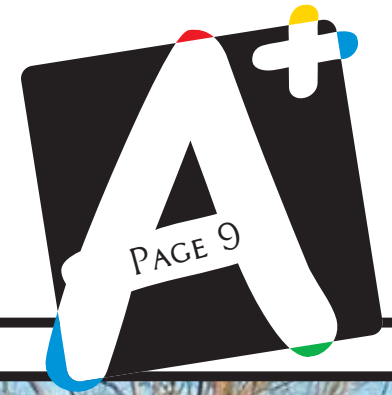


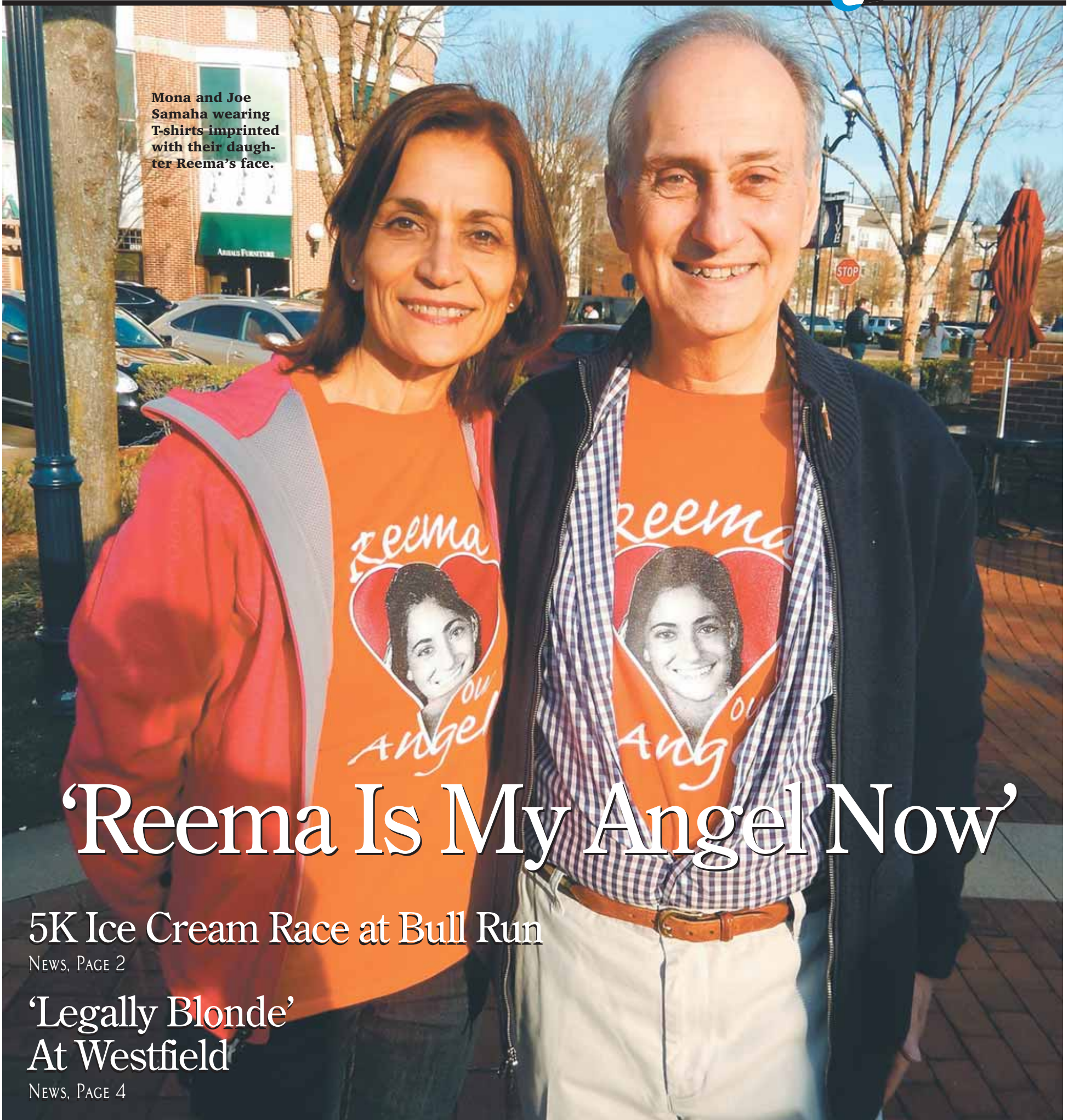
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The store was one of Route 50's central general stores, selling cowboy boots, blue jeans, tobacco, handmade sandwiches and more.

