WHAT’S KILLING OUR RIVER?

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How are we killing our fish and our rivers?

Bay group, EPA spearhead conferences aimed at providing answers

By ROGER BIANCHINI
Warren County Report

With a seldom-rivaled combination of natural beauty and history, the Shenandoah River and the valley carrying its name have been storied over decades in both song and film.

But now the health of that river and others comprising the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay, along with the ecosystems they support are under siege. And while precise details of that siege may not yet be determined, there seems little debate that the root cause of all these river and bay health issues is human civilization and its byproducts and how those byproducts are allowed to seep into the water sources that have, to this point, supported that civilization.

Locally, the fish kills impacting a variety of species that have jumped from branch to branch to main stem of the Shenandoah River in the past three years, as well as increasing reports of inter-sex mutations, primarily in smallmouth bass, in the Potomac, Shenandoah and other regional rivers have raised alarm bells among not only environmentalists, but also scientists and officials at the state and federal levels.

But while myriad samples of dead, dying and mutated fish and the waters in which they are found have been taken, concrete answers and consequent corrective measures have been slow to follow—though a recent court ruling in the SIL pollution case seems a small step in the right direction (see related story).

However, in an effort to find more comprehensive answers that will provide a firm enough scientific foundation from which to proceed toward across the board corrective measures, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation sponsored a three-day conference at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife’s National Conservation and Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, in late January.

Shepherdstown

“This is exactly the kind of thing they are great at,” Jeff Kelble, of the Shenandoah Riverkeepers, says of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. “Not to just study, but study and promote the understanding of the fish health issues within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. And that is everything from the little streams in the mountains down to the Valley floor rivers like the Shenandoah and all the direct tributaries into the Chesapeake Bay.”

Those fish health issues include, but are not limited to the kills and inter-sex phenomena reported in regional rivers. “There’s myco-bacteriosis, persistent and toxic algae blooms in tidal areas of the Bay, and issues with certain populations of fish, mostly brown bullheads and mummichogs that have high incidents of skin and lip cancer,” Kelble said of some other health issues in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

This developing environmental phenomena drew representatives from all levels of government, as well as environmentalists and the scientific community,” Kelble reports. “There were folks from EPA, USGS, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the Maryland Department of Environment, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Virginia Game and Fish, Pennsylvania Game, West Virginia Game, the Virginia Institute for Marine Science. So, it was a group of leading and foremost scientists in this area in aquatic and related fields.

“‘There were people who were algae experts, people who were oxygen experts, people who were fish pathology experts, there were just people from all over the scientific community,’” Kelble said. That linking of findings from so many specific areas of inquiry at the Shepherdstown conference will hopefully speed up the move toward precise analysis and eventual solutions, organizers said.

Capon Park

The Shepherdstown conference followed another regional workshop at Capon State Park hosted by the EPA a week earlier. “That was one of the final meetings on their causal analysis program that some of the same scientists have been involved in. The focus of the Capon Park meeting was solely the fish kills in the Shenandoah and South Branch of the Potomac,” Kelble said.

“And its purpose is to take all of the data about these rivers that we have, about the water quality, about the fish health issues in scientific studies that have been peer-reviewed or published. Say someone has looked at this pathogen in the fish found here; then they look at what the studies around the country have shown this pathogen can do, what water issue or pollutants can cause these types of issues... and everything is weighted based on agreement between scientists exploring all these variables. And then they crunch it all through this pretty intricate program model that spits out most likely case scenarios at the end.”

Info + analysis = action?

While it has yet to be made public, Kelble said he has received a rough draft of the summary report from the Shepherdstown conference. That report in its final form is scheduled for release in July. While more testing, rather than legislative initiative is likely to follow, Kelble said that testing would be more precise in its application as a result of the direction provided at Shepherdstown and Capon Park.

Should the scientific conclusions of those conferences be upheld by that testing in the coming year, the remaining question would appear to be how quickly legislative communities will react with concrete corrective measures. For while the physical science of our deteriorating waterways may be complex, the political science of imposing fiscal responsibility for solutions may not yet be a part of the known universe.

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Court rules in SIL/Shaeffer pollution case

Judge orders immediate steps to limit North Fork pollution

In Rockingham Circuit Court on Thursday, February 22, Judge James V. Lane ruled favorably on the State of Virginia's Motion for Injunctive Relief from ongoing environmental damage to the North Fork Shenandoah River being caused by S.I.L. Cleanwater in Timberville, Virginia.

The ruling mandates immediate steps by the reclamation and reuse facility managed by Shaeffer International to limit pollutant discharges from its facility treating waste from the towns of Broadway and Timberville, including the Pilgrim’s Pride and Cargill Meat Solutions plants in Broadway.

Shenandoah Riverkeeper, Potomac Riverkeeper and Waterkeeper Alliance initiated the case. Following the lead of the environmental watchdog groups, Virginia officials later took over prosecution on behalf of the people of the state.

Judge Lane’s decision will force the wastewater treatment facility to take immediate steps to correct water pollution problems. S.I.L. is now required to upgrade their treatment equipment and methods to eliminate illegal discharges. The court mandated the following specific actions:

1) By 3/8/07 install two 800 gallon per minute pumps to Timberville’s sewage pump station to alleviate rain event driven raw sewage overflows near residential homes and into the North Fork Shenandoah River.

2) By 6/1/07 install and implement a phosphorous removal equipment in the plants holding pond to remove phosphorous prior to river discharge.

3) By 9/1/07 S.I.L. must obtain an additional 500 acres of land for irrigation.

4) By 11/1/07 require all irrigation lands to implement the use of cover crops. Cover crops will reduce the accumulation of nitrogen and phosphorous in the soils.

5) Cease discharges from the Timberville Pump Station upon installation of the pumps.

6) Comply with the annual total nitrogen and phosphorous load limits set forth in the permit.

“Though the court’s ruling is a temporary injunction, many of these changes will likely result in a permanent improvement in downstream waters,” said Bill Gerlach, Waterkeeper Alliance staff attorney.

Judge Lane set the hearing for the Permanent Injunction for 7/18/07. S.I.L. Cleanwater has filed for Chapter 11 Reorganization under federal bankruptcy law. “The facility argued it needs bankruptcy protection to reorganize and make the needed upgrades,” says Shenandoah Riverkeeper Jeff Kelble. “We just want Shaeffer to do whatever it takes to stop this pollution. These improvements, along with steps that farmers and others in the watershed are taking, will make a big difference in the health of the North Fork Shenandoah River and Chesapeake Bay.”

