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This is Keegan, Fairfax County's Accelerant Detection Dog, paired with handler Terry Hall, an Investigator out of the Fire Marshal's Office.

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Runners Brave Heat To Battle Heart Defects

Run honors memory of Corbin Grabb, 2, who died of heart defects in 2006.

BY JENNY TAYLOR
THE CONNECTION

Amid sweltering heat, nearly 400 runners gathered at Burke Lake Park Saturday morning, July 23, for the fourth annual Corbin's Fun Run, a 5-mile race and 1-mile walk commemorating the life of 2-year-old Corbin Grabb. The toddler was born with a fatal condition known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, a disease in which the left side of the heart is underdeveloped.

After a nine open-heart surgeries over the course of 23 months, Corbin lost his battle with congenital heart disease (CHD) in June 2006. His parents, Terri and Travis Grabb of Clifton created the Fun Run in 2007 as a way to honor their son and raise awareness about CHD, the number one birth defect in the nation.

"Our main goal is to increase awareness," said Terri Grabb. "CHDs are very prevalent, but they're a hidden death." The mother of



PHOTO BY TERRI GRABB

Herndon native Eileen Foley ran the fastest 5-mile women's time in 33:47.

three healthy boys, she witnessed the effects of CHD even before Corbin was born. While pregnant for the fourth time, she lost a set of twins due to heart complications.

Terri Grabb's story, however, is not unfamiliar to several of this year's race participants. Volunteer Jen Owlett lost her 3-year-old son Brandon to a heart defect in 2008 and has attended the run every year since.

"I come because it gives you the opportunity to help the families," Owlett said. "When Brandon was sick, I had to focus all my energy on him. Now that we don't have that emotional burden, I can finally help others."

Coincidentally, the Grabbs' neighbors Beverly and Jim Seymour also witnessed the effects of CHD when their 18-year-old son

"I'm no longer overwhelmingly sad. It's really helped me grieve in a positive manner."

— Terri Grabb

Adam died last August. Adam, who was a standout soccer player at Robinson Secondary School, collapsed from sudden cardiac arrest during a preseason practice at Lynchburg College. He had moved into his freshman dorm just a few days earlier. The Grabbs dedicated last year's Fun Run to Seymour, a fund-raiser that brought in nearly \$14,000 for CHD support programs.

In five short years, the Grabbs have managed to raise around \$100,000 to help offset the costs of families dealing with heart defects, a cause that hits close to home for Terri and Travis Grabb. When doctors first alerted the Grabbs to Corbin's condition, they eyed nationally renown Mott's Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., as a potential treatment center for their son. But the Grabbs lived in North Carolina at the time, which posed several logistical issues for the family of five.

"After he was born, Corbin stayed in the

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Fairfax Co. Park Authority Alters Field Access Policy

Park Authority lowers number of athletic field walk-ons without permits from 40 to 20.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

By the time school begins, signs outlining permit requirements at Fairfax County's 800 athletic fields will have a sticker with the number 20 slapped over the number 40.

The reason for this is an intense yearlong lobbying effort from Fairfax County athletic groups, parents, coaches and players who want their paid permits to guarantee availability of soccer, baseball and football fields.

Their efforts led to a new permit policy adopted by the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) that requires any group having at least 20 participants, down from 40 under the former rule, to obtain a permit if they want to use a county athletic field.

"It's important that people know that the new regulations do not prevent pick-up games, and we're not targeting any specific groups. We're responding to the reality of the situation," said John Dargle, FCPA director. Along with Fairfax County Public Schools, the FCPA owns and maintains the county's athletic fields.

According to Dargle, the number 20 is

supported by simple math of a full-size soccer or football game requiring 22 players on the field at a time. "Many people asked us to lower it to 10 or even eliminate the number of non-permitted players, but we felt that 20 is a reasonable number."

As Fairfax County's population has grown, so has the number of sports teams vying to use the 800 athletic fields throughout the county.

The clashes between permitted sports teams, who pay a seasonal fee for a guaranteed time and space to use a certain field, and "walk-on" players, who don't have a permit — and sometimes don't want to leave — have been escalating.

The problem was intensified by the fact that Park Authority regulations required only those groups with 40 or more players to obtain permits. That created difficulties for the police and others trying to resolve disputes between permitted groups and organized groups of walk-ons with fewer than 40 players.

"These are unpermitted groups of up to 40 people who are using the fields when others need or have been given permits. The unpermitted groups many times refuse to

leave to or ask for more time," said Feda Jamous, a Fairfax mother of four, who told the FCPA board she was concerned by the growing number of "walk-ons."

Jamous was one of hundreds of parents, coaches and players who lobbied the FCPA to reduce the number of players using the county's fields without permits.

"My 8-year-old son is part of a local soccer club that uses the fields consistently throughout the year, including the winter," said Shawn Fici in an e-mail to the FCPA. "It is difficult when our young boys have to contend for field space and/or contentious groups of teenagers or young adults that don't seem to follow the rules."

MelaJo Kubacki of Alexandria wrote that "these unpermitted groups are using fields when others need them and have been given the permits to use them. Many times the unpermitted groups refuse to leave when asked, which has a direct impact on the scheduled, permitted users."

