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Herndon High School Cappies Critics, Commendees and Nominees, receive recognition at the school's theater awards presentation last week. From left, Brenda Perez, Brittany Bishop, Sidney Lawrence, James Snow, Evi Dobbs, Tiffany Schick, Trevor Morgan and Joey Truncale.

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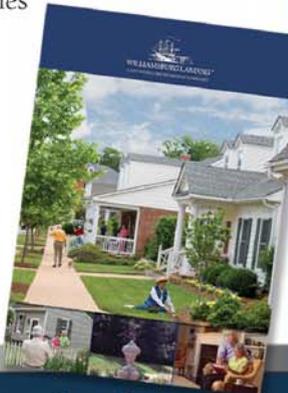


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Faith Activists Named Lord, Lady of Fairfax

Tanveer A. Mirza and Michael Shochet
recognized as exceptional citizens.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Cantor Michael Shochet and Tanveer A. Mirza were named 2010 Lord and Lady of Fairfax, representing the Dranesville District. They were recognized for demonstrating superior service to their community.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has been recognizing Lords and Ladies of Fairfax since 1984, as a way to recognize exceptional citizens of the county.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) nominated the two for this year's awards, saying he "wanted to focus on the contributions the faith community is making."

"I think sometimes the faith community doesn't get the recognition they deserve for all the good they do, and I saw this as a chance to give them that recognition," Foust said.

SHOCHET serves as senior cantor at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, but in his spare time, he serves as the chair of the Fairfax County Community Chaplains Corps. They are a team of clergy that will respond in the event of a crisis to help citizens in need.



Tanveer A. Mirza is the president of FAITH, a charity aimed at giving people the opportunity to change their circumstances.

"I try to be there for people in times of crisis, to give a universal religious perspective," Shochet said. "I have to be prepared to handle issues of people of all faiths, or no faith at all."

Shochet is also the Fairfax County Chaplain Coordinator, which ministers to police officers who might be facing issues. A former Baltimore police officer, Shochet knows the importance of helping police officers find a sense of hope and balance.

"As a former police officer, I definitely understand what they go through. They're always there for us, so it's nice to be there

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Cantor Michael Shochet serves as the chair of the Fairfax County Chaplains Corps and as the chaplain coordinator for the county, in addition to being senior cantor at Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church.

NEWS

Shining Stars of Coates Elementary

Herndon school celebrates its first academic year, remembers Lutie Lewis Coates as a passionate African American educator.

BY CLAIRE BABILONIA
THE CONNECTION

When students enter Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School, a gleaming statue of a child reaching for the stars greets them at the door. The statue reminds the students to reach their full potential and shine in all they do.

This message of encouragement is inspired by Lutie Lewis Coates, an African American teacher and principal in Fairfax County whose memory lives on in Herndon's recently built elementary school. While the school celebrated its first academic year at a Dedication Ceremony earlier this month, Herndon residents remember Coates and her passion for nurturing young minds.

Coates grew up in Manassas and was one of nine children. After studying at Virginia State College and New York University, Coates began a teaching career at the Floris Colored School that would last her 32 years.

SHE IS BEST REMEMBERED for her constant encouragement and dedication to her students. Coates felt all children deserved to be educated, regardless of their ethnicity or financial status. She would often bring lunches for her students, provide transportation to school, and always kept a warm cup of soup on hand.

"Ms. Coates is known for her compassion and concern for the well-being of her students," said Mary Weadon, former teacher of Floris Elementary School.

Weadon played a crucial role in ensuring Coates would always be remembered. She obtained 50 signatures in the hopes of preserving the original schoolhouse where Coates instructed. Unfortunately, the school was taken off the Historic Sites List and was demolished in 2006.

Luckily, a new elementary school was being constructed half a mile away, and Weadon led the petition to name the school after Coates.

"This choice would promote a more mindful consideration of the future by keeping history in close awareness," said Weadon. "In part, it is a way to honor Ms. Coates while also remembering a time we so easily forget."

After much campaigning and networking, Weadon's suggestion to name the school after Coates gained momentum. Once the decision was made, Weadon felt joyful to have brought attention to a caring African American educator while also shedding light on the hard times of segregation.

"It's important to show both the positive and dark



Relatives of Lutie Lewis Coates are, from left, Diane Lewis, Leo Coates, Ambrose A. Lewis and Roger Lewis.



Coates Elementary Principal Karen Siple speaks at the Dedication Ceremony. Seated from left are Del. Tom Rust (R-86), Dr. Jack Dale, superintendent Fairfax County Schools; and Dr. Richard Moniuszko, deputy superintendent FCPS.



Chorus members wait for the Dedication Ceremony to begin.

sides of history," said Weadon. "It helps us to be more realistic about ourselves and move ahead in the best possible way."

Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary is the first school in Fairfax County to be named after an African American woman since desegregation. Faculty members carry on Coates' legacy by teaching their 550 stu

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From left, Thespian Officers Dimitri Gann, Sidney Lawrence and Chelsea Robinson distribute Honor Thespian certificates to Caroline Malec, among others.

Herndon High Presents Theater

Herndon High School hosts Awards Ceremony to honor theater students.

On Friday, June 11, the Herndon High School Theater Department conducted its annual end of the year Awards Ceremony. The department distributed its awards, inducted new members in the International Thespian Society and recognized students involved with the Cappies Program.

