

Telford: 'Never Give Up'

Marathons, triathlons — despite cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax resident BethAnn Telford was diagnosed with brain cancer five years ago. But that doesn't stop her from participating in marathons and triathlons — or raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS).

She met Jen Chapman, coach of the Sully Station Swim Team, SST, several years ago, when they did a triathlon together. And on July 7, the team did a swim-a-thon in Telford's honor.

Some 100 members of the 125-person team first obtained pledges per lap, with people donating whatever amount they wanted. Then, between 8:30 and 11 a.m., the swimmers, ages 4-18 — plus some adults — swam a total of 6,860 laps to raise nearly \$5,000 for Team BT, Telford's fund-raising organization for the NBTS.



BethAnn Telford finishes swimming a few laps with Sully Station 8 and under, Jessica Molloy.

"It's amazing that the community has come together to do this — not just for me — but for the many that are suffering," said Telford, 41. "That's because the money goes to research to help everyone with brain tumors and brain cancer."

The event was Chapman's idea. "Each summer, we try to do some type of community service, and I've gotten closer with BethAnn since we did that race together," said Chapman. "She works and trains hard, and I thought it would be nice for the kids to see somebody whose daily life is a struggle,

but she keeps pushing herself." "I'm tough on the kids and run hard practices, so I wanted them to see how hard she pushes herself, too — and they really stepped up," continued Chapman. "They realized they weren't doing it just for themselves, but for a greater good."

WHILE TELFORD, 41, may begrudgingly accept what life's dealt her, she also uses it as a springboard to propel her to achieve as much as she can, for as long as she's able. Indeed,
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Swimmers Support Team BT



From left, front row, are Brett and Emma Goerl; in back row are Ryan, Tyler and Kristi Goerl; Darrel Sanburg and BethAnn Telford.

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Inspired by the presence of BethAnn Telford — the woman for whose cause they were raising money — the members of Sully Station's Swim Team eagerly took to the water recently and swam more than 6,000 laps.

Their Swim-a-Thon to Drown Brain Cancer also gave them and their families the chance to honor friends and relatives who've either lost their battle with cancer or are still fighting.

"I'm here in memory of my mother and in honor of

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'Forever Lost to Us'

Family mourns husband, father.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

Fair Oaks resident Jinghong Kang didn't usually carry much cash on his person. So when two, armed men approached him in downtown Oakland, Calif., demanding money, he gave them all he had — \$17. But they shot and killed him, anyway. The tragedy Sunday night ended his life at 45 and left his wife, three sons and mother grieving. They'd never pictured their future without him, and now there's a hole in their family where he should be.

"I don't know what we can do; my mind's not working, at this point," said his wife, Wendy Wang, Tuesday evening, in their home. "It's just so unexpected. The police called me Monday morning, and I couldn't believe it all that day. But now I know it's true."

Kang was born in Beijing; the beginning of his first name signifies that, said Wang. He has an older sister in Sydney, Australia; their father is deceased, but their mother lives with Kang and his wife.

Married for 20 years, the couple moved to the Washington Metropolitan area in 1997, settling in Fair Oaks two years later. Wang works for a financial company in McLean, and Kang was a network engineer for a firm in Maryland.

Their two youngest sons, ages 10 and 12, are in the GT program at Hunters Woods Elementary, and the oldest boy, 17, is a rising senior at Oakton High. The middle son plays CYA baseball, and all three boys liked talking with their

father and playing sports with him. They also enjoyed bicycling together.

"My husband was an outgoing person — everybody liked him," said Wang. "He treated people with all his heart and gave whatever he could give."

The family belongs to The Church in Dunn Loring, a non-denominational Christian church, and Wang said her husband enjoyed preaching the Gospel on campus to GMU and other college students. "He liked to talk about the Bible and the Lord," she said.

Always a good provider for his family, Kang had flown to California for a job interview Monday, July 19, with Google Inc. in Mountain View, in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"[Our children] lost their father in such a sudden way."

— Wendy Wang, Kang's widow

"One day, he got a phone call from Google about job opportunities," said Wang. "I don't remember whether he'd sent them a resume. He hadn't made a final decision [about working for them]; he just wanted to check out this opportunity. If it had turned out well, we might have moved there."

Prior to meeting with his potential new employers, though, Kang had his teeth cleaned, July 18, at Lake Merritt Dental. A female dental hygienist later accompanied him to his rental car parked outside to help him enter directions to his hotel into the vehicle's GPS system.

Suddenly, two men confronted him in a robbery attempt that quickly turned fatal. Oakland po-

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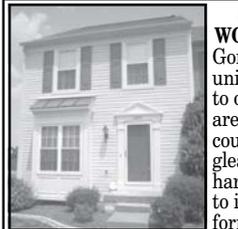
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NEWS



PHOTOS BY LAURIE GRIGGS

Nearly the whole cast of The Alliance Theatre's upcoming musical production of "Mulan Jr." poses in costume.

Alliance Presents 'Mulan Jr.'

All-student cast features children, ages 8-18.

Times and Tickets

❖ Performances are Saturday, July 31, at 2 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 1, at 2 p.m.; Monday, Aug. 2, at 7 p.m.; Friday, Aug 6, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 7, at 4 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 8, at 2 p.m.

❖ Tickets are \$10; group pricing is available. On Aug. 2 from 5:30-6:30 p.m., dinner will be available for purchase in the cafeteria. For tickets, call 703-220-8101 or go to www.TheAllianceTheatre.org.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

With a cast and crew of 80, colorful costumes and memorable songs, The Alliance Theatre presents Disney's "Mulan Jr." The show runs two week-ends at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court (behind Glory Days Grill) in Centreville.

"It's a wonderful show for families," said Director Maggie Swan. "It has lots of great music and dances, and people will see some really talented kids."

Mulan is a teen-age girl who lives in ancient China. Then, a girl's destiny was to get married and people had particular places in society. In the play, the Huns are preparing to attack and take over China, so one person from each family must go to war. But Mulan's father — her family's only male — was already injured in war, so Mulan decides to sneak away, pose as a boy and take her father's place in the Chinese army.

"In Chinese culture, ancestors watch over people, so they send a dragon, Mushu, to watch over the Fa family — Mulan's family — while she's gone," said Swan. "Mulan later becomes a hero."

The all-student cast features children, ages 8-18, from a variety of schools. "Eighty children tried out for 40 parts," said Swan. "And everyone involved is giving up almost every evening during the summer, 'til 9:30 or 10 at night, to be here for rehearsals. I'm impressed with their dedication and hard work."

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED acting, music and dance lessons, did theater games and worked on diction. An Asian person taught them proper pronunciation of the Chinese names in the play, and Swan also gave them a history lesson so they'd better understand the story.

"It's an excellent experience for them," she said. "And college students who previously acted with Alliance coached the newer actors. What's really cool



Portraying Mulan's family are, top row, Fa Zhou - Mulan's father (David Koenigsberg), Fa Li - Mulan's mother (Megan Griggs), bottom row from left, Mulan (Molly Nuss), and Grandmother Fa (Estella Massey).

is how well they've all bonded with each other. The bigger kids helped the little ones, and they've all grown very close."

