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Rescued Eagles Take Flight

Three bald eagles released at Mason Neck State Park.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE CONNECTION

Three rehabilitated, rescued eagles were released into the wild Saturday, July 25, before more than 300 people at Mason Neck State Park.

The brown-feathered first of year birds — they don't acquire their classic photogenic white head until they reach 5 — are "early jumpers," according to Edward Clark, Jr., president of the Virginia Wildlife Center. They left the nest earlier than they should have and would not have survived if not for alert rescuers who brought the birds into the Virginia Wildlife Center located in Waynesboro, Va. for medical care and rehabilitation.

According to the center's literature, the Wildlife Center was founded in 1982 and "is the nation's leading teaching and research hospital for native wildlife." It treats native wildlife at no charge. In 2007, it rescued 29 bald eagles; in 2008 36 bald eagles were rescued. According to Clark, 16 active nesting pairs of bald eagles live in the north Potomac River region, the highest number ever recorded for the area. Occasionally, one can observe an adult pair of bald eagles roosting by a nest at the edge of the Bell

Haven Country Club golf course off the western side of the Mount Vernon Parkway by Dyke Marsh.

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who attended the event, characterized the birds as the national "symbol of American strength."

Asked what the release of the three bald eagles meant to the Mason Neck Park, J.A. Lowery, park manager, said, "This represents 30 years of effort by many citizens and the government. It is an incredible moment in the life of the park." One rescuer, Sarah Allison, who traveled from Fredericksburg to witness the release, said she found her stressed young eagle at a Girl Scout camp. She knew to take it to a raptor rescue site that in turn transported the stressed-out bird to the Wildlife Center. "I am ecstatic about the release of the bird," she said.

In attendance was the chief of the Monacan Indian Nation. Chief Kenneth W. Branham, along with fellow Appomattock Indian, Ronnie Durie, traveled from Lynchburg to witness the release. Branham recalled to those in attendance that his tribe lived in Virginia before anyone and that the bald eagle has always been an important aspect of Indian culture and is considered sacred. He welcomed the assemblage to the event and to his native land.

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Ed Clark holds an eagle while his brother Joel affixes an identifying marker band around one of the bird's claws. The band is large enough the eagle's claw will not be injured by it.



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Big Screen, Small Town

Families gather at town park for first Clifton Film Fest.

BY MARIE FRENCH
THE CONNECTION

With lawn chairs, tarps and picnic blankets, the community of Clifton made itself comfortable in the grass of Clifton Town Park.

Anticipation and excitement buzzed in the air as the crowd gathered in front of the huge screen donated by Executive 411 for the event. Children played on the swing set, adults gathered to chat and volunteers from Clifton manned the entrance and sponsor booths.

The first annual Clifton Film Fest offered a chance for students, 13-20, and adults, 21 and up, to submit original short films on any topic. The top four in each category were shown on Friday, July 24; 120 people, not including volunteers and sponsors, came to show their support and enjoy the films.

"I think it's a great idea for an awesome community event," said Dawna Thompson. "It's a great op-

portunity for people in the community to show their talents."

Thompson heard about the Film Fest months ago, when it was advertised in the Clifton Clatter, the town newsletter. She came to enjoy the event, the of its kind in Clifton, with her husband, David, and their children. They also came to support a close friend who was having his film shown.

Dani Weinberg, a 22-year-old digital film-making and production major from the Art Institute of Washington, was the mastermind of the event. She had the idea in February and in less than six months, pulled together the first ever Clifton Film Fest. It was,

she admitted, more to take on than she'd expected.

"I never thought I'd have to worry about T-shirt sizes and porta-potties," said Weinberg. But support from her family, friends and the people of Clifton made the Film Fest a success. "Clifton is community oriented," said Weinberg. "The town has been really supportive."

In order to have the event, Weinberg first had to make a presentation to the Town Council. The response was mostly positive. "The only issue was people worrying about the films, if they were going to be edgy," said Weinberg.