Awards were distributed by Theater Director Zoë Dillard and Fine Arts Administrator Jim Hannon, as well as the Theater

Department's Alumni Stephanie Gordon, Alex Burns and Sam Ryan.

The night began with inductions into the International Thespian Honor Society for High School Theatre Students. Honor Thespians, theater students who produce 50 Thespian points, and International Thespians, theater students who produce 100 Thespian points, were also recognized. Then the

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Drama Boosters President Cheryl Rodakowski is assisted by Drama Booster Melanie Miller-Cvilikas and Thespian President Sidney Lawrence, as they give Zoe Dillard gifts of appreciation.

In Diversity, TJ Is Low-Performer

New admissions process has failed to increase minority and poor student enrollment.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

It might seem obvious why students choose to attend Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. U.S. News and World Report has rated it the best high school in the country for the past three years.

"I came here because of the academic opportunities," said Thomas Woodruff, a junior from Centreville who spends 90 minutes each weekday commuting to and from Jefferson's Alexandria campus.

Students at the Northern Virginia magnet school, commonly referred to as TJ, have genuine interest in school and academics, which creates a more congenial atmosphere, according to some current students.

"The people here are so much friendlier. They are nice to each other. You can leave your stuff in the hallway and no one will take it," said Alan Barte, a freshman from Herndon.

But one problem a few current students voiced about TJ is the homogenous student body. Less than five percent of TJ's students are black or Hispanic. Over 80 percent of the pupils are white or Asian.

"The only thing I don't like is how half the students at the school are Asian. I wish there was more diversity," said Mary Kim Weidman, a freshman who is part Korean and from Reston.

GETTING ACCEPTED to TJ is not an easy task for anyone. The school admitted only 15.3 percent of the 3,119 student who applied to be part of the Class of 2014. That means TJ had a lower acceptance rate for its incoming freshman class than either Cornell University or Swarthmore College this year, according to information on U.S. News and World Report's website.

Fairfax students also compete with children from around the region for slots at the Northern Virginia magnet school. About 80 percent of TJ's student body comes from Fairfax but residents from Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties and the City of Falls Church can also attend the school.

Students who are black, Hispanic or poor have a particularly hard time getting admitted to TJ. Out of 480 students admitted to next year's freshman class, just four are black and 13 are Hispanic. Only nine are considered poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced lunch.

And across all four grades at TJ last year, approximately 1.78 percent of students were black, 2.84 percent of students were Hispanic and 1.74 percent were poor.

Fairfax schools' countywide enrollment is far more diverse than that of TJ. Across the school system, 18.1 percent of students are Hispanic and 10.5 percent are African American. Approximately 25 percent of all



Sophomore Sarah Sam and freshmen Kleo Greenwood, Alan Barte and Mary Kim Weidman enjoy Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology but said they wish the school had a more diverse student body.

county students are considered poor.

None of Fairfax's other 24 high schools posted such low percentages of black or Hispanic students as TJ.

Only one high school, Langley in McLean, has a lower percentage of poor students enrolled.

TJ does enroll a higher-than-average percentage of Asian students, who will make up almost 58 percent of incoming freshman class next year. Countywide, Asian students account for just 18.5 percent of the school system population.

"There are a lot of people from a lot of different ethnic backgrounds here. But I would like to see more African Americans," said Sarah Sam, a sophomore who is part African American and a member of the school's Black Student Union.

FAIRFAX COUNTY Public Schools has struggled to boost enrollment among black and Hispanic students at TJ since 1998, when the school board ended an affirmative action program at the school.

In 1998, the last year of the affirmative action program, TJ admitted 49 black and Hispanic students. By 2003, this number has dropped to just 16, prompting the school board to form a blue ribbon commission on the TJ admissions process that year.

The commission, which included admissions officers from Yale University and the University of Virginia, concluded TJ was behind other elite high schools and colleges, when it came to certain groups of minorities and poor students.

At the Bronx High School for Science in New York City for example, a school ranked fourth on U.S. News and World Report's "best high schools" list in 2008, approximately 12 percent of the student body was black or Hispanic and one in three students was considered poor.

MINORITY STUDENT advocates said there are several reasons why black and Hispanic students struggle to gain admission to TJ.

"There is not a lot of enthusiasm for going at this point. People look at the numbers and say there is not a lot of support for me going to that school," said John Johnson, chair of the School Board's Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee.

Approximately 50 private companies and tutors offer test preparation specifically for the TJ admission exam. Since black and Hispanic families are more likely to be low-income, they are less likely to have the money to spend for a private tutor for the entrance exam, said Johnson.

Even minority and poor students who make it past the initial screening and into the semifinalist round may not have as strong applications as those from affluent backgrounds. In the final round of the TJ application process, staff look for an indication that students are interested in math or science. And students at-risk are less likely to have gone to math camp or away on a science expedition to another country.

"Those families who are financially gifted have the means to provide more enrichment activities," said Johnson.

Not enough students who are black, Hispanic or poor are being prepared earlier on in their educational careers for gifted and talented programs like TJ, said minority student advocates.