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ROUNDUPS

Penderbrook Man Is Indicted

A Loudoun County grand jury last week indicted a Penderbrook man on 16 counts of embezzlement. He is Eun Tae Lee, 50, of 12123 Wedgeway Court in Fair Oaks. Following an investigation, the Loudoun Sheriff's Office arrested him April 15.

Authorities say he reportedly stole money from SEED International — a faith-based, nonprofit in Sterling that helps poor people all over the world. Lee was the organization's former financial officer and, as such, had control of the church's bank accounts. He's accused of writing checks from these accounts to individual accounts he'd allegedly established in his own name.

On June 16 in Loudoun General District Court, the case against Lee was certified to the grand jury. Following his indictment, last Monday, July 12, he's now scheduled for a March 14, 2011 jury trial in Loudoun County Circuit Court.

Centreville Immigration Forum

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum will be Tuesday, July 27, at 7 p.m., in meeting rooms 1 and 2 of the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, in Centreville.

Centreville Historic District Guidelines

Fairfax County's Architectural Review Board will hold a special meeting to accept design guidelines for the expanded Centreville Historic Overlay District. The meeting is set for Tuesday, July 27, at 6:30 p.m., in conference rooms 4 and 5 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. The guidelines may be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/arb/centreville/>.

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, July 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, July 29, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Citizen's Police Academy Offered

The Fairfax County Police Department is now accepting applications for its fall Citizen's Police Academy which runs from Sept. 9-Nov. 13. It offers county residents a better understanding of the Police Department and the daily challenges faced by its officers.

Classes topics include SWAT and special operations, gangs, 911 communications center, patrol, crime prevention, crime scene and identity theft. The academy will be held on 10 consecutive Thursday evenings, from 6:30-10 p.m., at police facilities countywide. Graduation is Saturday, Nov. 13.

The program is free. Applicants must live or work in Fairfax County and be at least 18, and their criminal record and police-contact history will be reviewed. Applications should be submitted by the end of July.

For an application form and to learn more about this academy, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>. For more information, e-mail CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-280-0713.

NEWS

Photo Fund-Raiser for Rachel

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

In August, Chantilly's Rachel D'Andrea will be 3 years old, but a third of her life has been spent in hospitals. She's currently receiving treatment for neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

So far, there's no cure for her form of childhood cancer. But her parents, Jon and Rebecca, hope her condition can become stable enough so she can be part of a relatively new, but promising, course of treatment there by a doctor doing pioneering work in that field.

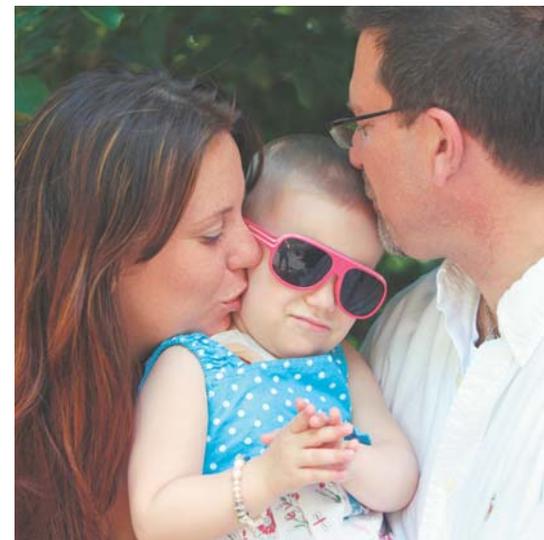
Meanwhile, with astronomical health-insurance costs and ever-rising medical bills, the D'Andreas need all the financial help they can get. So professional photographer Joan Brady of Great Falls is doing a photo fund-raiser for them, the entire month of August.

"I take photos of everything, but I specialize in children and pets," said Brady. "For every photo session scheduled during August, I will donate the entire session fee to the D'Andreas."

She heard about the family last summer when one of her favorite restaurants, Café Sano in Reston, did a fund-raiser for the D'Andreas. "So I contacted Rebecca to see if she wanted me to take pictures of Rachel," said Brady. "I knew how much it means to parents of an ill child to have photos of that child."

The D'Andreas wanted professional photos done of Rachel, so Brady took them last fall in Meadowlark Gardens in Vienna. "I did it for free as my gift to them," she said. "Their story really touched me."

SINCE THEN, she's taken photos of Rachel and her parents, gratis, two more times, and has become friends with them. Actually, she's donated her time



JOAN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Rachel, almost 3, gets kisses from her mommy and daddy, Rebecca and Jon D'Andrea.

"We try to make the best of every moment."

— Rebecca D'Andrea, Rachel's mother

and talents several times for causes involving children. For foster-care children, she makes in-kind donations of photography services and images of roughly \$400,000 a year.

"I've done a lot of photos for nonprofits and of special-needs children and children in foster care," said Brady. "With foster-care children, for example, there's a strong connection between photos and self-esteem, and the children are really proud and happy to have pictures of themselves."

However, Brady's never done a fund-raiser before. But, she said, "I wanted to do this one because the D'Andreas have a significant need."

A photo session involving either one child or one

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Suspended Sentence for Abduction

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A 27-year-old Fredericksburg man has received a five-year, suspended prison sentence for abducting a 23-year-old Fair Oaks woman he met online. He is Dennis Gregory Rother of 383 Holly Corner Road.

According to Fairfax County police, on May 23, 2009, he visited the woman in the 12100 block of Elm Forest Way. Around 10 p.m., he carried her into a bedroom and ordered her to disrobe. Police said Rother then grabbed two knives, blocked the door with a piece of furniture and smashed several things inside the apartment.

He then told the woman to put her clothes back on, grabbed her arm and forced her outside into a car. Still allegedly holding the knives, he ordered her to drive away.

However, as they passed a George Mason University patrol officer, the victim managed to get the officer's attention and he began to follow them. At a stop sign near Stoughten Road and Stonewall Avenue, the woman jumped out of the car and ran to the officer.

After an investigation, police charged Rother with aggravated sexual battery, abduction, felony destruction of property, assault and being drunk in public.

On Sept. 15, 2009 in General District Court, Judge Penny Azcarate sent his abduction charge to the grand jury and the other charges were dropped.

Then on March 22 in Circuit Court, he pleaded guilty to abduction, returning June 25 for sentencing. At the outset, Assistant Commonwealth's attorney Katie Pavluchuk noted there was an agreement that Rother would be given probation, rather than time behind bars.

Defense attorney James Connell asked Judge Robert Smith if his client could be approved for work-related, overseas travel. He also requested that the psychological evaluation Rother had received be sealed, and Smith agreed to both requests.

Prior to sentencing, Rother stood and addressed the court. "I sincerely regret my actions and the emotional and psychological harm I caused [the victim]." The judge then sentenced him to five years in prison, suspending all that time, and placed him on five years probation.

Smith also ordered Rother to undergo whatever mental-health assessment and treatment are recommended by his probation officer. "As a further condition of your probation, you are not to consume alcohol in any form," he told Rother. "And work out with the attorneys the restitution amount you owe the victim for the substantial damage to her apartment."

