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Pfc. Brian Ruck, MPO Rich Cruger and Pfc. Walt Fasci of the Fairfax County SWAT team pose for a photo after the sniper phase of the Sept. 17 SWAT competition.

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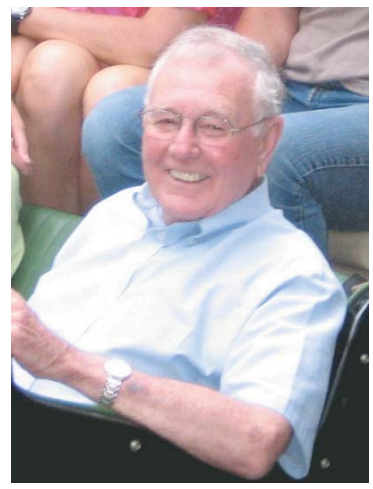
Charles Roy Jones, 79, Dies

Former Army pilot, Jones was local civic activist, member of two churches.

Charles Roy Jones died Tuesday, Sept. 15 due to complications from pancreatitis. He was 79.



Charles Roy Jones

Born in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1931 to David Charles Jones and Dorothy Mae Butler Wrigley, he had two brothers, David Charles Jones Jr. and John Godfrey Jones, all deceased. He was raised in the Philadelphia and Buffalo areas. From an early age and throughout his life, he enjoyed singing and playing music. His favorite instruments were the clarinet and the saxophone.

Jones entered the U.S. Army and became a pilot upon graduation from Bowling Green State University, where he met his future wife, Marilyn Jane Ross. The two were married in 1953. He served in the Army for more than 20 years, including two tours in Vietnam, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel before retirement in 1974. Though he flew several different types of aircraft during his career and after, he spent much of his time behind the controls of a Chinook helicopter. He also loved to fly Bell-47s, Caribous and King Airs. The family moved 25 times during their military years, finally settling in Springfield. Additionally, they frequently vacationed at the family's cabin in Gettysburg, Pa., considered a second home by all the Joneses.

Since the early 1970s, Jones and his family have owned and operated the Lamp Factory Outlet and JJ's Hallmark retail stores. Jones gained great pleasure from growing these businesses with his family and friends, and was honored on multiple occasions by his local chambers of commerce and the

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Carr Was Neighborhood Helper

Shooting victim, suspected murderer lived only a few blocks apart.

By Julia O'Donoghue
The Connection

The day before he died, Steven Carr had been standing in Hazel Young's driveway, installing a new light bulb for the 86 year-old woman's outdoor carport.

Carr, who moved across the street from Young about 10 years ago, was always doing favors like that for her. He shoveled her driveway several times this winter. If he been around to see her mowing her own lawn one recent evening, Carr, 48, would have rushed over to help, she said.

"He was a son to me. He was the most kind person I had ever met," said Young, a Orange Hunt resident for more than 30 years.

On Sept. 12, just after 9 p.m., Fairfax County Police officers found Carr dead from a gun shot to the chest, in his home just a few yards away from Young's on Field Master Drive.

Carr's girlfriend had called 911 after an intruder entered Carr's home with a handgun and tied the couple up with black zip ties. The girlfriend said Carr had tried to escape from the zip ties and was shot during by the intruder, according to police records.

"I could hear some voices, but I thought it was some commotion at the townhouses over there," said Young, who will attend a private memorial service for Carr in Marshall, Va. on Sept. 23.

"Who would come to somebody's house with guns and tape and tie up people?" she asked.

Carr's housemate had been watching football with friends across the street from Carr's home on the night of the murder. The housemate came home during the invasion, which momentarily distracted the intruder and left Carr's girlfriend enough time to run upstairs and call for help.

When the police arrived at Carr's house, they found the suspect, David Alan Patton, in the victim's backyard. Patton, who lives in a townhouse around the corner from

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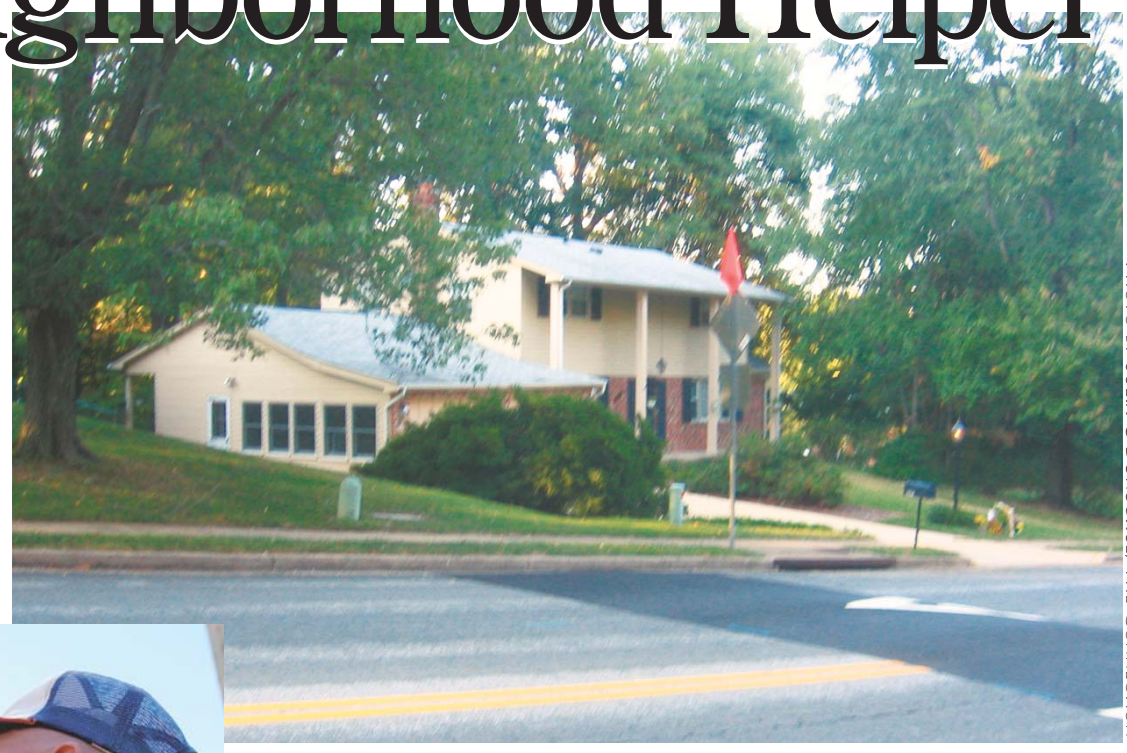

