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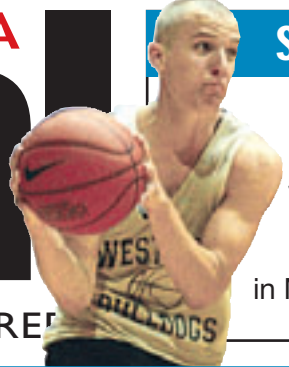


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Metroraail showing its age

Officials: Ceiling collapse points to larger problems

By DREW BUSH
Journal staff writer

A mixture of concrete and wire mesh that crashed down from a ceiling in the entrance of a Metrorail station Wednesday afternoon has officials once

again debating how well-maintained and safe the aging transit system's facilities are.

"We were fortunate no one was there," James Gallagher, deputy general manager for operations, said

of the crash that took place at 4 p.m. in the Farragut North station. "We were fortunate that no one was injured."

"It was very heavy stuff," he added.

The station entrance was shut down after the crash and reopened this morning at

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Metro's normal hour, 5 a.m. Metro's staff awaits results from a vigorous investigation into what caused the crash

and whether other stations might have similar problems. It appears the incident is Please see METRO, Page 6



Campers wait to shove off from the shore in kayaks during a relay race at Camp Friendship in Laytonsville, Md. The sleep-away camp for children and teens suffering from or affected by cancer lets its 70 campers ride horses, play putt-putt golf and participate in other activities. Andrew Harnik/Journal

Calm waters ■ Summer camp helps ease the pain of children suffering from cancer. Page 5

■ Brothers recover after being caught in shed explosion Page 4

Court filing: EPA wrongly delayed air quality plan

By ANDREA PRICER
Journal staff writer

The Environmental Protection Agency must rule on years-old air quality plans for the metro region, even though those plans have since been replaced, environmental groups argued Wednesday in a federal court filing.

Earthjustice filed the motion in D.C. federal court on behalf of the Sierra Club, arguing the EPA has wrongfully delayed making a decision on the region's air quality Please see AIR, Page 6

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Opinions clash over HOV extension

By JOHANNE JEAN-JACQUES
Journal staff writer

Extending Interstate 95 high-occupancy vehicle lanes south of Dumfries will relieve congestion. Or it will add more cars to already busy highways.

Prince William County supervisors offered diverging opinions Tuesday on whether the lanes should be taken as

"If you build it, they (commuters) will come."

Supervisor Corey Stewart, R-Occoquan

far south as Fredericksburg and Massaponax and converted to high-occupancy toll lanes, which would provide single drivers the opportunity to pay for HOV-lane use.

Though not completely sold on HOT lanes, Board Chairman Sean T.

Connaughton said he emphatically believes HOV lanes need to reach growing populations in Stafford.

"It's desperately in our interest to see those HOV lanes finally go south," said Connaughton, R-at large. "It's not only causing backups on [Interstate]

95, but we are seeing spillover effects, particularly on Route 1."

But Supervisor Corey Stewart, R-Occoquan, who carpools daily into the District, said extending existing HOV lanes beyond Dumfries could lead to sprawl, increase HOV lane traffic and draw more single drivers onto the road, hurting carpoolers.

"If you build it, they will come," Stewart said. "All those people are

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Emmy nominations announced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — “Angels in America,” the HBO miniseries adapted from a Pulitzer Prize-winning play about New Yorkers affected by the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, received a leading 21 Emmy nominations Thursday.

“The Sopranos” was the leading nominee among series, with 20.

Changes in Emmy rules intended to broaden the field beyond familiar nominees worked, with showings by Fox’s critically acclaimed but low-rated sitcom “Arrested Development” and CBS’ offbeat and popular drama “Joan of Arcadia.”

“It really is a fresh mix here. That’s what we were trying to do, shake things up a little,” TV Academy Chairman Dick Askin said.

Premium cable channel HBO dominated, receiving nearly twice as many nominations as any broadcast network and fielding leading nominees “Angels in America” and “The Sopranos.”

TV Academy members gave a fond farewell to HBO’s “Sex and the City” with a best comedy series nod for its final season, but didn’t nominate two other departing series, NBC’s “Friends” and “Frasier.”

Along with “The



Jeffrey Tambor, left, and Jason Bateman appear in a scene from Fox’s “Arrested Development.” The show was nominated for best comedy series Thursday when the nominations for the 56th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards were announced. AP photo

Sopranos,” which has yet to win a best drama series award, and “Joan of Arcadia,” other nominees in the best drama series category include “CSI: Crime Scene Investigation,” “24,” and last year’s winner, “The West Wing.”

Joining “Arrested Development” and “Sex and the City” in the best comedy series category: “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” “Will & Grace” and last year’s winner, “Everybody Loves Raymond.”

John Ritter, the “8 Simple Rules” comedy star who died last year, received a posthumous nomination as

best lead actor in a comedy series. Also nominated in the category were Larry David of “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” Kelsey Grammer of “Frasier,” Matt LeBlanc of “Friends” and Tony Shalhoub of “Monk,” who was last year’s winner playing an obsessive-compulsive detective.

“It’s all such a jumble,” said Shalhoub, who helped announce the nominations Thursday. “You can’t feel too bad even if you’re not nominated as long as the show’s doing well.”

The Emmys are scheduled to air Sept. 19 on ABC, with Garry Shandling as host.

Hilary Duff living the fairy tale life

After years of starring in her own Disney Channel television show, “Lizzie McGuire,” Hilary Duff has slowly been working her way into feature films, doing supporting roles in films ranging from “Agent Cody Banks” to “Human Nature” before recreating

Lizzie for the big screen. Her first big non-Lizzie release, “A Cinderella Story,” is an updating of the classic fable with Duff playing the part of the downtrodden girl waiting for her prince to rescue her.

Journal: Do you believe in happily ever after?
Duff: I don’t know. I’d like to. I’m only 16 so I don’t

know if I believe in that sort of stuff. I work a lot so I don’t have a lot of time to think about it. Right now it’s hard to focus on having a relationship and search for the perfect person. I’m like the character in a lot of ways. I’m very cautious about putting myself out there and risk being let down. But I also think if you care about someone enough and they care about you then you have to let yourself go and see what happens.

Journal: Well, would you describe your life as a sort of fairy tale?
Duff: Yes. I don’t think I necessarily relate to the Cinderella story, but I definitely feel lucky all the time. Why me? Why did I get all this?

Journal: What made you decide to do a remake of Cinderella?

Duff: There have been so many

versions of the story, but never a modern day high school version of it. I love that about it. The characters are very different, especially Sam. She’s a very ambitious person and even though she gets put down through the whole movie, she still has goals for herself and dreams that she accomplishes. It’s a good message for girls. And then there’s the boy thing, which is great.

Journal: Would you describe yourself as an ambitious person? How do you stay on top of the teen market, because it’s so competitive right now?

Duff: I’m ambitious, but I don’t know if I think of it as competitive. I don’t worry that if I turn something down, so and so is going to take it. I have a great team around me that helps a lot. It’s fun for me, even though I do work my butt off.

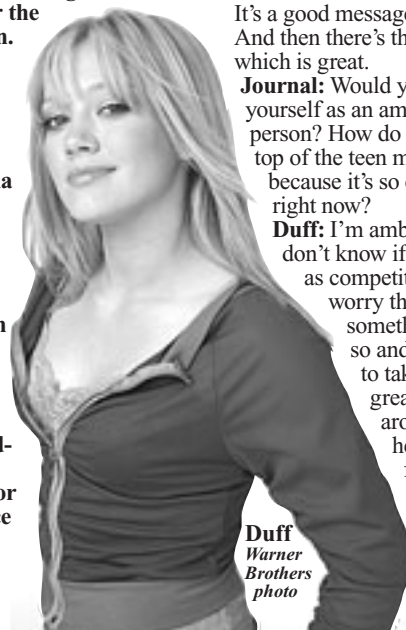
Journal: How did you get started in show business?
Duff: I did my first commercial when I was six years

old, and I didn’t know if I wanted to do it or not. It was just fun. But I have an older sister who wanted to be an actress so I wanted to be an actress. We begged our parents to move out to LA and see if we could do it and they were very supportive.

Journal: You and your sister sing a cover of the Go Gos’ “Our Lips are Sealed” for the soundtrack to this movie. Why did you pick that song?

Duff: My favorite movie is “Romy and Michele’s High School Reunion” and it’s on that soundtrack. It’s a great song with a great message, talking about jealousy and how people are very negative and that you have to rise above it.

“A Cinderella Story,” starring Hilary Duff, Regina King and Jennifer Coolidge, opens Friday. It is Rated PG-13.



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Say What?



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“We are disappointed by the manner in which Ms. Goldberg chose to express herself and sincerely regret that her recent remarks offended some of our consumers. Ads featuring Ms. Goldberg will no longer be on the air.”

— Terry Olson, Slim-Fast general manager, on the company’s release of Whoopi Goldberg after executives were unhappy with her remarks that mocked President Bush.

Big movers on the market

Stocks that were moving substantially or trading heavily Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Stock Market.

NYSE

- Advanced Micro Devices Inc., down 90 cents at \$12.84
- RadioShack Corp., down 98 cents at \$27.14
- Southwest Airlines Inc., down 16 cents at \$14.90

NASDAQ

- Audiovox Inc., up 95 cents at \$16.68
- Modem Media Inc., up \$1.08 at \$5.38
- Monro Muffler Brake Inc., down \$2.12 at \$19.63

— From The Wall Street Journal

The Daily Dish

Pop star couple **Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey** want to go from “Newlyweds” to “Parenthood.” ... **Will Smith** figures robots will take over many domestic and menial tasks for humans. He just doesn’t expect them to look much like his humanoidlike machine co-stars in the new film “I, Robot.” ... **Ben Affleck** has ended negotiations with Walt Disney Pictures to play Texas Western basketball coach Don Haskins in the movie “Glory Road.” ... R&B singer **Eric Benét** says Halle Berry’s stardom isn’t the reason his marriage to the Oscar-winning actress fell apart. ... Guitarist **Paco de Lucia** was awarded the Prince of Asturias prize for arts for his contribution to the culture of flamenco music. ... Swimming sensation **Michael Phelps** blushed while supermodel Cindy Crawford held his hand for photographers at a promotional event for a wristwatch. ... Libyan leader **Moammar Gadhafi** and his cohort of female bodyguards are the focus of an opera commissioned by one of Britain’s leading companies.

— From The Associated Press



Simpson

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CRITTERS

GOLDEN CHICK

• Scottish scientists have become the first in the world to breed a golden eagle chick from frozen sperm. They hope the development could help to safeguard some of the world’s most endangered birds of prey. Frozen sperm can be kept in perpetuity to wait for optimum breeding conditions.



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Cars line up to cross the Monroe Street Bridge in Alexandria. State transportation cuts may hinder a \$45 million plan to straighten the bridge. *File photo*

Budget cuts may result in 'topless' DASH bus depot

By ANDREI BLAKELY
Journal staff writer

A bus maintenance facility planned for Alexandria might have to go topless, without a roof, as the city absorbs state transportation budget cuts and looks for ways to do more with less.

"It's something we will need to work through," said Tom Culpepper, the city's deputy director of transportation and transit. "The immediate needs, that being the DASH bus system, we've gotten it to a level where we can work through."

The Virginia Department of Transportation's revised six-year plan for fiscal 2005-2010 effectively reduced the city's transportation funding by more than \$12 million. Instead of the anticipated \$110 million for that period, Alexandria will receive \$97.5 million.

The city is planning to build a DASH bus depot that can hold up to 115 vehicles, compared with the maximum 57 at the current station. The budget cut will force a one-year project delay, officials said, stretching the completion date to 2007.

It also is leading the city to reconsider the building's design plan with two alternatives, one "bare bones" option without a roof for \$23 million, and the \$29 million covered version. Alexandria is purchasing 14 replacement buses this year but cannot add to its fleet without more space.

Transportation cuts affected jurisdictions across

"The cost of construction is going up and the funding is shrinking."

Bernard J. Caton, Office of Legislative Services

the state this year, said Bernard J. Caton, director of the city's Office of Legislative Services.

"The cost of construction is going up and the funding is shrinking," he said.

Other Alexandria projects also were affected by funding reductions. The \$4.7 million plan to extend Mill Road west of Telegraph Road was eliminated, as was the city's road speed modification project. And a \$45 million plan to straighten the Monroe Avenue Bridge on Route 1 that carries traffic over the Potomac Yard railroad tracks is short \$1.6 million. The extremely sharp turns leading to the bridge are considered dangerous.

The project is partly dependent on \$17 million from Alexandria, with the rest paid by private developers. Culpepper is hopeful city officials can use alternative methods to fund the overpass or wait until fiscal 2011 to locate the remaining amount.

Use an 'earring' to ride with SmarTrip

By AMY McKEEVER/Journal staff writer

Metrail riders soon might be able to board a train or park at any station without using cash or a SmarTrip card, but with something even smarter.

"You can even put [the SmarTrip chip] in an earring if you want. You can put it in a bracelet," said Murray Bond, director of SmarTrip for Metro.

On Thursday, Metro's Board of Directors approved a resolution allowing the agency to negotiate with interested third parties to place SmarTrip chips on other cards or devices.

This decision comes in the wake of several pilot programs with CitiBank and the District, in which Mastercards and ID cards, respectively, were issued with an embedded chip. Rather than purchase SmarTrip or fare cards from Metro, participants could use these personal cards for Metro services.

Bond envisions even wider use of the technology, as there is talk of incorporating the

15 regional transit systems into one clearinghouse. Instead of using the separate payment methods of each transit system, one card with SmarTrip technology could get a rider from Virginia to the District to West Virginia.

"There's no end, it appears, to what this technology can do," Bond said.

Metro officials also have been in talks with the Department of Motor Vehicles about embedding SmarTrip chips in identification cards, such as driver's licenses, Bond said.

At the board meeting, Board member Christopher Zimmerman, from Arlington, raised questions about privacy protection for Metro customers who might be worried about identity theft and who has access to their information. He stressed the need to prepare a privacy strategy.

"If I'm concerned about protecting my personal information, what are you going to do?" Zimmerman said after the meeting.

Bond agreed with Zimmerman, also advocating a separate privacy policy to deal with the new technology and ensure riders full protection.

Metro to expand 'car-sharing'

By DREW BUSH
Journal staff writer

Cars cost oodles in maintenance, gas and paperwork.

Now, Metro will help make leaving all that behind even easier.

"It's going to open [car sharing] up to other more potentially to other companies and customers," said Christopher Zimmerman, a Metro board member from

Arlington. The transit agency first began partnering with a car sharing company in 2001.

Metro's Board unanimously adopted a measure Thursday that would renew its car sharing contract with Seattle-based Flexcar. The company has 121 cars placed around rail stations, which customers pay to reserve for hourly use.

Thursday's measure also opens the agency up for bidding by other car sharing companies on additional contracts. Staff has not yet

determined how many more cars could be placed around stations.

For Zimmerman, the measure makes sense. Almost 12 percent of Arlington residents have given up cars, he said. Where transportation is easier in the Ballston/Rosslyn corridor, Zimmerman said, nearly one in five people no longer drive.

Other Board members agreed this measure would get people out of their cars, passing it unanimously.

Officer 'justified' in shooting man

By ANDREA PRICER
Journal staff writer

The Prince William County officer who shot a man during a fight with police last week was justified, the Commonwealth's Attorney ruled.

Paul B. Ebert told police, who released the information Thursday, that the 23-year-old officer acted within the law when she shot Bruce Delane Johnson on July 7. Police were called to

7612 Pine St. in Yorkshire shortly after 8 a.m. for a domestic dispute between Johnson and his uncle — who called police from a neighbor's home and asked them to make Johnson leave.

Johnson allegedly struck the female officer in the face and fought with both officers even after they doused him with pepper spray and struck him with metal batons.

According to court records, the male officer felt he was too injured and exhausted to keep fighting

and the female officer feared she could not contain him alone so she fired once, striking him in the upper right leg. He was treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

The male officer was treated at a local hospital for lacerations to the head, shoulder and fingers.

Johnson was charged with malicious wounding of an officer, resisting arrest and assault and battery of an officer. A routine police investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Man dies while cutting tree

A man cutting a tree off a power line Wednesday was killed after the tree fell down and struck him in the upper body, Fairfax County police said.

Bobby Hill, 56, of Washington, was attempting to clear trees that were leaning against power lines in the 7200 block of Barry Road in the Kingstowne area.

One of the trees Hill was cutting down fell and struck him at about 10 p.m., police said. He was taken to Inova Springfield

Healthplex, where he was pronounced dead.

Hill was an employee of Asplundh Tree Expert Company, a contracting company for Dominion Power.

A spokeswoman with Asplundh said the company was investigating but declined further comment.

Police said Hill's death appears accidental, but they too are still investigating.

— Tony Holt

Police looking for alleged attacker

Manassas police released a composite sketch Thursday of a man who severely beat another man Feb. 3, fracturing his skull.

The 56-year-old victim was in the parking lot of a 7-Eleven at 8708 Liberia Ave. when he was confronted by a man he did not know, said Sgt. Tim Neumann, police spokesman.

A second person hit the victim from behind with a blunt object but the victim fought them off, he said. The man suffered a fractured leg, jaw and skull.

One of the attackers may have suffered a broken nose, Nuemann said. Anyone with information is asked to call Detective Christine Perry at 703-257-8048 and could receive up to \$1,000 for information leading to an arrest.

— Andrea Pricer

Metro enhancing services, look

■ ATMs, tele-advertising, and video monitors may all appear in Metro's stations soon. Thanks to Board-approved changes in the guidelines that govern advertising, Metro will allow staff to propose innovative revenue generating ideas for Metro's nearly bare, cathedral-like stations.

Approved Thursday, this measure also dedicates any new revenues to help fund sign improvements.

— Drew Bush

■ Metrorail riders should prepare for a different look. Starting Thursday, any station signs that need updating will be constructed in a different fashion. Pylons that currently hold lists of stations will no longer be used. Instead, signs will be placed overhead paths of travel, train destinations will be listed beneath station names and key signs will be illuminated.

— Drew Bush

■ The Metro Board of Directors approved a \$200,000 study Thursday to ensure wheels and the rail are properly aligned. The proper alignment would give the components a longer life, ensure peak efficiency from Metrorail and, most importantly, reduce the risk of train derailment, officials said.

"You can do the study or you could not do the study," spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein said. "If you don't do the study, that's probably not wise."

All work on the study will take place in fiscal year 2005 and will be performed by a technical consulting company.

— Amy McKeever

Life after injury

Two children return home after being burned in blast

By TONY HOLT
Journal staff writer

Tyler and Devon Lutz wasted little time convincing their grandparents to take them to a showing of "Spiderman 2."

It was their first fun activity together since April 21, when they were playing inside a shed that exploded, causing them to receive severe burns over most of their bodies.

"They are ecstatic to be home," said their uncle, Jonathan Lutz, who lives with the boys and their grandparents. "They really had been looking forward to

coming home ... and seeing that movie."

Tyler and Devon, who are 4 and 5 years old, respectively, were in their backyard shed, located in the 1900 block of Leonard Road, when it inexplicably caught fire. In seconds, the 40-by-40-foot shed was fully engulfed. Their mother and a 15-year-old neighbor helped rescue the boys and pulled them to safety.

