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Looking down on the EOC operations floor for VDOT, 911 and State Police inside the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center.

In Command for Emergencies

A look inside county's new public safety building.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County's new, public safety, emergency operations and transportation center isn't fully staffed or completely up-and-running just yet. But it's well on its way.

And last Tuesday, July 21, it opened its doors — at least, some of them — for a tour sponsored by the Central Virginia Chapter of WTS (Women's Transportation Seminar).

"WTS is a professional group advancing the ca

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20 Years Prison For Schnippel

Gave fatal heroin to Alicia Lannes.

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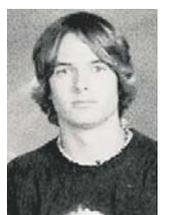
Right before he was sentenced to 20 years in prison for giving 19-year-old Alicia Lannes the heroin that took her life, Skylar Schnippel apologized to her fam-

ily for her loss. But he said it quickly and without emotion — and even the judge noted that, if he felt remorse, it's only come upon him in the last few days. And considering when he said it, Alicia's parents had

a hard time believing him, as well. "We've been to just about every hearing for all 16 co-defendants," said her father, Greg Lannes. "Over the past nine months, the one consistent name mentioned throughout was Skylar Schnippel's. He was the one who should have stepped up first and pled guilty — that would have showed my family he felt remorseful for what he did to

Alicia."

Schnippel, 20, of Virginia Run, was a key member of the Centreville-based, heroin conspiracy and the last one of the 16 people arrested to be convicted. He pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and, after a bench trial, May 4-5, he was also found guilty of heroin distri-



Schnippel

"We asked ourselves where was our God?"

— Donna Lannes, whose daughter died of an overdose

tribution resulting in death, conspiracy to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin resulting in death, and possession with intent to distribute heroin resulting in death.

Last Friday, July 24, he appeared in U.S. District Court in Alexandria to learn his punishment. First, though, Assistant U.S. Attorney Erik Barnett explained the significance of the federal government's actions and Lannes's death.

"This sentence is the culmination of 16 arrests and convictions," he said. "In August 2008, investi-

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Victims Share Stories on Effects of Lyme Disease

Panel of experts recommends precautions.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

Mosquito and tick bites are common nuisances for those who enjoy outdoor activities in the summer, but as Manassas resident Becky

Pannenton, 52, learned earlier this year, those annoying bug bites can lead to severe health problems.

"I just found out on March 6 this year that I had [Lyme disease]," she said. "I've had it for more than 18 years without even knowing."

Pannenton and other Lyme disease sufferers listened as elected officials, county scientists and representatives of Lyme disease advocacy groups held a town hall meeting on July 22 in the Centreville High School auditorium to educate citizens about the

disease.

LYME DISEASE historically hasn't been a major issue for the Fairfax County area and is most commonly experienced in the northeastern United States. With approximately 400 new cases reported in Fairfax County last two years, panelists agreed it is time to take preventative action.

"One of the steps I've taken to raising awareness is scheduling multiple meetings about this issue," said Supervisor Pat Herry

(R-Springfield). "There's been a doubling of Lyme disease cases in the county. My wife [was bitten by a tick] but we treated it. Not everyone is as lucky."

Another panelist, Fairfax County Health Department Supervisor Jorge Arias, who has a doctorate

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20 Years Prison for Schnippel

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tors and police looked at what was going on in Centreville and realized three things: There was a heroin problem; as federal agents, we didn't know a lot about heroin; and we had a pandemic — a public-health emergency. Young individuals were dying of heroin."

Barnett said the federal government got involved because it had jurisdiction — and the urgency of the situation required serious action. "We recognized that we had a singular role to play in stopping this pandemic — and then two individuals overdosed and died," he said. "In September 2008, a target of our investigation died of an overdose and we weren't able to marshal the evidence against him in time to prevent his death. The others we arrested later told us their arrests saved their lives."

There were also other reasons the government took over the heroin prosecutions. "Unless individuals were wealthy and willing to get help, there were no tools available to help them fight their heroin addictions," said Barnett. "And there were no reactions by state and local government to this issue."

He said those interviewed during the investigation "told us about drugs we'd never heard of. One woman said she'd used a hallucinogen that lasted 24 hours. Person after person had long litanies of drugs they'd used. They'd progress from marijuana to prescription drugs to cocaine and heroin. They said the drugs were easy to come by — at schools, parties or from friends — and they learned from the Internet how to use them."

"They told us about these things and we were shocked — and we all have a lot of experience in these matters. But we haven't seen any explanation as to why these individuals diverted into rampant, consistent, frequent drug use so that their whole lives revolved around it."

Barnett said the U.S. Attorney's Office prosecuted these cases "to bring attention to heroin use so that state, local and federal government, schools, churches, fraternal organizations — whatever was available — would step up. Because we cannot sit by while anybody dies of a drug overdose, we had to intervene." He said there have been some community meetings and discussions, as a result, but "We haven't seen anyone take action to prevent this."

REGARDING ALICIA LANNES, who was Schnippel's girlfriend, he said, "Her drug use was destined when she was sexually molested [at age 13] by strangers while on vacation with a friend's family. She was a young woman of tremendous promise, but this event led to sleepless nights, depression and, finally, self-medication to try to deal with it." It also led her to heroin, and Barnett said the addicts interviewed told authorities that, after using it, "they had no worries or concerns."

He said Alicia's parents "did everything they could" to get help for her. "Her mother even moved to Richmond when Alicia went to college, as a shoulder to cry on when Alicia's demons caught up with her. Some people have said it was her choice to use heroin, but her actions weren't always voluntary."

Still, said Barnett, "She saved 16 lives — a remarkable legacy for a young woman — because she sparked this investigation. It is a certainty that Daniel Nash is alive today because of this investigation. He would have died alone in his room with a needle

beside him, if not for her. And Anna Richter told us Alicia's death caused her to seek rehabilitation — and she now works in a rehabilitation facility helping others conquer addiction."

But Schnippel was undeterred. "Alicia's death didn't stop his heroin use," said Barnett. And by fall [2008], he was introducing another young woman to heroin."

A sentencing document submitted by Barnett and two other federal prosecutors detailed Schnippel's involvement in the drug ring. They stated he was one of the earliest members of the conspiracy, and introduced several of the others to heroin for the first time. He first exposed J.R. Quick, David Schreider and Daniel Nash to heroin in 2006 and 2007; all three are now in prison.

