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State Playoff Victory

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Evan Beal goes through his windup and delivery during South County's 12-11 scoring triumph over Nansmond River on Tuesday evening in Lorton. Beal, who threw three innings out of the bullpen, was the pitcher of record in the state AAA quarterfinals round playoff game. The Stallions are now set to meet James River High this Friday afternoon at Westfield High School. The semifinals game will start at 3 p.m.

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Stallions Slug Past Nansemond River



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Mike Perez of South County hit two homers, two doubles, and a single in his team's 12-11 state quarterfinals playoff win on Tuesday night.

South County, overcomes five-run deficit to move into state semifinals game.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Playing from behind, keeping its perfect record intact, competing in a Virginia State AAA playoff game — none of these baseball high stress points seemed to much phase the South County Stallions in their high school state tournament quarterfinals round postseason game versus Nansemond River High (Suffolk) on Tuesday evening, June 8.

South County, with so much on the line, found a way to emerge victorious, 12-11, in a high-scoring, back and forth game in which neither team could ever feel comfortable. There were many South County heroes in the playoff gem that took place in front of a large crowd on the Stallions' home diamond.

But there was no larger hero at game's end than South County senior catcher Mike Perez, who belted two home runs and knocked a game-winning double.

"I love these big opportunities, big games and coming through for my team," said Perez, afterwards.

South County (27-0), this year's Patriot District and Northern Region champion, is now set to move on to this Friday afternoon's state semifinals at Westfield High School where it will play James River High (Chesterfield County) at 3 p.m.

Perez, in his team's quarterfinals win over Nansemond River on Tuesday, capped an outstanding 5-for-5 day effort at the plate by sending a game-winning, two-run double into the right center field gap in the bottom of the seventh inning. The extra base hit, which came with the bases loaded and one out, erased an 11-10 deficit and gave the Stallions, who mobbed the clean-up hitting Perez at second base following the game-winner, the 12-11 victory.

"It was a fastball away," said Perez, of the two strikes, two balls pitch he connected on. "Once there were two strikes, I tried to shorten my swing up. It feels great. My team just surprises me every day."

South County, which had trailed 3-0 in the first inning and 9-4 after 3-1/2 innings, rallied and was leading 10-9 going into Nansemond's last at-bats in the top of the seventh. Senior right hander pitcher Evan Beal, South County's pitching ace who had thrown two scoreless innings of relief going into the seventh, was on the verge of finishing off the Warriors, who were down to their final out with a runner on first base. But then, on an 0-2 count, Nansemond's No.

8 hitter, Ryan O'Hara, jolted the Stallions and their fans when he sent a long fly ball over the left center field fence for a two-run homer to put his team in front, 11-10. South County, on the verge of the state playoff win, suddenly trailed.

"I was hoping it wasn't going to go out, but knew he hit it well," said Perez. "We were a little down, but once we got up, one run is nothing for us."

Beal regrouped to get the final out of the inning and the Stallions came up for their seventh inning at-bats.

— Mike Perez

"I love these big opportunities, big games and coming through for my team."

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Redistricting Alters Senate Battleground

Precincts switch from Lee to Mount Vernon.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

One of the chief architects of the Democratic Party's Senate redistricting plan has redrawn his own district to lose parts of the Lee District and gain parts of the Mount Vernon District. That's by design of State Sen. George Barker (D-39). When the smoke cleared in this year's redistricting drama, Barker's district got rid of one Prince William County precinct and eight Fairfax County precincts. In exchange, he drew the new district to pick up three Prince William precincts, six Fairfax precincts and six City of Alexandria precincts.

Because Barker was narrowly elected in 2007, when the Democratic Party was at its apex, many have viewed the new map as an attempt to hold a difficult seat by increasing the Democratic voters.

"This is definitely a battleground seat," said Isaac Wood, communications director for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "The political calculus the Democrats are using here is that they needed to make this seat more safe while not jeopardizing other seats."

Whether or not the risk will work is up to voters, who will make the final call in November. The old 39th Senate District had 55 percent support for Republican Bob McDonnell during the last election. The new district had about 53 percent. That makes the new version of the district about 2 percent more Democratic, although still a tough race — especially for a freshman member such as Barker who narrowly won the seat during the last Senate election cycle.

"This is a politically motivated district," said Brenda Hankins, chairwoman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "It's

so politically motivated that it could end up harming voters because they won't be represented adequately in Richmond."

THREE REPUBLICANS are vying for the chance to take on Barker. The list includes former Justice Department official Miller Baker, special-education assistant Andre Muange and education administrator Scott Martin. Considering the Republicans have a shot at beating the narrowly elected freshman senator, the three potential candidates are focused at taking the fight to Barker.

"He's been asleep at the switch on BRAC," said Baker, referring to the thousands of new commuters that are expected to clog regional traffic at the Mark Center. "This is clearly a case of misplaced priorities."

"That's patently absurd," Barker responded. "I was working on this issue before I was even elected to the Senate."

