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NEWS

18 Years For Xiao

Fairfax resident sentenced for hiring a hitman.

By BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Believing another man had stolen more than 15,000 cartons of contraband cigarettes from him, Xing “Andy” Xiao of Fairfax plotted to have him killed. In return, the hitman would have received \$15,000 — or about \$1/carton.

Instead, the man posing as a killer for hire was really an undercover agent and Xiao was busted. On Friday, May 21, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Xiao was sentenced to 18 years, four months in prison. As part of an earlier plea agreement, he also forfeited some \$2.4 million — and once he’s released from prison, he’ll be deported.

“Xing Xiao was willing to kill to support his contraband cigarette operation,” said Neil H. MacBride, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. “This is a dangerous activity, and we hope this severe sentence will serve as a warning to anyone else thinking of engaging in trafficking.”

Xiao, now 33, was the last of 14 people charged as the result of a 14-month investigation begun by the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office. From July 2008 to October 2009, the members of this conspiracy paid or traded more than \$8 million, approximately 160 grams of cocaine base, some 39 firearms, including assault rifles, and more than 32,000 pills purported to be ecstasy.

They did so in exchange for nearly 388,000 cartons of contraband cigarettes from undercover law enforcement agents from the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). They then planned to sell these more than 77 million contraband cigarettes in New York where, in July 2009, they cost \$4.25/carton. The conspirators also sold or traded more than 275,000 fraudulent Virginia and New York State cigarette tax stamps.

According to court records, in

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Father Remembers Son Struck by Car

Fairfax High student Abdel Chadli dies only weeks before graduation.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Abdel Chadli, 18, was only starting down the path to realize his dreams, but now, his family is left to wonder what could have been.

Chadli, who lived on Morrisons Way in Fairfax, was struck and killed Friday, May 21 by a SUV driven by Gary Anthony Thorne of Manassas, who also died at the scene. The incident, which occurred shortly after 4p.m. on Lee Highway near Forum Drive, occurred only weeks before Chadli was to graduate from Fairfax High School.

"It's a very big hit to our family," said Mohammed Chadli, Abdel's father.

"It's so sad to feel the hit of the separation of a loved one, and it's a loss for not only us, but his school, neighborhood and the community."

According to the Fairfax County Police

Department, Thorne, 31, was driving his 2001 Dodge Durango SUV northbound on Lee Highway at the time of the incident. Police said that just before the intersection of Forum Drive, the SUV crossed the center median and traveled diagonally to the left. The vehicle crossed all lanes of Forum Drive and entered a bicycle path parallel to Lee Highway, where Abdel Chadli was on a bicycle about to enter the bike path

when he was struck from behind by the SUV. The vehicle then struck a tree adjacent to the path and came to rest.

Mohammed Chadli said that his son was with a friend from school at the time of the accident and was making preparations for his graduation party. He said that his son was riding his bicycle to a store to get postage stamps so that he could mail the invitations to the party when he saw Thorne's vehicle com-

ing and pushed the friend out of the way. Police spokesman Lucy Caldwell said that police have not yet determined as of Tuesday, May 25 why or how Thorne lost control of the SUV. The police are still investigating the incident.

"He was trying to save the girl's life," Mohammed Chadli said. "He said 'watch out' when he saw the car coming but he couldn't watch out for himself."

Chadli was one of four boys born in Morocco to Mohammed and his wife, Samira.



Abdel Chadli, 18.

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The family settled in Falls Church in 1996, and Abdel Chadli was enrolled in Greenbriar West Elementary. He matriculated to Lanier Middle School and then to Fairfax High School, where he was a member of the school's varsity wrestling team and a sports lover in general. Mohammed Chadli said that his son had already been accepted to George Mason University and hoped to eventually become a veterinarian.

"He was just a good kid and all of the other kids loved him," Mohammed Chadli said. "Parents and students I've never even met have been coming to my

house and start to cry. That's how much he touched everyone."

Those feelings were never more evident than at Abdel Chadli's funeral Saturday, May 22, less than 24 hours after his death and at a vigil held at the site of the accident by his fellow students and friends. At both events, Mohammed Chadli said, large number of people turned out who wanted to remember a friend and offer condolences

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School Budget Adds Big Fees and Program Cuts

High school families will have to pay county for AP/IB tests and sports.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Alyssa Whitney and Christopher Burkhalter are each taking three Advanced Placement (AP) courses at West Springfield High School this year.

The two juniors said the courses tend to be the most challenging classes at the high school. Students who sit for the AP exam at the end of the year also get an automatic bump in their grade point average.

"I know a lot of people take them just to get that GPA bump," said Alyssa.

But starting next year, families will have to think about more than academic rigor and grade point averages when deciding how many AP or International Baccalaureate (IB) classes a student should take.

As part of the 2010-11 school year budget, the Fairfax County School Board has imposed a \$75 fee for each AP or IB test a student takes.

Both Alyssa and Christopher plan to take three more AP classes next year as seniors. And they will have to pay \$425 if they want to sit for the exams.

"If you have to pay \$75 for that GPA

bump, families might take a second look at taking that class," said Christopher, who still said it unlikely to affect how many AP exams he takes next year.

Students do have the option of enrolling in an AP or IB class without taking the exam. But school officials admit the class does not necessarily carry as much weight with college and university admissions officers without the exam score.

When they don't take the AP or IB test, students also automatically forfeit the right to earn college credit for the coursework.

Students who play sports next year will have to pay a \$100 fee for each team they join.

School Board members who voted in favor of the fee said it helped the school system avoid cutting some sports programs — like indoor track and freshman teams — altogether.

But critics of the fee said it would have a disproportionate effect on schools with smaller student bodies. Those schools cannot afford the drop in participation that a new sports fee might bring.

"We already have a small football team. We already don't have as many kids as other

schools. Are we going to be risking more injuries if we have fewer players?" said Robin Crider, president of the athletic boosters at Marshall High School, one of the county's smallest high schools.

Several high school booster clubs are also concerned the new fee will detract from the fund raising they already do among parents and in the community. The boosters are expected to raise all the money for uniforms, equipment and playing field upkeep at most schools.

"Every single uniform you see out there is paid for by us," said Crider.

Low-income families are expected to be exempt from both sets of fees.

Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, which make up approximately 25 percent of Fairfax's student body, would not be required to pay for AP/IB exams or sports participation.

