

'Better Be Ready'

Animal Control
in action in
Fairfax County.

BY DEB COBB
CENTRE VIEW

When the call came from dispatch late in the Tuesday July 17 shift, Animal Control Officer Kim England turned her truck towards Centreville, to respond to a suspected "hot" or rabid skunk. A woman was behind her townhouse, returning a garbage can to her rear door and she came upon a skunk. The skunk chased her, the woman shrieked, the skunk stopped running and turned away. The woman ran into her home and called the police.

While the perception that Animal Control officers are "just" dogcatchers persists, their scope of work and their qualifications are much broader. Animal Control officers must meet the same standards as police officers, and must graduate from the police academy. In addition, they receive special training and certification from the state of Virginia.

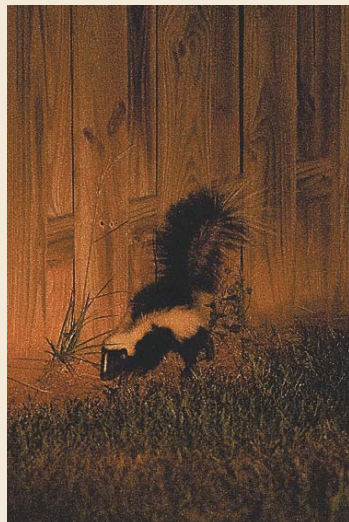
The 24 Animal Control officers in Fairfax County and their supervisors are responsible for patrolling 399 square miles of Fairfax County, enforcing county and state animal-related laws, dealing with sick and seriously injured wildlife, including euthanizing those too seriously injured to survive, investigating animal cruelty complaints, investigating dog attacks or bites to residents or animals, capturing unconfined or loose domestic animals, and remove wildlife that have snuck in to residents' living spaces. Animal Control officers deal with a variety of wildlife on a

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At 10 p.m. on July 17, Animal Control Officer Kim England searches between townhouses in Centreville for a suspected rabid skunk. A woman called animal control when chased by a skunk while she was returning her garbage can to her rear door. Because this behavior is very unusual for a skunk, England suspects the skunk may be in the "furious" phase of rabies, so she carries her .22 rifle in anticipation of euthanizing the rabid animal.

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A skunk forages near a townhouse in Centreville late in the evening of July 17, highlighted by Animal Control Officer Kim England's flashlight beam. England was dispatched to the area because a caller said a skunk chased her. England follows the skunk for about 15 minutes assessing whether the skunk is sick or rabid, but sees only 'healthy skunk' behavior. "It's nice to see a healthy one for a change," says England.

At Long Last, A Traffic Solution

Braddock/Pleasant Valley
intersection to be improved.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

For years, Fairfax County has wanted to do something to alleviate the traffic tangle that ties up motorists during both the morning and evening rush hours at the intersection of Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads in Centreville.

The congested intersection goes right by Cox Farms near the Fairfax/Loudoun county border. At one time, officials considered putting a roundabout there, but abandoned that idea when it became increasingly clear that the cost to

do so would be astronomical.

But now, thanks to the efforts of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and some members of the General Assembly from both counties, the estimated \$2.6 million needed to improve that intersection by a different method is finally available.

First, Loudoun's supervisors approved taking \$1 million from their county's gasoline-tax revenue and putting it toward the project. Then Loudoun Del. David Ramadan (R-87), Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67)

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Park Pleads Guilty In Centreville Murder

Killed his ex-girlfriend's sister.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

On July 9, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, he entered guilty pleas to first-degree murder and malicious wounding. The offenses occurred June 6, 2011, and the murder victim was his ex-girlfriend's sister, Mihwa Kim, 49.

During Park's preliminary hearing, Sept. 7, 2011, the ex-girlfriend,

Slated for a jury trial in connection with a triple stabbing and murder inside a Centreville apartment, Man Ha Park, 54, instead pleaded guilty to crimes that could place him behind bars for the rest of his life.



Man Ha Park

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Park Pleads Guilty in Centreville Murder

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Shanna Kim, 52, testified that Park stabbed both her and her sister and then tried killing himself, as well. She said he was armed with two long knives — a kitchen knife and a sushi knife.

The tragedy happened inside the Elms of Centreville apartment complex, across Braddock Road from the Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center. Shanna Kim had known Park four years and, she said, he'd lived with her and her sister in that apartment — where Mihwa's husband and 12-year-old daughter also lived — until Park moved out, May 29, 2011.

Kim said they'd asked Park, a sushi chef, to leave because "he couldn't keep a job and wouldn't try." But in the early-morning hours of June 6, 2011, the two women were there alone, sleeping, when he returned. Shanna Kim was in a bedroom and Mihwa Kim was in the living room.

Awakened by noise around 5 a.m., Shanna Kim said she went to the living room and saw Park stabbing her sister several times.

"I screamed and my sister fell to the floor," she said. "Then he came over to me and I grabbed the knife," continued Kim. "I told him, 'Why are you killing my sister? You should kill me.' And he said, 'You die, too,' and he stabbed me in the tummy."

In court July 9, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney David Gardy explained the motive behind Park's actions. He said Park was married and had lived in Oregon but, enamored of Shanna Kim, he'd left his wife for her. However, as a result, he lost face in the Korean community and then couldn't find a job. So, said Gardy, Park took revenge on Kim and her sister.

One of the last times she and Park had talked, said Kim, "He asked me if we were finished for good, or just temporary. I told

him I'd go back to him if he could hold a job for three months."

After being stabbed, Shanna Kim blacked out. When she regained consciousness, she heard Park in the bedroom, talking on the phone. "I think he was talking to the minister's wife in Oregon," she said. "He was saying he'd killed both of them and he'd stabbed himself and was dying, too."

Shanna Kim managed to escape, though, and had a neighbor call 911. Park also survived his wounds and was arrested and held without bond in the Adult Detention Center.

Before accepting his guilty pleas, Circuit Court Judge Robert Smith asked Park, via a Korean-language interpreter, if he was pleading guilty to murder and malicious wounding of his own, free will and because he was, in fact, guilty as charged. He replied that he was. Smith then set Park's sentencing for Nov. 9.

SCHOOL NOTES

Hannah Ehreth is the recipient of the 2012 Pamplin Leader Award at Westfield High School. The Pamplin Leader is a one-year, \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Virginia Tech. It is presented annually to a top student from each public high school in Virginia. It was established by Robert B. Pamplin, Sr. (VT, Class of 1933) and Robert B. Pamplin, Jr. to acknowledge students with a record of outstanding academic achievement that is balanced with a commitment to community service and leadership experience.



Ehreth graduated from Westfield High School *summa cum laude*. She was a member of the Varsity dance team all four years of her high school career. She was captain of the dance team her senior year and the Vice President of her local DECA chapter.

Ehreth will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall and is studying to obtain a degree in biology. She aims to become a doctor, primarily to be able to fulfill her goal of helping others.

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ROUNDUPS

Police Offer Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, July 26, and Thursday, Aug. 9, 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.

Alliance Auditions Scheduled For 'Dracula Spectacula'

The Alliance Theatre is holding auditions for its fall musical comedy, "Dracula Spectacula," Monday-Tuesday, Aug. 20-21, from 6:30-9:30 p.m., at Mountain View High School. Call backs, by invitation, will be on Thursday, Aug. 23.

The auditions are open to rising ninth-graders through adults.

Further details will be posted soon at www.thealliancetheatre.org. In the story, Nadia Naive and her students are caught up into riotous, Transylvanian happenings with the irrepressible count and his gruesome acolytes.