Background

The litigation against Shaeffer/S.I.L. was initiated by Shenandoah Riverkeeper along with Potomac Riverkeeper and the Waterkeeper Alliance on August 11, 2006 when a 60-day notice of intent to sue S.I.L. Cleanwater LLC, also known as the North Fork Modular Reclamation and Reuse Facility, was filed under citizen’s provisions of federal and state Clean Water Act.

According to a press release from those environmental groups, their research showed that S.I.L. Cleanwater amassed astounding violations of annual permitted limits for Phosphorous and Nitrogen release into the North Fork Shenandoah River for several years. There were also a host “smaller” violations relating to raw sewage overflow from pumping stations and some bacterial and ammonia violations at their discharge pipe.

The original plaintiffs’ greatest concern was that S.I.L. had violated its phosphorous limits by about 900% during 2005, which means they had released nearly 56,960 pounds more phosphorous than they were allowed under the law during a single year. They also violated their phosphorous discharge by more than 300% in 2004 and 500% in 2006.

As a part of the pending case, Shenandoah Riverkeeper worked to document the environmental degradation of the North Fork associated with these illegal discharges. With the help of Friends of the Shenandoah and Friends of the North Fork Shenandoah, Shenandoah Riverkeeper collected and had water samples evaluated above and below Shaeffer’s outflow into the North Fork. Friends of the Shenandoah’s certified lab results showed substantial increases in nitrogen and alarming increases in phosphorous.

Those tests showed phosphorous levels were 140 times greater in the North Fork below the outflow for S.I.L. than above. Additionally, Shenandoah Riverkeeper gathered photos to document massive algae growth in rocky riffles below the discharge, where little or no such algae was present upstream. Also documented were accumulations of oxygen robbing dead and dying organic materials in backwaters below the facility.

The legal provisions that Shenandoah Riverkeeper, Potomac Riverkeeper and Waterkeeper Alliance used required that they file a ‘notice of intent to sue’ with the polluter and the state, and then wait for 60 days before moving forward with a lawsuit. During this period the Virginia Attorney General filed a second Clean Water Act Suit against S.I.L., preempting the Riverkeepers’ citizen suit.

“Concerns we had about the Virginia taking over this case were alleviated by the assignment of attorney John Butcher,” Kelble said. “Virginia is to be commended for selecting Butcher, who has aggressively prosecuted this case on behalf of the Commonwealth and on behalf of citizens who use the North Fork Shenandoah River and who rely on it for drinking water.”

Poor Rix’s Almanac

By Rix Quinn

Dear Poor Rix: What is your favorite horror story? - Linda

Chances are, if you didn’t read “Dracula,” you saw a movie version. The original 19th-century novel unearths a deep plot filled with unsavory creatures - the same thing Dracula enjoyed when he was really hungry.

The story begins as lawyer Jonathan Harker heads for Count Dracula’s Transylvania castle on a legal matter. Dracula invites Jon to stay overnight, which may be hunger talking. Jon’s soon awakened by scratching, and opens his bedroom door to find Drac hanging upside down on the wall.

Bolting from his room, Jon escapes by running through another door, which leads him into a casket-filled courtyard. Quickly, he swallows a cold capsule to “stop the persistent coffin.”

From this point forward, the plot becomes thicker than concrete pudding. However, at Dracula’s castle, we learn that he has several brides (you’ll see them in later movies) who conspire with him to bleed good folks dry.

The only way to destroy these rascals is to pierce their hearts with stakes while they sleep. So when the sun rises, that’s what our heroes do. Soon, the world is vampire-free - until the next sequel.

In reading this grand classic, we discover that (1) blood is thicker than water and more nutritious, too; (2) vampires make lousy house pets; and (3) first thing in the morning, there’s nothing like a good stake.

Poor Rix - who wrote the book, “Words That Stick,” welcomes your questions to rixquinn@charter.net.

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Financial Focus

Want to Achieve Financial Goals? Do the Math

Edward Jones Investments

If you breathed a sigh of relief when you put away that algebra or geometry textbook for the last time, you might not be eager to take up the subject of math again. However, by doing some number crunching, you can put a “price tag” on your long-term financial goals - and that’s the first step toward achieving them.

To quantify the costs of your objectives, you must be specific about what you’re trying to accomplish. Do you want to retire as soon as you possibly can and then spend your time traveling the world? Or are you planning to work until 65 and then open your own small business? Obviously, these are vastly different goals - with vastly different costs to you.

Once you know what you really want to do when you retire, you should be able to project your annual yearly expenses. Then, you can ask yourself these questions:

How many years will I spend in retirement? None of us can predict exactly how long we will live. But if you consider your overall health, your lifestyle habits and your family’s history of longevity, you can come up with a reasonable estimate of how many years you might have to pay for in retirement.

Where will my income come from? To pay for your retirement goals, you’ll likely need to draw on all types of income available to you, including Social Security and your investments, such as your IRA, 401(k) and whatever individual stocks and other securities you may own. To help reach the level of income you’ll require, you will need to monitor all these investments over the years, and make changes as needed.

Calculating Costs of Other Goals

Achieving the “ideal” retirement might be your biggest financial goal, but it’s almost certainly not the only one. But no matter what goals you have, you’ll still need to “do the math” necessary to calculate costs and arrive at solutions.

So, for example, if you’d like to help pay for college for your children (or grandchildren), you’ll need to look at what college costs today, how much it’s likely to cost in the future and how much money you can devote to paying those costs.

To illustrate: For the 2006-2007 school year, it costs, on average, $16,357 for students attending four-year public colleges and universities, according to the College Board. If college costs were to rise five percent every year, today’s newborns can expect to pay about $162,000 for four years at a public school.

With the presence of scholarships, loans and work-study arrangements, you might not have to foot the entire $162,000 bill. But at least you’ll know what you might need - and you can start planning the appropriate savings and investment strategies.

And you can take this same approach to other long-term goals, such as buying a second home or a new business. Keep in mind, though, that “doing the math” can involve a lot of variables, so you may well want to consult with a financial advisor - someone with the tools and experience to help you chart your course toward your goals.

But don’t wait too long - the sooner you start planning, the more pleasant “the math” will be for you.