Schnippel also sold cocaine to many of these same individuals prior to their involvement with heroin. And he continued dealing heroin, despite his own arrest by local police in July 2007 and Lannes's two heroin overdoses in his presence in August and October 2007.

"It was the defendant who provided her heroin on March 4, 2008, while also supplying others with the drug that same night," wrote the prosecutors. "While she used the drugs in her parents' basement and overdosed, he was communicating

with her by telephone and text message. Several hours passed before he made any real effort to seek help for her. Alicia Lannes died as a result of using the heroin he gave her."

AND UNLIKE some of the co-defendants, said Barnett in court, "There was no clear reason why [Schnippel] started using heroin. We couldn't find the childhood trauma or sense of loss. He had every advantage of family and luxuries available. It seemed much more of a choice for him. And at any point between 2006 and March 2008, he could have severed his involvement with the conspiracy."

In October 2008, the investigators requested his cooperation, to no avail. "We knew he had a roadmap — a good overview of this conspiracy — and we needed more concrete evidence so we could make arrests," said Barnett. "There were so many things he knew that he didn't tell us about." They asked him again that December, but Schnippel still refused. Up to and including the day he was arrested, Feb. 19, 2009, he kept using and selling heroin to others.

"Furthermore, he was actively obstructing us — advocating a young woman withhold information from us — with no regard for the effect on her," said Barnett. "[Had she done so], she would have been prosecuted, too. His theme throughout was a disregard for the impact his actions had on others."

In the sentencing document, the prosecutors noted opportunities Schnippel will have after serving his sentence, adding, "That is something at least four other young people [who died of overdoses] have been denied."

In court, Barnett recommended Schnippel serve 20 years total for all his crimes. "We take no joy in this; young people will spend, perhaps, the best years of their lives in prison." But in Schnippel's case, he said,



Alicia Lannes

"[Alicia Lannes] saved 16 lives because she sparked this investigation."

— Erik Barnett, Assistant U.S. Attorney

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ROUNDUPS

Malicious Wounding Is Charged

Fairfax County police have charged a 30-year-old Manassas man with maliciously wounding a woman, 26, and a man, 28, on July 15. He is Jesus-Santos Barrientos-Lopez of 6900 Iron Way. According to police, the two victims were working in the Flame Kabob restaurant in the Greenbriar Town Center, around 5:13 p.m., when Barrientos-Lopez entered and ordered food.

However, police say he then allegedly pulled out a knife and ran toward the woman, who was alone behind the counter. A struggle began and Barrientos-Lopez reportedly pushed her away. She landed on the grill and suffered a burn to her arm. The second victim heard the commotion and, when he saw the pair struggling, he tried to help.

Police say Barrientos-Lopez allegedly cut the male employee in the upper body with the knife, but both employees were able to gain control of him and disarm him. Police responded, found Barrientos-Lopez sitting outside the restaurant and arrested him. The two victims were treated at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital for non life-threatening injuries.

Barrientos-Lopez was charged with two counts of malicious wounding and held without bond — and also on an ICE detainer — in the Adult Detention Center. He has an Aug. 31 court date.

Robbery, Gun Charges Advance

Two charges against a Centreville man have been dropped, but two others are moving forward in the legal system. He is Marlon Negassa, 37, of 14547 Golden Oak Road in The Meadows community.

On May 20, Fairfax County police arrested him and Zoghanno Holmes, 50, of the same address, in connection with a bank robbery that day at the BB&T Bank at 13360 Franklin Farm Road in Chantilly.

Negassa was charged with robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, malicious wounding and abduction. Holmes was charged with robbery. According to robbery Det. John Vickery's account in an affidavit, a masked man "pointed a handgun at a bank employee and demanded money."

However, two men inside the bank were able to disarm and hold the robber — reportedly identified as Negassa — until police arrived. Holmes was arrested nearby after allegedly being connected to Negassa and the getaway vehicle, wrote Vickery.

On July 15 in General District Court, Negassa's malicious wounding and abduction charges were dropped, and Judge Thomas Gallihue certified his robbery and firearm charges to the grand jury for possible indictment. Holmes has a Sept. 8 court date.

Police Charge Three with DWI

Fairfax County police charged three people with DWI recently as a result of a sobriety checkpoint. Officers conducted it from Saturday, July 18, at 11:30 p.m. until Sunday, July 19, at 2:30 a.m. Motorists were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their driving abilities hadn't been impaired by drugs or alcohol.

Approximately 665 motorists passed through the checkpoint in the westbound lanes of Route 29 prior to ODay Drive. Besides the DWI arrests, one additional criminal arrest was made and nine summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, July 30, and Thursday, Aug. 6, 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.

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High-Tech at County Facility

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reers of women in transportation," said Tammy Thomas, a vice president of the Central Virginia Chapter. "Because this is a new, multi-agency, state-of-the-art facility, we wanted our members to see what's available here."

WTS has state and industry personnel who work in consulting and engineering, so Thomas wanted them to see this building for professional development, plus networking opportunities. Attendees also included Maryland transportation officials, U.S. Department of Transportation employees and members of NEMA (National Emergency Management Agency).

Called the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center (MPSTOC), after former Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell, the building is on some 200 acres on West Ox Road near Route 29 in Fairfax.

The public-safety complex is being built in phases, through 2025, with capability for future expansion. Phase one is the 114,000-square-foot MPSTOC and the 33,000-square-foot Forensics Facility attached to it. A partnership between the county, state and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the facility broke ground in late November 2005, and some of its first occupants moved in last summer.

It will serve as a central command facility where state and county representatives join together during a national or weather-related emergency. But certain county and state police functions are already operating there now on a regular basis, and these entities are what the visitors learned about on their tour.

Leading the way and providing information were MPSTOC General Manager Tracy Shelton, who manages the partnership here between the county and state; Fairfax County EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Manager Sulayman Brown; and VDOT's Technology Transition Manager Tom Phillips, who's helping transfer VDOT employees and functions here from Arlington.

Contained within MPSTOC will be the county's Department of Public Safety Communications (911 call center), Office of Emergency Management and Emergency Operations Center. Shelton said the 911 center will go operational here, the end of September.