"When I was younger I wanted something like this."

— Dani Weinberg, founder, Clifton Film Fest

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PHOTO BY JEN THOMPSON

The Clifton community gathers in the park at the center of town in front of a huge screen donated by Executive 411 and waits for the Film Fest to begin.

Metro Unveils New Bus Facility Plans

Tuesday night public hearing outlines plans for new bus garage in Lorton.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

At a July 28 public hearing, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) debuted its plans for a new bus operations and maintenance facility in Lorton.

Approximately 200 local residents attended the meeting, which took place at the Franconia Governmental Center and was hosted by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). They were curious to see how the plans for the new facility would impact their community. John Thomas, the director of WMATA's Office of Major Capital Projects, was on hand to introduce the plans.

"We're proposing to add a new bus garage and maintenance facility and move our function from Royal Street to Lorton," Thomas said. "The development area is all clear and ready to see development."

The facility is slated to have a 160-bus capacity and be built on a 17.4-acre plot of land on Cinderbed Road, just north of Newington Road and east of Interstate 95. According to WMATA's Mass Transit Plan, several of its existing bus facilities, including the garage at Royal Street in Alexandria, have either reached capacity, been



WMATA's preview of what the facility would look like.

mired in land-use issues or are too old and costly to repair.

"Seven of the 10 bus garages in the Metro system are at, or near, their practical storage capacity," WMATA's Mass Transit Plan stated. "The three garages with storage capacity are not located near demand centers,

meaning that large dead-head operating costs would result if overflow buses were assigned to these garages. Additionally, many of the maintenance facilities are not designed to handle articulated buses."

According to Thomas, two design options were available for the facility, both of which

are similar. Both options include the construction of a new roadway off of Cinderbed Road through the northern portion of the property for primary access, and both have the same plans for the bus and employee

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Lorton Woman Charged With 3 Bank Robberies

State trooper apprehends suspect following robbery in Prince William County.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The third time may be the charm, but not, apparently, for a 46-year-old Lorton woman. Authorities say that, after allegedly robbing two banks in Lorton, she was captured Friday after reportedly robbing a third bank in Woodbridge. Cynthia Marie Crawford of the 7700 block of Grandwind Drive is now in jail, charged with three counts of bank robbery.

The first robbery was June 25, at the Wachovia Bank at 8994 Lorton Station Blvd. Fairfax County police say a woman entered the bank around 2:10 p.m. and approached a teller at the counter. She then passed a note, implied she had a weapon and demanded money. The teller complied and the

robber fled through the front door.

The second robbery happened July 15, around 2:25 p.m., at the SunTrust Bank at 9400 Richmond Highway. The scenario was the same, except that the female robber entered the bank around 2:25 p.m. The suspect was described as black and in her 40s and wore a purple shirt, blue jeans and a purple hat.

Then on Friday, July 24, Prince William County Police say that, around 9:10 a.m., a woman, later reportedly identified as Crawford, entered the SunTrust Bank at 13408 Jefferson Davis Highway in Woodbridge, implied she had a firearm and displayed a note demanding money. After receiving cash from a teller, she then fled in a vehicle, north on Route 1.

However, a bank employee was able to get the license-tag number and description

of her car and immediately notified police. A lookout was broadcast to surrounding jurisdictions, and Virginia State Trooper Robert Hindenlang took a position along the highway and began looking across four lanes of heavy traffic for the vehicle.

A short time later, he spotted it traveling northbound on Interstate 395. He was able to stop the vehicle near Edsall Road, with help from Fairfax County Police Officer Paul Bennett, and they together took Crawford into custody. She has a Sept. 15 hearing date in Prince William's General District Court.

In a July 24 affidavit written by robbery Det. Stephen Needels with the Fairfax County Police Department's Criminal Investigations Bureau, he noted that "evidence from the Prince William County bank robbery was [allegedly] found inside



Crawford

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[Crawford's] vehicle." He also wrote that both the Lorton robberies were committed by "a black female of the same size and stature" and that, in each instance, the robber wore a T-shirt and a baseball cap.

