

# CENTRE VIEW

SOUTHERN EDITION



## Symphonic Season

Nancy Yeung of Centreville plays violin for the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. The new concert season begins Saturday, Sept. 11. See page 5.

## Murder Yields 14-Year Sentence

**Woman sentenced for killing boyfriend.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**B**efore his client was sentenced for killing her boyfriend, last year, inside her Centre Ridge apartment, defense attorney Peter Greenspun asked the court for mercy.

"It was a domestic incident," he said. "Mrs. Tizon is not a general risk to the community."

But Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Kathy Stott disagreed. "She is 64 and has no prior criminal record," said Stott. "But this court cannot ignore the fact that, on Aug. 15, 2009, this defendant fired two shots into the victim, ending his life at age 34."

After a four-day trial in May, a

jury found Centreville's Maria De Las Mercedes Tizon guilty of second-degree murder and use of a firearm in the



**Tizon**

commission of a felony and recommended she receive 14 years in prison. And on Aug. 20, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Smith imposed the full sentence.

The victim was Alexandria resident Ahmed Chouaib, who'd come to the U.S. from Morocco in 2002. He and Tizon had met at Inova Fairfax Hospital when they'd both worked in its cafeteria, and they'd been involved romantically for three or four years.

At Tizon's trial, her neighbor, Pam Parnell, told what happened, the day of the murder. Parnell had

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## Fugitive Centreville Man Apprehended in Poland

**Former youth coach is accused of sex crimes against minors.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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**N**early a year after fleeing the country to avoid possible conviction and incarceration on charges of sexual crimes against minors, a former youth sports coach has been apprehended in Poland and will be extradited back to the U.S. He is John E. Hamilton, 39, of Gabrielle

Way in Centreville.

Police first arrested Hamilton, of Centre Ridge, on May 22, 2009, charging him with one count of aggravated sexual battery and three counts of taking



**Hamilton**

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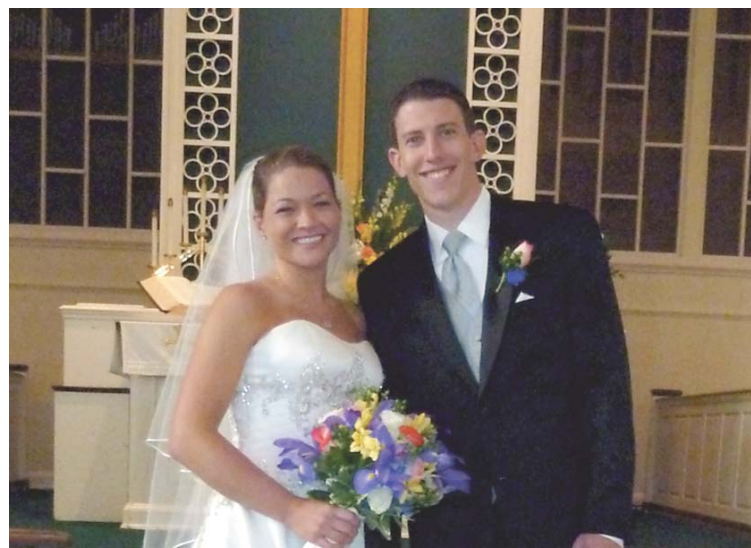
### Beatty, Gaeta Wed

Megan Beatty and Raphael Gaeta were married in a double ring ceremony July 10 by the Rev. Larry Craddock at Springfield United Methodist Church in Springfield.

A reception followed at Springfield Golf and Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Scott and Kathryn Beatty of Clifton. The groom is the son of Richard Gaeta of Fairfax Station and Susan Gaeta of Manassas.

Megan was attended by her sisters Kristy Shirilla of Lancaster, and Kara Brown of Centreville as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Samantha Kinzer of Fairfax, Heather Padgett of Fairfax, Meredith Brown of Arlington, Jaime Deitz of Richmond, Heather Schwarz of Montclair and Cara Perrone of Arlington.

Serving the groom as best man was his brother, Andreas Gaeta of Honolulu, Hawaii. Groomsmen were Julian Gaeta of Fairfax Station, Adriel Gaeta of Fairfax Sta-



**Megan Beatty and Raphael Gaeta were married July 10.**

tion, Mark Brewer of Arlington, Raul Zalles of Aldie, Duvian Restrepo of Burke, Nathan Holbrook of Midlothian, Mohamad Sayed of Burke and Jason True of Fairfax.

The bride is a 2009 graduate of James Madison University where she obtained her master's degree in special education. She is teaching in the Fairfax County school

system. The groom is also a graduate of James Madison (2007) where he earned his degree in social work. He obtained his master's degree in social work at George Mason University. He is a research analyst at JBS International in Bethesda.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Hawaii and reside in Fairfax.

### Storch and Baxter Are Married

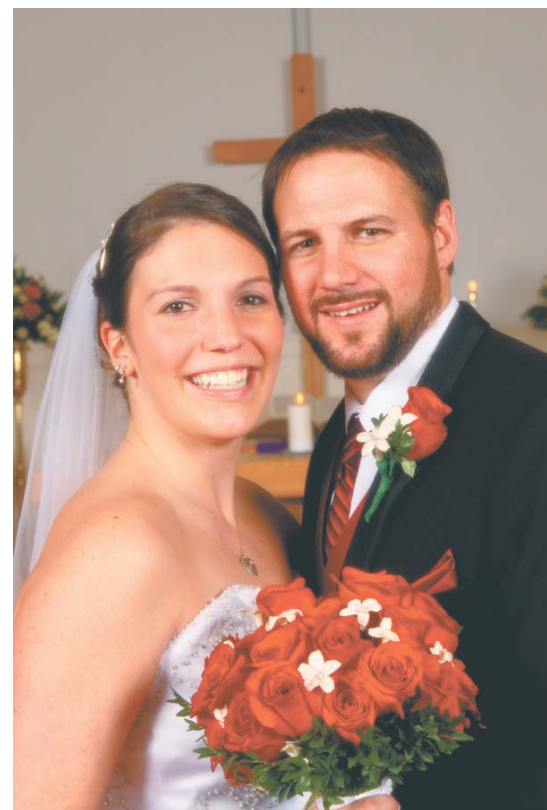
Elizabeth Ann Storch and Adam Douglas Baxter were married on Dec. 19, 2009, at the Gainesville United Methodist Church. Despite the blizzard that day, the wedding ceremony took place at 5:30 p.m. with Pastor John Patterson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Storch of Centreville. Elizabeth is a 2003 graduate of Westfield High School and a 2007 graduate of George Mason University. She earned her Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from George Mason University in 2009 and is currently a first grade teacher for the Fairfax County Public School System.

The groom is the son of Mr. Steven Baxter of Nokesville and Mrs. Bonnie Long of Nokesville. Adam is a 1998 graduate of Brentsville High School, a 2009 graduate of Northern Virginia Community College, and is currently majoring in engineering at George Mason University. A veteran of the United States Army, Adam is employed by Lockheed Martin in Manassas.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents. Jennifer Storch, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sarah Leblang Storch, sister-in-law of the bride, and Mary Claire D'Elia and Lisa DiGangi, friends of the bride. Sydney Baxter, daughter of the groom, was the junior bridesmaid. The flower girl was Anna Monfort, cousin of the groom.