Barker pointed out that he opposed the Mark Center location for the Washington Headquarters Service as a member of the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory

Commission. During his time on the commission and as a senator, Barker said, he supported the General Services Administration warehouse location, which was located at the Franconia-Springfield Metro station.

"Obviously, this has been frustrating," said Barker. "It's a huge problem, and I'm on the record opposing the Mark Center site."

IN THE SENATE, Barker has been one of the most successful members in terms of getting legislation through the General Assembly. In the most recent session, for example, he was one of two members who were able to get 20 bills or more to the governor's desk. If he is elected to another term this year, Barker said he wants to look at ways to attract jobs to Virginia. Two potential legislative fixes he is exploring could include offering tax incentives to new corporations and deferring tax payments during the startup phase.

"We're still looking which incentives will

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And they're off! The Clifton Caboose Run 5k and 1-mile fun run took place Saturday, June 4, in Clifton.

Twilight Dash Hundreds race in Clifton Twilight Caboose Run.

Runners from around the area converged on the Town of Clifton on Saturday, June 4, for the Clifton Twilight Caboose Run. Unlike other races, which take place early in the morning, this annual event lets runners compete at twilight either in a 1-mile or 5K race.

This year, a group of students from Fairview Elementary School in Fairfax Station took part in the race. Fairview teachers Frank Bott and Adam O'Shea started the "Just the Boys" running club for third and fourth grade boys at the school. Saturday's run was the club's second 5k of the school year.



Jared Hood of Fairfax Station crosses the finish line in 6 minutes, 9 seconds in the 1-mile run.



Savannah Willet, Megan Thaler of Reston, pushing Grady Thaler, and Megan Curry of Clifton, pushing Laurel Curry, start the Clifton Caboose Twilight 5K race.

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Study On Hold?

BRAC uncertainty may delay new school boundary study.

The Fairfax County School Board's new citizen advisory council on facilities and planning has recommended putting off any major school boundary decisions in the Lorton area until 2013-14.

This is slightly unorthodox, given that the Fairfax school system is opening a brand new facility, South County Middle School, in the Lorton area in the fall of 2012.

Typically, a major school redistricting precedes the opening of a new school so the school system can take full advantage of the capacity expansion.

But the school system's Facilities Planning Advisory Council concluded too much uncertainty exists around the impact of U.S. military's Base Realignment and Closure [BRAC] decision on the local housing market.

As a result of BRAC, thousands of military and defense-related jobs are moving to new facilities on Fort Belvoir Army Base in the Mount Vernon area and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency site in Springfield over the next two years.

Eastern Fairfax Station and Lorton are convenient to both Fort Belvoir and the new Springfield facility, which might make that part of the county particularly attractive to homebuyers working at either location.

"The South Eastern [sic] portion of the county is likely to be impacted by population shifts caused by BRAC — this is very much an unknown at this time and will probably not be any clearer prior to the opening of South County Middle School," wrote the citizen committee in its first annual report to School Board dated June 6.

The Facilities Planning Advisory Council did suggest the school system make one minor boundary change prior to the new middle school's opening.

The Lorton Valley development should be redistricted to attend South County's new middle and high school instead of Hayfield Secondary School.

Lorton Valley had been included in South County Secondary's original boundary. The School Board voted to move the residential development back into Hayfield's boundary in 2007 as a way relieve overcrowding at South County.

Many residents in the Lorton Valley development, which is within walking distance of South County Secondary, have been upset about the school redistricting since it happened.

The school system's staff and School Board members have mostly agreed that Lorton Valley families should return to South County once the middle school was built and overcrowding was no longer an issue.

According to chief operating officer Dean Tistadt, the number of Lorton Valley students is small enough that this boundary adjustment can be made administratively. There will be no legal requirement for public outreach or hearings, he said.

When the larger boundary study does take place, the Facilities Planning Advisory Council recommended that all levels of education — elementary, middle and high school — be examined at the same time.

According to School Board Member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon), this large study would potentially include Mount Vernon High School, West Potomac High School, Hayfield Secondary School, South County High School, Lee High School and Edison High School. Plus, the elementary and middle schools found in these pyramids.

Hayfield and South County are expected to have excess capacity for high school students moving forward but West Potomac is projected to be 400 to 500 students over capacity in 2016, said Storck.

Several of the elementary schools on the east side of the Mount Vernon District are also overcrowded, according to the advisory committee's report.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

OPINION

Still Time To Be a Candidate

And also time to register to vote, primary election day is Aug. 23.

Have you considered running for office? There are quite a few slots open for both major parties in the coming election, and even if you want to seek your party's nomination you have until June 15 to get yourself on the ballot. The primary election is Aug. 23; the general election is Nov. 8, this year.

In Virginia, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates and 40 seats in the State Senate are up for election on Nov. 8, 2011, along with the Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney in each jurisdiction, and many local offices as well.

This all comes before any presidential contest. That election is in November 2012. But the news has been about President Obama seeking to raise \$1 billion (seriously?) for his reelection campaign and a colorfully expanding and contracting Republican field (seriously).