WFCM Seeks Food And Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' (WFCM) food pantry urgently needs donations of oil (48 oz. or smaller); flour (2-5 lb. bag); sugar (2-5 lb. bag); rice (2 lb. bags); canned meats; salad dressing, jelly; jam; peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, Ramen Noodles, canned fruit; canned peas, beets and mixed vegetables; canned soup and baked beans; dry pasta and beans; ketchup, mustard, pancake mix and syrup; hot and cold cereal and coffee. In addition, the Food Pantry would appreciate fresh produce from local gardens.

Also needed are laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper and baby wipes. WFCM clients are also in great need of gasoline cards.

Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive (near Backyard Grill and Bar) in Chantilly. Volunteers are also needed:

Thrift store: Volunteers are needed Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., to receive donations. Contact Volunteer Manager Annette Bosley at 703-988-9656.

Food pantry: Volunteers are needed Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m., to bag/stock groceries. A regular, weekly volunteer is also needed on Wednesdays to pick up donations from Food Lion, from now through August.

Furniture ministry: One person is needed to help move furniture that will be given to clients in need.

Volunteers Needed For Meals on Wheels

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

1,550 Backpacks Are Needed

WFCM asks community to help local students.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's summertime outside, but Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) is already focused on September. It's collecting backpacks for students attending 23 elementary, middle and high schools in Centreville, Chantilly and Clifton.

These are the students whose parents can't even afford to buy them the pencils, notebooks and other school supplies they need, let alone backpacks. Often, these families must decide between putting food on the table and gasoline in car.

So WFCM has partnered with two groups to help these children. The nonprofit Kids R First — serving the Chantilly, Centreville and Westfield school pyramids — provides the required school supplies, WFCM provides the backpacks and Collect for Kids organizes the effort countywide for Fairfax County Public Schools.

And this year, help is needed more than ever before. In 2011, WFCM gave 1,055 backpacks to local schoolchildren. But this time, the schools have requested 1,550 backpacks — an increase of nearly 500.

"The need has risen in all the schools, across the board," said Jennie Bush, WFCM's community outreach manager. "And while our member churches, businesses and individual donors are helping, they just can't do it all. We really need the community's help, too."

School counselors tell WFCM how many backpacks are needed. Then once they're collected and filled with supplies, they're given at no cost to students receiving free or reduced-cost lunches. This year, said Bush, the local elementary schools have asked for a total of 725 backpacks; the middle schools need 175 and the high schools, 650.

"Westfield and Centreville high schools need 225 each," said Bush. "Chantilly needs 150 and Mountain View, 50."

Elementary schools have requested midsize backpacks for grades K-three and standard 17-inch backpacks for grades four, five and six. Middle-school students need the 17-inch or larger backpacks with compartments, and high-school students need the larger 18-inch backpacks, also with compartments.

Large backpacks are needed because of all the textbooks students have to stuff into them. But that's not the only reason. "At Westfield, most of the kids carry their books, lunch, etc., in their backpacks because they only have seven minutes between classes," said Bush. "So they don't have time to go to their lockers between classes and they just carry around their things with them all day."

WFCM started collecting new backpacks, July 1, and will continue through Aug. 17. All backpack donations are tax-deductible, and WFCM will give re-



From left are Westfield High student Sydney Bush and Rocky Run Middle student Allie Bush holding backpacks they're donating to WFCM.

ceipts to contributors to use for tax purposes. For more information, contact Bush at jbush@wfcmv.org.

Backpacks should be new and without wheels. They may be dropped off Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and Wednesday, 5-8 p.m., at the WFCM food pantry/thrift store, 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar).

With so many local residents having financial problems these days, any extra expense — such as back-to-school costs — can push them over the edge. That's why Bush says community support of the backpack program is critical to help meet the demand.

"For many families in our area working hard and struggling to make ends meet, the prospect of buying all the school supplies, clothing and backpacks their children need can be overwhelming," she said. "They want to provide for their children, but can't; so we're trying to lighten that load and get these kids ready for school."

"We live in such a caring and giving community," continued Bush. "So we're hoping people will respond generously because, in the past, they have. We're counting on them to come through for us again, this year."

Noting that there are 1,500 homeless people in Fairfax County and 56,000 living below poverty level, she said, "It's nice to see those who can, give. It's neighbors helping neighbors." Besides that, said Bush, "It's exciting for kids to have new backpacks and supplies when they go back to school. They're ready and eager to learn, and it gets their school year off to a fresh, great start."

"It's neighbors helping neighbors."

— Jennie Bush,
WFCM, community
outreach manager

Lemonade, Sugar + Water = Chicks

London Towne first-graders help orphanage in Africa.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Even the youngest children can help improve the world, and first-graders at London Towne Elementary proved that recently by raising money for an orphanage in Africa. They did so by selling lemonade, with the proceeds going to the orphanage to buy chicks.

The children did it over two days, before school ended for the summer. On a Friday, firefighters from Station 38, across the street from the school, came over and bought lemonade. The next day, the students sold it at London Towne's fun fair. Altogether, they raised nearly \$640.

"It only cost 25 cents/cup, but people were very generous and many gave us donations," said their teacher, Lauren Conlon. "Our principal, Sigrid Ryberg, donated \$20. And at the fun fair, children from all over the school proudly gave us their quarters because they felt like they were all part of the project. It really brought the community together."

The idea came from students Abby Martinez and Mya Vasquez. "While running laps at recess, the idea of helping orphans came to my head," said Abby, 7. "I saw a movie about orphans, and me and Mya wanted to help them because they don't have moms and dads."

In addition, Abby's mentor,



London Towne teacher Lauren Conlon and her first-grade lemonade sellers.

Cindy Roberts, told her that she'd helped some African orphans by giving them real chicks. Conlon said the children also read several picture and chapter books about orphans and decided to help an orphanage in Zambia run by a Texas charity. For more information, see www.everyorphan.org/chicks-4-orphans/.

"It's for many children who'd lost their parents to AIDS," she said. "Ms. Roberts had done work with them before, and I researched it, as well."

"They don't have money, so we wanted to help their world," said 6-year-old Matthew Tran. "So we decided to have a lemonade stand."

Conlon said the students thought about having a car wash or bake sale. But then they read a book called 'Lemonade for Sale' and were influenced by it. Taylor

Chase, 7, said they also read a book about the life cycle of baby chicks. So, he said, "We took paper cutouts of chicks and counted them to decide how many chicks we wanted to buy."

Brenda Sandoval, also 7, said she and some other students made up a hand-clapping game called "Lemonade" and entertained people with it at the lemonade stand. And a parent made and donated yellow T-shirts for the children to wear at their stand. They were each adorned with a picture of a chick drinking lemonade through a straw, plus the words, "Mrs. Conlon's Lions — We make a difference."

"What I really liked about this project was that the kids learned a lot about economics and counting," said Conlon. "They made

their own signs for Stone Road [in front of the school] and for the lemonade stand, itself. And they sold hundreds of glasses of lemonade; I think they'll be entrepreneurs someday."

Chris Berrios, 6, said the firefighters "liked our lemonade because it had sugar and water in it." Conlon purchased the lemonade makings from the school and made it for the children. "We sold 65 gallons," she said. "Lots of people told us it was the best lemonade they ever tasted."

"Some people thought we had a secret ingredient," said Taylor. But, said Conlon, "It was just love."

Brenda enjoyed selling the lemonade at the fun fair because "every child and parent knew what it was for and how thankful we are to help the orphans." Conlon said

she was "really humbled by how generous people were; I thought we'd maybe make \$100."

