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'There's Always a Void'

Two grieving mothers seek answers.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Kim Nelson goes to bed at night hoping she'll someday see her daughter again; Gil Harrington knows she'll never be able to because her own daughter is gone forever. Saturday, March 31, they were together in Fairfax seeking information about what happened to their girls and doing what they could to prevent similar tragedies from befalling someone else's child.

Nelson's daughter Bethany grew up in Fairfax County and, at one time, lived in the Shenandoah Crossing Apartments in Chantilly. She was a senior at GMU when she disappeared in January 2011. Harrington's daughter Morgan, a 20-year-old sophomore at Virginia Tech, vanished outside a Metallica concert in

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Gil Harrington (left) and Kim Nelson hold posters with their daughters' photos and pass out information to local residents.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Supervisors OK Pohanka's Plan

Honda dealership will be built in Chantilly.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Pohanka Honda is coming to Chantilly. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently gave its building proposal a checkered flag, clearing the way for it to build a Honda dealership here.

Both a showroom and a body shop will be constructed on a 10-acre site off Route 50, at Stonecroft Boulevard and Stonecroft Center Court, in an area that in recent years has become a destination for residents seeking to purchase new vehicles.

"Clearly, there's already a base of auto sales across the street, so the use certainly fits in well," said Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). "And this dealership will offer even more choices for the people living here."

But that's not the only reason why approval of Pohanka's application is of significance to the local area. Company officials have proffered to incorporate a number of efficient and environmentally friendly practices into the way this new business will be built and operated.

They include treating and capturing 100 percent of the stormwater runoff, reclaiming and recycling 80 percent of the used water from the carwash, using LED or

fluorescent lamps in the light fixtures and using an energy-management system to control the lighting and HVAC systems.

Pohanka also intends to install operable windows for natural ventilation, increase the amount of roof and wall insulation to decrease heat loss and gain, use ultra-low-flow plumbing fixtures, install daylight sensors (automatic light controls tied into skylights), and recycle all waste oil.

Furthermore, it will use vegetable oil — instead of caustic hydraulic fluid —

for service lifts and will use low-emitting materials (adhesives, sealants, carpet, paint and coatings) for all construction/renovation work.

Pohanka even plans to install a

wind turbine that will become a renewable-energy source going into the dealership's electric grid. It will come off of a 100-foot high, single monopole with two blades.

Having a car-dealership there will also result in about half the planned density the county envisioned for that site. Yet county staff initially balked at the idea because the structures wouldn't be officially LEED-certified — even though there's no county ordinance requiring LEED certification for county approval of a project.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is a for-

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"It will be the greenest auto dealership in the county."

— Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully)

Remembering Erin Peterson

Fifth Annual Gospel Celebration is April 15.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Joyful music will fill the air when the Fifth Annual Erin Peterson Fund Gospel Celebration is held Sunday, April 15, at 4 p.m., at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Centreville. Erin worshiped with her family here and, after she died in the April 2007 Virginia Tech tragedy, her own family and her church family celebrated her life together.

During the upcoming event, Mount Olive's pastor, the Rev. Eugene Johnson, will recall Erin and the things she valued in life. Then her memory will be honored in music and dance.



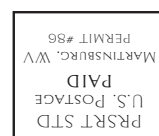
Erin Peterson

Erin was a Westfield High basketball star and graduate, and her parents, Grafton and Celeste Peterson, began the Gospel Celebration in remembrance of her. They also started the Erin Peterson Fund in May 2007 to continue their daughter's commitment to achieving excellence through education and helping those less fortunate.

However, the fund is completely dependent on contributions, so it must be continually replenished to carry on its work. Donations collected during the Gospel program will help provide further educational scholarships and grants for deserving students.

Performers will include soloist Anna Moore; the Mount Olive Baptist Church More and More Praise Liturgical Dancers, Male Chorus and Unspoken Praise Mime Ministries. The dancers and mimes will perform onstage together.

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NEWS



Reenacting 'Stations of the Cross'

As a time-honored tradition, each year 8th graders in the St. Timothy School National Junior Honor Society perform a play for the entire school reenacting the "Stations of the Cross" — the final steps that Jesus took on his journey to the cross. This year's play was directed by 8th graders Beth Ghyzel and Chelsea West, costumes were made by Madison Ojeda, and Jesus was played by Daniel Caracciolo. The play was overseen by faculty members Mrs. Cowan, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Toohey.

AT THE LIBRARIES

THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Small Wonders. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-830-2223.

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Stories, songs and activities. Age 2 with adult. 703-502-3883.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/APRIL 7

VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$50K. Adults. 703-502-3883.

eBook Office Hours. 2 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Get eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader, library card and laptop. Adults. 703-502-3883.

MONDAY/APRIL 9

Afternoon Adventures: Poetry Corner. 3 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Celebrate National Poetry Month. Bring your favorite poems to recite to the group. Children. 703-830-2223.

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-502-3883.

Budds to the Second. 3:15 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Book

discussion group for girls and boys in second grade. Ask for title. 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/APRIL 10

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-830-2223.

AARP Tax Assistance. 4-8 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Preference given to older adults. Adults. 703-830-2223.

ESL Conversation Class. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice your English with other students. Adults. 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Birth-11 months with adult. 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11

AARP Tax Assistance. 1-5 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Preference given to older adults. Adults. 703-830-2223.

THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. "The Battle of the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia (formerly USS Merrimack) in March 1862" by John V. Quarstein. Cosponsored by the Bull Run Civil War Round Table. Adults. 703-830-2223.

MONDAY/APRIL 16

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

Storytime for Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-502-3883.

Budds to the Second. 3:15 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Book discussion group for girls and boys in second grade. Ask for title. 703-502-3883.

TUESDAY/APRIL 17

Time for Tots. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-830-2223.

ESL Conversation Class. 10:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Practice your English with other students. Adults. 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. Birth-11 months with adult. 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

Small Wonders. 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Rhymes, songs, stories and activities. 12-23 months with adult. 703-502-3883.

eBook Office Hours. 7 p.m. Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Get eBook questions answered. Bring your eBook reader, library card and laptop. Adults. 703-502-3883.

SATURDAY/APRIL 21

Sweet and Sour Berries. 11 a.m. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Ancient Chinese folktales and songs presented by Linda Fang. Audience participation encouraged with singing, chanting and sound effects. Age 6 and up. 703-830-2223.

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ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, April 5 and April 19, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

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

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Become a CASA Volunteer

A new case of child abuse or neglect enters the Fairfax County Domestic & Juvenile Relations Court system once every 38 hours. These children need caring advocates to help ensure that they grow up in safe and permanent homes. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child's best interests in Court.

To become a volunteer position with a serious purpose that can create real change, attend Fairfax CASA's upcoming information session at the Centreville Regional Library on Saturday, April 14, from 11 a.m.-12 noon. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, associate director, Recruitment and Training, at 703-273-3526, ext. 22, or at ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.fairfaxcasa.org.

Free Income Tax Preparation

People who worked in 2011 and earned less than \$50,000 may qualify for free, income-tax preparation. It's available Saturdays, through April 14, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. If married and filing a joint return, both spouses must be present. For a list of items participants must bring with them, go to www.nvacash.org and click on "free tax preparation."

Police Seeking Auxiliary Officers

The Fairfax County Police Department is seeking people to join its Auxiliary Police Officer (APO) program. An all-volunteer, civilian force comprised of 108 men and women, APO's play a role in supplementing the sworn personnel in essential, public-safety operations. They perform a myriad of duties such as staffing sobriety checkpoints and protecting the integrity of crime scenes; they may also be deployed to natural or manmade disasters at any time.

APO's come from a variety of backgrounds that enhance the FCPD with their unique sets of knowledge, skills and abilities. A blend of retirees and employed, APOs like to learn and have the time to commit.

Once they pass a background check, they're required to undergo training at the Criminal Justice Academy in Chantilly. It runs two evenings a week and a few Saturdays a month during a 16-week academy slated to begin in January 2013.

Applications are now being accepted. To learn more about the APO program or request an application, call 703-280-0576 or e-mail AuxiliaryPolice@FairfaxCounty.gov.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

NEWS



From left are CAC Chairman Leslie Jenuleson, PFC Steve Lawson, Capt. Purvis Dawson, Sgt. Bill Fulton and Lt. John Trace.

Lawson Honored as Officer of Quarter

Praise for his work as school resource officer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Police officers don't have to be out on the streets to make a difference in their communities. School Resource Officers (SRO)s make an impact every day, and for all he's done in that capacity, PFC Steve Lawson was honored recently as the Sully District Station's Citizen's Advisory Committee's Officer of the Quarter.

He's been a Fairfax County police officer for 15 years — five of them at Sully — and for the past five years, he's been the SRO at Stone Middle School.

"He's a well-rounded, consistent officer," said Sgt. Bill Fulton, the SRO supervisor who nominated Lawson for the award.

"He's conscientious about being in the building and available to the staff and kids. He treats people with respect and dignity, and he gets treated that way, in return."

"He does his job and does it well," added Capt. Purvis Dawson, commander of the Sully District Station.

In his nominating letter, Fulton wrote that, since Lawson's been at Stone, he's established himself as "a vested member of the school staff and an invaluable mentor and role model for the children and staff." Fulton said Lawson's "mild-mannered personality" imbues the population at Stone with "a sense of confidence and security" that makes them glad he's there.

"Steve is very involved with the kids and is always in the classroom teaching [them] about current crime

trends," wrote Fulton. "He realizes the value of educating the students and staff and [knows] that, without this information, it could have an adverse impact on the students as individuals and the school as a community."

Fulton said Lawson's youthful appearance helps the students feel comfortable about approaching him and asking for his guidance. Lawson also helped start a self-defense class at Westfield High and assisted in teaching senior female students about the risks that come with college life. He also provided a curriculum on personal safety.

In addition, Lawson has worked closely with Sully police investigators, as well as with Criminal Investigations Bureau personnel. "Due to his firsthand knowledge of the at-risk students in his school, he has been able to identify burglars that were former or current students and worked closely with detectives regarding major crime investigations," wrote Fulton.

He also called Lawson "an incredible resource when it comes to traffic issues regarding the school's kiss-and-ride [area] and with the safety of students that walk to school."

Although Lawson has had to hold people accountable when they've made poor decisions, Fulton said he's never received a complaint regarding Lawson and his work at Stone. "At Westfield High sporting events, former students at Stone still seek him out and take the time to tell him how they miss him," wrote Fulton. "Steve has had a positive impact on the children and families of the Sully community — probably more than he would ever humbly admit — and his efforts and dedication deserve recognition."

As he received his plaque, Lawson said, "I wasn't sure I'd like working in a middle school, but the kids grew on me. They're fun to work with and I thank you for this honor."