Long before then, voters in Virginia will make some very serious state and local choices that likely will have more impact on the quality of schools, property values, traffic and transit choices, public safety and all around quality of life than will the presidential race that looms in 2012.

This is the first election since redistricting, and many Northern Virginia voters will find that they are in a new House of Delegates or state Senate district, and that it takes time to get to know a new set of candidates.

In Fairfax County, where the public schools consume more than half the budget of the entire county, a majority of current school board members have chosen not to seek reelection. Intense issues, including disciplinary policy, school start times, broad and qualitative approaches to course offerings, administrative costs and much more are at stake.

Candidates for school board, a non-partisan office, have until Aug. 23 to file their candidacy. This is one reason that it seemed unfortunate for Fairfax County Democrats to scramble to endorse school board candidates last month, throwing some established procedures out the window literally in the

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11th hour in the process. In other races, the primary is really the general election. For example, state senate districts 30 and 31 that represent parts of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax, have long-time incumbents Patsy Ticer (30) and Mary Margaret Whipple (31) retiring. A multi-candidate battle for the Democratic primary in each could predict the November results in these heavily Democratic districts.

Even though redistricting has made District 31 nearly 10 percent more Republican according to the Virginia Public Access Project, www.vpap.org, the new district still voted just 44 percent for Gov. McDonnell in the last elec-

Briefly, most of TJ's 165 clubs and activities are offered during eighth Period. "This embedded time allows students the opportunity for academic assistance, explore a new interest through a club or socialize with friends in a supervised activity." A 2010-11 sample includes such activities as athletic injury clinic, weight lifting, basketball, swim/dive, crew, ballroom dancing, chorus, band drum line, student council, hip hop roots, math team, Model United Nations, school newspaper, Latin club, Spanish club, Russian Honor Society, Namaste Victory celebration for World Cricket cup and more. Within school hours, TJ clubs and activities create a sense of community, build school spirit, and with an opportunity to attend approximately two to four clubs a week, it is seamless to beef up a college application.

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The philosophy is for all TJ students to have access to clubs and activities during the school day before the buses leave. This helps students without "rides" to participate and likely keeps many cars off our roads. The eighth period coordinator position (U.S.-20 salary scale with contract length of 11 Months/(219 days) makes cer-

tain the system works. We certainly could consider such opportunities for more FCPS high school students and teachers instead of just one school. Many students who must care for younger siblings, are employed after school, play sports or various other conflicts cannot attend clubs, but have a solution with TJ plan. We applaud TJ's eighth period program and believe access to such academic assistance, instruction and clubs should be equitable.

Could such eighth period academic assistance increase TJ students' grade point averages through improved comprehension as students engage with teachers on a more individual and frequent basis?

Many of our schools compete with TJ for recognition in clubs and activities. Does TJ's eighth period provide an advantage over other schools in our district and state?

Are other high school students in FCPS at a disadvantage in college applications when only TJ students are provided clubs and activities during the school day?

Would the smaller student class size at TJ make a positive difference for other students and show appreciation for our teachers at

Details

TO RUN

FOR PARTY CANDIDATES, the payment/filing deadline is 5 p.m., Wednesday, June 15. **NON-PARTY CANDIDATES** have until primary election day, Tuesday, Aug. 23, to declare their candidacy.

TO VOTE

Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Aug. 23
General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8
The deadline to register for the Aug. 23 primary is Monday, Aug. 1.
Monday, Oct. 17 is the deadline to register to vote or update one's address for the Nov. 8 General Election.

The previously compact district centered in Arlington now stretches all the way to Sterling. Huge swaths of McLean and Great Falls, long in District 32, will now find themselves in District 31.

Similarly, District 30 is nearly 5 percent more Republican, but voted just 41 percent for Gov. McDonnell. The district now stretches down into Mount Vernon, encompassing areas previously in District 36.

These are just a few examples of why it's time to tune in to the local elections.

We invite your suggestions, questions and contributions. The Connection will print letters to the editor, some columns from candidates, announcements of debates, stories and profiles and more in the coming months.

— MARY KIMM,

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other high schools?

I imagine our TJ Colonials will speak up and provide well-organized insight, yet, it is worth the time for parents of "base" schools throughout Fairfax to explore our governor's school TJHSST websites and the TJ Partnership Fund to learn more, ask questions and appreciate a teacher who volunteered to stay after school to help a student or sponsor a club.

Janet Jameson
Fairfax County

Cultural Discovery

To the Editor:

Thirteen years ago, I came to the United States from China for graduate study. When an American friend asked me for help reading the Tao Te Ching, I felt quite embarrassed. I had never read it before.

Brought up after the Cultural Revolution in China, Chinese classics such as the Tao Te Ching were usually considered useless and irrelevant, other than a few selected paragraphs required for college

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entrance exams. Even those few paragraphs gave me a headache.

Growing up, I always felt I did not quite understand my own culture. A friend gave me a book about Falun Gong as I was preparing to leave China. "Maybe it can help you save a trip to the doctors," she said.