Fire officials are still investigating the cause of the explosion.

Tyler and Devon were flown to the Children's National Medical Center before being transported to Shriners Hospital in Boston, one of the nation's leading burn treatment facilities.

"They got excellent care there," Lutz said. "They were there for about two and a half months. They go through physical therapy with their arms and their legs and exercises so that everything is functioning properly."

The boys, who arrived home July 4, were released from Shriners about two months earlier than expected. They wear protective clothing over their bodies to reduce the scarring. They also are facing routine therapy and surgery during the next 15 years.

"No one expected them to heal so fast," added Lutz.

Catfishing at camp



Children from Lake Accotink's Outdoor Fun Camp go fishing for catfish in Accotink Creek at Lake Accotink Park.

Brig Cabe/Journal

Challenger raises money for race

James Socas, the challenger to U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf, R-10th, raised more money in the 2nd quarter of 2004 than any other of the incumbent's previous challengers.

Socas, seeking to unseat Wolf before he wins a 13th term, raised \$404,000, according to the Federal Election Commission.

Greg Speed, a spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, said Thursday afternoon that only seven other Democratic House challengers in the country had raised more money in the quarter, although not all reports had been compiled as of Thursday afternoon.

Socas' report "seems to put him among the strongest challengers in the nation for the

quarter," Speed said.

Wolf, who won the strongly Republican district that encompasses the outer suburbs of Washington with 72 percent of the vote in 2002, is a strong favorite to win - he has won 60 percent of the vote in every election since 1984.

But Socas said he sees his fundraising figures as an opportunity. "Our contention has always been that this district is changing so much, with people moving in from D.C., from Fairfax County, that Frank Wolf has just grown out of touch."

Wolf raised just \$61,173 in the quarter, but has raised \$579,987 in the election cycle and has \$527,426 cash on hand.

- Associated Press and Drew Bush

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Mayor holding firm on payments to Metro despite possible benefits

By ANDREI BLAKELY
Journal staff writer

Alexandria's mayor has no plans to increase the city's subsidy payment to Metro as the transit system seeks to purchase more cars, configure longer trains and maintain its

infrastructure, the mayor said Thursday.

"It puts undue pressure on municipalities to support Metro while dealing with other facility needs," said Mayor William D. Euille, a member of Metro's board of directors. "My stated

position is that we cannot support any additional funding beyond our commitment."

Alternative funding methods, such as a dedicated transit tax, should be explored before any subsidy increases are considered, Euille said.

Alexandria, which has three

Metro stations, pays \$30-35 million a year to support infrastructure improvements and other needs. Metro could try to increase the subsidy as soon as next year, said Tom Culpepper, Alexandria's deputy director of transportation and transit.

"It will certainly be a challenge to the city financially," he said. "But, at the same time transit services are important to the city."

Virginia localities, Maryland and the District provide annual funding to maintain Metro and last year, although the dollar figure increased, the percentage of their payments was lower than the previous year, said Lisa Farbstein, Metro spokeswoman.

Alexandria wants to improve its Metro stations, but money is tight. Construction on a \$12 million entrance to the King Street station near Cameron Street and Commonwealth Avenue will begin this fall using grant money. But a plan to build another entrance at the Eisenhower Station is not funded, Culpepper said.

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Campers play water basketball on Thursday. Camp Friendship, located in Laytonsville, Md., is a sleep-away camp for children who have cancer, had cancer or who have a sibling/parent who has dealt with cancer.

Andrew Harnik/Journal

Camp helps ease the pain

By ANNA BAILEY
Journal staff writer

Thirteen-year-old Madigbe loves to play soccer, but he's not too bad at basketball, either. An Adelphi resident originally from Guinea, Madigbe was all smiles while drying off after just scoring the winning point in a water basketball game.

No one would ever guess he spent the day before at Children's Hospital getting a blood transfusion.

Madigbe is one of 70 children and teens with cancer having the time of his life at Camp Friendship in Laytonsville. Along with typical camp activities, the campers also share a special bond.

"To know that it's not just me who went through it," said Andrew, a 16-year-old from Manassas who was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 5.

At Camp Friendship, cancer patients and their siblings can ride horses, play putt-putt golf, run an obstacle course and sit around a campfire, all without feeling different.

"You have a lot of kids still on chemotherapy or taking certain drugs or they're without a limb," said Susan Cobb, the administrative

officer for the Carol Jean Cancer Foundation, which runs the week-long overnight camp. "They can't go to normal camps because they're limited. We try to provide for them a camping experience like every other kid has."

Despite their illnesses, many of the campers flourish in the camp's environment and look happy and vibrant.

"This is a normal camp," said Debbie Lafond, a hematology and oncology nurse practitioner at Children's Hospital. "The only thing is we probably have a better-equipped medical center."

Children's Hospital in Washington heads up the medical facility at Camp Friendship and allows its nurses to work one week at the camp without having to take time off.

Lafond, doubling as a referee for the day's events, said the interaction with the campers outside of the hospital helps the children open up to her. She also said talking about camp memories can be a welcome distraction for the children when they're back at the hospital.

"I learn so much more from them than they probably learn from me ... their courage, strength and perseverance," Lafond said.

Sleeping juror won't be punished

STAFFORD, Va. (AP) — A Stafford County juror who fell asleep in court and triggered a mistrial June 30 will not be punished.

"In this case, the judge reassured the juror that he wasn't in trouble, and that was the end of it," said George Elsasser, the Stafford County prosecutor involved in the case. The juror's name was not released.

The Circuit Court trial ended when Judge Ann Hunter Simpson was told the young juror had slept through a portion of the prosecution's case against 42-year-old Linwood Collins, court records show. Collins, a Washington resident, is charged with grand larceny and breaking and entering.

A new trial was scheduled for Oct. 26.

DeVry University open house

There will be an open house to discuss the undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered at DeVry University's Arlington campus from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. today.

The event includes a tour of the facility, as well as the opportunity to ask questions about curricula, financial aid, career services and anything else. Questions will be answered by DeVry representatives.

DeVry University offers career-oriented associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs in technology, business and management.

DeVry's Arlington campus is located at 2341 Jefferson Davis Highway. For more information, visit devry.edu, or call 703-414-4000.

— Ryan Moore

Stuart High School wins IB award

Stuart High School serves a diverse population of students — 70 percent minorities — from its location at 3301 Peace Valley Lane in Falls Church. Yet, it keeps its International Baccalaureate diploma program open to all its students. For this reason, the school was awarded the IB's North America Inspiration Award and Principal Mel Riddle will accept it Sunday at a conference.

— Drew Bush

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Officials seek funding for Metro maintenance

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isolated, Gallagher said. It may have been caused by plaster anchors and steel nails and bolts that didn't properly secure the 24-by-30-foot piece of the ceiling, he added.

Farragut North also was one of the first stations to open in 1976, when Metro began its original 4.5 miles of track from Farragut to Rhode Island Avenue, said Spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein.

For many Metro officials, the collapse points back to a problem diagnosed by Chief

Executive Officer Richard A. White, who called for jurisdictions to step up and fund \$1.5 billion in system maintenance and improvement costs last fall. Nearly \$525 million of that money — called Metro Matters — would go toward infrastructure maintenance.

"This is an aging system," said Jim Graham, a board member from the District. "We've just got to find a dedicated funding source ... It's got to happen and it's got to involve the federal government." Gallagher refused to tie

the crash to poor maintenance until analysis can be done on what caused it.

Christopher Zimmerman, a board member from Arlington, did not know much about the specifics of the crash or whether poor maintenance might be tied to it. But, he said, Metro spends only 1 percent of the value of its system on maintenance — a good rule of thumb is that 3 percent should be spent.

If jurisdictions do fund Metro Matters this fall, maintenance spending would increase to 2 percent of the value of the system.

Region could lose federal money if ozone emissions not reduced by '05

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strategies. The environmental groups want an EPA decision within 45 days.

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments submitted new plans in February addressing the area's air quality status of severe non attainment. But Earthjustice wants a ruling on the old, and what it considers deficient, plans because that will trigger a "sanctions clock."

The region could lose federal transportation dollars if it does not reduce ozone emissions by 2005.

"If you're a student in school and you pass in a failing paper and while the teacher is still grading, you pass in another assignment, the teacher doesn't wait to fail you on the first one until [after] he grades the second," said David Baron, Earthjustice spokesman.

EPA spokeswoman Donna Heron said her office just received the filing Thursday morning and could not comment until they had reviewed it. There is no scheduled court hearing in the case.

Baron said they do not believe COG's new air quality plans will be sufficient, citing a lack of contingency measures in Virginia, Maryland and the District and Maryland's failure to pass a law requiring emissions fees as required under the new plans.

"The failure of the states to submit adequate plans in the past triggers the need for sanctions if these new plans are not adequate," he said.

Dana Kauffman, a member of COG's air quality committee and a Fairfax County supervisor, said the region's leaders are committed to cleaner air without court orders telling them to do so.

"The real challenge ... particularly on the Virginia side, is limited tax dollars," Kauffman said.

The air quality problem in the region, according to Kauffman and Joan Rohlfs, chief of air quality planning at COG, is pollution coming down from Ohio River Valley power plants.

"The states have done what we need to do," Rohlfs said.

Arc 'n' roll



Jeanine Scheible, of Alexandria, left, awaits her turn as Antonia Delgado, also of Alexandria, tosses her Bocce ball toward the target Pallino ball in an open game of Bocce on the grounds of Burke Lake Park in Fairfax County. Jeff Mankie/Journal

Different options available for I-95 HOV lane expansion

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heading north, and they are coming through Prince William County. You will have more cars on the same number of lanes."

Competing proposals to extend I-95's HOV lanes are on the table, and the Virginia Department of Transportation is in the very early stages of sifting through them. Both fall under the state's Public-Private Transportation Act.

One suggests converting existing HOV lanes to HOT lanes and extending them south to Route 17 in Fredericksburg. The other envisions a combination of HOT lanes and bus rapid transit between the 14th Street Bridge and Massaponax.

Unlike Stewart, Connaughton contends carpoolers and "slug" lines, where drivers and commuters match up in parking lots to meet the HOV-3 requirement, would benefit in the end.

"We also see a tremendous amount of people who are driving from Stafford, Spotsylvania and Fauquier coming to our HOV lots ... where they can get slugs," Connaughton said. "It would make it advantageous to move those slug lines and disperse them a little bit more."

Woman stabbed

An Alexandria woman was stabbed Wednesday while working at a convenience store on Richmond Highway, Fairfax County police said.

At 9 p.m. a man hiding in the rear of Paenaderia Y Carniceria Zan Zopan, located in the 8600 block of Richmond Highway, stabbed a 26-year-old employee.

The victim ran for help and the suspect — described as a 6-foot-3-inch black man in his 30s with medium-length hair that was possibly braided — fled

through a back door.

The woman was transported to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, where she was treated with non-life-threatening injuries and later released.

The suspect was last seen wearing a black T-shirt with black pants and an earring on his right ear lobe.

Anyone with information is asked to call Fairfax County police at 703-691-2131 or Crime Solvers at 800-673-2777.

— Staff report

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Gay marriage foes pin hopes on House

Bill would stop federal court orders for interstate recognition

WASHINGTON (AP) – Unable to ban gay marriage, congressional Republicans are working to contain it, advancing legislation in the House to make sure federal courts don't order states to recognize same-sex unions sanctioned outside their borders.

"When federal judges step out of line, Congress has the responsibility to drop the red flag," Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, said Wednesday as the court-stripping measure cleared the House Judiciary Committee on a near party-line vote of 21-13.

Democrats objected, some strenuously. Rep. Maxine Waters of California called the legislation a political exercise, and Rep. Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, the first openly gay woman elected to Congress, criticized it as "unnecessary,

unconstitutional and unwise."

Even so, GOP officials said the measure likely would be on the House floor next week, and they expressed confidence it would pass.

If so, it would mark a clear victory for gay marriage opponents, who suffered a decisive setback Wednesday in the Senate when the constitutional amendment fell a dozen votes shy of the 60 needed to advance.

Within hours of the vote in which 48 senators voted to advance the measure and 50 to block it, President Bush issued a statement saying he was "deeply disappointed" by the outcome but calling it a temporary setback.

"Activist judges and local officials in some parts of the country are not letting up in their efforts to redefine marriage for the rest of America and neither should defenders of traditional marriage flag in their efforts," he added.

NATION BRIEFS

Kerry promises NAACP dialogue

BOSTON – Democrat John Kerry told the NAACP Thursday that as president he will always talk with people who disagree with him – a slap at President Bush for declining to address the civil rights group.

Bush signs ID theft legislation

WASHINGTON – President Bush signed a new law Thursday requiring stiff prison sentences for people convicted of using or providing fake IDs in committing terrorist acts and other types of crime.

Senators: Riggs helped Pinochet

WASHINGTON – Senators investigating Riggs Bank say managers helped former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet to conceal millions.

– From The Associated Press

Dramatic liftoff launches air probe



A Boeing Delta II rocket lifts off from Space Launch Complex-2, early Thursday from Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif. The rocket carries NASA's Aura satellite into orbit, a \$785 million mission to study Earth's atmosphere.

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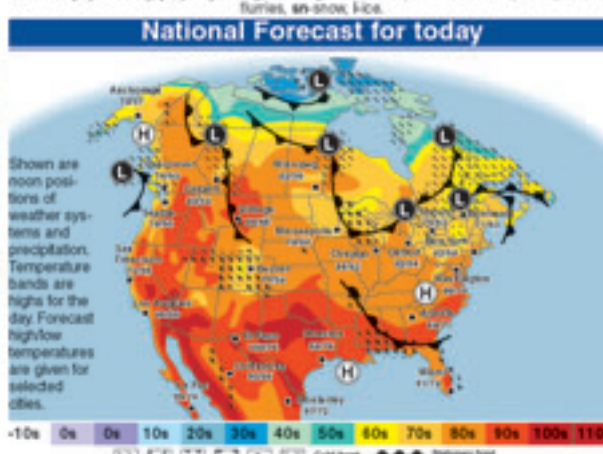
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Today's High/Low Tides

City	High a.m.	Low p.m.	High a.m.	Low p.m.
Alexandria	8:19	8:54	2:10	3:10
Annapolis	5:29	5:35	—	12:40
Norfolk	9:36	9:57	3:42	3:27
Ocean City, MD	7:28	7:57	1:51	1:28
Washington, DC	8:11	8:46	2:27	3:27



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:56 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:32 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:45 a.m.
Moonset today	8:31 p.m.

New Moon: July 17
First Quarter: July 24
Full Moon: July 31
Last Quarter: Aug 7

National Summary

A few showers and thunderstorms will occur along a stationary front stretched across the Southeast today. A few thunderstorms will develop in the Great Lakes. The Southwest and Texas will be dry and hot.

Tobacco stalemate breaks

WASHINGTON (AP) An unlikely coalition of tobacco-state lawmakers and anti-smoking advocates rallied behind a Senate measure Thursday to put new restrictions on cigarette makers and pay tobacco farmers \$12 billion to give up federal quotas propping up their prices.



Jessamine county farmer Carl Waits looks for signs of blue mold on the leaves on some of his tobacco crop near Nicholasville, Ky., on June 9.

AP Photo

An agreement to combine a 10-year buyout for tobacco growers with new Food and Drug Administration powers broke weeks of deadlock over how to proceed with negotiations on a broad corporate tax bill.

Supporters worked Thursday to get the buyout and new FDA authority to

regulate cigarettes attached to the Senate tax bill so that talks could begin with the House on a compromise. The

FDA would regulate tobacco not as a drug but as an entirely separate product category.

Woman injured in car fire dies

SEATTLE (AP) – A man doused his girlfriend and her three children with gasoline inside a car and set them on fire early Wednesday as he drove, authorities said. All five died after the car crashed in flames.

Residents reported hearing the crash and seeing two adults engulfed in flames, stumbling across a road near Bonney Lake, a small town east of Tacoma. Firefighters found the bodies of the three children, a girl and two boys, in the back of the burned car.

Antigone Monique Allen, 18, who had recently filed an assault complaint against the 24-year-old man, survived for nearly eight hours at a Seattle hospital, sheriff's Detective Ed Troyer said.

She managed to tell investigators and family what happened before she died.

Garcia snorted cocaine while they were out Tuesday night and the two began arguing, the woman's sister, Laveda Allen, said.

Enron to end bankruptcy

HOUSTON (AP) – More than two years after its spectacular collapse, Enron won approval Thursday to emerge from bankruptcy under a plan in which creditors will receive less than 20 cents on the dollar and the Enron name will disappear.

Once Enron sells off some of its major assets to pay creditors, all that will be left of the scandal-ridden company – once the nation's seventh-largest – will be a smattering of pipeline and power assets in 14 countries.

"This is what's left of what had been a \$65 billion asset company," said John Olson, a Sanders Morris Harris analyst who has followed Enron since its inception in 1985.



Nelson Mandela acknowledges the audience while making a speech at the 15th International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand Thursday. Mandela, former president of South Africa, calls on governments, businesses and citizens to donate generously to the war on AIDS, saying "no amount is too small," as the United Nations blames the epidemic for the plummeting life expectancy in some parts of Africa.

AP photo

AIDS research dollars sought

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) – Experts on Thursday called for urgent work on HIV-killing gels that could help protect women who can't rely on condoms, while Nelson Mandela urged governments and "every global citizen" to donate more money to fight AIDS.

With research over the past two years showing that an AIDS vaccine is still a long way off, HIV-killing gels and creams, female condoms and diaphragms that could bolster prevention in the interim have become more of a priority, experts said.

"Developing an HIV vaccine is probably one of the most difficult challenges that biomedical science is confronting," vaccine researcher Jose Esparza told a plenary session at the International AIDS Conference running through Friday.

At the biggest gathering ever of AIDS scientists, activists, policy-makers and HIV-infected people, also drawing international dignitaries, Mandela, who turns 86 on Sunday, said, "Donors need to substantially increase their funding. This applies not only to governments, but also the private sector and private foundations."

Security agency set as 10 die

Car bombing heralds Iraqi announcement

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Attackers detonated a car bomb near police and government buildings in the western city of Haditha on Thursday, killing 10 Iraqis, while the prime minister said he would create a new security service geared to halting the insurgency.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said terrorists aiming to undermine Iraq's new government are determined not only to kill civilians and soldiers but to destroy the nation's infrastructure.

Also, militants holding a Filipino truck driver hostage said they would release him when the last Filipino soldier leaves Iraq, according to a statement read on Arab television.

The statement on the station al-Jazeera followed a video of the captive, Angelo dela Cruz, saying he was coming home soon and thanking his government for agreeing to withdraw peacekeepers.

The Philippines' withdrawal is expected by the end of the month.

Decapitated body found

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – A decapitated body in an orange jumpsuit was discovered in the Tigris River in northern Iraq on Wednesday night, the military said. Although it was not identified, there were suspicions it could be that of a Bulgarian driver taken hostage recently and slain.

Iraq looks to Muslim troops

VIENNA, Austria – A spate of suicide bombings, hostage-takings and beheadings in Iraq rocks the U.S.-led coalition, prompting troop pullout demands. Iraq's new prime minister says he is looking to nations with large Muslim populations – like India, Pakistan and Egypt – for help.