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— Sgt. Bill Fulton, SRO supervisor

Board of Supervisors Approves Pohanka's Plan

FROM PAGE 1

profit entity that provides independent, third-party verification of a building's green components. But, explained Scott Crabtree, president of Pohanka Automotive Group, "It would cost \$200,000 in paperwork to do the LEED certification, vs. putting this money into green elements in our building that we know will make a difference."

Both the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee and the county Planning Commission saw his point and approved Pohanka's proposal. Then the matter went to the supervisors, March 6, for the final decision. Frey recommended approval, and the application was ultimately OKed.

“The county’s argument was that it didn’t have the ability to check that Pohanka does put in all the green elements it said it would,” he said. “That’s why it insisted on Leed certification. But it eventually agreed that Pohanka will basically be able to self-certify by providing documentation of the work and the materials used.”

And when it's all finished, said

Frey, "It will be the greenest auto dealership in the county." However, he added, "Fairfax County does need to develop this expertise, ourselves."

Another notable feature of the new business is that its parking-lot lights will be LED and downward facing and will cut off at a certain time to save energy. In addition, the service department will be open seven days a week, from 5:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Customers won't have to make an appointment. Instead, they'll be able to come in whenever they desire. The idea is to fix each vehicle in an hour or less, while the customer is on the premises. And doing repair work in off-peak hours means that those customers won't add to the area's rush-hour traffic.

So all in all, Frey said the new dealership should prove to be a valuable asset to the county. "I'm pleased with the commitment they made to have green buildings," he said. "It's in everybody's best interests — theirs, when they're paying the utility bills, and ours, when we're breathing the air. So I'm glad we were able to work this out."

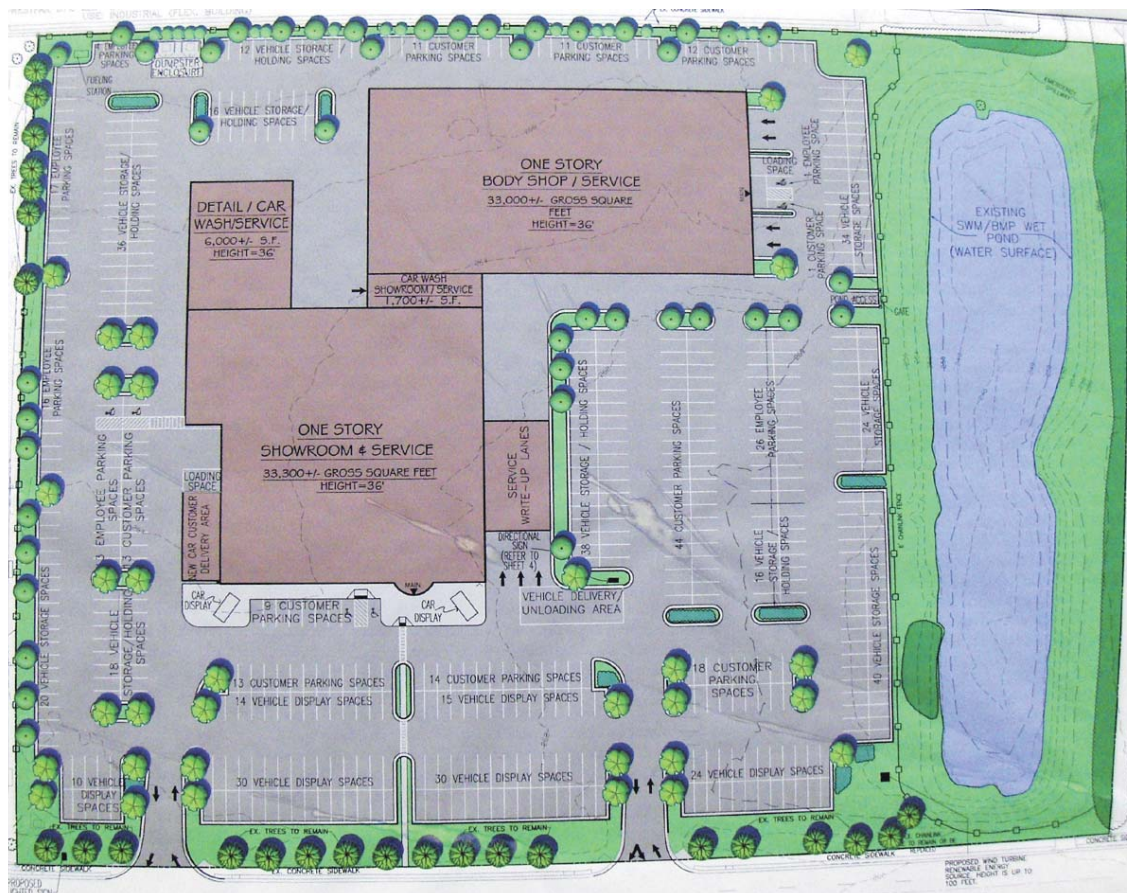


Diagram of the proposed Pohanka Chantilly Honda. Since it was drawn, the body shop was relocated behind the showroom.

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Two Years in Prison for Conspiracy, Tax Crimes

Fair Oaks man secretly represented Pakistan.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A Fair Oaks man was sentenced last week in federal court to two years in prison for secretly conspiring to act as an agent of the Pakistani government in the U.S., without telling federal authorities about this affiliation, as required by law. He is Syed Ghulam Nabi Fai, 62, a U.S. citizen and resident of the Penderbrook community.

He was also punished for tax violations in connection with a decades-long scheme to conceal the transfer of at least \$3.5 million from the government of Pakistan to fund his lobbying efforts in America related to Kashmir. He'd pleaded guilty to both these offenses, Dec. 7, 2011, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, and returned last Friday, March 30, for sentencing.

Fai served as the director of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC), a non-governmental organization in Washington, D.C., that purported to be run by Kashmiris, financed by Americans and dedicated to raising the level of knowledge in the U.S. about the

struggle of the Kashmiri people for self-determination.

But according to court documents, the KAC was secretly funded by officials employed by the government of Pakistan, including the Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (ISI).

"Mr. Fai spent 20 years operating the Kashmiri American Council as a front for Pakistani intelligence," said U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride. "He lied to the Justice Department, the IRS and many political leaders throughout the United States as he pushed the ISI's propaganda on Kashmir."

Furthermore, said James McJunkin, assistant director in charge of the FBI Washington Field Office, "Mr. Fai had a duty to inform the U.S. Government of the finances which he received from Pakistan to fund lobbying efforts. Concealed foreign affiliations can be a significant threat to our democracy, and those who engage in hiding these associations will be brought to justice."

Fai was arrested July 19, 2011, and during his guilty pleas in December, he admitted in court that, from 1990 until about July 18 of this year, he lied to and defrauded the U.S. government.

According to court documents, Fai told FBI agents in March 2007 that he'd never met anyone who identified himself as being affiliated with the ISI. Then in May 2009, he falsely denied to the IRS on a tax

return for the KAC that the KAC had received any money from foreign sources in 2008.

Furthermore, court documents state that, in April 2010, Fai sent a letter to the Justice Department claiming that the Pakistani government didn't fund the KAC. He also told the IRS that the KAC hadn't received any money from foreign sources in 2009. Again, in July 2011, Fai lied to the FBI that neither he nor the KAC received money from the ISI or from Pakistan.

But in fact, U.S. authorities say he repeatedly submitted annual KAC strategy reports and budgetary requirements to Pakistani government officials for approval. In 2009, they say, these documents included his plans to "secure U.S. congressional support for U.S. action in support of Kashmiri self-determination."

Fai also admitted not telling the IRS that, from 1990 until July 18, he arranged for at least \$3.5 million to be transferred to the KAC from ISI and Pakistani government employees.

Court documents explain that he did so via his co-defendant Zaheer Ahmad, 63 — a U.S. citizen living in Pakistan — plus

middlemen (straw donors), whom Ahmad reimbursed with ISI and Pakistani-government funds for their alleged charitable — and therefore tax-deductible — "donations" to the KAC.

So Fai's sentence last week "sends a strong message that using the tax-exempt status of charitable entities to promote or conceal federal crimes carries heavy consequences," said Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General John DiCicco.

Judge Liam O'Grady sentenced Fai to 24 months in prison, followed by three years supervised release. As part of his plea agreement,

Fai forfeited \$142,851.32 seized from him by the government last July.

Conducting the investigation into this case were the Washington field offices of the FBI and the IRS criminal-investigation division. Prosecuting it were Assistant U.S. Attorneys Gordon Kromberg and Daniel Grooms; trial attorney John Gibbs of the Counterterrorism Section of the Justice Department's National Security Division; and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison Ickovic from the Justice Department's Tax Division.

"Mr. Fai spent 20 years operating the Kashmiri American Council as a front for Pakistani intelligence."

— U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride

Westfield's Dezelick Receives National Honorable Mention

Student recognized in "Theater, Spoken and Musical" category.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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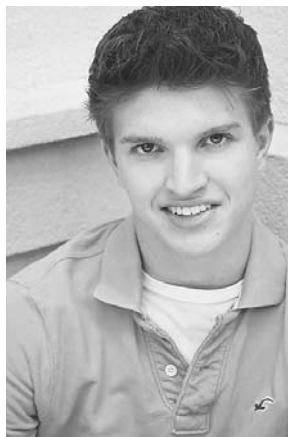
When it comes to talent, those who've seen Westfield High senior Colby Dezelick perform — first as a dancer with Encore Theatrical Arts Project in Chantilly and then as an actor on the Westfield stage — know he's got what it takes to succeed. And now it's official.

He was recently named an honorable-mention winner in the YoungArts 2012 national competition. YoungArts is the core program of the National Foundation for Ad-

vancement in the Arts (NFAA), and Dezelick was selected from more than 5,000 applicants in several disciplines in the visual, literary and performing arts.

Feted in the category of "Theater, Spoken and Musical," he's now among 16,000 YoungArts alumni, including four-time Tony Award nominee Raúl Esparza, actresses Vanessa Williams and Kerry Washington and recording artists Nicki Minaj and Chris Young.

YoungArts is the only organization in the country that honors students in nine, different categories — cinematic arts, dance, jazz, music, photography, theater, visual arts, voice and writing. Its goal



Dezelick

is to identify emerging artists, provide educational enrichment and assistance in their pursuit of the arts, and raise the appreciation for and support of the arts in American society.

"We are honored to recognize all of these fine young artists," said NFAA Executive Director Paul T. Lehr. "They represent the next generation of extraordinary artistic talent, and it is our hope that their experience with YoungArts will compel them to pursue their passions."

Dezelick received one of this year's 174 honorable mentions. He was chosen in a blind-adjudication process from a pool representing all 50 states and the District of

Columbia, as well as all U.S. territories.

"I was very excited to win this award," he said. "It is very competitive and I was incredibly lucky to be recognized. I received a monetary award for my honorable mention." Dezelick's entry was a video of him performing a monologue and a song. "I heard about this program through my theater mentor, Zoe Dillard [theater arts director at Herndon High and former Westfield High theater teacher], who said it would be a great opportunity for me," he said. Next on tap for him, April 20-22, is one of the starring roles in his school's production of the musical, "Crazy for You" — which he choreographed. After graduation, he said, "I have a couple offers for college, but have not made a final decision, yet."