After reading a few pages into the Falun Gong book, something inside me clicked, literally — like finding a long lost friend. For the first time in my life those values discussed in the Chinese classics were explained in plain language and with clear reasoning. The book explained to "look inside" and find shortcomings within instead of blaming others. It also

explained cause and effect, and the deeper meaning of life. These teachings are deeply rooted in Chinese philosophy. I was finally coming to understand the deeper meaning of China's cultural heritage.

For the last 10 years, Falun Gong has been persecuted in China. These days, most of my friends consider me a human rights activist. But I would rather spend Saturday morning in the park, meditating quietly under a tree.

In May, we celebrate Asian Heritage Month. I can't thank Falun Gong enough. It reconnected me with my cultural root, my Asian heritage, in a soulful way.

Anne Yang
Fairfax

FAITH NOTES

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax. The Children's Ministry Department will hold Vacation Bible School, with a theme of "Pandamania," at the church on Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 25 at 12 p.m. (includes lunch), and Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. VBS is for ages 3 years-6th grade, and costs \$5. Register by June 19. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive in Clifton, offers three levels of ESL Classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Cost for semester is \$35, including student book. To register, come to the next class. www.lordoflifelutheran.com or 703-323-9500.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Classes will be held at St. Leo

the Great Catholic Church in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. 703-273-5369.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.uucf.org.



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The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on the Secondary Six Year Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2012 through 2017. Copies of the proposed plan may be reviewed at the VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Persons requiring special assistance to attend and participate in this hearing should contact the Virginia Department of Transportation at 866-862-5844. Persons wishing to speak at this public hearing should contact the Office of the Clerk to the County Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

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39th State Senate District Boundary Redrawn

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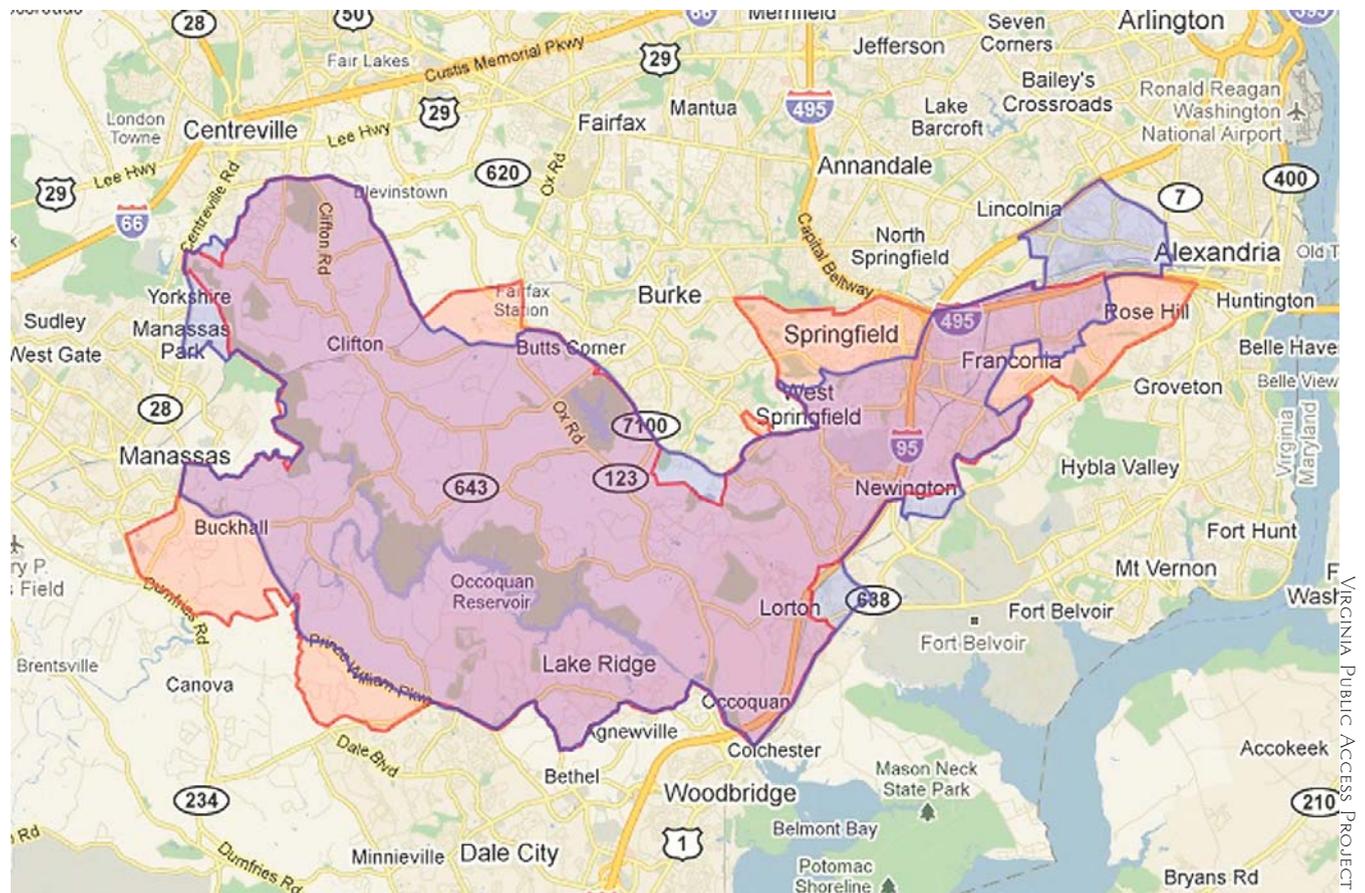
work best,” said Barker. “Right now, we’re taking a close look at other states that are successful with economic development.”