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The Smart Shopper

By Marla Armbrust

THIS WEEK’S TIP: One of the kitchen gadgets I’d long lusted after was a Kitchen Aid stand mixer. What was standing in my way was the price tag. They are expensive, even if for a good reason. They really are the best on the market.

Recently, a nationally-known home store was having a special sale. Bring in a coupon and get 20 percent off any item. In addition, and concurrently, customers who have credit cards for the store were sent a coupon off, good for an additional 15 percent off if you used your card. That meant, you got a whopping 35 percent off.

Armed with my coupons, off I went. I was able to purchase that stand mixer for less than the price of a stand mixer from a different manufacturer which doesn’t do as good a job as the Kitchen Aid.

I used my new appliance the very next day, and I have to tell you: If it’s possible to be in love with an appliance, I am! I’m also ecstatic over the money I saved getting that much-coveted appliance.

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Marshall sanity trial at midway point
Durham Drive shooter weeps as neighbors’ 911 calls played

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Twice as he listened to neighbor’s 911 calls during first day testimony, accused Durham Drive shooter Harold Vincent Marshall Jr. dabbed at tears rolling silently down his face.

Those emergency calls from Peggy Carter and Jennifer Cameron were made the morning of April 26, 2005, as Marshall fired round after round through windows and into homes occupied by his closest neighbors in a remote rural neighborhood in western Warren County. Those calls were played in a hushed Warren County Circuit Courtroom as Jennifer Cameron and Peggy Carter listened from the witness stand close to where Marshall, facing three attempted capital murder charges of law enforcement officers among 25 counts stemming from the incident, sat with his defense team.

Emotions ran deep in the courtroom among those involved as the 911 tapes revealed a rising sense of alarm and panic in the home where Jennifer Cameron, her aunt Brenda Cameron, three young children aged four to seven, including Jennifer’s son, along with an infant and small dog huddled in a bathtub in a windowless bathroom in the center of the home of Brenda and her husband Leonard.

Finally assured their assailant had been taken into custody by law enforcement officers, Jennifer first reassures her seven-year-old son then thanks the Warren County Sheriff’s Office dispatcher for talking them through the incident and keeping them put in what was deemed to be the safest location in the house.

After listening to second-day testimony, Brenda and Jennifer Cameron said the trial has been rough on the family.

“It still seems like it was just yesterday, I still remember everything. It’s definitely emotionally draining, we were exhausted last night,” Jennifer said after she, Brenda and Leonard Cameron, who was at work at the time of the incident, as well as Leonard’s mother Peggy Carter and her husband “Pete” Carter had all testified on the trial’s opening day.

“It was about the same for all of us,” Brenda said. She added that her nephew, Jennifer’s son, “still checks all the doors to make sure they locked,” a reaction he developed immediately following the incident.

Jennifer said she made eye contact with Vince Marshall from the witness stand and found the moment disturbing. “It was scary just because the whole thing is kind of scary, knowing what we lived through. But we’re just thankful we’re alive.”

Prefacing his cross-examination of Peggy Carter on the trial’s opening day, defense attorney Gilbert K. Davis told the 70-year-old Cameron family matriarch that on behalf of his client he was authorized “to tell you that Mr. Marshall profoundly regrets” the actions of that day.

Good neighbor, bad neighbor

Peggy Carter said she had become used to Marshall’s sometimes late-night shooting sprees on his property and hadn’t thought anything special about the shots that went on through the night of April 25. “I never dreamed it would come in after us, I just ignored it,” she told Davis during cross-examination. Carter said relations with Marshall had been quiet for 10 months prior to the shooting incident after the family placed a protective order against Marshall.

“But I’ll thank him forever for killing that bear that was trying to kill me,” Carter said of Marshall’s reaction to an earlier story of a large bear roaming on her porch after the smell of food and trying to get into the trailer she shares with her husband. “He told Leonard, ‘Tell your mother she won’t have to worry about that bear anymore.’ He baited it and shot it dead and I’ll be grateful forever for that. When Vince is doing good he was good but when he wasn’t it was just pick, pick, pick at you,” Peggy Carter said.
Students recognized for academic excellence

Fifty-six WCHS and R-MA seniors with 4-year, 3.7+ GPA’s honored

By ROGER BIANCHINI
Warren County Report

Way to go Emily Slater, way to go Soo Hyun Kang, way to go . . . wait a minute – we don’t have enough space to do that here (see recipient list elsewhere).

Student achievement, community commitment to education and the challenges of a rapidly changing world and informational environment were focuses of keynote speakers at the Big W and Aim High Awards ceremony in late February. But ultimately this Front Royal-Warren County Chamber of Commerce-hosted event was a chance for one community to honor its own children for long-term, personal commitments to excellence in the classroom.

No one-year wonders here – all 56 recipients of “Big W” and “Aim High” Awards maintained a 3.7 or better Grade Point Average over their four-year high school careers. It was these students’ continued academic excellence that rallied educational administrators, county and town officials and the local business community for the catered, social and awards ceremony at the North Warren Fire Hall the afternoon of Feb. 21.

In opening remarks, Front Royal Mayor James Eastham cited the lifelong importance and potential of education – “The beautiful thing about education is that no one can take it away from you,” Eastham said, quoting legendary blues guitarist B.B. King.

“I think it’s extremely important to recognize any kind of student achievement, whether it’s academic, athletic, musically or artistically,” Warren County Public School Administrator Pamela McInnis said. “I just think that we often take too much for granted in our students and we demand so much from them. So, we need to take every opportunity we can take to recognize that they put a lot of hard work into this, as well.”

“Academic excellence is what Randolph-Macon Academy is all about,” R-MA President, Major General Henry Hobgood said. “And I’d like to just take that a step further and say that I also believe it’s really good for our community – education in our community is on the move and I think it’s a very proud thing for all of us. And Randolph-Macon Academy is just pleased to be a part of a community that values education.”

Both McInnis and Hobgood took time to point to accomplishments on their side of the educational isle, as well as give a nod to the increased commitment of the community to public education and the growing sense of mutual respect R-MA and Warren County schools have developed in recent years.

“It’s really nice to be here in an atmosphere where the public schools understand that they have a place and the private schools also have a place,” Warren County School Board Chairman Jim Wells said following the event. “It’s not an adversarial relationship as it’s sometimes been in education over the years. We’re really proud of what Randolph-Macon’s been able to accomplish and I really do believe that General Hobgood means what he says when he says how proud they are of what Warren County schools are now.”