According to the detective, after her arrest Friday in Prince William, Crawford was interviewed by Fairfax County Police Det. Aniello DeSantis. She reportedly confessed to him her "sole involvement in the two Lorton bank robberies."

Needels requested a warrant to search Crawford's home for baseball hats and clothing worn during the Lorton crimes, cash and any records and documents relating to the planning and execution of the robberies. On Monday, July 27, police executed the warrant and seized a purple shirt and purple hat. On Tuesday, they charged Crawford with both Lorton robberies.

Showtime at Clifton Town Park

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Dillon Meyer, 14, a rising junior at Robinson Secondary School, made the film everyone was worrying about. Titled "Love-15," it was a story of a tennis player turned serial killer with plenty of computer-engineered blood sprays and splatters. The short film won second place in the under-21 category, which surprised and pleased Meyer.

"Winning wasn't really the goal of making the film. I really wanted to just make a bloody, weird movie, and I feel I succeeded," said Meyer.

Before the film showed, a warning of the graphically violent nature led the Thompsons to take their young children out of the park for an ice cream. At the end of the film, Meyer apologized for all the blood and some of the text read, "I don't have issues, I was having fun," which got a laugh from the audience.

Meyer has received mostly positive reactions, but skeptics remained. "Hopefully, they will see the humor and fun in it eventually," said Meyer.

While Meyer's film took second in the under-21 category, first place went to a more serious foreign film called "Crossroads" made by Clifford Miu. Third place was taken by Nathan Smith, with a short skit of the conversation between two juvenile criminals before they rob a house. Emma O'Brien and Kevin

Monnin, with their humorous film "The Camp," loosely based on the television show "The Office," received a participation award.

One of the judges, who awarded points in various categories to each of the films entered, was a friend of Weinberg's from college. "It was fun, but challenging in that they were very different," said Jen Thompson. "I was telling Dani that some of the films could have come out of our program [at the Art Institute of Washington]."

In the 21 and up category, Jeff Harper and Jeris Quinn received the Participation Award for "Happy Feet," a film devoted to dance with catchy music that got some in the audience clapping along. Third place was won by Eric Kent and second by Jon Seiler.

Nick Sampson, who is from Clifton, took first place with his film "Green and Orange." The 21-year-old attends Virginia Commonwealth University and used Richmond as the setting for the music-video style film. "It's great to have this chance to come back and show everyone what I've been doing," said Sampson. "I really hope that this keeps up."

Weinberg has always been interested in video but had little opportunity in the area to show her work when she was younger. "When I was younger I wanted something like this," said Weinberg. "There was nothing local."

"I think it's a great idea for an awesome community event."

— Dawna Thompson

Eagles Released

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One person not at this historic occasion was the late Elizabeth Hartwell, a longstanding resident of Mount Vernon and recognized for her persistent leadership over many years in preserving the Mason Neck area as a wildlife refuge. The refuge is named the Elizabeth Hartwell National Wildlife Refuge in recognition of her efforts. Her son Rob Hartwell could not make Saturday's event. "If my mother were here she would be very gratified and proud to have played a role in preserving this habitat to the point of making it an attractive bald eagle release site," he said, earlier in the week. "However, in typical fashion, she would also be concerned about complacency and that recent cuts in program funding are delaying efforts to prevent soil erosion at the Mason Neck shoreline and cuts in funding that will hold up other maintenance among projects."

Asked to state the long-term threats still facing the Mason Neck refuge, Hartwell said, "The overriding threat to the preservation of Mason Neck, as it was in my mother's lifetime, remains encroachment by developers. If sewage service is brought into the region, there could be as many as 300-400 homes built in the area. That would be a distinct threat to the pristine nature of Mason Neck Park, which is so essential to the kind of habitat required of bald eagles. So long as sewage is not brought into the Mason Neck, area those homes cannot be built. Ed Clark could have released the three eagles elsewhere in Virginia. He chose Mason Neck because it is one of the best, if not the best places for bald eagle habitat in the state. We should all want to keep it that way."