Six-year-old Will Horning said he felt happy to help children who "don't have any houses and parents. When the chicks lay their eggs, they'll sell them to a store for money, and they'll also be able to eat some of the eggs."

Added David Choi, 7: "The eggs grow into more chicks, and the chicks lay more eggs, so it keeps going 'round and 'round."

Conlon said the lemonade-stand proceeds were given to the orphanage so it could purchase the chicks there. "It's a self-sustaining project that keeps on giving," she said.

"If we didn't do it, the orphans would be even poorer," said Rainey Boner, 7. "And if they didn't have any money, they couldn't go to school and learn anything." Agreeing, Marjorie Rivera, 6, said, "I liked collecting the money for them."

Samuel Miller, 6, was glad to receive donations for such a good cause. And Sissi Akumutima, also 6, learned that "not only grownups can make a difference."

The Friday the students sold lemonade outside the school was especially meaningful to a man driving along Stone Road. "He saw our signs saying, 'Helping Orphans,'" said Conlon. "He said he was really touched by seeing all these yellow-shirted children outside raising money for orphans because his wife had been an orphan in Zambia before coming to the U.S."

Summing it all up, Taylor said, "We didn't just do this in our brains, we did it in our hearts."



London Towne Elementary first-graders sell lemonade and take donations.



Teacher Lauren Conlon and her first-grade class pose with some of the firefighters from Station 38, near their school.

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From left, Sarah Overton, Alycia Adams, Ethan Van Slyke, Chris Hrozencik and Megan Overton in a summer performance of "Oliver!" at Herndon High School.

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ALEX McVEIGH
CENTRE VIEW

Herndon Hosts Summer Production

'Oliver!' features students from several local schools.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
CENTRE VIEW

The Herndon High School Theatre Boosters will present "Oliver!" starting July 27, a summer show that will feature students from Herndon, South Lakes, Chantilly and Westfield high schools. The production also received assistance from several local elementary and middle schools, as well as the Reston Community Players, the Alliance Theatre of Chantilly, Westfield Theatre and the Centreville Presbyterian Community Theatre.

As a summer show, the production time was about four weeks until opening day, rather than two or three months in a normal, school-year production. While the schedule might have been hectic for the actors, who had less time to learn their songs, lines and choreography, tech director Justin Burns said he enjoyed the intense focus.

"I found it a little easier, there was no school and homework to work through, we could leave around 5 p.m. instead of being here until 11," said Burns, who just graduated from Herndon High School and will attend James Madison University in the fall. "We had to get a little inventive with how we saved time, we recycled and modified some set pieces."

THE TITLE CHARACTER is played by Ethan Van Slyke, 10, a student at Hutchinson Farm Elementary School in Chantilly. He previously performed in the school's production of "Beauty and the Beast" and "Macbeth."

"There were a lot of fun things I got to do, like get trapped in a coffin. I don't think many people get to do that in the summer," he said. "I also learned a lot about memorization and stage combat, and I think I made some new friends here."

Alycia Adams, a rising sophomore at Chantilly High, says she thought it might be difficult working at a new school with new personnel.

"It's been way more inviting than I thought, I was a little worried I'd be an outsider, but I got to know everyone pretty quick," said Adams, who plays the Artful Dodger. "Lunchtime has become my favorite part, no one is clique-y, it's been great getting to know everybody."

This was the first time Adams had played a male, which she said was easy, "except for the dancing part, I had to learn how to lead. It was like learning backward."

Others felt their role was a big change for them. "I played Mrs. Potts in 'Beauty and the Beast,' my biggest role, so this is a big change," said Megan Overton, a rising senior who plays Nancy. "I worked harder than I ever thought I could, but I think I grew as an actor. I never knew I could do a cockney accent, but after some work it came out pretty well."

Summer Showtimes

The summer production of "Oliver!" will take place at Herndon High School, starting Friday, July 27. Showtimes will be at 7:30 p.m. July 27 and 28 and Sunday, July 29 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10, and are available at the door at showtimes, or online at www.herndondrama.org.

FOR SOME STUDENTS, their role was a bit more familiar.

"I seem to play old people a lot," said Chris Hrozencik, a rising senior who plays Fagin. "But I haven't done a lead since my freshman year, and this is the first one in a musical. It's been a lot of

memorizing."

Stage manager Cate Graney, who just graduated from Herndon High and will attend Christopher Newport in the fall, says the experience has been valuable for more than theatrical reasons.

"It was very different working with some younger kids, because we had a lot of rehearsals with them, but it was so much fun," she said. "I loved working with them, and I'm studying to be an elementary school teacher, so I got a lot out of it. And it was amazing seeing how talented they were."

Hunter Robinson, a rising junior at South Lakes, plays Mr. Sowerberry, the undertaker. He said his favorite part was getting to work with students outside his normal theater program.

"Everyone comes with new experiences, and there's a wide variety of talents everybody brings," he said. "The best part about the play is that all the characters have their moments within the show, so it's not just a bunch of characters telling a story, they're actually going through something."

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OPINION

Separate and Unequal?

If we don't believe that poor students are less innately talented, then the disparities in Northern Virginia are truly unfair.

The numbers are eye-popping. Latino students are 22 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students, but 2.7 percent of the incoming Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology freshman class, the class of 2016. Of the 480 students, seven are black. That's 1.4 percent, while black students are 10 percent of the county school system.

The class of 2016 includes 480 students: 126 white students (26 percent), 308 Asian students (64 percent), 13 Hispanic students (2.7 percent), seven black students (1.4 percent) and 27 other.

Almost all of the students accepted to TJ come from eight middle schools with advanced gifted-and-talented programs.

The disparities and lack of diversity at Northern Virginia's stellar magnet school, ranked the top high school in the nation, is a symptom of a much more pervasive problem in Fairfax County.

This week, two groups, the Coalition of The Silence led by former school board member Tina Hone, and the Fairfax County Branch of the NAACP filed a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. The complaint argues that the current policies regarding admission to Thomas Jefferson and policies regarding identification of students for eligibility for gifted services within FCPS "disparately impact Black and Latino students in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, which prohibits discrimination based on race,

color and national origin."

For well over a decade, FCPS has made a variety of attempts to address the exclusive nature of admissions to TJ, but with little effect and intense controversy.

The problem runs much deeper than freshman admission to Thomas Jefferson. Of 12,044 elementary and middle school students identified for "level 4" gifted-and-talented programs last year, only 455 were black, 3.8 percent, while 10 percent of FCPS students are black. Just 752 were Hispanic, about 6 percent, although 22 percent of FCPS students are Hispanic.

GETTING ACCEPTED to TJ, in general, is not an easy task for anyone, reported Julia O'Donoghue in 2010 in the Connection. The school admitted only 15.3 percent of the 3,119 students who applied to be part of the class of 2014. That means TJ had a lower acceptance rate for its incoming freshman class than either Cornell University or Swarthmore College that year.

Fairfax students also compete with children from around the region for slots at the Northern Virginia magnet school. About 80 percent of TJ's student body comes from Fairfax but residents from Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties and the City of Falls Church can also apply. (The City of Alexandria does not allow its students to apply to

TJ, and should reconsider its choice to opt out.)

While it may be difficult for all children, students who are black, Hispanic or poor have a particularly hard time getting admitted to TJ.

Out of 480 students admitted to the class of 2014, only nine were considered poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced lunch.

Across all four grades at TJ in 2009-10 school year, approximately 1.78 percent of students were black, 2.84 percent of students were Hispanic and 1.74 percent were poor.

Fully 25 percent of students in Fairfax County are poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced meals. Do we believe that poor students are less talented than students from wealthier families?