On the Republican side, candidates are focused on lowering taxes and decreasing spending. Baker, for example, said he would cut money that goes to public television and public radio. Social issues may also become points of distinction in the general election depending on which candidate emerges as the G.O.P. standard-bearer.

“I respect life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death,” said Muange in a written statement outlining his campaign platform. “I respect natural marriage between one man and one woman and recognize that it is the foundation of the family.”

Whichever Republican wins the August primary, Barker is likely to be challenged on the economy. Martin’s campaign platform, for example, includes eradicating the state’s business and professional occupancy license taxes. On the campaign trail, Martin has been critical of the taxes because businesses must project future gross receipts and pay on the projections. That means that some businesses end up paying too much while others pay a penalty for not accurately predicting future business in a difficult economic climate.

“This is not business friendly,” said Martin in a written statement outlining his opposition to BPOL taxes. “And I will do all I can to lower and eventually eliminate this anti-business tax.”



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Burke Centre Library, Meeting Room 117W. Practice and improve your English with instructor Gloria Monick. Adults. 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.

Practice Your English. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, Kingstowne Meeting Room. Conversation group for people learning English. Adults. 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria.

Facebook: What You Need to Know. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, Meeting Room 1/2. Lesley Lykins, a Navy lieutenant, will walk you through creating a profile on Facebook, setting your profile to properly protect your privacy and maximizing your use of Facebook.

Bring your own laptop to maximize the training. Adults. Registration required. 7250 Commerce St., Springfield.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

City of Fairfax Band. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. A pops-style symphonic concert of light classical, Broadway, jazz, film, and marches presented as part of Fairfax County Park Authority's "Braddock Nights." Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket.

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PHOTO GALLERY!

"Me and My Dad"

To honor dad on Father's Day, send us your favorite snapshots of you with your dad and The Connection will publish them in our Father's Day issue. Be sure to include some information about what's going on in the photo, plus your name and phone number and town of residence. To e-mail digital photos, send to: south@connectionnewspapers.com

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Clifton Elementary Studnets Enjoy 'Buggy' Tradition

Clifton Elementary School has been alive with actors and actresses as kindergarten and first grade staged performances in recent weeks. "Goin' Buggy," directed by kindergarten teacher Jessica Busch and assistant Vickie Barringer, received rave reviews for both the a.m. kindergarten and p.m. kindergarten performances.

First graders, under the direction of teachers Faye Godfrey and Jennifer Choi, took to the stage with

"How Does Your Garden Grow." The first grade play has been an event at Clifton for more than 20 years, and this particular play has been presented at Clifton for the last 11 years. Students who have attended Clifton Elementary will be pleased to know that they can still re-live parts, as Godfrey was asked to bring the play with her to her new school, White Oaks Elementary. White Oaks principal Connie Goodman is a former Clifton Elementary first grade teacher who taught with Godfrey.



PHOTO BY LISA LUCAS

The Weeds try to rule, but it all works out in the end in the first grade play 'How Does Your Garden Grow.'

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The Streetscape Master Plan Committee for the Town of Clifton is hosting its second public forum, Tuesday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m., at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall. Town residents will be able to review design concepts presented by the consultant and comment on proposed improvements for Main Street from the triangle to Clifton Heights

Lane. The PowerPoint presentation from the first public forum may be viewed at www.lpda.net/index.php?/public/detail/town_of_clifton_streetscape_master_plan/. This project is being funded by the Federal Safe Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users and administered through VDOT.

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Youthful Stallions Have Bright Future

South County's season ends against McLean in regional semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

South County's softball team played the unfamiliar role of underdog in 2011. The Stallions, led by first-year head coach Gary Dillow, had to replace seven graduated starters. The two returning starters changed positions, and five freshmen were plugged into starting roles. A rebuilding year was more likely than continuing their streak of district championships.

The Stallions' season came to an end on June 1 with a 4-0 loss to McLean in the Northern Region semifinals at Robinson Secondary School. McLean pitcher Jamie Bell held the South County lineup in check, throwing a perfect game. While the Stallions were blanked in their final contest, the team's accomplishments during the season went above and beyond those of an "underdog."

South County posted a 17-8 record, won its fifth consecutive district title and fell one win shy of qualifying for the state tournament, considerable accomplishments while starting five freshmen.

"If you had told me at the beginning of the season that we would have won 17 games and made the

regional semifinals and won districts," Dillow said, "I would have called you a liar."