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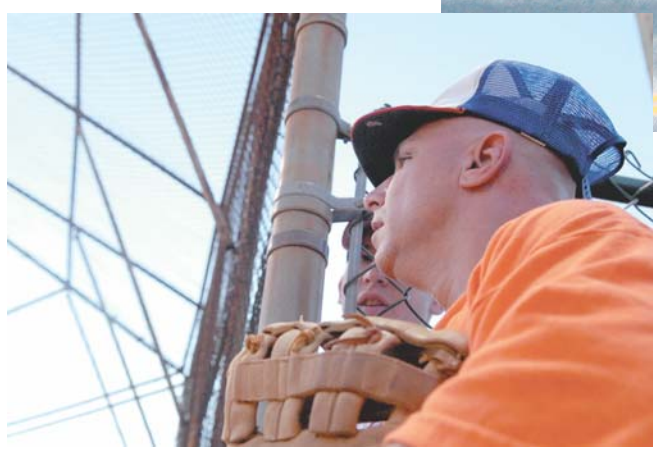
Police have charged suspect David Allan Patton with murdering his neighbor Steve Carr in Carr's Orange Hunt home Sept. 12. The two men lived around the corner from each other.



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Steven Carr was murdered in his Orange Hunt home, potentially by a man who lived just around the corner from him.

Two Sisters Walk for Transplantiversary

Nada and Lana El-Eryan look to raise awareness about kidney disease.

By Nick Botero
The Connection

Sisters Nada and Lana El-Eryan of Springfield and Arlington respectively have more than blood in common. The two underwent a successful kidney transplant in November 2009. The sisters will be attending the Ninth Annual Ronald D. Paul Companies Kidney Walk in Georgetown on Oct. 2 to commemorate their "transplantiversary." The National Kidney Foundation organizes the walk.

Nada El-Eryan, the recipient of her sister's kidney, started having kidney complications in 2002 while in college. Once diagnosed with chronic renal nephritis, she did lab testing every three months with urologist Dr. Ali Assefi in Fairfax.

"It was a lifestyle change," said Nada El-Eryan, who had to submit to a drastic change of diet and lower her risk of becoming sick due to a poorly functioning immune system as a result of her medical complication.

Then, in early 2009, after seven years of close medical attention, she was informed that her kidney complications had escalated from stage 4 to stage 5, the most severe stage. The next step was to seek a match for a kidney transplant. Nada El-Eryan would now have to continue her treatment at Georgetown University Hospital.

"It was one of those things where you knew what was coming," said Nada El-Eryan.

In the years leading up to the inevitable transplant, the sisters had been learning about kidney disease to better understand the problem Nada El-Eryan faced and have an idea of what to expect once transplant became necessary. They were told that finding a compatible kidney became as high as 25 percent when looking at family members as opposed to the rest of the population that promises only a 6 percent chance of a match.

"I had no hesitation at all," said Lana El-Eryan. "I don't know what I'd do without any of my siblings. I'm very lucky to have them."

Donated Photo

Lana El-Eryan, left, hugs her sister Nada.

However, Lana El-Eryan was shown not to be a match. It would take a relatively new procedure known as plasmapheresis to take and transfuse compatible plasma in the blood of the two sisters. Dr. Joseph Keith Melancon, the transplant surgeon at Georgetown University Hospital that performed the transplant was one of the pioneers of plasmapheresis.

"Five years ago it would not have been possible," said Nada El-Eryan. "It's brought our family exponentially closer."

The operation went as planned. "I completely lucked out, the surgery went perfectly, after 3 months I had completely recovered," said Nada El-Eryan.

Lana El-Eryan recalled her recovery in a similar way, even making a joke about it. "It's amazing, I feel blessed. I just have a scar. The only thing is I can't play contact

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Week in Springfield

Recycle During Electric Sunday on Sept. 26

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices, such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes, including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Teens May Explore Policing

Teens interested in a possible career in law enforcement are invited to attend an informational meeting with their parents, next Monday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. It'll be held in the Massey Building, 4100 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax.

At that time, they'll learn about Fairfax County Police Explorer Post #1742. Explorers serve their communities and police departments across the country and provide young people with opportunities to learn and practice skills that police officers use daily. Explorers gain experience in fingerprinting, processing crime scenes, staffing special events and helping officers spread the word about safety and crime prevention.