"The Forensics Facility, which is separate operationally, has been here for a year now," she said. It's off-limits to the public, but has sections dealing with the Northern Virginia Regional Information System (NOVARIS, helpful in fingerprint identification), crime-scene analysis and electronic surveillance. There's also room for a future DNA lab.

"The new EOC will be up-and-running, later this summer," said Shelton. "VDOT's been here since November [2008], and the State Police, since December."

It's a secure structure, with multiple backup systems and safeguarded access to the crucial functions the county will rely on in the event of a disaster, when rapid and seamless communication is vital. Said Shelton: "It's a medium-security facility built



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EOC (Emergency Operations Center) Manager Sulayman Brown explains the facility's functions.

to U.S. Embassy security standards."

Some 350 people will work in MPSTOC, around the clock, when it's fully operational. Already there are the State Police Division 7 call-takers and dispatchers, plus VDOT's Smart Traffic Center comprised of its Traffic Management and Signal systems.

"**MOST FOLKS** came from older, retrofitted facilities, so this is like a dream for them," said Shelton. "A lot of groups designed it and even chose the furnishings together."

She then led the visitors on a tour of the 3,600-square-foot EOC area, "for significant, unexpected events, such as weather and terrorist activities," plus its operations floor for VDOT, 911 and State Police. Said Shelton: "Each partner has its own technical staff, plus a small IT staff supports the whole structure."

The complex will also include a 165,000-square-foot building for VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office and State Police Division 7 Administration. It'll be four stories with separate entrances for each entity. "They'll move into their building across the street, the end of next year," said Shelton. "It will be silver-level, LEEDS certified."

Standing in a room filled with long tables covered with computers and surrounded by large TV screens — including one, huge screen adorning an entire wall — Brown discussed what will happen in the EOC.

"This room holds 94 people," he said. "During an event, we'd contact emergency personnel to come here to provide support staff for incidents. It'll serve three functions — monitoring the event; partial activation, bringing in 10-20 people to manage a situation; and full activation, involving all 94 people."

"There's a conference room nearby where we have video and audio communications and a Smartboard and we can talk to our federal partners," continued Brown. "Each room has a panel with which you can control everything in the EOC, and there are other rooms like it nearby. All senior county personnel, such as the county and deputy executives, would sit in a separate room during an emergency."

Brown called an adjacent, watch office "the eyes and ears of the county. It monitors police and fire units and receives information from the county during an emergency. It also monitors terrorist activity

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"It's built to U.S. Embassy security standards."

— Tracy Shelton, MPSTOC general manager

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Land-Use Meeting on Aug. 4

The Springfield District/Fairfax Center Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 7 p.m., in rooms 4 and 5 of the Fairfax County Government Center. On the agenda is a proposed gas station outside the Costco.

Sully District Starlight Cinema

It's time again for movies under the stars. On the first four Saturday evenings in August, drive-in movies will be shown free at Trinity Centre, 5875 Trinity Parkway in Centreville. Those attending may watch movies from their cars or from a designated seating area outside, in front of the screen. The gates open at 6 p.m., with music, food and children's activities beginning at 7:30 p.m. The movies start at dark.

The schedule is as follows: Aug. 1, "Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa;" Aug. 8, "Kung Fu Panda;" Aug. 15, "Hotel for Dogs;" and Aug. 22, "Monsters vs. Aliens." Movies are cancelled if it's raining. Call 703-324-7469 after 6 p.m. for cancellation information. For more information, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

WFCM Needs Food Donations

During the school year, many students in need in the local community receive free and reduced-prices lunches at their schools. But that doesn't happen during the summer, so their families turn to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) for help, even more. However, the organization desperately needs help from area residents, in the form of food donations so it may continue to serve people from its food pantry.

Especially needed are: Canned fruit, canned meat (Spam, chicken, Vienna sausages), hot and cold cereal, canned pasta, chili, rice, dried beans, coffee, sugar and cooking oil. The food pantry is at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly, and donations are accepted Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; and the first and third Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Physicals Will Be Available For Uninsured Children

The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic and the Rotary Club of Centreville are offering free sports and school physicals for uninsured children. They will be given Wednesday, Aug. 19, from 6-9 p.m., at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road (off Route 28 and New Braddock Road) in Centreville. The church is on bus routes 12 A, E, F and R.

This will be the annual free clinic in Centreville. Last August, some 35 families came to the event, and organizers anticipate the need to be even greater for the upcoming school year.

Patients who qualify for these physicals are children ages 3-19 who live in Centreville, Chantilly, Herndon or Reston and have no insurance. They must also have a household income of 200 percent or less of the federal poverty level and must bring proof of income. Families need to call the clinic at 703-481-8160, ext. 1 to make an appointment.

Appleby's Helps Centreville Day

Now through Sept. 23, people eating at the Westfields Appleby's on Wednesdays can also help raise money for the upcoming, Centreville Day celebration. Anyone interested may go to www.CentrevilleVa.org and print out the Centreville Day Wednesday flyer and bring it to the Appleby's at 4995 Westone Plaza in Chantilly.

Appleby's will make 15-percent donations to Centreville Day for flyers presented before ordering. Also on Wednesdays, between 5-9 p.m., children's meals are 99 cents each, and there's free children's entertainment from 6-8 p.m.



Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity (far left), discusses his concern for Lyme disease awareness.

Experts Advise on Lyme Disease

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in entomology, said that in 2008, 13.56 percent of black-legged ticks in the county tested positive for the bacterium that produces Lyme disease compared with 4.48 percent in 2007.

The bacterium that causes Lyme disease, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, is carried by black-legged ticks, also known as deer ticks, and transferred to humans through a bite contracted while outdoors.

"[Ticks] wait in the grass for someone to pass by and then crawl up their legs," Arias said. "They don't jump and it's hard to tell they are on you. They're very sneaky."

Early symptoms of Lyme disease include headaches, flu-like symptoms and nausea, but in later stages severe psychological, neurological and sensory ailments can develop such as depression, blurred vision and memory loss.

Deer are the most common culprit for bringing ticks into the neighborhood, Arias said. "There are deer everywhere in this area, deer are the 'Metro' system for ticks," he said.