In 2009 and 2010, South County entered the postseason with an undefeated record. This year, the Stallions were the No. 4 seed in the Patriot District Tournament with a 12-7 overall mark.

"No one really believed in us except for, well, us," senior center fielder Julia Kastner said. "It feels a lot different. Before, we were top dog; everybody was trying to beat us. This year, we were underdogs. It was a lot different, but I like the feeling better being underdogs [and] getting the big wins."

Pitcher Rebecca Martin, catcher Haylea Greer, shortstop Whitney Burks, third baseman Caitlin Maglich and outfielder Courtney Ward were South County's five starting freshmen. Martin performed well in the postseason, including a 12-inning, one-hit shutout against West Potomac in the district final on May 23, during which she struck out 17 Wolverines. Against McLean on June 1, Martin shut out the Highlanders for 5 1/3 innings before allowing four runs in the

sixth.

"I was really proud we went five innings without them scoring," Martin said. "They had been so successful against Chelsey last year, who is such a good pitcher, so I was just really proud that we held them

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South County pitcher Rebecca Martin, seen against Chantilly on May 30, was a key part of the Stallions success in 2011.

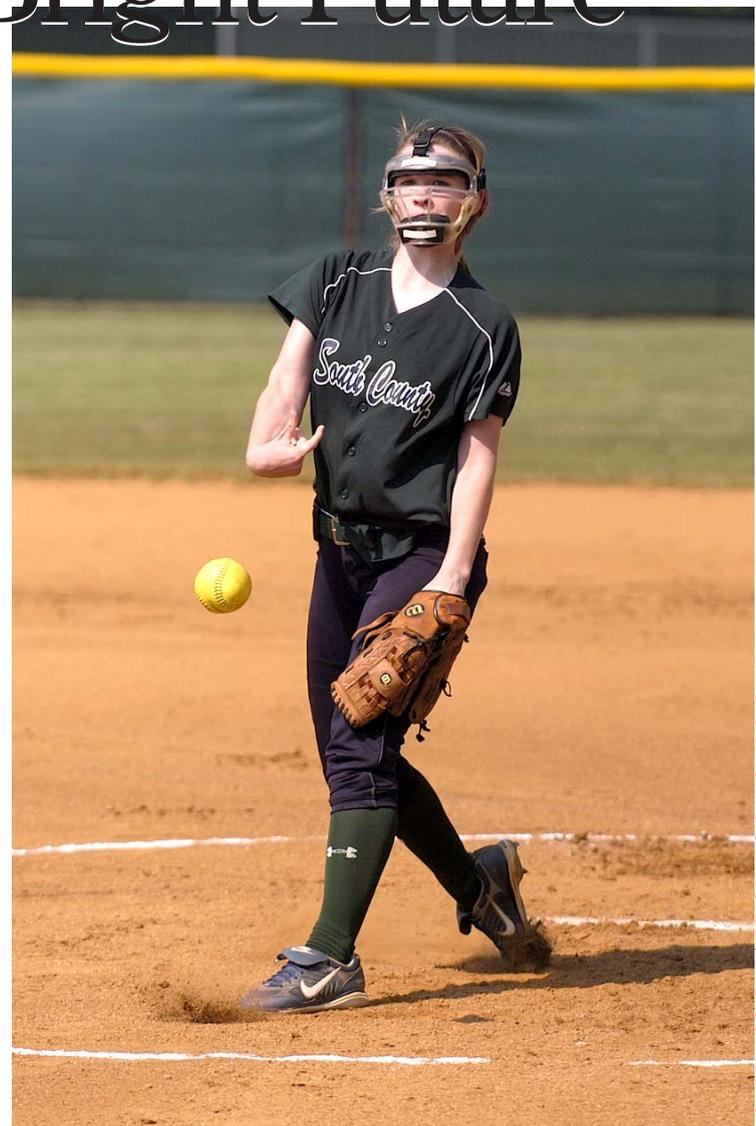


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"No one really believed in us except for, well, us."
— Julia Kastner

South County Set To Play in State Semifinals Friday

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"The home run was terrible, but we knew we had one more inning to do it," said South County center fielder Andrew Rector, the Stallions' leadoff hitter. "We weren't going to hang our heads."

TRAILING BY A RUN, the Stallions came to bat in the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Rector went up to hit against Warriors' relief pitcher Tyler Brown, who had entered the game back in the fourth inning. With the count 1 ball, 2 strikes, the right-hander threw a pitch in which Rector checked his swing. The home plate umpire, uncertain whether Rector had gone far enough around to warrant a strike call, pointed to the first base umpire for his take on the pitch. He gave the safe sign, meaning Rector was still alive. On the next pitch, the right-handed hitter hit the ball slowly to third base and raced out an infield single. Rector, who could have been called out on strikes for the second out, was instead on first base with just one out.

"We just had new life," said Rector. "There would have been two outs. I remember running as fast as I could [on the infield hit]."

South County coach Mark Luther believed the umpire made the correct "ball two" call

on Rector's at-bat.

"That pitch was definitely away," he said. "Once we got one guy on you could feel the crowd get into it."