Free parking is available in the public parking garage on Page Avenue. For more information, call 703-246-2371.

Foreclosure-Prevention Meeting on Sept. 28

Local residents concerned about possible foreclosures are invited to attend an informational, brown-bag lunch meeting, Tuesday, Sept. 28, from 12-1 p.m., in conference room 8 of the Fairfax County Government Center. Topics include foreclosure prevention, renter's rights, adjustable-rate mortgages and recognizing foreclosure-rescue scams.

Providing the information will be the Homeownership Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development, Consumer Affairs Branch, plus the Department of Cable and Consumer Services. Seating is limited, so early registration is urged. Contact Consumer Affairs at 703-222-8435, TTY 711, or register online at consumer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Meeting about Local Parks

As part of its long-range, park-system planning process, the Fairfax County Park Authority is soliciting public comments about the parks in the Sully and Springfield districts. Toward that end, a meeting is slated for Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m., in rooms 106-107 of the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fair Oaks.

Residents are invited to view the draft plan and share their thoughts at the "Great Parks, Great Communities" project Web page: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm. Fill out and submit the online comment form or send comments directly to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Input will be accepted through Nov. 15.

Police Station Solicits Input

Those looking to learn more about crime and issues in their neighborhood and to become more involved in their community may consider attending the Franconia Station Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) monthly meeting. The meetings are at the Franconia District Station on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. To learn more about joining CAC, contact Sue Hotto at sue.hotto@gallaudet.edu or 703-354-1988.

Members of the Fairfax SWAT team participate in the sniper component of the competition. They have to run through, over and under several obstacles and shoot specific color targets while being timed. When they are finished, one must shoot the water bottle on the stump at the far left of the picture to end the time. Competition judges observe on right.

Special Skills Competition

Local teams take part in SWAT competition.

Photos by Deb Cobb/The Connection

Pfc Brian Ruck checks out the targets he and Fairfax SWAT teammate MPO Rich Cruger shot during the sniper component of the SWAT competition.

Competitions are a healthy way for groups of people to share experiences, improve communications among groups and receive recognition from their peers. For a highly trained tactical officer, what competitions are available?

On Friday, Sept. 17, 18 regional SWAT (special weapons and tactical) teams participated in the Fourth Annual National Capital Region SWAT Association Competition. Special operations teams from Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax participated in an all-day competition at the Fairfax County Firearms range in Chantilly. Teams participated in handgun challenges, urban sniper and an obstacle course throughout the day.

Sheriff Beth Arthur of Arlington County was on hand to watch her SERT (Sheriff's Emergency Response Team) team compete. "The gentlemen and ladies on the team work very hard preparing for the situations they might face at work," said Arthur. "I am happy to be able to come out and support them."

— Deb Cobb

College Notes

Mark Compel of Springfield was named to the President's List for the spring semester of the 2009-10 academic year at Mary Washington University. The president's list recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the university by full-time students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. Compel is a senior at the University of Mary Washington.

The following students from Springfield are among the 646 students who have been named to the dean's list at the University of Mary Washington: **Christine Reardon**, senior; **Allison Campo**, senior; **Valerie Lapointe**, junior; **Jennifer Gorham**, senior; Bradley Efford, senior; **Sarah Harpine**, senior; **Kerry Carfagno**, senior; **Shauna Youtzy**, senior; **Derek Whitaker**, sophomore; **Daniel Arias**, senior; **Edmund Brown**, junior; **Zein Al-Atrache**, junior.

Jeffrey Powell of Springfield was named to the chancellor's honor roll at the University of Mississippi for the spring 2010 semester. A grade-point average of from 3.75 through 4.00 is required of full-time students.

Kidney

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sports so my hopes of being in the NFL are over. I was most concerned about not being able to have children, but thankfully that's not a problem. I'm amazed that I don't have one of my organs anymore, I don't notice it."

The Oct. 2 Annual Ronald D. Paul Companies Kidney Walk will be the first fund-raising walk the sisters have taken part in. They formed their own team for the walk, Team Curly, in honor of the transplanted kidney Nada named after one of the Three Stooges, while either kidney Larry or Moe has been discarded. They have already met their goal of raising $1,000 and are hoping to raise even more for the event.

After the walk Nada El-Eryan will give a speech to share her story with those in attendance. "It's nice to connect with people and tell them it's going to be all right," she said. "The most important thing when you're in a situation like I was is to keep an upbeat attitude."

Registration for the walk starts on Oct. 2, at 8 a.m., and the walk takes place an hour later along the Georgetown Waterfront and Capital Crescent Trail.

Bulletin Board

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 26

Delegate Filler-Corn Community Drop-In Hours. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Panera Bread, 6230 West Rolling Road, West Springfield.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Open Sundays through Oct. 31. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 28

Wakefield Chorale Practice. 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at North Springfield Elementary School, 7602 Heming Court, Springfield. No audition required. Contact Jule, 703-451-7917.

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Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Open Sundays through Oct. 31. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm.

TUESDAY/OCT. 5

South County Federation Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at South County Secondary School Media Center, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Contact Alan Salisbury at southcountyfederation.com.