Morocco seen as major threat

MADRID, Spain – Morocco, home to most of the suspects in the Madrid train bombings, has about 100 al-Qaida-linked cells capable of suicide attacks, posing Europe's biggest terror threat, Spain's leading anti-terrorism judge Baltasar Garzon testified.

Farms displace Congo gorillas

KINSHASA, Congo – Thousands of Rwandan farmers have overrun a swath of Congo's oldest national park, home to more than half the world's remaining 700 mountain gorillas.

– From The Associated Press

Maize maze traces train



A giant maze was made to celebrate the historic return of the legendary 1923 Flying Scotsman steam locomotive to its home in Yorkshire, northern England. It involves 30 acres of maize – as much as 10 feet tall – and four miles of pathways. The engine was first to achieve 100 mph.

AP Photo

Conservative party asked to join Sharon

JERUSALEM (AP) – Israel's premier offered a powerful ultra-Orthodox Jewish party a place in his ruling coalition Thursday, his latest attempt to shore up a government weakened by his plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

But the appeal has angered secular parties and could trigger a political upheaval that would leave the future of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and his pullout plan in doubt.

By inviting the Shas Party and another ultra-Orthodox faction into his shaky coalition, Sharon risks alienating both the moderate opposition Labor Party and the secular Shinui Party – which strongly support the Gaza withdrawal.

Sharon called Shas leader Eli Yishai on Thursday and invited the party to begin coalition negotiations next week, and Yishai agreed, a statement from Sharon's office said.

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U.K.: al-Zarqawi had 'sleeper cells' in Iraq

LONDON (AP) – Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi set up "sleeper cells" in Baghdad before the Iraq war to attack American forces occupying the country, according to a British intelligence report.

The report, dated March 2003 and released as part of an

overall review of British intelligence, forecast the string of Zarqawi's attacks against American targets during the past year "using car bombs and other weapons." It said he was setting up groups of fighters to be activated at a later time, known in the intelligence field as "sleeper cells."

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A needed check on judicial power

Juries should hear facts affecting sentencing

OUR OPINION

The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Blakely v. Washington* – that sentencing guidelines are unconstitutional if they allow a judge to consider aggravating factors that could increase a defendant's sentence if such facts are not shared with a jury – has created a legal uproar.

The defendant in the case pleaded guilty to kidnapping and assaulting his estranged wife. Standing alone, the charges against him warranted a maximum sentence of 53 months in prison. But the judge imposed a 90-month sentence after finding that he acted with “deliberate cruelty” – a conclusion not made by the jury.

The high court ruled in a 5-4 decision last month that such a sentencing procedure deprived the man of his constitutional right to have a jury of his peers – not an unelected judge – determine facts he neither admitted to nor a jury found true “beyond a reasonable doubt.”

That state and federal courts are now reportedly in turmoil because of this relatively straightforward reassertion of constitutional principles shows just how far they have strayed from bedrock American principles.

Unfortunately, a certain number of undeserving felons may benefit from confusion surrounding the ruling. However, an implied threat that district court judges will simply refuse to sentence anybody until the high court rules on the constitutionality of all sentencing guidelines themselves will hopefully not materialize.

This ruling is a needed balance on increasingly unchecked judicial power. Juries aren't perfect, but judges aren't either.

Should judges or juries be able to increase a criminal sentence?

YOUR OPINION



Greg Seubert, Commonwealth One vice president Woodbridge

“I kind of run the line on that because I think that a jury should be able to have some say in sentencing, but I also think that a jury can be really emotionally swayed.”



Rhonda Carter, school janitor Alexandria

“I think [judges] should be able to [increase sentences]. They know the system. Sometimes juries don't know the system.”



Karen Shilling, teacher Alexandria

“I think it should be juries. Sometimes judges can be biased.”



Toe-to-Toe TALKING DIRTY

Surrogate parent

The Senate recently voted to step up fines for broadcast indecency violations, authorizing the Federal Communications Commission to increase penalties for naughty behavior on the airwaves from \$27,500 to \$275,000, a ten-fold increase.

The bill was a slam-dunk in both chambers of Congress. Outgoing Sen. John Breaux, D-La., was the lone dissenter in

Adam Thierer
Cato Institute

the Senate, but he was angry the bill didn't go far enough to regulate indecency on cable and satellite television, too.

In an age of supposedly bitter partisanship, nothing unites old enemies like getting on the moral high horse and preaching to the media about cleaning up their act.

Parents like me should be rejoicing that our morally upstanding leaders are protecting our children from the filth in this world. But there is a less popular way of looking at the issue: Whatever happened to personal responsibility?

I have a serious problem with calling in Uncle Sam to play the role of surrogate parent and I hope others out there do, too.

Particularly troubling is the fact that so many conservatives – who rightly preach the gospel of personal responsibility about most economic issues – seemingly give up on this notion when it comes to cultural issues.

Art, music and speech are fair game for the Ministry of Culture down at the FCC, but don't let them regulate our cable rates!

The real folly of these latest indecency fines is that they will have little real impact. Sen. Breaux was actually on to something when he argued that lawmakers need to deal with cable and satellite television if they want to be an effective culture cop.

It doesn't matter whether Congress raises broadcast fines ten times or a million times, it won't have any effect in the realm of subscription-based “pay TV” and radio – to which almost 90 percent of American households subscribe.

When the last person in America has thrown away his rabbit-ear television set and converted to cable or satellite TV, is Congress going to wash out Tony Soprano's mouth with soap?



Jose Minaya needs an agent. Labeled the “sex gabber” by the New York Post, he was fired as a middle-school guidance counselor because he talked to students about sex.

According to a Post article, he asked male and female middle school students if they had “hair down there” and told one of his students to use a condom if the boy

was having sex.

I don't defend racy counseling sessions with middle school students, but it

made me wonder why Mr. Minaya got panned while others talk about explicit sex to our school kids every day and are praised.

After a little research, I think I've figured it out. Mr. Minaya's mistake was not using a video demonstrating condom usage rather than just talking about it.

Many schools around the country use the National Education Association's “Considering Your Options” film or “Hope is Not a Method” video that demonstrates various means of contraception, including how to apply condoms.

The “Hope” video, which even describes the virtues of flavored condoms, may be in use in your child's school.

Or perhaps Mr. Minaya should have written a book about sexuality. Then he could have recommended it to students without incident. Groups like the NEA recommend teachers and students consult the Website of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Educators Network for materials.

One of the many books recommended there for grades 7-12 is by guidance counselor Alex Sanchez. Sexual behavior is graphically described, and one character has unprotected sex with an adult he contacted on the Internet.

Other GLSEN-recommended books make liberal use of profanity and explicit descriptions of sexual behavior.

Hence my recommendation that Mr. Minaya get an agent. If you're going to talk dirty, you gotta have the right vehicle.

Get an agent first

Warren Throckmorton
Grove City College

YOUR LETTERS

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Snake article sends wrong message

I was appalled to read the story in the July 13 *Journal* about the little girl who killed a snake (“Snake no match for armed 7-year-old girl”).

Such gratuitous violence should hardly be encouraged by running it in a daily newspaper as if it were acceptable behavior.

Of course, I feel nothing but sorrow for the little girl and the snake in question – but disgust with the father who encouraged this unfortunate event and the reporter who “covered” it.

The obvious solution to such an encounter would be to find a way to keep snakes out of the hen house, not to kill the snake.

Is this young girl going to grow up thinking it's acceptable to kill anything that is an inconvenience to her?

In this case, it was an admittedly nonvenomous snake. What next?

– **DORIE SOUTHERN**
Falls Church

Cars are being towed illegally

There's been a spate of illegal towings in Northern Virginia by Henry's Wrecker Service (and perhaps others) ranging from towing without proper public notice to larceny.

I myself have been privy to three such incidents in my residential area alone.

I have forwarded exact information about these three occurrences, along with contacts to confirm the reports to the Fairfax County Police Department.

I'm also in a discussion with Penelope Gross, the Fairfax County supervisor for the Mason District, about this issue, which I believe it is a matter of public importance that deserves a treatment in the press.

– **JEFFREY A. LEACH**
Alexandria

Thanks for your July 4th coverage

Thank you for your coverage of the Veterans Common's Independence Day service in Falls Church.

The service went well and quite a few people attended to share their patriotic feelings.

God bless you and your staff.
– **LEN RINALDI, SR.**
Assistant Veterans Commons coordinator, Falls Church

Keep traditional marriage only

Traditional marriages between a man and a woman are the only type that should be legal.

– **PATRICIA DUNN**
Springfield



Basking in the early success of their latest effort "The Curse," Atreyu (from left to right, Marc McKnight, Brandon Saller, Travis Miguel and Dan Jacobs) appears on the second stage of Ozzfest Sunday at Nissan Pavilion. The tour also features Ozzy Osbourne and Black Sabbath, Slayer and a reunited Judas Priest.

Victory Records photos

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Smith gets his Isaac Asimov on

Will Smith is wary of any and all sentient machinery when he investigates a murder in the sci-fi feature "I, Robot," based on the works of Isaac Asimov. **Page 14**

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A 'Kiss' from a faraway land

Swedish band Sahara Hotnights performs cuts from "Kiss & Tell" Tuesday opening for The Hives at the 9:30 Club in Washington. **Page 18**

MOVIES



Duff dares to take on a classic tale

Hilary Duff trades in glass slippers for a cell phone in the disastrous "A Cinderella Story," also starring Jennifer Coolidge. **Page 17**

Tales from the dark side

Equally influenced by hair metal and vampires, Atreyu reaches an early goal by traveling with Ozzfest this summer

By **BRIAN TRUITT**
Journal staff writer

Dan Jacobs has always been on the dark side.

Not in the Darth Vader way, although his metal band Atreyu's music does deal with death, pain, agony and the occasional bloodsucking creature of the night. No, we're talking the Poison, Ratt, White Lion and Bon Jovi kind of dark side here.

Although he's been made fun of countless times by some of his bandmates for his hair-metal fanaticism, Jacobs brings an '80s-rock, guitar-shredding edge to the moody hardcore strains of Atreyu. And it's proven to be a pretty lethal combination: The band's newest album "The Curse" (Victory Records) — a follow-up to 2002's popular "Suicide Notes and Butterfly Kisses" — hit shelves June 29 and sold

34,145 copies its first week, landing the disc at No. 32 on Billboard's top-200 album chart and making it the No. 1 independent record in the country.

"I'm a huge, huge '80s hair-metal fan," Jacobs says, "and I truly feel that a lot of the fans that are coming up today and kids who are digging this kind of music are too young to know about that or really know how amazing it was and how talented those musicians were. Those were such amazing stage shows they put on, and we figured, why not try to bring that back in a more modernized form?"

Currently appearing on the all-metal, all-the-time Ozzfest tour (which sets



down at Nissan Pavilion Sunday), Atreyu follows in the heavy footsteps of other up-and-coming second-stagers of years past like Slipknot, Disturbed, Meshuggah and Mudvayne. The band's subject matter alone endears its members to the Ozzy Osbourne faithful, with vocalist/lyricist Alex Varkatzas screaming his lungs out about everything from mortality to depression to isolation and back again.

While "The Curse" seems on the surface to be a concept album about vampires, it's not, according to Jacobs. There is an obvious vampiric theme, however, starting with the album cover

depicting a woman with rather impressive, um, canines, and continuing in the music itself. "Bleeding Mascara" talks of a "soul-sucker" who's "a wraith with an angel's body, a demon with a smile of gold" (c'mon, guys, we've all dated a girl like that at least once); "The Crimson" name-drops Anne Rice and asks the question, "Will you still kiss me the same when you taste my victim's blood?"; and the romantic line "I'll never need to see the sun again/There's enough light in your eyes to light up our little world" from "This Flesh a Tomb" would make even Count Dracula get a bit misty-eyed.

"The Curse" comes around at a great pop-culture time to be a vampire, when horror comics like Steve Niles' "30 Days of Night" are all the rage and "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" DVDs are still selling well after the cult TV series'

Please see **ATREYU**, Page 19

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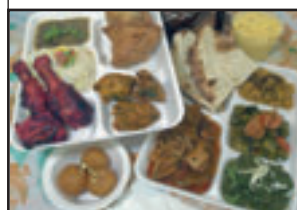
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The Who's "Tommy," a rock opera by Pete Townshend and Des McAnuff, presented by The Studio Theatre; thru Aug. 8, 8:30 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, Secondstage, 1333 P St. N.W., Washington. \$30. 202-544-7077.

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Theater

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Performance by the Carousel Puppets; 10 a.m. tomorrow, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Centreville, Va. Free. 703-631-0013.

Performance by the Rhodes Tavern Troubadours, as part of Strathmore Hall Arts Center's Backyard Theater; 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Thursday, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, Md. \$6. 301-530-0540.

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MOVIES THE 'I' HAS IT

Smith adds Big Willie style to the impressive 'I, Robot'

By SALLY KLINE
Journal movie reviewer

On the surface at least, most of today's dark, special effects-laden sci-fi blockbusters seem too much the same: Creatures and/or technology run amok; a muscled A-list celebrity must save humanity; a race against time and flashy property destruction ensue.

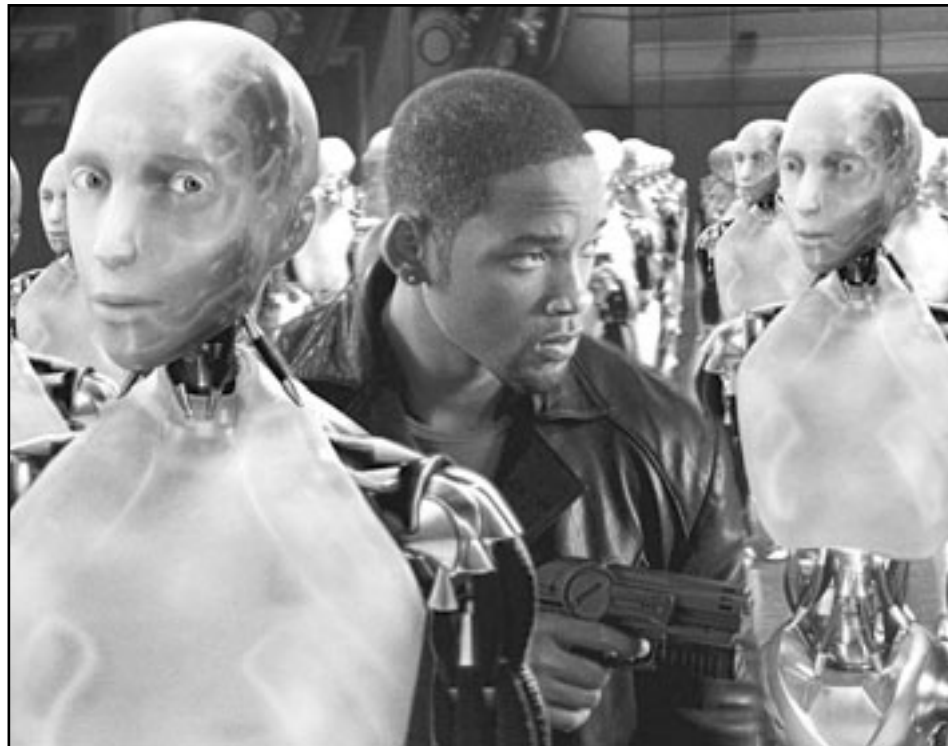
Will Smith's latest, "I, Robot," has all these predictable elements. But I liked it. And that was quite unexpected.

As inspired by Isaac Asimov's eponymous collection of short stories, directed by Alex Proyas ("Dark City") and written by Jeff Vintar and Akiva Goldsman, "I, Robot" offers dazzling design, cool action scenes and enough thought-provoking subtext to make this futuristic thriller of android mayhem worth recommending.

Set in Chicago in the year 2035, as the U.S. Robotics corporation is about to disseminate new super-intelligent robot model NS-5 in mass quantities, the story's allusions to other recent films are many.

Like Steven Spielberg's "A.I. Artificial Intelligence," one of these man-made contraptions develops human emotions and thereby threatens the natural order. In this movie's case, he is a rather creepy NS-5 called Sonny, as developed by robotic innovator Dr. Alfred Lanning (James Cromwell). The mystery of Lanning's death sets the plot in motion when anti-robot homicide detective Del Spooner (Smith) discovers that some of the smart machines may now be violating their operating-system mandate to protect and obey human beings.

Soon, the silicone species starts to turn on the flesh-and-blood types — as in the "Matrix" and "Terminator" series, and also referencing the even earlier scenario of 1972's "Conquest of the Planet of the Apes" (the feature franchise's third sequel in which the servant class of simians revolt).



A homicide detective (Will Smith) searches by land (above) and by futuristic motorcycle (below, with Bridget Moynihan) to find a robotic killer in "I, Robot." 20th Century Fox photos

With the help of robot shrink and requisite female hottie Dr. Susan Calvin (Bridget Moynihan), it will be up to Det. Spooner to figure out who or what is behind the potential conspiracy and stop it.

Smith is his usual laid-back, jocular self in the hero role. But it may be his work as a first-time film executive producer that

deserves more credit.

He and his fellow producers have collected an impressive crew. On the effects side, they have engineered a spectacular steely look and adrenaline-churning excitement, making even the standard high-speed car-chase sequence into a dizzying whirl

of shock and pyrotechnics. But even more notably, the director and screenwriters mine clever themes about mankind's self-destructiveness and the rationale of authoritarian government, which bring to mind such present-day realities as the war in Iraq and the so-called Patriot Act.

A big, loud popcorn movie with a deeper layer of interest? It means that "I, Robot" is more than just "I" candy.

Rated PG-13 for intense stylized action, and some brief partial nudity.

Ingmar Bergman retiring from stage

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Ingmar Bergman, one of the great masters of modern film,

celebrated his 86th birthday Wednesday with a sour gift for fans — an announcement that he's retiring from the stage.



Bergman AP photo

Bergman said his 2002 production of Henrik Ibsen's "Ghost" at Sweden's Royal Dramatic Theatre would be his last.

"After 'Ghost' I decided that this must be it. I do not want them to carry me out of the theater. I'm leaving by myself," he said in an interview with the newspaper Dagens Nyheter. "Nobody will need to say, 'Now the old man has to quit.'"

The film icon also said that his heart remains with theater.

While theater is the backbone of his artistic career, his involvement in films has endeared him to movie lovers. He's won three Oscars in the Best Foreign Language Film category, the last in 1984 for "Fanny and Alexander."

"We worked on 'Fanny and Alexander' for seven months and it was an amusing production. Still, it was very long and heavy and so awfully complicated," Bergman said.

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Floored by Bridges

With 'The Door in the Floor,' actor continues string of memorable performances

By SALLY KLINE
Journal movie reviewer

If great mainstream sequel entertainment such as "Shrek 2" and "Spider-Man 2" isn't intellectually challenging or original enough for you, "The Door in the Floor" provides the kind of more sophisticated cinematic experience that summers at the multiplex often lack. Its top-drawer credentials include a foundation in a John Irving novel and yet another indelible tour de force by perennially unassuming leading man Jeff Bridges.