John Rich, friend of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Philip Storch and Kenneth Storch, brothers of the bride, and Jeffrey Street, cousin of



the groom. J.T. Street, cousin of the groom, was the junior groomsman.

After the wedding ceremony, a cocktail and dinner reception was held at the Heritage Hunt Country Club in Gainesville.

The couple is residing in Bristow.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Mina Oh of Centreville** received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Verizon Foundation. She is the daughter of Verizon employee Pil hoon Oh, who plans to attend the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The scholarships are renewable for three years and have a total value of \$20,000.

**Kaplan University** celebrated the graduation of its summer 2010 class during a live ceremony on Aug. 7 in Chicago. The following local students were awarded degrees:

❖ **Nicole Brugioni of Centreville** was awarded a 2 + 2 Bachelor in Paralegal Studies.

❖ **Marc N. Joseph of Centreville** was awarded a 2 + 2 Bachelor in Management.

❖ **Kimonya Lee of Centreville** was awarded an Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology.

❖ **James Lee of Centreville** was awarded an Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology.

ROUNDUPS

## Man Arrested on Child Porn Charges

Fairfax County police arrested a 41-year-old McLean man, Aug. 9, in connection with alleged, sexual offenses against a 15-year-old Centreville girl. He is Joshua Gessler of Nina Court, and detectives charged him with five counts of possession of child pornography and one count of production of child pornography.

Police began an in-depth investigation in May after a teen-age, Centreville girl was reported as a runaway. During the course of the investigation, detectives reportedly linked Gessler to her through a series of online interactions. Police believe the girl and Gessler met in person and he allegedly took photos of a sexual nature and transmitted them electronically.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.



Gessler

## Sully Council's New Officers

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations has elected its new slate of officers for 2010-2011. Those serving are as follows: President, Mark McConn; 1st Vice President, Jeff Parnes; 2nd Vice President, Lewis Grimm; Treasurer, Jay Johnston; and Secretary, Priscilla Knight and Jim Neighbors.

## Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Sept. 8, 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, Sept. 9 and Sept. 23, 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.

## Watershed Meetings

Fairfax County invites the public to participate in a series of open forums and assist in the development of seven draft watershed-management plans. Such plans serve as tools to identify and address issues impacting the environment, with the ultimate goal being the protection and restoration of county streams and other water resources. These benefits will help meet Fairfax County's goals for water quality and stream improvements and provide a positive impact on the condition of the watersheds. More information is at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/announcements.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/announcements.htm).

The Springfield District's watershed forum dealing with Little Rocky Run/Johnny Moore Creek will be held Thursday, Sept. 16, at Centreville High School, 6100 Union Mill Road in Clifton. Registration starts at 6:30 p.m., with the program running from 7-9 p.m.

## WFCM Needs Food Donations

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) urgently needs donations of cold and hot cereals. Bring them to WFCM'S food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near the Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Also needed are furniture and household items, in good condition, for the thrift store.

# NEWS

## 14 Years in Prison for Murder

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just returned home from work when there was a knock at her door. "Maria was crying, so I opened the door and stepped out," testified Parnell. "When I asked what was wrong, she said, 'I shot my boyfriend; I killed him.' Then she pointed down to a gun outside my door."

Parnell took Tizon inside her apartment and called 911. "Maria was really shaken," she said. "I asked, 'Did he hit you?' and she said, 'He pushed me in the heart.' Then she lost it and was crying and rocking back and forth."

When police arrived, Parnell directed them to Tizon's apartment, some 15 feet away, where they found Chouaib's body. But there were no signs of a struggle.

Parnell said Tizon never denied shooting him. "While I was on the phone with 911, Maria said, 'They should take me,'" said Parnell. "She was very emotional." The neighbor also noted that Tizon had no injuries.

After seeing the body, Police Officer William Coulter asked Tizon what had happened. He testified that she answered, 'He messed with my head; he takes my car and never returns it.'

Explaining a possible motive for the murder, Officer Marta Goodwin also testified, repeating spontaneous statements Tizon had made to her. Said Goodwin: "She said [Chouaib] took her car to see other women and had assaulted her and been violent toward her." However, no evidence of any maltreatment of Tizon at Chouaib's hands was presented.

Police found the victim's body, half in the bathroom and half in the hallway of Tizon's home. He'd been shot twice, and one bullet was still in him. "The gun found outside Parnell's apartment was the one that fired the bullets that killed him," said Assistant

Commonwealth's Attorney Erin Mellen, during the trial. "On July 8, five weeks earlier, Tizon bought that gun."

Dr. Shane Chittenden, with the Virginia Medical Examiner's Office, performed the autopsy on Chouaib and testified that the first bullet entered above the right side of his chest. The second bullet, he said, entered from his back. Chittenden also determined that both bullets were fired from no more than 3 feet away.

The weapon used was a Taurus .38 special, double-action revolver, and firearms expert Gary Arnsten testified that, for Chouaib to be shot twice, Tizon had to fire the gun two, separate times.

When Tizon returned to court for sentencing, Aug. 20, a year had passed since the tragedy. But time hadn't dulled the pain still felt by Chouaib's friends, and two of them took the stand at the outset of the proceedings.

First was an elderly man named Omar Moufti, who was retired and had taken an interest in helping Chouaib, who had shown kindness to both him and his wife. "I knew Ahmed six years," said Moufti. "I discussed his college courses with him, and I told him it was better to work for himself than for others, so he and another man started their own gutter-cleaning business."

On snowy days, said Moufti, Chouaib cleared off Moufti's and his wife's cars before they even got up. Crying, he said, "There's no day goes by that I do not think about how this young man's life was wasted. I did not have a son of my own and I thought of him as a son."

Under questioning from Greenspun, Moufti said he'd never met Tizon and that Chouaib never told him about his intimate relationship with her because "he knew that I'd object to it vehemently."

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## Friend Mourns Shooting Victim

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

It's been a year since Ahmed Chouaib was killed at the hands of a Centreville woman. But for his friend, Abdelhamid Ja, the mourning continues and the sadness doesn't end.

"He was my best friend," said Ja. "He's from Morocco and I knew his family back home. He came here in 2002 and was my roommate until I got married, at the end of 2007."

Describing his buddy as a "nice and caring person," Ja said Chouaib had a graduate degree in economics — which, in Morocco, was equal to two years of college — and had been an elementary-school teacher in their country.

But Chouaib wanted to go to America, so he put in an application for Morocco's "diversity immigration lottery" and was one of the winners. He spoke Arabic and French, but started learning English when he arrived in the U.S.

He had several, different jobs, and he and Ja even had their own gutter-cleaning and power-washing business. At the time of his death, Chouaib also worked at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

"A classmate of his, in his English class, told him he knew Maria Tizon, who worked in the hospital cafeteria," said Ja. "They were introduced and Maria got him a job in the cafeteria, too."