The volume of complaints grew so loud that the FCPA, in concert with the county's

Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), which schedules, monitors and issues the permits, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), voted at two separate meetings in the past two weeks to officially amend the policy. Now, any group of 20 or more is required to obtain a permit and pay the required fee of \$5.50 per athletic participant, which is good for the entire sport season.

According to Paul Gillbert, executive director of the NVRPA, the 12-member board passed the amendment at its July 21 meeting to be consistent with FCPA regulations.

"This is much more of an issue with Fairfax County facilities, however we share the same regulations and they asked us to make this change for consistency," Gilbert said.

Judy Pedersen, public information officer of the FCPA, said coordination among the various athletic groups, park authorities and

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Working Dogs in Fairfax County

Canines team up with public safety personnel.

BY DEB COBB
THE CONNECTION

Every day in Fairfax County, dozens of specially trained dogs are on the job, using their noses and in some cases their teeth to keep Fairfax County safe.

"We're looking for a dog that works as hard on his last hour of work as his first," said Michael Szubinski, course development instructor at the Customs and Border Protection Canine Training Center in Front Royal, on June 22, as he explains the puppy selection that is underway on this day at the facility. Over the course of five hours, instructors will run 6 to 8 one-year-old dogs brought by breeders contracted with CBP through a series of tests to see if the dogs have the aptitude to become narcotics detection dogs.

The instructors are playing a basic game of fetch with these dogs — they have several "toys" of different materials, rubber, wood, aluminum, all about 12" long. First, they bring the leashed dog into a fenced-in area, talk to it, try and get it excited about the toy, and then they toss the toy into tall grass. They let the dog see where the toy lands, and then release the dog's leash and let it seek the toy. Each throw, they make the game a little more challenging, not letting the dog see where it lands, and maybe adding some distractions. What are the instructors looking for? How does the dog search; does the dog use its eyes or its nose to search; does the tall grass or other environmental factors bother or distract the dog; how long does it take the dog to find the toy; does the dog maintain interest in the game; what is the dog's level of confidence

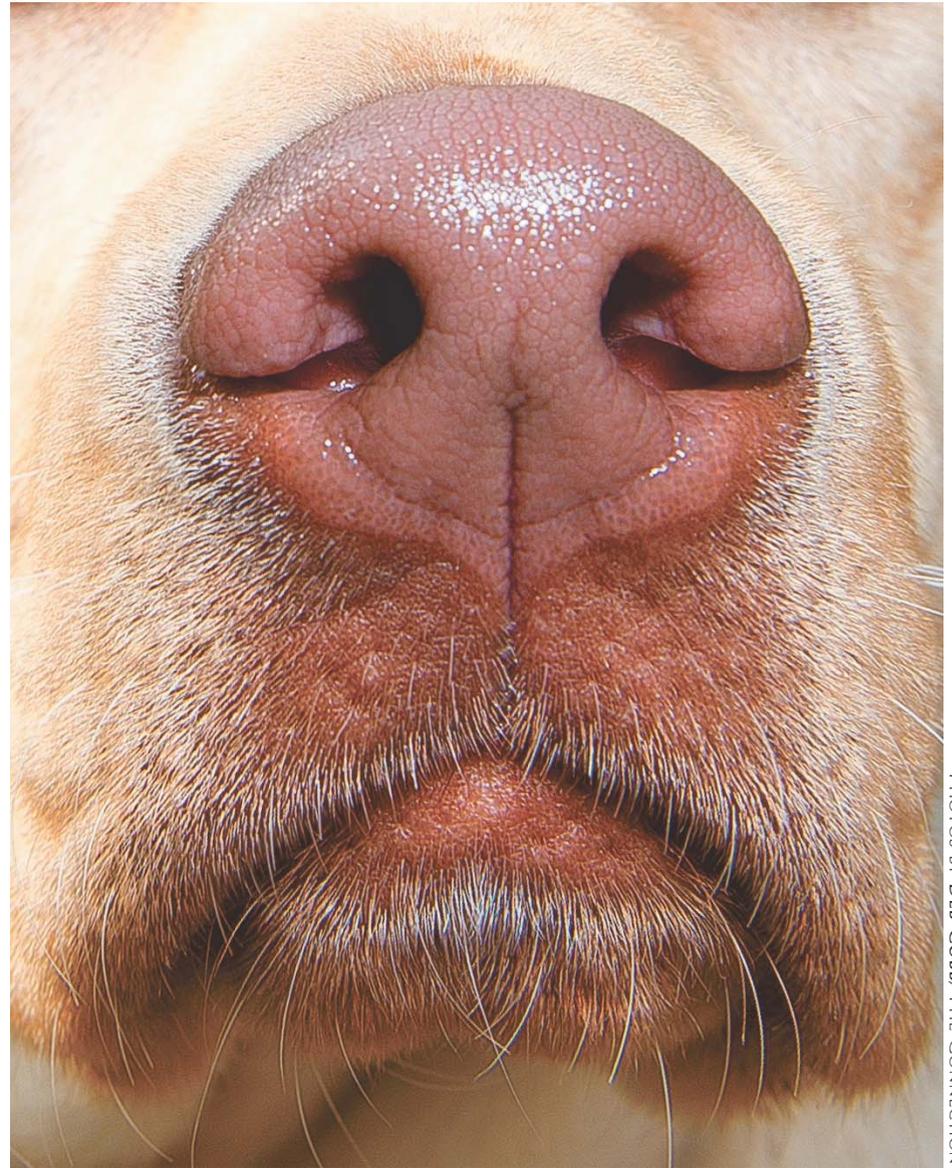
in this new environment and situation?