But critics of the fees said a large swath of families don't fall under the low-income exemption and would have a hard time paying for extra testing and sports participation.

In order to qualify for a free or reduced-

price lunch, a family of four must have a median income of \$41,000 per year or lower. The average median family income in Fairfax County is over \$100,000 per year.

"For many families trying to make it in this Fairfax County world, this is going to be hard. A public education in Fairfax is anything but free," said Dean Norton, president of Mount Vernon High School's Parent Teach Student Association.

School Board members said the state and local governments are to blame for the new fees and programmatic cuts included in the school system's \$2.2 billion budget next year.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, for example, decreased

the amount of money it transferred to the schools by \$16 million when compared to the current year's allocation. Approximately \$2 million would have covered the AP/IB testing fees and an extra \$1.8 million would have helped avoid the new athletic fees, according to budget documents.

"There are consequences for the level of

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Wally Arcayan in Allstate Financial Hall of Fame

Wally Arcayan, an Allstate Insurance Co. exclusive agency owner in Fairfax for more than 22 years, was inducted into the Allstate Financial Hall of Fame on May 13.

The honor recognizes Arcayan's exceptional commitment to helping customers plan for their insurance and financial needs and retirement savings goals.

Arcayan's office has sponsored the wrestling program at Alexandria's T.C. Williams High School for the past five years and staffed a booth at the Herndon Festival. Arcayan and his staff also have participated in Allstate's safe teen driving program at several local high schools.

Less than 1 percent of Allstate's approximately 14,700 agency owners and personal financial representatives have received the honor since its inception in 1999. It is the highest honor of distinction of Allstate's exclusive agency owners and personal financial representatives. All new inductees have a bronze plaque permanently displayed in the Allstate Financial Hall of Fame, located at The Allstate Corporation's Home Office in Northbrook, Ill.

Arcayan and his wife have three children. His Designer's Insurance Agency is located in Fairfax, Virginia on Fairfax Boulevard and can be reached at 703-385-0440.

Police Bike Rodeo June 5

The public is invited to the City of Fairfax Police Bike Rodeo on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Daniels Run Elementary, 3705 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. The Bike Safety Rodeo teaches parents and children about bicycle safety, the importance of wearing a helmet, proper helmet fitting and traffic-safety tips. Children will also receive a bicycle-safety inspection and will have their skills tested on an obstacle course. Children participating must bring their bike, be accompanied by an adult and wear a helmet.

Free Benefits Counseling for Veterans Offered on June 6

Nonprofit DAV's Mobile Service Office is providing benefit counseling on Sunday, June 6, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Patriot Harley-Davidson, Inc., 9739 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Staffers will provide counseling and claim filing assistance for veterans of the armed forces as part of the nationwide Harley's Heroes tour and is free to all veterans and members of their families. Contact NSO Carroll Saucier at 540-597-1731 for details.

Fairfax Resident Honored as 'Volunteer of the Year'

Cheyenne Taggart of Fairfax was honored as Volunteer of the Year by OAR of Fairfax County, Inc. at its awards reception on May 19. OAR of Fairfax County is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime in Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun counties.

Taggart has been an OAR volunteer since 2008 and began her volunteer activities as a mentor in the Fairfax County jail, providing outreach and support to families in crisis at the jail lobby jail on weekends. In 2009, Taggart began leading an orientation class in the jail, which freed up paid staff to handle other duties and made a commitment to the organization to instruct this class for an entire year.

OAR's 128 volunteers contributed over 8,680 hours of service to the community, valued at more than \$178,000 in fiscal year 2009.

Better Days Ahead

New report shows Fairfax City's housing market is on road to recovery.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The City of Fairfax may finally see the light at the end of the tunnel, and this one is quite bright.

The city's housing market is showing signs of recovery with increasing sale prices and quicker sales times, according to a report compiled by Metropolitan Regional Information Systems, Inc (MRIS). The sale price increase, while a seemingly small 1.5 percent, represents the hint of a return to normalcy in the marketplace and the stabilization of an important economic indicator.

"While the Mid-Atlantic housing market is not yet performing at the robust levels of 2005, it is clearly showing some important signs of recovery that are crucial to reestablishing a stable housing market," said David Charron, CEO of MRIS.

MRIS, a provider of real estate information and the largest multiple listing service in the nation, compiles and releases a quarterly report, "Trends in Housing," for use primarily by real estate agents across the country. MRIS collects and analyzes all home sales data in the Mid-Atlantic region, including sale price and time spent on the market, and forecasts what will happen in the region's housing market.

In addition to providing data for the entire region, MRIS also chooses one specific market that it feels best represents that quarter's trend to spotlight, and for the first quarter of 2010, it was the City of Fairfax.

"We do quarterly reports that show the Mid-Atlantic region [housing market] in a snapshot," said Tina McCormick, MRIS spokesman. "The latest report showed an upswing, and the City of Fairfax was one of two to three specific areas in the region that was a beacon of this trend."

According to McCormick, the city was highlighted because the regional market showed signs of moderate recovery in the first four months of 2010, and Fairfax was among the most promising markets.

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— Tina McCormick, MRIS spokesman



PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

The average home sale price is increasing in the City of Fairfax.

McCormick said that the average sales price of a home in the City of Fairfax in the first quarter, \$401,550, increased 1.5 percent from the first quarter of 2009. The data also showed that homes in the city moved off the market on an average of three days quicker than the Washington, D.C. metropolitan region as a whole, with an average time of 68 days on the market.

The reason for this upswing, McCormick said, was the result of the city's improving economic conditions, spurred by the city's extensive redevelopment. The addition of upscale offices, residential and retail space, as well as the new regional library has spurred growth in the local area, leading to a slight influx in new residents. MRIS also cited the city's "notably strong public school system" and "entrepreneurial environment" as factors in the market's recovery as well.