“Learning never stops.” – Jeanian Clark

LFCC Director of Professional Development

WCPS report

McInnis noted that Warren Public Schools now ranked 23rd of 134 school systems in Virginia with a combined graduation, program completion rate of 89.2 percent compared to the statewide average of 76.8 percent. That statistic relates directly to the Warren Public School System reducing its dropout rate from 10.7 to 1.3 percent in recent years. McInnis also noted that despite ongoing controversy over the methodology and educational impacts of state Standards of Learning (SOL’s), that all tested Warren schools have achieved passing rates at 80 and 90-percent levels, compared to the required 70-percent.

McInnis also reported that the $83-million high schools building project was proceeding on schedule. She cited late May as the time moving into new structures will begin, with completion of all building and moving activities targeted for Aug. 1. Warren County and Skyline High Schools are scheduled to open for the 2007 fall semester.

In describing the matching facilities the schools will feature, McInnis observed, “Perhaps the most exciting thing for these students – if they were juniors – would be the 900 parking spaces at each school.” As the laughter subsided, McInnis noted, “Can you imagine, that is enough parking for each student with a license and all staff to park in their own space.” Student parking overflow off campus has been an ongoing issue over the years in neighborhoods adjacent to 66-year-old Warren County High School on Luray Avenue.

R-MA report

Hobgood noted that R-MA had “left the boot camp military school model years ago” and stated, “Our mission is college preparation.” He said R-MA had achieved a 100 percent college acceptance rate among its 82 seniors in the last academic year and pointed out the school voluntarily submits itself to three separate accreditation standards from both the public and private school side.

Hobgood said the school’s privately owned plane and flight program based at Front Royal-Warren County Airport was “one of a kind in the nation.”

Acknowledging his worldwide student base, the R-MA president also pointed to increased enrollment from within the community – 20 percent at the high school level and 40 percent in middle school. “We want to be an important part of the community,” Hobgood concluded.

“It’s always a good opportunity to come together and hear what Randolph-Macon is doing, as well as have the community and parents here to hear what Warren County schools are doing,” Warren School board Chairman Wells said.

“And it’s very important for the students too – to honor their achievements and recognize everything they’ve done and particularly to recognize seniors because of the culmination of a long career of good work. We really appreciate that the Chamber of Commerce, First Bank and Shockey recognize the need to recognize our students.”

LFCC perspective

“Learning never stops, the shift never stops. So, congratulations and continue your excellence in learning.” Clark advised the students being honored.

“It’s an honor to be here because these are the best of the best,” Lord Fairfax Community College Director of Professional Development Jeanian Clark observed. “And to have our institution in this service area participate in taking the time to recognize them is just incredibly important to us.”

Clark pointed out that 148 WCHS seniors are currently enrolled in Lord Fairfax Community College’s dual enrollment program, as well as the recently established regional Governor’s School.

She added that this year, of LFCC’s enrollment of 5,856 (seventh highest of 73 state community colleges), one in every nine is from Warren County. “And a lot of them will continue on earning this [higher level] credit and many more will join them. And for us to be located in an area that’s acceptable to them to continue their education at the highest caliber – we’re just thrilled to be a part of it.”

During her remarks on the “State of Education,” Clark noted the many challenges facing today’s students, including the accelerating pace of new information accumulation, a volatile and flexible job market, failing federal financial commitment to education, and challenges from abroad.

Clark pointed out that I-Pod invested $140 million in research and development of its Gameboy systems, compared to a $70-million federal investment in research and development of educational standards in the U.S.

She said that nations like China and India, with populations around one billion each, had student bases in which the top 20 percent numbered more than the entire population of North America. “They have more honors kids than we have kids,” she observed.

Clark also cited a survey predicting that today’s secondary student will have 14 different jobs by the age of 38. “Information is doubling every two years. In the workplace you enter you will be solving problems we don’t even know exist yet – what does this mean? Shift happens,” Clark said, paraphrasing a famous line from the movie Forrest Gump.

“Learning never stops, the shift never stops. So, congratulations and continue your excellence in learning,” Clark advised the students being honored.

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# Front Royal Tourism Report

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This data was compiled by Front Royal Tourism Coordinator Don LaFever from the guest registry. You can find Don and a wealth of information at the Visitor’s Center on Main Street. (540) 635-5788

**Visitors entering Shenandoah National Park in Front Royal**

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“What prompted your trip to Front Royal?”

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- Fishing 1
- Friends 10
- Genealogy 2
- Golf Guides -
- History/Civil War 12
- Local Resident 12
- Luray Caverns -
- Map 2
- National Geographic Guide Book 2
- Previous Visit -
- RCI Condo Exchange 2
- Randolph-Macon Academy -
- Regional Resident 44
- Relatives 24
- Relocating 3
- Shenandoah River State Park -
- Skyline Caverns 3
- Skyline Drive/SNP 33
- Uncertain or no reply 11
- Vacation 9
- Visiting 31
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C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S!

BIG W Award Recipients

WARREN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Arnold
Phoebe Bennerson
Brandi Bennett
Elizabeth Bower
Brandon Burchfield
Patrick Carter
Amy Clinger
Alex Coon
Luke Drescher
Lauren Eshelman
Amber Fitzgerald
Katharine Fournier
Nicholas Freeman
Tara Fristoe
Jason Gran
Brittaney Hall
Katie Haw
Brittany Hayes
Brian Henry
Megan Kincer
Richard Kirkland
Lauren Ashleigh Lilly
Amanda Linger
Jacob Maddox
Kaitlin Martin
John Moxie
Fiona Mulvena
Roy Pearman
Kelly Posey
Amanda Riddagh
Alyssa Romer
Justin Rutherford
Alex Settle
Emily Slater
Caitlin Steinbach
Mary Stephens
Matthew Strickler
Justin Toothman
Brittany Tribus

AIM HIGH Award Recipients

Randolph-Macon Academy

Tabitha Allen
Lin-Joo Chung
Zachary Daniels
Samuel Eisenberg
Stephanie Fu
Ji Hyang Hyun
Soo Hyun Kang
Do Won Kim
Ji-Hye Kim
Sun-Hwan Kim
Han Sol Lee
Ann Lott
Patrick Mahoney
Brooke Myers
Emily Reed
Daniel Serrano