The low-budget drama about a quirky family facing love and loss during a fateful summer in the Hamptons comes courtesy of director-screenwriter Tod Williams, who was first acclaimed on the indie scene with 1998's "The Adventures of Sebastian Cole," his autobiographical piece about a boy and his transsexual stepfather. Mining a similar drollery and depth from another potentially maudlin story, Williams eschews sentimentality and manipulation to turn the first section of Irving's "A Widow for One Year" into an atmospheric and darkly witty slice of life fraught with sex and grief.

Bridges plays the eccentric hedonist Ted Cole, successful children's book author and patriarch to a little brood still coping years later with the accidental death of two teenage sons. Beautiful mother Marion (played with a fragile grace by Kim Basinger) is nearly comatose from depression. Their 4-year-old daughter Ruth — a heartrending character, subtly created by acting prodigy and Dakota's baby sister Elle Fanning — has already inherited her parents' mix of idiosyncrasy and melancholy.

Into their lives comes Ted's assistant for the summer, a contemplative and awkward prep schooler called Eddie (played by the promising Jon

Foster, to be seen this fall in the ABC drama "Life as We Know It"). The young man is about the same age as the Coles' sons were when they were killed and will be the impetus for change after he begins an affair with, and thus revives, Marion.

Filmmaker Williams conjures a physically beautiful landscape and an almost surreal tone that sets off a group of pitch-perfect performances. Even



Kim Basinger (above left) and Jeff Bridges play a married couple beset by a host of problems in "The Door in the Floor," also starring promising young actors Jon Foster (bottom left) and Elle Fanning.

Focus Features photos



supporting players like Mimi Rogers, as Ted's humiliated and eventually bitter mistress, offer bravely complicated work.

But it is Bridges who finds the sympathy and humor in a potentially loathsome lothario.

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'Dogtown' director catches a sweet wave with 'Riding Giants'

By JOHN BLACK
Journal movie reviewer

"Riding Giants" is a fascinating documentary that explores the surfing culture from its early days – when the entire culture was just a couple of guys living on the beach in California – up to the present, where it's a million-dollar industry whose influence ranges from sports to music and fashion.

And you don't even have to know how to swim to enjoy watching it.

Using a blend of archival footage and present-day images and interviews, director Stacy Peralta, who made the equally enthralling skateboard film "Dogtown and Z-Boys," mixes history



Surfing champ Laird Hamilton (center) catches a huge wave in Stacy Peralta's documentary, "Riding Giants."

Sony Pictures Classics photo

and humor to celebrate all people who surf, be they weekend warriors whose boards spend more time in the garage than in the water or hardcore wave riders who simply are not happy in life unless they're challenging nature from atop a waxed fiberglass board.

Starting from the roots of surfing in Hawaii, where European explorers were

amazed to see natives glide along the surface of the water standing atop their enormous wooden board, the first part of the film focuses on the history of surfing, gradually tracing its path from the islands to the continental United States.

The film then switches focus to a group of young Americans in the early 1950s who decide to give up the "normal" lives they were

leading to dedicate themselves entirely to finding and riding the perfect wave. The last part of the film explores the surf-culture explosion in America, starting with the impact of a little film called "Gidget" back in 1959 – starring Sandra Dee, James Darren and Cliff Robertson as The Big Kahuna – had on the world, and ending with the champion surf riders of today.

It sounds a lot drier on paper than it does watching the waves crash up on the big screen, since Peralta's acclaimed documentary style is so refreshing to watch.

Unlike this year's other popular documentary filmmaker, Michael Moore of "Fahrenheit 911" fame, Peralta doesn't put words into the mouths of the people he is profiling or use his film to put forth a personal political agenda.

A life-long surfer and skateboarder, Peralta simply sets out to celebrate the sport he loves and the people who take part in it.

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Clyde's at Mark Center

Duff's stuck in a schticky situation

Thanks to inept filmmakers, fairy tale doesn't fit for starlet in 'A Cinderella Story'

By JOHN BLACK
Journal movie reviewer

"A Cinderella Story" is a lame updating of the classic children's story, retooled to be a vehicle for burgeoning mini-mogul Hilary Duff as she tries to break out of the mold formed around her after years of playing a cute Disney moppet on "The Lizzie McGuire" series.

Unfortunately, it takes a lot more than substituting a cell phone for a glass slipper and a wise-cracking diner waitress for a fairy godmother to make "Cinderella" mean anything these days. And the people responsible for this film just don't have what it takes.

Director Mark Rossman — whose credits range wildly from directing an episode to Duff's television show to writing and directing the 1983 slasher flick "The House on Sorority Row" — shows absolutely no flair for storytelling, even though the



Hilary Duff (left) and Chad Michael Murray find themselves trapped in a really bad movie in "A Cinderella Story."

Photo by Ron Batzdorff

story he's telling is hundreds of years old and already familiar to just about everybody who buys a ticket to see it.

Leigh Dunlap's script doesn't help; in fact, it plays out like he copied another version of the Cinderella story

and just used the find-and-replace function on his computer to switch "cell phone" for "glass slipper" to update it.

It's a shame the people behind the camera are so inept, because those in front of it do a pretty good job of bringing

their thinly drawn characters to life. Jennifer Coolidge, a veteran scene-stealer better known to the world as Stifler's mom from the "American Pie" movies, does everything she can to wring a few laughs from Dunlap's dry script. The scenes of her driving in a car chase, but unable to express any emotion about it because of her recent botox injections, is almost worth the ticket price.

Regina King adds some flair to the film, too, playing the fairy-godmother role as a sassy, empowered woman who guides her charge with words of wisdom instead of a magic wand. Her dialogue is so much sharper than everything else in the script, she probably deserves a screenwriting credit.

Chad Michael Murray stands around a lot as Prince Charming, trying not to look too embarrassed at being 23 and acting like a high school student.

For her part, Duff does the same sort of shtick she's been

doing for almost a decade now, but the cuteness is wearing thin. If she's supposed to be showing audiences something new in her first starring, non-Lizzie McGuire role, she misses by a mile.

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Letterman's Pants gets in indie game

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman's Worldwide Pants Inc. is producing its first film, an independent feature based on Comedy Central's cockeyed cautionary tale, "Strangers With Candy." Amy Sedaris played a middle-aged dropout who returns to high school in the TV series, which ran from 1998-2000.

After big year, Disney struggles at box office

By GARY GENTILE
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Walt Disney Co. is counting on spooky film master M. Night Shyamalan, a crooning Julie Andrews and a family of aging superheroes to rescue it from a cold streak that even the legendary King Arthur couldn't snap.

The studio, which last year produced a record \$3 billion in worldwide box office revenue, has yet to have one film hit the \$100 million mark domestically — despite high hopes for movies such as "The Alamo," "Home on the Range" and "Hidalgo."

And with a first weekend take of only \$15.2 million, it doesn't look like the historic epic "King Arthur," a Jerry Bruckheimer film starring Clive Owen and Keira Knightley, will make it either. "We're in a slump," Disney head of distribution Chuck Viane said Tuesday. "We're not pleased with our performance in the first half of the year."

"King Arthur" cost about \$150 million to make and market, according to analysts, and may never turn a profit, despite its expected international appeal.

The slump will not affect Disney's profits this year, thanks to huge profits generated by home-video sales of last year's "Finding Nemo" and "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl."

Disney's studio has already produced more operating income in the first three quarters of this year than it did in all of fiscal 2003, fueled

mainly by DVD releases.

But without a big box-office hit, Disney will be left with little to fill next year's home-video pipeline.

Things could conceivably turn in the second half for Disney, which will release the supernatural thriller "The Village," from "Sixth Sense" director M. Night Shyamalan in two weeks. Disney is also counting on the sequel "Princess Diaries 2: The Royal Engagement," in which Julie Andrews sings on screen for the first time in years.

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Sahara Hotnights aiming to give the United States one big retro-rockin' 'Kiss'

By BRIAN TRUITT
Journal staff writer

There's something sizzling in Sweden. But it's not the weather.

Hailing from the same cold, pop-laden environs as ABBA and Ace of Base, Sahara Hotnights is one of the hottest female-fronted rock bands ever to come out of Scandinavia. Yet, when singer Maria Andersson is asked about the current temperature, you get the feeling that she'd like to trade some album sales for a few extra degrees on the thermometer.

"Summer hasn't really started," Andersson says by phone from her homeland. "I'm very disappointed. No sunbathing yet."

That's OK, because it's supposed to be a balmy 85 degrees on Tuesday when the Hotnights — Andersson, drummer Josephine Forsman, guitarist Jennie Asplund and her bass-playing sister Johanna — begin a two-week U.S. tour at Washington's 9:30 Club. And if you listen to music media types, these four women, who've been friends since they were 7, are liable to set fire to mainstream rock charts.

The recent pop tweaking the band gave itself will only help. While the Hotnights' last album, 2002's independently released "Jennie Bomb," was

awash in guitar distortion with Andersson's vocals — armed with a punk sneer Joan Jett has to love — buried somewhere underneath, their RCA Records debut "Kiss & Tell" (in stores July 27) benefits from a tour spent listening to the likes

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of the Pretenders, the Go-Go's, Cheap Trick and the Cars before hitting the studio.

Garage-y thrash tracks like "Nerves" keep the punk quotient high, but "Who Do You Dance For?" has a catchy New Waveness that 20 years ago would have won it a place on an '80s teen-flick soundtrack. And the spunky first single, "Hot Night Crash," alone makes the album a worthy replacement to that Bananarama record your mom threw out way back in 1986.

Andersson, for one, is proud that a listener can enjoy every

sound, every guitar lick and every carefully penned word thanks to the instrumental streamlining.

"The music has always



Sweden's Sahara Hotnights (from left, Jennie Asplund, Josephine Forsman, Maria Andersson and Johanna Asplund) release their new album, "Kiss & Tell," in America a week from this Tuesday — the day they open for The Hives at the 9:30 Club. RCA Records photos

been about melodies. We've always been suckers for catchy melodies. But somehow on this album, this recording is the first time they're really presented in a way they should be," the singer says. "I wanted this album to sound more poppish and it went exactly as planned."

As has the Swedes' career path, which began in 1993 in the tiny town of Robertsfors (pop. 2,500).

Inspired by Nirvana, who she discovered "kind of late" she admits, the 12-year-old Andersson started a band with her pals, the sisters Asplund and young Forsman, and first started playing covers by bands they all liked, including Blondie, the Clash and Green Day. "But we figured it was much more fun to write your own songs and play them. We just felt they sounded better."

The confident Andersson quickly perfected her on-stage presence, without delving into the past for inspiration.

"A lot of people who play in bands always buy these live DVDs with all the old bands and just watch them. I've never been into that. I mean, I like going to shows and stuff, but it's not like I've ever thought about, 'Oh, this would be a cool move to do on stage. Let's see what Johnny Thunders is doing.' I've kind of developed my own kind of guitar posing style," she says with a chuckle.

Maria Andersson's boyfriend, Hives frontman Pelle Almqvist.

JUST PUSH PLAY

Who: Sahara Hotnights

The band: Maria Andersson (vocals and guitar), Jennie Asplund (guitar), Johanna Asplund (bass), Josephine Forsman (drums).

The album: "Kiss & Tell" (RCA Records)

Sounds like: Belinda Carlisle fronting the Ramones.

Last day job: "I never had a proper [job]," Andersson confesses. "It's been going so well for us since I was 12, I haven't really had to take a job. We started [playing professionally] when we were 15 so I'm really brainwashed against anything else."

The Web site: www.saharahotnights.com



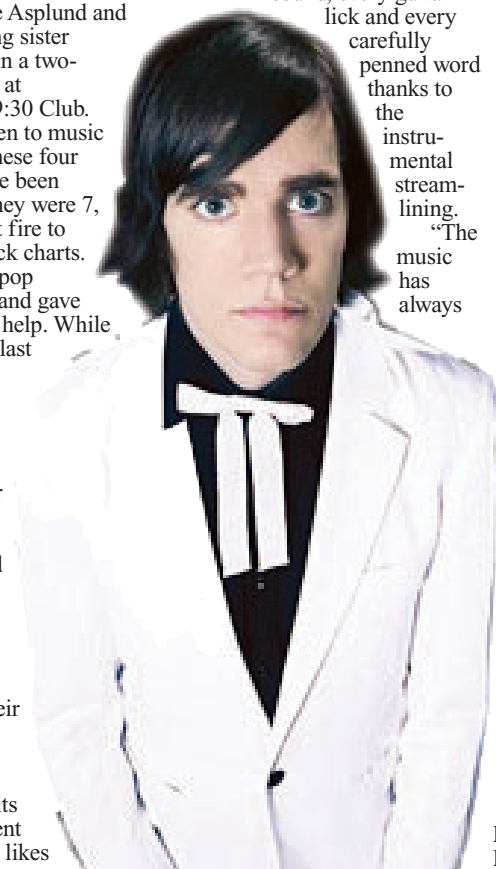
Andersson and two of her bandmates made the big move from their small northern town to more metropolitan Stockholm five years ago — Jennie Asplund still resides in Robertsfors, a 10 hours' drive away. Although finding a suitable apartment was a pain, her new digs allow for better record shopping. Back in Robertsfors, the local gas station was the closest place to buy music, but the selection was limited to whatever was on the top-10 list.

"We had a rehearsal place at the closest city where we used to go every weekend and did some record shopping and started during the daytime and then rehearsed all night," says Andersson, who shares an apartment in Stockholm with her boyfriend Pelle Almqvist, frontman for The Hives. As she's gotten older and her

musical tastes have blossomed, "you buy more records with different bands and styles but you don't have time to listen to the records as you did when you just could afford to buy one album a month," adds the singer. "I kind of miss that when you first bought records, you were even more into them and actually knew all the song titles on an album. I listen to records in a really restless way nowadays. That's kind of sad, but if something really catches me, if some record's really good, I could give it time."

She also laments one other aspect of the old days.

"Well, there wasn't any money involved. That was a good thing," Andersson says, laughing. "I miss that sometimes it's about other things than sitting in a basement and playing. You have to do other stuff as well."



Atreyu puts 'The Curse' on Nissan

ATREYU, from Page 11

unfortunately early demise. "It's cool. I like the whole vampire edge on things," Jacobs says. "It kind of makes things interesting [and] put a whole new vibe on the music. It makes our music feel even darker, I guess."

"Without even thinking about it, we're trying to hit a way we could please everyone musically, lyrically, image-wise, everything. We just want to be able to make our fans happy in every department: You've got the heavy, you've got the soft, you've got the look, you've got the frickin' vampires, you've got the '80s hair metal. You get everything in one f***ing little thing."

While Varkatzas was fostering his vamp love, Jacobs was an Orange County, Calif. teen raised on oldies but who quickly discovered the joys of Warrant, Queen and other glammy arena rock. It was a punk band, though, that got Jacobs into playing music.

"I just remember sitting on the couch one day and Green Day came on MTV and I was like, 'Wow, this band!' I don't know what it is about them, but they're just amazing, just the way they portray themselves

IF YOU GO

Atreyu appears as part of Ozzfest 2004 Sunday at Nissan Pavilion, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow, Va. Gates open at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$39.75 to \$134. Call 703-573-7328 or 800-551-7328, or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

and the music is so catchy and heavy," Jacobs says. "That's what actually got me and Alex to meet, too, is our love for Green Day."

The pair co-founded Atreyu in 1999 with bassist Marc McKnight, guitarist Travis Miguel and drummer Brandon Saller, whom Jacobs had known from their days in a pop-punk band named Retribution. Saller handles all of the actual singing in Atreyu's songs — Jacobs found out Saller could sing once while in Retribution when the drummer wanted to front the band to impress his girlfriend at the time — and Varkatzas is responsible for the screaming and various other guttural roars.

(Jacobs took a crack at screaming once, and wasn't overly pleased with the results. "I can't scream for s***," he says, laughing. "I tried it in the studio when we were recording



Atreyu guitarist Dan Jacobs is a fanatic when it comes to '80s hair metal, one of the reasons why a cover of "You Give Love a Bad Name" is on limited-edition copies of the "The Curse."

Victory Records photo

'Suicide Notes' and it was a mess, so I was like, 'Ah, f*** it. I'll stick to playing guitar.'")

The '80s-inspired guitar riffs of the "The Curse's" first single, "Right Side of the Bed," date back to an old Retribution song Jacobs reworked for the

new album. And the nostalgia doesn't end there; the limited edition of "The Curse" includes a "screamo" version of Bon Jovi's "You Give Love a Bad Name," which came from the band's want to do some sort of cover.

And, if the fateful day ever comes, Jacobs has the perfect Atreyu song for Bon Jovi to cover.

"I'd probably have them do 'Bleeding Mascara.' Just to hear Richie Sambora frickin' play some shreddage that I wrote would just be the coolest," Jacobs says. "It'd be like, 'Wow, he's shredding away at something I put together myself!'"

"Bon Jovi [was] the best way to go just because it's one band we all agree on. [But] not everyone in my band is a big '80s hair-metal fan like I am," Jacobs says. "I'm sure I had a little bit of influence on it."

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Faves passed over for Latin Grammy bids

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Household names took a back seat at the Latin Grammy nominations Wednesday, as Brazilian jazz singer Maria Rita and Cuban pianist Bebo Valdes collected four nods each while producer Tom Capone had five.

The well-known Spanish crooner Alejandro Sanz had four nominations, but superstars like Marc Anthony, Carlos Vives, Thalia and Shakira were largely passed over.

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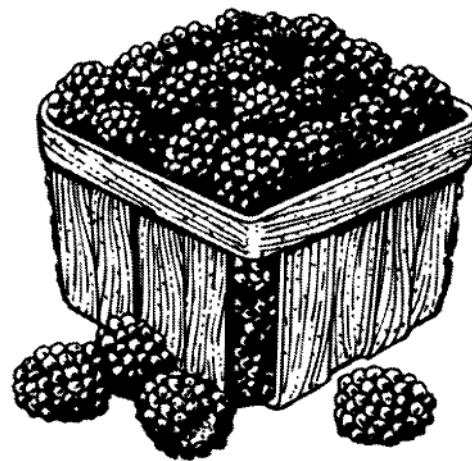


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Menagerie brings Harner full circle

By EMILY CARY
Special to The Journal

Attention all Fairfax and Alexandria teachers and former classmates of Jason Butler Harner: The chubby little boy with the enormous talent, now 33 years old and 6 feet, 2 inches tall, has come home to star with Academy Award winner Sally Field in Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie."

"Isn't this incredible!" enthuses the New York-based actor who fondly recalls his years at Stratford Landing Elementary School in Mount Vernon, Lemon Road Elementary School near Tyson's Corner, Stephen Foster Jr. High School (now defunct) in Fairfax, and George Washington Junior High School in Alexandria, followed by T. C. Williams High School, where his favorite English teacher was Patrick Welsh. He invited Welsh to attend the opening-night performance, and hopes other former teachers and classmates living nearby will join the festivities.

"I always wanted to be an actor," Harner says. "We moved to Virginia from Elmira, N.Y., when I was 5, and over the years I performed in a number of school musicals. By the time I got into junior high school, I was 5 feet, 4 inches tall and weighed 175 pounds. I remember one production of 'Peter Pan' when our teacher, to avoid insurance problems, had the parents fly the children. My 90-pound mother decided to wrap herself up in the rope in order to fly me, but I was so heavy I ended up

IF YOU GO

Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" begins tomorrow and runs through Aug. 8 at the Eisenhower Theater, Kennedy Center, Washington. Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$25 to \$75. Call 202-467-4600 or 800-444-1324.

flying her. People were horrified.