William Adrian Lockhart

Surrounded by his loving family, William Adrian Lockhart, beloved father, known throughout the community as “Chantilly Billy,” and fun-loving friend to all he met, died on April 8, 2017.

Lockhart

Billy Lockhart was a cherished father to three daughters, “Grampies” to seven grandchildren, a loving partner, the animated owner of Route 50's iconic Chantilly Cash & Carry, passionate golfer, gardener and poker ace. Billy knew no strangers. He was genuine, witty and sharp, a man who lived his life unbridled and a friend who would drop anything to help.

A Virginian born and bred, Billy was born on Feb. 25, 1950 to Lakie Reil and Robert Lee Lockhart, II in Front Royal, Va. Starting out life skipping rocks in rural Limeton, Va., Billy moved to the “big city” of Front Royal at age 8, where — when he was not shooting pea shooters at unsuspecting patrons on the lower level of the Royal Theater — he was beloved, grabbing burgers and shakes at the Royal Dairy, participating as a guard on the men's basketball team at John S. Mosby Academy High School, where he graduated in 1968, and playing on local Little League teams.

Billy served in the United States Marine Corps for 4 years; after training at Parris Island, he served in Okinawa. In 1977, Billy took over his parents' general store on Route 50 and built the Chantilly Cash & Carry, an iconic hometown general store which supplied Chantilly with an eclectic mix of everything from cowboy boots and blue jeans to fishing supplies to homemade pickled eggs, half-smokes and beer.

During his difficult seven-month battle with cancer, Billy's family received word from hundreds of Northern Virginians who credit the Cash & Carry to the purchase of

Billy and Suzie Lockhart in 1980 with daughter Dusty.

their first beer or their favorite community gathering place. Chantilly Billy loved the Chantilly community and running “the Cash.” Billy took so much joy in being a father to his three girls and was a doting daddy who loved, protected and constantly cared for the well-being of his children, even into adulthood.

On the other side, Billy joins his mother and stepfather Lakie Edna Reil and Robert Reil, his grandmother Opal (Hollandsworth) Mitchell, his brother Robert “Jim” Lee Lockhart, III and his beloved black Lab, Captain.

He is survived by his father and stepmother, Mary Ann and Robert Lee Lockhart, II, his sisters and brothers-in-law Barbara and Ray Lester of Edinburg, Va. and Robin and Gordon Jones of Saluda, Va., his loving partner of 20 years, Barbara Ward, three adoring daughters and sons-in-love who miss him dearly, Dusty Lockhart and Stefano Frigerio of Purcellville, Va., Jessie Lockhart and Craig Renteria of Campbell, Calif., and Lindsay Lockhart and Michael Reiss of Washington, D.C. and seven grandchildren William Cody, Cooper, Porter, Landon, Nicoletta, Peyton and Suzie.

Our daddy, our brother and Chantilly's own is dearly missed. His carefree, giving and loving nature lives on in the lives of the many people he has touched.

— DUSTY LOCKHART

Bull Run Students Recognized in Fairfax SAR Poster Contest

The Fairfax Resolves Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution visited Bull Run Elementary School in Centreville in April to recognize participants in its annual Americanism poster contest. The chapter recognized Justin Thomas from Kate Charlton's 4th grade class as the winner of its poster contest and presented Leslie Lopez and Alison Hernandez from Sherry Watkins' class with Certificates of Recognition for their participation. The chapter also presented a program on Early American Flags to both classes.



Justin Thomas is recognized by Chapter President Jeff Thomas for his winning poster on Colonel William Grayson as SAR member Dick Hamly displays the poster.



Students Leslie Lopez and Alison Hernandez display their Certificates of Recognition with Fairfax Resolves President Jeff Thomas and Color Guard member Vern Eubanks.

Spiritual Lessons from the Military

First Sergeant Matt Eversmann (ret.), who illustrates the importance of leadership, courage and selfless service to succeed when ordinary circumstances become extraordinary challenges, will speak at New Life Christian Church, at The nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly on Sunday, April 23, 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

As an Army Ranger deployed to Somalia in 1993, he and his fellow soldiers were trapped in a

hostile district of Mogadishu and marked for death by an angry mob. His story of survival was immortalized in the film, "Blackhawk Down."