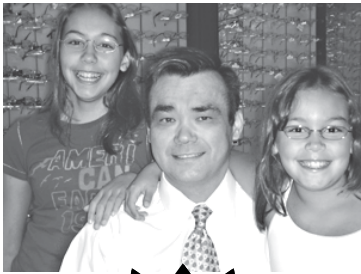
Hartwell is the founder of the Elizabeth Hartwell Educational Foundation, which provides scholarship opportunities to students studying environmental protection and conservation.

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One of the obstacles to early treatment is the lack of a reliable diagnostic test for Lyme disease.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10th), chairman of the bipartisan House Lyme Disease Caucus,

announced an increase in the CDC's budget for Lyme disease by more than \$3.6 million to \$8.9 million. In particular the funding will encourage the CDC and NIH to develop more accurate diagnostic tests for Lyme, as well as more research, record keeping and education.

The seriousness of the problem locally was evidenced when more than 300 people turned out for an informational meeting on Lyme disease Wolf held last year.

For more, see www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/Lyme.

Hoping For Better

We've mentioned before that we're suffering from election fatigue and the summer doldrums, so like most people, we're not ready to focus on coming races in November. But given the crisis state of transportation funding, one could hope for more from the Republican and Democratic candidates for governor.

Creigh Deeds' (D) Web site, www.deedsforvirginia.com, offers a quick link to "Issues," but transportation does not appear as one of his issues. One might assume that a contentious primary process would have forced Deeds to have a well-articulated plan by this point in the process.

To be fair, Deeds' transportation "plan" appears under the issue of economic plan: "Work with the General Assembly and local stakeholders to design and pass a long-term, multimodal, statewide, creative transportation proposal in his first year as governor." To say this lacks substance is a bit of an understatement. More to come, no doubt.

Meanwhile, Bob McDonnell (R) has proposed a detailed transportation plan which actually offers little more, because it includes no new source of revenue. McDonnell's plan mostly appears to call for shifting money from other priorities to transportation, also not much of a plan. Judge for yourself at www.bobmcdonnell.com.

More to come, no doubt. Be sure that you're registered to vote; besides statewide races for governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general, all 100 seats in the House of Delegates are on the ballot Nov. 3. To check on your registration, see www.sbe.virginia.gov and click on voter information.

— MARY KIMM

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Back in the Right Hands

To the Editor:

The debate over health care has highlighted people's fear of rising costs, especially in an expensive region as Northern Virginia. That's a legitimate fear in the face of skyrocketing costs.

But an even greater fear is who makes the decisions on the type of care we will receive. I don't believe government bureaucrats should be determining how my health

care is to be rationed as happens today in Canada and England.

But let's not forget that health insurance companies also take away our doctors' authority to determine the care we receive.

In a survey by the Medical Society of New York, more than 90 percent of physicians said they had to change a patient's treatment based on restrictions from insurance companies. If a survey were taken in our area, the results would likely be similar.

As health-care reform is debated, the real issue should be establishing a health insurer's code of conduct crafted without government interference and with coop-

eration of doctor's. This code would put decision-making for patients back in the appropriate hands — of our doctors. Thus, doctors and patients would determine the best course of treatment or medication and wouldn't be forced by insurance companies to accept a lesser alternative.

Mike Thompson
Chairman and President
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Accurate Picture

To the Editor:

I enjoy your paper and was interested in the letters on health care in the most recent edition. Let me respond. The amazing 16-year-old expert on PPOs has been lied to. Forty-five million Americans without healthcare is the new urban myth/propaganda.