"I was the one in the family with an overwhelming amount of empathy and compassion and the first in my family to attend college. I'm sorry to say that I didn't work up to my potential in school, so Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond was the only college that would accept me. I didn't know it at the time, but that was my lucky break.

"At T. C. Williams, I had worked with children having special needs and was inspired to teach mentally retarded children. However, I grew up seeing plays at the Arena Stage, attended a summer workshop there, and even spent the summer after high school ushering at the Kennedy Center when Lily Tomlin's show was playing, so when I discovered VCU's amazing drama program, I gravitated in that direction. After graduating in 1992, I went to the Actors Theatre of Louisville for a year and worked in a bunch of plays there, including 'Picnic' directed by Ann Bogart."

New York, Harner's next stop, provided a growing repertoire, along with the opportunity to earn a Master



Northern Virginia native Jason Butler Harner (right) enjoys his talented company - including New York pal Jennifer Dundas and Oscar winner Sally Field - during a rehearsal for "The Glass Menagerie."

Kennedy Center photo

of Fine Arts degree from New York University. His impressive resume includes the title role in "Hamlet" at the Dallas Theatre Center, "Heals on the Ceiling" with Blair Brown, "Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching towards the Somme" at the Lincoln Center Theater with fellow area-raised actor Justin Theroux, "Juno and the Paycock" at Roundabout Theatre, the premiere of Tom Stoppard's "The Invention of Love" opposite James

Cromwell, and "Macbeth" with Alec Baldwin and Angela Bassett at the New York Shakespeare Festival.

"The Scottish play was a big deal, even though I had a supporting part," says Harner, who appeared this past January on an episode of the TV series "Hope and Faith. "Television pays well, but it's a different kind of pressure cooker than the stage. Like teaching, stage acting isn't lucrative, but it makes your heart feel good.

"I've been very fortunate in my career. When we close at the Kennedy Center, I go directly to the New York Theater Workshop for 'Hedda Gabbler' to play Tesman, [Hedda's] husband. But for now, I can't get over this spectacular production of 'The Glass Menagerie.' The design is absolutely stunning and the cast is very special. I'm so lucky to be here, it makes me cry.

Last month I was in Washington to see my close friend Amy Ryan in 'Streetcar' at the Kennedy Center when I got a call from my agent saying I would be auditioning for 'Menagerie.' It was done in the old-school New York style on the bare stage of a 600-seat theater instead of the usual little room. I learned that I had the role when Gregory [Mosher, the director] invited me to the Algonquin [Hotel] for drinks.

"I'm so blessed to have the role of Tom and be working with this amazing cast. Sally reminds me a lot of my mom, an honest, grounded, lovely person, and I've known Jennifer Dundas socially in New York. To prepare for this role, I went to the Museum of TV and Radio to watch Tennessee [Williams] footage and I've been reading his memoirs and letters. I feel a lot of connection with the character because, like Tom, I was born in a small town and my family knew I had a calling that would take me on an adventure, but they didn't want to put me in harm's way. I can't tell you how much I look forward to seeing my family and friends in the audience."

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Respect the ribs

The importance of barbecue goodies has waned at Old Hickory Grille

By ALEXANDRA GREELEY
Special to The Journal

Some months ago, the Potomac location of the Burtonsville old-timer Old Hickory Grille opened. So how has time treated the original incarnation. Kindly? Poorly?

The original place was very

atmospheric and welcoming to the most casual patron. Casual is still the watchword, and showing up in shorts and T-shirts is all part of the almost mandatory lax dress code. Wearing a skirt with sandals mean you're overdressed.

But subtle menu changes

and the downplaying of barbecue has altered the tone of the place. Like its

Potomac cousin, the menu includes many more pasta dishes, and though there are fewer here, you'll still find an assortment of

New Orleans-style entrees, from the Bourbon Street Avocado burger (\$8.95) and Creole Pork Chops (\$13.95) to New Orleans Grits and Gravy (\$14.95) and Bourbon Street Pasta (\$11.95 to \$13.95, depending on toppings).

It looks like ribs are now a second thought here, and the earlier Southwestern-inspired dishes have almost entirely vanished.

But you will still find the smothered chicken poblano of grilled chicken breast bathed in sauteed poblano chilies, which at \$13.95 at dinner and \$7.95 at lunch still is worth the price.

Despite the lengthy menu, however, my friend and I ordered ribs anyway, no longer glistening with a mahogany-colored sauce or dripping succulent splashes of fat and flavor.

At one time, these messy ribs would warrant a nearby bathtub for cleanup duty. Yet

apparently, patrons must have complained about finishing dinner covered with barbecue sauce and pork drippings. Now the sauce is served on the side, and what you get is a pile of ribs (half rack, \$12.95; full rack, \$19.95) alone on the plate, accompanied by sides of coleslaw, barbecue beans and some good redskin mashed potatoes all on a separate plate.

The ribs aren't as juicy or saucy as in days of yore. These were definitely drier and, dare we say, not quite so memorable. It used to be worth a drive all the way up Route 29 just for a plate.

You can get your ribs several other ways, if you prefer. Ribs come with chicken (\$19.95) and with shrimp (also \$19.95). For barbecue fans, you can also get half a roasted chicken (\$9.95), a shrimp and chicken combo (\$19.95) and New York strip steak at \$18.95.

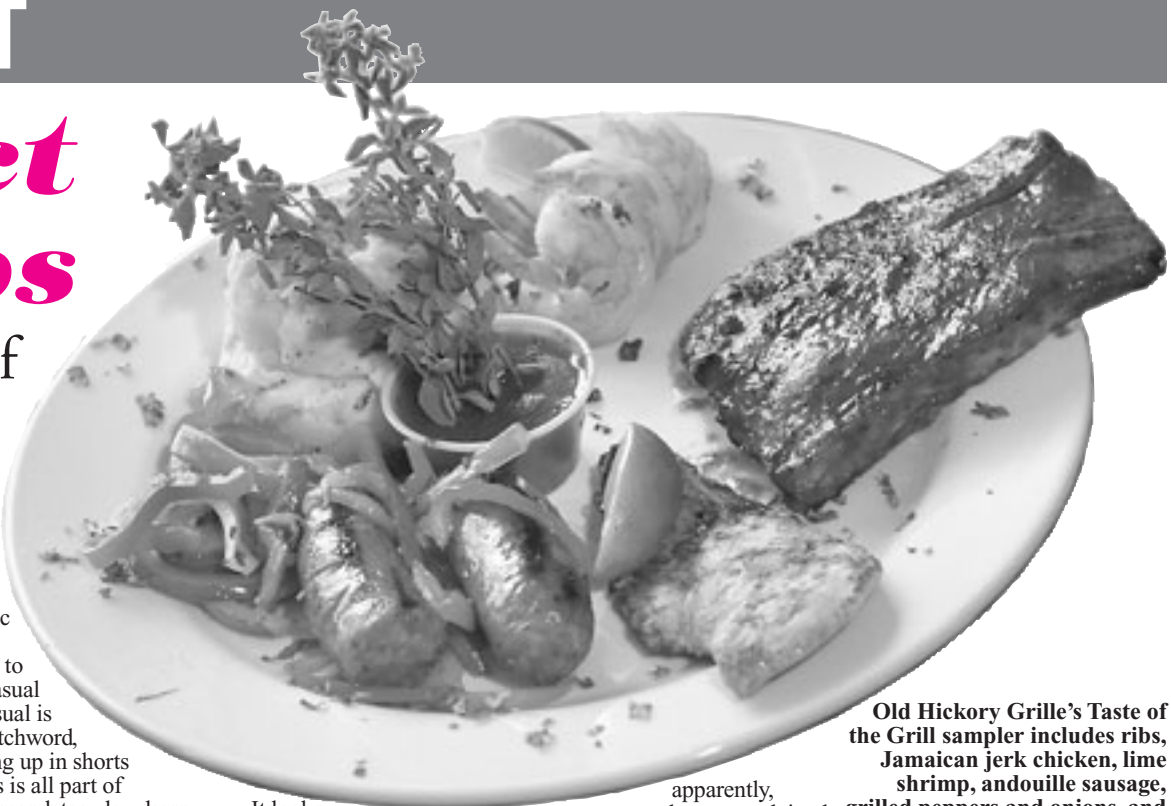
We kicked off our ribs feast

Old Hickory Grille's Taste of the Grill sampler includes ribs, Jamaican jerk chicken, lime shrimp, andouille sausage, grilled peppers and onions, and redskin garlic mashed potatoes.

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with the Cajun egg rolls (\$6.95), which sounds like a strange wrap-up of spinach, tasso, ham and chicken, but which turns out to be a very savory and satisfying beginning to the meal. Still on the menu from the old days are onions straws (\$5.95), an utterly delicious composition of thinly sliced red onions that are deep-fried until crisp. The Buffalo wings also remain on the menu, and for \$6.95 you are treated to some of the best and crispest wings in town with their own impressive hot sauce.

At \$3.95, the banana cream pie is surely the best dessert bargain in the area. Nothing tastes better after ribs than a Southern sweet like that. If that doesn't whet the palate, there's brownie a la Mudd (\$4.25) and the chocolate pecan pie (\$3.25) among other things.



IF YOU GO

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German brewer takes on tradition, beer purity law

By DAVID McHUGH
Associated Press

NEUZELLE, Germany — Helmut Fritsche is Germany's beer outlaw.

For the past decade, in his out-of-the-way red-brick brewery in sleepy Neuzelle

near the border with Poland, Fritsche has been unrepentantly committing what some in his country's conservative beer culture consider an unspeakable crime: He's been adding sugar syrup to his brew — a violation of Germany's five-century-old beer purity law, the Reinheitsgebot.

Now the authorities are after him, threatening a \$25,000 fine for daring to label his brew "beer." But he's not going quietly. It's time, he says, for hidebound brewing traditions to loosen up.

"It's infringing on the creativity of small brewers," the 67-year-old said in his office in

the Klosterbrauerei Neuzelle. "It's like taking a cup of tea, or coffee, and adding milk or sugar to it," Fritsche argued with emphatic gestures. "Some people drink it black, and some people take it white — it's a small difference in taste."

Fritsche's battle with what he calls Germany's "beercracy" goes back to 1993, shortly after he bought the formerly state-run brewery from the government agency disposing of the assets of communist East Germany after reunification in 1990. The brewery, which traces its origins to monastic brewing in Neuzelle in the 16th century, had been making a dark beer with added sugar syrup — allowed under East Germany's more permissive brewing laws.

But Fritsche now faced reunified Germany's beer laws, which permit only malted grain, hops, yeast and water.

The sugar syrup in Fritsche's brew isn't a replacement for the basic ingredients, but is added after fermentation to balance the bitterness from the darker variety of barley malt his brewery uses to give the beer its unique taste.

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Beauty of Bombay

Bombay Cafe offers a ample buffet at just the right price

By MARY HAGER
Special to The Journal

Next time you're in an ethnic restaurant, look around. If you could be in another country and the place is crowded, it's a good bet that the food is both authentic and good.

Hidden among the malls of Fairfax, Bombay Cafe – obviously well known by the local Indian community – passes both tests. Furthermore, the prices are reasonable. Add hot Masala tea (\$1.49) or a mango lassi (\$1.99) to the buffet lunch (\$6.99) or dinner (\$7.99) and you hit the \$10 mark – a bit more if you want an Indian Kingfisher (\$2.79) or Taj Mahal (\$4.99) beer, or a 6-ounce bottle of wine (\$2.79).

The buffet is ample and offers a variety of both appetizers and entrees,

sampling of fish, chicken and a seasoned ground lamb, seekh kabob, served with a fresh, hot naan bread and raita, a mildly seasoned yogurt sauce. The pieces of both fish and chicken were tender and moist, distinctively yet delicately seasoned, while the seekh kabob offered a fiery contrast.

Other tandoori dishes include marinated paneer (\$7.99), or homemade Indian cottage cheese; a whole (\$10.99) or half (\$7.99) tandoori chicken; and a marinated rack of lamb, a lamb "champ" (\$7.99).

Among the traditional lamb/goat specials, try the lamb vindaloo (\$8.99) if you like your Indian food on the hot side. This version, with large

Bombay Cafe's buffet line is filled with Indian treats like samosas, pankora, tandoori chicken, lamb biryani and naan bread.

Brig Cabe/Journal

and tender chunks of meat, is well-seasoned – hot enough to be noticed but not so hot that the careful blend of spices in this dish is masked. Wrapped in pieces of naan, this vindaloo is memorable and, if too hot, can be tempered slightly with a drizzle of raita.

The lists of chicken, rice (biryani), seafood and vegetarian specials are also lengthy. More unusual are the kadai, or stir-fried, specials, which include one with paneer, as well as chicken, lamb and shrimp. Paneer and chicken are \$8.99, lamb and shrimp \$9.99.

Among the Bombay specials, the chana bhatura and puri chana (both \$5.99) feature two pieces of puffy deep-fried bread (the bhatura is made from all-purpose flour, the puri from whole wheat) meant to be filled with the accompanying chick pea curry.

Bombay Cafe is far from elegant dining; it's almost cafeteria-style with plastic utensils and paper plates and a clear-it-yourself ethic. But the price is right, the food is superb and a return visit is inevitable.



IF YOU GO

Bombay Cafe

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vegetarian, chicken, lamb specialties, rice, naan bread and dessert. If the selection appeals, pay at the counter, fill your plate and enjoy a quick and easy meal.

But Bombay Cafe's extensive menu – posted in the window and above the counter where orders are taken – deserves study and almost demands a return visit, with so many choices and because the heaping plates that emerge from the kitchen whet the appetite.

A sampling of appetizers confirms that the food is positively excellent. The spicy chicken pakora (\$3.99), quickly fried fritters, are moist and tender and come with two dipping sauces – one sweet, the other tangy – while the potato/pea filled samosas (\$1.69) are light and delicious.

The menu is laden with specials. If you're intrigued by the tandoori specials, all marinated and broiled in a tandoor oven, the mixed grill (\$8.99) is a good start, with a

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Wrangler adds touch of class

Some cars are just cars; others are an experience. The 2004 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited is an experience — mostly good but a bit challenging.

The Unlimited is an experience first because of what it is — a Jeep. This is one of the few authentic individualist rides you will ever see on the market these days. It is what it is — bouncy ride, rough and ready demeanor, great off-road ability and a look that none can mistake. It's an American classic with charisma all its own.

You're in a certain frame of mind when you buy a Jeep, and you fully expect these things. Judged for what it is, the Unlimited is one solid, enjoyable ride.

What you don't expect — speaking of ride — is that this particular model has a certain level of refinement. It rides much more smoothly than any Jeep Wrangler I've been in, except for the occasional bounce that is a part of the "Jeep experience," and part of the fun of it all.

— Scripps Howard



Left: The Rev. Larry Strickland, center, inside circle, a Baptist minister and Oglethorpe Speedway's track chaplain, leads a group of drivers in prayer before starting their practice laps at the Oglethorpe Speedway Park in Pooler, Ga., on Tuesday. Right: The Monte Carlo driven by the Rev. Rickey Rushing streaks past the green finish flag. Today's race lets ministers strut a bit of machismo while raising money for their churches. AP photos

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Clergymen rev up for annual Faster Pastor stock-car race in Georgia

By RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

POOLER, Ga. — The '78 Chevy Monte Carlo slides out of turn four spinning 180 degrees as other racers whiz past on the slippery dirt track, but this novice driver doesn't scare easily when he's fueled by faith.

"The thing about us pastors is, if something were to happen to one of us, we all know where we're going," said the Rev. Jim Wilson.

A few practice laps Tuesday allowed Wilson and fellow clergymen to rev up for Faster Pastor 2004, a stock-car race that pulls preachers from the pulpit to the pole at Oglethorpe Speedway Park near Savannah.

Today's race, in its fourth year, lets ministers strut a bit of machismo while raising money for their churches. While most are complete beginners on the track, these 13 devout drivers say they won't be turning the other cheek when they compete for the checkered flag.

And their congregations wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's like fans within any

other sport — they're serious about their pastor winning," said the Rev. Rickey Rushing, a former drag racer who won each of the three previous Faster Pastor races. "I really like to win. I do my best and whatever turns out, turns out."

Oglethorpe Speedway general manager Ted Austad said he got the idea for Faster Pastor from a fellow promoter in Kentucky. While many preachers were reluctant to join Austad's first race in 2000, now he says he has to turn some away.

"It's kind of rebellious, almost," Austad said. "They live lives that are perfect, at least in the eyes of their congregations, and maybe this is an opportunity for them to do something that isn't, so to say, Godly."

Local racers who normally compete at the raceway on Friday nights loan their cars — mostly battered '70s and '80s models with top speeds of about 85 mph — to the ministers and give them some rudimentary coaching.

"He was driving in first gear for the first couple of laps," speedway regular Tim Ysbrand said after waving Wilson off the track for a couple of quick tips. "He finally got it up into second

before he came in. But they've got to learn."

There's no purse up for grabs, but churches that enter their pastors get to keep \$6 of every \$10 ticket they sell. Last year's race drew a crowd of nearly 3,000, Austad said.

But some churches have refused to embrace Faster Pastor, equating auto racing with sin as well as speed. "They feel like if they come out here they're setting a bad example with the drinking and cussing and fighting," said the Rev. Larry Strickland, a Baptist minister and Oglethorpe's track chaplain. "We aren't out here to be a part of that. We're here to change parts of that."

The Rev. Tom Osborne said Faster Pastor has helped jump-start the men's ministry at his church. His men's group has been working on a donated Monte Carlo to get it ready for Osborne to drive in regular dirt races next year.

"I don't want guys to think I'm in some ivory tower," Osborne said. "If we can reach some men and draw them in through dirt-track racing, why aren't we?"

Austad admits some preachers have elected not to return after previous Faster Pastor events. Though the race is kept short — 10 laps around the half-mile track — to minimize wrecks, the dirt track can at times be as treacherous as ice.

Others, such as the Rev. Doug McCart, acknowledge being thrill junkies as well as theologians.

McCart normally rides motorcycles, and he finished second in last year's race.

"I've always loved cars, trucks, boats, motorcycles," McCart said.

"I'm not one of those sissy preachers."

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The clergyman to beat: The Rev. Rickey Rushing, a former drag racer who won each of the three previous Faster Pastor races, reaches for his steering wheel after strapping in for a practice lap.

After diesel goof, drain your tank

Dear Tom and Ray:

This evening, my overworked, overbooked, type-A wife accidentally put about 3.5 gallons of diesel into her nearly empty 1998 Honda Odyssey.

Upon realizing her mistake, she filled up the rest of the 12-gallon tank with gasoline. At that point, she wisely decided to call me before trying to drive it. I told her to park it, and I immediately called two mechanics to get their advice.

I first called the dealer, and he said not to drive the car and to have it towed in. He said he would have to drain the gas tank and steam-clean it to get the diesel out and then check to see how far into the system the diesel fuel might have gotten. If we were lucky, it wouldn't have gotten sucked into the fuel pump, the fuel line or the injectors. If we weren't lucky, the dealer sure would be!