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Madison High sophomore Molly Nuss, who plays Mulan, described her as a clumsy tomboy, day-dreaming and off in her own word, yet rebellious and spunky. "I like this role," said Nuss. "I can really relate to Mulan because she's in her awkward years and my parents are telling me the same things her parents are."

Her favorite song is "Reflection," which she sings when Mulan's shunned by her family, after being rejected by a matchmaker that she angered. Said Nuss: "She's frustrated and wonders, 'When will my reflection show who I am inside?'"

Nuss said the audience will be familiar with the songs, from the movie, "plus we've added others. They'll also like the high energy on stage and the really good characters."

Portraying Mushu is Sterling's Amanda Holsinger, a homeschooled seventh-grader. "He's a kid dragon with a lot of attitude, and he likes to take charge," she said. "Mushu likes helping people, but isn't always brave. He's assigned to protect Mulan because, if she dies, she's the last of her family. So he both follows and leads her, telling her what to do."

Holsinger is having fun playing a dragon. "It fits me because of the attitude and it's my first, large role," she said. "And it's cool working with Molly, who's my friend." Toughest, said Holsinger, is "remembering I have a tail and not to trip over it."

She likes the song, "Keep 'em Guessing," which she sings to introduce herself to Mulan and tell her how to act like a boy in the war and what to remember so she's not found out. Said Holsinger: "It's a bluesy song that turns into a jazzy dance with the whole ensemble."



PHOTOS BY LAURIE CRIGGS

Mulan (Molly Nuss) and Captain Shang (Wesley Coleman).

She said the audience will like the show's comedy and adventure. Besides that, she added, "The choreographers, Annie Ermlick and Dawne LeKang, are doing an excellent job so the dances are really good. And they cast people perfect for their characters."

CHANTILLY HIGH sophomore Wesley Coleman plays Capt Shang, captain of the Chinese army and the general's son. "A lot of his men have no business being soldiers, but he needs to whip them into shape so they can beat the Huns," said Coleman. "He's stern, doesn't show much emotion and is all about the military. I love playing him; it's fun because he gets to sing, yell at people and fight."

Coleman's favorite number is "I'll Make a Man Out of You," which Shang sings to his troops while teaching them martial arts. "I did 11 years of martial arts, and it's such a cool song because it shows his idea of what men should be like," said Coleman. He said the audience will be impressed that the young actors put this play to-

gether in a short time, with everything in synch. Added Coleman: "I think they'll be surprised that young kids can be so talented."

Playing an ancestor named Lin is Rachel Hutzenbiler of Chantilly's Pleasant Valley community. "My symbol is loyalty and I'm completely devoted to the Fa family," she said. "If Mulan does something wrong, it's a bad mark against her family, so I try to help her in different ways while she's pretending to be a boy, so she won't mess up. I'm exasperated, but forgiving and hopeful."

Calling her role "awesome," Hutzenbiler plays her part "with four, other cool girls also playing ancestors. We're in the background; because we're spirits, nobody else onstage sees us." She especially likes the song, "Written in Stone," because "it's beautiful and shows the ancestors' mixed emotions about Mulan going off to battle." Regarding the show, she said, "The dances are cute and the songs are catchy."

Christopher Lang, a Herndon Middle seventh-grader, portrays Shang-Yu, the quiet, serious leader of the Huns. "He's a strong general with a controlled anger and a touch of sarcasm," said Lang. "Playing the bad guy is always fun because you have a scary aspect, and he's one of the biggest, toughest warriors — and he invades China. With a bad guy, you can be both crazy and evil, at the same time. And if people didn't like you or were scared of you, you know you played your part well."

The sets for "Mulan Jr." show a mountain and a temple, plus pagodas for storefronts and the outsides of homes. "Children who didn't want to act are helping in other ways — with lights, sets, artistic direction, choreography, direction and stage managing," said Swan. "That way, they get a whole picture of the theater."



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Tolls and a Transportation Fix

Could the links add up to \$20 and more per trip? And why won't Virginia issue bonds if it can collect that kind of toll revenue?

As someone who pays more than \$10 to drive round-trip the entire length of the Dulles Toll Road and then Greenway to Leesburg on my way out to Hillsboro, I am forced to recognize that commuters and others will pay to drive on congestion-free roads.

Leaving my office in Alexandria, however, I could soon have the choice to pay to drive in the High Occupancy Toll Lanes on my way around the Beltway, then a possible future choice to pay either the basic rate or an upgraded rate to drive on the Dulles Toll Road, followed by the choice to drive on the Greenway or to take Route 7 out into outer Loudoun. Could that add up to \$15 or more each way? (Already during rush hour, it costs \$5.25 each way on the Greenway, \$4.55 off peak; and it's \$1.75 on the Dulles Toll Road.)

Toll lanes are also on the drawing board for 395 and 95, places where effective means (slug lines) are in place to gather enough (three) people in a car to qualify as "High Occupancy," the current qualifier for using the existing HOV lanes. You can't buy your way onto those lanes at this point.

Choosing all the tolls would be well beyond most people's means in anything but an emergency. But others will be able to consider the cost a business expense, or will be able to value their own time highly enough to pay the freight.

The real concern is that we aren't using the future tolls to create funding for the broad transportation initiatives that we need to thrive economically. The current model of public-private

partnerships allows private companies to collect and keep all the tolls virtually forever (50 years) in exchange for building these particular roads.

But knowing that the revenue stream is out there, Virginia could issue bonds and contract the building of the roads and toll lanes, thereby using any surplus revenue to continue to improve the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure.

Once you admit that you're going to charge tolls, really significant dollar amounts of tolls, you don't need a public private partnership to make transportation improvements happen. You can manage contractors and use the revenue stream to keep Virginia moving. The commonwealth seems only to be able to stomach high tolls when the money is going to a private com-

EDITORIALS

Send in Your Pet Photos and Stories

The Pet Centre View is coming next week, publishing July 28. We must have all submissions no later than Friday morning, July 23.

We welcome, photos, artwork and 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.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters,

and other more unusual pets — we hope for photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in any photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live. We prefer digital submissions. E-mail to PhotoCVN@connectionnewspapers.com, and write "Pets" in the subject line. Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

to increase engagement between board members and parents, employees, and community/business leaders. Superintendent Jack Dale has reached out and invited these same critics as well as community leaders to meet with him to discuss issues including the budget and the possible purchase of an administration building. The process through which we engaged our community on changing school start times was so transparent and well designed that it has won two national awards and made Fairfax County, yet again, a model for other school districts. This process elicited 94,000 survey responses and more than 1,600 participants at seven community dialogues. As a result, parents, community members, employees, and students all overwhelmingly opposed a change in school start times.

The School Board listened carefully and made the right decision to keep the bell schedule intact. This is an excellent example of community engagement. Often, people who vehemently disagree with a particular outcome confuse that outcome with the process used to arrive at it. That's a natural reaction and is reflected in your edito-

pany, not when it might go to the public good in the future.