Committed to sharing the lessons he learned in the military, he draws parallels from his experiences to highlight the importance of leadership, courage, and responsibility and how that relates to one's relationship with God and others. See newlife.church/bigday.



Eversmann



Uncle Slam's Reading Program

Students and their dads pose with Uncle Slam as he visited Union Mill's library to promote 2017 Uncle Slam's Reading Program. Uncle Slam challenged students to read four books at age appropriate level to receive two free grandstand Potomac National tickets on one of the four designated reading program games.

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Weighing Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

As the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

“Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. “Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm.”

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. “Summer camps allow children to be children,” he said. “They allow them to make new friends, try new things,

and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be.”

A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D. associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. “For example, if your child’s summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam.”

“Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child’s sense of competence and mastery over something that they love,” added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. “By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can

be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can’t.”

When selecting a camp, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. “For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new,” she said.

A child’s social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with opportunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. “Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children’s overall health and well-being.” Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. “For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically, sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults,” said Vesely.

For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp.

“Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day,” said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. “However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection.”

“Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year [and] provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning,” said Beringer. “[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings.”

“A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience,” continued Beringer. “My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What’s not good about that choice?”

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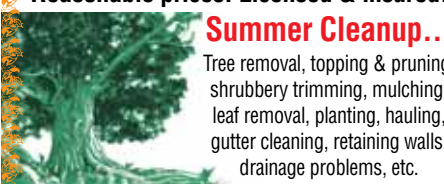
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'Reema Is My Angel Now'

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them some graffiti on the back of her dorm building. It was the word, "Meema," which is how Reema pronounced her name as a child. Again, her mother took it as a message that her younger daughter was still with her.

As for the trip, itself, she said, "We went because we decided, in honor of Reema, we are going to continue to live our lives the way she would have wanted us to live." But it hasn't been easy.

"Joe took me to counseling and therapy, and I'm still going," said Samaha. "I had so many questions about life and prayer – they lost their meaning for me, and I had to find it again. I did, after about five years. I learned that we live to love, the essence of life is love and life is eternal. And once I found my answers, I was liberated and Reema was free. I was holding onto her, but I had to let her go."

Those first five years, Samaha said she was living in a bubble, so she had to regain her balance in the real world. "My faith and love helped me and I appreciated all I had," she said. But lately, she admitted, "I'm battling my anxiety and fears; it was safer and more peaceful when I was in my bubble."

Now, she keeps praying and realizing the larger picture. "I understand it's God's will, not mine," she said. "I had the privilege of being Reema's mom, but she belongs to the world. After her death, everyone was talking about her and sharing her picture. We got letters from people in Australia who didn't even know her. Like a firework that goes up in the sky and bursts, that's Reema – the whole world got a piece of her."

This past weekend, friends and relatives of the VT 32 gathered at the university for a three-day event in their honor. Friday was a remembrance through the arts, and Saturday was a 5K run, picnic and interfaith service.

On Sunday, April 16, was a candlelight vigil at the campus's outdoor memorial site. Each victim's name was read and a candle was lit in their honor; Reema's sister and brother Omar lit the candle for her. In addition, the school's Corps of Cadets lit a memorial candle that burned for 24 hours.

It helps, said Samaha, because "The parents get together and talk and listen to each



Reema Samaha before a high-school prom.

other. It connects and unites us, and it feels good to talk about our children. We're sharing the same loss." Through her own grief, she said, "I knew life keeps going, and I needed to keep going for my other two children."

Noting that she and Joe are lucky to have a big family that doesn't forget about Reema, Samaha said, "Even a Virginia Tech alumni – whose daughter I taught at Herndon Elementary [in the French immersion program] after this happened – meets us there every year for the remembrance."

She said Reema's death brought her closer to God, and Reema, herself, guided her to "this awakening. Reema also had an impact on many others who send us messages to tell us how she's brought strength, courage and more meaning into their lives. And I want people to keep believing in their faith, whatever it is, because through faith, there's joy and peace."

"Reema is truly special, and I am so grateful and honored to be her mom," continued Samaha. "Now I want to celebrate life because it's a gift – and in Reema's name, I will celebrate every occasion."