"Unemployment is down in the city, the tax breaks are greater and there is a healthy inventory [of

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June 23, by Fairfax County-based non-profit Our Daily Bread, Inc. to help participants improve their credit ratings and gain a better understanding of the process of buying a home. Free. Dinner and child care provided. Register at 703-273-8829 or www.our-daily-bread.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 3

Fairfax Toastmasters. 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School Room J136, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Meetings on

the first and third Thursdays of the month.

fairfaxtoastmasters@gmail.com.
Fairfax County Independent Living Program for Older Adults. 12:15 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Free strength and balance classes followed by health seminars. Register at 703-324-7210, TTY 703-449-1186 or Jennifer.Edge@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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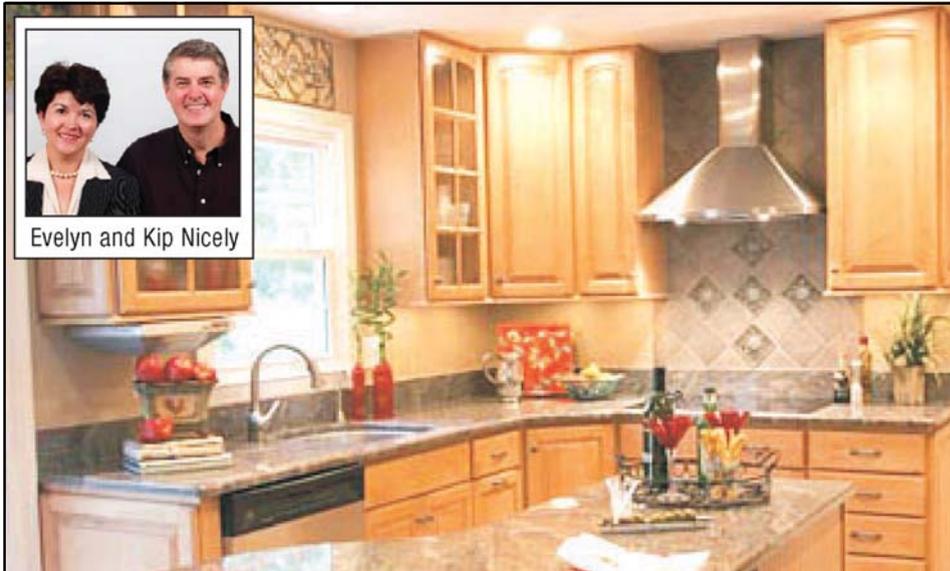
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homes],” McCormick said. “In turn, the supply and demand is becoming more in balance and it’s becoming steady.”

Though the increase may bode well for the future, the average first quarter sales price was actually down 25.6 percent from a peak in the third quarter of 2006, a sign that while conditions are improving, progress must still be made. Fairfax City Councilmember Dan Drummond said that more families are moving to the city because of the high quality of life, but said that the city must continue with the myriad development projects in the pipeline to maintain an environment that is welcoming to families but also encourages small business growth.

“The report is an indicator that we’re on the right path, but we’re still in the middle of a recovery,” Drummond said. “We’re still working hard to renovate downtown and Fairfax Boulevard. We have more proposed development in the pipeline than at any point in the city’s history, and that is remarkable.”

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FCPS To Collect Athletic, Testing Fees in 2010-11

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funding we haven't received," said School Board president Kathy Smith (Sully).

FAIRFAX, WHICH HAS seen a decline in county revenue overall for two consecutive years, provides more than 70 percent of the school system's overall funding. It also devotes more than half of all revenue collected to paying for the public school system.

But School Board members said the public school system is being asked to serve more students with less funding. Along with the decline in the transfer from the county, Fairfax County Public Schools expected an enrollment increase of about 1,700 students next year.

School officials said that amounts to a \$300 reduction in per pupil spending from this year to next year overall.

"People have to recognize we already spend far less than neighboring districts," said School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon).

In spite of concerns about funding, the School Board did restore a some of funding it had cut out of an initial budget proposal passed last winter.

Most elementary schools with extended school hours on Monday, a program formerly known as Project Excel, would receive extra money next year to help with the tran-

sition of moving to traditional schedule.

Schools with the extended day on Monday tend to be among the neediest in the county, with at least 40 percent of their students coming from low-income families. Nearly a decade ago, officials implemented an extended day on Monday at these schools to help boost academic achievement.

In February, the School Board voted to cut all extra funding the schools received for the extended day out of next year's budget. They restored some of that funding this past week after county supervisors threatened to vote against the county budget unless the School Board addressed the needs of extended-day schools.

"I was supporting these programs because they have been shown to make a difference," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon).

Hyland and some other supervisors said previously that the county would be willing to provide extra money to the school system to cover the cost of providing transitional funding to the extended-day

schools.

The School Board reduced the school systems staff reserve by 4.5 positions to pay for transition funding for the extended day schools. The staff reserve, which is used to deal with unexpectedly large class sizes at the beginning of the school year, contains more than 200 positions.

"I believe the funding will be replenished by the Board of Supervisors," said Storck, who lead the fight for extended-day schools to receive more money on the School Board.

The School Board also pulled \$200,000 that would have gone to the public schools' staff reserve to fully cover the cost of transporting elementary school students to Advanced Academic centers, formerly known as Gifted and Talented centers.

IN FEBRUARY, the School Board had voted to cut transportation for those students who attend centers but have "local" Advanced Academic classes offered at their base school.

The proposed budget always called for the

school system to continue transportation for those students who do not have local gifted classes at their base schools.

A few years ago, the school system started allowing general education elementary schools to apply for the opportunity to offer "local level IV" services, otherwise known as Advanced Academic or Gifted and Talented classes. This allows schools with a large number of students who qualify to attend Advanced Academic centers to retain a larger portion of their student population at home.

The school system maintains that no difference exists in the quality of education offered at an Advanced Academic center and in "local" Advanced Academic classes. But several advocates for gifted and talented education believe students who attend a center tackle more complicated material. They have pushed to maintain bus service to centers for all students, including those who have Advanced Academic classes offered in their base school, because they contend the programs are different.

Some School Board members said it would raise equity issues to provide transportation for Advanced Academic centers to one group of children and not another.

"As long as we are going to have Level IV centers, all families have to have access to it," said School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville.)

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— School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville)

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Chadi

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to a grieving family. Mohammed Chadli was inspired by what he saw and takes confidence in knowing that he not only raised his son the right way, but also that he is in a peaceful place.

"I have very strong faith that this boy went where he belongs," Mohammed Chadli said. "As a father, I will always make sure that my kids will stay positive and love each other and make sure that their time spent here was for a reason and Abdel was here for a reason."

MILITARY NOTES

Navy Ensign Kathryn R. Barbante has entered into the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md., as a first-year medical student of a four-year program. The student will be trained and prepared to serve as a physician in the Army, Navy, Air Force or the Public Health Service. She is the daughter of Felimon Barbante and Barbara A. Burfeind of Rustburg Place, Fairfax. The ensign graduated in 2005 from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology and received a bachelor's degree in 2009 from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.