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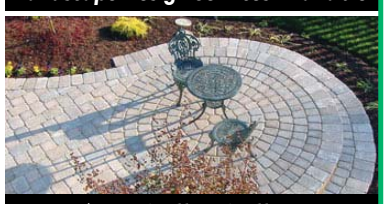

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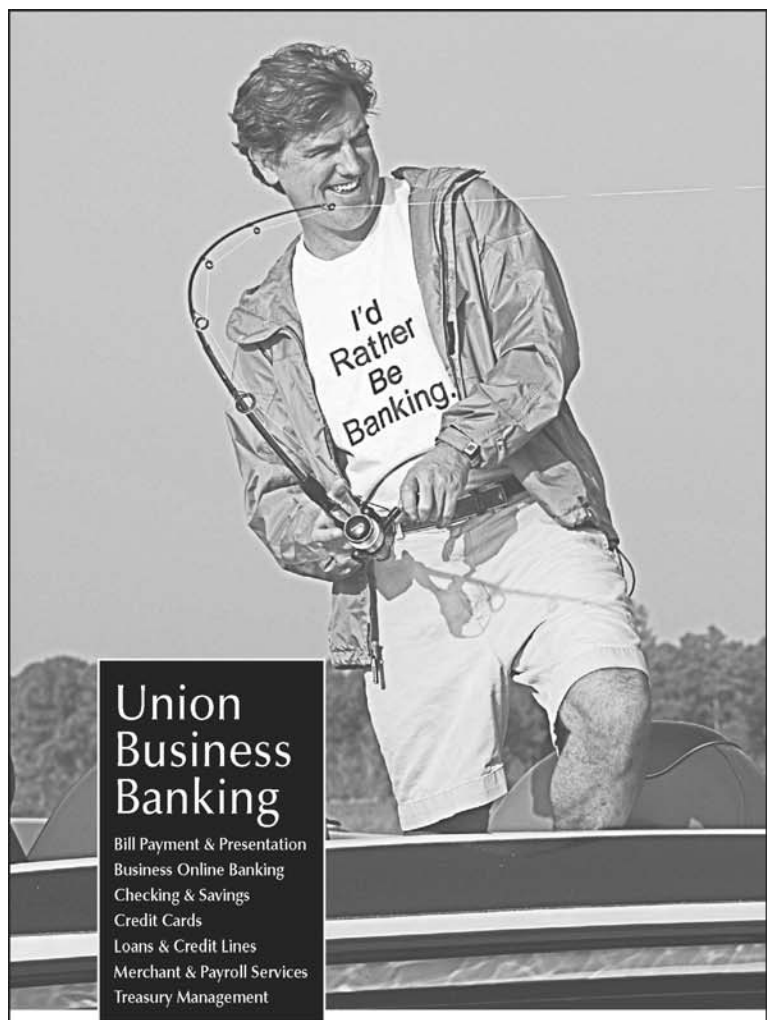

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Neighbors Say Auto Altercation at Root of Murder

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Carr, was carrying duct tape, zip ties and a revolver in a black backpack at the time, according to an affidavit submitted in support of a search warrant for Patton's house.

A police investigation also revealed that Patton and Carr had been involved in a traffic altercation on June 11. As a result of the incident, Carr had obtained an assault and disorderly conduct warrant for Patton, according the affidavit.

The two were scheduled to appear in court the week of Carr's murder, said neighbors.

Several neighbors on the street were aware of the June confrontation between Carr and Patton.

Most said previous news agencies had erroneously reported that the altercation was related to a nearby speed hump Carr had lobbied to have installed. They said Patton was not primarily angry because of the hump, which slows down traffic and is meant to deter drivers from using Field Master Drive as a shortcut to Sydenstrycker Road.

"The guy had hit his car. The speed bump had nothing to do with what happened," said Young.

In June, Carr was making a three-point turn on Field Master Drive so he could back his car into his driveway when Patton, possibly upset with Carr for temporarily blocking traffic, purposefully blocked the path of Carr's vehicle from his driveway.

Photo by Julia O'Donoghue/The Connection

Neighbors have set up a shrine outside of Steve Carr's home in Orange Hunt, where he was allegedly murdered by another resident of the neighborhood.

Eventually, Patton moved out of Carr's way, though then the suspect became angry, threatening the victim and banging on the hood of Carr's vehicle. Patton's behavior led Carr to press charges in civil court, said Lola Hollenbeck, who lives in a house across Field Master Drive from Carr's.

"He was a good neighbor but if he was against you, he was formidable," said Willis Palmer, Carr's next door neighbor.

Not everyone appreciated the attention with which Carr monitored residents' behavior. He appeared to always know if a neighbor was home, at work or away on vacation.

"He was very observant about people's comings and goings. That isn't always appreciated," said Hollenbeck, adding that some people "misunderstood" Carr.

Even those who found Carr's behavior intrusive appreciated his generosity, particularly the focus he put on helping older residents.

Palmer, who is 96, said Carr used to pick up the senior citizen's newspaper at the end of the driveway and carry it to the front door for him almost every day.

Carr also used his leaf blower to clear not only his own driveway but also several others on the block.

When major snowstorms hit, he volunteered to drive nurses and other emergency personnel to the hospital in his truck with four-wheel drive. During the two blizzards last winter, Carr used the truck again to help complete strangers get their vehicles up the steep hill outside his house, said neighbors.

Carr's concern about his neighbors is partly what led him to push for the speed hump outside his home. Cars speed down Field Master Drive's rather steep hill and it can be dangerous for residents trying to back out of their driveways.

"This is a pretty busy street, and we have elderly residents who are still driving. They can't see cars when they are backing out of their driveways," said Hollenbeck.

Last June, when Patton and Carr had their first confrontation, Carr was likely making a three-point turn and backing into his driveway so that he would be able to pull out safely later, said Hollenbeck.