Then I called my trusty curbside mechanic, who comes to the house with all his tools and equipment in his truck and always provides me with reliable repair service for about a quarter of what the dealer quotes. He said that we probably could drive it. It would smoke some while the diesel burned out, but he thought that it might be OK, except maybe we would have to replace the oxygen sensors.

I usually like to take the path of least resistance, but in this case I felt it would be better to be safe than sorry, and we had the car towed in for service.

What should we do before driving it?

— Neil

RAY: Well, I think the dealer gave you the correct advice, Neil. But you might not need to be quite as thorough as he's suggesting. And you certainly don't have to let him do the work, if you like your buddy, Crusty McToolbox, better.

TOM: It sounds like your wife never even ran the engine with the diesel fuel. So, we can say with confidence that none of it got into the fuel lines. All of it's still in the tank.

RAY: The tank needs to be removed and drained. You can probably skip the steam-cleaning phase, as I'm guessing that less than half a cup of diesel will remain on the fuel-tank walls.

TOM: After you reinstall the tank and refill it with gasoline, I'd have Crusty remove the fuel line where it joins the fuel rail, up in the engine compartment. Then

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you can cycle the fuel pump (without running the engine) and take a sample of the fuel in a glass bottle. Let it settle out and see if it looks clean. Do this several times, or until you get good, clean-looking gasoline. Then hook everything back up and drive it.

RAY: The fuel injectors shouldn't be bothered, even if there is still a tiny amount of diluted diesel fuel in the tank — it'll just burn right up in the cylinders without any problem. Crusty is right, though, that if you ran a quantity of diesel through the engine, you'd be putting the oxygen sensors at real risk. And they're not cheap to replace.

TOM: But I don't think the diluted remnants of half a cup of diesel fuel in 12 gallons of gasoline will do any harm. Of course, if we're wrong and your fuel system is ruined, let us know, so we can warn the next poor schlub who does this. Good luck, Neil.

Got a question about cars? E-mail Tom and Ray Magliozzi by visiting the Car Talk Web site at www.cartalk.com.

Cadillac's CTS trumps the best

By DON HAMMONDS
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Everybody loves an underdog. And let's face it, when Cadillac decided to take on BMW, Audi and everybody else in the hotly contested entry-level sports luxury sedan segment, it was an underdog.

Not anymore. In its latest issue, Road & Track magazine rated CTS first, ahead of the 2004 Audi A6, Chrysler 300, Jaguar S-Type, Mercedes Benz E320, Volvo S80 T6 and, yes, the 2004 BMW 530i.

A number of significant changes have been made to the 2004 model, including that 3.6-liter V-6 that zooms the CTS to 60 in 6.6 seconds and is graded at 18 miles per gallon in the city and 28 on the highway.

The CTS is an absolute joy to drive and it loves to be driven enthusiastically, so don't be afraid to do so. I think the Road & Track editors said it best in their evaluation: "It's not easy to finish first in this company — there isn't a car in this group any of us wouldn't be happy to have in our own garages — but the Cadillac led the pack on a combination of outstanding performance and relatively reasonable price."

It concluded: "In every test there's one car that causes people to grin and say, 'This is the sports car of the bunch.' In this case, that car was the CTS."

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Hybrid succeeds without shouting

By MARK TAPSCOTT
Special to the Journal

Honda's Civic for the environmentally concerned is called the Hybrid but it looks and drives just like every "normal" Civic. That's a good thing, too, because Honda's compact economy car has been a best seller for years.

The Japanese company sells more than 300,000 Civics year-in and year-out largely because every one of them displays a sporty driving personality, superb assembly quality and design engineering often called "jewel-like" by critics and a reliability record that

makes a lot of other automakers hide their faces in shame.

So finding that the gas-and-electric powered Civic Hybrid looks, drives, smells and feels just like a conventional Civic is good news indeed. In fact, in many respects, the 2004 edition of the Civic Hybrid is out-fitted like the top-of-the-line EX model.

The Hybrid powertrain includes an 83-horsepower 1.3-liter inline four-cylinder gas engine and a supplemental 46-horse electric motor that can be hooked to a CVT transmission. Honda calls the setup the Integrated Motor Assist system. The EPA rates the Civic Hybrid CVT at 48-mpg city and 47 mpg highway.

Acceleration is more than adequate, though there is a certain freewheeling like "lag time"

during which the CVT and engine match rpms. The gas engine shuts off automatically at stops, then relights almost imperceptibly when you push on the go pedal.

The electric engine never needs recharging, thanks to regenerative braking that kicks in whenever the Civic Hybrid is decelerating or braking. An electric gauge cluster tells you the status of the electric motor at all times.

There are some sacrifices with the Hybrid. The trunk is a bit smaller and the bottom line on the

sticker is roughly \$2,500 more than a conventional Civic EX. That extra dough doesn't really gain a significant increment in gas mileage, compared to the regular Civic EX, but it does represent a milestone in the development of cleaner personal transportation.

The Hybrid has not sold as well as Toyota's more dramatically styled Prius, but the hybrid concept is gaining more adherents as Ford is introducing a hybrid edition of its Escape compact sport-utility-vehicle and similar products are forthcoming from other automakers.

Next week Mark Tapscott gets behind the wheel of the Jaguar X-type.

BEHIND THE WHEEL



Bonneville GXP lively, big sedan

If you think big American sedans are dead in the water, think again.

I give you Exhibit A: The 2004 Pontiac Bonneville GXP four-door sedan.

Judging from its lusty road performance and superb handling qualities, it's doing quite well.

Our test example had a base price of \$35,270 with rather extensive standard equipment including variable ratio power steering; dual, front and side air bags; anti-lock brakes; full power assists; leather and suede everywhere; rear spoiler; aluminum wheels; and more.

Adding a power sunroof, special crimson tint-coat paint, an XM satellite 100 channel radio and heads up display brought the final price to \$38,495.

With the quite noticeable and welcome exception of Chrysler's brooding, beautiful new 300 sedan, big cars have been getting the short end of the stick. Most of the designs have been around for years now. And, again with the exception of the 300, most of the big American sedans drive as if they're real tired.

But the GXP is a one-of-a-kind car that buyers looking for size, room and performance should not overlook.

Fuel frugal fleets expand

There are a lot of incentives to buy a hybrid vehicle — state and federal tax breaks, avoidance of emissions tests, solo rides in the carpool lane, lower fuel bills, a clear conscience.

But the real reason these gas-electric transporters are so popular is probably none of the above. People seem to want these cars because they are just so cool.

There's something fun about watching the gauges as the tiny gas-powered motor recharges the batteries for the electric motor, which takes over from the internal combustion engine when you reach cruising speed. When you stop at a traffic light, the engine goes totally silent as the brakes reverse the electric motor, turning it into a generator.

— Scripps Howard

Honda Civic Hybrid

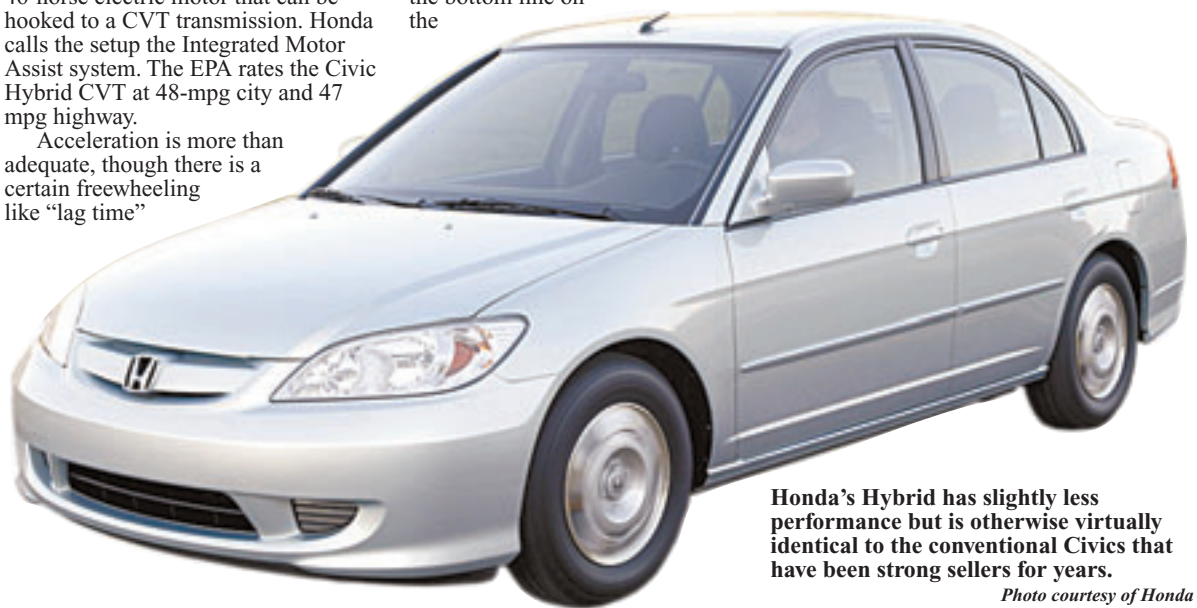
■ **PRICE AS TESTED:** \$20,110
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■ **ENGINE INFORMATION:** 1.3 liter SOHC I-4/electric motor, 93 horsepower at 5,700 rpm, torque equals 105 lb-ft at 3,000 rpm/144 volt producing 13.4 horsepower at 4,000 rpm and 36 lb-ft of torque at 1,000 rpm

■ **PERFORMANCE:** 0-60 mph in 11.45 seconds (with Continuously Variable Transmission)

■ **EPA FUEL ECONOMY:** 46 mpg city/51 mpg highway

■ **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Driver and front passenger front and side air bags, anti-lock brakes, side-impact door beams, emergency trunk opener.



Honda's Hybrid has slightly less performance but is otherwise virtually identical to the conventional Civics that have been strong sellers for years.

Photo courtesy of Honda

Can Cubes corner the youth auto market?

By RICHARD WILLIAMSON
Scripps Howard

If Japanese automakers are reading the market correctly, hip, young buyers seem to be looking for nothing more than a square deal these days.



"Curves? We don't need no stinking curves." That seems to encapsulate the style-defiant message behind the Honda Element and Toyota Scion xB, a pair of mini-milk wagons that take right angles to new extremes.

As with all forms of successful nonconformity, imitators soon fall in line. Now, Nissan wants to be the new kid on the block with an

affordable and edgy vehicle aptly named the Cube.

Although Nissan is taking a "wait-and-see" approach to introducing the Cube in the United States, the vehicle will be part of the company's global fleet in 2005, execs say. The bean counters want to know if the box is back for good or whether it's simply a fad. Of course it's a fad. Call it cubism, a design that's so ugly, it's cute. Unlike, say the Pontiac Aztec, a sport ute that's so ugly that it's really ugly.

For shoppers who don't think the Scion xB is ugly enough to be cute, Toyota offers the Release Series 1.0 in "a new, vibrant orange body color, Hot Lava, and a color-keyed spoiler." Sounds truly ghastly. I must have it.



Honda Element (left) and Toyota Scion xB.

One thing you can say for sure is that cute sells in the youth market. Volkswagen proved that with the New Beetle, the most adorable — and curvaceous — thing on wheels, a veritable *arc de triomphe*. The only question is what young people consider cute, and whether today's preferences will still be around tomorrow.

For all three Japanese makers, the formula for success is built on a few basic variations on the chunky theme, a modest price, modest power, excellent fuel economy and fun, funky functionality.

But we may be looking at a fad that's fading fast.



Photo courtesy of Toyota

Very large Toyota Tundra takes charge

By DON HAMMONDS
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Is bigger better?

It is if you're Toyota or Nissan and you're trying to crack this country's lucrative pickup truck market. Both of those companies historically have had a tough time of it because of the American brand loyalty issue. And trucks from the Japanese brands have always been somewhat smaller and underpowered compared with Ford, Chevy or Dodge.

Nissan came out this year with the Titan, a huge pickup truck that is better built, faster and even less expensive than the competition. Meanwhile,

Toyota introduced the Toyota Tundra Double Cab this model year.

Prices for the Double Cab start at \$25,645. Ours was the SR5 model with a base price of \$28,975. Adding an all weather package, running boards, towing package and other items to the option mix brings the bottom line to \$32,105.

Nobody will accuse the new Double Cab of being weak. It rides on a longer ladder chassis than other Tundras and it has a 140.5-inch wheelbase.

Power comes from a 240-horsepower, 4.7-liter V-8 that gets 14 miles to a gallon city and 17 highway.

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with 12x12 layout and some numbers indicating starting points for clues.

ACROSS

- 1 LP speed
4 Lateen-rigged vessels
9 Polite address
13 Bullring shout
14 Jazzman ___ Blake
15 Arc
16 Copper ore
18 Queen ___ lace
19 Gide or Previn
20 Moochers
22 Avian instinct
25 Auto import
26 Washday challenge
28 Small patches of color
32 Balloon filler
35 Wild time
37 Fergie's first name
38 ___ spumante
40 Muck
42 Pharaoh's river
43 Considers
45 Downhill racers
47 Truck floor
48 Taste
50 Marsh bird
52 Serf's master
54 Poker face
58 Laser image
62 A la ___
63 La Scala production
64 Exact copy
67 He played Phileas Fogg
68 Stew flavorer
69 Hot under the collar
70 Typewriter parts

Yesterday's answers

Grid for yesterday's crossword answers, including words like CIDE, SCAM, MOSS, etc.

Today's answers

Grid for today's crossword answers, including words like ESS, ANNO, INNO, etc.

- 71 Watching
72 Snake shape

DOWN

- 1 Cato or Livy
2 Runway sight
3 Blends together
4 Liars' practices
5 Absentminded murmur
6 Kimono fastener
7 Repartee pros
8 Trickles
9 Sprout starter (2 wds.)
10 British composer
11 State firmly
12 Clutter
15 Barge routes
17 Drama and dance
21 Clumsy one
23 Takes a snooze
24 Bikini sporters
27 Armstrong and Sedaka

- 29 Cattle stall
30 Hardy green
31 Cats do it
32 Flits about
33 Bewildered
34 Flower stalk
36 Make corrections
39 Pleads with
41 Falco of "The Sopranos"
44 Motto
46 Distance apart
49 Make a mistake
51 Waxed cheese
53 Actor Willem ___
55 Heyday
56 Map book
57 Requires
58 Beep
59 Mayberry kid
60 Tax
61 Zillions
65 102, in ancient Rome
66 Heir, often

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TRIVIA

- 1. The lowest point on Earth is this body of water situated between Israel and Jordan. Name the body of water.
2. What was the nationality of playwright Eugene Ionesco?
3. What "d" word is a measurement of the intensity of sound?
4. Tourist attractions in what state include the Basketball Hall of Fame, Plymouth Rock and Old Sturbridge Village?
5. Sgt. Snorkel is a character in what comic strip?
6. In baseball, what is a "switch-hitter"?

- 7. Name four of the six states that border Oklahoma.
8. Name the baseball player who holds the record for World Series home runs hit during a career.
9. What is a tadpole?
10. What was Elvis Presley's first No. 1 hit recording in 1956?

Answers: 1. The Dead Sea. 2. French. 3. Decibel. 4. Massachusetts. 5. "Beetle Bailey." 6. A player who can bat either right- or left-handed. 7. The six are Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. 8. Mickey Mantle with 18 home runs. 9. An immature form of frogs or toads. 10. "Heartbreak Hotel."

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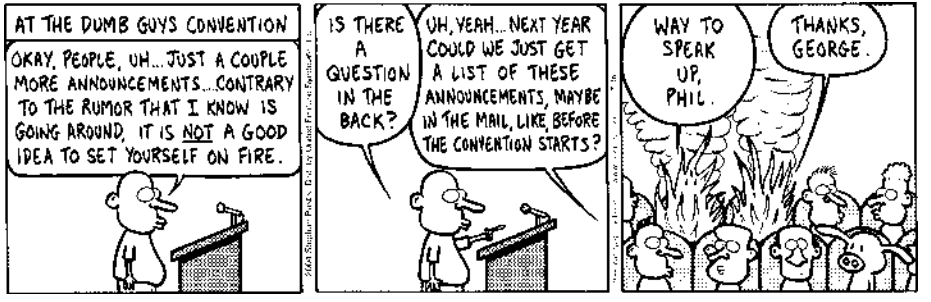
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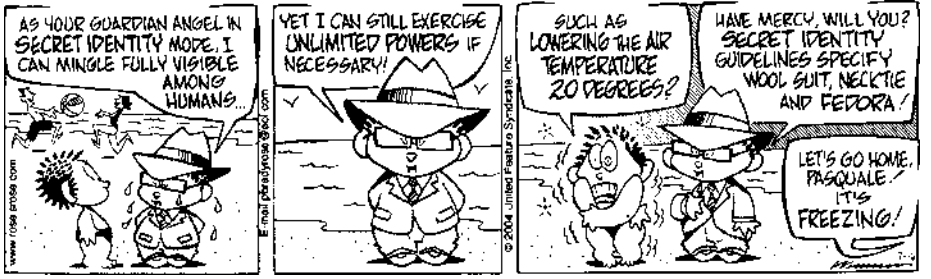
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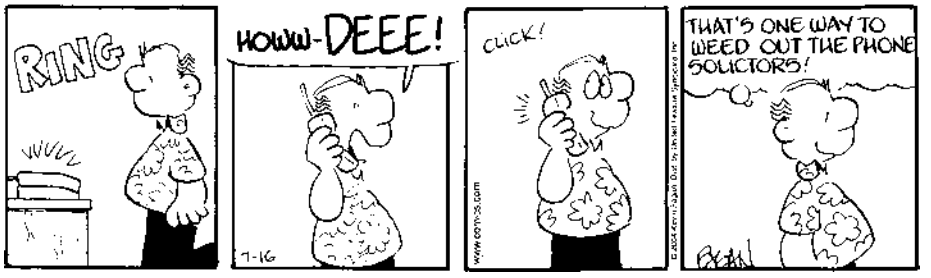
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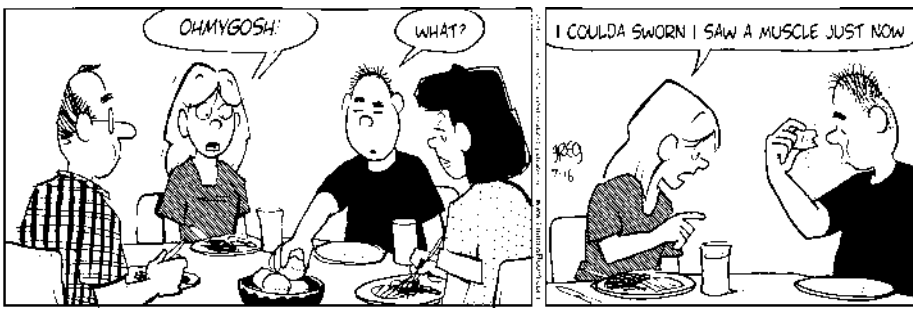
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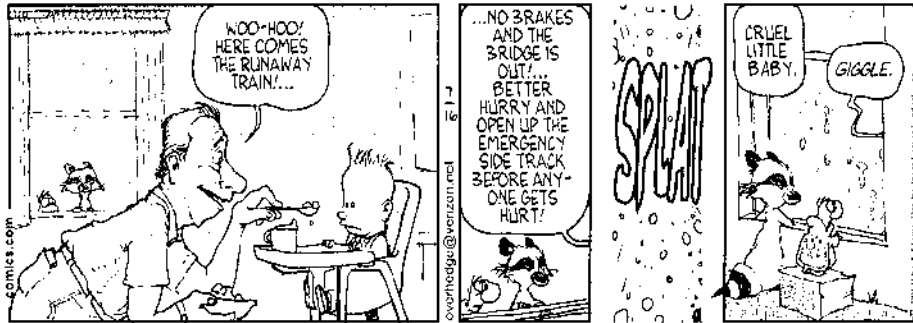
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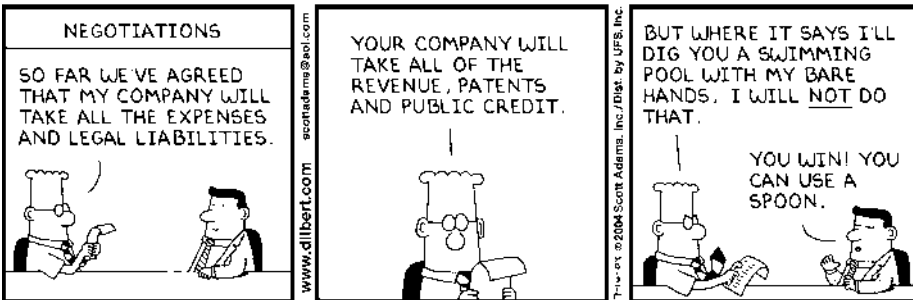
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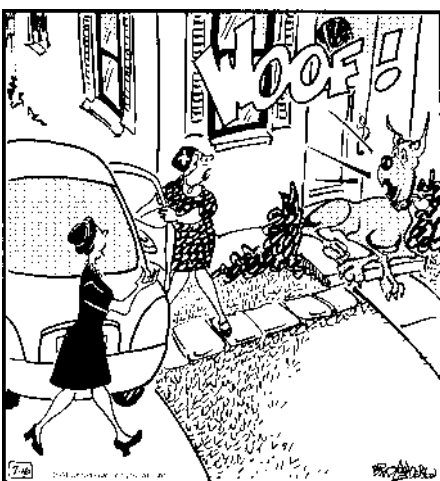
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE of real property and improvements generally known as 12466 Andover Court, Woodbridge, VA. In execution of a Deed of Trust ("DOT") dated August 20, 1999 and recorded among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia (the "Records"), in Deed Book 2789 at Page 0694, conveying real property, in trust; default having been made in the payment of the note secured thereby, and as directed by the current noteholder in writing, Estate Preservation & Management, Inc., as per appointment of substitute trustee recorded in said Records, will offer for sale at Public Auction on the front steps to the Circuit Court for the County of Prince William, 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **July 26, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.**, said real property and improvements, described as follows:

Lot No. Ninety-A (90-A), WOODMARK OF LAKE RIDGE, as the same is shown on plat attached to Deed of Resubdivision recorded in Deed Book 831, at Page 75, among the land records of Prince William County, Virginia.

The property will be sold solely under said DOT "AS IS," WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, AND SUBJECT TO conditions, restrictions, reservations, easements, rights-of-way, tenancies, and all other matters of record (if any), taking priority over the DOT, or matters to be announced at time of sale. It is the bidder's responsibility to determine such matters as may exist. The successful bidder shall, in addition to its bid, be responsible for the payment of all costs of sale, including, but not limited to, advertising, past-due real estate taxes, examination of title, recording charges, penalties, costs, and grantor's tax, adjusted to date of sale.

TERMS OF SALE: Cash. A deposit of (i) the lesser of 10% of the bid accepted, or (ii) \$20,000.00; is required to be paid in cash or cashier's check to the Trustee at the time of sale before such bid is accepted and ratified, with the balance of the bid due within ten (10) days after such sale. In the event of default by the successful bidder, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied to the costs and expenses of sale, and the Trustee's fee. Thereafter, the property may be re-advertised for sale, and all deficits in the eventual sale price and the original successful bid shall be the responsibility of the said defaulting bidder, but the Trustee, at its discretion, may elect not to pursue same. The successful bidder shall pay interest on the bid at the default note rate until settlement.

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Written notice of this Trustee's sale, as required by Section 55-59.1 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, has been sent to the property owner as the address appears in the records of the noteholder, and to all parties prescribed therein. **Additional terms of sale will be announced at the sale.**

ESTATE PRESERVATION & MANAGEMENT, INC., Substitute Trustee.
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Dail Day Hyde, 280 Windover Avenue, NW, Vienna, VA (703) 898-5705.

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TRUSTEE SALE
1300 S. Arlington Ridge Road Unit 201
Arlington, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Linda L. Roberts dated February 26, 1987 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, County of Arlington, Virginia, in Deed Book 2262, page 1546, securing a loan which was originally \$61,800.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the County of Arlington Circuit Courthouse 1425 North Courthouse Road, Arlington, Virginia on **July 22, 2004 at 1:00PM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: **Apartment Unit #201, Phase II, The Cavendish. Tax Map #35007109**

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of **\$4,000.00**, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA

NP0414219
FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Between 8 - 11 AM
Nectar Projects, Inc.
Substitute Trustees
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TRUSTEE SALE
16841 Brandy Moor Loop
Woodbridge, VA

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Trina L. Garcia dated June 28, 1995 and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court, County of Prince William, Virginia, in Deed Book 2250, page 1011, securing a loan which was originally \$109,850.00. Default having occurred in the payment of the Note thereby secured, and at the request of the holder of said Note, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale at public auction at the front steps of the County of Prince William Circuit Courthouse 9311 Lee Avenue, Manassas, Virginia on **August 5, 2004 at 9:30AM**, the property described in said Deed of Trust, located at the above address and briefly described as: **Lot 422-A, River Oaks Subdivision, Phase 2, Section 1. Tax Map # 8289-89-3377**

The property will be conveyed by Special Warranty Deed, subject to all existing easements, restrictions and any other conditions that may affect title to the property. The Noteholder reserves the right to bid at the said sale.

TERMS: CASH: A bidder's deposit of **\$9,800.00**, cash or certified check, will be required at the time of sale with the settlement and full payment of the purchase price within (15) fifteen days from the date of the sale. Additional terms will be announced at the time of sale and the successful bidder will be required to execute and deliver to the Substitute Trustee a memorandum or contract of the sale at the conclusion of bidding.

This notice is an attempt to collect on a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Loan Type: FHA

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
SHEILA A. JOHNSON,
Complainant,
v.
GMAC MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
and
GMAC MORTGAGE INVESTMENTS, INC.,
and
GMAC MORTGAGE ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.,
and
GMAC COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION,
and
GMAC COMMERCIAL HOLDING CAPITAL CORP.,
and
GMAC COMMERCIAL HOLDING CAPITAL MARKETS CORP.,
and
SPECIALIZED INC. OF VIRGINIA,
and
BEEREN & BARRY INVESTMENTS LLC,
and
J.P. MORGAN CHASE BANK,
and
FAIRBANKS CAPITAL CORPORATION,
and
UNKNOWN CURRENT NOTE HOLDERS of a note for which Sheila A. Johnson is the maker, in the principal sum of \$75,000, dated February 8, 1999 payable to the ALLSAFE MORTGAGE CORPORATION
Defendants.

In Chancery No: 04-393
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to seek an order of interpleader, to quiet title, for a temporary and a permanent injunction, and for declaratory and other relief concerning real property at 2832 S. Abington Street, Apt. A-1, Arlington, Virginia 22206 owned by Sheila A. Johnson, subject to a deed of trust dated February 8, 1999, securing a note in the amount of \$75,000 dated February 8, 1999, payable to the ALLSAFE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, (Deed of Trust).

An affidavit having been filed on behalf of the Complainant, that the party to be served, UNKNOWN CURRENT NOTE HOLDERS of a note for which Sheila A. Johnson is the maker, in the principal sum of \$75,000 dated February 8, 1999 payable to the ALLSAFE MORTGAGE CORPORATION, cannot be found and that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the location of the party to be served, the Clerk doth grant and enter this order of publication this the 29th day of June, 2004.

UPON CONSIDERATION WHEREOF it is ordered that the UNKNOWN CURRENT NOTE HOLDERS do appear here on or before **August 20, 2004** and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four successive weeks in THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA JOURNAL, a newspaper having a general circulation in Arlington County, Virginia.

TESTE: /s/ David A. Bell,
Clerk
By: /s/ Barbara L. Kelley,
Deputy Clerk

Peter L. Sissman
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Ste 205
Arlington, Virginia 22201

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
2596-D SOUTH ARLINGTON MILL DRIVE
Arlington Virginia

Pursuant to the terms of a deed of trust dated May 27, 1983, in the original principal amount of \$50,000.00 recorded in the Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia in Deed Book 2094 at page 565, the property briefly described below will be offered for sale at public auction:

Condominium Unit #89-4, Windgate of Arlington, a Condominium (Village III), as the same is duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2071, page 1014, among the land records of Arlington County, Virginia, as more particularly described in the referenced Deed of Trust, (the "Property");

The sale will take place on **July 28, 2004 at 12:30 p.m.** at the main entrance to the building housing the Circuit Court for Arlington County, Virginia.

Terms: A deposit in the form of certified funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 or 10% of the successful bid, whichever is lower, is required of any bidder at the time of sale. Closing within fifteen (15) days of sale. Time is of the essence. The property will be sold subject to all easements, covenants, conditions and liens of record. Additional terms may be announced at sale. Purchaser to pay all closing costs.

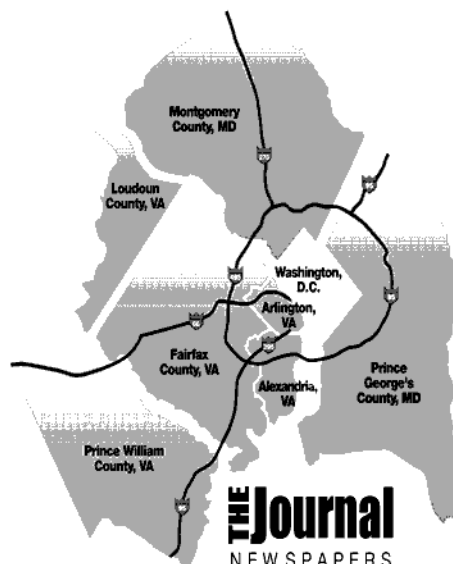
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Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Conley, Zyshon
Wesley Xavier
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Zyshon Wesley Xavier Conley.
It is ORDERED that the Lavertes D. Anthony appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 9/17/04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 7/1/04
Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
NVA17501222hc

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: COOK, JALEN
ALLENERIC
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Jalen Alleneric Cook.
It is ORDERED that the Unknown Father Antonio appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 9/15/04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 07/2/04
Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
NVA17501210hc

Arlington County
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Emily Van Nguyen
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to approve the Foster Care Plan prepared with respect to Emily Van Nguyen, for approval of the Entrustment Agreement for Permanent Surrender of Child entered into by Tina Cong-Huyen, and for termination of all residual parental rights and responsibilities of the parents of the Minor Child with authority to place and consent to adoption.
It is ORDERED that Sonny Nguyen, father appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before August 09, 2004.
Dated: June 18, 2004
/s/ Carol Kawalski,
Deputy Clerk
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
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NOTICE
SEALED PROPOSALS for the Gym Floor Replacement at Five Elementary Schools will be received by Fairfax County Public Schools, 5025 Sideburn Road, Room 15, Fairfax, Virginia 22032, an equal opportunity employer. Bids will be received until **2:00 p.m. on July 29, 2004**, at the above address. Bid package is available for pick up from Maintenance Services, 5025 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032.
July 16, 2004
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Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Heard-Jones,
Dayshawn
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Dayshawn Heard-Jones.
It is ORDERED that Sonya L. Jones appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 9/30/04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 7/01/04
Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
NVA17501221hc

LEGAL NOTICE
Please take notice that upon expiration of 30 days after publication of this notice, the undersigned institution will transfer over to Roger A. Lewis, Fiduciary of the Estate of Helen N. Hoag who died February 20, 2004 and who was at the time of death domiciled in Brevard, NC certain funds which are held by the undersigned for Helen N. Hoag.
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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PRINCE WILLIAM
IN RE: APPLICATION OF JESSICA SHANNON GRUVER FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO JESSICA SHANNON BRUCE
NO.: 55407

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION
In accordance with Title 8.01 Section 217, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, The object of this suit is for the name change of a minor, JESSICA SHANNON GRUVER, to be known as JESSICA SHANNON BRUCE by her stepfather, GLENN FRANKLIN BRUCE, and her birth mother, JANET ANN BRUCE, as contained in Title 8.01 Section 217 et seq. of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.
An affidavit has been made and filed that due diligence has been used by and on behalf of the Petitioner to ascertain the whereabouts of ROBERT SHANNON GRUVER, the birth father, without effect. That to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge and belief, ROBERT SHANNON GRUVER, is not a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia and that his last known address is 257 Mosby Drive, Manassas Park, Virginia.
It is therefore ORDERED that the said birth father, ROBERT SHANNON GRUVER, appear and protect his interests in this matter on or before August 20, 2004, which said date is no sooner than fifty (50) days after the entry of this Order of Publication. It is further ORDERED that this Order shall be published within ten (10) days after entry of this order once a week for four (4) successive weeks in The Daily Journal (aka Prince William Journal), 6408 Edsall Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22312, a newspaper published in the County of Fairfax, and that a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse wherein this Court is held.
ENTERED this 2nd day of July, 2004.
/s/ Angela L. Tant, Deputy Clerk of Circuit Court

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Patton, Michael P.
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Michael P. Patton.
It is ORDERED that Ernest Romero appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 9/28/04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 7/9/04
/s/ Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 16, 23, 30, & August 6, 2004
NVA17501285ah

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Paola and Lisbeth Corvera
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Paola and Lisbeth Corvera.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Cristobal A. Corvera appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09-20-04 at 10:30 AM.
Dated: 06/28/04
Tina M. Sims,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
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Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Marion, Joshua
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Joshua Marion.
It is ORDERED that Michelle Marion appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/07/04 at 4:00 pm.
Dated: 7/6/04
Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
NVA17501219hc

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Matthew D. Eddy
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Matthew D. Eddy.
It is ORDERED that James Mullins appear at the above-named Court and protect his interests on or before 08-30-04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 06-18-04
/s/ Tina M. Sims,
DEPUTY CLERK
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
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Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Daniel Antonio Vasquez-Solis
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Daniel Antonio Vasquez-Solis.
It is ORDERED that Mauricio H. Solis appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09-13-04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 06-22-04
/s/ Tina M. Sims,
DEPUTY CLERK
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
NVA11508338cc

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Paola and Lisbeth Corvera
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Paola and Lisbeth Corvera.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Cristobal A. Corvera appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09-20-04 at 10:30 AM.
Dated: 06/28/04
Tina M. Sims,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
NVA17501125hc

LEGALS

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Richard Antonio Pena
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Richard Antonio Pena.
It is ORDERED that Juan Antonio Pena appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09-01-04 at 10:30 a.m.
Dated: 06/21/04
/s/ Tina M. Sims,
DEPUTY CLERK
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
NVA11508342cc

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Smith, Laquana
Nashawn & Smith, Laquan
Navon
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Laquana Nashawn Smith & Laquan Navon Smith.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Shane Shane appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before August 31, 2004 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 06/25/04
Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 2004
NVA17501121hc

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Daniel Antonio Vasquez-Solis
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain custody of Daniel Antonio Vasquez-Solis.
It is ORDERED that Mauricio H. Solis appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09-13-04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 06-22-04
/s/ Tina M. Sims,
DEPUTY CLERK
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
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Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Waller, Matthew
Alvino & Waller, Dylan
Anthony
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain Custody of Matthew Alvino Waller & Dylan Anthony Waller.
It is ORDERED that David L. Waller appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 8/26/04 @ 10:30 a.m.
Dated: 06/16/04
/s/ Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
NVA11508339

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Waller, Matthew
Alvino & Waller, Dylan
Anthony
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain Custody of Matthew Alvino Waller & Dylan Anthony Waller.
It is ORDERED that April M. Waller appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 8/26/04 @ 10:30 a.m.
Dated: 06/16/04
/s/ Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
June 25 & July 2, 9, 16, 2004
NVA11508340cc

Prince William County
Thirty First Judicial District
Juvenile and Domestic
Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia
in re: Wright, Veronica Q. & Jeremy T. Porter
ORDER OF PUBLICATION
The object of this suit is to obtain Custody of Veronica Q. Wright & Jeremy T. Porter.
It is ORDERED that the Vernon E. Wright appear at the above-named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 9/17/04 at 10:30 am.
Dated: 07/01/04
Nohemy Y. Martinez,
DEPUTY CLERK
July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2004
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VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF IRENE VAN HOUTEN MUNSTER, Deceased
Fiduciary No. W28275
SHOW CAUSE ORDER AGAINST DISTRIBUTION
It is hereby Ordered that the creditors of and all other persons interested in the above estate show cause, if they can, on the **13 day of August, 2004, at 10:00 a.m.** before this Court, against payment and delivery of the estate to the distributees without requiring refunding bonds.
It is further Ordered that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two successive weeks in the *Northern Virginia Journal*, a newspaper published in Arlington County, Virginia, it appearing that a report of the accounts of Lucy C. Bond, Executor of the estate, and of the debts and demands against the estate has been filed in the Clerk's Office, and that six months have elapsed since qualification as Executor.
Entered this 2nd day of July, 2004.
/s/ Benjamin Kendrick, JUDGE
DAVID A. BELL, CLERK
A COPY, TESTE:
By: /s/ Barbara L. Kelley, Deputy Clerk

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LEGALS

VIRGINIA:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ARLINGTON COUNTY
IN RE: ESTATE OF PATRICIA MINAR VAJDA, Deceased
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SHOW CAUSE ORDER
It appearing that a report of the accounts of Stephen Hogue, Executor of the Estate of Patricia Minar Vajda, deceased, and of the debts and demands against the Estate has been filed in the Clerk's office, and that more than six months has elapsed since the qualification of the Executor, on the motion of the personal representative, it is
ORDERED that the creditors of, and all other persons interested in, the Estate show cause, if any they can, at 9:30 a.m. on the **30th day of July 2004**, before the Court at its Courtroom, against payment and delivery of the Estate of Patricia Minar Vajda, deceased, to the distributees without requiring refunding bonds.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing portion of this Order be published once a week for two (2) successive weeks in *The Journal*, a newspaper circulated in Arlington County, Virginia.
ENTERED this 30th day of JUNE, 2004.
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Bulldogs continue statement summer

Westfield beats upstart Fairfax in McLean League final

By BRIAN McNALLY/Journal staff writer

Westfield's successful summer continues.

Rising senior guard Erroll Robinson scored a game-high 18 points and made two of the Bulldogs' eight 3-pointers as Westfield beat Fairfax, 53-42, in the McLean Summer League championship Thursday at McLean.

The Bulldogs had already made the semifinals at last weekend's D.C. Board Games tournament and are looking to repeat as champions in the prestigious Kenner League later this month. Westfield won despite a sizeable height disadvantage against the Rebels, who had two players taller than 6-foot-5 in rising senior forward J.D. Skolnitzky and rising junior forward Joey Lynch-Flohr.