The next batter, senior second baseman Alex Carrington, who had hit a two-run homer over the center field fence during a Stallions' five-run fifth inning, roped a line drive single into right field, which moved Rector to second base. Moments later, after Rector had stolen third base, Stallions' senior Luke Bondurant earned a walk to fill the bases with one out. That brought up Perez, who had already hit solo home runs in the fourth and sixth innings, as well as doubling in a run in the first and singling in the third.

He was the ideal player to be standing at the plate for the home team. And, like the All-Region standout has done all season long, he came through in a big time way with the two-run double to win the game.

"He's just in a good mindset right now and swinging the bat real well," said coach Luther, of Perez.

"I was confident [Perez would come through]," recalled Rector, who was on third base on the Perez at-bat. "He knew what to do and he didn't want to hit the ball on the ground. When he hit it, I was like, 'Let's go, we got another win.'"

Perez was aware he needed to stay out of a possible groundball double play.

"I was trying to get it in the air and get a run in," he said.

South County played from behind most of the game. Nansemond River, this year's Eastern Region runner-up, scored three runs in the top of the first inning, the big blow a three-run homer over the center field fence by left-handed hitting catcher Zach Vann.

The Stallions came right back with four runs of their own to take a 4-3 lead. Big hits in the inning came from Bondurant, who knocked an RBI single into left center field; Perez, who plated a run with a double over the center fielder's head; and senior right-fielder Cameron Thompson, who singled to left center field for an RBI.

"We know we're a good hitting team," said Rector, South County's leadoff hitter of his team's reaction to falling behind so early. "We had to get the runs back."

But the Warriors scored two more times in the second to go ahead 5-4. Two innings later, the visitors scored four times, all the runs scoring on a Vann grand slam homer down the right field line to make the score 9-4. It was the second homer for Vann, who had seven RBIs in the game.

But South County came storming back with five runs in its half of the fourth to tie

the game at 9-9. South County got home runs in the inning from Carrington, a two-run shot that barely cleared the 360-foot mark in center field, and Perez, who sent the first pitch he saw over the right field fence. Another big hit in the inning was an RBI single into left field by Rector (2 hits, 2 walks, 3 runs).

IN THE BOTTOM of the sixth, South County broke the 9-9 tie when Perez, the first batter of the inning, lifted a high, majestic home run over the left center field fence on a 1-0 pitch to make the score 10-9 Stallions.

That led to the seventh inning dramatics. South County starting pitcher Tyler Frazier got a no-decision in four innings of work. "They did a phenomenal job against Tyler," said Luther. "He got the ball up a little bit."

At the plate, Frazier had two hits, including a fourth inning double off the left center field fence.

The winning pitcher for the Stallions was Beal, who earlier this week was chosen by the Kansas City Royals in the eighth round of Major League Baseball's first year player draft. The right-hander allowed two runs over three innings of work with five strikeouts.

SPORTS

Bruin Boys Upend Saxons

Following Langley second half score, Lake Braddock answers with two goals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Talk about stepping up in the postseason. That has been the case for Lake Braddock Secondary boys' soccer player Matt Fraedrich, a senior midfielder who scored two regular season goals but has broken through for seven playoff scores over the past several weeks.

"He's found his range," said Bruins' head coach Joe Soos.

Fraedrich, along with Lake Braddock fans, will never forget his most recent score, which proved to be the game-winner for the Bruins last Friday night in their 2-1 Northern Region title game win over Langley at Madison High School.

It marked the first time Lake Braddock has won the region crown since 2003 when the Bruins defeated West Springfield in the title game. Lake Braddock also made it to the region finals in 2006 but loss to Woodson.

Lake Braddock and Langley are both competing at this week's state AAA boys' playoffs.

Fraedrich scored perhaps the biggest goal of the season for Lake Braddock in its region title game win

over the Saxons on Friday. The goal came off a short breakaway left, the result of a picture perfect up-field pass from teammate Tyler Dunn. Fraedrich received the pass behind the Langley defense, moved the ball forward on the dribble, then lifted a soft, touch shot over Jay Lupas, the charging Langley goalie. The ball went into the goal from about 18 yards out and put Lake Braddock ahead to stay, 2-1, with 11 minutes, 9 seconds remaining in the second half.

"Obviously, it was a great strike," said Soos, of the goal. "But the ball played into him [by Dunn] was just as important. Tyler dropped the ball over the defense, where Matt could get to it. The ball was outstanding and Matt caught it in stride."

Upon scoring, Fraedrich, in celebration, dashed up the field's far sideline and took off his shirt, pointing triumphantly to the Bruins' fans in the visitors' side stadium bleachers. His teammates and the Bruin fandom were ecstatic at the clutch goal. However, Fraedrich was issued a yellow card for taking his jersey off. He also got a stern talking to by Soos, the Bruins' head coach.

"He just got caught up in the moment," said Soos. "He wasn't trying to show up Langley."

Fraedrich agreed afterwards that he should not have taken off his uniform top. Of the goal itself, he credited Dunn, a senior defender, for setting him up.