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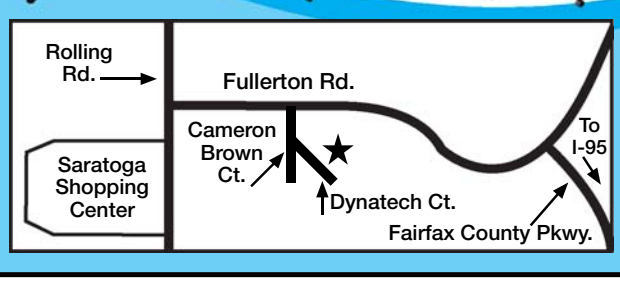

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business community at large.

He was active in two churches, Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Church and Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, of which he was a founding member. For several years, he taught business management at Northern Virginia Community College and English as a second language to new Americans. He was also a dedicated mentor and civic activist, campaigning for immigration rights, GLBT rights and the right for equality in marriage. A liberal man, Jones was a supporter of democratic candidates and progressive government. His love for animals — and most recently his dog Jaylene — was central in his life.

Jones was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn Jane Jones, in 1994. He remarried in 2000 and is survived by his wife Marilyn "Rosie" Petersen Jones. He is also survived by his four children, Jennifer Jones Glushefski, John Jones, Julie Jones Gregorowicz and Jody Jones as well as sons-in-law Ed Glushefski and Ed Gregorowicz, daughters-in-law Gail Yeager Jones and Kathy Grisaffe Jones, step-son Jason MacCabe, 12 grandsons and granddaughters, his brother David's sons and daughters and cousin Ellen Leslie and her daughters and extended family. To his children and grandchildren he left an exemplary and lasting legacy of love and support that will be treasured forever.

A memorial service and celebration of his took place Wednesday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m., at Bull Run Unitarian Universalist Church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Beacon House community ministries (www.beaconhousedc.org), an organization close to Jones' heart.

College Notes

Jeffrey Lopez of Springfield graduated from the University of the Arts with a master of industrial design degree from the University's College of Art and Design on May 20.

Erin E. Mackie of Springfield was named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Gardner-Webb University. Mackie is pursuing a degree in elementary education. The dean's list honors outstanding college students who have achieved a GPA of 3.7 or above.

Elizabeth S. Bognanno of Springfield was named to the spring 2010 honor roll list at Gardner-Webb University. Bognanno is pursuing a degree in nursing. The honor roll list recognizes outstanding college students who achieve a GPA between 3.2 and 3.7 through outstanding academic contribution during a semester.

All wise men share one trait in common: the ability to listen.
—Frank Tyger

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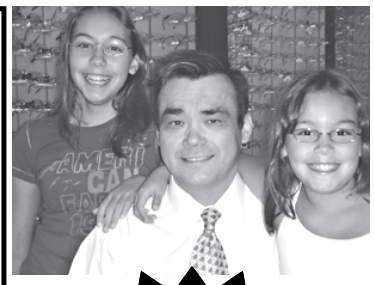
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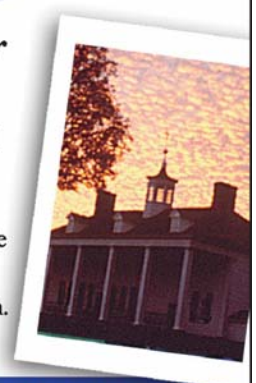
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Opinion

Register for Nov. 2 Election

In an unpredictable year, all the more important to turn out to vote, no matter what your beliefs.

With political extremes on all sides getting most of the attention in this run up to midterm elections, most voters in Northern Virginia are far more moderate. It would be easy to decide that this election really isn't for you if you're not way out on one side or another. (We suspect that there are more than two extremes at play this year.)

There isn't too much on the ballot, how much can it matter if you just decide you're tired of the hyperbole and you'll just sit this one out?

It matters more now than ever that elections actually demonstrate the priorities of the electorate. If voters who feel very strongly about a few issues turn out strongly to vote, and voters whose views are more general stay home, the results could be quite surprising, even here in Northern Virginia.

Mark your calendar. Absentee ballots are already available, so if you think Nov. 2 that you might not be available to vote, you can vote absentee, or you can vote early. See your local elections board website or call for details. There is no excuse for not voting.

Every year is an election year in Virginia. This combined with a bevy of special elections in some areas can result in voter fatigue.

Editorial

This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote yes or no on three statewide constitutional questions.

Voters in Fairfax will also vote yes or no on a transportation bond referendum.

Voters in Arlington will also choose one member of Arlington County Board, one member of the Arlington School Board and vote yes or no on four bond questions, one for Metro funding, one for "county infrastructure,"one for schools and one for parks.

— Mary Kimm

mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Register by Oct. 11

You must be registered to vote at least 22 days before the General Election.

The deadline to register to vote or update your address for the Nov. 2 election is Monday, Oct. 11. To register to vote, download a form from: www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html

Fill it out and mail it to your local elections office. You can also register in person at the elections office during business hours, or pick up a form in a library or other public places.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and a voting card in the mail. You can call the elections office to verify that you are registered. If you are already registered to vote at your current address, you do not need to register again.

To find your polling place, go to www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check with your local elections office for information on absentee and early voting. Absentee ballots are available now.

To register in Fairfax County, go to Fairfax County Office of Elections,12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax. Learn more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/, 703-222-0776 , fax 703-324-2205 or 703-324-4700 for 24-hour recorded information.