Local Students Named to R-MA Honor Rolls

The following students from the local area have been named to Randolph-Macon Academy’s honor rolls for the second quarter of the 2006-2007 school year:

R-MA Middle School President’s List (4.0 and above)

Brooke Adams, sixth grade
Michael Brooks, seventh grade
Christopher Munden, seventh grade
Daniel Park, eighth grade

R-MA Middle School Principal’s List (3.3-3.99)

Ashley Birk, eighth grade
Bo Borden, seventh grade
Cara Brown, eighth grade
Carlos Figaroore, seventh grade
Joseph Gillette, seventh grade
Danielle Gressly, seventh grade
Joshua Gressly, sixth grade
Jeremy Kenney, seventh grade
William Myers, eighth grade
Caleb Petersavage, sixth grade
Drew Rickey, sixth grade
Quentin Rodney, sixth grade

R-MA Upper School President’s List (4.0 and above)

Alice Barlow, tenth grade
Megan Cole, ninth grade
Joseph Cunningham, eleventh grade
Sara Dodson, tenth grade

R-MA Upper School Dean’s List (3.3-3.99)

Matthew Bassford, tenth grade
Reed Carden, tenth grade
Marguerite Cook, twelfth grade
Victoria Daniels, ninth grade
Caitlin Gallietti, tenth grade
Kristen Gressly, ninth grade
Korinne Grove, ninth grade
Dustin Johnston, twelfth grade
Stephanie Kahrs, eleventh grade
Cullen McCaffrey, twelfth grade
George McIntyre, twelfth grade
Brooke Myers, twelfth grade
Alexandra Rickert, twelfth grade
Mary Sadler, ninth grade
Meredithe Silke, eleventh grade
Laura Sullivan, twelfth grade
Leahanna Sullivan, twelfth grade
Dakota Tackels, ninth grade

Special Dedication to be Held April 21

Front Royal, VA--The bronze sculpture of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard that stands at the United States Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C., can be seen in only two other locations in the world. One is at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

The other is at Randolph-Macon Academy, an Air Force JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) boarding school in Front Royal, VA. The statue stands at Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA) through the generosity of Harlan Crow of Dallas, TX; Mr. Crow is an alumnus of R-MA. On April 21, 2007 at 10:00 am, an official dedication ceremony will celebrate the proud traditions of the U.S. Air Force and Randolph-Macon Academy’s heritage in this prestigious military service.

The bronze Honor Guard was sculpted by internationally renowned sculptor Zenos Frudakis of Glenside, PA. The eight-foot-tall, four-figure sculpture is reflective of all “Airmen,” past, present, and future.

Mr. Frudakis’ previous works include life size sculptures of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arnold Palmer, as well as Generals Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and William Yarborough.

Randolph-Macon Academy was founded in 1892 and became an Air Force Junior ROTC unit in 1975. It was the first co-ed boarding school to do so, and it was the only co-ed boarding school with AFJROTC until the fall of 2005. Like many military schools, R-MA struggled during the 1970’s and 1980’s, coming dangerously close to closing its doors. The move to the AFJROTC program in 1975 is largely credited with saving the Academy, which today stands as one of the premier military boarding schools in the nation.

This dedication is open to the press and the public. Following the dedication of the sculpture, everyone is invited to remain on campus for the corps of cadets parade and R-MA’s annual “Springfest,” a family-friendly community celebration with games, rides, and entertainment.
Meltdown wreaks havoc at WCGC
Roof leak damages widespread after temperatures thaw roof ice

By ROGER BIANCHINI
Warren County Report

If members of the Warren County administration were heard humming a variation of that old Beatle favorite “I’m Fixing a Hole” (where the rain comes in) as they moved and covered equipment and wandered around puddles, mops and wet floor signs the week of Feb. 20, it was understandable.

Deputy County Administrator Richard Magnifico reports 15 or more independent leaks in the Warren County Government Center roof were responsible for widespread damage to not only the building’s structure, but also electronic equipment in a number of offices.

Leakage became so bad that the wing housing the Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue offices was closed around 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Magnifico noted that leakage has been a slowly worsening problem in recent years. “I probably have 30 work orders for spot leaks over the past two or three years,” he observed. But this year’s ice and snow meltdown has raised the bar on how the problem must be dealt with, he says.

“We have a very serious problem here and it can’t continue. If it’s not dealt with on a more fundamental level it could be catastrophic next year under similar conditions,” he said as damage assessments were still coming in on this episode of Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea.

Magnifico said the county is in the sixth year of a 10-year warranty period on the government center roof. Original roof contractor Flex Roofing has been responsive in dispatching a subcontractor, United Roofing of Middletown, to deal with the increasing number of leakage problems in recent years, Magnifico said. However, the type of fix, patch and re-line measures that have thus far been applied appear to no longer be a suitable response, he adds.

“We have tried to work with the manufacturer of the roofing membrane but I think it’s a more serious problem and we don’t want to deal with the symptoms of the issue, we want to deal with the problem,” Magnifico says.

That problem appears to originate in a design flaw the county inherited when it purchased the building – a number of flat sections of roof that were not redesigned as part of the county renovations.

The county’s administrative center is the former IGA grocery store, which was purchased and renovated in the late 1990s. That move centralized and added much needed space to the county’s administrative situation, which had been spread across the county courthouse and other facilities. And while a new or renovated administrative building is part of a recently completed future county government facilities needs study, new county central offices are not likely to be realized at a foreseeable point in the immediate future. That leaves the county with a pressing concern to see that the consequences of last month’s meltdown do not reoccur.

Because major design changes to prevent reoccurrences may be in order, Magnifico said the county would hire an independent design consultant, Wine-Stillwell Roofing, to access the WCGC roof situation and recommend solutions.

“This was much worse than last year,” Magnifico said of the WCGC’s second major leakage problem in two years. “And I want to make sure it doesn’t happen again.”

One solution may involve installing a particular type of roof insulation with a sloping design feature built in. Whether such work would involve any major restructuring of what Magnifico said is the building’s third roof, is expected to be part of the design consultant’s report.
The trial of Vincent Marshall Jr.