"It's nothing new for us because we've been dealing with that all summer," said Westfield rising junior forward Josh Richardson, who grabbed a team-high seven rebounds. "We wanted to make a statement to the rest of the region this summer and we've done that so far."

Rising senior guard Matt Hale added 14 points for the Bulldogs and made four 3-pointers. Lynch-Flohr led the Rebels with 14 points.

Rising senior guard Matt Hale scored 14 points in Westfield's 53-42 victory over Fairfax in the McLean Summer League final.

Mark Young/Journal



McCartin among leaders at VSGA Open

RICHMOND (AP) – Recent Yorktown graduate Chris McCartin carried the banner for a parade of contending amateurs Thursday, shooting a 5-under-par 67 and gaining a share of the opening-round lead in the Virginia State Golf Association's State Open.

Professionals Chip Sullivan of Troutville and Eddie Suchora of Gainesville also shot 67s on their first trip over the 6,730-yard Willow Oaks Country Club course, but 16 of the 22 golfers who broke par on the course along the James River were amateurs.

Faber Jamerson, a pro from Appomattox and the 1999 champion, was fourth after a 68, amateur Scott Campbell of Mechanicsville was fifth at 69 and six more amateurs joined pro Steve Jenkins of Chesterfield at 70. Ten more golfers turned in 71s Thursday.

Among those at 70 was three-time champion Keith Decker of Martinsville.

McCartin, 18, birdied three of the first five holes, then hit his 3-iron second shot to the par-5 eighth hole within 10 feet and made the putt to get to 5-under.

His only bogey came at the 15th hole.

"I have been hitting the ball well, and knew that if I could putt well, I could do well," the 2002 VSGA Junior Match Play champion and Wake Forest-bound golfer said. "If I can continue to putt well, I am going to be a force to be reckoned with. Solid ball-striking and good putting – that's the combination I am looking for."

Basketball

Southern Prep Hoops Camp

The Southern Prep Hoops Three-Day Summer Exposure Basketball Camp will be held in Milledgeville, Ga. at the Walter B. Williams Recreation Center from July 23 to July 25. Campers will be housed at the Holiday Inn Express. Ron Briscoe of the National Southeast Regional Report and Scouting Service will be in attendance. For more information, visit the website at www.southernprephoops.com or contact jameslunsford1@yahoo.com.

Locals shut out at Olympic Trials

Moses, Zeigler top local finishers in Long Beach

By SARA CONRATH
Journal staff writer

When the United States sends its swimmers to the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, area sports fans will find something missing. In recent years, with swimmers like Tom Dolan and Ed Moses, Northern Virginians have gotten used to having locals to root for on the worldwide stage.

Not so this summer – though several area athletes came close, no Northern Virginian made the cut at the U.S. Olympic Swimming Team Trials. The trials, held in Long Beach, Calif., wrapped up Wednesday.

Surprisingly, the closest call was from Northern Virginia's youngest competitor – O'Connell rising junior



Ed Moses records a time 1:02.27 in the 100-meter breaststroke at the U.S. Olympic swim trials in Long Beach, Calif., last Wednesday.

AP photo

Kate Ziegler, the 2004 *Journal* Swimmer of the Year. Ziegler, who placed fifth in the finals of the 400-meter freestyle last week, made the finals again in the 800 free. At 16, she was the youngest swimmer in the

finals.

She had the third-fastest time in the 800 preliminaries, but dropped to fourth in the final. The top two swimmers had the chance of making the squad. Still, Ziegler's time of 8

minutes, 30.92 seconds was her personal record. Though she didn't make the Olympic team, her time was enough to gain a berth on the National 'A' team, meaning Ziegler swam one of the fastest eight times in the world in that event.

Moses, who won a silver medal in the 100 breaststroke and a gold as part of the 400 medley relay in the Sydney Olympics in 2000, was disappointed in Sunday's 200 breaststroke final. The Lake Braddock graduate finished fourth, in 2:14.12. Moses was also disappointed earlier in the trials with a sixth place finish in the 100 breaststroke.

On Sunday, Langley graduate Lindsey Ertter, who earlier placed sixth in the 100 breaststroke, finished 12th in the 200 breaststroke semifinals, in 2:31.56.

Northern Virginia had good representation in both the women's and men's 50 freestyle. Herndon graduate Mason Walsh placed 12th in Tuesday's semifinals for the women, finishing in 25.99. Christian Lindberg, a Woodbridge graduate, placed 24th (23.40) in the men's 50 free preliminaries Monday.

In brief

Field hockey umpires

Umpires and referees are needed for public high school games this fall in Fairfax County, Arlington and Alexandria. Training and mentoring are provided. Contact Taylor Smallwood at 703-435-6033 or e-mail FHOCKEYREF@aol.com.

Herndon Optimist Cheerleading

The deadline for registration for Herndon Optimist Cheerleading is July 31, with a \$65 fee. Coaches and volunteers are needed. For more information contact Traci Waller, Optimist Cheer Commissioner at TraciWaller@aol.com

Coaching
Lee's Radun off to Battlefield

McNamara leaves Oakton; DeLuca says goodbye to Marshall

By BRIAN MCNALLY
Journal staff writer

When Joe Radun became the head wrestling coach at Lee four years ago, the program had nowhere to go but up.

But after placing last at the 2001 Northern Region Tournament in Radun's first year, the Lancers improved every season until they narrowly missed winning a Liberty District championship in 2004.

With the rebuilding job complete, Radun has resigned and accepted a teaching and an assistant football coaching

position at Battlefield, the new high school opening this fall in Haymarket.

"It was a tough decision leaving the kids at Lee, but it just became a quality-of-life issue," said Radun, who lives in Haymarket and regularly endured hour-long commutes to Springfield during his six years as a teacher at Lee. "But I'm very proud of what our kids accomplished the last couple of years because we struggled a lot when we first started."

Under Radun's guidance, senior Peter Rushin won a state championship for Lee last March at 160 pounds and

senior 140-pounder Neil Thompson won his third district title. Langley (156.5 points) edged the Lancers (153.5) by three points at the Liberty District Tournament. Lee also took sixth in the region and 17th in the state.

Radun will serve as the offensive line coach under former W.T. Woodson coach Mark Cox at Battlefield, which begins playing a varsity schedule in 2005.

Oakton wrestling coach leaves

Zak McNamara, Radun's former assistant at Lee and the

head wrestling coach at Oakton the past two seasons, has also resigned his position. McNamara, an Alexandria resident, will serve as an assistant to new West Potomac football coach Eric Henderson.

Address change spurs departure

After six years as Marshall's girls lacrosse coach, Frank DeLuca has also stepped down. DeLuca, a former swim and dive coach at Madison in the late 1970s, began coaching lacrosse in 1999 when his daughter Katie was a sophomore for the Statesmen.

His family is moving to Annapolis, Md., next spring. Marshall finished 4-8 in 2004 and placed sixth in the Liberty District, falling to Langley in the first round of the district tournament. But the Statesmen lost just five players to graduation and return all-district midfielder Caryl Spoden (20 goals) and four other three-year starters next season.

"Considering we never had a feeder system in place and that most of the girls had never picked up a lacrosse stick until [ninth grade] I find it pretty amazing what they accomplished," said DeLuca.

Announcements

Stuart Varsity Cheerleading

J.E.B. Stuart High School is seeking candidates for the Varsity Cheerleading coaching position. If interested please contact Terry Brown in the Activities Office at 703-824-3960 or Terry.Brown@fcps.edu.

Trinity School seeks coaches

The Trinity School at Meadow View in Falls Church is seeking a girls Varsity Volleyball coach and a boys Varsity Soccer coach. Contact Rick Schoof at 703-641-0201 or fax resume to 703-698-7084.

Oakton Assistant Football Coaches

Oakton High School is looking for an assistant football coach. Interested applicants please call Joe Thompson at 703-319-2828

Pikesville Baseball Invitational

Team registrations are now being accepted for the 27th Annual Pikesville Maryland Invitational Baseball Tournament. The event will take place from July 23-25 and July 30-Aug. 1 at various school and park site locations throughout Northwest Baltimore County. The tournament is open to all travel teams in the mid-Atlantic region. Competition is available in the following age brackets, 7/8 Midgets, 9/10 Minors, 11/12 Majors, 13/14 Pony, and 15/17 Colts. The tournament features round robin and double elimination play. The entry fee per team is \$165 which does not include umpire fees. For addition information or to receive registration material, please contact Chick Veditz at 410-486-2185 or 410-637-7357.

Paul VI Baseball Camp

The Panthers will hold their annual "Pre-Varsity/Transition Camp" for 12-14 year-olds on July 26-29 at PVI's Panther Field in Fairfax. The cost is \$135. For more information and a registration form, visit www.leaguelineup.com/pvibaseball or call head coach Billy Emerson at 703-352-0925.

Under-17 PWSI Cardinals

The PWSI Cardinals will be having tryouts in June for girls born after Aug. 1, 1987. For more information, contact coach Steve Smith at 703-850-2578 or smithss@pwcs.edu

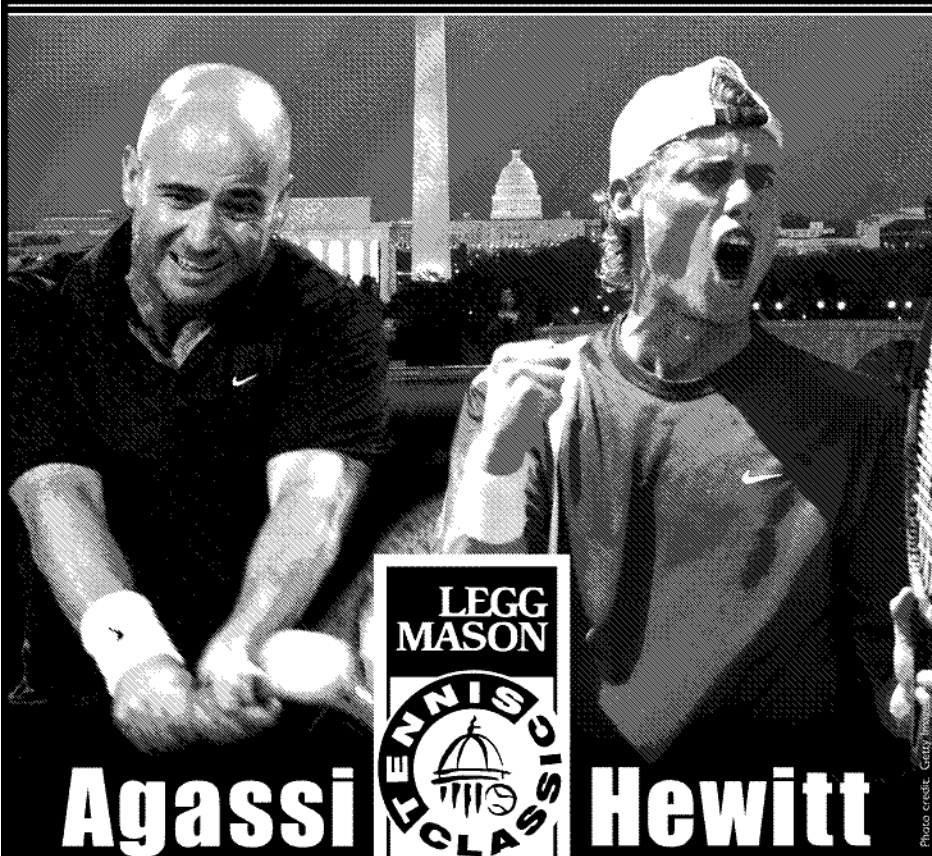


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American Legion Baseball

Post 24 thriving in arms race

Beck helps Post 139 end five-year drought

By JOHN KEIM
Special to The Journal

Post 24 tweaked its plans before the season, thanks to memories of last year. They felt they lacked enough pitching depth to fulfill expectations. So they added more pitchers. And that's why they're among four teams fighting for first place in the American Legion baseball standings.

They've needed those arms lately, especially with one of their starters, Joey Sable lost for the season after undergoing Tommy John surgery two weeks ago. The surgery also could sideline him next spring, when he planned on pitching for Chesapeake Junior College. He was also batting .609.

"He's not only a talented player, he's a consummate team player," Post 24 manager Jack Carver said. "He's a natural leader."

Also, Josh Martin broke his ankle sliding into second two weeks ago. Another player, catcher Brian Russo, couldn't play this summer because of shoulder surgery.

But Post 24, which has four games remaining and has already clinched a playoff spot, has survived — and flourished — because of its newfound pitching depth. The team ERA is 3.96 and five pitchers have thrown at least 20 innings. Their defense isn't always helping them out, not with a .915 fielding percentage.

"But when the pitchers get themselves out of holes, they get the out pitch," Carver said, "and that's been the key to our success."

Jonathan Rapavi (2-0, 2 saves, 2.95 ERA) has pitched well, along with fellow Hayfield graduate Kyle Morgan (2-1, 2.77 ERA). They have 49 and 48 strikeouts, respectively. Chad Eagerton (5-0, 4.67) and John Earley (2-1-1), both from Mount Vernon, have helped. Kevin Clark (four saves) has emerged as the closer. Left-hander Jason Holdsclaw (3-1, 4.44) was a pleasant surprise for Hayfield this past season and remains so this summer.

"He knows what to do with every throw," Carver said of Holdsclaw. "He's not extremely fast, but he hits his locations and changes speeds well."

Offensively, Mike Booth has a team-high .403 batting average while Earley is hitting .381. Andy Heard is batting .350 with three homers, 21 RBI and 27 runs scored. Ryan Stearns is hitting .348 with four homers, two in the 22-strikeout loss to Post 139.

"We're being very opportunistic," Carver said.

The top eight teams make the District 17 playoffs; Posts 1995, 139, 225 and 24 all have clinched spots. The top four teams earn first-round byes and no one is within three games



Post 24's Joey Sable was lost for the season when he underwent Tommy John surgery two weeks ago. Jeff Mankie/Journal

American Legion Baseball District 17 standings

Post	Wins	Losses	Percentage
1995	17	3	.850
139	17	4	.810
225	17	5	.773
24	17	5	.773
176	13	8	.619
1976	11	7	.611
180	12	10	.545
177	6	14	.300
129	6	15	.286
162	5	16	.238
270	3	16	.158
85	0	21	.000

Top eight teams will qualify for postseason

of these teams.

Beck fans 22 in Post 139 win

They didn't realize what Brad Beck had done. Mainly because the rest of his Arlington Post 139 teammates had done something just as big: they beat Post 24 for the first time in five years.

Then they started adding up Beck's strikeouts in that 6-3 win last week.

And they didn't stop until they reached 22.

"That may have been the best performance I've seen locally from a pitcher at this level," said Post 24 manager Jack Carver.

Beck is one reason why Post 139 was 17-4, a half game behind first-place Post 1995 in the American Legion standings. The regular season ends Tuesday with the playoffs

scheduled to start Thursday. Beck, a Wakefield graduate and rising sophomore at Montgomery Junior College, returned this season because of a change in the age rules. He made the cut by nine days.

Good thing, too, because he's 4-0 with a 0.78 ERA. He's also batting .452 with three homers and 20 RBI, but it's his pitching that's earned him the most praise.

"The kid is so fundamentally sound and such a competitor that nothing surprises me with him," said Post 139 manager Mark Tillman. "It's almost like he was born to do this."

Beck's return also enables him to erase the memory of last year's championship game when he allowed a home run in the bottom of the ninth of a tie game. Beck also pitches in a college league in Maryland.

"But I know this means a lot to him," Tillman said.

Beck isn't alone in that thinking. Nor is he alone when it comes to producing. Outfielder Nate Solberg leads the team with 27 RBI while batting .437. Leadoff hitter Matt Gilman started slow, but now is batting .388 with 24 runs scored. Dean Johnson is hitting .357. On the mound, Pete Harlan (3-1, 2.57 ERA) and Larry Hinkle (2-0, 2.65) add depth.

Expectations up for Post 225

The pitching is a bit improved, the hitting is a little better and even the always-sound defense has taken a step up, too. And that's why the expectations surrounding Post 225 have increased as well.

"When we started out I wasn't as confident we'd do as well as we have," Post 225 manager Frank Solomon said. "I thought we'd end up fifth or sixth. But we started playing together as a team."

The result entering last night's game against Post 176 is a 17-5 record, tied for third place, with three games remaining. They own the tiebreaker with Post 24 and only trail first-place Post 1995 by one and a half games. The next three games will be telling: Post 225 plays a doubleheader against 1995 Saturday and the finale against second-place 139 on Tuesday.

Post 225 is led offensively by Kevin Zdancewicz, Frances Solomon and his younger brother Edward (both are the manager's son), Josh Bell, Ryan Charles and Joe Schaffner. On the mound, Bell had an 18-strikeout game vs. Post 162 earlier this summer. He's been helped on the mound by J.T. Richardson, Matt Walls, Emmett Soures and Jason Cornwell.

Bell, a Marshall graduate now playing for Montgomery Junior College, has opened scouts' eyes with his summer. His fastball has been clocked at 92 mph and his changeup is solid.

"This will be a telltale year for him," Frank Solomon said.

Under-13 LRSC Fusion

The LRSC Fusion seeks players for girls born after July 31, 1991. The Fusion are a current WAGS Div. 3 USFF VA State Cup Finalist. They are coached by Dutch and Brazilian trainers. Tryouts are ongoing in the Fairfax/Annandale area. Contact Jorge Suarez-Marill at 703-599-2816 or jisuarezmarill@aol.com.

Manassas Area Soccer

The Manassas Area Soccer Association is now accepting registrations for the Fall 2004 season. Leagues are available for youth players born on or after Aug. 1, 2001. Two in-person registrations will be held on July 8 from 5-8 p.m. and July 11 from 1-3 p.m. at My Bakery and Cyber Cafe, 9299 Sudley Rd. (Rte. 234 and Rte 28). Registrations are also accepted online at the MASA web site, www.masasoccer.org.

Under-14 FPYC Hotshots

The U-14 FPYC Hotshots, is looking for players to round out their travel team. All field positions as well as goalie are welcome to try-out. Ongoing try-outs will be held on Wed. from 6-7 p.m. at Lanier Middle School in Fairfax. Contact John DeOrnellas at 703-352-5601 or jdeor1@msn.com for more information.

McLean Youth Soccer

McLean Youth Soccer is accepting registrations now for Fall 2004 season. Applications for all returning and new families can be found on the Web site at www.mcleansoccer.org. MYS offers a variety of programs for children ages 4-19. If registered before July 15, preferred rates are available. Please contact the Administrator at SoccerMcL@aol.com for more information.

Manassas Area Travel Team

The Manassas Area Travel Team (MAT) is forming a new U-19 boys team for the fall 2004 season. Looking for experienced players born on or after Aug. 1, 1985. The team will be coached by Karl Priddy who currently coaches at Westfield High School in Chantilly, VA. For more information, contact Jerome Geisler at jmgeisler@juno.com.

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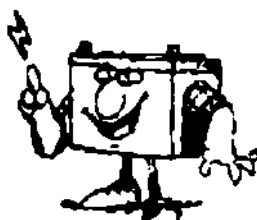


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