Inaccurate Letter

To the Editor:

In today's environment, it has become increasingly important that communities work together and with civility toward one another. That is why I find it so disheartening that Orange Hunt A.C.T.I.O.N. published a letter in the Sept.16-22 edition of the Connection that was filled with inaccurate, disparaging and inflammatory remarks. The letter painted the Boards of Directors for both Cottontail and Orange Hunt pools as insensitive and underhanded. We are all upstanding members of our communities, volunteering countless hours of our time to provide enjoyable recreation facilities for our communities. The only compensation we get is the satisfaction that we are contributing to the community that we love.

The letter claimed that we secretly entered into deals with a cellular phone provider while neglecting our responsibilities to our members. This couldn't be further from the truth. Cottontail's Board discussed the tower at the general membership meetings in October 2009 and again in February 2010. Plus, T-mobile notified OHECA of the plans earlier this year and Orange Hunt pool solicited input from their membership in deciding how to proceed. Pamphlets distributed by A.C.T.I.O.N. in Orange Hunts Estates the previous weekend claimed the pool boards refused to discuss alternate means to finance the pools. In fact, A.C.T.I.O.N. never contacted a single Cottontail board member to discuss the issue. The Cottontail board reached out to the leaders of A.C.T.I.O.N. and we still haven't received a response.

The remaining inaccuracies are too numerous to get into in this letter to the editor, but in short, both pools and T-mobile are fully complying with all laws, regulations and processes set forth for installation of cell towers. The cell sites are safe and are being designed in a thoughtful manner to best complement the community. It is a shame that A.C.T.I.O.N. did not take the time to check their facts prior to publishing their letter in the Connection.

Letters

The desire to install cell towers at Cottontail and Orange Hunt pools will provide better cellular support to the Orange Hunt Estates community as well as provide substantial financial support to these neighborhood pools. This is consistent with the current FCPS efforts to supplement school-based initiatives by installing towers on school properties across Fairfax County.

Mike Marcucci
Cottontail Swim & Racquet Club

Simple Choice

To the Editor:

Making a decision about voting for congressional candidate Keith Fimian (R) or U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) is very simple. If you are happy with the job that Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) has been doing, vote for Connolly. He rubber-stamped her failed agenda 97 percent of the time. His policies are the problem, not the solution.

But if, on the other hand, you think that now is the time to get a person into office who has actually established a successful business and who knows how to create jobs, vote for Keith Fimian.

Mary Bell
Springfield

Smear Machine

To the Editor:

Down in the polls and desperately trying to shift attention away from his record of pay raises, property tax increases and out-of-control spending, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and his supporters are resorting lies and gross distortions.

On Thursday, Sept. 16 the Connection published a Connolly supporter's letter parroting Connolly's push poll phone calls, stating that Republican candidate Keith Fimian opposes contraceptives and that he "would oppose the use of birth control by married adults." This is a complete and total lie peddled by Connolly's smear machine.

Fimian does not believe the government has the right to tell any adult whether they can or can't use contraceptives. This is a dishonest charge from a big spending politician desperately trying to save his political career.

The only person interfering in the privates lives of Americans in Connolly. His reckless spending will lead to massive, job destroying tax increases, draconian cuts to Northern Virginia schools, transportation and public safety, and leave children who have yet to be born a broken economy and mountains of debt.

Connolly is working overtime to deceive voters. After voting for more than $3 trillion in new spending in Congress and $600 billion in new taxes he is calling himself a deficit hawk. After saying he opposed them, Connolly now says he wants to extend the 2001 tax cuts — but only until he is re-elected, at which point he'll raise these taxes.

In the weeks to come, Connolly and his allies will launch every dishonest, mean-spirited personal attack they can think of. .

Tim Edson
Campaign Manager
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THURSDAY/SEPT. 23

Friends of Burke Centre Book Sale. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Authors Sandra Burt and Linda Perlis. 2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The authors of Fodor's Washington, D.C. with Kids and Raising a Successful Child. Books available for sale and signing. 703-249-1520.

Little Red Riding Hood and the Frog Prince. 6:30 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Kaydee Puppets present "Little Red Riding Hood" and "The Frog Prince" All Ages. 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

Fall Into Giving breakfast hosted by Our Daily Bread, Inc and the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce to help businesses located throughout Fairfax County become involved in helping struggling families in the community. Fairfax County Board Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) to speak. Admission: $25 gift card to grocery or discount store, to be donated to families in ODB's Holiday Program. 7-9 a.m. at Rowland Conference Center, Fairfax County Department of Health, 10777 Main St., third floor. RSVP to info@ccfc.org. For information call 703-273-8829 or visit www.our-daily-bread.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 24

Friends of Burke Centre Book Sale. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. at Kingstowne Town Center, 5955 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 25

Louise Bourgeois: The Spider, The Mistress and The Tangerine. 7:30 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A cinematic journey inside the life and imagination of an icon of modern art. 703-584-2900.

Friends of Burke Centre Book Sale. 1 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 26

Canoe the Marsh With a Naturalist. 8 a.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park, Gunston Road, Lorton. Age 16 and up. $25 per person. Reserve at 703-528-5406.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton.