Ja said Chouaib also took nursing classes at the hospital and was a nurse's assistant there. He even-

tually became a lab technician, drawing patients' blood for various tests. Ja said Chouaib also worked at Inova's Alexandria and Ashburn locations.

But he had higher aspirations for himself. "He was almost finished attending NOVA in Alexandria and wanted to go to Virginia Tech to study engineering," said Ja. "He was trying to better himself and help his family back home. He sent money to them because they needed it badly."

Ja said he didn't know how the romance between Chouaib and Tizon had developed because, he explained, "His dream was to marry a younger girl." He said Chouaib was also athletic; because of a knee injury, he could no longer play soccer, but he still enjoyed playing basketball and tennis. He was also a good friend.

"I was always in contact with him," said Ja. "The day before he died, he picked up me, my wife and our little son at Dulles airport after we'd visited Morocco. He had dinner with us, and he was talking about his plans for finishing school."

**"I felt like the earth had turned around me."  
— Abdelhamid Ja, shooting victim's best friend**

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## MUSIC

# Orchestra Growth Continues

## Fairfax Symphony Orchestra opens new season on Sept. 11.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's 2010-11 season repertoire will include performances at George Mason University's Center for the Arts in Fairfax, and the expansion of their performances to the new Hylton Performing Arts Center on the GMU campus in Manassas.

"We are thrilled to be performing in Merchant Hall at the stunningly beautiful new Hylton Performing Arts Center," said Elizabeth Murphy, executive director of the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

"This is a great opportunity for the orchestra to expand both its audience and its opportunity to play together," said Maestro Christopher Zimmerman, who is entering his second year as Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's music director. "This orchestra is definitely up to the challenges presented by adding another venue."

The season will open Sept. 11 with Tchaikovsky's "The Tempest Fantasy-Overture," Schumann's Piano Concerto, and Rachmaninoff's Third Symphony. Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninoff have always been staple fare of the FSO, and deservedly so, since these two composers have penned some of the most heartfelt and passionate music ever. "Here are two major works of theirs which, unaccountably, are not particularly known to both orchestras and audiences alike, but they show every bit the inspiration and mastery of their better known cousins 'Romeo and Juliet' and Symphony No. 2," said Zimmerman. The guest artist is the French pianist Philippe Bianconi who, according to Zimmerman, "is both a beautiful pianist and profound interpreter."

The Oct. 23 concert highlights the FSO and the fine players within it. As part of its three-year Sibelius exploration, the FSO will perform the symphonic fantasy "Pojhola's Daughter," another of his wonderfully evocative tales. Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante fea-

tures FSO Concertmaster David Salness and Gregory Rupert, principal viola, as soloists. Bartok's Concerto for Orchestra makes similar virtuosic demands on individual players and orchestral sections alike, allowing the FSO to, as Zimmerman said, "place the spotlight on itself."

On Nov. 20, guest conductor Eckart Preu will lead the orchestra in a performance of music from the first half of the 19th century and the second half of the 20th. Zimmerman described the musical selections as "sparkling, clean, and clear." The mischief and humor of Rossini's La Cenerentola Overture contrasts with the drama and poetic introspection of Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 3 of the early Romantic Period. Both are counterbalanced by the unpredictability and rhythmic intensity of John Adams' Violin Concerto which reaches almost hypnotic proportions when played by guest artist, Timothy Fain on violin.

The Jan. 15, 2011 program will mark both the Fairfax Symphony's first concert in a series of double performances, and its debut performance at the beautiful new Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas. From England, Central Europe and the United States, Zimmerman has chosen three masterpieces that he believes aptly exemplify Western music's profound and beautiful legacy. **Bernstein's Overture to "Candide"** and **Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "From the New World"** are traditional audience favorites, beloved in the repertoire. **Walton's Violin Concerto, not as frequently performed, will feature guest artist Chee-Yun**, who returns to the FSO after her acclaimed performance of Sylvie Bodorova's "Concerto dei Fiore" in its 2008-09 season.

The first part of the 20th century was one of the richest and most exciting eras in all of Western music, with composers reacting and responding to a successful aesthetic that had reached saturation point, i.e. the opulent orchestral language of the late Romantics. On March 19, 2011 the FSO will present Webern's Six Pieces for Orchestra (revised/reduced

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## Musician Profiles

### NANCY YEUNG

Age: 27

Instrument(s): 2nd Violin

Town of Residence: Centreville

Years in FSO: 5 years

Studied Music At: George Mason University

Did you grow up/go to high school or college in this area? Where?

W.T. Woodson High School, George Mason University (BM, MM)

### MATT RICHARDSON

Age: 25

Instrument(s): Violin (first violin section)

Town of Residence: Centreville

Years in FSO: since the 2006-07 season. 4 years.

Studied Music At: George Mason University

Career Outside of FSO: I am a full-time Master's student at George Mason University, but in addition to that, I maintain two active private studios in Fairfax, and in Leesburg. Also, I freelance with other orchestras in the area, and am the personnel manager for the strings sections of the McLean Orchestra.

Groups Other Than The FSO: The McLean Orchestra, and the GMU performing ensembles. I also occasionally sub with the Winchester Orchestra

and have subbed with the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra in the past.

Did you grow up/go to high school or college in this area? Where?

I attended George Mason University for my undergraduate degree from 2003-7 and just began my Master's degree there in January 2010.

What sparked your interest in music? How old were you? When did you know you wanted to play professionally?

My father was a music education major in college, but who did not end up pursuing a career in music. However, he was very passionate about music, so there was a lot of classical music in the house growing up. As a result of his passion, both of my siblings and I (older sister, younger brother) all studied music from a young age, though my brother and I are the only ones who followed it as a career. I began violin lessons when I was 6 years old and my family was living outside Atlanta, Ga. However I didn't know that I wanted to play professionally until I was in high school. I had an epiphany one day when I was playing in an All-County orchestra concert, and I was telling my parents how exciting the rehearsals were and how much I couldn't wait for them to see the concert. At that point, I realized that it really mattered to me that people watch me play, and that I loved performing on

the violin more than anything else.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is deciding how serious he/she is about music?

There is a reason for everything that happens when you are playing. Nothing happens by accident! So if you can figure out exactly what caused your mistake, fixing the cause fixes the problem! The hardest part is figuring out what really happened ... it's often not what you expect.

What is one piece of advice you would give to someone who has stopped playing an instrument but would like to take it up again?

It is never too late to learn to love playing again. Find a good teacher who is willing to teach you at your own pace, and who understands your motivations for wanting to renew your interest.

What is your favorite piece to play? Beethoven Symphony No. 7, 2nd movement.

Is there any other information you would like to share about your family? Do you have relatives/children who also perform?

My younger brother, Alan Richardson is the cellist with one of the leading young string quartets in the country. His group, the Aeolus Quartet is the Gradu-

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# OPINION

## Code Red

How residents can have an impact on air quality.