One thing for sure, though: No matter where Dezelick goes, he'll be majoring in musical theater.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully police department through March 30.

MALTREAT ANIMAL

14600 block of Summer Court, March 24, 2 p.m. Animal Control Officers were called to check on a German Shepherd mix who was tethered to front railing. The dog was seized due to inadequate shelter and the condition of the dog. A petition was being sought for unfit owner.

BURGLARY

13700 block of Smallwood Court, March 19, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. The homeowner reported that someone entered the home and stole several electronic items. Entry was possibly made through a rear unlocked door.

LARCENIES

13900 block of Buners Place. Jewelry from

residence.

5700 block of Harrison House Court.

Equipment from vehicle.

5700 block of Osprey Court. Tools from vehicle.

13700 block of Pitkin Court. Landscaping equipment from vehicle.

3700 block of Stonecroft Blvd. Cash, GPS and cell phone from vehicle.

4300 block of Willoughby Court. Gift cards from residence.

6800 block of Drifton Court. Bicycle from

residence.

5600 block of Flagler Drive. Tools from vehicle.

6000 block of Union Mill Road. Cell phone from school.

VEHICLE THEFTS

6200 block of Multiplex Drive. 1990 Ford F250.

14800 block of Edman Road. 2006 Mercedes R350.

OPINION

Please Share

Call for Mother's Day Photos, and Father's Day.

Every year at this time, the Centre View puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive some photos include four generations — great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13, and once again the Centre View will publish a selection of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, businesses, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Email photos, including the full names of the people in the picture, the approximate date and location the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about the people and/or event.

Father's Day is June 17; soon it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren.

You can upload your photos on our website at www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday or email them to smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

County Attracts New Residents

To the Editor:

When the Census Bureau released their American Community Survey of County-to-County Migration last week, I was happy to hear that Fairfax County was the number one destination for people moving to the Washington Metropolitan region. The migration statistics help demonstrate what many Fairfax residents already know: Fairfax County is a great place to live, work, play, and grow older comfortably.

Fairfax County is home to one of the best K-12 school systems in the country. We are also one of the safest jurisdictions of our size in the United States. Many top companies that have relocated here cite our top-flight education system as the number one reason for choosing Fairfax County as their new home. We are also a uniquely great place to start a business, a place where we can insure a stable business-friendly climate and access to a highly educated workforce.

Fairfax County offers an impressive menu of recreational opportunities, with attractive parks, golf courses, and bike trails to choose from. We also can claim a well-established arts community, world class shopping and dining, and numerous historical and cultural attractions.

It's important to recognize that Fairfax County is attractive to new residents because of our diversity. We are home to people of many different backgrounds and cultures and consider our diversity one of our greatest assets.

Apart from all of the statistics, facts, and figures, I believe there is another more intangible reason that Fairfax County tops the region in new residents. Everywhere I go across the County, I continue to hear that people enjoy the "mood" here in Fairfax County. We are a community that is innovative, curious, resilient, and caring. Even during tough economic times we have worked together in a positive way to maintain the quality of life that our community values.

Sharon Bulova
Chairman, Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors

It Takes Community To Prevent Bullying

To the Editor:

As a private, not-for-profit agency focusing on bullying prevention and intervention in northern Virginia since 2009, we at Fairfax Partnership for Youth, Inc. are pleased to see your recent pieces focusing on this critical issue for youth. We have been encouraged by the Fairfax County Public School System's efforts to provide a structure within which each individual school can improve its bullying prevention and intervention response, and have been pleased to offer feedback as they have developed it. However, this issue is not the concern of the schools alone; youth can be bullied anywhere they interact. And providing safe environments for them to interact is a tremendously complex job that requires the cooperation and leadership of all of the adults in the community, especially parents. We are hosting our third Bullying Prevention Symposium to promote this kind of community-wide cooperation on April 25, and all 224 seats were reserved within 1 week of the day we opened registration. It's clear our community is dedicated to eliminating bullying, but we must all contribute to the effort, by learning, sharing what works, and supporting the local schools and private organizations that are working hard to provide clear solutions that promote respect and understanding among youth.

Kristen Brennan
Executive Director, Fairfax
Partnership for Youth, Inc.
www.fairfaxyouth.org

Protecting Integrity Of Voting Process

To the Editor:

Your editorial, "Veto Voter ID Bill," perpetuates the canard that requiring voters to have proper ID to vote somehow disenfranchises voters and effects a disproportionate number of low income and minority voters. Just as we do here in Fairfax County, requiring that a voter present proper ID to match them in the voter rolls at the precinct is not a burden to anyone. Proper identification is also a reasonable protection to the integrity of the voting process for all voters. Fairfax County will send you your

Share Your Poetry: April Is Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. We invite local poets of all ages to send in submissions for inclusion in our papers and/or online. Are you a poet? The Centre View will print poetry submitted by readers this spring, and occasionally throughout the year. Email your poem to smauren@connectionnewspapers.com. Be sure to include the poet's name and address (we'll print your town name, not your full address). Photos of the poet are also welcomed.

Voter ID card for free — mind you, it doesn't even have a photo — so you can identify yourself at your precinct and the precinct worker can match you to your address. One vote, one voter, one address.

There are also two very tangible ways you can know that requiring voter IDs is truly a reasonable and common sense safeguard to the electoral process. Have you ever seen a potential voter interviewed by the media who was denied their right to vote because they didn't have an ID card? Like Diogenes wandering the streets of ancient Athens looking for the honest man, I've looked for that interview or voter and I've yet to see it. Secondly, if the requirement to have voter ID cards were such a burden for less fortunate or minority voters, and with nearly six months yet to go before elections, why aren't we seeing Democrats organizing and conducting massive campaigns to get voters their ID cards so everyone who wants to be can be in compliance? I've yet to see an initiative to actually get those supposedly disenfranchised voters their ID cards. Maybe some of the donations from those big money political fund raising dinners could be used to pay for such a campaign to get everyone their voter IDs. Then there would be no issue — right?

Governor McDonnell should fully back reasonable and common sense legislation on Voter IDs for the integrity of the voting process in Virginia for all voters.

Chris J. Krisinger
Colonel, USAF (Ret)
Burke

Write

Centre View welcomes views on any public issue.

The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed.

Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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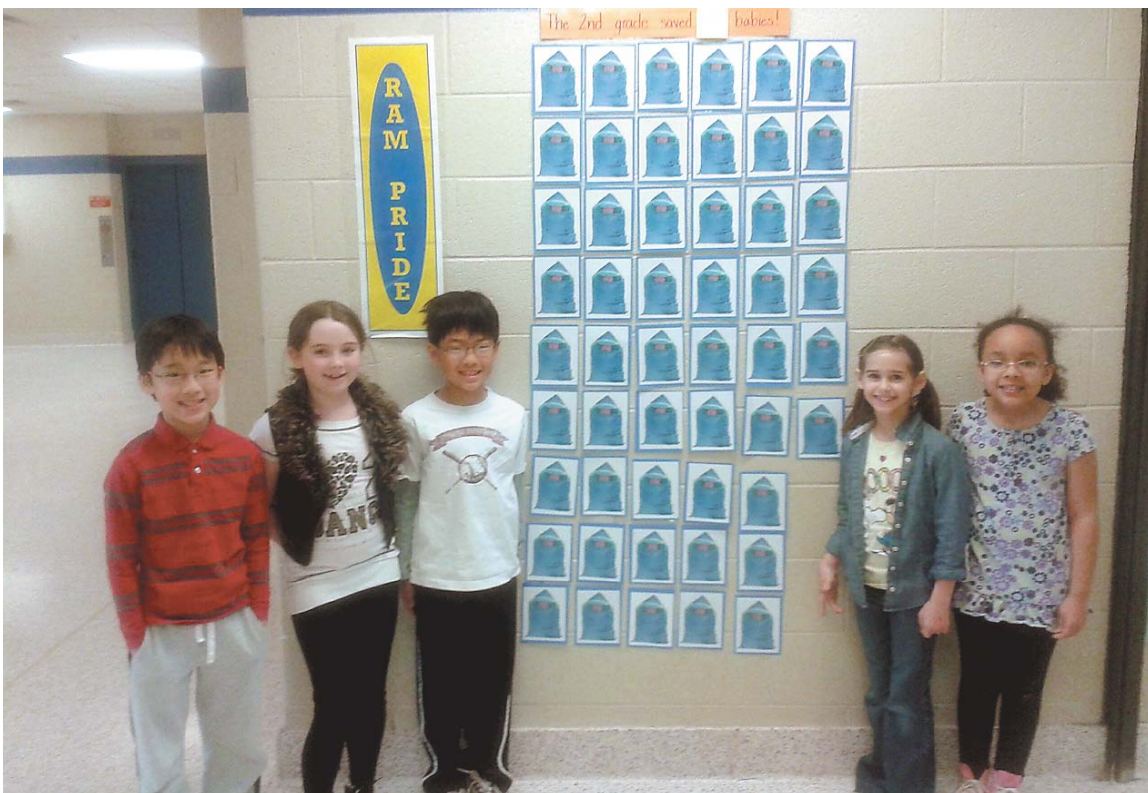
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SCHOOLS



K-5 Team Champions

Bull Run Elementary School Chess Team won the 2012 Virginia Scholastic K-5 team Chess Championship. Fourth grader Eli Kirtley led the way with six victories in six games, good enough to make him the individual 2012 Virginia K-5 Chess Champion. Three other Bull Run players won individual trophies in the K-5 section: 5th grader Neha Pattanaik (4th place), 5th grader Maggie Luo (6th place), and 4th grader Vedant Balu (12th place). One hundred-ninety students from all over the state participated in K-5 section, with more than 600 players participating in the State Tournament held in Tysons Corner on March 17-18. Vedant Balu also won the 2nd place individual trophy in the Virginia K-5 Blitz (speed chess) Championship held on the 16th at the same venue. The team was coached by Gary Connors who received the "Coach of The Year" award at the end of the tournament.



From left: Samuel Yoo, Margaret Slivka, Andrew Choe, Abigail Caricofe and Clare Franklin.

Centre Ridge Students Raise Funds To Help Babies

Second graders at Centre Ridge Elementary School took part in a community service project that saves lives. Each year, 20 million babies are born prematurely or with low-birth weight. This occurs primarily in developing countries that don't have access to modern medicine. The biggest problem these babies face is simply staying warm; 4 million of these babies die within their first month of life because they

cannot be kept warm. A group of students from Stanford University created an infant warmer that could be mass-produced and work without electricity. For \$20, a baby can receive an infant warmer. Centre Ridge students were challenged to bring in a \$1 each to save as many babies as possible. They brought in a total of \$1025.65, saving 51 babies. To help, see <http://www.embraceglobal.org>.