Celebrating Erin Peterson's Life

April 16 will mark a decade since the Virginia Tech massacre that took the lives of 32 victims, including Erin Peterson of Centreville.

"By the Grace of God," Erin's family, friends and the community will gather at Mount Olive Baptist Church in Centreville, on Saturday, April 29, at 6 p.m., to celebrate Erin's life and legacy during the Erin Peterson Fund Celebration of Life Concert featuring Israel Houghton & New Breed.

Since its inception the Fund has awarded more than \$183,000 in schol-

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Credit The Card



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I'm not a big spender, maybe a medium spender — on my best day. My brother is a big spender, my father was, too. My mother, probably who I most likely take after: 'medium' and judicious, again, like me (or is it me like her?). Nevertheless, the money got spent and if there was more of it, it likely would have got spent, too. It's not as if I was deprived growing up, I got the things that mattered — in the long run. I just didn't get everything money could buy.

But that was before credit cards. Well, before Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Capital One. Sure, there were department store cards: Filene's, Jordan Marsh, Kennedy's — in Boston, and off course there were gas cards: Esso, Amoco and Arco, and I suppose I recall knowing about American Express and Diner's Club, but they weren't used by everybody everywhere, certainly not by the Louries. Now, plastic is the currency by which many of us pay to play, and some of us use to merely stay in the game.

And for me, it sort of is a game: how long can I go without charging something and how much can I charge and still be able to pay the balance off when the next monthly credit card bill arrives? As I contemplate my daily/weekly/bi-weekly/monthly inflow and outgo, I associate my efforts at restraint and attempted control with that of a levee, if I understand their function correctly — which I might not: bend and not break? Like some NFL team defenses are often described.

The problem arises — for both me and the levee, when the levee/spending restraint breaks (quite the opposite of brakes/stops). That's when the damage occurs. That's when the balance overflows. That's when good, bad and indifferent money follows. In for a dime, in for dollars, some of which don't make sense. Once that resolve is weakened, and once that wallet is opened and that credit card is handed over, I feel very much the addict. Once I've started — and stopped denying myself the pleasure of the purchase, I find it extremely difficult to get off the spending bus. Invariably, it's taken me awhile to get on so whether it's sensory deprivation, deferred gratification or premature escalation, there are no more skid marks on that slippery slope. The race is on, so to speak and until I hit my imaginary financial wall, my credit card balance is going onward and upward.

Sure it feels good to spend money I don't have without considering the pay-back consequences. Presumably, the benefits derived from the purchase will help soothe the savage, impoverished beast as he jiggles and then juggles the dollars in order to find some cents. I imagine that's what makes the world go 'round: short term pain for long term gain. Still, it doesn't feel much like progress and progress is what feels good to me. Although, these new Rockport leather slip-ons with the "cushiony" soles and orthotic inserts are improving my disposition and lessening the pain in my feet and fatigue in my legs, it still costs me money not in my wallet.

I admit, I am enjoying the support and comfort my new shoes are providing. But I'm also keenly aware that I haven't received the credit card bill yet reflecting there and other slippery-slope purchases made that same weekend. And when the piper has to be paid, I may not like my new shoes — among other items, nearly as much as I do right now. Right now, the shoes are free. Soon they won't be.

Further complicating this spending-not spending dilemma is the fact that I'm a 62-year-old cancer patient; how do I deprive myself of any creature comforts when I have recurring highly stressful situations that give me, and my life-expectancy, pause. Naturally, I'd rather pay my way — and my share, but at what cost? I suppose cash in hand is still worth two in the bush, but if a credit card is all I have ... ? Either I use it or lose it. The pain and/or pleasure will likely follow regardless.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

- Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.
- Carolina Shag Dance.** Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.
- Open Rehearsal.** Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaire.org for more.
- Toddlin' Twos.** Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- Storytime for Three to Fives.** Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- English Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.
- English Conversation Group.** Selected Saturdays, 3 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-830-2223 for a list of dates.
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- Plant Clinic.** Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.
- ESL Book Club.** Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.
- ESL Book Club.** Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.
- Lego Block Party.** Every other Tuesday, 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- Duplo Storytime.** Every other Wednesday, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Develop and reinforce early literacy skills for reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.
- Live After Five.** Fridays at 5:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway. Every Friday night a band plays on the patio of the winery. Free to attend. Visit www.wineryatbullrun.com for a full schedule.
- Mondays are Family Night.** 5-7 p.m.