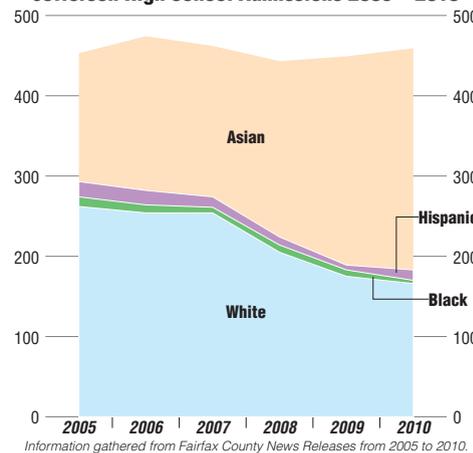
The majority of Fairfax public school students who attend TJ have come through elementary and middle school gifted and talented centers. And of the 10,514 students enrolled in those elementary and middle school gifted and talented centers, only 400 are black and 438 are Hispanic, according to Fairfax County Public Schools.

According to Johnson, there are also 22 elementary schools in Fairfax that do not offer accelerated math. These schools tend to have larger populations of black, Hispanic and low-income students. And although students are not required to take Algebra I by the end of seventh grade to get into TJ, 80 percent of those accepted this year had done so. Starting next fall, advanced math at the sixth grade level will be available on all elementary campuses, said Paul Regnier, spokesperson for the school system.

While affluent parents may have been preparing their children's list of activities with an eye toward applying to TJ for years, many lower-income parents — including those who are black and Hispanic — have not had such foresight, said Abraham Lerner, head of the diversity committee for TJ's Parent Teacher Student Association.

"You have families who are doing everything that they need to do to get their children into TJ by the time they are in third grade. There are other parents who are learning about TJ for the first time when their children are in eighth grade," said Lerner, who conducts outreach to the families of black and Hispanic middle school children who have high GPAs and could make good candidates for TJ.

Jefferson High School Admissions 2005 – 2010



UNDER THE OLD admissions process, TJ admissions gave a rank to all the children in the applicant pool based on a formula in which a student's admissions test results accounted for 80 percent of their overall "score" and their grade point average [GPA] accounted for the 20 percent.

The current admissions process gives significantly more weight to grades as opposed to the entrance exam. The pool of semifinalists is also approximately twice as large.

The school board had concluded that one of the barriers to increasing black and Hispanic enrollment was the low number of students from these groups that made it into semifinalist round in the first place.

One year, as few as seven of the 800 students who made it past the first round of admissions for TJ were black, according to school board documents.

But this year, TJ admitted just 17 black and Hispanic students. Last year, 14 students from these minority groups were accepted. The percentage of TJ's student body that is Asian has jumped from 32 percent to 57.5 percent.

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Theater Students Honored

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Theater Department recognized student involved with the Cappies Program, which allows high school theater and journalism students the opportunity to be trained as critics, attend shows at other high schools, write reviews and publish their reviews in local newspapers around major cities in the United States.

HHS Drama Boosters awarded four scholarships to students. The Thespian treasurer and student director and actor, Dimitri Gann, received the HHS Theatre Arts Medallion. Erika Rodakowski received the Chuck Stanley Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Stanley Family.

Students were also recognized for their involvement and production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" Trevor Morgan, Evi Dobbs, Ian Gildea, Joey Truncale, Andy Raoufi, James Snow, Sara Talebian and Ashleigh Markin received acting awards for their "Oklahoma!" portrayals, with Giovanni Jimenez winning Best Lighting, Justin Burns for Best Sound, Ian Gildea and Hope Ruffner for Best Set Construction Master Carpenter for "Oklahoma!" Sophomore Colvin Rayburn was recognized as "Rising Star Technician."

"Dogberry's Crew" from the recent HHS Theatre production of "Much Ado About Nothing" was recognized as the "Best Ensemble." Kudos to One-Act performers were given to Jay Davis, Chris George and Chelsea Robinson, as well as Chris Hrozencik,

who was voted "Rising Star Performer." Senior Zack Gross was also honored for his contributions to the Theatre. The final awards of the evening, chosen by Dillard, went to Christopher George, "Most Improved," Hope Ruffner for Stage Management, Tiffany Schick for Technical Excellence, Sidney Lawrence for Best Thespian-Female and Joey Truncale for Best Thespian-Male. The two Best Thespian Awards, recognizing superior accomplishment in high school theater, went to leading roles: Beatrice and Benedick in the recent production of "Much Ado About Nothing." Senior students recognized included, Sidney Lawrence, Herndon Thespian president and Cappies critic, who spent countless hours in technical theater, as well as played multiple roles. He will attend James Madison University this fall. Joey Truncale was recognized for leading and supporting roles in every full-length HHS theater production this year, as well as performances for HHS choir and last summer's production of "Grease" for HHS Drama Boosters' sponsored summer musical theatre program, "The Grand." Truncale will be attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University this fall.

Many of the HHS theater students honored on Friday evening will be performing in this summer's production of "Footloose!" with performances on July 29, 30 and 31.

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We invite photos of your pets with you, your children or with whole family. We'll prefer photos that picture the pets with their humans.

We also invite children's artwork of their pets.

We also welcome short stories (200 words or less) about your pet. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us how your favorite places to go with your pet, or how you solved a particular challenge concerning your pet.

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FATHER'S DAY GALLERY

Mike Carney of Herndon with children — Joseph, Megan, Kelly and Thomas — in the pool in Lewes, Del. over Memorial Day weekend.



Dad Brent Jones, with Luke, 4, and Claire, 5, of Herndon.