The complaint asserts that FCPS "has evolved into a system that essentially operates a network of separate and unequal schools."

Many if not most poor students lack access to quality enrichment programs and after-school activities, lack access to expensive and highly specific test preparation classes for the admissions test for TJ. And the complaint cites FCPS retreated from outreach programs for poor and minority students.

Addressing these issues from Kindergarten up would have many benefits beyond increasing diversity at one school. This could also decrease the achievement gap, increase the graduation rate for minority and poor students, and reduce disparities in the suspension and expulsion rate.

These are hot issues with many perspectives. We welcome letters and comments suggesting solutions and with different points of view.

— MARY KIMM,

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Three Swimmers Awarded Scholarships

Two members of the Meadows Sharks Swim Team in Centreville and one member of the Foxfield Flyers in Fairfax were awarded \$500 Herndon Swim League Scholarships for 2012 High School graduates.

Caitlyn Harper, who swam for the Meadows and then the Foxfield teams, swam in the Herndon Swim League for a total of 14 years. She is currently the assistant coach and enjoys working with the younger swimmers. Caitlyn graduated from Chantilly High School and will be attending Radford University in the fall.

Chris Jones has been a member of the Meadows team for 6 years. He graduated from Centreville High School where he was a stand-out and captain of the cross country and indoor and outdoor track teams. Chris spent quite a bit of time working with a teammate who was new to swimming. He will be attending



From left are Daniel Portilla, Caitlyn Harper and Chris Jones.

McDaniel College in Westminster, Md.

Daniel Portilla is also a Centreville graduate. He has been a member of the Meadows Sharks for 5 years. He is known for his quiet leadership and willingness to help anytime. Daniel will attend Northern Virginia Community College in the fall.

The Herndon Swim League has awarded six scholarships for many years. This year, with the additional funds raised from the on-line silent auction, 11 scholarships were awarded.

— ANNE LIEDTKE



Pet Snapshot

Hershey, the new joy in the lives of Lindsay and Ryan Rice who live in Penderbrook, is a chocolate Labradoodle that was born on May 18, 2012.

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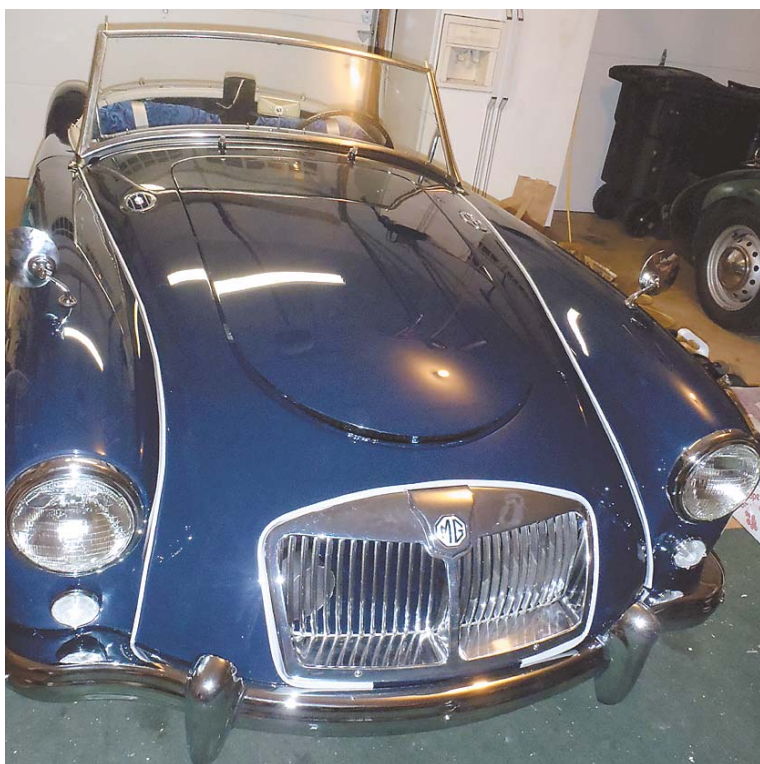
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PEOPLE



First Place

Nineteen-year-old Kelsey Kallapos of Clifton won 1st place in the MGA 1500 class at the NAMGAR National GT in Dayton, Ohio. Over the course of 3.5 years, Kelsey and her father Keith rebuilt a MGA from parts and pieces of MGA's donated by members of NAMGAR. Her car was finished just in time to make it to Dayton for the 37th National GT that was held July 8-13. Kelsey is a 2011 graduate of Centreville High School and will start her second year at Virginia Tech this fall.

MILITARY

Daniel Receives Commission From Leadership Program

ENS Justin Daniel of Centreville was scheduled to be commissioned by the John Jay Institute in Philadelphia, Penn., on July 13. As a Saratoga Fellow at the John Jay Institute, Daniel participated in a six-week academic study of political theory, constitutional law, history, theology, philosophy, and ethics, and explored their bearing upon leadership in light of America's legal and political traditions.

Daniel is a 2012 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. He graduated with a B.S. in operations research and computer analysis. Daniel is ranked first academically and in the top 5 percent militarily in his class. During his time at the Academy,



he received the Coast Guard Academy Alumni Association Award twice and is a 2011 Truman Scholarship Finalist. Daniel plans to serve as a leader in the military before pursuing a career in the public sphere.

The summer 2012 program is the inaugural Saratoga Fellows program administered by the John Jay Institute, a faith-based, intercollegiate organization dedicated to preparing leaders for public service. To contact the John Jay Institute or to apply to become a Saratoga fellow, visit www.johnjayinstitute.org or call 215-987-3000.

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AS ENGLAND pulls up to the address and parks her van, she gets her .22 rifle out, "Better be ready," she said, anticipating that the skunk is rabid and in the furious stage of the virus — attacking anything in its path. She interviews the woman who called in, the "witness," and proceeds to walk around the back of the townhouse block to search for the skunk. It is about 9:45 p.m., and England relies on the flashlight in her left hand to search. In her right hand is her .22 rifle. If she finds the skunk and it exhibits rabid behavior, England will use the .22 to euthanize the skunk on the spot.

When England finds the skunk it is foraging at the back of an adjacent townhouse. The skunk looks up, as England approaches

it stops and raises its tail. England stops. The skunk waits a bit, then moves on to forage in another spot. England follows and observes the animal for about 15 minutes. "It's nice to see a healthy one for a change," said England. She leaves the skunk to its foraging. No action is needed because the skunk is healthy, exhibiting no signs of rabies (inability to eat, "drunkenness," continuous spraying, rage). "We're not in the business to kill healthy wildlife ... or to remove healthy wildlife from the population," said England's supervisor, Sergeant Elizabeth A. Williamson, who arrived on scene to support England. Being able to distinguish between a sick and healthy animal is a critical skill for Animal Control officers, "There's no reason to kill a healthy critter," said Williamson.

EARLIER IN THE SHIFT England drove to Centreville to help a groundhog stuck in a chain link fence. The homeowners couldn't

get it out and they didn't want to cut the fence fearing that it would become a gateway for other wildlife into their yard. England assessed the groundhog's health, was concerned that its neck appeared to be swelling but did not detect any major injuries and asked the homeowner for some Pam — kitchen oil spray. She pulled on her gloves, held the groundhog firmly and sprayed the animal's neck and the fence liberally. She gave a gentle pull and the groundhog came right out. It was a little dazed, almost got itself stuck in the fence again, but then found another way out of the yard and raced off. Had her arrival been delayed because of another case, it is likely that the groundhog would have been too swollen to extract from the fence. To England, the best part of the job is when she can help animals like this groundhog: "They're helpless, like children, they don't have a voice."