Besides offering Lyme disease information, panelists also discussed preventative measures. Vicki Monroe, Fairfax County wildlife biologist, offered tips for combating ticks.

"Keep your grass short and free of leaf litter, and keep playground equipment away from the yard's edge and trees," she said. "Always wear insect repellent, dress in long clothing when traveling through the woods and stick to the main trails."

Another preventative measure is to check your body daily for ticks. "Whenever you go out, check your body for ticks," Arias said. "You're either looking for a new freckle, or a new one with legs."

If there is a tick on one's body, remove by gently pulling it out with tweezers. "There's old wives tales about using lighters, cigarettes and alcohol [to remove ticks]," Arias said. "They aren't true. Just use the tweezers."

What To Do If Bitten?

Step 1: Don't panic.

Step 2: Gently pull the tick straight out by grabbing the tick as close to the skin as possible with tweezers.

Step 3: Place the tick in a bottle or bag labeled with the patient's name, address and date the tick was removed.

Step 4: Have the tick identified and tested by a lab, health department or veterinarian.

Step 5: Seek immediate treatment if tick tests positive for Lyme disease. Sources: The National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association, Fairfax County Health Department

The local health department or veterinarian can test the tick for Lyme disease for free, panelists said.

EVEN ONE'S FOUR-LEGGED friends are at risk, panelists said. Pets should be equipped with flea collars and have their fur checked regularly for ticks.

For those who do contract Lyme disease, the experience can be painful and frustrating. Lyme disease is a controversial topic as some physicians do not believe that it is the cause of extreme symptoms. "No other disease has ever caused such a divide in the medical community," said panelist Debbie McCabe, director of pediatric and family wellness at the National Integrated Health Associates in Washington, D.C. "It is the great imitator and can cause multiple symptoms that baffle physicians."

Even the circular bite mark that is left behind by a tick can be misleading. "Some think they have ringworm, but it turns out to be Lyme," McCabe said.

Adding to the confusion is that Lyme disease screening is not accurate. The most common test, the enzyme-linked immunoassay test (ELISA), misses 35 percent of cases in the screening process, McCabe said.

For some, the effects of misdiagnosis can lead to years of unnecessary suffering.

"In the early '80s no one knew about [Lyme disease]," said Pannenton, whose 18-year misdiagnosis led to severe medical problems. "It started out with flu-like symptoms and then fatigue, then the headaches and dizziness came in," she said. "I suggested I had Lyme disease to my rheumatolo-

gist but he wouldn't discuss it with me."

Loudoun County resident Sharon Payne, 43, has suffered from chronic Lyme disease since 2005, and has found few treatments that help with her chronic body aches.

"In 2005, I was on an antibiotic treatment [for Lyme disease] that made me lose 35 pounds," she said. "I decided that wasn't the best treatment for me. I now use cold laser therapy. It's the same treatment that was used to treat [cyclist] Lance Armstrong [for cancer]."

Lyme disease can be treated, but there isn't a universal treatment method for those who did not detect the disease in its early stages, McCabe said.

VARIOUS OUTREACH groups also are available for those dealing with chronic Lyme disease.

Panelist Monte Skall, executive director of the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association in McLean (www.natcap Lyme.org), shared information for those seeking help.

"I've had Lyme for 18 years and it gets harder and harder to deal with," she said. "I started this group because there was nothing out there for people with this infection. We now have five chapters in Virginia."

Support for those infected with Lyme disease isn't just coming from advocacy groups but also on Capitol Hill.

Dan Scandling, chief of staff for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), delivered some hopeful news that lobbying efforts are paying off.

"A \$6 million increase for the Centers for Disease Control budget will increase Lyme disease research," he said.

Schnippel Sentenced

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"This sentence was determined by the defendant — driven by his conduct and the choices he made."

Defense Attorney Brendan Harold agreed with the 20 years, only requesting his client be placed as close to Centreville as possible and receive drug treatment in prison. Then Greg Lannes addressed the court. He said Alicia was born on Dec. 7 and, as "Pearl Harbor woke up this nation, Alicia's death woke up this community, law enforcement and families to take action."

He described the bright, inquisitive child and good student she was before her sexual assault and resulting anxiety attacks. "It's clear to [my wife] Donna and I that Skylar saw her anxiety attacks and talked her into using heroin," said Greg Lannes. "After one of Alicia's overdoses, I asked him to take care of and protect her and he promised he would. But it was all lies; he was the one pulling her down."

Talking directly to Schnippel, Lannes said, "Do you remember me telling you the world would come down on you and there'd be hell to pay, if not? That day is today; little did I know that world would be the U.S. government. Federal prison can be a beginning so you can someday become a productive person. May God watch over you and guide you."

Then, saying her daughter's potential will never be realized, Donna Lannes called Schnippel a coward, a liar, thoughtless and indifferent. "How many times did you inject her with a lethal dose — and walk away?" she asked. "You wanted to quiet her but, in the end, Alicia's being heard. May your days behind bars bring you some of the same heartache and pain you caused Alicia."

Like others who've lost a child, she said, "We asked ourselves where was our God, and Alicia's guardian angels?" she said. "Where was the Protector of children?" But, she said, crying, "The angels and her Protector were, in fact, with her all the time. God sent Alicia to open eyes and hearts and

turn them from darkness to light. Alicia victoriously survives in eternity."

Then Schnippel stood and apologized, adding, "I loved Alicia; it's my loss, too."

Judge Leonie Brinkema called the case "among the most aggravated" of the 16. "You really didn't get the message," she told Schnippel. "And your [attempt] to obstruct justice is a significant, aggravating factor."

She said his conduct after Alicia's death — and after others were arrested and the government asked for his help — was "just unconscionable." She then sentenced him to 20 years "to punish and deter you and to send a clear message. You can't use and sell drugs and, when it's obvious you're being caught, you don't go out and obstruct justice and try to get others to commit crimes for you."

Brinkema said she'd recommend him for the prison system's 500-hour, intensive, drug-treatment program and ask he be housed as close to Northern Virginia as possible. Upon his release, he's to have no contact with the co-defendants, remain drug- and alcohol-free and undergo substance-abuse and mental-health treatment. He must also share the cost of \$21,497 restitution to the Lannes family with Quick and Nash.