Father, Albert Evangelista, 93, with daughter AnnaMarie Lawson of Herndon, checking out a new Italian restaurant near St. Augustine, Fla. this past January. They drove about 30 minutes to get there only to find out they were closed that day.



Emily Hudenburg, 11, Tim Hudenburg, Dad, and Kaitlyn Hudenburg, 14, of Herndon, Fox Mill, celebrate Thanksgiving Day.

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Coates Elementary Celebrates Diversity

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dents to welcome diversity and always pursue their goals.

“Our mascot is the star,” said Principal Karen Siple at the recent Dedication Ceremony. “We commit ourselves to excellence because we know that is what Ms. Coates expected of all her students. We’ve been shining ever since.”

COATES ELEMENTARY has had a very successful first year. Two staff members were nominated as Fairfax County Public School’s Outstanding First Year Teachers, and 100 percent of this year’s fifth graders passed their SOLs.

“Her service has not been in vain,” said Nickia Johnson, Coates PTA president.

Several government representatives attended the ceremony including Del. Tom Rust (R-86) and Dr. Jack Dale, superintendent of Schools for Fairfax County. Also in attendance were members of the Lewis and Coates family and several of Coates’ former students.

“This school is a real gift to the community,” said Coates’ niece, Diane Lewis.

Students of Coates Elementary understand the

hardships Coates overcame during her lifetime. Every morning they recite the “Coates Pledge,” which calls all students to be respectful of others, responsible for one’s actions and ready to shine at all times.

“Every kind of boy and girl are joining together to make one whole perfect family,” wrote third-grader Gopika Mini in an assignment to remember Coates. “Lutie Lewis Coates was like a mom to students. We are proud of her and our new school.”

Each student wrote a favorite memory from the school year, which were placed in a time capsule to be opened in 2020. Also included in the capsule were pictures of the staff and student body, the yearbook and a book cataloging the major events of 2009 and 2010.

After the ceremony, students rushed off to class to enjoy the last days of school while faculty members recalled the source of their Coates “stars.”

“Ms. Coates could see the potential in her students,” said Advanced Academics teacher Tracey Jenkins. “As an African American woman myself, Ms. Coates is an absolute inspiration. She inspired students to reach that full potential, and she saw diamonds in the rough. Students come here to shine.”

“We commit ourselves to excellence because we know that is what Ms. Coates expected of all her students. We’ve been shining ever since.”

— Karen Siple, principal of Lutie Lewis Coates Elementary School

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Open Mic for Bands Night. 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon. Bands will receive 30 minutes to play and must pre-sign with Andre' Love at soulcraftmusic@yahoo.com or 703-984-9114. Walk-ins will only be accepted if time permits. All types of music welcomed. 703-435-5467.

MONDAY/JUNE 7

Jeff Beck. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$74-471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

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Swing Dance with King Teddy. 7:30 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

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Cirque Dreams: Illumination. 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$245. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

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Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for this new Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a growing Bible



SATURDAY/JUNE 12

Cirque Dreams: Illumination. 8:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$245. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Taste of Reston: Guns n' Hoses Chili Cook-off. 12-4:30 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 1760 Reston Parkway, Reston. The "Guns n' Hoses Chili Cook-off" will pit cops against firemen in the ultimate battle of the heroes: in aprons in front of chili pots. More than 30 area restaurants, a full line-up of musical entertainment and children's activity tent. Free admission, food tickets \$1 each. 703-707-9045.

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Republican Club of Greater Reston. 7 p.m. in the Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Reston. Speaker will be the Honorable Corey Stewart, chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors. 703-435-4765.

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Blood Drive. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Herndon Masonic Lodge #264, 820 Eldon St., Herndon. To schedule an appointment visit the Inova Bloodmobile website at www.inova.org/donateblood and use code 7438 to find the bloodmobile, or email Masonic264Blooddrive@gmail.com to set up an appointment.

SUNDAY/JUNE 20

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MONDAY/JUNE 21

Earth, Wind & Fire. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$58-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 24

Natalie Cole. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$64-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 25

Rain: The Beatles Experience. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$500. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 26

Rain: The Beatles Experience. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$45-\$500. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 27

Gordon Lightfoot. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$58-\$314. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 17

Pat McGee Band. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts,

Beginning and Intermediate English Classes. 2 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza North, Reston. For speakers of other languages. Free. www.washingtonplazachurch.com or 703-471-5225.

MONDAY/JUNE 21

Reston Runners Women's Training Program. 6:30 p.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive Reston. For women walkers and runners, to begin or get back into an exercise routine. \$30. Speakers on running form, gear, common injuries, and nutrition. Register at www.restonrunners.org.
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FRIDAY/JULY 2

Gipsy Kings. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$58-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 3

Gipsy Kings. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$58-\$471. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 8

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 9

Mamma Mia! 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 10

Mamma Mia! 2 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 11

Mamma Mia! 2 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$231. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 24

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. lh@ascendcomm.com or www.lupusgw.org.

Beginning and Intermediate English Classes. 2 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza North, Reston. For speakers of other languages. Free. www.washingtonplazachurch.com or 703-471-5225.