First, one third of that number are not Americans. They are illegal aliens and I know of no other country that provides health care to illegals. Of the remaining 30 million, which is a floating average, which includes people between jobs, just out of college, etc., many are eligible for current gov-

ernment programs but do not sign up. Many of the remainder have employer help with coverage but do not take it because they do not want to spend the money just as some self-employed do not want to spend the money — even though they can afford it. Some need help although they can get some care at free clinics. However, if we do want to cover the chronically poor — 4 percent of the population — we can do that for very little money. That would bring our coverage to about 95 percent of the population, see a recent University of Pennsylvania study, for a small percentage of what Obama care would cost.

As for getting healthcare from the post office? We love our mail carrier too but costs keep going up; they deliver six days out of seven and are looking to cut another day and, they are not open at night. Actually that may be an accurate picture of Obama care.

Tom Fields
Springfield

Who Will Pay?

To the Editor:

I am a 53-year-old baby boomer and father of a teenager probably a lot like the "16-year old daugh-

ter of baby boomers" that wrote last week because she thought it a good idea that Congress "pass a public [health care] option." My family and I are also quite happy with our health care options. But, like many teenagers who believe they have a good idea, the teenage writer forgot to ask, and apparently did not discuss with her family, the two most pressing questions. Who will pay for it, and how much will it cost?

More seriously, a public option would, in fact, not "force insurance companies to make their coverage more competitive." Why? Because when the public option spends more money that it has — ala present day Medicare — the government can either print more money or take on unlimited debt and keep going. Private insurers must, believe it or not, live within their means and hopefully make a profit, or go broke and go out of business. The type of private option envisioned by the Obama administration is just such an arrangement and would eventually drive the private sector out of the health insurance business. Private insurers could not compete with the government.

Chris Krisinger
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Cinder Bed Road Bus Facility

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parking and the layout of the facility. The only difference between the two options is secondary access. The first option calls for the use of an easement to access the property to the south and then to Cinder Bed Road, while option two plans for the use of an existing driveway in the southern portion of the site.

"The two design options are different simply because of emergency access to the site," Thomas said. "Everything else [between the two options] is consistent."

During the public input segment of the hearing, only one registered speaker, Mark Patrick, addressed Thomas and the audience. Patrick is the president of the Raceway Farms Homeowners' Association, a 167-home community northwest of the intersection of Fairfax County Parkway and Telegraph Road. Patrick stated his opposition to the proposed facility due to concerns over the traffic and environmental impacts of the project.

Patrick felt that traffic wise, congestion and safety are the main issues. He said that no traffic light or turning lane exists at the intersection of Blanche Drive and Telegraph Road, and that this already dangerous intersection would become more so the with increased traffic in the area from the trucks, buses and employee vehicles. As for the environmental concerns, Patrick said that additional diesel fumes

from the buses and the gas filling stations would pose a risk not only to the surrounding area, but also to the health of the nearby residents.

"Although moderate growth and employment opportunity bring with it the promise of increased property value, extreme growth with associated negative environmental and traffic consequences begins to reverse the trend," Patrick said. "Based on what public and private interests have shared with us, we believe that our area is moving beyond a 'tipping point' which will begin to drive our property values down as well as increase health risks to the members of our community."

Patrick concluded by asking WMATA, on behalf of his community, to look elsewhere for a location for the facility or to at least take significant action to mitigate the negative effects of the project that he outlined.

After receiving public input, WMATA will compile a staff report that would be presented to the WMATA board in August, and board action will take place in September. If everything goes according to plan for WMATA, construction on the facility would begin in fall 2010 and be completed sometime in 2012. The only obstacle now, according to Thomas, is securing funding for the project. "The big mystery we have right now is how to pay for this," Thomas said. "We're assuming this will be a part of [WMATA's] next capital plan, which will be released next July."

"The big mystery we have right now is how to pay for this."

— John Thomas, director, WMATA Office of Major Capital Projects

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BY PAGE MORI
THE CONNECTION

Every month, Pane e Vino hosts either a three or four course wine dinner. Guests of about 20 to 30 people get to enjoy an elegant meal along with different wines the restaurant has to offer. Along with exquisite wine and food, guests have a chance to socialize. Most of the wines that the restaurant has to offer are family owned and not in supermarkets.

