder twins.



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# Nature? Nurture? Not Sure



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now I don't exactly know what to make of the following observation, but I am going to make it nonetheless. Our two cats, brothers Biscuit and Cappuccino – 3 years old come this September, rescued May 12, 2007 at approximately 7 months old – seem to be hanging around me (the one with cancer), touching me, maintaining body contact with me, staying in close proximity to me, more than they do with my wife, Dina. Not that they ignore her, either. Hardly. But they do seem to find me.

"The Buff Boys" are uniquely affectionate and attentive; in fact, at this very moment, Biscuit is lying on the dining room table, not two feet away from me as I write, back to me of course, but still within meowing distance. And not that I don't have a certain amount of animal magnetism, but the kind of attention I'm receiving from the cats who, as a breed are generally speaking not so instinctively inclined (certainly not in the same manner as dogs are), is somewhat unsettling. Unsettling, with respect to the alleged/presumed animal instinct to want to comfort the sick and dying. We noticed this behavior twice before: once with our previous cat, Smokey, who tended to our first rabbit, Pirate (who was sick at the time) by laying around her cage, making contact with it even, and currently with our two "newer" cats who likewise have tended to our current rabbit, Chester (again, by laying around his cage, literally) while he's had some health issues of late. Heck, for all I know, this is how animals communicate; perhaps they understand more than we do.

So what I occasionally take from this uncharacteristic attention and body contact is a sort of cross-species aid and comfort; an instinctive, centuries-old, attempt at healing the sick. And being that I'm sick, I am getting their attention, deservedly so, I may add (and I'll take as much as I can get, by the way). But how much attention is my concern, and is their attention, varying as it may be, reflective of something that either my oncologist doesn't know or hasn't told me, or something only the animal kingdom is privy to? And if it is the latter, then what am I doing writing this column? I should be under medical observation somewhere with doctors attempting to discern the cause of our cats' peculiar interest in my whereabouts.

But perhaps I'm overreacting. Perhaps the cats are simply exceptional in some intuitive, non-verbal method of connecting emotionally with people they see on a regular basis (who feed and water them, no doubt)? Or maybe the cats are merely expressing their gratitude and appreciation for our having "rescued" them and in turn providing them a permanent home (ours) where they can live in cozy comfort for the next 15 years or so? Or maybe they do know more than we give them credit for? Maybe I am sicker than either my doctor or I have admitted; I'd hate to believe that.

No, I choose to believe that our cats are loving and affectionate and they want to be around me as much as is "catly" possible. Thinking anything else would be unhelpful, and right now, given my rather precarious health situation, I can use all the help I can get; however, and from whomever.

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## WEEK IN SPORTS

### Better than Chocolate

The Chantilly Youth Association Freedom 98, a U-10 girls' travel soccer team, won the Hershey Invitational Tournament during the weekend of June 20-21 in Hershey, Pa. In the championship game, Freedom 98 outlasted the Hershey Wildcats, clinching the victory after two overtime periods and 10 penalty kicks. Team Most Valuable Player awards were presented to McKenzie Wallace, Cara McFerren, Megan Vasquez and Abby Alexa.



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**The CYA Freedom 98 includes (back row, from left) assistant coach Frank Alexa, head coach Charlie Rynex and assistant coach Wayne Shiveley; (middle row) Abby Alexa, Allison Choe, Kylie Smith, Cara McFerren, Caroline Barnes, Megan Vasquez, McKenzie Wallace and Maggie Yanchulis; (front row) Nicole Palmer, Grace Shiveley, Maddie Aldrich, Abby Rynex and Rachel Scherbenske.**

### Scholarships Awarded

The Chantilly Youth Association track and field program has announced the recipients of its annual batch of scholarships. Six \$100 scholarships were awarded to Chantilly High School graduating seniors who were former participants in the CYA program, who have gone on to participate in high school track and field and who have come back and serve as volunteers and coaches. This year, Josh Trikakakis, Wilson Bever, Curtis Sun, Kim Weinberg, Wesley Sun and Kyle Cantrell were the honorees. CYA track and field is the area's largest youth track and field programs, with more than 400 participants between the ages of 4-15. More information about the program can be found at [www.cyatrack.org](http://www.cyatrack.org).

events. Also adding wins were Benjamin Condemi, Anne Ettare, Mary Kate Kenna, R.J. Kenna, Brandon Park, William Schulte and Claire Kenna. Next up for the Breakers will be Senior Day on Saturday against Fox Hunt when they recognize their graduating seniors: Jared Whitaker, Mary Kate Kenna, Amberleigh Thoburn and Tanner Johnson.

ments for players will be held Aug. 8 and 15. For more information or to register, contact director Scott Keith at 703-933-2389 or [scott\\_w\\_keith@yahoo.com](mailto:scott_w_keith@yahoo.com) or visit the team's Web site at [www.pbsl.org](http://www.pbsl.org).

### Summer Camp

Chesterbrook Academy Elementary School in Chantilly will host a Fit Kids Sports Mania Camp for ages 6-9 from July 13-17. Camp will include an introduction to various sports with an emphasis on teamwork and good sportsmanship. Featured sports include, among others, T-ball, soccer, lacrosse, hockey and flag football. Bring a water bottle and wear sneakers. Call the school to register at 703-397-0555.