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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

Close to home, many to honor.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, nearly 300,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

More than 160 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year. Earlier this month, on May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting drawings every year; this year his portrait of his brother Dillon appeared on the cover of the Burke Children's Connection. Hunter, a sixth grader at White Oaks Elementary, wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

More than 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,000 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational

benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to

killed in Iraq and Afghanistan are buried at Arlington, and will be on display until the cemetery closes on Monday, May 31. Visitors are welcome to come visit Section 60.

- ❖ Price of Freedom Sculpture, May 29 - The Price of Freedom sculpture will be unveiled on Saturday, May 29 at 2 p.m. in the Visitors Center.
- ❖ Memorial Day Ceremony, Arlington Cemetery, The annual National Memorial Day Observance to honor America's fallen military service members is scheduled for Monday, May 31 in Memorial Amphitheater. Call the Visitors Center at 703-607-8000.



"My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much." — Hunter Drake Jutras, Grade 6, White Oaks Elementary School

the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean

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- ❖ "Flags In" at Arlington National Cemetery is scheduled to begin after funerals are complete for the day on Thursday, May 27. Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will be joined by other service members in placing small American flags, on the gravesites. Visitors are welcome during this event and are encouraged to arrive at the cemetery after 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. It will take approximately three hours to place the more than 250,000 flags.
- ❖ Fallen Heroes Project, May 29 - The Fallen Heroes Portraits Display will be placed in Section 60, where the majority of the casualties

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Those Who Died

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High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Maj. Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Local Thespians Honored with Cappies Nominations

Fairfax, Robinson in running for 14 awards.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The 2010 Cappies nominations for high-school theater were announced last week, and Fairfax High and Robinson Secondary are in the running for a total of 14 golden statuettes. Woodson received two nominations and Paul VI, one.

The winners will be revealed at the 11th annual Cappies gala, Sunday, June 13, at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, the local theater teachers/directors couldn't be happier.

Fairfax's production of "Chicago" was nominated for eight awards, including best musical. It also received nods for lighting, sets, costumes, female vocalist, both comic and lead actress in a musical, and graduating critic.

Robinson's musical, "The Boy Friend," was nominated for six awards, including costumes, orchestra, choreography, male dancer, and both comic and supporting actress in a musical. Woodson was honored for stage crew and supporting actress in a play for "David and Lisa." Paul VI will vie for comic actor in a play, "The Pink Panther Strikes Again."

Fairfax Theater Director Wendy Knight was surprised with the best-musical nomination because "there are so many other schools that consistently deliver great shows and we're just building our musical-theater program. Tackling a show like Chicago is really hard; you've really got to bring your 'A' game."

Praising her students' hard work, she said, "We didn't have a musical director — it was me — and the students often had to practice their dances at home because the choreographer couldn't always stay. So to pull off a best-musical nomination is really amazing."

Knight said the show was a "big, learning assignment for all of us, our class project for the whole school, and hopefully, we'll walk away with an A+." In the 11 years of Cappies, Fairfax has only won one Cappie, so we're hoping this will be our year.

Fairfax's Colleen O'Brien is up for graduating critic. A senior, she's been a Cappies critic three years and her school's lead critic, two years. In that time, she's seen 48 Cappies plays and been published 11 times.

Maddy Atteberry, Sarah Hix, Morgan Moran and Chi Chi Ramos are nominated for costumes. "They're all in our tech class and represent a veritable army of costume

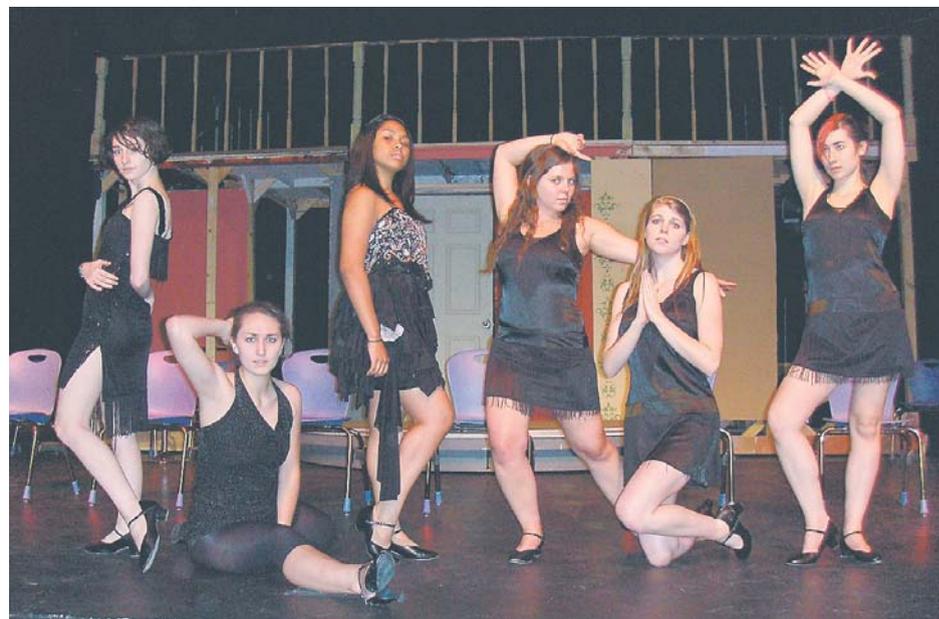


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Emma Oestreicher, left, Gabrielle Dail, Ally Dawson, Jessica Rawls, Michelle Marin and Paula deCarvalho rehearse the 'Cell Block Tango' during a scene from Fairfax High's production of 'Chicago.' Fairfax students received nominations in seven categories, including a Female Vocalist nod for Dawson.

designers," said Knight. "There were over 430 costume pieces total, not counting [accessories], like shoes, wigs and caps. We started in January. Students competed with each other in class to see who'd do the designs for the show, and the class voted on

them."

Then they either made new costumes or tore old ones apart and redid them. "It was a lot of work, even over spring break, so I

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Ready To Ride?

Patriot Harley Davidson of Fairfax prepares for 22nd annual Rolling Thunder rally.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Memorial Day weekend in the City of Fairfax will once again be kicked off with the roar of over 3,000 motorcycles, courtesy of the Ride of Patriots at Patriot Harley Davidson.