This summer, despite the heat, we've had fewer "Code Red" air quality days than one might have expected, possibly a result of the slower economy. On "Code Red" days, children, older people and people with asthma, heart or respiratory problems should reduce outdoor activities. Even healthy individuals should limit strenuous outdoor work and exercise.

The primary causes of air pollution in Northern Virginia are vehicle emissions and pollution from coal-burning power plants here and to the west.

Approximately 60-70 percent of the pollutants that cause ground-level ozone are created from vehicles, lawn mowers, other garden equipment and common household products, according to the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

Here are a few suggestions to help air quality in the short term:

- ❖ Limit driving, combine trips or work from home.
- ❖ Use area bus and rail lines.
- ❖ Avoid mowing lawns with gasoline-powered motors.

- ❖ Refuel vehicles after dusk; avoid idling.
- ❖ Conserve electricity, turn up the thermostat for air conditioning, turn off unneeded lights.

For the air quality forecast for Northern Virginia and links to maps, see <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/airquality>.

## Starting School after Labor Day

We cruise into the last week of summer vacation for most Virginia school districts with temperatures in the high 90s and "Code Red" air quality, the state mandate to delay opening schools until after Labor Day doesn't seem like such a bad thing.

While students across the river in Montgomery County headed back to the classroom on Monday, Aug. 30, Virginia students have an

extra eight days of summer break.

Long held up as an example of corporate influence over the General Assembly (King's Dominion makes strategic donations to state delegates and senators while lobbying for the "start after Labor Day" rule), if the result is that families have a little more time for vacation, possibly giving the economy a little boost in the process, perhaps no harm is done.

## Peace Corps Volunteer Needs Books

**Alyssa Bechtold, Little Rocky Run resident, seeks to complete library in Paraguayan school.**

A 2004-graduate of Centreville High School, and a life-long resident of Little Rocky Run, Alyssa Bechtold is now serving in Paraguay as a Peace Corps volunteer.

After graduating from the university of Virginia in 2008, she volunteered as an "Urban Youth Development" worker. She has been in the South American country for one and a half years now, and has been working in the schools and for an after-school shelter in the town of Caacupe.

Bechtold says it is not uncommon to find 7th-graders who cannot read. Students are often pressured to drop out of school by their parents to work as street vendors, selling trinkets and snacks to tourists and residents visiting the basilica. Part of the problem is the schools' lack of resources to give the students a meaningful education.

The schools in Paraguay have very few books. Classes usually have only two textbooks for any given subject, and the students must share these books in the often crowded classrooms. They are never permitted to take these books home.

As a result, children in Paraguay get little practice in reading, and practically no exposure to literature. "It's no wonder they drop out," said Bechtold. "They lack resources in the schools, and the children don't learn. They don't see any alternatives. They have few job opportunities, and their families are trapped in poverty."

She hopes to turn this around in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Caacupe, the Barrio John F. Kennedy. She has worked with the local school officials to design a library project. The school has provided a dusty storage room that they hope to turn into a fully functional

library. Bechtold has contacted several agencies and organizations and has already gathered some 300 donated books for the budding library. The school has designated a staff position for a new librarian, and Bechtold has worked with her Paraguayan counterpart, Liliana Ricardo, to write a plan for the library's future growth. The librarian's husband, Carlos, has built some shelves — but they remain mostly empty.

The donated book collection, which forms the core for the new library, lacks books for some grade levels. The Peace Corps in Paraguay has approved the plan, and has included it in the Peace Corps Partnership Projects. Bechtold has reached out to friends and fam-



**Alyssa Bechtold (right) shows new books to Paraguayan students in their new school library.**

ily via email and Facebook, and the project is already about 25 percent funded.

To support the library in Barrio JFK, Caacupe, Paraguay, go to the Peace Corps website: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>. Click on "Donate to Volunteer Projects" and search for "Bechtold" to find her project. To read more about the project, click on "School Library."

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Beware of Lawn Mushrooms

To the Editor:

Many mushrooms are popping up in yards across the area. Including my yard. One of my two dogs sampled a corner of a small mushroom. little did we know she was tasting a death cap mushroom (amanita phalloids - see at <http://americanmushrooms.com/deathcap.htm> )! What we thought were just "mushrooms" can

in fact be deadly. Our dog (cavalier King Charles spaniel) became incredibly ill, but after spending a night at the vet (Pender — who were terrific), and taking several meds, is doing fine. Please let readers know to remove mushrooms carefully, with gloves, as soon as they are spotted in the yard.

We learned about their dangers the hard way — I'd hate for anyone else to have to go through this.

**Debbie Schmidt**  
Centreville

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## FSO Growing

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version) and Sibelius' Symphony No. 5. "Written within only a few years of each other," said Zimmerman, "Sibelius and Webern's creations here show just how differently beautiful works of art can be expressed in the hands of great and sensitive composers. There, the prevailing techniques and modes of expression seem to have been shattered in the pursuit of a new voice." Sibelius' 5th Symphony is also programmed as part of the FSO's ongoing exploration of his symphonic development.

"In his own way, too, Beethoven can be regarded as an artist who seemed to "tear up the rules" in his need to express himself fully," Zimmerman said. Beethoven's Piano Concerto No.5, his final piano concerto, will be played by the eminent Finnish pianist, Matti Raekallio.

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's 2010-11 season will close with another double performance on May 14, 2011 at GMU's Center for the Arts in Fairfax and on May 15 at the Hylton Performing Arts Center in Manassas. The Fairfax Choral Society, with Artistic Director Douglas Mears, and the Reston Chorale with Artistic Director David Brian Lang, join the FSO in a performance of Mahler's spectacular Symphony No.2, "Resurrection." A step beyond Beethoven's 9th, "Resurrection" is a musical journey which speaks of the human condition in all its complexities and paradoxes and touches on the nature of existence, religion, and the afterlife. "Only Mahler could embrace such an ambitious agenda and succeed in producing one of the most exciting, beautiful and exultant works that has yet been written," said Zimmerman.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE** by calling 703-563-1990 or online at [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org). Single tickets for the 2010-11 season range from \$25-\$55 (Fairfax) and from \$25-\$45 (Manassas).

Directions to the concert halls and information on the FSO's education and outreach programs, podcasts and other activities may also be found on the FSO's website. Program notes for each concert are posted on the site at least one week prior to the performance.

The orchestra is supported in part through funding by the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, and the County of Fairfax, along with generous support from corporations, foundations and individuals.

### OBITUARY

## Rita Ellen Koch

Rita Ellen Koch of Centreville died on Aug. 21, 2010. Born Oct. 22, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Eldon and Eula Ehinger and was preceded in death by her loving husband of 20 years, Colonel William V. Koch.

She is survived by her son William S. Koch of Sterling Park; her only sister Una L. White of Alexandria; one nephew Michael Makarczyk of Salt Lake City, Utah; three nieces Lori L. Roy (Totan) of Sterling; Cynthia Thomas (Stanley) of Alexandria, and Susan Manley (Steven) of Richmond. She was a great aunt to Matthew, Daniel, Tami, and Luke Roy; Stanley IV and Kaye Lee Thomas; and Thomas and Joseph Manley.