Afterward, Greg Lannes said he and his wife understand Brinkema's difficulty in sentencing someone so young to such a long prison term. "One day, Skylar will understand what he did and, hopefully, realize Alicia's death gave him life," said Lannes. "In the years to come, only when he is released and starts his family will he thank Alicia."

Dana Boente, U.S. Attorney for Virginia's Eastern District, said, "We hope this sentence will be a strong deterrent to other young people. Our thoughts and condolences are with those who have lost loved ones as a result of this conspiracy, and our thanks go to the men and women who brought those responsible to justice."

High Tech Command

FROM PAGE 3

around the world, biochemical sensors and dam water levels around the country."

However, the EOC will also come in handy for more mundane activities directly affecting area residents. "We'd use this room, for example, if there's an overturned gasoline truck on I-66 and it's go-

ing to be shut down for hours," explained Brown. "We could distribute information to the media about it from here."

SCHOOL AND government closings will also be sent from that office and, said Brown, "We can communicate with other jurisdic-

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Emphasis on Lyme Well Placed

Containing Lyme disease is important to health locally.

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Deer ticks are tiny, and most often go unnoticed. The first symptoms of Lyme disease are often a fever, flu-like aches and headache. Sometimes victims exhibit a red ring or bulls eye pattern, presumably around the original tick bite. When treated early with antibiotics, most people recover fully.

But untreated early, the disease can be complex and difficult, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: "After several months, approximately 60 percent of patients with untreated infection will begin to have intermittent bouts of arthritis, with severe joint pain and swelling. ... In addition, up to 5 percent of untreated patients may develop chronic neurological complaints months to years after infection." This can include problems with concentration and memory.

One of the obstacles to early treatment is the lack of a reliable diagnostic test for Lyme disease.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th), chairman of the bipartisan House Lyme Disease Caucus, announced an increase in the CDC's budget for Lyme disease by more than \$3.6 million to \$8.9 million. In particular the funding will encourage the CDC and NIH to develop more accurate diagnostic tests for Lyme, as well as more research, record keeping and education.

The seriousness of the problem locally was evidenced when more than 300 people turned out for an informational meeting on Lyme disease Wolf held last year.

For more, see www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Lyme.

Hoping for Better

We've mentioned before that we're suffering from election fatigue and the summer doldrums, so like most people, we're not ready to focus on coming races in November. But given the crisis state of transportation funding, one could hope for more from the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor.

Creigh Deeds' (D) Web site, www.deedsforvirginia.com, offers a quick

link to "Issues," but transportation does not appear as one of his issues. One might assume that a contentious primary process would have forced Deeds to have a well-articulated plan by this point in the process.

To be fair, Deeds' transportation "plan" appears under the issue of economic plan: "Work with the General Assembly and local stakeholders to design and pass a long-term, multi-modal, statewide, creative transportation proposal in his first year as governor." To say this lacks substance is a bit of an understatement.

More to come, no doubt.

Meanwhile, Bob McDonnell (R) has proposed a detailed transportation plan which actually offers little more, because it includes no new source of revenue. McDonnell's plan mostly appears to call for shifting money from other priorities to transportation, also not much of a plan. Judge for yourself at www.bobmcdonnell.com.

More to come, no doubt.

Be sure that you're registered to vote; besides statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates are on the ballot Nov. 3. To check on your registration, see www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on voter information.

— MARY KIMM,
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Why Not Listen?

To the Editor:

I am a 17-year-old who wants to let you and the readers know what kind of people we have elected to our government. Concerned about the upcoming healthcare plan, I called "Representative" Connolly to express my concerns and ask for his thoughts about it. To say the least, I was surprised at the response I received. One of his office staff answered (that part was not so surprising) and when I asked to express my concern she simply answered, "Congressman Connolly is not taking input from his constituents and has not decided yet [on his position on the bill]."

As a representative of the people, I thought it was his job to take input from his constituents. Guess not. I'll certainly keep this in mind when I vote in the next Congressional election, and vote for someone who understands their job description.

Ben Salmon
Clifton

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Troop 5641 Visits Girl Scouts' Founder

To celebrate their recent bridging to Cadettes, Girls Scouts from Troop 5641 in Chantilly and their moms traveled to Savannah, GA, to visit the home of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of the Girl Scouts. The girls visited the Marine Science Center on Tybee Island and learned about marine life in coastal Georgia. They were inducted into the Girl Scout Militia at Fort Jackson. After touring throughout the city of Savannah, they visited the home of Juliette Gordon Low and took part in a special interest program there that taught them about fabrics and weaving. The girls had a lot of fun and created many memories to last a lifetime.



(Front, from left): Lindsay Steinburg, Rachael Penaranda and Danielle Borneman. (Back row, from left): Jordan Kijewski, Gabrielle Baker, Megan O'Leary, Catey Susco, GS guide, Paige Ngo and Madelene Whitfield.

BZA Approves Temple Parking

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Rajdhani Mandir Temple in Chantilly is en route to solving its parking problems. It got a green light from the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to add more spaces on site and to also park on an adjacent, one-acre parcel it already owns.

Because this Hindu temple along Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly doesn't have enough on-site parking for special events, attendees have parked, instead, in the neighboring Pleasant Valley community — angering neighbors unable to get in or out of their driveways.

The BZA's approval, July 14, will enable Rajdhani Mandir to amend its special permit to incorporate the extra acre for parking. And with more spaces added to the existing lot, as well, the temple will increase its number of parking spaces from 87 to 302.

The temple's entrance will also be changed; it'll be moved 230 feet further down, to improve traffic flow coming from Pleasant Valley Road and Route 50.

"The new entrance will be opposite Pleasant Valley Road's intersection with Herndon Avenue," said BZA member Jim Hart. "And there'll be a right out only from the old entrance."

The temple still wanted a right turn in, right turn out there — with a raised, concrete barrier prevent-

ing left turns in — and county staff wanted the old entrance totally closed.

"Staff said people would turn left if a right in was allowed, with drivers stopping short and/or backing up traffic [on Pleasant Valley Road, as a result]," said Hart. "And it would have been a tricky maneuver [driving around the barrier to enter]." Ultimately, staff agreed to a right turn out.

Furthermore, said Hart, "It'll be safer at the new entrance. And there'll be a long, left-turn lane there, going southbound on Pleasant Valley Road, so through traffic can keep going. Otherwise, everyone would have to stop for cars making a left [into the temple]."