SCHOOL NOTES

Eighty-four Fairfax County Public Schools students have been named to the 2012 Virginia All-State Band, and 37 FCPS students have been named to the 2012 Virginia All-State Orchestra. Both groups will perform April 12-14 at James River High School in Richmond.

- ❖ Alison Dettmer, Centreville High School;
- ❖ Rosemary Song, Centreville High School;
- ❖ HoJin Yeo, Centreville High School;
- ❖ Andrea Hsu, Chantilly High School;
- ❖ Victoria Palmer, Chantilly High School;
- ❖ Gabriel Luebke, Chantilly High School;
- ❖ Jessica Hiemstra, Chantilly High School;
- ❖ Michael Donatello, Chantilly High School;
- ❖ Logan Hyer, Westfield High School;

At its spring 2012 induction ceremony, the Alpha Iota Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa inducted 100 new members, the largest number of new members added to the chapter. The Alpha Iota Zeta chapter is at the Manassas Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

Centreville students: Patricia Cowden, Austin Fallon, Brent Herbstreit, Nathan Kraft, Dasol Kwon, JuYeon Lee, Amber Myers, Rachel Poutre, Ximena Smith, Quynh Van, Melissa Uy, Nam Hee Won.

Chantilly students: Shannon Davis, Nicholas DeSalvio, Sandra Fuentes, Gabriele Nichols.

Clifton students: James Naylor.

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Virginia Science Olympiad State Tournament. Some 50 teams of 900 students will compete to represent Virginia in the National Science Olympiad Tournament in May in Orlando. Students in grades 5 to 12 will compete in 45 different events relating to the STEM (Science, Tech, Engineering and Math).

Kali Gehring of Centreville received academic honors from the Decker School of Nursing at Binghamton University by making the university's dean's list for the Fall 2011 semester.

Chelsea Wallis of Centreville is among 60 Clemson University musicians who will travel to London to perform at various venues around the city during the Summer Olympic Games. Clemson's Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble are going to perform at Olympic venues to showcase their talents and American music to people from all over the world. Wallis, a junior computer science major, is a member of the symphonic band.

Fairfax County Public Schools students won first place awards in 15 categories at the 2012 Northern Regional Technology Student Association (TSA) Fair, held Saturday at Woodson High School. The top three winners in each category have the potential to advance to the state competition, Technosphere, which will be held May 4-6 in Richmond. First place winners at the middle school level (level I), with their category in parentheses, include:

- ❖ **Shawn Jassal** of Franklin Middle School (Career Prep).
- ❖ **Rohan Pandit** and Dhruv Gupta of Carson Middle School (Challenging Technology Issues).

Students from 17 Fairfax County high schools were recognized as state winners at the Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference held March 9-11 in Norfolk. These 264 students are now eligible to attend the DECA International Career Development

Conference, scheduled for April 28-May 2 in Salt Lake City. First place winners from FCPS are:

- ❖ **Chantilly High School:** Elizabeth George, Business Services Marketing Series.
- ❖ **Fairfax High School:** Samuel Weaver, Automotive Services Series; and Peter Lam and Kim Rowland, Creative Marketing Project.

Local Fairfax County Schools

students have received national medals for their entries in the 2012 Scholastic Art Awards sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Two students earned Gold Awards; 14 students earned 15 Silver Medals.

Gold Award winners from FCPS are:

❖ **Centreville High School:** Ha Min Chung, Digital Art.

Silver Award winners are:

- ❖ **Chantilly High School:** Caitline Kwon, Printmaking.
- ❖ **Centreville High School:** Ashley Frongello, Sculpture, and Min Kyong Han, Sculpture.
- ❖ **Fairfax High School:** Sejin Park, Art Portfolio.
- ❖ **Westfield High School:** Olivia Bodor, Painting; and Masie Chong, Photography Portfolio, Silver with distinction.

Local Fairfax County Schools

students earned top honors at the 57th annual Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair held last weekend at Robinson Secondary School.

Winning individual grand prizes were:

- ❖ **Arrush Choudhary** of Chantilly High School in Energy and Transportation for Improving Lipid Yield in Algae.
- ❖ **Soniya Pateriya** of Chantilly High School in Medicine and Health Sciences for Effect of Asafoetida and Chia in CNT on Cancer.

Winning team grand prizes were:

- ❖ **Benjamin Cobb and John Moran** of Chantilly High School in Cellular and Molecular Biology for Effect of Cortisol on the Occurrence of Cancer.
- ❖ **Steven Gillen and Devon Papanicolas** of Fairfax High School in Engineering: Electrical and Mechanical for Research and Development of SMES Devices.

The Centreville High School PTSA

will be hosting one-hour college workshops on these dates immediately following the regular PTSA meetings which begin at 7 p.m. followed by the college workshop at 8 p.m. Kaplan Test Prep Educators will present the free workshops.

- ❖ April 17: SAT or ACT Essay Writing
- ❖ May 15: SAT Critical Reading

News from Centreville High School The Centreville High All-Night Grad Party (ANGP) for seniors will be held at Dave and Busters on June 19. As of April 1, ticket prices are \$70. Make checks payable to CVHS PTSA After Grad. For more information on purchasing tickets, contact Dayna Young at sdtbyoung@verizon.net.

The following students from Centreville enrolled at Virginia Tech were named to the dean's list for the fall 2011 semester:

- ❖ **Jose B. Alcantara**, a freshman majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business.
- ❖ **Mitchell C. August**, a freshman majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.
- ❖ **Morgan L. Ball**, a senior majoring in psychology in the College of Science.
- ❖ **Shikha Bhatia**, a senior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.
- ❖ **Anna K. Bruce**, a freshman majoring in accounting and

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Two Grieving Mothers Seek Answers

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Charlottesville in October 2009. Morgan's body was found in a pasture, three months later; and in summer 2010, authorities linked her killer's DNA to the person who abducted and sexually assaulted a Fairfax woman in September 2005. So Saturday afternoon, Nelson and Harrington stood outside the Jermantown Road Giant Foods store — near where that crime occurred — passing out informational posters and brochures and warning others that the perpetrator has never been caught and may still be in this area.

They also shared their stories with anyone who stopped by their table, desperately hoping that someone might know even the tiniest detail that might help them find this man.

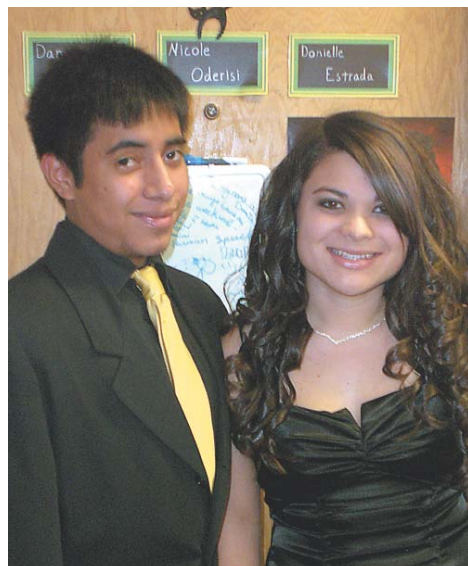
"Perhaps he frequents this store or others around here," said Gil Harrington. "We know he has a habit of abduction, sexual assault and murder, and we don't want these habits repeated. People need to know about him and to be cautious."

"My daughter's dead, but we want to save other families from going through what we went through," she said. "And it makes the pain more tolerable to help someone else. You have to find a new life because the old one is broken."

Morgan planned a career in education and intended to work with orphans in Zambia with her mother, the following summer. But exactly what led to the events of Oct. 17, 2009 is still shrouded in mystery.

No one knows for certain why Morgan left her friends and the concert arena during the opening act, but witnesses said she was acting erratically and was last seen that night hitchhiking on a bridge. Police believe a motorist picked her up and — although a \$150,000 reward is offered for anyone providing information leading to her killer's arrest and conviction — the perpetrator is still at large.

Bethany was 21 and studying global and environmental change at GMU. She was



Emile and Bethany Decker



Morgan Harrington

three classes away from graduating when she disappeared. Her married name was Decker, and her husband Emile was serving with the National Guard in Afghanistan at the time. Their son, Kai, was 1 and a half, and Bethany was five months pregnant with their second child.

She was last seen, Jan. 29, 2011, at an apartment in Ashburn. She and Morgan are not connected, except that both suddenly vanished. And now, both of their mothers are working with HelpSavetheNextGirl.com to try to prevent this from happening to anyone else.

Harrington organized this group in October 2011. "There was no saving my daughter, but we could save the next family," she said. "Behind each girl's name on our posters is a whole cadre of people who are hurting."

"Someone from the campaign reached out to me on Facebook and let me know about the organization," said Nelson. "We want to help save people from the next heartbreak of having a child that's murdered or missing. Nobody ever thinks it's their daughter who'll go missing."

Harrington said people nowadays hear about disappearances so often that they "become immune to it." But her daughter and Nelson's daughter aren't mere statistics.

"What we're doing is standing up here and individualizing it," said Harrington. "Maybe when people look into the eyes of we two mothers, they'll see the loss and pain we feel — and it'll become real to them."

Bethany's son is now 2 and a half. "I show him pictures of his mother and he asks, 'Where's Mommy?'" said Nelson. "And I have to tell him, 'I don't know.' My other daughter, Ashley, is a student at Old Dominion University, but she's now coming home to live for awhile because she's just devastated by this. So it's had a ripple effect throughout the entire family and on Bethany's friends."

"There's always a void, so that's why HelpSavetheNextGirl is so important," said Nelson. "And I want people to know my daughter isn't forgotten. I still hope she's out there somewhere; not knowing is very difficult."

Kenny Jarels, who works in computer and electrical engineering at VT, was one of the group's volunteers accompanying the women to Fairfax on Saturday. He said it's vital to spread the word about the suspect.

"We go everywhere — where we think this guy lives in Charlottesville and where we know he's been," said Jarels. "We want to jog someone's memory because we know

Suspect, Tip Information

The suspect was described in 2005 as a black male, 25-35, height 5'9"-6'0," weight 180-220 pounds; black hair, beard and mustache.

To provide or request additional information in the Fairfax or Charlottesville cases, contact Fairfax County Police Det. Michael Boone, 703-385-7959 or michael.boone@fairfaxva.gov or Virginia State Police Agent Dino Cappuzzo, 434-414-4456 or dincappuzzo@vsp.virginia.gov.

Reference Fairfax case No. 667782 or state police case No. 10-83-02-0098.

Anyone with information about Bethany Decker's case should call the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office at 703-777-0475.



A 2005 police sketch of suspect. He may have changed his appearance since then.

he's out there somewhere."

The Fairfax crime occurred Sept. 24, 2005; the victim was 26 and had just finished grocery shopping. "She left this [Giant] with both arms full of groceries and possibly walked to the left of the store on her way home," said Jarels.