Still one can only hope that 20-30 years from now the idea of rush hour and congestion — that we will each climb into a car one person at a time and drive on the same roads to work at the same time every day — will be as inconceivable as dial-up access to the internet.

Then all those extra lanes might be wide open with little toll revenue coming in.

And we can only hope that whoever is writing the contracts for these public private partnerships has the best interests of the Commonwealth at heart and isn't shifting the risk of that sort of innovation away from the private sector while leaving them to reap the profits without sharing.

Maybe in 50 years, the separate HOT Lanes will serve to separate bicyclists from skateboarders from pedestrians as old roadways become the recreational areas of the future, much as unused rail lines and former tow paths.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

School Board Welcomes Dialogue

To the Editor:

You were correct in your editorial ["From Readers on School Board and Staff," Centre View, July 14-20] in which you pointed out that school board members commit themselves to public service with the best interest of all schools at heart. It is a job that we are proud to carry out, no matter how difficult the decisions we face might be. Our leadership responsibility is to serve all our children and not necessarily carry out the wishes of special interest groups. That can result in a clash that plays out in editorials such as yours.

However, I must take issue with your assumptions that the School Board has not engaged our community on important issues such as changing school start times, the consideration of purchasing an administration building, and closing schools. In fact, many of the same critics who are now crying foul have themselves participated in thoughtful discussions through special stakeholder dialogues last fall, which the School Board set up specifically

A Break Before More Radiation

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Photographer Joan Brady came into Rebecca D'Andrea's life at just the right time. And happily for both of them, she's stayed.

"I was sitting in Rachel's bedroom last July, wishing I could get pictures taken of her, because I hadn't done them at [regular intervals]," said D'Andrea. "About two minutes later, Joan e-mailed me to introduce herself."

Brady later took photos of Rachel, and D'Andrea was delighted. "They preserve our memories," she said. "We try to make the best of every moment."

Since then, said D'Andrea, "Joan has become a very good friend and continues to be supportive of us. As soon as we met, we got along." So the fact that Brady's doing a fund-raiser to help the D'Andreas with Rachel's medical expenses really means a lot.

"I'm very touched," said D'Andrea. "It's sweet of her to do this for us; she's very generous. We

never expected to be up here this long, and things in New York cost so much. This time, we've been here four months; we came for a week and never left."

She joked that "Rachel's becoming a New Yorker" because she now loves to eat pizza and bagels. But, added D'Andrea, "She definitely misses her siblings."

RACHEL'S RECEIVING treatment for neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and doctors there hope to give her another round of MIBG (liquid radiation) treatment this week. So before she goes into isolation for a few days because of it, her parents made sure she had an especially fun weekend.

Dad Jon visited from their home in Chantilly, so on Saturday, July 17, they went to Jones Beach. It was Rachel's first time ever at a beach, and she loved it.

"Due to her catheter line, she can't submerge in water or take a regular bath, so going into the water was out," said Rebecca D'Andrea. "But she did enjoy play-



JOAN BRADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Rachel enjoys swinging in the park.

ing in the sand with me and Jon for a good hour or more. She made sand castles and buried her toes. She kept saying, 'It's summertime — we're going to the beach.' Rachel has seen the beach on all her favorite TV shows, but never knew what it was like, for herself. The

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Photo Fund-Raiser for Rachel D'Andrea

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pet costs \$350; a session involving more than that number — no matter how many — costs \$475. "Normally, that gets you two, 8x10 prints," said Brady. "But because I want to give more incentive for people to do this, I'm also giving them a \$50 photo credit — either toward additional prints and/or sizes, or toward a future session."

Although at first glance, the prices may seem steep, Brady says the quality of the finished product is well worth it. "Parents always ask me why I can get better photos of their children than they can," she said. "I tell them it's because I'm not their mother, I have better equipment and I have some talent."

Additionally, even though many parents have good cameras, said Brady, ultimately, most parents just won't get as good a picture of their child as she will. "And that's not about equipment," she said. "It's about the dynamic between parents and their own children. It's funny — even professional photographers call me to photograph their kids."

UNLIKE MOST professional photos, Brady's aren't formal, static products. Instead, they're more

natural and realistic. For instance, if a boy loves soccer, she can photograph him kicking a soccer ball. Said Brady: "A lot of it is spontaneous, which is what makes it fun."

"It's not just about capturing what the kids look like," she continued. "It's about capturing who they are and their experience [that day] so they and their parents can always remember it. Except for newborns, it's not a studio sitting. We go to a park, playground, their yard, etc."

Besides photos, Brady also creates coffee-table photo books, wall hangings and other items so par-

ents may order whatever they'd like. Her donation to the D'Andreas is the session fee and, so far, she's already booked three.

"I'd like to raise at least \$4,000 for them, but I'd be delighted to raise double that for the D'Andreas, or more," she said. "Reading their story, you want to get involved somehow and help; and as a photographer, this is what I can do."

For more information, e-mail Brady at joan@joanbradyphotography.com or call her at 703-759-4984. To see more samples of her work, go to www.joanbradyphotography.com.

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Telford: 'Never Give Up'

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looking at her — smiling and happy, fit and trim in a blue bikini at the swim-a-thon — no one would know anything's wrong with her. And she's doing her best to defy doctors' expectations.

"With my first surgery in 2005 to remove a tumor from my brain, they told me I'd have difficulty

walking or running," she said. "But that fall, I ran the Marine Corps Marathon." Telford relapsed, several months later; and that fall, she had another surgery.

But that didn't stop her; and for her positive attitude, she credits her friends. "I wouldn't be here now without the support of all my friends," she said. "They keep me

going. One even ran me through the Boston Marathon this year and helped me qualify."

SHE ALSO DID the Iron Man Triathlon in Lake Placid, last year and the year before. Said Telford: "I really wanted to do [the Boston Marathon and the Iron Man Triathlon] after getting the diagnosis because I didn't want to lay around and think about the time I have left."

Telford, who works for the U.S. Government Printing Office in the District, ran and did marathons prior to her diagnosis, but not triathlons. In those events, participants must swim 2.4 miles, bike 112 miles and run 26.2 miles — all in one day. But she relished the challenge.

"I didn't want to be considered handicapped or have anyone feeling sorry for me," she said. "I wanted to fight it, and I wanted other people to fight it, too." As a result, in the past five years, she's also raised more than \$200,000 for the National Brain Tumor Society.

"My final goal is to eventually make it to the Kona Iron Man competition, where the sport's elite go," added Telford. "My biggest saying is, 'Never, never give up.'"

**"I wanted to fight it."
— BethAnn Telford, battling brain cancer**

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ONGOING

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Ladies, do you have a Revolutionary Patriot in your family tree? Membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) honors and preserves the legacy of your Patriot ancestor. Any woman is eligible for membership who is no less than 18 years of age and can prove lineal, blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. Admission to membership is by invitation through a Chapter. Interested in learning more? Contact the Lane's Mill Chapter at lanesmillchapter@hotmail.com

Craft Vendors are needed for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. Leased spaces for vendors are going quickly. Book your vendor space now! Contact novemberbazaar@hotmail.com or 703-830-2684.