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Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Church Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Lloyd, Miller Win Cappies

A classic based on a French novel and a student-written play were the big winners at Sunday night's 11th annual Cappies Awards program at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. South Lakes High School's production of "Les Miserables: School Edition" won five Cappies, and Langley High's "Time's Square 2090" garnered four, including Best Musical. Walt Whitman High in Bethesda, Md., won Best Play for "Amadeus."



Best Female Dancer, Kirsten Lloyd, Herndon High School, 'Oklahoma!'

"I'm absolutely ecstatic," said Herndon High School senior, Kirsten Lloyd, who won the best Female Dancer award for her role in "Oklahoma!" "I'm so honored. I've been dancing for 16 years and was on point during the show. I really appreciate the opportunity from [theater director Zoe] Dillard. It was my first musical experience."

The Cappies is a program in which high school students train as theater critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers.

Each school submits one play to be critiqued through the program. At the end of the year, Cappies critics vote on overall awards from the approximately 50 shows reviewed that year in the DC/VA/MD metro area. The winners were revealed at the 11th annual Cappies gala, Sunday, June 13, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Herndon resident, Jake Miller, a junior at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, won the award for Best Comic Actor in the Cappies competition. He won the award for his role of former chief inspector Paul Dreyfus in "The Pink Panther Strikes Again."

As Paul Dreyfus, Miller played the insane antagonist to the bumbling Inspector Clouseau. "With a maniacal laugh, a varying repertoire of personas, and distinctive mannerisms, Miller was more than believable in his insanity," wrote one student critic.

Miller also recently finished performing the role of Harold Hill in PVI's spring musical, "The Music Man."



Best Comic Actor in a Play, Jake Miller of Herndon, Paul VI High School, 'The Pink Panther Strikes Again.'

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The Young Energy Detective

Herndon student promotes energy efficiency.

BY CLAIRE BABILONIA
THE CONNECTION

Every morning, sixth-grader Satvika Kumar could not leave for school unless her computer, fan, and lights were switched off. Tired of hearing her parents' countless reminders and complaints of expensive electric bills, Satvika knew it was time to change her habits.

While most 11-year-olds would be satisfied with turning off a single light, Satvika took matters into her own hands. She designed a blog to promote energy efficiency and simple lifestyle changes that can have long-term effects.

Entitled, "Young Energy Detective 411," the blog catalogs common mistakes, such as leaving a faucet running, and encourages readers to take small steps towards conserving energy.

"In our times, it is all about the environment and global warming," said Satvika. "If everyone does a little thing, like turning off the lights or unplugging their computers, we can make a big difference."

The blog is filled with short video clips and energy-saving tips. Viewers follow her footsteps as she explores easy ways to conserve energy around the house.

"She would roam around the house in my old winter coat, gloves, and dark sunglasses," mother Sandhya Kumar said. "She turned off lights, unplugged com-



From left, Lakisha Williams, Johnson Controls; Satvika Kumar, sixth grade; mother Sandhya Kumar; and sister Shweta Kumar.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF SCOTT ZETLAN



Satvika poses with the rest of the Nysmith's sixth grade class.

puters, and called herself 'the energy detective.'"

Satvika submitted the blog in the Igniting Creative Energy Challenge, a national competition sponsored by Johnson Controls and the National Energy Foundation that challenges students in grades K-12 to submit creative, energy-efficient ideas.

Her blog placed first in the state of Virginia, and she was one of 11 state winners in the U.S. selected by Johnson Controls, Lakisha Williams, surprised Satvika with the news during a school day at Nysmith School for the Gifted.

"Everyone can make a difference to become more energy efficient," said Williams, during the surprise ceremony.

Satvika received a certificate of achievement, a solar backpack that charges most electrical devices, an iPod and a pizza party for her and her classmates.

"I was very excited to win," Satvika said, after the presentation. "I did not expect it at all, but it felt very rewarding."

This is not the only recognition Satvika has received in her community. She also placed first in the Engineering Girl Survival Design Challenge for her essay on survival tactics.

"Satvika is a joy to have in the classroom," said Science teacher Diane Carlivati. "This is her first year here [at Nysmith] and we're very lucky to have her."

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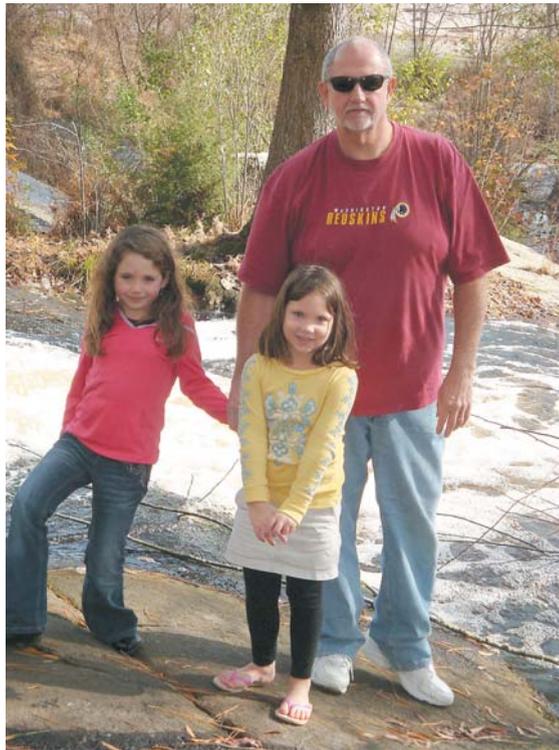
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FATHER'S DAY GALLERY



Melissa Stettner and her father Will Stettner of Herndon enjoy some quality time together during the Blizzard of 2010.