Elisabeth von Trapp Concert. 7 p.m. at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The granddaughter of Maria and Baron von Trapp, with a repertoire that ranges from Bach to Broadway, Schubert to Sting. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 27

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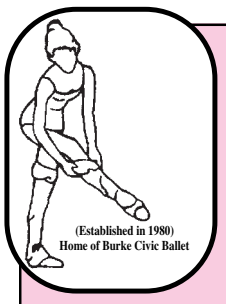

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Interfaith Discussion Group at New World Unity Church, 8136 Old Keene Mill Road, Suite A-209, Springfield. 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays Sept. 22-Nov. 17. People of all faiths for are invited for an interfaith discussion of "Spiritual Liberation: Fulfilling Your Souls Potential" by Michael Bernard Beckwith. 703-913-8560 or newworldunity@verizon.net.

The Silverbrook UMC Quiet Day Retreat will be on Friday, Sept. 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This month's topic is Forgiveness. The retreat is limited to five registrants and payment of $25 is due one week in advance. Register at www.Silverbrook-umc.org or at Pastor@Silverbrook-umc.org. 703-690-4159.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, presents a sermon series entitled "Life in the Fast Lane: Slow Down for Relationships." Explore everyday relationships through the Biblical story of Joseph and his family (Genesis: 37-50). Worship services are Saturday Coffeehouse at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

❖ Sept. 25-26, "You're Driving Me Crazy!" Covenant relationships.

❖ Oct. 2-3, "Are We There Yet?" The world-wide family.

Burke United Methodist Church, 6300 Burke Centre Parkway in Burke, offers a five-six week spiritual formation course based on Ordering Your Private World by Gordon MacDonald. 7:30 p.m. Sundays starting Sept. 26. Open to the public. 703-250-6100 or kquinley@cox.net.

Temple B'nai Shalom, 7612 Old Ox Road in Fairfax Station, is hosting Rick Recht for a Concert & Sukkot Celebration 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 26. Brown Bag "Supper in the Sukkah" dinner at 5 p.m. Free to all. tbsjoin@tbs-online.org or 703-764-2901.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road in Alexandria offers Fall Bible Study Classes from Oct. 1-10. Classes will be offered in Disciple II, Invitation to Psalms, The Jesus I Never Knew, Forgiveness/Letting Go, The Life You've Always Wanted, and a Men's Bible Study. Contact 703 971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

St. John's United Methodist Church, 5312 Backlick Road in Springfield, will hold its 8th Annual Community Fun Festival 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. Train ride, moon bounce, big ocean slide, pony rides, games, craft and vendor booths, the Logan Kraft Band and more. Children and youth will receive 20 tickets free. More tickets 5 for $1. 703-256-6655 or www.saintjohnsumc.org/funfair .

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 28

Sweet Dreams. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Nightime stories and songs. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Lorton Community Action Center Tutor Orientation Meeting. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. To volunteer as a tutor or for more information, call 703-339-5161 ext. 12 to register. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 29

Falling Leaves. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Autumn stories, songs and activities. Age 4-5 with adult. 703-339-7385.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 30

Pig Tales. 2 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

Friends Meeting. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The Friends of Lorton Library invite Lorton residents and library customers to their September meeting. 703-339-7385.

SATURDAY/OCT. 2

West Springfield High School Spartanfest and Arts/Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Arts and crafts, silent auction, food, activities, entertainment and more. All PTSA proceeds will help fund the teacher grant programs. Free admission. fourcarlins@verizon.net.

Operation Care Package 5K. 9 a.m. at Fountainhead Regional Park, 10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax Station. Includes a staffed tent where children can make letters for overseas troops, raffles and prizes for top race finishers. Proceeds will cover postage costs for care packages sent by Neighbors Foundation to troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. Register at 703-759-2102 or www.active.com/running/fairfax-station-va/operation-care-package.

Fall Virginia Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Native trees, shrubs, ground covers, ferns, and wildflowers will be offered for sale by the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. 703-732-5291.

Thank you to the 2010 LBSS PTSA All Night Grad Party Supporters!

The Lake Braddock Senior Class of 2010 and their families would like to thank the following businesses, organizations, and individuals for their support of the PTSA sponsored alcohol and drug free All Night Graduation Celebration which was held on June 21, 2010, at the Audrey Moore RECenter at Wakefield Park. We are grateful for their generous contributions and commitment to the young people of our community.

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We would also like to extend a special thank you to the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department and the Fairfax County Police for their support and vital presence at the party on June 21, 2010.

Make plans now to support our 2011 party on June 21, 2011. Also, mark your calendar for our mulch sale March 26-27, 2011.

Springfield Sports Sports Editor Jon Roetman
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Lancer Field Hockey Enjoying Success

Overtime loss to Spartans is Lancers' first of the season.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

A senior-led Lee High girls' field hockey team is leading the way to a successful season thus far for the Lancers, who carried an impressive 4-1-1 record going into this week.

"I have nine seniors that really hold the team together and each of them play with such heart and have great leadership on and off the field," said Lee head coach Lindsay Jones.

Lee lost its first game of the season this past Monday night at West Springfield High where the host Spartans won in overtime. Lee senior forward Kyoung Park forced overtime with a goal off a stroke. Park has been outstanding for the Lancers all season. In a Lancers' 1-0 overtime win at Lee last Thursday, Sept. 16, the clutch Park came up with the extra session game-winner.

"She is my top senior," said Jones, of Park. "She's our leading scorer and controls the ball well on the forward line. I really count on her for leadership on the field and in the circle. And she has done just that, scoring the game-winner against Annandale. She has such great focus and drive during practices and games. She is hungry in the circle to score and it clearly shows with what she has done thus far."