Also aiding traffic flow will be the installation of a traffic signal at Pleasant Valley Road and Herndon Avenue. "Staff originally wanted the temple to pay \$62,500 for one fourth of the stoplight, but it doesn't have nearly one fourth of the traffic there," said Hart. "So instead, it'll contribute \$5,000 toward the future stoplight."

The BZA approval was unanimous, 6-0, and no one from the community spoke in opposition. All in all, said Hart, the extra parking should be beneficial to both Rajdhani Mandir and the community.

"With the larger parking lot for the temple's expanded congregation, it'll hopefully keep all the parking on site and will improve traffic flow in the neighborhood," he said. "It will also free up spaces in front of the residents' homes, so this should be a permanent solution for everyone concerned."

"It'll be safer at the new entrance."

— Jim Hart, member, BZA

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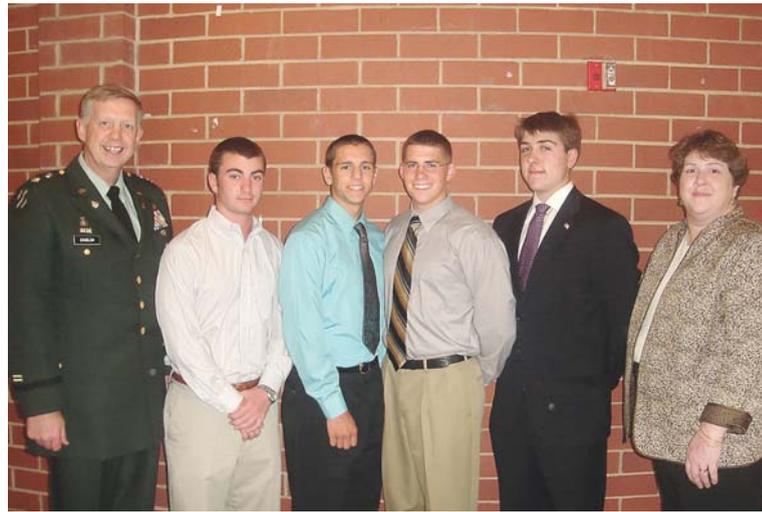
Stephen J. Gardner of Centreville was recently awarded a \$2,000 Pamplin College of Business Transfer Merit Scholarship at Virginia Tech. These scholarships are offered to the students with the highest GPAs entering Virginia Tech from any given Virginia Community College in recognition of outstanding 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.

Westfield High School will hold its Bulldog BBQ and Silent Auction on Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 5-8:30 p.m. at Westfield High School. The event will include a variety of entertainment for the whole family and various food vendors where you can purchase dinner. A silent auction and raffle will also be held in the WHS library. Proceeds from the BBQ event benefit the high school booster clubs and assorted student clubs while the Silent Auction benefits the PTSA programs.

Do you have something you may wish to donate to the Silent Auction? Do you know someone, whether it is your favorite restaurant, store, hairdresser, doctor, dentist, vet, lawn or auto service, who might be willing to donate a gift certificate or product to help advertise their business? If so, contact Terry Schweinhart or Cindy Baker at terryschweinhart@aol.com. They are also seeking items signed by well known Westfield alumni to be auctioned that evening. Arrangements can be made for pick up at your business or for drop off at the school. To volunteer at the BBQ, contact Suzanne Olijar at solijarpta@yahoo.com. The next organizational meeting will be held on July 29 at 6 p.m. in the main office. Contact Amy Jackson at abjackson@fcp.edu with questions or if your school club needs to reserve a space.

The following Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 15, 2009, in Lane Stadium.

- ❖ **Gregory Allen of Centreville** received a Master of Information Technology degree in information technology from the Graduate School.
- ❖ **George Zheng of Centreville** received a Ph.D. in computer science and application from the College of Engineering.
- ❖ **George Mao of Centreville** received a Master of Information Technology degree from the Graduate School.
- ❖ **Colin Reagle of Centreville** received a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering.



From left: LTC Harry Shablom – Military Academy Liaison Officer; Alexander Sauer, Justin Aid, Peter Schlatter, Gregory Mathieson, and Ann Potocnak, Constituent Services for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf.

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Gerald A. Thomas has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Gerald A. Thomas of Willoughby Newton Drive,

Centreville, and S. Thomas of W. Twelve Oaks Road, Raeford, N.C. Thomas is a 2006 graduate of South View High School, Hope Mills, N.C.

Air Force Airman Collin J. Terling graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Kathleen Modolo of Blue Heron Lane, Warrenton, and grandson of Mary Keeler of Orchard Hill Court, Clifton.



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TUESDAY/AUG. 4

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AUG. 5-7

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NEWS

Mitchell Given Suspended Sentence

Jessica Mitchell didn't rob anyone, herself; but she did drive the get-away car for the person who did. And she's now received a suspended prison sentence for her action.

The robbery happened in fall 2008, and setting it all in motion was Dontay Wooden, 21, of Manassas Park. He and his roommate, Jeremy Trujillo, 24, were behind on their rent and their electricity was about to be turned off. So they decided to rob the Kentucky Fried Chicken in Sully Plaza of its weekend cash proceeds.

Wooden used to work there and told Trujillo when another employee would be depositing money

from the restaurant at the SunTrust Bank at 13900 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

So on Oct. 20, 2008, around 11 a.m., Trujillo approached the employee, a 27-year-old Chantilly man, outside the bank, as he was about to make the deposit. He demanded the bank bag — containing \$6,681 — and displayed a silver handgun in his waistband.

When the victim raised his arms, Trujillo knocked the bag away from him, grabbed it and ran. Friend Mitchell drove him from the scene. But a patrolling, Fairfax County police officer saw Trujillo get into the car and made a traffic

stop. Trujillo jumped out and fled, and police arrested Mitchell, 21, of Bristow. Five hours later, they apprehended Trujillo.

Wooden was also arrested, and now all three people involved have been prosecuted and sentenced. On March 6, Circuit Court Judge Bruce White sentenced Wooden to 15 months in prison. On May 22, Judge Gaylord Finch gave Jeremy Trujillo five years behind bars.