For the 11th year, the dealership on Fairfax Boulevard opens its doors to motorcyclists and veterans from around the area for their parade to the Pentagon, where they will join up with the national Rolling Thunder procession through downtown Washington.

Keynote speaker this year will be Ret. Col. C. Richard Anderegg, U.S.A.F., director of Air Force History and Museums Policies and Programs in Washington. A former F-4 fighter weapons school instructor pilot, Anderegg flew more than 3,700 hours in the F-4C/D/E/G and F-15A/C/E, which includes more than 170 combat missions during the Vietnam War. An author, Anderegg wrote "The Ash Warriors," a history of the Mount Pinatubo eruptions and the evacuation of Clark Air Base.

As in years past, the ceremony at Patriot Harley will begin at 8 a.m. with a parade featuring the Northern Virginia Firefighter's Emerald Society Pipe Band and the Fairfax Deputy Sheriff's Coalition Pipe and Drums

and the Fairfax High School Marching Band. The Armed Forces Color Guard carries the American and Virginia flags into the ceremony at Patriot Harley Davidson, where Anderegg will follow comments from U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11); Mo Smith, director of the Fairfax chapter of the Harley Owners Group; Bob DeHaven, CEO of Patriot Harley; City of Fairfax Mayor Rob Lederer; Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Sen. Chap Peterson (D-34).

Following the ceremony, at 9 a.m., the motorcycles, expected to number well over 3,000, will depart down Route 50, across Nutley Street and down Interstate 66 eastward to the Pentagon.

On Friday, May 22, riders are invited to join a candlelight vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, sponsored by the national Rolling Thunder organization.

This year, some of the riders departing Patriot on May 24 will be making a pitstop instead of driving to the Pentagon. At least 50 riders will be attending an event sponsored by Bobby Van's Steakhouse in Washington for 500 disabled veterans and their families at the request of the Department of Veterans Affairs, according to Ken Lyons, communications coordinator for the Fairfax Harley Owners Group club.

For more information on the Ride of the Patriots, go to www.rideofthepatriots.com.

MILITARY NOTES

Megan K. Riley graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The cadet is a student

at Clemson University, S.C. She is the daughter of Thomas P. and Janelyn Riley of Youngs Branch Drive, Fairfax Station. The cadet is a 2006 graduate of W.T. Woodson High School, Fairfax.

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Englishman and Shango Band, Fairgrounds, The Fielding Mellish and Open 24. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 28

Chick-fil-A Salute to Veterans Complimentary Buffet. 3-5 p.m. at Chick-fil-A, inside the main entrance between Sears and Macy's, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Veterans are invited to bring family and friends. Charles Anderson, a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam will participate. 703-963-6699 or www.chick-fil-a/fairoaksmall.com.

Garrison Keillor: A Prairie Home Companion Live Broadcast. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$48-\$298. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 29

Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire & Rescue Ambulance Chase 5k and Half-Mile Fun Run. At the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The half mile fun run is at 8 a.m. and the 5k is at 8:30 a.m. Chase a screaming ambulance around the race course. On-line registration available www.fovfr.org. Onsite registration also available. hanabrilliant@yahoo.com.

Meet the Generals: Civil War Living History Program. 2 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Ask General Robert E. Lee a question: meet and talk with Al Stone, a living history educator who portrays Lee, and other reenactors portraying Union and Confederate Generals and other officers. Free. 703-591-0560.

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Fairfax County Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home

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SUNDAY/MAY 30

2010 Summer Blast Off: "The President's Own." 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. United States Marine Band, with fireworks. Free. www.wolftrap.org or 703-255-1868.

Rolling Thunder. Motorcycles will begin gathering at 6:30 a.m. in the eastbound lanes of Route 29, between Draper Drive and Eaton Place. Police, fire and rescue groups, the Fairfax High School Marching Band and the Fire Department Emerald Society Pipe Band will parade starting at Capt. Pell's at 7:30 a.m. U.S.A.F. Ret. Gen. Richard Myers, past chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will deliver the keynote address and lead the ride at 9 a.m. www.rideofthepatriots.com.

MONDAY/MAY 31

Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly) Memorial Event. 2 p.m. at Ox Hill Battlefield, at the intersection of Monument Dr. and West Ox Road, Fairfax. The Father William Corby Division or the Ancient Order of Hibernians is planning a ceremony to honor the men who fought and died at the Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly). Open to the public. 703-978-8265.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 3

Riverdance. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$46-\$192. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.
Brendan James and Chase Coy. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance, \$15 day of show. jamminjava.com.
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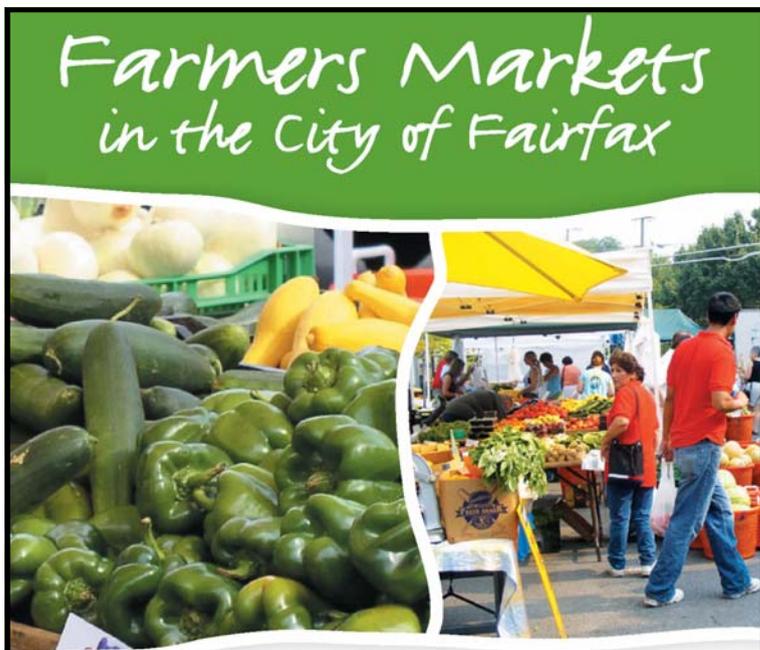
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Parents Give Athletic Fee Low Score

Fee of \$100 per child, per sport to take effect next year in Fairfax County Public Schools.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

South County parent Paul Haynes is used to spending a few extra dollars from his budget to help support his three children's youth athletic careers.