Park is one of three Lancer team captains, the others being fellow senior forwards Nikki Paculan and Elian Zarour.

Photo courtesy of Lancers Field Hockey

The Lee Lancers will play at Woodson High this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Lee has received stellar play in the net from junior goalie Laura Geter.

"My goalkeeper has been phenomenal," said Jones. "Laura gets better each day and keeps us in the game with her great saves. She controls the defense and really shows leadership with her knowledge of the sport."

Lee's wins thus far have come over Falls Church, 3-0, Hayfield, 2-1, Wakefield, 5-0, and, last week the Atoms in the overtime thriller. The Hayfield and Wakefield victories came at home. The Lancers' tie, 1-1, came against visiting Yorktown on Aug. 30.

"They're off to a great start," said Jones, of her squad. "They have put in such hard work preparing for the season and it's great to see them find success as a team."

Now, Lee has begun play within the Patriot District with the recent contests against Annandale and West Springfield. Jones indicated the Lancers will have their work cut out for them versus Patriot opponents.

"My expectations for the rest of the season are high," she said. "I want the girls to consistently push each other every day to get better. We are two games into district play and each game has shown us where we are and also where we need to be. It's a tough district but in order to compete we need to keep the level of hockey high, and I think we are doing just that.

"At this point in our season, these games are intense and extremely competitive and we have to remain composed with our play and stay strong to our style of hockey," said Jones. "District games can get crazy and it's important to stay focused and smart."

> "I want the girls to consistently push each other every day to get better."
> — Lee Coach Lindsay Jones

The coach was pleased with her team's effort and intensity level in the loss to West Springfield earlier this week.

"It was a tough loss to West Springfield," she said. "A couple of my players got emotional and it was good to see how much heart they put in these games. I think it's going to come down to who wants it more and these girls are not going to let anything stand in their way."

Jones, a former collegiate player, said good ball possession skills and working as a unit are critical to a team's success in field hockey.

"I try and focus on using each other, possessing the ball, transferring back and forth to create space and opportunities to attack," said Jones, of the Lancers' style of play. "Transitioning from playing in college to now coaching high school is different, but I want to carry over certain aspects of the college game to high school."

Lee, following Monday's game against the Spartans, were scheduled to play two more contests this week — a home game versus West Potomac on Wednesday, Sept. 22, and a road outing at W.T. Woodson this Friday, Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Spartans Show Improvement

Second-year coach Pannoni credits teamwork, communication

After leading for more than 30 minutes of its Sept. 14 contest at Mount Vernon, the West Springfield field hockey team suddenly found itself on the defensive. The Majors had tied the score at 1-1 with 5:18 remaining in the second half and were on the attack, poised to steal the game.

Last season, the Spartans might have been in trouble. But this time, they didn't panic. West Springfield survived the shock of losing a late lead and senior attack Danielle O'Brien scored the game-winning goal with 21.5 seconds remaining.

"I think that's one thing that's different about our team," O'Brien said. "When we get scored on we don't get down on ourselves. We pick each other up. We know what happened, we have to move forward."

One week later and the Spartans enter a Sept. 23 contest against T.C. Williams with a 6-3-1 record, 1-1 in the Patriot District. Second-year head coach Rosie Pannoni said the team is doing a better job of working together on the field.

"A big thing we've been working on is teamwork, passing the ball, being able to pass to each other up the field," she said, "and know where teammates are. … We are definitely working together this year. It's more of a team. The girls are communicating with each other, learning where each other plays on the field so they're able to just look up and pass and know where their teammates are going to be."

> "We pick each other up."
> — West Springfield senior attack Danielle O'Brien

Pannoni said senior attack Amy Mastervich, the team's leading scorer, has done well at positioning herself on the field.

"She kind of hangs back a little bit and she knows where her teammates are going to be to dish the ball off," the coach said. She runs, as soon as she does that, into open space and just waits. She knows to be in the back corner and send it in when the ball comes across."

Mastervich has also noticed an improved level of communication.

"I think the team talks a lot more," she said. "It's a lot more positive this year. I think we've gotten a lot closer."

Pannoni said senior attack Liz Keast and senior goalkeeper Mary Walsh have also played well.

The Spartans' last-minute victory over Mount Vernon came three days after the team won the Under the Lights tournament, during which West Springfield beat Gar-Field, West Potomac and Lee and tied against Fairfax. "This is a big confidence boost," Pannoni said, "knowing we can do it, we can score, we can win."

Week in Sports

Woodson Football Beats Lee

The Woodson football team defeated Lee 27-20 on Sept. 16, improving its record to 2-1. The Cavaliers will travel to face Chantilly on Friday, Sept. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Hayfield Drops District Opener

The defending National District champion Hayfield football team opened district play with a 23-7 loss at Washington-Lee on Sept. 16. The game was tied at 7 at halftime but the Generals outscored the Hawks 16-0 in the second half. Hashim Sesay scored Hayfield's lone touchdown on a 67-yard pass from Jason Stewart in the second quarter. Stewart completed 6 of 17 passes for 117 yards and was intercepted once.

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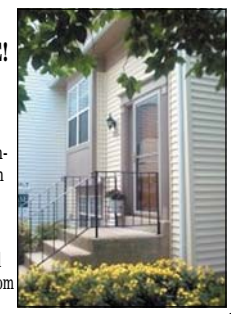

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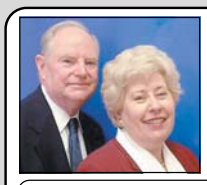

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