Rita attended Fairfax County elementary schools and graduated from Fairfax High School. After working as a secretary at the Pentagon for several years in the 1960s, she received her nursing degree from Northern Virginia Community College. She then

## Musician Profiles

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ate String Quartet in Residence at the University of Texas, where they are mentored by the Miro Quartet. They are an incredible group, who have won prizes at numerous international chamber competitions across the globe over the last two years. Check them out at [www.aeolusquartet.com](http://www.aeolusquartet.com)!

**Where do you "hang out?" What do you like to do when you are not working?** When I'm not working, teaching, or practicing (which is not often), I spend a lot of time at home with my German Shepherd, Gandalf. I can often be found after rehearsals and concerts at The Hard Times Cafe in downtown Fairfax. Otherwise, I enjoy all of Northern Virginia's numerous DiscGolf courses, especially those found at Burke Lake Park, and Bull Run Park.

**What is your favorite thing about playing with the FSO?** Musically, I love all of the great repertoire I have had a chance to perform since I joined the FSO. You can usually count on the FSO to have a very exciting program lined up for every season!

### STEVEN FRASER

**Age:** 56

**Instrument(s):** Cello

**Town of Residence:** Fairfax

**Years in FSO:** 5 years

**Studied Music At:** California State University, Long Beach

**Career Outside of FSO:** Fairfax County Public Schools Orchestra teacher, high school

**Groups Other Than The FSO:** Various quartets and Symphony Orchestras

Did you grow up/go to high school or college in this area?

No. Long Beach, Calif.

What sparked your interest in music? How old were you? When did you know you wanted to play professionally?

Parents ... 9 years old ... when I was about 20.

What is one piece of advice you would give to a young person who is deciding how serious he/she is about music?

Are you willing to put in the time necessary to succeed?

What is one piece of advice you would give to someone who has stopped playing an instrument but would like to take it up again?

Go for it

What is your favorite piece to play?

Dvorak Sym 8

What are other local music venues/experiences that you would recommend?

Wolf Trap, Kennedy Center

Is there any other information you would like to share about your family? Do you have relatives/children who also perform?

Three children. All have played string instruments. One in high school orchestra. Two who have graduated high school

Where do you "hang out?" What do you like to do when you are not working?

Mostly always working, but hang out with musician friends

What is your favorite thing about playing with the FSO?

Has been my "social life" for the past few years. Great group of people/friends.

### MARK BERGMAN

**Instrument(s):** Bass

**Town of Residence:** Centreville

**Studied Music At:** Eastman, Manhattan School, Yale.



**Rita Ellen Koch**

in 2009.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Rita's memory to: The Historic Centreville Society, P.O. Box 1512, Centreville, VA 20122 or the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Memorial Service will be held on Friday Sept. 3, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. Interment will be on Friday, Sept. 3, 12:15 p.m. at Stonewall Memory Gardens, 12004 Lee Highway, Manassas.

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## NEWS

# 14 Years in Prison for Murder

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Another friend, Abdelhamid Ja, knew Chouaib's family in Morocco for 20 years and said Chouaib "was like my family here. We did everything together. If I was sick, he'd take care of me. I'm missing him all the time."

Stott then asked Judge Smith to impose the jury's sentence recommendation — 11 years for murder, plus a mandatory three years for the firearms charge — in its entirety. She said the 11 years is close to the low end of the state sentencing guidelines and "it's not unreasonable, based on all the evidence before this court. Ahmed Chouaib had a positive impact on his community and his friends, and they are less because he is gone."

Greenspun said Tizon had just retired, two weeks before the incident. He said the shooting "wasn't malice, but happened out of a passionate relationship between [the couple]."

Tizon then stood and broke down into tears while apologizing to her family, the court and everyone involved in the case. "I've been working all my life

and have never had any situation like this," she said. "I'm very sorry for my actions; please have mercy on me."

Smith noted that she'd led a good life and had made contributions to society. But, he added, "You felt like you were being wronged by [Chouaib] and you intended to kill him. Your relationship was problematic; you felt abused in it and took action."

In sentencing Tizon, said the judge, he considered her possible rehabilitation, but he also had to punish her for what she did. "You took a life intentionally, and that's the worst thing someone can do," said Smith. "I don't know that you might not do it again."

Smith told her that the jurors represented a group of individuals drawn from the community, and "they gave that 11 years thought. I don't find [that sentence] to be out of line regarding appropriateness and, independently, that's about what I'd have given you, too."

He then imposed the whole 14 years, plus three years post-release supervision. "You have a right to appeal," he told Tizon. "And you are remanded to the custody of the sheriff."

## Shooting Victim Mourned by Friend

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Three days later, Ja learned of Chouaib's death. "The detective came to his roommate's home in Alexandria to tell him what had happened," said Ja. "Then his roommate called me on the phone, crying. He said [Tizon] killed him."

"I felt like the earth had turned around me," said Ja. "It was incredible. I'd called him, the [Saturday] evening he'd died, but he hadn't answered. My family had sent him cookies with me from Morocco and I wanted to give them to him. I thought he was busy; then Sunday went by, and Monday I got the news."

He said that, if he'd known about the relationship between Chouaib and Tizon, he would have advised his friend to "get out of it." He also called the 14 years she received for killing him "a very light sentence. Nothing can change the fact that he's gone. I'd rather have him brought back."

"I will always remember him," said Ja. "We were inseparable, so a lot of places and events here remind me of him, wherever I go. It was so hard telling his family of his death. At first, his brother didn't believe it. After two hours, he called me back and said, 'Is it true?'"

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**Tag Day.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Chantilly High School Music Boosters will be sponsoring their annual "TAG DAY". Students in the Band, Chorus, and Orchestra programs will be traveling house to house requesting donations in exchange for a "Tag". This "Tag" will be good for two complimentary admissions to one of the three Fall music concerts. All donations are tax deductible (less the value of the tickets) and directly support the music department.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 12

**Sully Quilt Show and Sale.** 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Nearly 50 vendors offer antique and new quilts, specially designed quilt fabrics and supplies, linens, and quilt-related merchandise. Appraisers will be available to evaluate your family heirloom quilts for \$10 per quilt with a limit of two quilts. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for children. At Sully Historic Site in Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

**Chantilly Fall Frolic Teddy Bear Collectible Show.** 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$8/adults; \$7/seniors and students. The event will feature the creative work of teddy bear artists from across North America. At the Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Center, Chantilly. Contact Alex Wilson at 717-993-3041.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 14

**Centreville Stitchers.** 6:30-8:30 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](mailto:jo.knitter@verizon.net).