"The wine dinner sells more wine, and educated people know that they don't have to travel far for great food and wine," said co-owner David Abella.

The Lorton Station restaurant focuses on a different vineyard each

More

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month. At its July 17 wine tasting, the wines of Azienda

Agricola Pratello of Bravo Wine Cellars were served. Representatives of Bravo Wine Cellars Marcus Suleiman and Giuseppi Penza shared the wine with the guests and gave a little bit of background on each wine. Diners sampled the following wines: Lagarda, Lieti Conversari, Poderi Ogaria and Vasori.

"Pane e Vino cares a lot about the customers. They are always top of the line," said Giuseppi Penza, about working with



Janet Bordeaux is not just the event coordinator at Pane e Vino, she conducts the complementary wine tasting at the deli every Friday and Saturday.



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At its July 17 dinner, Pane e Vino hosted the Wines of Azienda Agricola Pratello of Bravo Wine Cellars.

"Educated people know that they don't have to travel far for great food and wine."

— David Abella, co-owner Pan e Vino

the restaurant. "The food and the wine are always fresh and always clean."

ATTACHED TO the restaurant is the deli that provides 80 different wines, Italian cheeses, meats, homemade gelato, and even homemade olive oil from Pane e Vino's own farm in Italy. Janet Bordeaux, Pane e Vino's event co-

ordinator, conducts a complementary wine tasting every Friday, 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, 3-7 p.m.

"The pizzas really taste right," said Ernestine Philips of Lorton. They're the right size. They are elegant and simple."

Pane e Vino just renovated and expanded its party room only a year ago. In addition to the wine dinners, the restaurant can now host family reunions, rehearsal dinners and birthday parties.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/JULY 30

Redemption Thursdays. 8 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. \$5 in advance, \$7 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Salsa Cinderella. 2:30 p.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. 703-339-4610. Seal Puppets presents this classic tale with a spicy twist. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages. Registration required.

FRIDAY/JULY 31

National Concert Band. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. 703-324-SHOW.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. at Kingstowne Town Center behind the Sunoco Gas Station.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Adults.

Salsa Cinderella. 10:30 a.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. Grey Seal Puppets presents this classic tale with

a spicy twist! Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. All ages. Registration required.

Read to the Dog. 1 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Journey to the Jungle with Animal Ambassadors. 2:30 p.m., at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010. See beautiful macaws, a giant toad and huge creepy crawlies as we visit the amazing tropical rain forests of the world. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Registration required.

So Damn Thirsty Reunion/Pain!

CD Release Party. 7 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. So Damn Thirsty, Pain!, The Buried, One Slack Mind, All Access. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com

SUNDAY/AUG. 2

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lorton VRE Station Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 1 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Adults.

The Dead End Dropouts with Shrine of the Silver Monkey, Virginia

Valentine, Infamous, Steven Brian, Silver Cyanide, Heroes of the Beach, MetroPhish, Orange Marmalade, Better Red Than Dead. 4:15 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. \$8 in advance, \$10 day of show. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com

MONDAY/AUG. 3

Didgeridoo Down Under. 10:30 a.m., at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385. Visit Australia with Darren Liebman and hear the sounds of the didgeridoo, an ancient musical instrument. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Oakton Library. All ages.

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Registration required.

Every Step of the Way. 10:30 a.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Meet local firefighters, tour a fire truck and learn about fire safety. Age 3-7 with adult. Registration required.

Clowning Around. 1:30 p.m., at Kingstowne Library 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610. Learn all about being a clown in celebration of National Clown Week. Hands-on balloon activities will be included. Cosponsored by the Friends of Kingstowne Library. Age 10-12. Registration required.

Didgeridoo Down Under. 2:30 p.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. Visit Australia with Darren Liebman and hear the sounds of the didgeridoo, an ancient musical instrument. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Oakton Library. All ages. Registration required.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 6 p.m., at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333. Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Cosponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension Service. Adults.