His son plays for the South County football team, his daughter for the South County softball team and he has a rising freshman that will want to join the school's sports teams as well.

But at the start of the 2010-11 sports seasons, he'll have to dish out an additional \$100 per child, per sport if they want to play for the Stallions. The total cost could reach \$900 if each of his three children decide to play three sports a year.

"I do not like it," he said. "If they want to raise money, it could have some negative effects elsewhere. I just think it's a bad idea."

The Fairfax County School Board voted 9-3 on May 20 to require the \$100 sports fee.

The Haynes family has little recourse now

other than to pencil in the expense in their budget for next season.

"I do not feel it is right, but I do not mind [paying the fee]," said Annette Haynes, Paul's wife. "It's out job as parents to get kids interested in sports and involved to these activities."

School Board members Tina Hone (At-large), Sandy Evans (Mason) and Patty Reed (Providence) voted against the fee.

"I do not like it."

— Paul Haynes

"These fees touch such a large swath of students," Hone said.

Evans, Reed and Hone supported a motion to remove the fee entirely, which failed. The three, along with School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), supported another motion to make the fee a one-time expense for students, but that failed as well.

"Sports are clearly a game changer for some kids," Storck said.

While Storck supported the fees, he said he wants the school system to monitor the situation closely.

Money generated from the fee will go into the county's general fund and is expected to generate \$1.8 million in revenue. Stu-



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The new \$100 athletic fee is expected to generate \$1.8 million in revenue for the county. Money raised by the fee will be deposited in the county's general fund.

dents who qualify for a free or reduced-priced lunch are exempt from paying the fee. However, that standard is extremely low. A family of four must be living on \$41,000 per year in Fairfax County to qualify for reduced-priced lunches.

The average median income for Fairfax County households is more than \$100,000. Some are worried the fee might prevent

students from participating in as many as three sports in a year, or any sports at all.

"Small schools are afraid they won't be able to field teams," Reed said.

Evans said that some sports programs at Loudoun County Public Schools, with lower-income families, have been affected

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It's Morphin' Time at Patriot Center

Former Green Power Ranger Jason Frank makes MMA debut.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

When it comes to television exposure, most of the fighters at the Ultimate Warrior Challenge 8 mixed martial arts event on Saturday, May 22 at the Patriot Center can claim little to none. Houston's Jason Frank is the exception.

The 36-year-old isn't a household name, but his character Tommy "The Green Ranger" Oliver of the "Mighty Morphin Power Rangers" is a pop culture icon.

Frank starred on "Power Rangers" for 243 episodes and is one of the series' longest recurring characters. Today, a career change has him climbing the mixed martial arts ladder.

"I just got kind of tired with the whole Hollywood thing," he said.

Frank's no stranger to martial arts. He's been studying karate since he was 3, owns numerous martial arts gyms and was even inducted into the World Karate Union Hall of Fame.



PHOTO BY MELANIE LEGGILLON

Jason Frank played the Green Ranger on 'Mighty Morphin Power Rangers' during the show's popular run in the 1990s. He has appeared in 243 episodes of the show and its spin-offs.

But during his time on "Power Rangers," Frank kept an eye on the growth of MMA and waited for his chance to get involved.

"I couldn't do [MMA] while I was filming 'Power Rangers,'" he said. "I couldn't film with a split eye or cut on my face."

Frank isn't in the MMA career line for a chance to use his celebrity to cash in on the

sports' rising popularity — an accusation leveled against former Major League Baseball player Jose Canseco.

Frank is going about his career "the right way" by fighting at smaller promotions such as the UWC. It's also helping him shed the

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WEEK IN SPORTS

All-Patriot District Team

On May 17, the following baseball players were announced to the Patriot District's all-district first team.

Mike Perez (South County), Bobby Klein (Lake Braddock), Aaron Self (West Springfield), Ryan Lindemuth (Lake Braddock), Brendan Breslin (Woodson), Kenny Towns (Lake Braddock), Joey Townsend (South County), Colin Dempsey (Woodson), Connor Finnerty (Woodson), Michael Nebrich (Lake Braddock), Luke Bondurant (South County), Charlie Morgan (West Springfield), Bobby Wahl (West Springfield), Johnathan Harasin (South County), Matt Keen (Lee), Bryson Hough (Woodson).

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West Springfield head coach John James received the coach of the year honor.

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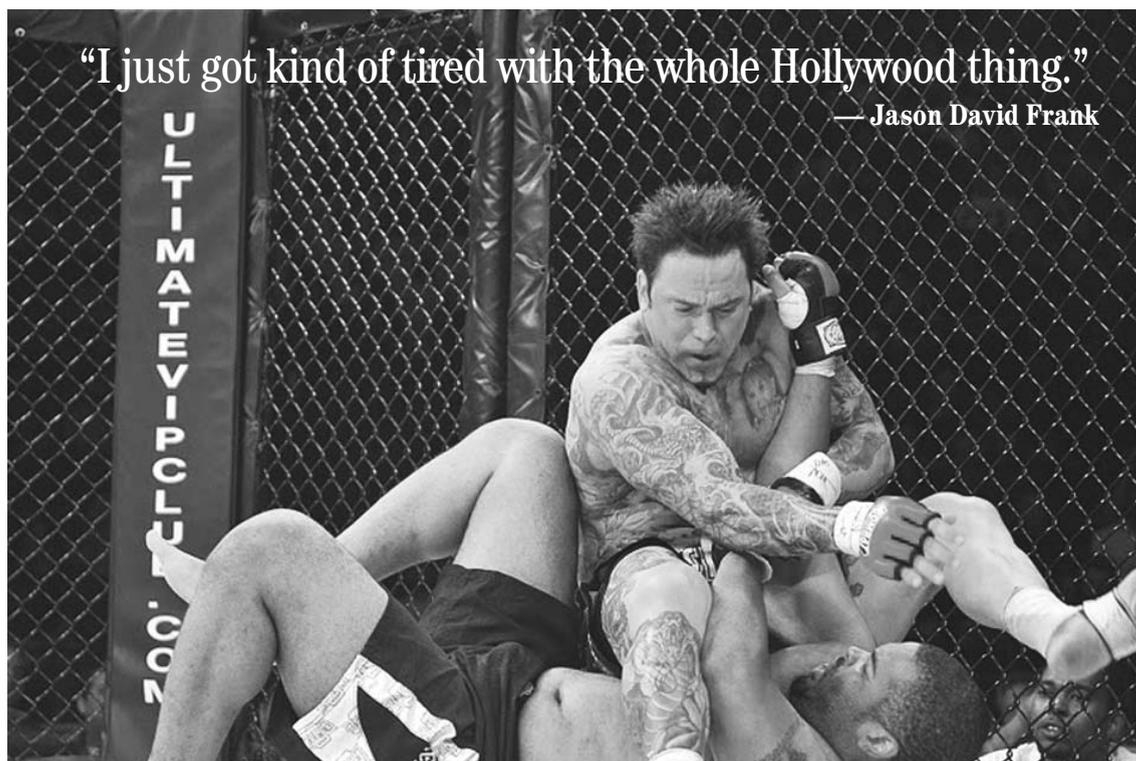
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SPORTS