Mitchell pleaded guilty to robbery in January and, on July 10, Judge Marcus Williams sentenced her to seven years in prison. He then suspended all that time and placed her on two years probation.

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National Night Out Is Aug. 4

Fairfax County police invite local residents to participate, Tuesday, Aug. 4, with thousands of communities nationwide in the 26th Annual National Night Out. The event is designed to heighten crime and drug-prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.

From 6:30-9 p.m., residents are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors with neighbors and police. Many neighborhoods will host a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, ice cream socials, visits from police and flashlight walks.

Sully Station II will participate with an ice cream social at its community center, 5501 Sully Park Drive, in Centreville. Attendees will receive maps to block parties throughout the community to show their support for the police fighting crime.

So far, block parties will be held on Wood Creek Lane, Belcher Farm Drive and Beaumeadow Court, and HartLaub Court. Block parties are awarded cash prizes based on themes, food, decorations and fun. Centreville Fire Station 38 will bring its fire trucks and rescue vehicles to all the events.

Residents are encouraged to bring a new teddy bear to the event in a Ziplock bag for the Sully District Police Station's "Teddies for Tots" program. The goal is for all police vehicles to have new teddy bears so no child in a major emergency or tragedy will go to bed without a teddy bear.

— BONNIE HOBBS

NEWS

High-Tech

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tions in the case of multi-jurisdictional events. On the big screen, we can put up GIS maps of an incident scene, international and local TV stations, helicopter photos from the scene and streamlined net videos — anything that would help people in this room deal with their response to the event.”

Anywhere from 1-42 different elements may be placed on the screen, with workers able to listen to information from the particular one they want. Furthermore, said Brown, “People can log onto their computers here and see and hear everything going on in the EOC from their desks, while still doing their jobs.”

“All our public safety representatives are now within walking distance of each other,” he added. “So it’s an important accomplishment for Fairfax County.”

Looking through a glass wall overhead, the visitors viewed VDOT transportation operations and State Police dispatchers working on the operations floor. The county’s 911 call center and fire and police dispatchers will complete the picture.

“At the table in the center, people will be able to turn around and talk to people about how to handle an incident,” said Shelton. “That’ll be pretty powerful stuff.”

Since VDOT moved in, Nov. 8, said Phillips, “We’ve dealt with accidents and disabled vehicles on the roads. We have 10 work stations here, and working with the State Police, hand-in-hand, on the Fourth of July, helped us immensely. For example, through their screens, we saw a bonfire on I-66, and the Arlington Fire Department responded.”

“Having the public-safety people here enables us to have clear communication,” he continued. “Every 911 call that comes in goes in the State Police’s CAD [computer-aided design] data and we’re now connected to it, so their information about incidents will pop up on our screens, too. We’re also working on CAD integration with other jurisdictions like Prince William and Arlington.” During the recent presidential election, said Phillips, “We had about 30 other agencies in here with us. So Virginia used this as its communications center on this side of the [Potomac] river and was able to communicate with agencies in [Washington], D.C.”

Closer to home, he said, “Last week, 250 accidents went through here — and if we can minimize the amount of time an incident takes, it can make a big difference to traffic.”

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With one out in the bottom of the sixth inning Tuesday, Matt Hogle's two-run, walk-off homer gave the Chantilly American Majors All-Stars a 13-11 win over Central Chesterfield.



In addition to a 3-for-3 day at the plate, Aaron Osborne, a right-handed pitcher, also earned the win for Chantilly American, which topped Central Chesterfield on Tuesday afternoon, 13-11.

PHOTOS BY JASON MACKEY/CENTRE VIEW

Matt Hogle a Hero with Homer

In the bottom of the sixth, Matt Hogle's walk-off shot sinks Central Chesterfield, 13-11.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

Slumps generally do not predict game-changing home runs. Or game-winning home runs. Or anything, really, besides continuing headaches, frustration and batting practice. But during the Chantilly American Majors All-Star team's state semi-final game with Central Chesterfield on Tuesday, July 28, Matt Hogle changed all that.

With one out in the bottom of the sixth inning, Hogle walked to the plate, lugging with him an 0-for-8 performance throughout the state tournament up until that game. In the second inning, Hogle beat out a dribbler to the left side of the infield, but he wasn't counting that as a hit. Here, he thought, was where he would finally snap out of the funk.

Hogle did and in a big way, too. With his two-run homer, Hogle ensured that Chantilly American would reach the Virginia state final against McIntire on Wednesday night, which ended too late for this edition. For one game, though, Hogle was the hero. And he wasn't even trying to be.

"I just was thinking about getting a hit to move the guy over," said Hogle of the scenario that saw Colby Matthews on first base when his homer sailed over the center field fence at the Lincoln Lewis Vanoy Fields.

That Chantilly American was even in that situation was mystifying by itself. Down 11-4 after Central Chesterfield hit three home runs and scored six times in the top of the fourth, Chantilly American needed something to rejuvenate itself.

THE FIRST SIGN of a pulse came courtesy of Aaron Osborne's first homer of the game, a two-run shot that scored Andrew Kim in the bottom of the fourth inning. Osborne, who picked up the win by pitching a scoreless inning of relief, finished 3-for-3 with seven RBIs and two runs scored.

"When we got down a little bit, I said, 'We can come back. We've got the team to do it,'" said manager Sean Matthews, who guided his team to a District 10 championship last weekend by taking two games from SYA East. "It took that first run before I saw it back in their eyes again, but when we got that first run, all of a sudden they thought, 'Wow, we can do this.'"

Osborne, the team's No. 3 hitter and starting right fielder, doubted it would even happen. However, with his three-run shot in the bottom of the fifth, the comeback was complete as Chantilly American tied the score at 11.

"It feels really good to come back," Osborne said. "I thought we weren't going to pull it off. But we did."

"Aaron's bat is great," added Sean Matthews. "It doesn't get any better than that. He's been doing it time and time again for us. He's awesome."

Besides Osborne's prolific day at the plate, four Chantilly American players finished with three hits, including Mike Sciorra, Eason Recto and Colby Matthews, who, with his fourth-inning homer, matched Hogle's total of two RBIs.

With the score tied at 11, Sean Matthews had a decision to make. He had Hogle matched up with Keegan Kelly, meaning he could

send either one up to bat. And despite Hogle's state tournament slump, Matthews was confident in Hogle as a hitter; however, in a bunt situation, Matthews admitted to possibly turning to Kelly.