Models, actors, actresses, and dancers are needed for a non-profit show to benefit Feed the Children. This is strictly voluntary, without compensation. Models furnish their own clothing and supplies for the show. The fashion show will take place around the first weekend in August. Saturday practices will be held in Centreville, Falls Church or Fairfax. Volunteers must commit weekly practices. If interested, call Pam at 540-324-7640.

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Trinity Centre Farmer's Market — The Trinity Centre Farmer's Market is located at 5875 Trinity Centre Parkway, Centreville. It will run on Fridays, May 7 - Oct. 29 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy local produce from the finest farmers and specialty vendors in Virginia. Check out the website at www.smartmarkets.org.

New Neighbors League Club (NNLC) of Northern Virginia is looking for women who are new to the area, looking to reconnect, or just interested in meeting new people for fun and friendship! Come to one of the monthly coffees or luncheons to meet us. Then join one of the numerous clubs such as bridge, couples bridge, mah jong, gardening, quilting and stitching, bible study, bowling, bunco, Southern living dining, movie outings, cards or board games, couples mixers, book club, nursing home sing-a-longs, and many other activities. Visit the web site www.newneighborsvirginia.com or Newneighborsleagueclub@yahoo.com

THURSDAY/JULY 22

Centreville Stitchers. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Do you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other needlework crafts and conversation? Join Centreville Stitchers at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. All levels (adults) welcome. Questions - call Jo at 703-803-0595 or email jo knitter@verizon.net.

JULY 22-25

Westfield Summer Stage celebrates 10 years of summer musicals with the classic song and dance fable "42nd Street," which taps its way onto the Westfield High School stage July 22, 23, 24, and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and July 24 at 2 p.m. All tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 at the door. Seating is reserved and tickets are available at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. This 1933 Warner Bros. film gave hope to an American public long suffering through the Great Depression. In 1980, the Broadway version of "42nd Street" won Tony Awards for Best Musical and Best Choreography. Directed by Lori Knickerbocker, "42nd Street" will feature a cast of 58 middle and high school performers from Northern Virginia. To be held at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

FRIDAY/JULY 23

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. Featuring the band, The Grandsons. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

Firefly Safari! at Bull Run, 8 to 9 p.m. Free. Search Bull Run Park for one of our most well known night insects. Learn about our native species through an interpretive talk, and then help our naturalist find some of these insects in the wild. Meet at the Bull Run Regional Park's camp store. Call 703-631-0550.

SATURDAY/JULY 24

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TUESDAY/JULY 27

Office Yoga. 6:30-7:30 p.m. By Michael Tress and Rajeswari Tress (E-RYT 500). Remember to bring a mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothes. Contact yogagynan@yahoo.com. Meets at the Chantilly Library Meeting Room.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 28

Free Family Fun. Under the Sea. Get a close look at marine animals such as starfish, sea urchins, and clams, as well as learn about the ecology of the ocean. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Call 703-323-9500 or visit www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 30

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With the Rock and Roll Relics. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

Family Mourns Its Loss

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lice say he was gunned down around 11:30 p.m., and they're offering a \$20,000 reward for information leading to his killers' arrests.

Speaking softly, eyes filling with tears, Wang said the full reality of her husband's death hasn't sunk in, yet. Despite what happened, she somehow still expected to see him return home from his trip, Tuesday morning, as planned.

"It's a devastating event to our whole family — to the kids, to myself and to his mother," she said. "The children are very, very sad. I just feel so sorry for them; they lost their father in such a sudden way and at such a young age."

Wang does want her husband's murderers to be apprehended — but it'll be small comfort to her. "I hope they catch them," she said. "But even if they do, my husband won't come back. He's forever lost to us."

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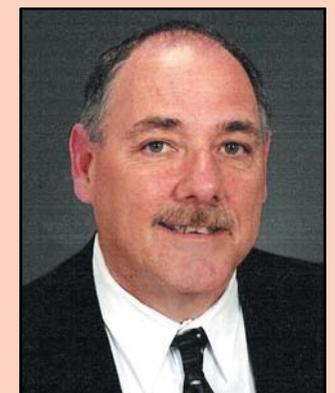
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My wife Jo-Ann and I moved to Clifton in 1988, and since then we have been residents and homeowners in Little Rocky Run. We have gone from “yuppies” with a busy house of three young children (and endless concerts, games and practices) to empty nesters with a grandchild on the way. We and our children have benefited from the education and activities available from the Fairfax County School System. All of our children (Mike, Joanna and Sean) participated in athletic programs in Centreville High School, and that gave me the opportunity to be the Athletic Booster Club president for three years. We are grateful that Virginia has an excellent and relatively affordable higher education system as they all attended in-state colleges: Mike, the University of Virginia; Joanna, the University of Mary Washington and Sean, James Madison University.

While I have always had an interest in Real Estate, the time necessary in order to provide excellent service as a Realtor conflicted with the time I needed to spend raising a young family. I finally decided to become licensed and work full-time as a Realtor in 2004, attained my brokers' license in 2007 and have thoroughly enjoyed helping clients achieve their

goals over the past 7 years in spite of the twists and turns of our local market. I have been fortunate to attain the Lifetime Top Producer award for sales in excess of \$5 million per year for a 5-year period. With the market shift and economic downturn, I decided to become better prepared to deal with the amount of distressed properties, both short sales and foreclosures. Having attained certification from the Home Rescue Institute, and also as a Certified Distressed Property Expert, my partner and fellow broker Bob Scherbarth and I joined Century 21 New Millennium over a year ago and we now head a team of 8 agents as well as 2 assistants. I have observed and lived through the explosive growth in Northern Virginia, especially in Fairfax County. I use that experience, along with over 25 years of successful sales experience, to best represent your interests in either buying or selling a home—or both! I believe that the unique makeup of our area, from the government and military influence to the fast-paced economy, represents a great opportunity for both home ownership and an investment vehicle.



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The Sully Station SSTs with BethAnn Telford, front row center.

Swimmers Support Team BT

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BethAnn,” said Jenna Lombardo of Centreville’s Sully Station community. “I am so proud to participate in this.”

Lombardo’s mother died of brain cancer, and Lombardo’s children, Savey, 7, and Jonah, 4, did laps during the July 7 swim-a-thon in remembrance of their grandmother. In addition, said Lombardo, “Three other children swimming today lost a mother, an uncle and a neighbor to this.”

So they were pleased that the proceeds went to the National Brain Tumor Society (NBTS). “I feel so blessed to have found BethAnn and to be able to work for her and for all people battling brain-tumor disease,” said Lombardo. “I’m thankful that the swim-team parents are supporting us and the children are so enthusiastic about the cause.”

THE EVENT came about as a result of Telford, 41, of Fairfax, and Sully Station Swim Team Coach Jen Chapman meeting several years ago while doing a 24-hour triathlon together in Colorado. “I had cancer at the time and my body temperature dropped and I was wrapped in blankets, but I wouldn’t stop,” said Telford. “Jen says I kept her going, and that memory inspires her all the time not to give up.”