England says that the flip side of urban sprawl is that we have infringed on the native species in this area. The laws the county and state have implemented, that Animal Control officers enforce, were created to provide protection to both wild and domestic animals and to mitigate the risk of disease transfer among animals and to humans.



"It's now a bite call," says Patrol Officer Brian Bowman of the Fair Oaks District Station who was first on the scene when dispatch directed Animal Control to pick up a loose dog. Bowman was able to catch the young dog and put it in his vehicle to await the arrival of Animal Control Officer Henley Thomas on July 12. A youth approached Bowman and said that the dog had bitten him. Thomas will take possession of the dog, interview the victim, and attempt to find the dog owner.



On July 12, Animal Control Officer Henley Thomas prepares a quarantine document for a dog owner whose dog bit an animal technician at its veterinarian during a checkup. Thomas has verified that the dog's rabies shot is up to date. The dog is required to stay in quarantine for 10 days. That means that the dog must not come in contact with any people or animals during the 10 days and the dog must not leave the owner's property. When the dog is outside, it must be leashed.



The interior of an animal control van holds several cages and cases for equipment and is lined with stainless steel to facilitate the sanitization of the vehicle. On July 12, a found dog that bit a youth rides in the back of the van until it can be transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. When the dog is transferred, the animal control officer will sanitize the area the dog touched to minimize the risk of disease transfer to other animals.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Hands-on History. 1:30-3:30 p.m. A new program at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road in, provides an opportunity to experience how children lived in the 1800s. A costumed interpreter will lead the program, adding to the authenticity of the experience. Participants will practice penmanship, wash clothes, churn butter, and make ice cream. This program is suitable for children ages 4-9. \$10 per child per session. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl/calendar.htm. Call 703-631-0013, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl.

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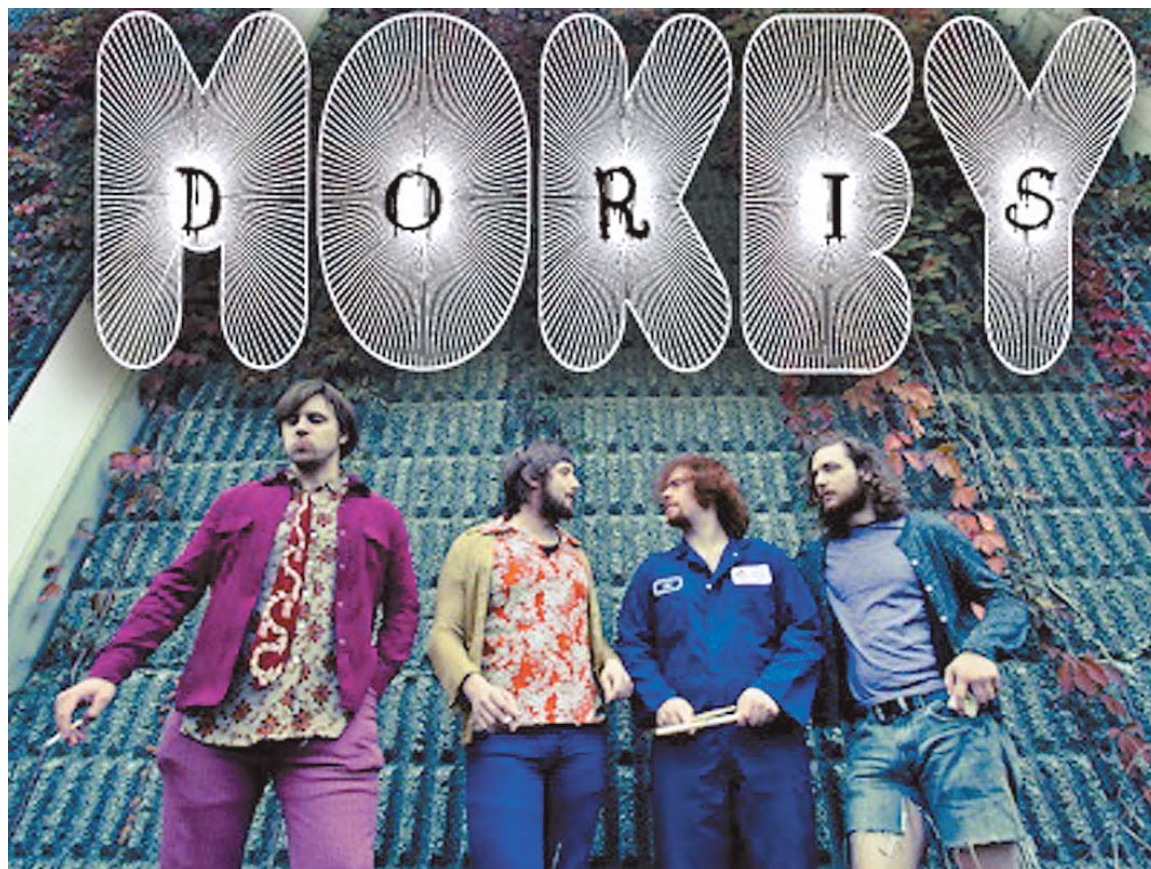
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Local Band

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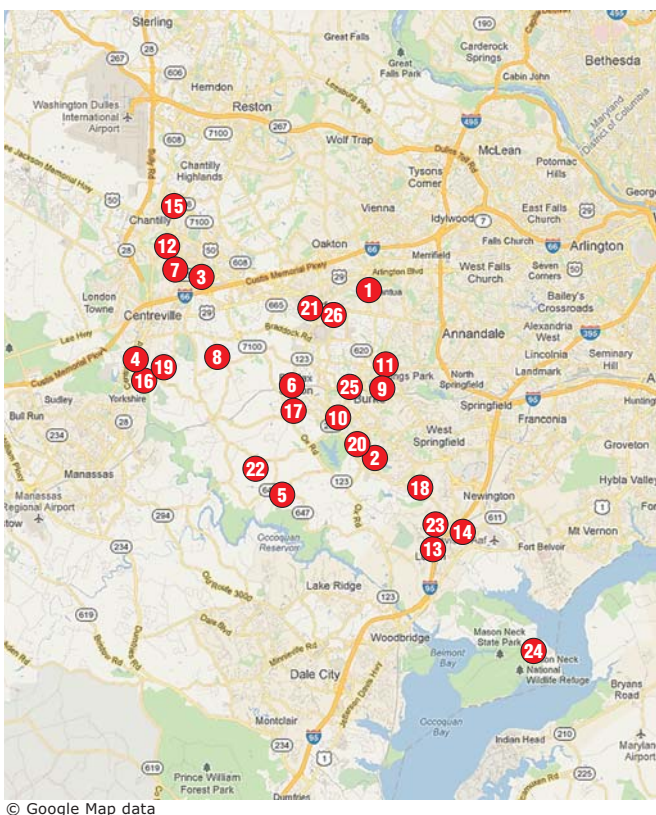
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PET CENTRE VIEW

Off Leash At Rock Hill

Aubrey Thigpen of Centreville plays with her dog Margo, a Brittany.



Jack Sparrow, named for the patch over his right eye, is a recent adoption to Laurel Hausman of Centreville. Out for his evening jaunt on July 18, Jack comes to the off-leash dog area in Chantilly every day.