If the dog passes these initial tests, they will follow. Instructors will throw a toy past a bowl of water and then past dog food and see if the dog stays focused on the toy. If the dog passes these tests, there are environmental tests they'll do, conveyor belts, cars with running engines, wet cement floors — all tests to see if the dog has the interest in the game despite environmental changes — said Szubinski "that translates into the dog's ability to stay focused on the job." They'll crowd the dog and see how he reacts; they'll shoot blanks out of a gun and open an umbrella to see how the dog reacts, to weed out aggressive dogs.

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If the dog passes all of the preliminary tests and health review, it is purchased by the CBP and begins training.

THESE WORKING DOGS TEAMS are trained in a variety of specialties — narcotics detection, explosives detection, accelerant detection, tracking, bedbug detection, termite detection, and contraband agriculture product detection. The dogs received extensive scent training — generally speaking, they were exposed to desired scents and trained to respond certain ways when they smelled them — a passive response like pointing the nose at the source of the scent or an aggressive response like scratching at the scent. When dogs successfully find the scent, they are rewarded with praise and either their toy and a game with their handler or some kibble — their food. Whether the dogs were play or food rewarded depended on their occupations, breeds and, to some degree the choices of the organizations that trained them. The unifying factor among all of these dogs was that they



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Scent-trained working dogs help provide a safer county. This nose belongs to Moose, a new addition to the Fairfax County Police Department's Explosive Ordinance Unit. He is a yellow lab that is trained to find explosives that are derived from six families of chemicals.



Two trainers work with a 1-year-old dog at the Customs and Border Protection Canine Training Center in Front Royal to see if the dog has the "play drive" needed to become a CBP dog.

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work with singular focus to get their reward.

"You train, train, train, train, 10-hour days of training every other Monday, 20 hours a month," said Officer Damien Austin of the Herndon Police department. His partner is Smokey, a bi-colored German shepherd. They have been on the street since January 2009. Austin says he became a police officer so that he could work with a police dog. Austin and Smokey trained with the Fairfax County Police Canine Unit, and regularly train with Fairfax County K9 teams.

"The calls we go on are usually the worst of the worst — you have to have courage. We go into dark places, we have to trust the dog," said Austin.

KEEGAN is the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's newest accelerant detection dog. He is the fourth such dog the county has had, in the longest running program of its kind in Virginia.

"My training exercise starts at 4 a.m. and goes through a 24-hour day," said Investigator Terry Hall, Keegan's handler. Keegan

is food-rewarded, which means every time he finds a scent he's trained on — one of 21 ignitable liquids (products that contain hydrocarbons) — he gets a food reward. It also means that Hall must schedule training exercises at least twice a day for 15-20 minutes, so that Keegan gets his two cups of food.

"Through the month, fire debris from accidental fires of all characteristics that are negative for liquid accelerants is collected. All different articles: clothing, shoes, things from the Salvation Army that they can't use, is what I use to train Keegan every day," Hall said.

He sets out 20 items, burned down to 20 percent, and then adds a pin drop of a partially evaporated solution of a liquid accelerant.

Fire investigators use a number of investigative techniques to determine the cause of fires in Fairfax County. When a structure has been destroyed, and there are no physi-

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Autumn, left, and Rocket are 10-month-old long-haired Chihuahuas from Burke. — Teresa Tobat



Cody, an American Eskimo, had been dropped at a shelter when he was 11-months-old. He was Santa's gift for our daughter three weeks later. Eskies are extremely active, social and vocal dogs. He fits perfectly into our family. Here he is at 6-1/2-years-old waiting for my husband Paul to start the truck. Cody is a great companion, playful, friendly, protective, for our daughter Emily, 12. — Clifton Town Councilwoman, Deborah Dillard



Tippers Clark is a rescued bunny of Charlotte Clark, 12, of Fairfax Station. Tippers Clark is 6-months-old.



BRANDY & COCOA ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Brandy and Cocoa looking out the front door doing Neighborhood Watch, submitted by Stephen and Heather Novosad of Grinnell Street in Fairfax.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) with Abigail in his office on Capitol Hill



Tora Clark, 7, sports a uniform for Burke basketball, Patrick Clark's team. Tora Clark is a rescued Labrador Retriever of Ian and Lucille Clark's family of Fairfax Station.



Mister Frodo is a shelter cat. He is part Maine Coon and part American Bobtail. When we first got him he had a fear of our ceiling fans. He now runs the house. — Fairfax County Chair Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)



This photo was taken at our home in Burke when granddaughter Mackenzie Kelly Maisel was 13-months-old. Mackenzie is now 4. Labrador Retriever named Gabby is now 13. Mack and Gabby were watching me from the other side of the 'baby gate.' I told Gabby to "sit" and Mackenzie immediately sat down in the same pose as Gabby, mouth open and all. It remains one of my favorite photos of them together. — Gail Westin, Onion Patch Drive, Burke



PHOTO BY TERRI GRABB

Corbin Marc Grabb, 2, died in 2006 from complications caused by Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome.