According to City of Fairfax police, it was about 10 p.m. and the woman lived three or four blocks from the Giant, in the Oxford Row townhouses on Rock Garden Drive. She was walking down her street and had almost reached her steps when, said police, the suspect allegedly grabbed her from behind and carried to the park/swimming-pool area, where he choked and sexually assaulted her. He then fled and was last seen running south toward Fairhaven Court.

"Someone else came by and scared him off," said Jarels. "But we believe that, if we can find the missing link between the Fairfax and Charlottesville cases, then police can solve them both."

Fifth Annual Erin Peterson Fund Gospel Celebration Is April 15

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Also entertaining the crowd will be the Radical Praise Mime Ministry, Voices of Tomorrow (Today) Choir from the First Baptist Church in Manassas, and God's Anointed Praise Choir from the First Baptist Church of Vienna.

"This event is really important because it's a part of who Erin was," said her mother. "She was a Christian, and proud of it — and she even called home several times while she was at college and asked me to pray for her. Helping people was also important to her, so we wanted to connect the two in this celebration."

"Erin was quite aware of how blessed she was, and she shared that with other people," continued Peterson. "Her favorite Bible verse was, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' It was easy for her to

talk about Christ."

The celebration also gives Erin's family, friends and community another opportunity to remember her and commemorate her life and the legacy she left behind. Following her death, her family established several scholarships and grants in her name, including the Legacy Initiative, given each year in memory of someone who died in the Virginia Tech tragedy. Scholarships also go to graduating seniors at Westfield and Falls Church high schools, in addition to two national scholarships.

"I feel Erin is pushing me to move forward and do the things she wanted to do," said Peterson. "When you're helping people,



Erin Peterson

there's no greater feeling. And when you give away scholarships, you know you're blessing the kids." So far, \$43,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 31 students — and about a fourth of these scholarships went to Virginia Tech.

In addition, approximately 98 percent of the grant money has gone directly to Westfield for its Boys Leadership Group Today for Tomorrow, which serves and supports at-risk young men attending that school. To date, it's received about \$38,500 in grants from the Erin Peterson Fund.

"It's exciting to see how we've changed a young person's life and, perhaps, become responsible for that young man becoming

all he can be, said Celeste Peterson. "And I absolutely love it."

It began with 15 boys and now has 35. Currently, there aren't enough resources to accept more boys, but Peterson is seeking more grant money, as well as sponsors. She's also pleased that this group is based at Erin's alma mater.

"Erin loved everything about high school and being involved in it," she said. "Being at Westfield represented some of her happiest times."

Because of all these things, Erin continues to make a difference in many people's lives, and via the fund and each of the students who've received support from it, she lives on. For more information about the Erin Peterson Fund, see www.erinpetersonfund.org. Mount Olive Baptist Church is at 6600 Old Centreville Road.

HOME SALES

In February 2012, 62 Centreville homes sold between \$876,000-\$116,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$876,000-\$228,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	PostalCode
6613 PEACEFUL MEADOW LN	5	4	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$876,000	Detached	9.08	20120
15413 MEHERRIN CT	5	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$575,000	Detached	0.34	20120
6404 STORE HOUSE CT	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$574,900	Detached	0.44	20121
5671 LIERMAN CIR	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$556,000	Detached	0.10	20120
15065 BROWN POST LN	4	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$542,500	Detached	0.68	20121
5230 FERNBROOK DR	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$540,000	Detached	0.24	20120
6805 MOUNT OLIVE CT	5	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$534,900	Detached	0.34	20121
6450 WOODMERE PL	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$529,900	Detached	0.35	20120
5724 FLAGLER DR	4	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$490,000	Detached	0.19	20120
14566 RIVERWIND TER	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$483,000	Townhouse	0.00	20120
14810 DEER POND CT	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$475,000	Detached	0.22	20120
5474 SERVICEBERRY ST	3	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$460,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120
5551 VILLAGE CENTER DR	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$455,000	Detached	0.21	20120
6531 WHEAT MILL WAY	4	2	2	..	CENTREVILLE	\$450,000	Detached	0.23	20121
6520 WHITE POST RD	4	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$445,000	Detached	0.50	20121
5216 WOODLEAF CT	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$435,000	Detached	0.16	20120
14706 ALGRETUS DR	4	4	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$430,000	Detached	0.20	20120
13997 SAWTEETH WAY	3	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$399,000	Townhouse	0.04	20121
13630 LAVENDER MIST LN	3	2	2	..	CENTREVILLE	\$394,900	Townhouse	0.04	20120
5515 FENCE POST CT	5	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$376,000	Detached	0.23	20120
14632 LILIA DR	5	3	0	..	CENTREVILLE	\$375,500	Detached	0.21	20120
14714 ALGRETUS DR	4	3	0	..	CENTREVILLE	\$375,000	Detached	0.25	20120
13622 LAVENDER MIST WAY	3	2	2	..	CENTREVILLE	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120
15303 BLUERIDGE VIEW DR	3	2	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$365,000	Detached	0.25	20120
14606 RAINY SPRING LN	3	2	2	..	CENTREVILLE	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120
13304 SUMMER GARDEN WALK	3	2	2	..	CENTREVILLE	\$349,900	Townhouse	0.03	20120
13808 WAKLEY CT	4	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$340,000	Townhouse	0.07	20121
14560 WOODGATE MANOR PL	3	3	1	..	CENTREVILLE	\$338,000	Townhouse	0.04	20120
13715 NORTHBORNE DR	4	3	0	..	CENTREVILLE	\$335,000	Detached	0.26	20120
14922 CARLBERN DR	3	2	0	..	CENTREVILLE	\$330,000	Detached	0.25	20120
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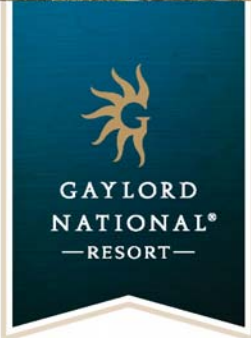
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U.S. Attorney: Prostitution Ring Spanned N. Virginia

Law enforcement links suspects with Underground Gangster Crips gang.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
CENTRE VIEW

The high school girls were threatened with violence if they attempted to leave. They were sexually exploited by customers of the sex trafficking operation as well as the men who ran the prostitution ring. One 16-year-old girl was raped at the Springfield Mall. Another had sex with two members as part of a "gang initiation." According to federal prosecutors, the whole operation was led by a team of former Fairfax County public school students who were part of a violent gang known as the Underground Gangster Crips. School records show that the suspects attended Lee High School in Springfield and Bryant Alternative High School in Alexandria. Federal officials have been investigating the prostitution ring since November.

"These gang members are alleged to have lured many area high school girls into the vile world of prostitution, and used violence and threats to keep them working as indentured sex slaves," said U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride in a written statement announcing the arrests. "The sex trafficking of young girls is an unconscionable crime involving unspeakable trauma."

Court records reveal a violent underworld in Northern Virginia, one in which young women are raped and sold into a life of slavery as gang members greet each other with a "Crip handshake." The court file is a paper trail of rape, armed robbery, drug running, arms trading and racketeering. It's a story that unfolds across Northern Virginia, from the halls of Fairfax County high schools to a Travel Lodge in Old Town where the gang leaders arranged illicit meetings with paying customers. Favorite spots for the enterprise include Arlandria and a Springfield strip mall on Commerce Street. Un-

derage girls were picked up at a bus stop in Alexandria to solicit door-to-door in Arlington for men to pay them for sex.

"This situation is every parent's worst nightmare," said Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. "It also demonstrates that human trafficking can happen anywhere, and that it is a very real danger here in Virginia."

THE CRIPS ORIGINATED in Los Angeles in the late 1960s and early 1970s, eventually making its way to the East Coast and setting up a splinter group known as the Underground Gangster Crips. The Northern Virginia syndicate has a documented history of attempted murder, assaults, rape, robberies, thefts, narcotics distribution and obstruction of justice by threatening a witness. It's a system that's based on a carefully calculated system of responsibilities, punishments and rewards. One of the drivers who transported the girls to jobs, for example, was allowed to have free sex with the prostitutes.

"Trafficking in humans, especially for the purpose of underage prostitution, is among the most insidious of crimes," said Special Agent in Charge Charles Hosko. "Together with our partner agencies, and with the assistance of the community, the FBI will leave no stone unturned in our effort to track down those who exploit our children and engage in human trafficking."

Previous court cases show a pattern in which gang members are required to commit acts of violence in order to get into the gang and advance their status within the organization. Rival gang members are attacked to assert territorial dominance. One court document included a passage detailing a "Crip walk," which federal prosecutors describe as a dance used by gang members to show pride in their gang membership. Another court record detailed how one gang member hid cash from others by stuffing it behind a picture frame.

COURT RECORDS paint a disturbing picture of gang members using Internet sites such as Facebook, Craigslist.com, Backpage.com and DateHookUp.com. One of the advertisements entered into evidence shows a scantily clad woman "down to have a good time." The Internet activity helped undo the prostitution ring, however, providing federal investigators with Internet protocols, profile information and text messages that are now part of the evidence in the case.

But the prostitution ring did not rely on the Internet. Many of the girls were recruited in person at bus stops and Metro stations. One girl, identified in court papers as Victim One, had sex with gang leader Justin Strom in the woods behind a Metro station. According to court documents, she explained he "needed to see if it was good