Snowy, a Redtick Coonhound of Fairfax, enjoys the cooler temps as the sun goes down on July 18 at the Rock Hill District Park Off-Leash Dog Area. Also known as "the Sheriff," Snowy "patrols" the dog area, and tries to break up any disagreements between dogs with his big bark. Owner Adam Bohac says that Snowy will defer if a larger dog is present.



Rocket, a basenji from Herndon, is aptly named, says owner Pete Semenach, as he often outruns the pack at the Rock Hill District Park Off-Leash Dog Area. On June 18, he's more interested in the camera.



Reina, a Siberian husky, all-white with brown eyes, enjoys the cooling temps.

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CENTRE VIEW



Priscilla, a Treeing Walker Coonhound, is a recent adoption to owner Marylou Hogge of Centreville. Says Hogge, the breed originated in Virginia. At the Rock Hill District Park Off-Leash Dog Area, Priscilla appears to have a great time running around the large open area.



Rottweiler Lucy Furr lives to fetch says owner Sarah Furr.

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The Breakers recognized and said farewell to swimmers William Schulte, Michael Donatello, Nicholas Kenna, Brian Van Olst, Mikayla Lynn, and Rita Miller at the last NVSL meet of the season on July 21.

Brookfield Breakers Fall Short in Close Meet

It was a chilly and rainy morning on Saturday, July 21 when the Brookfield Breakers hosted the Kent Gardens Dolphins at the last NVSL meet of the season. After weeks of high temperatures, it was a new experience to be by the pool — trying to keep warm. The Breakers struggled to achieve the points necessary to gain a lead for the entire meet. However, winning eight of the 12 relays helped the team close the gap. The Breakers ultimately lost in their closest meet of the season, 220-200.

The meet began with a few moments to honor the departing seniors and the swimmers aging out of the Brookfield swim team: Michael Donatello, Nicholas Kenna, Mikayla Lynn, Rita Miller, Will Schulte and Brian Van Olst. Each of the swimmers has played an instrumental part of the team and most of them have been part of the Breaker family for many years.

Sweeps for the team were earned in the girls' 13-14 freestyle: Claire Kenna, Paige Shervanick, and Cara McFerren; boys' 15-18 backstroke: William Schulte, Michael Donatello and Kieran Nelson; boys' 15-18 breaststroke: Michael Donatello, Kieran Nelson and Brian Van Olst; boys' 9-10 butterfly: Benjamin Condemi, Franky Doyle and Brian Bippert.

Double first-place finishes in individual events were earned by: Simon Condemi (back and fly), Alexa Conti (back and fly), Anna Kenna (free and fly), Claire Kenna (free and breaststroke), Mikayla Lynn (free and back), and William Schulte (back and fly). Also recording first-place finishes for the team

were: Benjamin Condemi, Franky Doyle, Anne Ettare, Colin Finnegan, Kelly Guerrero, RJ Kenna and James Laing. Achieving points for the team with second-place finishes were: Grace Boland, Cara Conti, Michael Donatello, Claire Doyle, Anne Ettare, Kelly Guerrero, Kevin He, Nicholas Kenna, Christopher Laing and Jack Trahan. Third place was accomplished by: Brian Bippert, Cara Conti, Martina Conti, RJ Kenna, Taylor Ko, Christopher Laing, Daniel Mitchell, Caitlin Mowry, Ryan Plott, Anna Shay, Patrick Silsby, Casey Trahan and Jack Trahan.

Relay events won by the Breakers were: boys' 8U 100M free relay (Noah Mitchell, Sam Shervanick, Ryan Plott, Simon Condemi); boys' 9-10 medley 100M relay (RJ Kenna, Benjamin Condemi, Brian Bippert, Franky Doyle); girls' 11-12 medley 100M relay (Anna Kenna, Cara Conti, Martina Conti, Anne Ettare); girls' 13-14 medley 100M relay (Grace Boland, Claire Kenna, Alexa Conti, Paige Shervanick); boys' 15-18 medley 200M relay (William Schulte, Michael Donatello, Casey Trahan, Nicholas Kenna); girls' 15-18 medley 200M relay (Stephanie Proctor, Kelly Guerrero, Rita Miller, Mikayla Lynn); boys' mixed age free 200M relay (Charles Mack, Benjamin Condemi, Christopher Laing, William Schulte) and girls' mixed age free 200M relay (Anna Kenna, Samantha Avery, Claire Kenna, Mikayla Lynn).

The Breakers end their 2012 season with a win-loss record of 1-4. Select swimmers will be participating in the divisional championship at Cottontail on Saturday, July 28.



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The Sully Station II Piranhas completed their dual meet season on July 21.

Sully Station II Wraps up Season

The Sully Station II Piranhas enjoyed another eventful and exciting week of swimming, beginning with All-Star Relay Carnival at Lincolnia Park on July 18. The 9-10 girls' medley relay team of Faith Alston, Taylor Smith, Delaney Kennedy and Daeun Lee shattered their own medley record with a time of 1:13.86, leaping from a ninth seed to a fourth-place finish.

The 11-12 girls placed 18th in the free relay (1:02.42) with a squad of Georgia Stamper, Hope Alston, Lauren Peters and Lily Harkes. The 15-18 girls' foursome of Carli Molano, Erin Schulte, Madisyn Graham and Kenzie Elliott swam well in both relays, placing 11th in the free (1:57.63) and 14th in the medley (2:12.80).

On July 19, multiple Piranha squads had terrific showings at the FAST B Relays at Commonwealth. The 9-10 girls' team of Juliet Chiappello, Jessica Han, Isabella Ibrahim and Madison Stalfort took first place in the medley relay (1:35.84). The 9-10 boys won the free relay (1:19.19) with Jacob Susko, Anthony Kang, Colin Brown and Harrison Saint Germain. Eight and under girls Amanda Stalfort, Riley Graham, Isabella Burgos and Madison Stalfort combined to capture second place in the free relay (1:47.99). The 11-12 girls earned third place in the medley with Ally Introne, Kelly Elson, Carly Logan and Lilliana Glancy touching the wall in 1:26.23.

The fun continued the next day as the 16th annual Sully II SuperTeam Meet was held on July 20 to showcase the next generation of Piranhas. SuperTeam was developed to encourage young swimmers to gain experience and to feel like a special part of the team. These Piranhas spent four weeks learning all of the strokes: Colin Crisci, Luke Heard, Victor Li, Caitlin Riojas, Will Wiemann, Clara Kwon, Ehma Stalfort and Emerson Saint Germain. These Sully II teammates dedicated their expertise, time, and enthusiasm as SuperTeam manipulators: Michael Jiang, Cari Schumann, Anthony Wu, Lauren Peters, Harmon Saint Germain, Georgia Stamper, Kenzie Elliott, Austen Bundy and Connor Pangman.

The weekend concluded with the last dual meet of the season on July 21 at Lakevale Estates. Four Piranhas scored double victories: Brantley Cervarich in free (38.12) and back (42.80), Georgia Stamper in back (37.42) and breast (39.88), Carli Molano in back (32.24) and fly (31.95), and Nick Campbell in free (26.46) and back (30.59). Seven teammates notched first-place finishes, including freestyler Erin Schulte (29.54), breaststrokes Jason Lee (30.96), Angela Cai (23.84), Faith Alston (45.68) and Andrew Kwon (35.94), and fly swimmers Delaney Kennedy (18.59) and Michael Jiang (33.05).

Sully II Piranhas who qualify for Divisionals will compete at Donaldson Run on July 28.

Virginia Run Riptide



The Virginia Run Riptide boys' mixed age relay took first place at the Divisional Relay Carnival and qualified for first alternate at the NVSL All-Star Meet. Pictured are: Patrick Kearney, 14; Matt Pisarcik, 18; Anthony Arcomona, 10; and Geoffrey Eisenhart, 12.