(Right) Judge Dennis L. Hupp inspecting damage to Darr’s vehicle. (Below) Marshall on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007, as the trial moved into the WCSO parking lot to view damage to the vehicle driven by Deputy James Alan “Junior” Darr the day of the shooting. (Bottom right) Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Nick Manthos, left, and Lt., then Sgt. Jerome Robinson, one of three WCSO officers who exchanged gunfire with Vince Marshall at the scene of the Durham Drive shootings.
Boundary adjustment request hides divisions

Catlett Mountain H2O query is the tip of HUGE political iceberg

By ROGER BIANCHINI
Warren County Report

It is, indeed, a political iceberg – the only question remaining is how deep the breach in town-county relations will become when two dueling ships of municipal government grind their hulls against its sharp and craggy edges.

That iceberg is the Town of Front Royal’s new water and sewer policy mandating that all future requests for the extension of central water and sewer from the town be accompanied by a boundary adjustment that will transfer county property into the town limits if the request is granted. The basic premise of this policy and the county’s initial reaction of exploring alternate future central water options, possibly in partnership with Frederick County, led to heated exchanges between town and county officials in the media late in 2006.

Consequently, the town and county agreed to suspend liaison committee meetings for at least six months at a time when meaningful discussion of highly divisive issues would seem most necessary. Apparently the rationale is that more can be accomplished behind the scenes by staff than by putting two or three elected officials from each body in a room together every month or so. That theory may be in question after County Administrator Doug Stanley told the board on Feb. 20 no response had been received from the town government on the county’s request for additional water policy information prior to any official county action planned for its meeting that night.

Queried on Feb. 21, Mayor James Eastham said town staff was preparing a response to the county’s inquiry and that it was simply not completed by Feb. 20. Eastham added that it was not apparent a response was sought by the Feb. 20 county board meeting.

However, the inability to get timely answers from the town on details or implications of its new water policy seems to be at the root of the Warren County Board of Supervisors’ Feb. 20 request for water and sewer extension for a Catlett Mountain subdivision proposal that has yet to come to public hearing before the board.

Add the fact the 203-acre Catlett Mountain property is owned by North River Supervisor Ron Llewellyn under a development contract with Northern Virginia-based Brookfield Homes and that fundamental disagreements over how to approach future growth in the county and town are also at play and you have a municipal Titanic sailing into troubled waters.

Public, town input

At its Feb. 20 meeting, the Warren supervisors approved two motions regarding the Catlett Mountain central water/sewer request for a still proposed 150-unit cluster housing development on land where 80 units could be built by right.

First, on a motion by South River Supervisor Gray Blanton, the board approved by a 4-0 vote with Llewellyn abstaining, advertisement of a public hearing to allow for public input on future county action on utility extension requests and consequent boundary adjustments. Blanton constituents Linda and George Glavis suggested such a forum for public input during earlier public presentation comments on issues surrounding the Catlett Mountain property and future town moves “to seize county property,” as George Glavis put it, through its new water policy.

Second, on a motion by Carter, the board approved by a 3-1 vote forwarding the request for central and water and sewer extension to Catlett Mountain along with a boundary adjustment that would make the property a non-contiguous part of the Town of Front Royal. Fork District Supervisor Archie Fox dissented and Llewellyn again recused himself from the discussion or vote due to his personal and professional interest in the project.

Carter reiterated that the request should not be interpreted as board support for the Catlett Mountain rezoning request prior to public hearing, but rather as an effort to get a handle on how the town is going to implement its new water policy. Board Chairman Richard Traczyk added that Front Royal Mayor James Eastham told him any request for town central water and sewer made without a boundary adjustment included would be returned as “incomplete.”

To annex or not?

Fox, who prefaced his participation in the discussion and vote with a disclosure of his business as one of the county’s three well drillers, said that while he could support the request for central water and sewer, he would not support a motion that included the boundary adjustment.

Fox’s feeling on the latter issue seemed to be shared by the other participating board members. However, after assurances from County Attorney Blair Mitchell that such a request would be only the first of several required legal steps toward annexation or boundary adjustments between the town and county, the majority voted to move the request forward as a tool to get a response from the town on its intentions in implementing the water and sewer policy it adopted about six months ago.

The town adopted that policy after liaison discussion about the town’s future plans on the extension of central water and sewer into the county. Much of the early discussion of water policies occurred as the two municipalities began butting heads over building proposals, particularly the initial and since withdrawn 2,400-unit Centex proposal before the county.

While the town’s previous unwritten policy seemed to be “if you want it and we can afford it, you got it,” concerns over massive growth proposals altered such a laissez faire town perspective. While several board members bristled at what they saw as efforts to create undue town influence over county growth decisions, town officials replied that they simply wanted earlier input on a county decision-making process that would have profound future implications for both municipalities.

Despite that stance, former Front Royal Vice-Mayor and attorney J. Daniel Pond III pointedly criticized the town during the recent slope debate for appearing to make a unilateral growth decision that if enacted, was likely to create residential sprawl throughout the county.

Sliding toward answers?

Following the Feb. 20 meeting Traczyk commented on the reluctant inclusion of a boundary adjustment in the county’s request for Catlett Mountain central water and sewer. “I think there is a great deal of concern about, basically, annexing the county into the town over a period of time as this things builds. Granted they say contiguous [adjustments] but nonetheless they can jump and then fill in the blanks later and what do you end up with, a town that is 15 times the size of the county?” Traczyk pondered. “The way [the town policy] is set up there are lots of questions, including whether they’ll look at that slope scenario before they make the boundary adjustment, will they do it after or will they be able to deny a Catlett Mountain scenario because it doesn’t fit their [new] slope requirement? There are just so many questions to be answered and that’s why I wanted to get this request process through, to see how those questions are going to be addressed by the town.”

On Feb. 26, the town approved the second reading of a new slope ordinance to generally prohibit residential building on new lots on slopes over an average 15-percent grade within the town limits. Council appeared to compromise somewhat by passing an amendment to allow exceptions up to 25 percent average grade, rather than the originally proposed exceptions only up to 20 percent.

The new slope ordinance, in its original form, received unanimous public hearing opposition from builders, landscape professionals and land attorneys, who called the proposal too restrictive. Local builder Chris Ramsey’s challenge of the application of the town’s old slope ordinance as too restrictive was upheld by the courts, leading to the town’s recent moves on its slope ordinance. Ramsey attorney Ty Lawson said he believed the town’s new slope ordinance was legally challengeable should it be voted into law.