Civil War Day

Civil War Day is at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road on June 3-4. Demonstrations of camp life, musket firings, candle making, Civil War reenactors from the Victorian Dance Ensemble of the Civil War Dance Foundation in formal ball dress of the time dancing and teaching authentic dance steps of that period. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$5. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225 for more.



- at Villagio, 7145 Main St. \$45 for a family of four. Call 703-543-2030 for more.
- Legos Kids Club.** Every other Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Thousands of Legos for children to play with. Ages 6-12. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.
- Starlight Storytime.** Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.
- Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders -played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email skeduman@aol.com for more.
- PET ADOPTIONS**
- Adopt a Dog.** Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more.
- Adopt a Dog.** Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit hart90.org for more.
- Adopt a Dog.** Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at

- Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit aforeverhome.org for more.
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- THURSDAY/APRIL 20**
- Toddler Class.** 6-7 p.m. at the NOVA Natural Birth Center, 4200 Technology Court, Suite A, Chantilly. An introduction to the amazing skill of signing that babies and toddlers can easily learn. Call 703-357-3808 for more.
- SATURDAY/APRIL 22**
- Centreville International Showcase.** At Korean Central Presbyterian Church, 15451 Lee Highway, Centreville. Sponsored by the Centreville Immigration Forum to celebrate the diversity of the community through music, dance, and food. Email showtimecentreville@gmail.com for more.
- SATURDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 22-23**
- "Sleeping Beauty."** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 23. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333



- Little River Turnpike. Virginia Ballet Company presents the full-length ballet "Sleeping Beauty." Call 703-323-3000 for more.
- SUNDAY/APRIL 23**
- Sipping and Painting.** 11:30-1:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Instructions on creating a canvas masterpiece of a spring Afternoon on the Lake! Call 703-815-2233 for more.
- Meet the New Draft Horses.** 1-3 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Join in welcoming Jeff and Charlie, the park's new team of Belgian Draft horses. Call 703-324-8662 for more.
- FRIDAY/APRIL 28**
- Live Music by Willem Dicke.** 4:30-8:30 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Call 703-815-2233 for more.
- SATURDAY/APRIL 29**
- Fairfax County Anniversary.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "A Place Called Home: Fairfax County. A 275th Anniversary Event" is a day-long exploration of the history of Fairfax

- County. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-293-6227, ext. 6.
- Virginia Touch-A-Truck.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Dominion High School, 21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling. Climb aboard a fire truck, concrete truck or tractor trailer at the Virginia Touch-A-Truck event held by Joshua's Hands. \$5. Children under 12 months free. Email elizabeth@joshuashands.org.
- Winning Poets on History.** 10:30 a.m. at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Six winners ages 5-13 have been invited to read their poems. This contest is sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Fairfax County Park Foundation and is an official Fairfax County 275th anniversary event. Email parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-8662 for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 30

- Indoor Yard Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, 14001 Sullyfield Circle. Call 571-313-1863 for more.
- Spring Arts and Crafts Day.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Railroad themed arts and crafts. 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

MAY 4-7

- Spring Book Sale.** Various times at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Proceeds benefit the library and its patrons. For more information call the library at 703-830-2223 or visit friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 6

- Live Music by Jerry Irwin.** 1-5 p.m. at The Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Call 703-815-2233 for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 19

- Bike to Work Day 2017.** Registration — now open — is free and open to anyone who commutes in the region, from first timers to daily cyclists. All registrants will be entered in a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 16,000 to register and attend will receive a free t-shirt at one of more than 85 pit-stops throughout Northern Virginia. Participants can register online at www.biketoworkmetrodc.org. Email Megan Goodman at mgoodman@mwcog.org, or call 202-962-3209 for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 21

- N-Gauge Model Train Show.** 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members will hold an N gauge T-TRAK model train show. Museum members and ages 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.
- Wine, Whiskers and Wags.** 1-5 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Benefit hosted by Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Wine tasting, food, a Silent Auction, raffle and much more. Well-behaved children and dogs welcome. Admission is \$40/person in advance and \$45 at the door. Visit ffcas.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 28

- Memorial Day Service.** 5:30 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 13941 Braddock Road. Visit www.ascension-acc.org/ for more.