Calling All Guys. 7 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. Book discussion group for boys. "Al Capone Does My Shirts" by Gennifer Choldenko. Age 9-12 with adult. Registration required.

Learn To Play the Didgeridoo. 7 p.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. Play this ancient Australian

instrument with Didgeridoo Down Under. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Kings Park Library. Age 12-18. Registration required.

SpellBound's Sanctuary: A Gothic and Industrial Event 8 p.m. at Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Featuring DJ Transept and Guests. 10\$. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com .

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Picnic Pals. 11:30 a.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. Grab a lunch and enjoy an afternoon of stories, movies and fun. Birth-5 with adult. Registration required.

Magic Around the World with Fish the Magish. 2:30 p.m., at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax, 703-293-6227. Storytelling, magic and fun. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Registration required.

Create Cool Clips. 2:30 p.m., at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600. This workshop shows how to make films for the library's Cool Clips contest or just for fun. Registration required.

Computer Tutoring. 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Fred Oaks Road, Burke. 703-249-1520. Get one-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Registration required.



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Day at the Beach

The Artists' Undertaking Gallery in Historic Occoquan presents **A Day at the Beach**, an exhibit that will feature photography by Jack Nevitt of Woodbridge and basketry by Barbara Weber of Arlington. Artists' reception is Saturday, Aug. 8,

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Fencing Registers Touch with Teens

Ace and Nadia Eldeib and Kendra Sievers show fencing to be more than a sword fight.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Given the choice between Ernest Hemingway and her brother's burgeoning fencing career, Nadia Eldeib chose "The Old Man and the Sea." Ace Eldeib had started taking fencing lessons after an in-class demonstration piqued his interest and repeatedly asked his sister to tag along and watch him at the Virginia Academy of Fencing in Springfield.

So Nadia Eldeib, 18, then a freshman at Edmund Burke School in Washington, D.C., finally relented. She didn't know much about the sport, but she would go and support her brother.

In the beginning of his career, Ace Eldeib did what most novice fencers do and took up foil, one of the sport's three main disciplines. Nadia Eldeib, after trying unsuccessfully to understand the sport, sat in the far corner, away from foil fencing.

Finally, two coaches at the academy approached Nadia Eldeib and asked if she had ever tried fencing. No, she said. Never. An offer was extended for her to try, but Nadia Eldeib declined. After all, Ace's weapon was right-handed. She was a lefty.

Still, Nadia Eldeib was less successful in avoiding fencing than she has been doing it. After finally agreeing to try the sport, Nadia Eldeib has fallen in love with it. And enough so, apparently, to continue her fencing career this fall at Harvard University.

"I never really thought I was going to do it because I was always into soccer, basket

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PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY

From left, Nadia Eldeib, Kendra Sievers and Ace Eldeib became friends through fencing. 'I like how it's just not physical and you have to think ahead,' said Sievers, a rising freshman at Lake Braddock.

"The adrenaline rush you get when you're fencing and fencing well is unlike anything I've ever experienced."

— Nadia Eldeib of Burke

What To Wear

On Ace Eldeib's feet are a pair of Adidas D'Artagnan III shoes, which sell for \$115/plus shipping and handling at the fencing Web site, www.fencing.net. But Nike has just launched its own brand of fencing shoe and Eldeib has been hearing some good things.

"I might have to switch," Eldeib said.

Besides footwear, fencers have to make several important choices when assembling their uniform. With knee-high cotton socks, Eldeib's shins receive very little protection. But he also wears a pair of heavy cotton knickers, which must be able to withstand 350 Newtons of pressure for domestic bouts, 800 for international competition.

A jacket made of cotton or nylon covers up an under-arm protector called a plastron and all fencers wear a black mask that includes a bib to protect the neck.