Legal requirements

Among the necessary steps to facilitate annexation or future boundary
Regional jail: here, there or anywhere

Warren finds use for northside CPV site – maybe

By ROGER BIANCHINI
Warren County Report

The much-anticipated announcement of a recommended location for a four-county regional jail came in two days under state deadline with the Feb. 27 announcement of a Warren County site.

However, at a press conference hosted by Warren County Administrator Doug Stanley and attended by officials from three of the four involved counties – Warren, Shenandoah and Page – the announcement was largely explained as a necessary formality rather than a truly finalized decision.

"While this site [the proposed CPV-Warren Power Plant site in the Warren Industrial Park in the Route 522/340 North Corridor] has been identified for planning purposes, the Regional Jail Committee continues to evaluate alternatives in Page, Shenandoah and Warren Counties, including a site owned by Page County along Stoneybrook Road in the Luray Industrial Park," the committee press release stated.

The previous week, the Page County Board of Supervisors applied for a special use permit from the Town of Luray to facilitate the possible location of the regional jail at the Stoneybrook Road site. However, with that application still pending, the Wallace Food Plant site in Luray could not be submitted as the recommended site by the required March 1 deadline, Page County Administrator Mark Belton explained at a Feb. 27 press conference. That request is scheduled to come before the Luray town government on March 14.

However, Stanley pointed out that not only is the recommended Warren County site the best available option at the time of the required announcement, it also has some advantages over the Luray site.

"It’s kind of a good site for us in Warren County because it fits all the parameters for a regional jail site. The Winchester-Clarke-Frederick Regional Jail model, in an industrial park away from neighborhoods, with access to utilities and easy transportation access seems to work," Stanley said. The Luray site under consideration does have location issues with existing residential neighborhoods.

However, one parameter about the Warren County site is not an advantage – an option on the property is still held by Competitive Power Ventures for its proposed CPV-Warren gas-fired electric generating facility.

"We’d rather have CPV there, that’s $2 million in potential tax revenue to the county," Stanley said of the announced site. However, CPV-Warren has floundered in efforts to get the necessary power purchase contracts in place to move its project forward. Dominion Power officials recently observed that gas-fired power is substantially more expensive than power from existing and more polluting coal-fired plants in the Ohio Valley in explaining why the CPV project isn’t seen as a viable option to help meet coming power needs along the eastern corridor. CPV’s myriad state and federal emissions permits expire in about a year, at which point the project would essentially be dead if construction has not begun.

Stanley also explained that should the CPV site, considered the most viable of Warren County’s options, move forward as the regional jail committee’s final choice, a public hearing surrounding an amendment to county codes to allow a regional jail to be situated on the Industrially-zoned land would be required.

Time & money

Warren and Page have been the front-runners in the site selection process in part because of available land options and a relatively central location for all involved jurisdictions. It was noted that seven or eight site options in Page had been considered, with two being brought forward to the county government.

Stanley admitted that had the local permits been in place at the Page site in Luray it could have been the recommended site announced on Feb. 27. However, comments from Stanley, Belton, Shenandoah County Administrator Vince Poling and Warren County Sheriff Daniel McEathron at the press conference indicated that regardless of the initially recommended site, considerations on a variety of potential locations would likely be ongoing.

"You never know, every site being considered could fall through for one reason or another," McEathron observed. McEathron recently said he favored the regional jail concept regardless of whether it went in Warren County or not.

Those present also indicated that Rappahannock official’s absence from the press conference should not be viewed as signaling any move away from the project, but simply an issue of convenience, travel time and non-consideration as a potential site from the start of the four-county regional jail study process that began in July 2005. Three jurisdictions’ continued participation is required to keep the project alive.

All present indicated a strong belief that the regional jail concept will offer significant cost benefits to each involved jurisdiction, though each would ultimately have to reach an independent decision on participation. All four jurisdictions are already facing inmate populations exceeding capacities at what were termed generally antiquated facilities.

A December 2005 regional jail report by Moseley Architects projected relative costs saving to each jurisdiction from the regional concept of $1.8 million for Rappahannock, the smallest involved juris
Letter to the editor

Editor;

As Chairman of the “Friends with a Heart” Bachelor Auction, I want to thank the community of Front Royal/Warren County for their support in our fundraiser for Sgt. Arthur “Bunky” Woods. In November, a chance remark to some of Bunky’s friends who wanted to raise some money, that maybe they could just sell themselves, snowballed into the Bachelor Auction that came to fruition on February 10th. Thanks to your generosity we raised about $75,000! There are so many people to thank, that a whole page in the newspaper couldn’t cover it all, but there are some key people that I feel should be publicly recognized as their contributions were key to our success.

First, the committee that met each week for 10 weeks, comprised of Christi Boies, Debbi Morfit, Debbie Llewellyn, Kim Wines, Dusty Cornwell, Chris Merchant, Heather Hadley, Mary Lou Woods, Heather Tweedie and Art Woods. Thank you, for your time, talent and contributions. Second, thanks to Tom and Terri Eshelman (Middle of Main Auctions) who’s auctioneering skills and great sense of humor made the evening a truly fun event. Thanks to the Warren Sentinel and the Warren County Report who deemed our event a great human interest story and gave us the best coverage that we could have ever hoped for. Thanks to the Front Royal/Warren County Chamber of Commerce and WZRV Radio for giving us time on the Valley Today.

Thanks to Lonnie Hill from WZRV who was our Master of Ceremonies.

Thanks to Dixie Beverage who donated the beer and wine for the evening.

Thanks to Col. John “Shadow” Hope and the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association who sponsored us for the liquor license. Thanks to Hi-Z Video Concepts for capturing the night on film for us. Thanks to Michelucci Photography for taking pictures all night long. Thanks to the Front Royal Firehall for donating your banquet room. Thanks to Rita Rutledge of Weichert Realtors for letting us use your conference room every week.

Thanks to all the sponsors and donors of silent auction items. All of the people mentioned above donated their time and talent without charge and we truly appreciate your contribution. Thanks to all the volunteers who showed up to help set up the day of the auction.

Thanks to Cindi Rudacilie, Regina Petty and Theresa Pearson for serving all the delicious donated food. Thanks to our “bachelors” – some were friends of Bunky-some were simply willing to support the cause. And finally, special thanks to the ladies who bought the bachelors!