So the fund-raising swim-a-thon was Chapman’s way of giving back to Telford and, at the same time, teaching her young swimmers about perseverance. “I was amazed at them,” said Telford during the event. “I’ve been here since 6 a.m., when the adults swam, and I’ve tried to swim with each age group. I was crying — it was very emotional for me. One 4-year-old swam 17 laps.”

Telford is being treated for brain cancer at Johns Hopkins Hospital and will soon undergo her third surgery. And since her immune system is so low because of chemotherapy, just two weeks before the swim-a-thon, she was in the hospital with pneumonia. But she made it to the swim-a-thon to share her story with the swimmers and encourage them to always follow their dreams.

Westfield High senior Arjun Suryakant has been on the swim team since he was 5. “One of my uncles died of bone-marrow cancer, and one, of brain cancer, so this event means a lot to me,” he said. “The only reason my uncle with bone-narrow cancer passed away is because they couldn’t find a marrow match for him. It really hit my aunt hard. My other uncle was diagnosed in 1998 and battled 10 years; he passed away in March 2008.”

Suryakant swam 120 laps during the fund-raiser and planned to donate \$100. “It’s awesome; BethAnn is a real inspiration and I love what she’s doing to get research to help people,” he said. “It’s amazing to me how she does everything and lives her life, every day, and how she comes out here to help people and raise money.”

“Kids who told their parents they were going to just swim 10 laps were inspired to do better after BethAnn talked to them today,” continued Suryakant. “I participated today in honor of her and my uncles.”

ON THE SWIM TEAM for 12 years, Westfield senior Ben Campbell did 50 laps during the swim-a-thon. “Knowing that so many people are affected by cancer and there’s no cure, it makes me feel really good that so many people came out here today,” he said. “Me and Arjun also give a shout-out to Dalton Gulsky. He’s 16 and a Westfield junior and is still fighting cancer [osteosarcoma].”

“I just wish we could do more,” added Suryakant.

Regarding Telford, Campbell was impressed by how she “can accomplish all these things — doing something she loves — while still fighting the disease.”

Also attending the event was Darrel Sanburg of Lincoln, Neb., and his daughter, Kristi Goerl of Haymarket. “My wife — her mother — passed away of brain cancer, Nov. 18, at age 72,” said Sanburg. “We were married 52 years.”

Goerl and her husband and children used to live in Sully Station, and Goerl is good friends with Telford, so they came out to support her. “I think it’s a great thing they’ve done, and the kids really had fun doing this,” she said.

“It’s nice that the community got involved,” said Sanburg. “And it’s great that they’re thinking of others, at a time when so many people just think of themselves. We live so far away, and this brings us all so close.”

“It’s touching,” agreed Goerl. “My mom would really enjoy this and think it’s pretty special. BethAnn is an amazing woman and an amazing friend; she touches everyone in a very special way.”

Coach Chapman said people donated various amounts of money per lap, not realizing how many laps the swimmers would do, and “the kids did more laps than they thought they’d do. The biggest thing is that we’re trying to get away from [primarily focusing on] winning and losing. We just want to raise good kids who are doing the right things and have a sense of community to help other people.”

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Growth, Girth or Guilt



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Boy, am I proud of myself, or guilty about my purchase, or concerned about my weight! I don't know. Ergo the title. I have three competing emotions in-head. And what did I do to cause this emotional – and literary – rift? I threw away some uneaten – and perfectly good – chocolate cake before its time (and by "time," I don't mean its expiration time; I mean before the usual time it takes for me to have eaten it in its entirety). Was I forced to do this because my wife, Dina, found out about it and its hiding place? Not this time, so far as I know, anyway, and hopefully she won't ever know about it unless she reads this column, which if I'm lucky, she won't (the stars sort of have to align for her to read one of my columns; it's not that she doesn't want to, it's more that she doesn't want to read what she already lives).

No, I threw away this "perfectly good chocolate cake" because it was lousy. However, chocolate cake being lousy, generally speaking, has not been reason enough, in the past, for me to toss it. Typically, I would have eaten the entire cake and then made a mental note about not purchasing the item ever again. Moreover, I would have finished the cake (dessert/chocolate/sweet) almost as if it was my responsibility/duty to do so. Whether it was for a lack of willpower (lack of taste; that's Dina talking) required since I had already spent the money (and thanks to my mother's admonitions, we don't want to waste food or money; thanks, mother) or a total lack of concern/worry about my physique and/or the nature of the things I was putting in my mouth/stomach, I would not have given any of it a second thought. Well, maybe a second thought, but certainly not enough of a thought to have prevented me from eating it. That was then.

Now, things are different. Now, I'm Kenny with cancer. And Kenny with cancer is somewhat different than Kenny with cake. Oh, don't get me wrong, I'm still happy to have my cake, but as a cancer patient who has modified his eating habits in an attempt to dissuade cancer from moving and/or growing in his body, I'm less inclined to eat it. And so, not eating that cake or throwing away that cake – before it was stale or dropped on the floor or after something had been spilled on it, which would have ruined it for me; typically, the kinds of reasons which would have previously led to its not having been eaten – is a monumental, seismic-type shift in my consuming passions/tendencies.

However, to be honest, I'm not sure if it was growth (mentally); in that I've learned a few things about cancer and sugar (among many other facts and feelings) which is, that eliminating sugar from one's diet is a good, make that excellent, pursuit. Or perhaps it was girth, as in vanity, as in I don't want to gain back the 30-or-so pounds I've lost in the last 18 months and return to my previously normal shape-that-wasn't-very-ship; I'm not lean, exactly (or mean) but I am a little lighter on my feet (on anybody else's, too). Or maybe it was simply guilt, a combination of growth and girth. I know what I'm supposed to eat (fruits and vegetables, organic when possible) and what I'm not supposed to eat and/or to avoid/minimize (everything else, basically), but I have needs – and wants, and I do the shopping. Nonetheless, I am still drawn to cake/cookies/candy/ice cream. However, I don't buy that stuff nearly as much as I used to (who could keep up that pace?). Still, doing without sometimes doesn't help either, emotionally, and us cancer patients do need our emotional support.

I suppose I could compromise/rationalize and just buy a little/eat a little. What harm would that cause? I don't know, really. But there does seem to be a relationship, maybe even a cause and effect (if you believe the literature) between cancer and what you eat. As a result, I am betwixt and between – like most cancer patients, I'm sure.

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It's Summer: Everyone into the Pool

The Sully Station SSTs had another fabulous week. The 8-under girls relay team of Elise Mozeleski, Jessica Dickinson, Marie McPherson and Allison Hickey set the tone by breaking two team records and winning the 8-under girls 100-meter freestyle event with a time of 1:16.68 at the Divisional Relay Carnival held at Mosby Woods July 14. Winning for the 15-18 boys in the 200-medley with a time of 1:52.75, CJ Fiala, Brandon Fiala, Richard Xue and Jacob Humphrey also set two new team records.