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The Virginia Run Riptide swim team honored seven graduating seniors on Saturday, July 21 at their last dual meet of the season. Several of these swimmers have been on the Riptide swim team for more than 10 years. Pictured are: Lauren Hicks, Matt Pisarcik, Timmy Kearney, Amanda Phung, Marissa McGill and Sierra Higinbotham. Not pictured: Brigid Deely.



The Virginia Run Riptide 13-14 girls' 200 medley relay team broke the Virginia Run pool record during its fourth-place performance at the NVSL All-Star Relay Carnival on July 18 in Alexandria. Pictured are: Skyla Davidson (breaststroke), Erica Turflinger (freestyle), Chloe Hicks (butterfly) and Mia Newkirk (backstroke).

SPORTS

SYA West 9/10 Little League All-Stars Win District 10

The Southwestern Youth Association West 9/10 Little League All-Stars battled to win the District 10 title and earned an opportunity to compete for the Virginia state championship in Ashburn.

The team remained undefeated through the District 10 tournament, beating teams from Chantilly National, SYA Central, Fairfax National, Manassas Park Yorkshire, and reigning champion Chantilly American. The team completed their historic run by beating Chantilly National a second time in the District 10 championship game by a score of 11-1. Throughout the tournament, SYA West outscored their opponents 71-22 and finished with a 7-0 record.

The team, composed of boys ages 9 and 10 from the Centreville area, is led by veteran coaches John Leo, Seth Blee, and Mark Mackmin.

"The past 3 weeks have been a truly remarkable experience," Leo said. "Just having the opportunity to coach these wonderful boys and see them achieve something that has never been realized in the his-



The SYA West 9/10 Little League All-Stars won the District 10 championship.

tory of SYA West baseball — District 10 Little League champions (9/10 division) — has been awesome."

"There's a sense of confidence amongst these boys now that I have never seen in players so young," Leo added. "And I believe we haven't played our best baseball yet. The boys are not only feeding off each other but the great support group we have. This has been a real community event."

Sully Station's Patten Sets Individual Medley Record

The Sully Station SSTs' 2012 regular season was fraught with weather disruptions, including excessive humidity accompanied by temperatures reaching more than 100 degrees and one meet cancelled due to downed trees. So it was no surprise when during Saturday's final "A" meet, the SSTs, their visiting team and all of the spectators had to endure nearly three hours of drizzle and rain.

Despite this nuisance, the meet went smoothly and the SSTs swam hard. It was a close event with many races decided by milliseconds. But while the SSTs swept three events, had another 15 first-place finishes and won more than half the relays, the SSTs lost by a margin of 24 points.

The SSTs stormed through the freestyle events, coming out on top in eight out of 10 events. The 8U girls swept the 25 meter with Lily Render capturing first with a time of 18.85 seconds, Madison Moon placing second and Leah Mozesleski coming in third. The 13-14 boys also swept their 50-meter event, led by Anirwin Sridhar beating his own best time by .04 percent with a time of 27.52 seconds, followed by Collin Fiala in second place and Dominic Huffman in third.

Still dominating during the backstroke events, the SSTs prevailed in seven out of 10 races, including one sweep. The 8U girls' 25 meter was one of the most exciting events in the meet, with the top three swimmers finishing with less than one second between them. The win came from Sully Station's Avery Moon with a time of 25.96 seconds and Helene O'Brien finished third in 26.90 seconds, earning herself a personal best of 8.13 percent. Led by Logan Coulson Moore and a time of 33.14 seconds, the 15-18 girls swept the 50-meter backstroke with Reagan Warrington close behind in second place and Amy Layne grabbing the third-place finish.

Joaquin Perez had strong swims in both freestyle and backstroke, beating both of his previous times and earning personal best marks of 3.7 percent in the boys' 11-12 50-meter freestyle and 1.75 percent in the 50-meter backstroke. Also outdoing her previous best freestyle and backstroke times was 13-year-old Sophie Wilson, who finished second in the 50-meter freestyle with a personal best of mark .63 percent, and third place in the 50-meter backstroke, besting herself by .68 percent.

Although 11-year-old Payton Moore had a strong race, she missed the win by a mere .03 seconds and the SSTs only placed first in two breaststroke events. Stephen Bak seized the top spot in the boys' 13-14 50-meter race with a time of 38.74 seconds, and teammate Jarid Bowen placed third. Brandon Fiala was the victor in the Boys 15-18 50 meter Breaststroke with a time of 32.56 seconds.

The SSTs regained some momentum in the butterfly events. Jessica Dickinson won for the 9-10 girls in the 25 meter with a time of 20.72 seconds, while Adison Moore finished third. Harrison White's time of 40.15 seconds earned him the win in the boys' 11-12 50 meter. The SSTs again placed first and third in the boys' 13-14 and girls' 15-18 events. Anirwin Sridhar beat the second-place finisher by 4.29 seconds with

a time of 29.94 and Carl Gerland finished third. Zoe Hemmer triumphed in a tight race with a time of 32.72 seconds, while Reagan Warrington finished less than a second behind her in third place. Danial Okhovvatgiliani also swam in an extremely competitive race for the 13-14 boys. His time of 28.75 earned him second place, sandwiched on either side by less than half a second. This rally dispensed by the SSTs made the relay events make-or-break. While the team was victorious in seven out of 12 of these events, had only three more relays finished in their favor the SSTs would have recovered the win.

The SSTs finished out the regular season on a high note Monday with two meets. Early in the day, the SST Mini Stars competed in an unofficial event, the first annual Lollipop Meet, created in an effort to gradually bring the Mini Stars to the competitive level. This meet allows each swimmer, ages ranging from 3 to 6, the opportunity to compete in several events. This year there were smiles and giggles as the Mini Stars swam the 25-meter freestyle and 25-meter kickboard. The individual coaches were also able to compete with their charges in the team noodle and piggyback races.

Many of the Mini Stars also competed Monday evening as the SSTs travelled to Greenbriar for the last "B" meet of 2012. The meet showcased the developing swimmers, with many swimmers competing for the first time, or at least trying out new strokes. The SSTs were unbeatable in freestyle and breaststroke, where they won 11 out of 12 freestyle events and eight out of nine breaststroke events. With the SSTs sweeping the first four spots in the 6U freestyle, Tyler Whitacre beat out the second-place finisher by exactly five seconds. Six-year-old Kennedy O'Neil took first place, edging out her sister, Keira, by less than one second. James Kruk and Emma Hess were the winners in the 7-8 25-meter event, as Nicholas Stockel and Adison Moore won for the 9-10s. Patrick Cole was the sole 11-12 freestyler to place first. Antonio Stockel and Avaanti Sridhar grabbed the top spot for the 13-14s and finally Skyler White and Hannah Davis, a 2012 graduate swimming her last meet for the SSTs, won for the 15-18s.

In backstroke, Tyler Whitacre earned his second win of the night in the 25-meter event, while Adison Moore, swimming the 50 meter, also picked up her second win. Joaquin Perez and Kyle Talley each captured the top spot in their respective 50-meter events.