"I just got kind of tired with the whole Hollywood thing."

— Jason David Frank

Jason Frank prepares an arm-bar technique on his opponent Carlos Horn. Frank is 4-0 in his amateur MMA career.

Morphing into MMA

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"side-show" label some critics have slapped on him.

"A lot of people with his status try to take advantage of [MMA], but he's doing this from the ground up," said Rocky Long, Frank's trainer.

On May 22, MMA experts had hoped to see a bout at the UWC event that could define Frank as a fighter, but his match with Carlos Horn only lasted 24 seconds.

After the two touched gloves, Frank, who weighs 217 pounds, attempted a kick that was caught by the 265-pound Horn and was pushed to the ground.

Frank then rolled Horn onto his back, took a full-mount position and applied an arm-bar submission for a textbook win.

The fight showed he's got the chops to stand alone as a mixed martial artist, but the Power Ranger past still follows him to the cage.

"Fighting out of Houston, Texas ... Jason 'Fearless' Frank," the UWC announcer said to a smattering of applause.

"Also known as the Green Ranger from 'Power Rangers,'" the announcer added, this time eliciting a loud cheer.

Frank soaks it all in. Just as he was on television, he's the hero for MMA fans.

"I've never had any problems with the hardcore MMA fans [booing me]. I've never heard a single

boo," he said. "I haven't really experienced any fans saying I shouldn't do this."

Some actors might avoid talking about their time on a geeky children's show, but Frank doesn't let his ego sour his days on the show. He loved "Power Rangers," and the Green Ranger relishes the chance to talk with fans, sign autographs and attend comic book conventions.

"I interact with my fans and I send daily videos to them," he said. "Fans ask me questions, want inspirational messages and I'll text them that, too."

He's also finding closet "Power Ranger" fans at fighting events, who are now becoming his MMA fans.

"I had all the videos," said Matt Zavosky, 24, of Burke. "I was a fan of Tommy and the Green Ranger. It's kind of sad I still remember all of it. But it's good to see him fighting the right way, he's not pulling a Jose Canseco."

Even other mixed martial artists have admitted to Frank they watched the "Power Rangers."

"It's a good feeling to know that there's some fighters out there and they're not scared to say, 'Yeah I watched that show,'" he said. "And a lot of times they've said 'Power Rangers' helped inspire them to start martial arts."

With his 4-0 record, Frank said his goal isn't just to create a large win column, but to gain experience and knowledge. He'd also like to turn pro, but Frank isn't rushing it.

"I'm trying to pay my dues right now as an amateur," he said.

Parents React To New Fee

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since a high school sports fee took effect last year. Park View High School has seen a drop off in the number of students participating in track this spring.

At a Lake Braddock baseball game, parent Carol Church echoed the worries of many parents in the

region.

The cost is just too high. "It's a lot per child," she said. "Especially if there are multi-sport families. One hundred dollars is just too high."

Julia O'Donoghue and R. Kyle Rosenbluth contributed to this report.

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Thespians Vie for Cappie Awards

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feel like they really deserve the award," said Knight. "They didn't do it to win a Cappie, but because they wanted the costumes to look great for the show."

Lighting nominees Luke Cresson and Chris Sisson spent 40-45 hours hanging cable and colored gel, plus another 21 hours in the booth, writing 194 light cues. "And that doesn't include spotlight cues, which brings the total to over 300 light cues," said Knight. "That show wouldn't have worked without great costumes and lighting."

Students also competed to design the sets. The result featured 12 platforms, two steel spiral staircases, 22 four-by-fours and nearly 60 wheels. Lead set designer, Clayton Southerly, was also stage manager.

"That set wouldn't have happened without him," said Knight. "He also functioned as technical director, telling me what to do. He was extremely organized and responsible and had everything together. You don't usually see that level of maturity in a high-school junior. He's a rare gem."

Maddy Goubeaux, nominated for comic actress in a musical, is "one of the few students that I've ever had to tell, 'Pull back,'" said Knight. "She glows like 1,000 watts every time she's on stage. She's also one of eight theater students who were awarded senior scholarships from independent judges. She was nominated before and she deserves it. I really hope she, and all our other nominees, come away with trophies."

Regarding for female vocalist nominee, Ally Dawson, said Knight, "She's got the pipes. She also played the lead, Velma, in the understudy cast and was one of the lead solo dancers, so she had to learn all those dances, too. She gave [equally] to her understudy and lead roles, and it's rare to find an actor who does that." At the Cappies gala, Dawson and Goubeaux will perform the song, "Class," together.

Sophomore Anne Norland is a lead actress nomi-

nee. "She's a ray of sunshine and doesn't yet know how good she is," said Knight. "She's humble and congenial and just wants to help and be part of things. She's great to work with and gives everything she has. There's no question that she'd be Roxy; she auditioned with the song, 'Roxy,' and just knocked it out of the box."

At Paul VI, Jake Miller was nominated for comic actor in a play for "The Pink Panther Strikes Again." Theater Director Katherine Miller, who's also his mother, said, "I'm excited and he is, too. It's a great honor that's wonderful to have."

Noting that Jake heads the school's improv group, she said, "He's talented at improv and the script was written so he could improvise and embellish it as much as possible. Especially playing a crazy man, he could really go crazy with the part."

Miller said the Cappies winners are always a big surprise, so she couldn't speculate on his chances. "You never know," she said. "But it really is an honor to be nominated. It's just so nice for someone to say, 'Hey, you did a great job.'"