Mike Lawson of Herndon and his granddaughters, Mackenna, 7, and Eryn Miller, 5, of Zebulon, N.C. at Little River Park in Zebulon, N.C. last fall.

Bob Hartley of Herndon with then 18-months-old daughter, Maeve, wrapped in a beach-towel and asleep on his chest after a long day playing in the Pamlico Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. North Carolina.



Herndon resident, Mark Gregory, with daughter, Navy Ensign Carleigh Gregory, 23, on Tiger Cruise — somewhere in the Pacific Ocean, November 2009.

Kathryn Van de Houten, 13, Dad Rick Van de Houten, and Christine Van de Houten, 13, of Herndon share happy moments posing for the picture.



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Herndon Track and Field Teams Excel in Postseason

Nguyen comes back strong in boys' shot put, Carina Peter leads girls at districts.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

When Herndon High's Kirk Nguyen failed to place in the boys' shot put event at the Concorde District outdoor track and field championships May 19-21 at Westfield High School, his coaches challenged him to put more effort and focus into the event at the following week's Northern Region championships.

Nguyen, gifted in both the shot put and discus events, had won the discus at districts but had totally fallen off the map in shot put, finishing tied for 14th overall. A few early mistakes in the first few rounds of the competition had put him in a hole he could not get out of in the event.

"He was awful in the shot put at districts," said Herndon head coach Pete Sherry. "He hit rock bottom in that event and realized he couldn't ignore it [priority-wise] any further."

With a new mindset in regards to shot put, Nguyen was a different competitor at regionals the following weekend (May 27-28) at Lake Braddock Secondary School where he won both the shot put and discus events to help boost the Hornet boys to a third place tie with host school Lake Braddock in the team standings.

"He really stepped up at regionals," said Sherry.

A week after that, Nguyen capped the postseason with a good effort at the state AAA championships at Sports Backers Stadium in Richmond with a sixth place finish in discus and a ninth place in shot.

Nguyen's postseason resurgence was one of numerous highlights for Herndon High athletes throughout the districts, regionals and state competitions.

At districts, the Herndon girls' team put together a strong second place showing with 126 points, finishing behind champion Oakton (146) and ahead of third place Robinson (99).

Carina Peter had a fabulous showing at districts with first place finishes in both the 100 and 200 races, as well as the long jump event.

"She's a big, strong athletic kid," said Sherry, of the sophomore. "She had a solid freshmen year and has gotten better and



Herndon High girls' runner Carolyn Hennessey, shown here competing at last fall's state cross country championships, finished fifth in the 2-mile race at the recent outdoor season state championships in Richmond.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

better [as a sophomore]."

Other first place finishes at districts came from Cc Chambers in the discus and Mehnaz Haq in the 800 race. Chambers was also a third place finisher in the shot put.

Another outstanding showing came from Tania Hassan, who was second in the 300 hurdles, third in both the 100 hurdles and triple jump and fourth in the pole vault.

Other solid district showings for the Herndon girls came from Carolyn Hennessey (second in the 1,600, third in the 3,200), Chelsea Proctor (fourth in triple jump, fifth in long jump), Enuma Ezenwa (fifth in the 400), Belle Burgess (fifth in the 1600, seventh in the 3,200) and

Sarah Roethel (sixth in both high jump and pole vault).

The Herndon girls' 4x800 relay finished first while the 4x400 team was second.

THE HERNDON BOYS finished just fourth at districts, finishing behind champion Centreville, second place Oakton and third place Chantilly.

Herndon's lone first place finisher was Nguyen in discus. Several Hornets were multi-event place finishers for the boys' team, including Jack Jasper (second in the 3,200, third in the 1,600), Jesus Hernandez (third in the 100, fifth in the 200) and Shariff Mazlan (fifth in both long and triple jumps, sixth in the 300 hurdles). Also earning points were Brian Fuentes (fourth in 300 hurdles), Deshawn Summerville (fourth in 100), Andrew Hatch (fourth in discus), Austin Miller (fifth in pole vault), Kevin Truong (fifth in 300 hurdles) and Omar Zaki (sixth in the 800).

The Herndon boys, at regionals the following week, put together an exceptional showing with their third place team finish (tied with Lake Braddock). It was a big improvement from the teams' district showing.

"We certainly didn't expect that," said Sherry, of the boys tying for third at regionals. "We were really happy with that performance."

Nguyen finished first in both the shot put and discus events to lead the Hornet boys. Good outings for Herndon also came from Jasper (fourth in the 1,600), Hernandez (fifth in the 200) and Miller (seventh in pole vault).

Herndon's 4x100 relay team finished second to first place Robinson. The Hornets' foursome was made up of Hernandez, DeShawn Summerville, Shariff Mazlan and Josh Schow. Herndon's 4x800 relay team of Tim White, Jasper, David Kloosterboer and Omar Zaki finished fifth. Both relays advanced to states.

"We weren't sure if either [relay] would get to states, and both did," said Sherry.

The coach credited Schow with leading the 4x100 team.

"He was the boys' anchor and did a good job getting that group together," said Sherry.