Running for Corbin

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hospital in Michigan for five months," said Terri Grabb, who decided to homeschool her other children during Corbin's hospital stay. "It was expensive, insurance only goes so far," she said. "We couldn't always get a room at Ronald McDonald House, so you have to pay for shelter, transportation, and food on your own."

Not only does Corbin's Fun Run help the

Grabbs give back to the CHD community, it has allowed them to find meaning in their son's short life.

"I'm no longer overwhelmingly sad," Terri Grabb said, smiling. "It's really helped me grieve in a positive manner."

Former Chantilly cross country runner Eileen Foley claimed the top women's time in an impressive 33:47, while Annandale High School grad Greg Useem took the men's title in 31:40.

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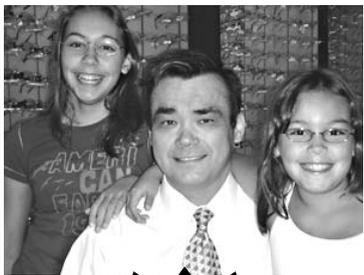
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OPINION

What's Your Advice?

Be part of Connection Insiders edition.

The Connection staff and interns are already preparing the annual newcomers and community guide. We invite our readers to help with providing insiders' advice and information.

Below are several suggested questions, but we encourage you to participate in any way.

We'll print selections from the answers along with your name. Answer one question or all of them; give as many answers as you'd like to each question.

What "insider's tip" about your town would you share with a friend? Places to go, things to do, can't-miss events, ideas on what it means to live here.

What advice would you give new residents on how to make themselves at home and get involved here?

What tips do you have for someone new to your town? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your

neighbors and with people new to the area.

Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event. Send us a photo of your family at one of your favorite spots or engaged in a favorite activity.

EDITORIALS

We also ask for input from local arts organizations, civic organizations, houses of worship, clubs, schools, businesses and other community institutions. Send us information on dates and details for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

The Insiders Guide will publish the last week in August. Please send in your tips and answers by Aug. 17.

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are actually big tax increases that are part of ObamaCare. With the American economy in dire straits, raising taxes is a bad idea.

Also troubling, chief Medicare actuary Richard S. Foster "made it clear that ObamaCare will actually do great damage to Medicare by driving doctors and hospitals out of the program." This information is from an excellent book entitled "Why ObamaCare is Wrong for America," which I highly recommend to seniors who want to learn more about how ObamaCare will impact their healthcare. It is available on Amazon.com for \$8.23 + shipping and handling. The book includes an entire chapter on the impact of the new healthcare law on seniors.

Susan Lider
Clifton

Freedom of Information

To the Editor:

Information censorship endangers lives. We learned this from the incident of SARS, a contagious disease, and the tainted food products from China, both of which Beijing's state controlled media did not disclose on time.

Misinformation by those media also has national security implica-

tions. In 2001, 80 percent of the Chinese on-line chat room users were found to be "cheering" over 911. More recently, 59.9 percent of the Chinese online poll respondents felt "saddened" for the fall of an "anti-American fighter," Osama bin Laden.

For the above reasons I am grateful to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), for writing to Taiwanese government and helping secure continued signal relay of an independent U.S.-based Chinese-language New Tang Dynasty Television (NTD) into mainland China, via a Taiwanese satellite.

A PBS style TV, NTD carries in-language news the Chinese regime wants quiet. It also provides a platform to foster free flow of information into and out of China.

Li Ding
Fairfax

Calling for Fiscal Responsibility

To the Editor:

Recently, 11th Congressional District residents received a four page glossy flier sent by U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). At a time when our nation is on the verge of potential default, I find it more than a bit ironic that Mr. Connolly chose to send this political flier that was "prepared, published and

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mailed at taxpayer expense." The flier is virtually indistinguishable from a mailing during a political campaign, including the obligatory union bug, with the exception that taxpayers paid for Mr. Connolly's blatantly political message. About the only thing that was interesting was that no one apparently caught the typo of "Medicate" when "Medicare" was obviously the intended term.

Year after year our elected representatives, both Republicans and Democrats, have promised benefit increases in Social Security and Medicare and many other entitlement programs in a ploy to get reelected. In 2010 voters across the nation made it clear that fiscal responsibility was critical to our nation. While Mr. Connolly held onto his seat by the most razor thin margin imaginable, I had hoped that even he would have gotten the message.

Serious reform is necessary and we need Congressional representatives that will be fiscal stewards of taxpayer funds. Constituents in the 11th Congressional District deserve more than politics as usual. Our nation is facing a financial crisis of our own making due to fiscally irresponsible actions and Mr. Connolly either needs to lead or get out of the way.

Michael Hokenson
Fairfax Station

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LETTERS

Fastest Growing Amtrak Station

To the Editor:

After 42 years, intercity trains returned to Burke on Oct. 1, 2009, when Amtrak's new Lynchburg Train stopped at Burke Centre VRE Station on weekdays, traveling to Lynchburg, Philadelphia, New York and Boston with connecting service to 500 stations and access to places worldwide through Washington, D.C.'s three airports.

On Jan. 18, 2010, Amtrak began stopping daily and allowing reservations online (www.Amtrak.com) and by phone (1-800-USA-RAIL). From February through May 2011, Burke became the fastest growing Amtrak station in Virginia (127 percent to 171 percent) and moved from 21st to 20th place in total ridership in Virginia, a milestone.