Woodson Production Garners Nominations

The 2010 Cappie Nominations were released on May 18. The Cappie Award ceremony will be June 13 at the 11th Annual Cappies Gala at the Kennedy Center. The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program that trains high school theater and journalism students as critics. These student critics attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers. Cappie Awards are voted on by the student critics.

Students from W. T. Woodson High School were nominated for the following Cappie awards for their work in "David and Lisa," the school's play:

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OBITUARY



Frederick Andrew Brown

92, a decorated Naval Officer, died of cardiac arrest March 15, 2010 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia. He was an Alexandria resident.

Mr. Brown was a career officer working in the Navy Intelligence Department specializing in Russian.

After retiring from the military in 1968 he worked at the Library of Congress and then with the Defense Department until 1987. He was honored with the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, along with many other achievement awards.

Mr. Brown was born May 28, 1917 in Marinette, Wisconsin. Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri. From 1939-1943 and 1945-1951 Mr. Brown worked at the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company in East St. Louis as a chemist.

At the outbreak of World War II he attended Cornell University receiving his officer's commission.

From 1943-1945 he served aboard the destroyer USS Nicholson in the Pacific. The Nicholson earned four battle stars; seeing action during the Philippines Sea, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

Mr. Brown received a handwritten letter from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy commending him on his article "U.S. Navy Weather Stations in Siberia", in the Naval Institute Proceedings (July 1962).

While serving in the Navy, Mr. Brown was stationed in Naples, Italy; Tokyo, Japan; London, England and Washington, D.C. He also taught Naval Science, machinery and navigation at Ole Miss University. After his retirement from the Defense Department he taught English at the Adult Education Program in Fairfax County.

Mr. Brown enjoyed traveling, coin collecting and spoke five languages, Russian being his specialty. He had been researching and writing a book on the life of Alexandra Feodorovna Romanova, the last Tsarina of Russia. He was a Third Free Mason and a life long member of the Arcadia Fraternity.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frances V. Brown of Alexandria, Virginia; three sons, Frederick Vincent Brown (Jean) of Water Valley, Mississippi, Thomas Richard Brown (Sue) of Honolulu, Hawaii, Walter Christian Brown (Marsha) of Wausau, Wisconsin; two daughters, JoAnn Brown Alfriend of Falls Church, Virginia and Nancy Jane Williams (Ed) of Oak Hill, Virginia; three brothers, George E. Brown of Brownsboro, Alabama; Richard Brown of Sebastopol, California, and William Brown of Fallsbrook, California; a sister, Louise Wolfe preceded him. He was Grandfather of 11, Great Grandfather of 17 and Great-Great Grandfather of one.

Funeral service at Ft. Myer's Old Post Chapel on Wednesday, June 16 at 9am where interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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Commonly known as 9019 Scott Street, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Murder For Hire Case

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May 2009 Xiao purchased or traded for 15,000 cartons of contraband cigarettes, which undercover law enforcement had placed in a rented storage facility in Stafford County, Va. Later, Xiao told the agents someone had stolen the contraband from the storage facility. Then via several discussions, Xiao contracted with the undercover agents to hire a hitman to kill the man suspected of the theft, along with the man's wife.

Xiao was incarcerated from June 2009 to September 2009, and a co-conspirator, Chen X. "Jay" Jiang, 21, of Brooklyn, N.Y., admitted in court that he continued to work with the undercover agents in identifying the intended targets. He met with the agents in New York to provide information about the targets' residence, vehicle and daily routines. In October 2009, on Xiao's behalf, Jiang paid \$7,000 to the undercover agent posing as a hitman, with a promise of \$8,000 to come in the future.

ON MARCH 9 in federal court, Xiao pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit murder-for-hire, distributing 50 grams or more of cocaine base and carrying a firearm during a drug trafficking offense. He returned for sentencing last Friday before U.S. District Court Judge Gerald Bruce Lee.

Although defense attorney Gregory English requested his client receive no more than 10 years total behind bars, Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Mellin said Xiao and Jiang were the two conspirators most culpable since they were both involved in the murder-for-hire scheme.

Then, with his wife and family there in the courtroom, Xiao addressed the judge through a Chinese-language interpreter. "I feel very sorry about any laws I have broken," he said. "I fully participated in the cigarette business but, as far as drugs and guns are concerned, if I carried them, it was at the request of other people."

English explained that Xiao wasn't dealing in those things before getting involved with the cigarettes "He did those things to ingratiate himself with the others involved," English said.

"I only agreed to the murder-for-hire because I was very afraid," said Xiao. "But in fact, no one was killed."

However, said Mellin, "Between September 2008 and May 2009, he brought crack cocaine, ketamine and ecstasy, in addition to guns, to 10 deals. So I don't believe he's being honest with the court. After his storage unit was broken into, he said he wished to kill that person; he later said he wanted to kill the man's wife, as well."

The bottom line, said Judge Lee, is that "Mr. Xiao pleaded guilty to three charges – that means, 'I did it.' If he's denying it, he risks the recommended sentence reduction he received for accepting responsibility."

"We agree factually with what the government said," said English. "[Xiao] entered into the cigarette conspiracy because he was greedy."

Lee said there's no way to lessen the gravity of a charge of murder-for-hire. "It's criminal activity for which a person will be punished," he said. "We will not treat this offense lightly."

Before learning his fate, Xiao spoke once more, saying, "I express my regret for the harm I caused."

But Lee had the final word. Addressing Xiao directly, he said, "You and Jiang recruited others to help you sell untaxed cigarettes to make money. You're right, no one was killed, because the person hired to do the contract murder didn't carry it out, but you get no credit for that."

Prior to the start of court, Lee received letters written by Xiao's mother, wife, son and friend on his behalf. But, said Lee, "The letters describe you in a different light. So either you led a double life, or you concealed your criminal activity from your family."

For the murder-for-hire conspiracy, he sentenced Xiao to 10 years in prison; for distribution of cocaine base, 13 years, four months; and for the gun charge, five years. He ran the first two sentences concurrently, but the gun sentence consecutively.

Although Lee technically placed Xiao on five years supervised release, he won't actually do that here. Upon his release from prison, Xiao, a citizen of the People's Republic of China, will be deported. "A special condition of probation is that you cooperate with the Department of Homeland Security and Immigrations and Customs Enforcement toward your removal from this country," said Lee

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