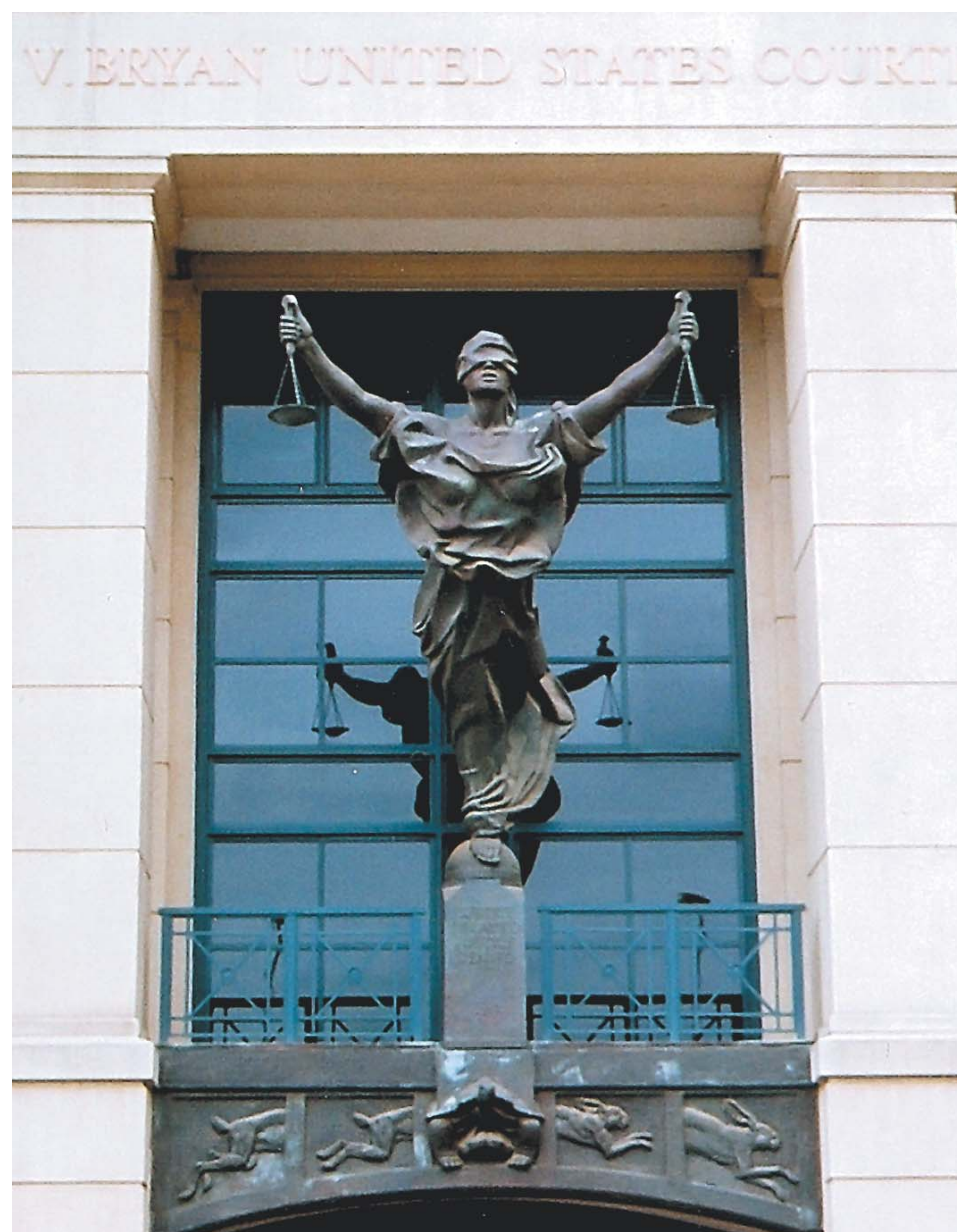


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The five suspects will be tried at the Alexandria federal courthouse.

first." As she was groomed into the organization in the spring of 2009, she was told she would get \$25 for vaginal sex and \$20 for oral sex. Court records show she was given marijuana, cocaine and ecstasy before being prostituted. When she tried to leave the prostitution ring, she says, Strom choked her and threatened her with additional violence.

"We cannot and shall not tolerate these acts," said Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer. "And we will continue to investigate and pursue those who harm others, especially our children."

Another girl involved in the ring was picked up by Alexandria police officers as she was soliciting on a corner with two other prostitutes in the city. Court records show the Alexandria cops charged her with an outstanding warrant for a probation violation in the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Most of the girls involved in the ring were under 18, and court records detail how the Strom had an affinity for young women.

"Witness One stated that he and other (Underground Gangster Crips) members and associates often commented on how Strom recruited young girls and employed

them as prostitutes," one court document noted. "Witness One recalled on one occasion that he and other UGC members asked Strom why he 'messes' with young girls."

Another girl, identified as Victim Five, told prosecutors that her head was slammed against the window of a vehicle when she refused to ingest cocaine. After she was forced to ingest the drug against her will, Strom used a knife to slash her forearm when she refused to perform oral sex. Then he took her to an apartment where he forced her to have sex with 14 different men. She later told prosecutors Strom collected about \$1,000 from the men. The next morning, according to court records, one of the gang members told her she was a "whore" and a "slut," and that she "got what she had coming."

"Like many, particularly those of us who are parents of young women, I am angered and saddened by the facts of this case," said Rohrer. "Prostitution and trafficking are not victimless crimes."

A spokesman for the United States Marshals Service said that mug shots would only be available in cases of what he called "extreme public interest." Although a request was submitted to the federal agency, no images were shared.

Suspects

♦ **Justin "Jae" Strom, 26, of Lorton:** Charged with leading the Underground Gangster Crips in Fairfax County. Last attended Lee High School in Springfield in 2004.

♦ **Michael "Loc" Tavon Jefferies, 21, of Woodbridge:** Charged with handling the money, serving as an armed bodyguard and driving the girls to appointments. Withdrew from Lee High School in Springfield in 2007.

♦ **Donyel "J-Dirt" Dove, 27, of Alexandria:** Charged with serving as a bodyguard and driver for the enterprise. Last attended Interagency Alternative School in 2003.

♦ **Henock "Knocks" Ghile, 23, of Springfield:** Charged with using his Toyota Four-Runner SUV to transport the girls to appointments with clients. Last attended classes at Lee High School in 2005. Last attended Lee High School in 2005.

♦ **Christopher Sylvia, 22, of Springfield:** Charged with serving as a driver for the operation. Withdrew from Bryant High School in Alexandria in 2008.

ENTERTAINMENT

To have community events listed in Centre View, e-mail to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412.

TUESDAYS IN APRIL

- Family Nights at Chick-fil-A.** Free. Tuesdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Chick-fil-A at Chantilly Place.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 3 - Puppet Show and Spring Crafts
 - ❖ Tuesday, April 10 - Fruitfully Fun Night with Emmie the Clown
 - ❖ Tuesday, April 17 - Family Fitness Night with nZone and Balloon Art with Marsha G
 - ❖ Tuesday, April 25 - Family Music Night with Mr. D; customers will also receive a free Kid's Grilled Nugget Meal (4-count) with the purchase of an adult meal.

TUESDAY NIGHTS

World-Class Jazz. 6 to 9 p.m. Paul Langosch on bass and Rick Whitehead on guitar. At the Copper Canyon, 5815 Trinity Parkway, Centreville. Call 703-830-6600 for reservations.

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Centreville Stitches welcome adults who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other needlework crafts and conversation. Join us at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. Admission is free. Contact Jo at 703-803-0595 or email joknitter@verizon.net.

- ❖ Thursday, April 12 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, April 24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY/APRIL 6

Good Friday Service. 7:30 p.m. The Alliance Church Centre is a member of the Christian & Missionary Alliance denomination with several of their churches participating. All are welcome to attend. At the Alliance Church Centre, 12113 Vale Road, Oakton. Call 703-264-1273.

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With Mitch Woods and His Rocket 88s. Drop-in beginner swing lesson from 8:30 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

MONDAY/APRIL 9

Kindergarten Registration. Brookfield Elementary will begin kindergarten registration for the 2012-2013 school year. At 4200 Lees Corner Road in Chantilly. Call 703-814-8700.

FRIDAY/APRIL 13

An Evening with Kathryn Erskine. 7:30 p.m. Meet National Book Award winner, Kathryn Erskine, author of Quaking, Mockingbird and The Absolute Value of Mike. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Chantilly Regional Library. Books available for sale and signing. Age 10 to adult. At the Chantilly Regional Library, Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

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

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Spring Upscale Resale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. The Salvation Army Fairfax Corps will host a gigantic sale of personal treasures and sundries donated from their members and several estates. At the Salvation Army Fairfax Corps, 4915 Ox Road in Fairfax. Call 703-893-1113 or 703-356-4058.

School Clean-Up. 9 a.m. to noon. Help serve your community at the annual Colin Powell Elementary Community Clean-Up. Staff, students, parents, and community members are invited to help clean up the school and its surrounding community. It is suggested that participants wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, and bring work gloves. Trash bags will be provided by the school, along with water and snacks. Contact CMABt@fcps.edu.

Westfield High School Mulch Sale. Cost is \$2 per bag. To place an order, go to <http://ptsa.westfieldhs.org/mulch-order-form.html> and place your order online. Delivery is scheduled for April 14. Proceeds will go toward the All-Night Grad Party. For questions, contact bulldogmulch@westfieldhs.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 15

N Gauge Train Display. 1 to 4 p.m. The Northern Virginia NTRACK members will have a display and N Gauge trains running. Cost is \$3/adults; \$1/children. At the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Visit www.fairfax-station.org phone 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/APRIL 16

Republican Women of Clifton. 7:30 p.m. Guest Chet Nagle, author of the book Iran Covenant. Talk will focus on the military options the U.S. and Israel face regarding Iran's nuclear weapons program. Meeting at Centreville High School Media Center, Union Mill Road, Clifton.

TUESDAY/APRIL 17

DASH at Famous Dave's. 5 to 9 p.m. Dating Abuse Stops Here invites you to a fundraiser commemorating the 3rd Anniversary of Siobhan Russell in whose memory the organization was founded. At Famous Dave's, 14452 Chantilly

Crossing Lane, Chantilly. Visit www.datingabusestopshere.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 20

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With Boogie Woogie Hall of Famer Carl Sonny Leyland. 8:30-9 p.m. drop-in beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m.-12 midnight dance. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Fire and Rescue Family Fest. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. The event will feature an appearance by the children's music group, Silly Bus, a 2009 Mom's Choice Award winner. For a \$10 donation, attendees will receive a raffle ticket and a Mini-Moo and a Pev's Paintball Pass. A fundraiser for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation. At Bull Run Regional Park Special Events Center, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville.

Roots & Shoots Earth Day Event. 9 a.m. to noon. Participants will interact with nature and learn about the environment and endangered species. Activities include planting, weeding, mulching, trash clean-up, and crafts for kids. Participants must be at least five years old (ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult) and should bring a water bottle, sunscreen, hat garden gloves, and insect repellent. At Cub Run RECenter, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Contact Debbie Lodato, volunteer manager at 703-817-9423, or deborah.lodato@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Global Youth Service Day. More than a dozen nonprofits are offering volunteer projects throughout Fairfax County. To view a project near you and reserve a spot, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org. For questions, contact Elaine Lydick at 703-246-3533 or elydick@volunteerfairfax.org.

SUNDAY/APRIL 22

Going Green in Your Rose Garden. 2 p.m. Free. Arlington Rose Foundation presents speaker, LeeAnn Seeley, a self-described "Earth Angel". Learn about organic and low risk pesticides. Door prizes. Upstairs at Merrifield Garden Center, Fair Oaks location. Contact 703-371-9351.

Fair Lakes Community Clean-Up. The Ed Lang Team of Re/Max Premier will provide all the clean-up supplies that are needed on the day of the clean-up. Volunteers will receive a VDOT orange trash bag, a pair of latex gloves, and a designated location to clean! At the end of the clean-up, every volunteer will get to enjoy free pizza provided by Tony's New York Pizza in Fair Lakes Shopping Center. Drop by the Re/Max Office at 13135 Lee Jackson Hwy #115, Fairfax, and pick up your free Earth Day clean-up supply kit. Free kits will be available throughout the month of April, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For details or to sign up as a volunteer, visit: www.GoFairLakesEarthDay.com

2012 Holocaust Commemoration. 2 to 5:30 p.m. Includes survivor-teen dialogues (2-4pm), name readings (2-4pm), art exhibits, presentation of the Youth Tolerance Project award and a commemoration in song, readings & remembrances (4-5:30pm). At the Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax.