"Tyler is a great player and capable of playing the long ball at top and he did," said Fraedrich, a Sec

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Lake Braddock Soccer

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ond Team All-Patriot District player this spring who will be playing the sport next school year at the University of Illinois. "He hit the ball over the top of the defense, and under my breath I said to myself, 'Yes.' I knew the keeper was coming out. At first I thought [my shot] was going over the goal and that I hit it too hard."

But it wasn't too hard and went into the net. Seven minutes earlier, Fraedrich had missed a golden opportunity to score when his shot from 15 yards out off the right side on a short breakaway chance went wide right. But he didn't miss a little while later on his chance off the left side, set up by Dunn's pinpoint pass.

It was the seventh goal of the postseason for Fraedrich, who said coach Soos, following the conclusion of the regular season a few weeks back, had motivated him to pick up his game during a coach-player conversation.

Following Friday's win, Fraedrich expressed pride in what his team had accomplished.

"I knew this team had the potential to go this far," he said.

LANGLEY, following a scoreless first half, got onto the scoreboard less than seven minutes into the second half when senior midfielder/striker Dylan Price, off a gorgeous, long throw-in pass from the left side of the field by teammate Jeff Cochran, got himself free on the right side of the goal area and headed the ball into the right side of the net for a 1-0 Saxons' lead with 33:25 remaining in the second half.

"I got some space and headed it into the corner," said Price.

Moments earlier, Price had barely missed scoring on a kick off the right side from 10 yards out.

"We were pressuring them, I poked it past the keeper and the ball went off the right post," said Price, of the missed chance, which ultimately did not matter when he

punched in his header goal.

Less than a minute after Langley scored, Lake Braddock came right back and answered with the equalizer when Bruin senior midfielder Elhadji Diouf, off his own rebound following a head shot attempt, scored on a scorching, close range shot off the left side to make the score 1-1. The goal was set up by a Lake Braddock throw-in ball.

Just like that, the game's momentum had gone from the Saxons' favor to the Bruins'. Then, seven minutes later, Fraedrich came up with what proved to be the game-winner.

At game's end when the final whistle blew, the Lake Braddock student body rushed the field and celebrated in unabashed enthusiasm with the Bruins' players at midfield.

"I think our kids have shown a belief in themselves where they don't quit and have grown closer and closer as the year has gone on," said Soos, of his squad.

Price, the Langley striker, said his team will now look forward to making a strong run at states.

"This loss is tough," he said. "But we have a lot of seniors and good leadership. I think we have just as good a chance as anyone at states."

It was a frustrating game for the Bo Amato-coached Saxons, this year's Liberty District champions who were on the doorstep of a region crown before the Bruins broke through for their consecutive second half goals.

"It was a good game and we played well," said Price. "The biggest regret was giving up a sloppy goal [which made the score 1-1]. Their second goal was a great finish and a great goal."

Price said his team will now look forward to making a strong run at states.

"I think we have just as good a chance as anyone at states," he said. "This loss is tough, but we have a lot of seniors and good leadership. We demand a lot out of ourselves. This is the [closest] group I've ever played on. That's real special. I'm real glad to be a part of this team."

Stallions' Softball Success

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for those innings."

While youth was a big part of South County's success in 2011, Dillow said veteran leadership played an important role. Kastner, who will play at Temple next season, was one of those leaders.

"Julia's been huge," Dillow said. "Just to have a Division I level kid come and practice every day and show the younger kids what it means to actually work [is important], because they have no idea what it means to actually work in practice. To be able to have a kid like that come in and do the work and just lead by example [helps]."

"Julia's got all these accolades and she's still hitting an extra bucket off the tee, she's

still hitting more soft toss. It makes it a little tough for the younger girls to take an afternoon off. She's been huge that way."

With another successful season under their belt, the Stallions are unlikely to return to the role of underdog anytime soon.

"When we get back to this point again, we'll have been here already," Dillow said of the team's postseason experience this year. "For five freshmen to be able to say that and to have that experience, it's going to be immeasurable down the line and it's just going to be huge when we do get back here. It will help us to take that next step which is where we want to be. ... Everybody expected a down year this year, but since there wasn't one, we're not going to sneak up on anybody anymore."

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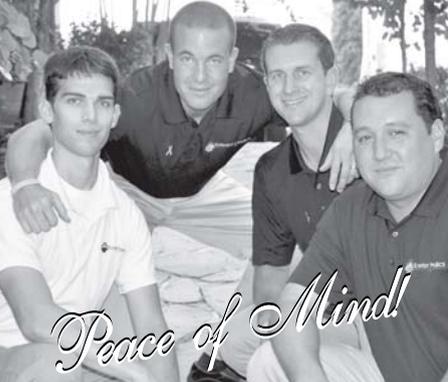
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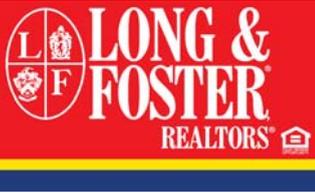
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