But after Colby Matthews singled, Lukas Foley struck out and Matthews didn't want to bunt a runner over to second with two outs. So he let Hogle swing away, which turned to be not such a bad idea.

"I was hitting terrible in the beginning and all of a sudden I hit it over," Hogle said. "When you're in that situation, you're not really thinking about a home run."

FOR COMPLETE ONLINE coverage of Wednesday's night state title game against McIntire, which ended too late for this edition, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Kenna's Record

The Brookfield Breakers completed their season at the Northern Virginia Swim League Division 7 meet on Saturday, July 25. In her final NVSL swim,

Mary Kate Kenna broke her own team record in the 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 38.37 seconds. The Breakers will be sending three swimmers to the NVSL All Star Meet on Saturday, Aug. 1: Alexa Conti qualified in the 9-10-year-old girls' butterfly; Anna Kenna qualified in the 9-10 girls' individual medley; and Shannon Silsby qualified in both the 15-18 girls' backstroke and butterfly.



The Brookfield Breakers' Northern Virginia Swim League All-Stars representatives are, from left, Anna Kenna, Shannon Silsby and Alexa Conti.



Bryan Blank and Kelli Williams

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Mr. and Mrs. David Williams of Centreville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Elizabeth to Bryan Thomas Blank, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Blank of Centreville.

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Mr. Blank is a ROTC student at Virginia Tech pursuing a major in psychology with a minor in business. Upon graduation this December he will commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

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Jennifer and Jared are both graduates of Centreville High School, Class of 1997 and Virginia Tech, Class of 2001.

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Time I May Have



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Tick, tick, tick, tick. If I allow myself to think about it (and as a cancer patient with an abbreviated life expectancy, it is something to think about, believe me), I might go crazy. When exactly did the life-expectancy-not-what-it's-supposed-to-be-clock start ticking? Was it the date of my biopsy? The date of my P.E.T. Scan? The date of my CT Scan? The date of my initial chest x-ray? The date when I first felt pain in my side (Dec. 29)? Or was it the date of my first appointment with my oncologist when all the news that I never thought I'd see in print, was printed, spoken and discussed? Talk about a shoe dropping!

But what's the point really? Other than wondering if this day, this weekend, this dinner out, will be the last that I'll remember or even experience. I'm not a "Bucket List" kind of person so I'm not making a list and checking it twice (heck, I'm not making a list at all).

But when reality creeps in (and it's impossible for it not to), despite the fact that I have been asymptomatic and my oncologist has described me and my minimal side effects as "above average," at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day, too), I am still a stage IV lung cancer patient. At some point, something is going to hit the fan. And when it does, that fan is going to break, big time (metaphorically speaking; although, you have to know, at this point of my diagnosis/life, I have very little patience for electronic devices).

So do I live and let live or do I live like there's no tomorrow when there actually might not be?

If I live like there's no tomorrow, then aren't I sort of assuming that I'm not going to improve and that there really won't be anymore tomorrows? And if that is indeed my attitude, isn't that kind of a self-fulfilling prophesy? I don't want to live like there's no tomorrow. I want to live normally, like there are plenty of tomorrows, plenty of next weekends, plenty of next years. Somehow, I need - and want - to be positive about this very negative situation, and yet be honest about my present and realistic about my future. (And I thought selling newspaper advertising in Washington in August was difficult.)

But how do I manage to serve two masters like that? Denial certainly works. Naivete can play a role. Delusions of not-so-grandeur could help.

But that's no way to live. Pretending that all is well when you are not. Nor is trying to determine when the semi exact start date of your official cancer appearance was, then calculating backwards and now forwards to project and/or predict when your life expectancy might begin to feel the effects of your underlying disease and then act accordingly, whatever that may be.

Who am I kidding? Other than giving myself some mental gymnastics to perform, why do I need to know? (I'll know soon enough, I'm sure.)

What will be, will be. But sometimes, I can't help myself. When I lie in bed, awake, in the middle of the night, with no one to talk to, it's difficult to block out this new math, especially when you consider that I'm pretty good in math. I guess I now know what the point was of learning it back in 10th grade. Little did I know how important it would all become.

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Nationally Ranked

The Fairfax Stars U-12 girls' basketball team recently traveled to Kingsport, Tenn. to compete against 64 teams from 27 states in the AAU National Championships. The team completed pool play with a 3-0 record and finished the tournament with a 4-2 record. Due to their excellent play, the Stars finished the year ranked 13th in the country. This is the second year in a row the team has made it to the tournament's round of 16.

Godart Gone

After 26 years and exactly 400 games, Chris Godart has stepped down as the Westfield girls' soccer coach. Godart, with a career record of 232-136-32, has been at Westfield since the school opened during the fall of 2000.

"It's the first point in 26 years that I can say I don't have a team," said Godart, whose team went 4-9 this past spring and lost to Centreville, 3-2, in the first round of the Concorde District tournament.

Despite the sub-.500 season, Godart feels that the future at Westfield is bright, with several talented players working their way through the system.

"There's never a good time [to step down]," he said. "We had a really good freshman class this year, so there's never a time where you can say the future's no good and it's time to leave."

For his career, Godart's teams have won seven district titles and one region crown. His teams have also made four Virginia AAA state final appearances, with the 1990 Lee team capturing the trophy with a 20-0 mark.

Godart has twice been named the Virginia Coach of the Year and was named the National High School Athletic Coaches Association's 2006 National Girls'

Soccer Coach of the Year. Godart will be succeeded by former player and current assistant coach Kristi Williams.

Chargers Sign

Two Chantilly baseball players, first baseman Brian King and shortstop Danny Bates, signed letters of intent to continue their careers at the University of Virginia's College at Wise. King hit .370 with six home runs as a senior on a baseball squad that reached the Northern Region semifinals. Bates, meanwhile, hit .413 with 21 RBIs and a .643 slugging percentage.

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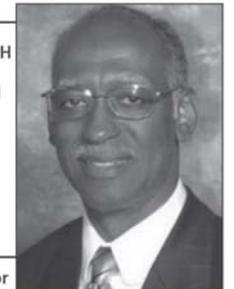
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