**Bible Study.** A new Women's Bible Study ("Discovering Who We Are in Christ") will be held at Jubilee Christian Center in Fairfax on Tuesdays, beginning at 9:45 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$15. Register by Sept. 12. Child care provided, if pre-registered. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or see [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

## SEPT. 14 THROUGH NOV. 18

**ESL Classes.** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m. Register on Tuesday, Sept. 7 from 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$10. Text book is \$25. Three Levels: Basic, Intermediate, Advanced. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Call 703-323-9500 or visit [www.lordoflifelutheran.com](http://www.lordoflifelutheran.com)

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 15

**GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club Brunch.** 10 a.m. to noon. "The Power of One" featuring Michele Bevington, founder of Freedom Petals, a nonprofit organization that provides floral arrangements for recuperating service members and their families at the Walter Reed Complex. At the Chantilly Regional Library. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Contact Barbara Cale at 703-378-6009 or Sandy Lawson at 703-620-0574 or e-mail [westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com](mailto:westernfairfaxcountywc@gmail.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 16

**Watershed Management.** The Little Rocky Run and Johnny Moore Creek draft plan forum meeting. Fairfax County is seeking public input in the development of the watershed management plan for these

watersheds. Registration is from 6:30-7 p.m. Meeting is 7-9 p.m. At Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 17

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Soul Tones of Swing. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 18

**Free seminar.** 2-4:30 p.m. Attorney Mitch Lambros discusses applying for social security disability income benefits when one has "difficult to diagnose" syndromes, based on pain, fatigue, and /or nervous system symptoms. Presented at the meeting of The NOVA Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia (FM), and Orthostatic Intolerance / Dysautonomia Support Group, from. In the James McDonnell Room of Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. No registration required; no fee. Contact 703-968-9818 or [CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com).

**Fall Into Fashion.** 1 to 5 p.m. Bella Mia Weddings and Events will host Fall Into Fashion in the Grand Plaza of Fairfax Corner, at Monument Drive and Fairfax Corner Avenue. The event will feature vendors representing a variety of products and services, live entertainment, fashions from merchants at Fairfax Corner and cupcakes by Cupcakes Actually. Visit [www.bellamiaweddingsandevents.com](http://www.bellamiaweddingsandevents.com).

## SEPT. 18-19

**Virginia Wine Festival.** Showcasing 50 Virginia wineries as well as fine art, craft, and specialty food vendors. Tickets are \$25/advance; \$30/gate. At Bull Run Park Special Events Center in Centreville. For tickets and additional information, visit [virginiawinefest.com](http://virginiawinefest.com) or call 888-VA-FESTS.

**Truro Church Used Book Sale.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All types of books, videos, DVDs, CD's & especially children's books & media accepted for donations. Donations may be dropped off in the Common Grounds reception room from Sept. 8 to Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. At Truro Church, 10520 Main Street, Fairfax. Visit [www.trurochurch.org](http://www.trurochurch.org). Call Truro Library Guild @ 703-631-1275.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 19

**Praise Choir.** The Liberty University Praise Choir will present a free gospel concert at Jubilee Christian Center 6 p.m. 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or see [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org)

## MONDAY/SEPT. 20

**Golf & Tennis Charity Classic.** 20th Anniversary Inova Fair Oaks Hospital Golf & Tennis Charity Classic benefiting "Healthy Weight Programs for Families & Children" at Fair Oaks Hospital. At the International Country Club in Fairfax. After play enjoy a cocktail reception, silent auction and awards dinner celebration. Register early, space is limited. For general or corporate sponsorship information, contact Elizabeth Willett at 703-391-3869 or [Elizabeth.Willett@inova.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Willett@inova.org). [www.inova.org/events](http://www.inova.org/events).

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia.** 9:30 a.m. Nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting literacy and well-being for women and children through community based programs. Meets at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Call Lyndy at 703-878-1928 or visit [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

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## On the Market



### Centreville- Gate Post Estates Brick Front Colonial Backing to Woods

This sunny home is ideally located for the family in search of a peaceful retreat that is convenient to transportation, shopping, entertainment, and restaurants, yet nestled away in a private, wooded paradise. After entering the two-level foyer, you'll appreciate the bright, open floorplan with kitchen, breakfast, and family rooms across the back of the house overlooking the yard. The adjacent living and dining room areas make entertaining and holiday meals easy and functional. The house has four spacious bedrooms plus a main level office, three full baths, and a powder room. The walk-out lower level offers a large, finished recreation room with full size windows, a den with direct access to a full bath, and plenty of storage. This is a clean, newly painted, and well maintained home in which most major systems have been replaced including HVAC, windows, doors, roof, siding, carpet, and hardwood flooring.

The home site has been beautifully landscaped with a brick walkway leading to the front door and a fully fenced and wooded back yard. Sited on over 26,000 square feet, you'll feel as though you've moved to a nature preserve. Spend delightful days on the two-level deck watching the birds, listening to tree frogs, or discovering deer, bunnies and box turtles in the woods. Enjoy one of the many walking trails that meander through the community or walk to Bull Run Regional Park to discover biking trails or fly a kite. If you prefer kayaking, fishing, or just relaxing on the rocks, Cub Run Creek is nearby and adjoins the community. Pool membership is available at Chantilly Country Club. All this, yet incredibly convenient to I-66 and the Fairfax County and Prince William County Parkways. For Metro riders, the Kiss & Ride lot is only one mile away on Stone Road and offers easy access to the Vienna Metro. This house is close to everything but in a neighborhood unlike anything in Fairfax County - What a terrific place to call HOME!

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## Profile in Real Estate – Barbara Nowak

If you ask Barbara Nowak what it means to live in a home, she'll quote the famous poem by Edgar Guest, "It takes a heap o' living to make a house a home..."

As a Realtor since 1981, Barbara has seen many market cycles. Barbara spent the first part of her career in new home sales. She's won numerous awards from builders and the NVBIA (Northern Virginia Building Industry Association) including several "Salesperson of the Year" awards. During the time in new home sales, she learned about marketing and staging to highlight the best features of a house. From this experience and her natural flare for creativity, she advises sellers on how to get their house ready for sale. Once the property is ready for market, she generates interest by utilizing various media: print ads, direct mail, the internet and more to reach potential buyers.

Barbara joined Long & Foster Realtors in 2004 because of its

highly regarded reputation for professionalism and integrity. Because it's the largest independently owned real estate company on the East coast, Barbara (or any other Long & Foster agent) can go into any of the Long & Foster branch offices and work there as though it were her home office. This makes it convenient for her, but more important for her clients who live throughout Northern Virginia.

When she's away from the office, Barbara is actively involved with her faith community. She finds time in her garden refreshing and serene, being close to the wonders of creation while the family dogs romp in the grass. Her creativity is also reflected in the making of hand formed pottery and has found inspiration in taking classes at the Lorton Workhouse. She and her husband, Gerry enjoy concerts at Wolf Trap, George Mason and the Kennedy Center.



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13568 PLUMBAGO DR	4	4	1	...	CENTREVILLE	.....	\$650,000	Detached	.....	0.17	.....	FAIRCREST SOUTH	
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15343 JORDANS JOURNEY DR	4	3	1	...	CENTREVILLE	.....	\$635,000	Detached	.....	0.30	.....	VIRGINIA RUN	
15322 SURREY HOUSE WAY	4	4	0	...	CENTREVILLE	.....	\$629,900	Detached	.....	0.32	.....	PLEASANT HILL	
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## Fugitive Apprehended in Poland

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indecent liberties with a child by a person in custodial or supervisory relationship.