The boys' 8U breaststrokers sailed into the top three spots in the 25 meter, led by Andrew Bak. Olivia Southerly won for the 8U girls. The 9-10 girls had an exciting 50-meter race, with Emily Huse and Jessica Molloy battling it out the entire way. Huse ultimately won, beating Molloy by less than half a second. The SSTs were triumphant in the remaining five 50-meter breaststroke events, with Patrick Kruk and Adriana Stockel for the 11-12s, Kyle Talley with his second win of the night for the 13-14s and Skyler White and Grace McKnight winning for the 15-18s. This win also marked White's second

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A Life Worth Living, Still

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



It might be my age (as in getting older), or it might be the fact that I have cancer (you think?), but my brain and the related physical and mental tasks it coordinates are not exactly working at peak efficiency. Don't get me wrong, I'm not exactly "Forrest, Forrest Gump," but plans are not easily made and when they are made, not so easily or successfully carried out. Whether it's a drive to an unfamiliar destination, time spent with semi-unsuspecting (about me) acquaintances, or overnighing away from home (and out of my routine: alkaline water, pills, asparagus, baking soda, apple cider vinegar, etc.) as a few examples, what once seemed like ordinary and manageable acts of everyday-type life now present previously unfamiliar hurdles. Everything is something, even if it's nothing. And that's a change – for the worse.

Unfortunately, knowing this – and accepting it, hasn't lessened the burden and inevitability of living with it. I'm always relieved when whatever, wherever, however, we (meaning me) finish what we're doing: get to where we're going/solve the problem we're needing to solve/arrange the schedule we're attempting to arrange, and complete our miscellaneous activities. I can then settle back into what's familiar and relatively uncomplicated. If I've been there and am accustomed to doing it, it gets done, without much ado. However, if I haven't been there – literally and figuratively, getting there – and back, becomes increasingly more difficult. I don't necessarily want to blame this behavior on my age or my underlying problem ("NSCLC"), but at least if I blame it on something that makes sense – to me, I can live with the consequences of this preferred inaction. And the more I understand the reasons for certain "inaction," the less stress I'll feel. And the less stress I feel, the better off I'll be; as a cancer patient, first, and as a reasonably intelligent adult second (no comments from the peanut gallery, please).

I guess what I'm trying to do is what Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer were competing to do years ago on a particularly memorable "Seinfeld" episode: master my own domain; trying to control the uncontrollable. However, if any set of circumstances is likely uncontrollable, it is the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual effects one experiences after receiving a terminal diagnosis. You're either ready for its demands or you're not. It's not like – at least for me, there was really any preparation or expectation that your life – as you knew it, was over. I suppose there's a handbook somewhere. (Maybe there's even some training or a class – Cancer 101, you can attend.) And though I can certainly appreciate the benefit and power of the written – and read word, a terminal diagnosis with a "13-month to two-year" prognosis requires – in my opinion, a more personal touch, one with a one-to-one/face-to-face-type connection. When the diagnosis is stage IV-serious, it's best to leave nothing to chance and/or misinterpretation. As much as you – as the patient/"diagnosee" think you're hearing and/or reading what's being said or handed to you concerning the facts of your case, the shock of what you're learning will not only cloud your judgment, but rewire your brain, emotionally speaking. It's hardly another day at the office. In fact, it's like no other day you've ever had at your office or any other office. The assimilation – or rather the attempted assimilation of your diagnosis, prognosis, treatment options, schedule of diagnostic scans and doctor appointments, best and worst case scenarios, will forever change the way you process information and plan your future.

What I'm finding out is, the longer I survive, it's the emotions I feel about having cancer more than the facts of having cancer that are causing me the most problems. One I can live with, the other is living with me. And it's not of my own choosing, either.

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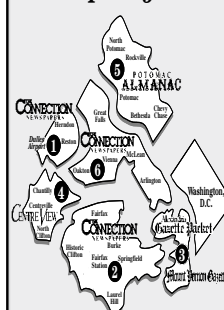
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Brandon Fiala, left, congratulates teammate Bryan Patten on setting a team record of 1:22.76 in the boys' 9-10 100-meter individual medley. Fiala set the previous record in 2005.

Sully Station

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victory of the evening.

Winning four out of 10 butterfly events, the SSTs won early with Avery Moon in the girls' 8U 25 meter. In the 50 meter, Dominic Huffman finished first, while Avaanti Sridhar picked up her second win. Jack Tyskowski was the victor in the 15-18 race.

During the individual medley events, the hardest and most fatiguing events of the night, the team rallied its spirit, effort and sportsmanship to finish the season in strong form. In an incredible feat, three out of four individual medley wins came from the younger swimmers, while Zoe Hemmer was the only teen to seize first place for the SSTs. Eight-year-old Brooke Patten and 10-year-old Elise Mozeleski both triumphed in their respective 100-meter events.

But it was the 9-10 boys' event that was the defining moment of the team's season, when Bryan Patten crushed a long-standing team record by 1.49 seconds. As Patten sped to victory with a time of 1:22.76, Brandon Fiala, having set the previous record in 2005, stood on the sidelines cheering his teammate on to a place in SST history.

Though the regular season is over, the SSTs look forward to a successful finish in the NVSL Division 5 Divisional Meet to be held at Cardinal Hill on Saturday, July 28.

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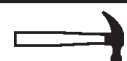
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Intersection To Be Improved

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and Sen. Dick Black (R-13) requested the rest of the money needed — \$1.6 million — from the state.

The request included the \$600,000 in immediate funding required for road engineering, plus a \$1 million match of Loudoun's dollars from VDOT's Revenue Sharing Program. But it was all just a hope until June 20 when the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) greenlighted the project by approving the \$600,000 and placing that intersection in its Six-Year Improvement Plan. Those actions set in motion the VDOT match.

"The \$2.6 million should cover it," said Ramadan. "But we'll know the exact cost better after the engineering work is done — hopefully, by the end of the year."

Calling it a "collaborative effort," he said he and Hugo, LeMunyon and Black worked with VDOT and Deputy Secretary of Transportation David Tyeryar for "several months" to obtain the necessary state funding. Ramadan also praised Letourneau and his colleagues for approving Loudoun's portion of the pot. "I feel fantastic," he said. "A great thank-you goes to the Loudoun Board of Supervisors for funding a project outside the county."

In a press release from Ramadan's office, LeMunyon stated that he'd testified twice before the CTB, seeking funding to redesign the intersection. Doing so, he said, will "reduce the congestion and get both Loudoun and Fairfax county residents moving." Agreeing, Hugo said he looked forward to the

successful completion of "this important transportation project."

Currently, both Braddock and Pleasant Valley roads there are one lane in each direction. "But they're small lanes, so they'll be widened," said Ramadan. "We're also going to be enlarging that intersection with turn lanes and a light."

Step one, he said, will be designing the specifics of the intersection and doing all the engineering work, including studying traffic patterns there. Then VDOT will build it. "Once the engineering is done, I'd like to see this project begin in 2013, if possible, 2014 at the latest," said Ramadan. "That's the goal."

He said it felt wonderful to be part of a joint effort between the counties and state for something so worthwhile. He also noted that the improved intersection can't come soon enough for him.

"I've lived in South Riding for 13 years, so I know the need for it," said Ramadan. "And I hear about this intersection all the time from my constituents."

In a phone interview, Hugo gave all the credit to Ramadan, but was only cautiously optimistic about the project's outcome. "We want to make sure it improves safety within the intersection," he said. "But we also want to be very careful that it doesn't negatively impact the quality of life in Virginia Run by overburdening Pleasant Valley Road."

Still, Ramadan believes that whatever happens there has got to be better for everyone than the way things are now. As far as he's concerned, "Fairfax County needs to send Loudoun County a thank-you note."



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This photo is taken from the Cox Farms corner of the intersection looking eastward down Braddock Road, during the evening rush hour, Wednesday, July 11, around 5:30 p.m. Traffic was heavy both westbound and eastbound.



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