VRE, Amtrak, Fairfax County and even Roanoke have now started promoting Virginia's newest and least known station. In May, VRE lowered the Step-Up charge (\$10 to \$5) for VRE multi-ride, ticket holders to ride Amtrak, and Fairfax County and Amtrak are planning to erect signs at key road locations, notifying car drivers of the station and its location.

Then, on July 19, Roanoke launched its Smart Way Connector Bus, connecting the Lynchburg Train to Bedford (D-Day Memorial) and Roanoke (VA Transportation and other museums, and VT's new medical school) daily and to Salem, Christiansburg and Blacksburg/VA Tech, Friday-Sunday. The Roanoke and New River Valleys educate 40,000 college students, many of whom live in Fairfax County. Now they have a great alternative to truck-crowded I-81.

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Daniel Peacock
Manassas

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Majors' All-Stars Season Ends at State Semifinals

Red-hot SYA East team eliminates West Springfield American.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

What has been a brilliant postseason run by the West Springfield American All-Star Majors (11-12 year olds) came to an end on Tuesday night, July 27, when the locals lost to Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) East, 10-4, in a Virginia State Little League tournament semifinals baseball game played on Steve Reavis Field at Freedom Park in Leesburg.

West Springfield American, which earlier this postseason captured the District 9 title, won its first four state tournament games, including a 12-10 quarterfinals round victory over Culpeper County on Monday evening at Freedom Park, to reach the semifinals meeting versus SYA East, a team made up of Centreville players.

Springfield American, in Tuesday's elimination loss, took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when shortstop and lead-off hitter Billy Cook sent a home run over the center field fence off of SYA East pitcher Sam Ryan. The lead stood until the top of the third inning when SYA East broke out



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUZEL/THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield Americans had some highlight moments in Tuesday's semifinals loss to SYA East. Six home runs were hit between the two teams, two coming from the Americans.

for six runs and hit three home runs to go ahead 6-1.

That was still the score until the bottom of the fifth inning when West Springfield rallied with two outs. Cook and Sam Smith both singled with two outs before moving up a base on a Ryan wild pitch. The next hitter, catcher Michael Morgan, then lofted a soaring three-run home run well over the

center field fence to get the Americans within 6-4.

At that point, West Springfield was right back in the game. However, SYA East, ahead by two runs, answered in the top of the sixth with another big inning — this one accounting for four runs to make the score 10-4.

SYA East went on to gain the win, earning a spot in the following night's state fi-

"The kids played their hearts out."

— West Springfield American Manager Ken Shreves

nals where they were scheduled to meet the Reston Nationals for the right to move on to the Southeastern Regionals tournament set to begin Aug. 5.

For West Springfield American, the semifinals loss to SYA East ended an outstanding postseason run.

"The kids played their hearts out," said West Springfield American Manager Ken Shreves, of his squad. "We had our ace [Sam Smith] on the mound, they just hit him. I think we were very evenly matched teams."

Six home runs were hit in the game, four by SYA East and two by West Springfield American (Cook and Morgan).

WEST SPRINGFIELD AMERICAN hit the ball well off SYA East starter Sam Ryan, who allowed four runs and eight hits over 5-2/3 innings to notch the win. Morgan, his team's No. 3 hitter in the line-up, led West Springfield American with three hits while Cook had two.

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West Springfield 9-10s Take Bridgewater to the Wire

But the Americans fall just short in state title game loss.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In the end, the West Springfield Americans' bid to capture the Virginia State 9-10 Little League All-Stars Baseball Tournament fell just short. The squad, under manager Greg McIntyre, reached the finals before losing a heartbreaker in extra innings, 5-3, to Bridgewater. The title game took place last Wednesday, July 20 in Suffolk. The Bennett's Creek Little League hosted the tournament.

"It was a very exciting game," said McIntyre, of the finals loss which went seven innings. "It's bittersweet. To be state runner-up is very impressive, something to be proud of. We had a tremendous tournament."

West Springfield, which earlier in the postseason captured the District 9 Tournament championship with a title game win over Fort Hunt, handily won its first three pool bracket games at states to qualify for the single elimination portion of the tournament. The team won its next two games, including a 6-4 semifinals round victory over Tuckahoe on Tuesday, July 19.

The winning pitcher in the win over Tuc-

kahoe was Connor Copeland, who earned the decision with a strong relief outing. Jack Cone earned the save in the close game.

At the plate in the semifinals win, Calvin Pastel had three base hits while Brian Bachman and Nathaniel Do both had two safeties.

Out of action in the Tuckahoe game was Greg McIntyre, the manager's son, who was under the weather. Teammates displayed their camaraderie that game by inking young Greg's jersey number, "3," on their shoulders underneath their game jerseys.

GREG WAS BACK in the line-up for the finals and helped West Springfield give Bridgewater all it could handle. Cone, the team's starting pitcher, allowed just two runs working into the fifth inning. Bobby Leitzel pitched well in relief.

The game was tied at 3-3 after six regulation innings before Bridgewater tallied a couple of runs in the top of the seventh to go ahead 5-3. West Springfield American, in its half of the seventh, got two runners on base with one out to mount a threat. The next two West Springfield batters hit the ball hard but Bridgewater was able to make the plays defensively and hold on for



PHOTO COURTESY OF WEST SPRINGFIELD ALL-STARS

The West Springfield 9-10 Americans display their District 9 championship banner following their title game win over Fort Hunt.

the win and the title.