Both winning teams were scheduled to swim this Wednesday, July 21, at the All-Star Relay meet at Hayfield Farm. The mixed age boys team of Collin Fiala, Harrison White, Michael McPherson and CJ Fiala, and the 11-12 boys freestyle team of Collin Fiala, Carl Gerland, Matthew McPherson and Dominic Huffman were also set to swim in the All-Star Relays.

In the final home "A" meet of the season, the SSTs came on strong, took the lead early and ran neck and neck for the rest of the meet until the end, finally falling to High Point by a score of 209 to 193. The SSTs took top honors in seven out of ten freestyle events with the 11-12 winners, Holly Edwards and Collin Fiala, each earning a personal best mark. Winning in backstroke were 8-under Elise Mozeleski, 9-10s William, Dzubak and Katie Stulga, 13-14s Michael McPherson and Grace McKnight, and 15-18 Brandon Fiala. Sweeping the 11-12 boys 50-backstroke were Collin Fiala, Carl Gerland and Dominic Huffman. McKnight, Huffman and Gerland also scored personal best marks in backstroke.

Eight-under swimmers Brian Patten and Allison Hickey were the victors in the 25-breaststroke, while Corinne Holland grabbed the top spot in the 15-18 girls 50-breaststroke. Hickey and Holland each scored a personal best.

The SSTs entered the butterfly leg of the meet down by only four points. With wins and personal best marks by 9-10 Payton Moore, 11-12 Carl Gerland, 13-14 Zoe Hemmer and 15-18 CJ Fiala, Sully Station needed to win eight relays. Fervent cheers on both sides intensified the competition. The 8-under girls 100 freestyle relay team, made up of Elise Mozeleski, Marie McPherson, Lily Render and Allison Hickey, earned their third consecutive win, followed by Katie Stulga, Payton Moore, Caroline Render and Kristen Pisone in the 9-10 girls first place relay.

Zoe Hemmer, Amanda Holt, Grace McKnight and Emma Sax teamed to win the girls' 13-14 relay, 200-medley relay, while Brandon Fiala, Austin Figueroa, CJ Fiala and Ryan Otroba earned a first place in the 15-18 boys, 200-medley relay.

The SSTs swept the 200-freestyle mixed age relays with Collin Fiala, Harrison White, Michael McPherson and CJ Fiala winning the boys' race, and Holly Edwards, Katie Stulga, Grace McKnight and Allie Humphrey winning on the girls' side.

Though in the end six relays weren't enough to pull out the win, The SSTs were more than happy with their performance as well as their continued improvement as evidenced by 37 personal best marks.

Sully Station travels to Mansion House this Saturday for the final "A" meet of the season. The final "B" meet will take place at Poplar Tree.

Poplar Tree competed against five other teams and won the Div. 8 Relay Carnival Championship held at the Dominion Hills pool in Arlington last week. The evening started out in grand fashion



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The relay teams of the Manorgate Marlins captured first Place for the Blue Division at the Colonial Swim League Relay Carnival.



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The 13-14 boys swept the 50-meter butterfly to help Sully II secure the win over Riverside. From left: Anthony Wu, Austen Bundy, and Michael Jiang.



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Swimming Sisters: Mattie Rose, Julie, Kylie, and Lexi Cuomo contribute at every level for the Manorgate



PHOTO COURTESY/POPLAR TREE

Pirates Win NVSL Div. 8 Relay Carnival: Poplar Tree swimmers with the first-place trophy following their showing at last week's Relay Carnival.



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Sully II 8-under girls, from left, Sydney Baxter, Delaney Kennedy, Daeun Lee, and Taylor Smith took first place at the Relay Carnival.

with several wins from the girls relay teams.

The girls mixed age free relay with Nicole Baker, Haley Alderman, Lauren Hensley and Elizabeth Hall got the team off to an early lead with a big win in the first event of the evening. The girls 9-10 medley team of Julia Young, Corinne Kominski, Lauren Young and Haley Alderman soon followed with a victory. The girls 11-12 medley relay of Hannah Warnick, Julia Brunner, Nicole Baker and Annabella Baxter won their event as well.

The next first place went to Lauren Hensley, Katie Dingman, Brianna Fridy and Virginia Walsh in the 13-14 girls medley. The boys 15-18 medley, made up of Frankie Marrero, Sean Davidson, Greg Borowski, and David Stewart, earned second place with a new Pirate record time of 2:01.79. The boys 8 and under free relay with Conner Madsen, Sam Brunner, Parker Agan and Nels Williams won their event followed by a victory from the boys 9-10 free relay with Fletcher Madsen, Jared Brennan, Marcelo Coray and Nick David.

The final first place of the night was earned by the 13-14 girls free relay with Brianna Fridy, Virginia Walsh, Katie Dingman and Lauren Hensley. In the last



PHOTO/COURTESY OF BROOKFIELD

Pictured, left to right, is the Brookfield Breakers All Star Relay Team of Alexa Conti, Paige Shervanick, Claire Kenna and Monica Labine. The Breaker 11-12 relay team qualified for All Stars in both the medley and freestyle events.

event of the evening, the boys 15-18 free relay came in third place and set another Pirate record with the team of Greg Borowski, Sean Davidson, Frankie Marrero and David Stewart. The foursome crushed the previous team record with a time of 1:48.71. The girls 9-10 medley relay, the girls' 13-14 medley, and the girls' 13-14 free relay will be heading to the All-Star Meet on July 21 at Hayfield Farm.

The **Greenbriar Dolphins** are having a tremendous season, led by Jacqueline Clabeaux's phenomenal swim-



PHOTO BY STACEY HUSE

Sully Station 13-14 girls after their Saturday win in the 100-medley relay. From left: Amanda Holt, Zoe Hemmer, Emma Sax and Grace McKnight.

ming. At her home pool in a dual meet with Ravensworth Farm, she swam the girls 9-10, 50-meter breaststroke with a time of 37.50, breaking her previous NVSL record time of 37.88 set earlier this season on June 26.

Recent Greenbriar Dolphin team records include the following: July 5 - the 15-18 girls 50 free, Becca Yost (29.09); July 10 - the 9-10 girls 50 free, Jacqueline

Clabeaux (31.02); the 15-18 girls 50 fly, Becca Yost (31.84); July 12 - the 9-10 girls 50 back, Jacqueline Clabeaux (36.83); the 9-10 girls 100 IM, Jacqueline Clabeaux (1:17.39); July 14 - the 11-12 boys 100 medley relay, Gentry, Miller, Alarcon and Brewer (breaks a 1981 team record with a time of 1:07.83); the mixed age 200 free

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relay, Gwennap, Clabeaux, Gonzalez and Yost (breaks a 1982 team record with a time of 2:01.66).

Breakers Roll to 4-0: The **Brookfield Breakers** continued their championship season with a solid win over the Swordfish of Truro by a score of 241-161 last Saturday. Again, the Breakers rolled through freestyle and never looked back. With the win, the Breakers clinched the NVSL Div. 10 Championship. Brookfield will travel to Commonwealth this Saturday as it rounds out its regular season with a meet against the Cudas.