### Soccer Players Wanted

The Chantilly Youth Association Real Chantilly Black, a rising U-11 ODSL soccer team, is looking to add a few players for the upcoming fall season. Chantilly Black has fun playing soccer while also focusing on player development. Interested players should contact John Cuellar at [kwjuan@juno.com](mailto:kwjuan@juno.com) or 703 961-1172 or Steve Euerle at [seuerle@gmail.com](mailto:seuerle@gmail.com) 703-318-9197 by July 10.

### Softball Registration

The Pioneer Softball League is conducting registration for the fall 2009 season. Teams form Aug. 17 and practice starts Aug. 20. The season will run from Sept. 8-Oct. 31. Registration fees are \$70 for Rookies (7-8-year-old, coach pitch) and \$70 for Minors (9-10, kid pitch), Majors (11-12) and Seniors (13-16). A 10-percent discount will be given to those who register before Aug. 1, and there's a maximum cost of \$250 for families with multiple players. Assess-

### Pirates Now 2-1

The Poplar Tree Pirates defeated the Forest Hollow Gators, 215-187, on Saturday, July 4 at home. The Pirates' record in the Northern Virginia Swim League's Division 9 for the season is 2-1. Double-event winners for the Pirates included Nick David (U-8 boys' freestyle and backstroke), Lauren Young (U-8 girls' free and breaststroke), Evan Baker (11-12-year-old boys' free and butterfly), Lauren Hensley (11-12 girls' free and fly), Katie Dingman (13-14 girls' back and fly), Greg Borowski (15-18 boys' free and fly) and Elizabeth Hall (15-18 girls' back and fly). The Pirates will visit the Walden Glen Wahos in Springfield on Saturday, July 11.

### Senior Day Ahead

Despite a festive Fourth of July atmosphere, the Brookfield Breakers lost to the Mantua Marlins on Saturday, July 4. Many Breakers turned in great swims, especially Anna Kenna, Kieran Nelson and Shannon Silsby, who all won two

## SCHOOLS

### FCPS Looks To Weight Honors, Advanced Courses

Superintendent Jack Dale proposed Fairfax County Public Schools add a 0.5 grade-point-average bump to scores earned in many high school honors courses and advanced classes.

He would like to implement the new weighting for the 2009-2010 school year and has proposed the school board also make the weighting retroactive for high school students who have already taken these courses.

The school board will have to approve which courses will earn the extra weight and which will not. It has previously voted to add an 1.0 grade-point-average increase to Advanced Placement [AP] and International Baccalaureate [IB] classes.

Dale wants to attach a 0.5 grade-point-average weight to the following classes:

- \* Pre-AP English 9/Pre-IB English 9
- \* Pre-AP English 10/Pre-IB English 10
- \* World History & Geography I Honors/Pre-AP World History & \* Geography I
- \* World Civilization I Honors/Pre-AP World Civilization I
- \* World History & Geography II Honors/Pre-AP World History & Geography II
- \* World Civilization II Honors/Pre-AP World Civilization II
- \* Pre-AP U.S. History
- \* American Civilization Honors
- \* Pre-IB World History
- \* Pre-IB Comparative Government
- \* Algebra I Honors
- \* Geometry Honors/Pre-IB Geometry
- \* Algebra II Honors/Pre-IB Algebra II
- \* Algebra II/Trigonometry
- \* Pre-calculus and Trigonometry Honors/Pre-IB Calculus with Trigonometry
- \* IB Mathematics SL I

- \* Honors Biology/Pre-IB Biology
- \* Honors Chemistry
- \* Honors Physics
- \* IB Chemistry 1
- \* IB Physics 1

The following courses at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology will be given an extra 0.5 grade-point-average weight:

- \* English 9, 10, 11, 12
  - \* World History/Geography 2
  - \* History of Science
  - \* 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History
  - \* U.S. Virginia History
  - \* Cultural Studies
  - \* Law and Society
  - \* U.S. Virginia Government
  - \* Science Policy
  - \* Economic Theory
  - \* Neuropsychology
  - \* Inquiry into Ideas
  - \* Religious Studies
  - \* America and the World since 1989
  - \* Art, Technology & Culture
  - \* One Question
  - \* Algebra II/Trigonometry Topics
  - \* Geometry
  - \* Pre-calculus Topics
  - \* Math Techniques
  - \* Parallel Computing 1
  - \* Parallel Computing 2
  - \* Geosystems
  - \* Biology 1
  - \* Chemistry 1
  - \* Physics 1
  - \* Ethical Leadership
  - \* Computer Systems (R)
  - \* Geosystems (R)
  - \* Oceanography (R)
  - \* Astronomy (R)
  - \* Biotechnology (R)
  - \* Neuroscience (R)
  - \* Chemical Analysis (R)
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  - \* Energy Systems (R)
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# SCHOOLS



**Austin Sweezy** performs a group line dance with her fellow Westfield High School students.



**Charles Taylor** takes command of the dance floor.



The annual Day Prom was held in May at the Fair Oaks Waterford for area high school students with special needs and their student buddies. More than 150 students from South Lakes High School, Herndon High School, Fairfax High School, Centreville High School, Westfield High School, Oakton High School and the Kilmer Center participated in the annual event.



**Jocelyn McCord**, a student at Westfield High School, enjoys herself while dancing at the annual Day Prom.

## At the Day Prom

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