Cone led the West Springfield offense in that game with two hits.

McIntyre, the Americans' manager, said his squad played with determination during the postseason.

"We were very resilient," he said. "Our

strength was our pitching and hitting. They always played up to their capabilities."

Members of the West Springfield American's roster are: Brian Bachman, Tyler Bell, Jack Cone, Connor Copeland, Nathaniel Do, Sam Freeborne, Grant Holzemer, Bobby Leitzel, Tyler Matheny,

POLITICS

Campaign Signs Raise a Ruckus

GOP candidate calls foul on incumbent's campaign signs.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

With less than one month before the Aug. 23 primary, campaign signs are popping up everywhere and so are complaints about political shenanigans.

Jason Flanary, the candidate running against Steve Hunt in the 37th State Senate District Republican primary, showed he had his eye on the general-election prize.

On Friday, July 22, Flanary issued a news release complaining that incumbent Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) was violating Fairfax County zoning laws by posting campaign signs too early without a permit.

Marsden and his campaign issued its rebuttal news release Saturday morning, July 23.

"After being notified by Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Inspector Bruce Miller of the signs, Marsden staff took immediate action to remove the signs. Our campaign never instructed supporters to place signs anywhere but in legal locations. Sen. Marsden did not place a single sign. We will take all necessary actions to right this situation," according

to Marsden's news release.

When contacted about the issue, Keil Brunner, Marsden's campaign manager, said "it seems a little petty at this point in the race. We went and picked up the signs."

In an interview after Marsden issued the news release, he said he was more concerned about the issues than the signs.

"Yard signs are part of campaigns, but I'm more focused on the issues affecting families and business in Northern Virginia. I am running for re-election to build a better future for Fairfax County by

"I think our elected officials should lead by example and should be compliant with state and local laws."

— State Senate Candidate Jason Flanary (R)

investing in education, improving our transportation infrastructure and protecting our quality of life," Marsden said.

Flanary, who said he was out in the 110-degree heat Saturday, trying to reach his goal of knocking on 7,500 doors by the primary on Aug. 23.

"I think our elected officials should lead by example and should be compliant with state and local laws," Flanary said. "I think it was appropriate for him to remove the signs."

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/JULY 28

City of Fairfax Concert Band. 8 p.m. Veterans Amphitheater, City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. A pops-style concert of light classical, Broadway, jazz, film, and patriotic selections. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English and improve your English speaking skills. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Conversations with the Director. 7:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Meet Sam Clay, Director of the Fairfax County Public Library, and share your view of what the future should hold for our library system. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Rubblebucket. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at Wolf Trap: The 5 Browns. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Emil de Cou, Conductor. The National Symphony Orchestra is joined by five Julliard-trained siblings from Utah. Tickets \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

Movies Under the Stars. 7:30 p.m. Pinn Community Center, 10225 Zion Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly movies shown every Friday. 703-250-9181, tty 711.

The Bigger Lights, Divided By Friday and Fourth Quarter Comeback at 6 p.m., followed by The Bigger Lights, For The Foxes and Aim For The Weekend at 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at Wolf Trap: Marvin Hamlisch, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Stephanie J. Block. 8:15 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. The National Symphony Orchestra in an evening of showtune classics. Tickets \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 30

Summer Lovin': A Hot Night of Cool Stories. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Better Said Than Done, a community of professional storytellers, present stories for grownups about summer romance. \$10. www.bettersaidthandone.com, www.jamminjava.com or 703-255-1566.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax.

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Change in Field Access Policy

FROM PAGE 2

county agencies was necessary to amend the policy. "We want everyone singing from the same sheet of music when it's time for enforcement. There are many different entities involved, and we feel, honestly, that we have been true to bringing everyone together. We feel we've accomplished what everyone was asking," Pedersen said.

In April, FCPA co-hosted a public outreach meeting with the NCS and other community stakeholders. "We had about 40 people in attendance and about 30 speakers at that meeting," Pedersen said. "Then we took comments from the public for a month, and we received several hundred e-mails and letters. About 95 percent encouraged us to go to 20 or lower."

"We share the desire to ensure that families and young neighborhood kids out for an afternoon of enjoyable pickup play are not impacted," said NCS Director Chris Leonard, in a Dec. 2, 2010, letter to FCPA Chair William Boule. "As NCS has reported ... the number of annual walk-on violations cited by monitors and officers has ranged from 156 to 235. ... The volume of complaints and the stories we have all heard about walk-on use have demonstrated the problem is much more prevalent, but because the current policy does not consider most of these incidents to be violations, they are not reported as such and they are not able to be effectively dealt with ..."

While revenue enhancement was not a primary

motivation for the change, the increased revenue will help with field maintenance.

"We're glad that we've moved forward," Pedersen said. "We took a lot of time to deliberate. The Park Authority did not want to set up roadblocks. The majority felt we had to respond to a well-studied and requested change from the athletic community."

She added that monitoring the fields is going to be the most critical component in making the policy change successful.