The Breakers received double first place finishes from Christopher Laing, Benjamin Condem, Anna Kenna, Claire Kenna, William Schulte, Monica Labine, Jordan Greenlee and Shannon Silsby. Also gaining first place wins were Daniel Richter, RJ Kenna, Joseph Kenna, James Laing, Stephanie Proctor, Ava Saylor, Kieran Nelson, John Wiltshire and James Wiltshire. Helping the Breakers with second place finishes were James Laing, Matt Ludden, Kieran Nelson, Jack Trahan, Darby Monahan, Alexa Conti, Kelly Guerrero, David Schulte, Nathan Johnson, David Laing, Paige Shervanick, and Mikayla Lynn. The Breakers had four sweeps in their win: 8-under backstroke (Jordan Greenlee, Hannah Ho and Caitlin Mowry); 11-12 backstroke (Monica Labine, Sydney Greenlee, and Grace Boland); 11-18 backstroke (William Schulte, James Wiltshire, and Ben Bourneman); and 8-under breaststroke (Benjamin Condem, RJ Kenna and John Laing).

Special congratulations go to Jordan Greenlee who broke a Brookfield team record in the 8-under backstroke with a new time of 21.74. Also, congratulations to the 11-12 girls relay team of Paige Shervanick, Monica Labine, Alexa Conti and Claire Kenna who qualified in both the medley and freestyle events for the NVSL All Star Relay Carnival on Wednesday.

The **ManorGate Marlins** were cranking this past Saturday, July 17, as they swept past the Chase Club Sharks, 331-112. The Marlins earned all three top places in 10 of 20 individual events, and

won every relay event. Coach Steve Thorne likes the widespread talent and depth of his bench, particularly in the 11-12 year old boys and girls groups.

"We can miss a different swimmer every week and know that someone is right behind that person ready to compete," said Thorne.

This was especially true when Connor Culleiton took the 15-18 year old spot in the boys mixed age relay in the absence of Johnny Germanis. Culleiton anchored a come-from-behind win for the relay team that also included swimmers Max Leitch (9-10), Carson McEver (11-12), and Mark Mahoney (13-14). Not to be outdone, the Marlin girls also racked up the first place positions in their relays and events. Sana Alloo, Gina Masters, and Melanie Luck, grabbed a top three spot in each of their individual events, and were joined by Juli Cuomo for the 15-18 girls medley relay victory. Also contributing to the Marlins third win this season with first place finishes in their individual events were swimmers Steven Yoon, Kevin Moran, Ethan Kim, Brandon Miller, Andrew Dettmer, Kaki Ryan, and Emily Angelotti.

The success for the ManorGate Marlins continued on Sunday at the Colonial Swim League's Relay Carnival, where the team earned first place in the Blue Division. In the overall league results, the 9-10 girls medley relay (Lexi Cuomo, Thalia Costanza, Sydney Hamrick, and Olivia Collar) tied for first place, and the girls mixed free relay (Lexi Cuomo, Esther Lee, Sana Alloo, and Kylie Cuomo) captured second. Third place spots went to the Marlins in the 15-18 boys medley (Nick Cole, Mitch Mahoney, Mitch Cole, and Connor Culleiton); the 15-18 girls medley (Alloo, Masters, Luck, Juli Cuomo); and the mixed 5-18 medley relay (McEver, Mitch Mahoney, Kylie Cuomo, Thalia Costanza).

The **Sully Station II Piranhas** extended their unbeaten record with a commanding 227-175 win over Riverside Gardens last Saturday, July 17. Freestylers Delaney Kennedy (8-under girls, 20.01), Flynn Crisci (9-10 boys, 36.20), Lauren Peters (9-10 girls, 36.62), 13-year old Ben Wu (28.19), Kenzie Elliott (13-14 girls, 30.72), and 15-year old Erin Schulte

(29.59) kicked off the meet with first place finishes. The Piranhas never relinquished the lead, with victories by backstrokers Brantley Cervarich (8-under boys, 23.10), Carly Logan (9-10 girls, 44.25), Scott Baxter (11-12 boys, 39.92), 13-year old Austen Bundy (35.81), Nick Campbell (15-18 boys, 30.59), and 18-year old Katie O'Brien (35.51).

Five Sully II swimmers were double winners, including breaststrokers Delaney Kennedy (25.77), Scott Baxter (43.69), and Erin Schulte (39.05) and fly champions Lauren Peters (18.94) and Austen Bundy (34.37). Bundy led a sweep of the 13-14 boys' fly with teammates Anthony Wu (36.13) and Michael Jiang (37.10). Rounding out the winning brackets were breaststrokers Harmon St. Germain (9-10 boys, 48.32), 10-year old Georgia Stamper (48.13), Dasom Lee (11-12 girls, 44.44), and Connor Pangman (13-14 boys, 39.48), as well as Caitlin Campbell with a time of 39.81 in 11-12 girls' fly.

Fast swims continued throughout the morning as the 9-10 girls medley relay broke a nine-year old team record. Posting a time of 1:18.55 together were Carly Logan, Georgia Stamper, Lauren Peters, and Lily Harkes. The Piranhas won eight of 12 relays, 11 of 15 races within .3 of a second and posted 25 personal best times.

Sully II improved to 4-0 and capped a successful week which included a third place finish in the Div. 7 Relay Carnival on Wednesday, July 14. Ten relay squads turned in best times, and victories were earned by the 8-under girls free relay team of Taylor Smith, Sydney Baxter, Daeun Lee and Delaney Kennedy (1:25.96); 9-10 girls free relay of Carly Logan, Georgia Stamper, Lauren Peters, and Lily Harkes (1:08.91); and 9-10 boys medley record breakers Kellen Campbell, Harmon St. Germain, Brody Campbell, and Flynn Crisci (1:20.15). Four Piranha teams secured spots in the All-Star Relay Carnival on July 21, including the 9-10 girls' freestyle; 15-18 girls' freestylers Erin Schulte, Emily Schulte, Tara Banks, and Carli Molano (1:59.02); and 8-under boys medley (1:32.81) and freestyle (1:23.62) teams consisting of Allan Beres, Brantley Cervarich, Aidan Crisci, John Henry Stamper, and JP Wiemann.

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Rachel Enjoys Beach; More Radiation Set

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sound of the waves, the smell of the water, the clear skies, the pretending-to-be-normal made for a great time. I hated to leave.”

Then on Sunday, they went to Coney Island with some friends from the Ronald McDonald House where they're staying. "Rarely can we do things like this, since either Rachel's blood and platelet counts are low or Jon isn't here," said D'Andrea. "So

we decided to take advantage of things and Rachel had another great time. She rode the 'choo-choo train' three times. She was happy and got to feel normal for the second day in a row."

MONDAY, THOUGH, it was back to the hospital, where Rachel underwent surgery to implant a permanent port just above her heart for directly administering medications to her. She also received platelets and a

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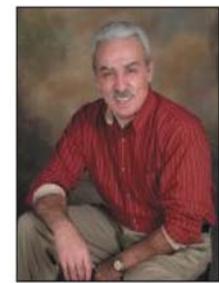
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