The alleged victim is now 25, but he reportedly told police that — when he was 12 and Hamilton was a Little League baseball coach for the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association — Hamilton allegedly engaged in inappropriate sexual conduct with him periodically,

from March through July of 1997.

After Hamilton's arrest, detectives kept searching for any other possible victims and, as a result, two more alleged victims, one now 20, and the other, 29, stepped forward. And on June 5, 2009, police charged Hamilton with two counts of sodomy.

According to police, the incidents involving the 20-year-old reportedly occurred from October through December 2001. Those

involving the 29-year-old allegedly happened from December 1992 until April 1993. At the time, both victims lived in the Hollin Hall area of Mount Vernon. Police say Hamilton coached both of them.

SYA President Gary Flather said Hamilton never coached youth sports in Centreville. However, Hamilton used to live in the 6600 block of Wakefield Drive in the Belle View

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## The Cancer of Cancer



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I'd like to write about something else other than my having cancer, the words to do so don't seem as readily in hand (or in-head) as they once were. I don't want to think, nor do I want to admit, that the longer I live – and the closer I come to my original two year-life expectancy deadline (double entendre intended), March, 2011, the more consumed with all of it I am becoming. Which is probably not a good thing, mental health-wise, but nearly impossible – or so I'm finding – common sense-wise, given the seriousness of my original diagnosis/prognosis: "Stage IV lung cancer, treatable but inoperable and not curable." Words I never thought I would hear an oncologist say to a lifelong non-smoker like me. Words I'm now supposed to ignore?

But that's exactly what I have to do, somehow: live without considering, too much, that I may be dying and dying sooner rather than the much later I had been anticipating all of my previous life (given my parent's health and ages when they died). And that's been my struggle, ever since Feb. 27, 2009; the date when my primary care doctor first informed me of the results of my biopsy: the previously unconfirmed things in my lungs were indeed malignant tumors.

That was 18 months ago, and much has happened in that last year and a half. We know two people in our circle who have died from lung cancer, both individuals having received their diagnosis after I received mine. I have also read multiple obituaries (some younger, some older) in The Washington Post that listed lung cancer as the cause of death. In addition, I have read miscellaneous other newsworthy articles citing lung cancer as the cause of something else unpleasant. Moreover, I have heard numerous stories from people who knew somebody, who knew somebody else (who I didn't know) who had lung cancer, who shared their less-than-encouraging news. (In fairness, I have likewise heard – and read – of some patients who outlived their prognosis.) So I have assimilated much anecdotal-type information about cancer and cancer patients during this last year and a half and learned a few lessons along the way as well.

Nevertheless, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day, too), the weight of living with a terminal disease (I know, there are exceptions to every rule; statistics are not really people, everybody/everybody's body reacts differently to treatment/medication; yada, yada, yada) can crush your enthusiasm – and appreciation – for some of the little things in life, the kinds of things which have nothing to do with cancer (and dying), but everything to do with living – and not dying prematurely. Apparently, there is something to be said and – in some internal effect as well – to be done, for living or trying to live life as normally as possible in spite of the odds because doing so, or at least attempting to do so, helps slay the emotional dragon that can so easily overpower you.

And what ego I have (which isn't much) doesn't want to be overpowered, and it and I certainly don't want to lose control. Every day after I wake up, I check to see if I'm all there (sort of a mental bed check if you will). Once I'm all present and accounted for, I get up and start the day. The routine I've developed seems to help me with my need to control. And with that control comes power and confidence, and with that power and confidence comes intestinal fortitude which, as a cancer patient, you need in abundance. Some days, the supply is a little low. The trick is pretending, somehow, that it's not.

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

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# Centreville Wildcats: 1995 State AAA Softball Champions

Coach Tom Reilly's team was at its best when the games mattered most.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville High School has a prolific sports history since its doors opened in 1988. The school experienced a state football championship in 2000 and the Wildcats were a Northern Region wrestling power in the 1990s. Centreville's track and field teams have also flourished at the region level, and the girls' soccer program won four consecutive Concorde District crowns from 2004 through 2007. In both the springs of 2006 and 2007, the Wildcat girls were crowned region soccer champions.

One of Centreville's greatest all-time sports teams was the 1995 girls' softball squad. Following several years of being among the elite teams in both the district and region, the Wildcats, under head coach Tom Reilly, took it to another level in the spring of '95 when they won the Virginia state championship.

The front page headline of the June 15, 1995 Centre View newspaper, in its coverage of Centreville's state title win, shouted, "First - At Last," with the



**The Centreville High girls' softball team, under the leadership of head coach Tom Reilly, captured the Virginia state AAA championship in 2005. Not thought of as a dominant team, the Wildcats always seemed to win when it counted most.**

TURNING BACK  
THE CLOCK

secondary headline reading, "Wildcats break through to win state softball title." The page one photo with the story showed Centreville star pitcher Joni Morgan batting during the state title game win over Mills Godwin of Richmond. The Wildcats, in that finals game played at West Springfield High School, won 6-1 to clinch the program's first-ever state title.

Centreville, even as the state champion, was not an intimidating, dominant force that season. The Wildcats finished with a good but not breath-taking 21-8 record overall. Earlier in the postseason, they had trailed Woodson, 3-1, in the late innings of the Concorde

District tournament finals before scoring three runs in the sixth inning to take a 4-3 lead. Morgan, the pitching ace, worked out of a seventh inning jam to protect the lead and help her team clinch its second district crown in four years. Afterwards, Toni Ham, Centreville's star catcher and the district tourney MVP, stated, "We kept a good attitude and knew we could come back."

No, Centreville was not an overpowering team, but the Wildcats knew how to play when it counted most.

In a second round game of the Northern Region tournament, Centreville trailed Mount Vernon by a run in the sixth inning before a clutch, two-run triple off the bat

of Christy Hicks lifted the Wildcats to a 6-5 win over the Majors. Centreville went on to defeat Langley in the region semifinals before getting upset by Fairfax in the region title game.

NEVERTHELESS, Centreville, by reaching the region title game, had automatically qualified for its second state tournament appearance in three years. Reilly's squad needed extra innings to defeat Woodbridge, 2-1, in a first round game, then played perhaps its best game of the year in a 5-1 semifinals victory over Gar-Field.

In the state championship game against Mills Godwin, Centreville did not get a base hit over the first three innings of a scoreless game before breaking through for six runs over the next three innings to take command. Morgan, in that historical win, allowed just one run on six hits in a complete game outing.

Centreville had won its first state title. The Wildcats had gone 9-1 overall during the postseason.

The '95 Centreville Wildcats might not have scared opponents, but they sure knew how to play and win as a team. The style of team Coach Reilly had created was summed up in the Centre View's state championship game story, which read, "Centreville, unlike other state softball champions who relied heavily on a fireballing pitcher and star-studded



Centreville High graduate Marcus Hamilton (24) spent time in the NFL with the Chicago Bears.