"It doesn't end here. NCS has gone ahead and is reorganizing its field monitor program, breaking it up into smaller groups and districts, so players will know field monitors. We will be looking at this again in another six months, to see if we've accomplished what the community wants," Pedersen said.

The ultimate penalty for not obtaining a permit is a Class IV misdemeanor, which could result in a \$250 fine. Although that number has been well publicized, Pedersen said she does not ever recall anyone getting cited.

"This change is all about safety, security, playability and providing access to everyone in a healthy, meaningful way. We are in no way shape or form trying to stop people from using parks as they always have," Pedersen said.

For more information on reserving a field, field locations and obtaining permits, contact NCS at 703-324-4600. For after-hours to contact a field monitor after regular business hours to assist permit holders, resolve conflicts and enforce facility use rules, call 703 - 324-5515.

CALENDAR

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Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association answers your gardening questions. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Feed God Cabbage, DC Flow and Feel Free. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

NSO at Wolf Trap: Casablanca. 8:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. With conductor Emil de Cou and host Ben Mankiewicz. The film will be shown on large screens both in-house and on the lawn, with the film's full score played live by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$20-\$52. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 31

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 4 p.m. Silas Burke House, 9617 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Historian and author Patrick O'Neill will speak about the Belvoir manor, the seat of Col. William Fairfax's plantation. Belvoir was effectively abandoned by the family, fell into disrepair, and was further damaged during the War of 1812. Its name lives on in the Army base that now includes its ruins. slawski_brian@yahoo.com. **"Conquering the Rose"** Film

Debut. 8 p.m. Cinema Arts Theatre, Fair City Mall, 9560-14 Main St., Fairfax. A feature film written and produced by GMU alummi Jenna St. John and made with a local crew. A small college town is haunted by a young girl's suicide. www.conqueringtherose.com.

Rebecca Loebe, Jenee Halstead and Sam Friend. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Dolly Parton: Better Day World Tour. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Country music. \$60 in-house, \$35 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 1

Benefit for NOVACO. 7-10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Local artists Birds of Mauze, The Improvialiers, Bradley Perrow, West Potomac Improv, Poi, Jamie Fredrickson's Mad Hoop Skills, The Fair Sons of Robin Fax, Alice Boyars, Julian Rosen and more. A portion of the proceeds benefits NOVACO, offering affordable housing, education, childcare, counseling and mentoring to survivors of abuse. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. www.novaco.org or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/AUG. 2

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SPORTS

W.S. All-Stars Fall to SYA East

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In the bottom of the third inning, West Springfield American threatened to put together a big inning but came away with no runs. Tyler Wines, the No. 9 hitter, started things off with a line drive single into left field. Cook then hit a scorching line drive that ended up being turned into a double play when SYA East shortstop Ryan Brusick caught the ball and threw to first to double up the runner. Smith then walked and Morgan grounded a single into left field before the final out of the inning was made.

But two innings later, West Springfield American closed within 6-4 on Morgan's three-run homer.

"We got right back into the game," said Shreves. "The players and the coaches thought we'd come back."

Throughout the postseason, SYA East, the District 10 champion, hit 30 home runs over their first nine games, including the win over West Springfield American. Hitting home runs, along with good starting pitching, have been staples of the SYA's playoff success.

"That's kind of been our mojo right there," said SYA East Manager Jamie Brusick, of his team's keys to winning throughout the postseason All-Stars district and state tournaments. "We try to stay in the game with pitching and defense, and eventually our bats will wake up."

With its semifinals win over West Springfield American, SYA East was one win away from successfully defending last year's state crown.

West Springfield American entered the state play-

offs on a roll after having won the District 9 title, including a 12-0 district finals win over South County at Veterans Park in Woodbridge.

AT STATES, the squad won its first three games — victories over Virginia Beach, 11-5, Churchland (Suffolk), 15-3, and Tuckahoe, 13-12 — to win its pool division and advance to the single-elimination quarterfinals where it defeated Culpeper County in the high-scoring 12-10 affair on Monday at Freedom Park. In that game, West Springfield jumped out to a 6-0 lead and still led 8-6 later in the ball game. But Culpeper scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth to go ahead 9-8.

West Springfield American, however, stormed back for four runs in its final at-bats in the top of the sixth inning to surge ahead 12-9. Highlights of the big inning included a home run by Morgan, a double by Andy Shreves, and a clutch squeeze bunt RBI down the first base line by David Leitzel to break a 9-9 tie.

West Springfield reliever Tyler Wines, in the bottom of the sixth, came into the game to retire the final batter to earn the save and clinch the win for his team. Morgan hit two home runs in the win and Sam Smith hit one out as well.

Ken Shreves, the team's manager, said his squad never believed it was out of a game throughout the district and state playoffs.

"They have a never give up attitude," he said. "These guys believed in themselves and believed that no matter what the score, they could come back. There are 18 outs in a game and they knew if they gave up a few runs they could still come back."

FAITH NOTES

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.

Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, will change its Sunday morning schedule for the month of August. Worship will begin at 9 a.m. followed by a brief fellowship time and then Sunday School for all ages at 10:15 a.m. 703-451-5120.

Barcroft Bible Church, 9401 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, invites rising kindergarden-sixth graders to the "Kickin' it Old School" Summer Bible Camp with games, music and crafts. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch provided. \$15 per child. www.barcroft.org/kh-bible-camp.