MONDAY/APRIL 23

Kindergarten Orientation. Cub Run Elementary will conduct a kindergarten orientation/registration. Parents will receive an overview of the curriculum and meet the teachers. Last names beginning with A-L are from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and M-Z are from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Kindergarten students will visit the classrooms while parents are registering. Parents need to bring with them an original birth certificate, proof of residency (lease or deed) and physical/immunization records. Call 703-633-7500.

TUESDAY/APRIL 24

Tea and Shakespeare. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25. Celebrate Shakespeare Day with a traditional English Tea of sweets and savories. Hear how tea has impacted history since William Shakespeare's day. Listen to dramatic readings of the Bard's work and try your hand at composing your own sonnet. At Sully Historic Site. Call 703-437-1794.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 25

Understanding Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Part D. 3 to 4:30 p.m. Part of the 2012 Seminars for Family Caregivers series. At the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

APRIL 27 AND 28

Spring Arts Festival. In conjunction with the City of Fairfax's Spotlight on the Arts, Truro Church of Fairfax will be hosting its Third Annual Spring Arts Festival. The community is invited to submit work for the Juried Arts Show. Winners will be awarded prize money in separate age categories: elementary school, middle school, high school, and adult. Free, family friendly and professional classes in the arts will be offered on Saturday, April 27. Classes include a variety of visual and performing arts including sculpture, painting, musical theatre, theatre improv, singing, poetry, and art lectures. Visit www.trurochurch.org/springartsfestival.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Shredding Event. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free technology recycling and paper shredding event. Will be accepting drop-offs of computer and technology equipment and paper to be securely shredded. At 4506 Daly Drive, Chantilly. Visit www.solutionworx.com/recycle

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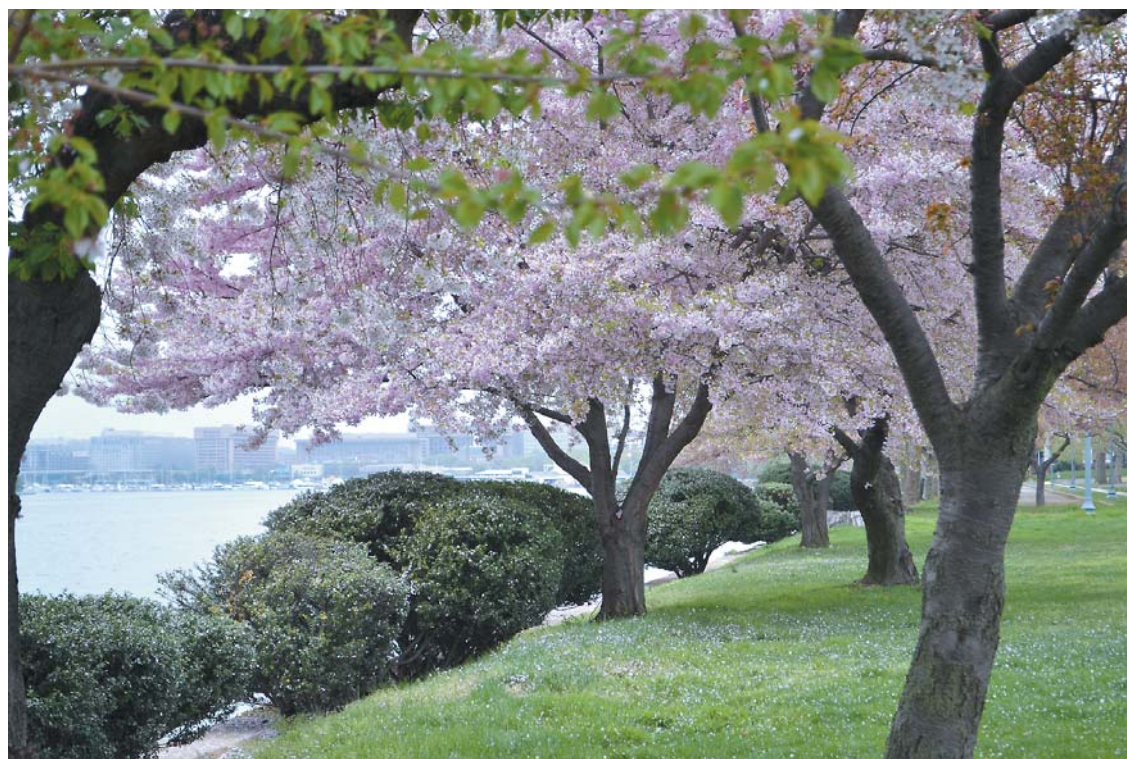


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Cherry blossoms and tulips made an early appearance this spring. Experts say those who are allergic to pollen can expect an intense and prolonged allergy season.

Surviving Spring Allergies

Local allergists offer suggestions for coping.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

The Washington region's unseasonably mild winter led to the early arrival of spring. While many delighted in the balmy temperatures and blossoming flowers, some who suffer from allergies began sneezing earlier than usual.

"The pollen started coming out early and a lot of people were blindsided by their allergy symptoms," said allergist Dr. Heidi Isenberg-Feig, a Potomac resident and allergist at Johns Hopkins Community Physicians in North Bethesda. "The tree pollen count has been high already which is unusual."

The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) estimates that 35 million Americans suffer from allergies due to pollen and mold. Symptoms include sneezing, a stuffy or runny nose and itchy, watery eyes. This allergy season is expected to last longer and be more intense than usual. Local allergists offer strategies for surviving spring allergy season.

"Although there is no cure for allergies, symptoms can be managed," said Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director for the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network and Molina Healthcare.

"It is possible to reduce or eliminate exposure to allergens. Minimize walks in wooded areas or gardens and stay indoors as much as possible on hot,

dry, windy days when pollen counts are highest. Think about wearing a mask when mowing the lawn or gardening and don't hang linens or clothes out to dry."

TIPS TO HELP manage symptoms:

❖ Decrease your contact with pollen. "The best way to do that is to close the windows of your car and house," said Isenberg-Feig. "Even if it is a nice day, the pollen count can still be a little high." Pollen can drift through open windows and settle onto carpet and upholstery.

❖ Take showers at the end of the day. "Shower and change clothes as soon as you get home to wash pollen from your hair and skin," said allergist Saba Samee, M.D. of Alexandria & Clinton Allergy Associates. "Leave your purse or book bag at the front door. Don't drop them on the sofa or bed because they are all covered in pollen. The same goes for shoes."

❖ Use sunglasses to defend against pollen. "If you have problems with itchy, watery eyes, wear sunglasses when you're outside and avoid being outside on windy days if you can," said Samee.

❖ Stay ahead of allergies. "If you are someone who suffers from allergies, try to take your medicines before things get too bad," said Samee. "If you wait until you're absolutely miserable the medicines don't work as well."

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Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director for the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network, Molina Healthcare advises allergy sufferers to consider wearing a mask when mowing the lawn or gardening.



Allergist Dr. Saba Samee, of Alexandria & Clinton Allergy Associates, advises allergy sufferers to take a shower after entering their home to wash away pollen from skin and hair.



Dr. Heidi Isenberg-Feig, an allergist with Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, says that this year's spring allergy season could be more severe than usual.

Suggestions for Coping with Allergies

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❖ Eat fruits and vegetables judiciously. Many people with seasonal allergies also suffer from pollen food allergy syndrome. "Some people experience itching hands or mouth or a scratchy throat if they eat certain raw fruits or vegetables because of the cross-reaction between the pollen and certain fruits and vegetables," said Isenberg-Feig.

❖ Use air filters to help create a pollen-free home. "Ensure that the filters fit properly and are changed regularly," said Samee.

❖ Know the pollen count. "This information is readily available on the web or the weather section of the news," said Isenberg-Feig. The National Al-

lergy Bureau (NAB) tracks and reports current pollen and mold spore levels. A local pollen count can be found at <http://www.aaaai.org/global/nab-pollen-counts.aspx>

"IF YOU NEED long lasting relief, nasal sprays and allergy shots may be recommended," said Glossa. "However, if symptoms persist for more than a week or two and tend to reoccur, make an appointment to see your doctor.

The good news is that most allergies are not lifelong conditions. By following your doctor's advice and taking control of your environment, allergies shouldn't keep you from enjoying springtime."

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Steve Lin of Germantown, Md., searches with his hands to find the beeping Easter egg.



These beeping eggs, made from PVC and basic electronic parts, were used at the 33rd annual Easter Egg Hunt for the visually impaired.

Easter Egg Hunt for Visually Impaired

The Alexander Graham Bell Chapter of the Pioneer Volunteers and the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind held its 33rd annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 31 for the visually impaired at the Centreville Moose Lodge, Chapter 2168, in Fairfax.

The beeping eggs, built by the Alexander Graham Bell Chapter of the Pioneer Volunteers, emit a variety of tones for visually impaired children to hone-in on, allowing them to use their ears and sense of touch to find the eggs.



Brendan Friedrich of Leesburg turns the beeper of his egg off as his companion Melissa Franklin watches.



Janet Murphy of Manassas helps hide beeping Easter eggs.



Julianna Lee gathers up an armful of beeping eggs.

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SCHOOLS

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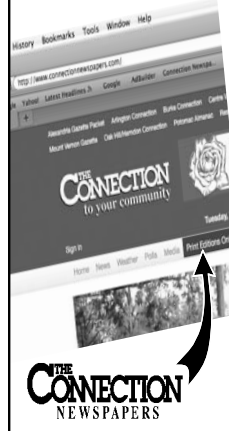
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Infusing Is Semi Amusing



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

So here I go again; heavy-duty chemotherapy for the first time in nearly three years. As such, I thought I'd try and write another column while actually sitting in the Barcalounger at The Infusion Center (as I did three years ago: "Chemo-Cocktailing at the Depot" was that column's title) and see what my pen has to say. This is not my first return engagement, however. I have been at this Center nearly every three weeks for the past two and one-half years while being infused with my maintenance drug, Avastin, until a few months back when a diagnostic scan indicated some "progression." Consequently my oncologist decided to restart the "big" chemotherapy, as I call it, and move on to plan "B." Moreover, I have made multiple other visits here for miscellaneous scans, doctor's appointments and Emergency Room visits; I know the route – and I know the routine. "On the whole, I'd rather be in Philadelphia" (as was intended to be W. C. Fields' epitaph), but I'm not. I'm in Rockville. And presumably, my time spent here has kept me alive, way beyond my oncologist's original "13-month to two-year" prognosis, for which I'd be crazy to complain. And those who know me know I don't complain.