Jasper, who will try to walk-on with the William & Mary men's track team next school year, was the fastest leg on the 4x800 relay.

"Being on the relay team helped him a lot," said Sherry, of Jasper. "He was the most important leg and a senior on that relay. Putting some emphasis on relays took some of the pressure of some of his other events."

IN THE GIRLS TEAM standings at regionals, Herndon and Oakton tied for fifth place with 46 points. Lake Braddock was the team champion, followed by second place South County, third place West Potomac and fourth place Edison.

Herndon's Carina Peter was champion in the 100 dash. Other top individual scorers for the Hornets were Hennessey (third in the 3,200, fourth in the 1,600), Hassan (tied for fourth in pole vault, fifth in 300 hurdles) and Cc Chambers (sixth in shot put).

The Herndon girls had two fourth place relay teams: the 4x100 (Hassan, Chelsea Proctor, Enuma Ezenwa and Peter) and the 4x400 (Ezenwa, Mehnaz Haq, Hassan and Peter). The Hornets' 4x800 relay team of Nina Bagley, Haq, Belle Burgess and Hennessey was fifth.

For the Herndon boys at the state championships in Richmond, Jasper finished fifth in the 1,600 race. In field events, Nguyen earned sixth place in discus and ninth in shot put for the Hornets.

For the Herndon girls, Hennessey finished fifth in the 2-mile race and Peter was seventh in both the 100 and 200 races.

Nguyen, who will be competing as a member of the George Mason University track and field team next school year, was named the Herndon boys' team MVP this spring.

"We certainly didn't expect that. We were really happy with that performance."

— Pete Sherry, Herndon Track and Field head coach



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From left, Olivia Heatherly, 11; Dounia Lizreq, 11; Rhett Fetter, 12; and Monica Lannen, 12; work on their stars June 16 for the IPAR project featuring work from students from Hunters Woods Elementary.

Reston Public Art Gets Underway

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

More than 30 students at Hunters Woods Elementary are working with artist Valerie Theberge on the first project of Initiative for Public Art Reston. The project, a mosaic, will adorn the ceiling and walls of the underpass located near the intersection of Glade Road and Colts Neck Road.

IPAR is made up of a civic and community organizations dedicated to creating a new generations of public art works throughout the community. Students have been working after school on Wednesdays since May 19.

Hunters Woods Elementary was chosen because it is an arts and music-focused school, and it is located very close to the underpass. The students meet for an hour and a half every Wednesday, with their last session June 23. Each student is creating their own star, which Theberge will incorporate into the mural. Since more than 30 students are participating, the design will actually spill out of the underpass to make room for all the stars.

THE DESIGN, which features greens, yellows, reds and teals, will feature two triangular parts on the walls, which will lead into a piece covering the ceiling of the underpass.

"These students have really been amazing, they're all so capable and I've been impressed with their focus and creativity throughout the project," Theberge said.

Theberge has worked on public art projects all over the country, but she says she has been especially impressed with the level of support and involvement in Reston.

"There's been a lot of community involvement and input, between meetings with the

public and working with this class and school, it's really nice to have that," she said.

For teachers, parents and students, the project has been a fun way to do something after school as well as make their mark on their community.

"My son wakes up every Wednesday and reminds me that today is art day," said Courtney Wilson, whose son Jonas, 9, is one of the artists in training. "I think it's fantastic for the kids to be able to see a project like this from start to finish. At the end, when they see their product permanently affixed to the underpass, I think they'll all get a sense of what it is to contribute to their community."

THE STUDENTS enjoy the creative process, as they spend their sessions working on their stars, seeking input from others and working together to put out the best designs. Knowing that their art project will be on display for all is just a bonus.

"I really, really like art, which is why I wanted to do this," said Monica Lannen, 12. "It's fun to pick out the colors of tiles and put them all together. I'm looking forward to seeing it when it's finished."

The Reston Association and the Reston Community Center have partnered with IPAR and Hunters Woods to coordinate the after-school sessions.

"I think it's a wonderful environment of collaboration and support for the students. Being able to share Valerie's knowledge of art is going to help them going forward," said Anne Delaney, executive director of IPAR. "This is a great way to start [IPAR projects], we hope to branch out to other schools on future projects."

The students will submit their completed stars to Theberge June 23, and she will then take them to her studio to incorporate into her final design.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have never been particularly charitable. Oh sure, I've given money here or there, especially when friends, neighbors, co-workers or family members have embraced – and solicited for – a cause. But on the whole, my actions (make that inaction) have left a lot to be desired. Unless of course, there were cookies or candy involved, or self-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes provided; otherwise, my inclination has been, generally speaking, not to “incline.” I have stayed pretty much within my perimeters, not navigating (heck, not even drawing) outside the lines. I have been happy traveling within the imaginary guidelines set for me, set by me, set because of me. Well, that's about to change.