Eldeib has a three-pronged cord poking out of his jacket sleeve that attaches to the back of his hip. This is an electronic device to monitor scoring by plugging into a zip-line structure that runs throughout the Prince William Fencing Academy and all fencing facilities.

Because épée fencing has an open scoring system, which means that a touch anywhere on the body counts for a point, the computerized system helps determine which fencer struck first. Often, when fencers strike within milliseconds of each other, a double touch is granted, meaning nobody gets a point.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GARY ASPESI

High Dive

Fairfax Station's Hayden Aspesi completes an inward dive to earn third place on Tuesday, July 21. Aspesi and Co. captured the Division 6 title with a 53-19 win over Sleepy Hollow.



COURTESY PHOTO

Record Effort

On Saturday, July 18, Brandon Fabian of the Barrington Blue Fins set his third Colonial Swim League record of the season. In the 9-10-year-old boys' 50-meter freestyle, Brandon posted a time of 31.49 seconds, eclipsing the previous mark of 31.59 from 1991.

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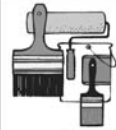
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On Saturday, July 25, Nadia Eldeib, left, and her brother, Ace Eldeib, practiced their trade at the Prince William Fencing Academy. Both Burke residents are high-level fencers.

Fencing Champs

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ball and all the 'normal' sports," Nadia Eldeib said. "Fencing offers a unique combination of having to be physically strong and mentally strong and that really appealed to me because I've always been competitive.

"The adrenaline rush you get when you're fencing and fencing well is unlike anything I've ever experienced. It's just an amazing feeling"

Fencing has seen its popularity in the United States grow as well. At the 2008 Beijing Games, the United States captured six medals. For younger fencers, the International Fencer Council was developed two years ago to help promote scholastic fencing between high schools fencers.

AT THE Prince William Fencing Academy on Saturday, July 25, Ace and Nadia Eldeib arrived for practice before 9 a.m. It had been longer than usual since either had spent any significant time fencing and both looked forward getting back into it after about a two-week break from heavy competition.

During the first two weeks of July, both traveled to Grapevine, Texas for the 2009 U.S. Fencing Summer National Championships and returned, along with Kendra

Sievers of Fairfax Station, with plenty to show for their efforts.

Ace Eldeib placed first in the Cadet (U-16) men's épée and also brought home medals in both Junior (U-19) and Youth (U-14) épée, placing eighth and third in those competitions, respectively. The gold medal was his third since the age of 10 when he burst onto the fencing scene by winning the U.S. National U-10 Youth competition.

In other action at Grapevine, Nadia Eldeib placed 13th in the Division I/Open Age group competition and captained the Prince William women's épée team that placed fifth at the Junior (U-19) competition.

Sievers, who won the Virginia Cadet (U-16) women's épée competition earlier this year, captured her first national-level gold medal in the Division III/Open Age Group women's épée. A rising freshman at Lake Braddock, Sievers started fencing when she was 10 after her mother insisted that she commit to a summer camp. Fencing, naturally, was Sievers' choice.

"I like how it's just not physical and you have to think ahead a lot," Sievers said. "You have to plan all these things out before you do them and you have to be very active. There are a lot of things going on with your mind and your body that you have to coordinate."

Division Champs

The Fairfax Station dive team defeated Sleepy Hollow Tuesday, July 21 by a score of 53-19, finishing its season with a 5-0 record to secure the Division 6 championship. Top scorers for Fairfax Station were Leigh Alfieris, Caleb Royce, Teal Schuppin, Morgan Feldenkris,

MacKenzie Wessling, Nick Alfieris, Rebecca Anderson and Ray Skadden.

Coaches named Wyatt Brooks and Alex Hazard as the Divers of the Week because of their dedication and hard work.

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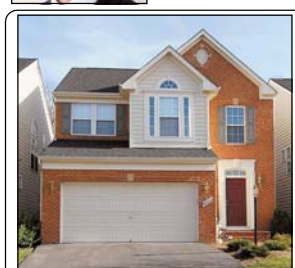
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