I do kid though. And as a cancer patient who's been characterized/determined/diagnosed as "terminal" (when your oncologist advises taking "that vacation you've always dreamed of," you're terminal), the bloom is definitely off the rose; and as Dorothy said to Toto in "The Wizard of Oz": "We're not in Kansas anymore." Nor am I. We're in Maryland and we're in trouble. Considering the fact that stage IV lung cancer patients rarely live beyond five years, and I'm now at the beginning of year four (miraculous in and of itself, I'm told), if ever there was a time to retain one's sense of humor, it would be, in my opinion, when facing the kind of adversity that statistically speaking, I'm likely to face in the unfortunately not-too-distant future.

But as a lifelong Boston Red Sox fan, hope springs eternal. And just as Red Sox Nation was rewarded in 2004 and again in 2011 with World Series Championships breaking the 86-year-old "Curse of the Bambino," stranger things have happened. Apparently one of which is yours truly still being alive after my oncologist "prognosed" in March of '09 that I'd likely be otherwise engaged by now, so I am a believer. In fact, I'm living proof. However, there are hardly any guarantees here. There are, as I sit in this room with half a dozen other individuals being similarly infused, lots of hope and fear – and anxiety. If one doesn't embrace – or find humor somewhere, while enduring this excruciating mental ordeal, one would be neglecting, anecdotally speaking, the least expensive and most effective treatment available. Humor might not heal, but it likely will do more good than harm; the chemotherapy, in its infinite design wisdom and effect, is probably doing enough of that. As my Publisher – and fellow cancer survivor, Mary Kimm, is fond of saying about chemotherapy: "Kenny, they're poisoning you, that's why you feel the way you do."

But three years later, apparently the chemotherapy has done/is doing enough of its tumor-fighting/shrinking thing to keep me in this chair. And though it may not be my first choice – of where I'd rather be, I'm grateful that at least I still have a choice I'm able to make.

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Centreville Girls Enjoying Four-Game Win Streak

Wildcats preparing for next week's start of Concorde soccer play.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The Centreville High girls' soccer team, following a breakthrough 2011 season a year ago which saw the Wildcats go 13-3 and advance all the way to the Northern Region tournament semifinals before their season ended with a Final Four loss to eventual state champion McLean, is off to a solid start this spring.

Centreville, after beginning the season with a 2-0 road loss at W.T. Woodson High (Patriot District) on March 13 and then playing visiting Yorktown High (National District) to a 1-1 tie two days later, is currently on an impressive four-game win streak with the victories coming over visiting T.C. Williams (Patriot), 5-0, on March 19; at West Springfield (Patriot), 1-0, on March 23; a 2-1 triumph on March 27 over guest McLean (Liberty District), the same Highlanders' squad which ended the Wildcats' hopes of qualifying for the state AAA playoffs last year; and a decisive victory at Wakefield High (National), 8-0, last Thursday night. (See Centreville High Sports Notebook for details of the Wakefield game.)

Centreville, which had no games scheduled over this week's spring break, opens up its Concorde Dis-

trict schedule with a game at local rival Westfield High next Tuesday, April 10 at 7 p.m. The Wildcats' next home match is set for Monday night, April 16 versus Oakton High at 7.

"I'm very happy with my group," said Centreville head coach Gary Malebranche, of the positive attributes he has seen from his squad over the first half of the season.

Of the win over McLean, the defending state champs, Malebranche indicated the victory spoke volumes of his team.

"We haven't been completely healthy yet, so the McLean win was a nice team win against a good opponent," he said. "The key was just [Centreville's] toughness and unselfishness [play] throughout the 90 minutes."

TWO CENTREVILLE PLAYERS putting together particularly strong seasons thus far are Alexandra Myers, a junior defender/midfielder, and Lindsey Egbers, also a junior back/middle.

Myers scored a pair of goals in the win over T.C. Williams. Other goals for the Wildcats in that win over the Titans' team from Alexandria came from Egbers, freshman midfielder/forward Bela Muzo, and sophomore midfielder/forward Jenna Green. Assists in that game came from Green, versatile junior player Haley Yow, and



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Centreville lost to McLean at last year's region semifinals. The Highlanders went on to win the state crown with a win over Cox High (pictured). But the Wildcats defeated the defending state champion Highlanders earlier last week on March 27.

sophomore midfield/forward Madi Simons.

Simons had her team's lone score, off an assist from Green, in the win over West Springfield.

And in the triumph over McLean, which at last year's region semifinals had held off a rousing, second half comeback try by Centreville in the game played at Madison High School, the Wildcats

got scores from both Yow and Myers. The latter player also had an assist.

Back in the earlier season 1-1 tie against Yorktown on March 15, Centreville's lone goal came from junior Clara Logsdon, off an assist from Green.

While a four-game win streak is certainly a good momentum builder going into next week's

startup of district play, coach Malebranche and his team realize the opponents will be a notch better in the always-difficult Concorde. Even so, the coach believes he has a pretty talented team that can more than hold its own in the six-team district.

"We are definitely capable of winning the district," said Malebranche.

CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS REPORT

Wildcat Girls Lacrosse

BY AILEEN ANDERSON
CENTRE VIEW

On Monday, March 26, the Centreville girls varsity lacrosse team improved its record to 4-0 by beating the Edison Eagles, 18-5.

Sophomore Caroline Bollman (2 goals/1 assist) started the Wildcats moving toward victory with a nice feed from junior Carly Sane (6 goals/2 assists). Sane led the scoring along with freshman attacker Reagan Newell, who netted an impressive seven goals and three assists. Also adding points were senior Maggie Dulkerian (2 goals/1 assist) and sophomore Catherine Zempolich (1 goal/1 assist).

The defense was dominated by junior Danielle Smith, who had one

caused turnover and a pass interception while also winning two draw controls and scooping up five ground balls. Freshman Brynn Doyle pitched in on the defense, notching her first career interception and picking up two ground balls. This week over spring break has the Lady Wildcats heading South to the Disney Tournament in Orlando.

Girls Soccer

BY KATHY HULL

On Thursday night, March 29, the sixth-ranked Centreville High School girls soccer teams traveled to Arlington for a match with the Wakefield Warriors. This was the final game before spring break, and the final game before Concorde District contests commence.

Coach Gary Malebranche and his staff used it to take a final look at

their players. Younger, newer girls picked up major minutes as the coaching staff watched, giving them a chance to shine and combine their abilities with other players.

The Wildcats started slowly, then hit their stride as the first half wound down. Alex Myers came on and got the 'Cats on the scoreboard first. Jenna Green was fouled inside the Wakefield penalty box, earning a penalty kick, which she calmly converted. Then with a burst of speed, Green beat the Warriors' defense and scored her second of the night, giving her team a 3-0 lead. Shortly thereafter sophomore Madi Simons lofted a cross into the Wakefield box and Haley Yow headed it home as the half came to a close.

Opening the second half, freshman Bella Muzo scored on another header, this time off a corner kick from Katie Blumer, and then Yow

spent the rest of the evening terrorizing the Wakefield defense. She scored three more times, first off a cross from freshman Noelle Brown, then after picking up a beautiful through ball from junior Stephanie Yoon. Her last goal came after Muzo stole a ball from the Warrior's center back before having her shot deflected. Yow then was there to take advantage of the loose ball and buried her fourth goal of the night.

The game ended as a decisive 8-0 victory for the Wildcats, as goalkeeper Sarah Schneider ensured a clean sheet for her team. After spring break, they will visit their district rival Bulldogs at Westfield High on Tuesday, April 10.

Wildcats Girls Tennis

BY COACH LESLIE O'CONNOR

The Lady Wildcats took a tough loss on Thursday, March 29, against a seasoned and deep Oakton High School team, losing the match 10-2.

All of the Centreville players are improving their shots and winning games. The team looks forward to getting back on the courts after spring break, with their first game after the break scheduled at home against Chantilly on Wednesday, April 11.

Wildcat Baseball

BY CHRIS BARRON

Varsity Baseball improved to 5-0 on Wednesday, March 28, defeating Flint Hill 5-0. Senior shortstop Kevin Lachance went 2-for-2 with a double, and senior catcher Bobby San Martin went 1-for-1 with a two-run double. Junior pitcher Carson

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SPORTS



Virginia All Stars girls' head coach Fred Priester.

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Capital Classic Set for April 21

Preliminary game will feature Westfield's Zach Elcano and former Chantilly player Kethan Savage.

The 39th Annual Capital Classic high school basketball event, set to take place on Saturday, April 21, will consist of a full day of All Star hoops games at T.C. Williams High in Alexandria.

The day's first game, a girls' contest, will be at noon between the Virginia All Stars and the Maryland All Stars. The Virginia squad will be under the direction of head coach Fred Priester, who led the Cougars to the Virginia State AAA crown a few weeks ago. At 2 p.m., another girls' game, between the Prep/Private School All Stars and the Inner High Stars will be played.

In the evening, there will be a boys' All Star double-header, beginning at 6 with a preliminary contest between the Suburban All Stars and the D.C. All Stars. The Suburban All Stars will include Northern Region players such as Westfield's Zach Elcano (American University), Langley's Daniel Dixon, Yorktown's Jack Earley, and Edison's Matt Murphy. The District All Star team will include

Paul VI High (Fairfax City) players Patrick Holloway (George Mason recruit), Tilman Dunbar (Navy), and Coleman Johnson (Fairfield); Episcopal's Kethan Savage, a former Chantilly High player who will play at George Washington; and Potomac School (McLean) player Cullen Hamilton.

After the first evening game, the main event, the Capital Classic Showcase, scheduled for around 8, will take place between the US All Stars and the Capital All Stars. The US All Stars team will consist of five University of Maryland recruits along with recruits from North Carolina, Virginia, Clemson, Virginia Tech, and men's NCAA tournament runner-up Kansas. The Capital All Stars, meanwhile, will include recruits from Wake Forest, George Mason, George Washington, and Navy.

For more information on all the day's basketball action, go to www.TheCapitalClassic.com.

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Bach pitched six innings, allowing one hit and striking out eight Huskies.

This week, the team is spending spring break working hard in tourney play in Florida.

Wildcat Classic

General Dynamics and the Wildcat golf team invite the community to the 8th Annual Wildcat Classic on Monday, April 30 at 1:30 p.m. at Westfields Golf Club in Clifton. The registration fee for this year's event is \$400 per foursome and \$100 per individual. Registration includes greens fees, cart, range balls, on-course challenges, a tournament goodie bag, and ad-

mission to the awards reception and tournament banquet.

The tournament format will be a four-player scramble. Gross and net prizes will be given to the top teams with the number of awards determined by the size of the field. The highlight of the on-course challenges will include a \$10,000 hole-in-one, longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin, and beat-the-pro. Before play, individuals can purchase mulligans and raffle tickets, have their swings analyzed by the pros at the Golf Fitting Studios, and have a chance at \$2,500 by winning the putting contest. Other events will include a silent auction, raffle, and door prizes for all. Visit the tournament website at www.cvhsgolf.org or send an e-mail for more information at geordie.bigus@fcps.edu.

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