A little perspective goes a long way, and so too does an unexpected stage IV lung cancer diagnosis affect a life-long non-smoker at age 54; and so my perspective has changed (as in, “There are no atheists in foxholes,” a quote most often attributed to World War II journalist, Ernie Pyle), evolved you might say, matured even, and now I'm redrawing some of those lines. I'm certainly not on the front lines, it's more of a rear guard-type action. I'm not addressing and/or stamping those envelopes or calling prospective donors over the phone, nor am I soliciting in public. I'm simply contributing, financially, more frequently than I have in the past. (That's not saying much, but it is saying something.) On the one hand, I figure it's not too late. On the other, I figure, given my prognosis, it's now or never. I don't think I'm making a Faustian-type deal, but neither do I know for sure that unselfish acts made in the face of death won't result in some kind of positive feedback down the line (under the line? up the line? across the line?). Still, I'm a long way from committing myself to a potential spiritual-type purity that might, in fact, alter the course (or is that curse?) of that future line. Nevertheless, I'd rather be safe than sorry, or at least think I'm being safe so maybe I won't be sorry. But who knows, really?

So yes, I suppose there is an ulterior motive. Now, whether a few dollars spread around (by me) to those less fortunate than I (cancer issues not-always-withstanding, although likely underlying every decision I now make; subconsciously probably, consciously definitely) and/or contributing to more charitable endeavors (other than myself) won't likely help me in this life, I can't see how it would hurt, either. Nor am I counting chickens or hatching a plan. I'm simply trying to consider the bigger picture.

It's not like I'm donating all my worldly possessions or going on a pilgrimage to the Promised Land to find the true meaning of life – and death. I'm still living my normal (relatively speaking for a cancer patient receiving chemotherapy every three weeks) life, but trying to work into that “normal” life more dos and less don'ts, and to be more sensitive to those who have not rather than to those who have a lot.

I wouldn't say this benevolence hit me recently. I would say it's been a gradual year-or-so ago awakening, having hit me on Feb. 27, 2009, when my internal medicine doctor first called me with the results of my biopsy. The “m” word has a way of sharpening your focus and maybe even redefining your values a bit.

So here I sit, 15 months later, approximately, doing better than my oncologist expected, and grateful for every result that he has characterized as “above average.” I'm not thinking about death (too much), I'm thinking about life. And not just mine, but others. In a peculiar way, it sort of helps.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

SCHOOLS

Cailin Lan Ce Clinton won the 2010 Pamplin Leader award at Herndon High School. The Pamplin Leader is a one-year, \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Virginia Tech.. It was established by Robert B. Pamplin, Sr. and Robert B. Pamplin, Jr., to acknowledge students with a record of outstanding academic achievement balanced with a commitment to community service and leadership experience.

Heather Saba of South Lakes High School is among the winners of Serco, Inc. Scholars Program \$5,000 scholarships. Saba is a member of the National Honor Society and placed second in the Distributive Educational Clubs of America District Competition. She is the daughter of Michele Saba, a Serco Project Manager at the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board in Fairfax.

Scott Reynolds of Herndon graduated with a bachelor of arts from Villanova University of Villanova, Pa.

Jeffrey D. Doremus of Herndon has graduated with a bachelor of science from Pace University of New York, N.Y.

Colby Miller of Oak Hill has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Elizabethtown College in Pa. Miller is a junior biology education major.

Cale G. Grove of Oak Hill has received a bachelor of science with special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University of Lexington, Va.



Cailin Lan Ce Clinton

Julie Anne Busch of Oak Hill has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at McDaniel College of Westminster, Md.

Herndon residents **Jennifer Hardy** (doctor of physical therapy in physical therapy) and **Craig Stewart** (bachelor of science in management) have graduated from Widener University of Chester, Pa.

Tammy Jones of Herndon has graduated with a master's of science in management from Indiana Wesleyan University at Marion, Ind.

Genevieve Navin of Herndon has been named to the spring 2010 dean's scholars list at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

Honored for Helping Others

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for them,” he said. “When you have healthy, supportive police officers out there, it ultimately benefits the community, because they interact with the police in their daily lives.”

Shochet has always been involved in his community, he considers it his mitzvah.

“Mitzvah means commandment, and this is my mitzvah to the world,” he said.

Sandy Chisholm, the Fairfax County community interfaith liaison, said Shochet's “organizational skills and his ability to bring people together have been instrumental in the service he gives to the community.”

Between family time and a large congregation, Shochet is careful about balancing his time, and he credits his family and his congregation for allowing him that time.

“My family is forgiving, they allow me the time to be a chaplain, and generally that's time away from them, but that's a gift they've given me,” he said.

Mirza has been serving the community as president of the Board of Trustees of FAITH, the Foundation for Appropriate and Immediate Temporary Help. She was one of the founding members, starting it out of the trunk of her car 11 years ago.

“Back then, we collected food and clothes and delivered them to those in need,” Mirza said.

TODAY, they have a thrift shop and office in downtown Herndon, complete with a staff of caseworkers who speak seven languages.

“It's very rewarding work, helping people getting out of a bad situation, whether it's hunger, lack of money or domestic violence,” she said. “There are lots of people who want to change their situation, they just need help taking that first step.”

FAITH works with local businesses to get people hired, and they even help people build their skills by working in the thrift shop.

Currently, they are working with two brothers who are refugees from Afghanistan. Trained as tailors, they work at the thrift shop altering clothes.

“They charge low rates, and FAITH is saving a third of the money they make, so they can be self-sufficient within a year,” Mirza said. “It seems there are niches like that everywhere.”

Other workers at FAITH credit Mirza for being so committed to the variety of “clients” and projects they tackle.

“She's the energy behind all of our projects. She's here everyday cleaning, organizing, planning and motivating us to help people in need,” said Ambreen Ahmed, executive director of FAITH.

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