## Renowned Alumni

**Will Montgomery**, former football player at Virginia Tech where he started 36 games on the offensive line. Was a seventh round selection in the 2006 NFL draft by the Carolina Panthers; went on to also play for the Jets and Redskins.

**Marcus Hamilton**: football player at UVA who was drafted by Tampa Bay in the seventh round of the '07 NFL draft; played with the Buccaneers and Chicago Bears.

**Rickey Harris**: track and field standout who attended the University of Florida, where he became national champion in the men's 200-meters hurdles in 2002.

supporting cast, did not overwhelm opponents this season with a tremendous offense or sensational pitching. Centreville won because it was solid across the board - pitching, offense and defense. ...This year's team was more seasoned, talented and cool under pressure."

# The Day Two Unlikely Heroes Shined for Westfield

The Bulldogs, behind Grayson and Chagolla, defeated Woodson in the 2005 Northern Region boys' soccer title game.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

An unlikely hero helped the Westfield High boys' soccer team earn its first ever Northern Region title five years ago when the Bulldogs, on a rainy day, scored a late goal and defeated W.T. Woodson, 2-1, in the championship contest played on the then-new turf field at Fairfax High School.

Tory Grayson, a senior midfielder for Westfield, had not scored a goal all season long. But with less than a minute remaining in regulation in the title game against Woodson, he scored off a corner kick set to break a 1-1 tie and effectively win the game for the Bulldogs.

Grayson's game-winner came off a straightaway

header from close range with just 39 seconds remaining. The stunning score came off a corner kick assist from A.J. Shera, a freshman forward.

"IT WAS a once in a lifetime thing," said Grayson, who was quoted in a region title game story, under the headline, "Grayson, Chagolla Lift Bulldogs," in the June 9-15, 2005 edition of the Centre View. "I was able to get past [a Woodson defender] who had been shutting me down."

Grayson went on to explain that his role on corners was to move straight towards the

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A late game goal lifted the Westfield High boys' soccer team past W.T. Woodson in the 2005 Northern Region championship game.

# SPORTS

## Renowned Alumni

**Eddie Royal:** Westfield football star from the Class of 2004; teamed up with QB Sean Glennon to help the Bulldogs go 14-0 and win the state AAA title in 2003; named All-Met Player of the Year as a senior; school retired his No. 5 number during ceremonies at a football game in October of 2009; played collegiately and became a star wide receiver/special teams returner at Virginia Tech; earned Second Team All-ACC honors as a junior and First Team All-ACC accolades as a senior; became the ACC's all-time leader in punt return yards; drafted in the second round of the 2008 NFL Draft by the Denver Broncos; caught 91 passes in his initial season, second most ever by a rookie.

**Brandon Snyder:** former Bulldogs' baseball slugger (Class of 2005), who led Westfield to a Northern Region title, was drafted in the first round (13th overall) by the Baltimore Orioles in the 2005 first year player draft; a member of the Orioles' 40-man roster, Snyder, a first baseman, has moved up through the Baltimore minor league chain over the past six years; has hit six home runs for O's affiliate Norfolk (AAA) this season; expected to get a call-up to the Majors this year.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Westfield High graduate Brandon Snyder hopes to receive a call-up to the Baltimore Orioles this September.**

# Bulldogs Take 2005 Soccer Title

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goal area.

"It was a well driven ball by A.J.," he said. "I hit it square into the lower right [of the net]. The goalie almost got a piece of it."

It was a marvelous way for Westfield to conclude the region season under its first year head coach Tom Torres, who said his team's offensive pressure in recent postseason games had been getting better and better. He also mentioned that the Bulldogs had gotten especially confident on their corner kick pieces.

"We've been getting [scoring] opportunities," said Torres, whose team was 11-5-4 following the region title game win. "A.J. takes corners and free kicks and guys know where to be. He called Tory's number. It's not a surprise it was Tory who scored that goal. Tory's a big guy and you expect him to win those [balls]."

Richard Broad, the renowned Woodson High coach at the time, was not sure Westfield should have even been given the corner kick chance in the first place.

"It looked to me like their guy shot the ball out of bounds," said a disappointed Broad, out in the parking lot long after the game had ended. "The referee said it hit one of our guys."

**THE DRAMATIC LATE GAME-WINNER** would have never played out if Woodson had been able to cash in on a penalty kick with four minutes remain-

ing in a 1-1 deadlock. Just moments before Gryaron's heroics, it looked as if Westfield was on the brink of losing the game after a Bulldog foul resulted in the Cavalier PK kick chance.

It was there that backup Westfield goalie Rafael Chagolla, a sophomore who had only entered the contest two minutes earlier after starting goalie Chris Smith was given a yellow card, came up with Westfield's biggest goalie save of the season. Diving to his left, Chagolla knocked away Woodson sophomore Joe Barnd's low smash towards the corner.

"The stop saved the day for the Bulldogs," is how the Centre View story described the enormity of the play by Chagolla.

"We've been practicing penalty kicks," said Torres. "Rafael has been the one in practice making saves. It was a very acrobatic [stop]. I didn't know if he'd save it. I knew he was capable of it."

In the first half of the title game, Westfield's Bryan McAlister, a sophomore forward, had opened the scoring midway through the half on a close range punch in shot from the right off a crossing pass from a teammate. Woodson gained the equalizer five minutes later and the game was tied 1-1 at halftime.

It took almost the entire second half before another goal was scored. But, oh, what a huge goal it was for Westfield and its faithful fan base. The Westfield Bulldogs were the 2005 Northern Region champions.

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# Fugitive Centreville Man Apprehended in Poland

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area and coached baseball at Bishop Ireton High School in 1999.

Following his arrest, Hamilton was initially held without bond, but was later released from jail on \$32,000 bond. On Aug. 17, 2009, the grand jury indicted him on all six felony charges against him, and he was slated to enter his pleas to them, Oct. 7, 2009, in Circuit Court.


However, when he failed to appear after a half hour, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ian Rodway asked Judge Randy Bellows to issue an expedited bench warrant for Hamilton's arrest. "I'd heard that, since his arrest, he made a half-hearted attempt to do himself in," said Rodway. "So the commonwealth is concerned that, A., he may try to flee, or B., he may try to do himself in."

Bellows agreed and issued the bench warrant. He also recommended that, when Hamilton was found and re-arrested, he be held without bond. Nationwide extradition was approved but, until last week, the former coach managed to evade authorities.

However, last Wednesday, Aug. 25, he was arrested by the Polish Border Guard as he attempted to cross into the Czech Republic. Fairfax County Police, the U.S. Marshals

Service and the U.S. Department of Justice then began the process of having Hamilton extradited back to the U.S.


Detectives assigned to the Fairfax County Child Services Unit worked closely with the U.S. Marshals Service and the FBI on this investigation. Deputies from the U.S. Marshals Service developed information on Hamilton that enabled Polish border guards to identify and apprehend him.



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