The Fairfax Church of Christ,

3901 Rubgy Road in Fairfax, has facilitators available to help those who are experiencing a separation or divorce. 703-631-2100 or www.fxcc.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.lordoflifeva.org or 703-323-9500. Registration is Sept. 8, 7 p.m. ESL classes are also available at 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax.

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.

The Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the

Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks-6 years. rdmarotto@cox.net.

Congregation Adat Reyim, an independent Jewish congregation, offers services Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Hebrew School is Sundays at 9:30 and Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Hebrew High is Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Preschool is Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. Adat Reyim is located at 6500 Westbury Oaks Court in Springfield. For more information, contact us at 703-569-7577 or visit www.adatreyim.org.

Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, 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.

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5743 NORDEEN OAK CT	3	2	1	BURKE	\$273,000	Townhouse	0.05	BURKE CENTRE
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Man and Dog, Working Together

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cal indicators of the nature of the fire left — such as burn patterns — Keegan can find chemical residues under heaps of ash and debris. He alerts when he finds the odor of an ignitable liquid.

On the scene, Keegan pinpoints where to collect the evidence so the lab can identify the accelerants. The investigators may see burn patterns that indicate flammable liquids but because of the nature of fire, it is very labor and resource-intensive to collect and process samples from a fire scene to locate the residual accelerant. Keegan can pinpoint it in moments, reducing the time it takes to collect evidence. If Keegan doesn't find anything, it makes investigators more comfortable ruling out incendiary liquids as the cause of the fire.

In 2010, the Fairfax County Police Department had 13 Patrol K-9 teams on active status. They were called to service 3,549 times. Of those calls, the dogs were deployed on 1,473 calls; 450 of those were “tracks” when the dog team was sent to look for someone or something thing — like a cast off article relating to a crime; 246 were searches for people; 605 drug searches were conducted; 60 were tactical deployments, when K9 teams were deployed with SWAT teams all of which resulted in 140 felony charges being placed and 185 misdemeanor charges being placed.

“They provide an added layer of safety because dogs can quickly locate a perp and take away his advantage — they take away the ambush advantage,” said Lieutenant Shawn Martin, a Fairfax County K9 officer and supervisor of the Canine Unit. “A dog is also a force multiplier. A dog will clear and search faster and more effectively. Dogs are more efficient, particularly when clearing buildings, tracking individuals and doing narcotics searches.”

Martin received a Silver Medal of Valor and Nero received a Meritorious Award in 2008 after they subdued an armed and violent man who had stolen and crashed a Prince William County police cruiser. What is the best part of being a K9 handler? “The biggest reward is finding the bad guy — we have made arrests that never would have happened without dogs.”

WHAT IS THE HANDLER'S role? “You've got to know how to walk and chew gum at the same time,” joked Officer Jennifer Jones, of the skills a canine handler must have. She is a CBP agriculture detection dog handler at Dulles Airport — once known as the Beagle Brigade. She and her partner Hudson inspect incoming international passengers at Dulles to ensure that fruits, plants and meats do not enter the United States, bringing harmful animal, pests, or plant diseases.

She watches him work, looks for alerts, making sure he doesn't eat things off the floor, watches passengers, and ensures that



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Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Officer Cpl. Jeff Richards and his dog Rex work through a training exercise at the MWAA Canine Facility at Dulles Airport on June 7. Rex is an explosives detection dog. Richards points to the areas along the suitcase where scent is likely to leak, in this case, the zipper, and Rex is trained to follow with his nose.

he remains safe in the busy airport environment.

“It is important to understand his viewpoint. The dogs will work until they fall down, so you have to see whether he's hot, tired, sleepy. He's not just a tool. For me, I have a job to do. For him, it's his life,” she said.

A handler needs to be empathetic, patient, enthusiastic — “You have to be a partner,” said Jones. And, working with a beagle, you must have a sense of humor.

Jones and Hudson work during the peak times that international passengers arrive at Dulles. He alerts around 20 times a day and his accuracy is about 90 percent. Every time he alerts, he gets some kibble. How do passengers react when he alerts to their bags? “You never know what the trigger will be or who will get upset,” said Jones.

Beagles are ideally suited for this work, Jones said. They are friendly, cute, they have the drive and the ability to deal with the chaos of the airport, they are perfect of this job and there are always an abundance of them to be adopted and trained for the work.

This is the first part of a series of photo essays that Deb Cobb is doing about working dogs. Subsequent articles will explore assistance dogs, medical detection dogs, and search and rescue dogs. If you have a dog in any of these fields, or work for an organization that trains dogs for these jobs, send an email to Cobb at: dcobb@connectionnewspapers.com



Niko, a City of Fairfax patrol dog partnered with City of Fairfax Officer Vann Sayasithsena, alerts to marijuana in a training wall at the Fairfax County Police Department Facility in Chantilly. Said Sayasithsena, “Being a handler is like watching your kid do sports. Having him do a track and have good results, or helping an officer find dope makes you proud.”



Fairfax County Police Bloodhound Shnoz just received a valor medal for tracking and finding a woman who had been missing in the woods of Mason Neck State Park for two days. Shnoz is called in to track when the scent trail might be hour or — in the case of the woman in Mason Neck State Park — days old.

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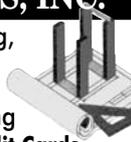
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