This community truly gave from their heart and I am proud to know that you came together to take care of Sgt. Woods who gave his all for us in Iraq. Your contributions have made a difference. The purchase of the van for Bunky was just the tip of the iceberg in regards to the expenses that the Woods family will incur for a lifetime of care for Bunky. If there is anyone else who would like to make a donation, please send a check to Heather Tweedie, CPA, 316 Mountain Lodge Drive, Winchester, VA 22602. Checks can be made payable to: Sgt. Arthur “Bunky” Woods Trust Fund.

Sincerely,

Martha Buracker, Chairman
Friends with a Heart, Bachelor Auction
Browntown, VA
Chamber Of Commerce Report

CAREER & COLLEGE FAIR

The Career & College Fair will be held April 20th at the Warren County High School from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. If you are interested in having a booth please contact Sharon Baroncelli at 635-3185 ext. 26 or sbaroncelli@fronthroyalchamber.com for more information or registration. The deadline to register is April 15th. There is a $35 registration fee. The proceeds will go directly to DECA, the student marketing club at WCHS. Please make your payment to Warren County High School.

AMERICA’S 400TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TICKETS AVAILABLE

Williamsburg, VA — Tickets are now on sale for America’s Anniversary Weekend, the premiere event of America’s 400th Anniversary. The three-day festival will be held on May 11-13, 2007, and marks the 400th anniversary observance of the 1607 founding of Jamestown, Virginia, as America’s first permanent English settlement. Commemorative moments, cultural events, museum galleries, interpretive demonstrations, interactive exhibits, original productions and family-friendly programs will be offered at Historic Jamestowne, Jamestown Settlement and Annivarsary Park. Anniversary Weekend tickets and accommodations are available through Colonial Williamsburg—the official hotels of the commemoration—and may be reserved in advance at www.Americas400thAnniversary.com. Ticket purchases via telephone will be available in January.

WOMEN’S RESOURCE CENTER BREAKFAST

The Front Royal Women’s Resource Center will host a breakfast honoring Women’s History Month and Dare to Dream Grant Recipients on Tuesday, March 13th from 7:30-9 a.m. at Villa Dream. Grant Recipients will be honored at 865 John Marshall Highway. Special Guest Speaker will be Linda McCarthy, creator of the CIA Spy Museum speaking on “Clandestine Women, The Hidden Stories of Women in Espionage.” Please RSVP to the FRWRC at 636-7007 by Friday March 9th.

The first 10 women to RSVP will receive their breakfast at half price. Cost to attend is $9 per person. Breakfast will be sponsored by Linda Taylor, Weichert Realtors and co-sponsored by the Front Royal Women’s Resource Center.

MEMBER NEWS

Technology Consortium Chairman, Craig Laird invites all to come to the Front Royal-Warren County Technology meeting on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Economic Development Authority, 400-D Kendrick Lane. The speaker is Greg Drescher from the Warren County Public School system. Mr. Drescher will present an overview of technology in Warren County Schools.

The Front Royal-Warren County American Red Cross will offer 3 free Disaster Response Trainings for anyone interested. All classes will be held at the Virginia Inland Port from 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Fulfilling Our Mission will be offered on Tuesday, March 13th. Community Service (Mass Care) will be held Thursday, March 22nd and Shelter Operations will be held Thursday, March 29th. For additional information or to register, call 635-2333, or e-mail frw-redcross@earthlink.net.

The American Red Cross will be holding the following blood drives in Warren County: Feb. 22nd at the Front Royal Masonic Lodge, 12 pm to 6 pm and Feb. 28th at the Christendom College Gym, 11 am to 5 pm.

The Warren Memorial Hospital Foundation is planning an evening of fun and fundraising to benefit the hospital at the fourteenth annual Casino Royale, which will be held April 20th at the Warren County High School from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. If you are interested in having a booth please contact Sharon Baroncelli at 635-3185 ext. 26 or sbaroncelli@fronthroyalchamber.com for more information or registration. The deadline to register is April 15th. There is a $35 registration fee. The proceeds will go directly to DECA, the student marketing club at WCHS. Please make your payment to Warren County High School.

Randolph-Macon Academy has scheduled Springfest and their annual Spring Family Weekend on Saturday, April 21, 2007 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. We had a few displays last year from local organizations, and we would like to expand on that for this year. We are particularly interested in highlighting tourist attractions, “things to do,” restaurants, places to stay while in town, and non-profits but other displays are welcome. There is no charge to organizations that would like to set up informational displays. An application may be obtained by e-mailing cbrooks@rma.edu. Spaces must be reserved by March 16, 2007. Some organizations/businesses that intend to sell food or other items at this event will be welcome. Spaces are limited, and the selected organizations must pay a $50 fee. An application may be obtained by e-mailing cbrooks@rma.edu. Applications must be received by March 16, 2007.

The 2nd Annual Cub Scout Pack #112 Pancake Breakfast and featuring a new event “Auto Show” on Saturday, March 10th, “All You Can Eat” pancake breakfast from 6 a.m. - 12 noon and the Auto Show from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Moose Lodge #829. Tickets in advance are $4 or $5 at the Door. For more information on either event contact 635-9974 or email joeo@accinfo.com.

TOWN OF FRONT ROYAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 26th, 7:00 p.m. at WC Government Center Board Meeting Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7 Valley Business Today, 12:30 p.m., Oldies 95.3 FM
March 8 Adult Leadership
March 14 Chamber Board Meeting, 4 p.m., Chamber Office
March 14 Business After Hours, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Warren County Workshop
Town approves slope change with compromise

Discretionary exceptions raised from 20 to 25 percent – but on what?

By ROGER BIANCHINI
Warren County Report

In its efforts to balance the past, present and future, the Front Royal Town Council voted a new slope ordinance into law at its second February meeting. The initially proposed ordinance change was necessitated by a court decision ruling the previously existing conditional use permit process on waivers between 15 and 40 percent slopes as invalid. The new ordinance recommended a ceiling of 20 percent on waivers on new lot construction. The base standard of 15 percent average grade was not altered by the proposal.

However, in a concession to the unanimous public concern and criticism heaped on the proposal during an earlier public hearing, council amended allowable exceptions up to 25 percent at the Feb. 26 meeting – or did it?

Former Vice Mayor and attorney J. Daniel Pond III, who now represents developer Millennium Lotus, questioned the wording of the amended change following the votes on the ordinance and the amendment suggested by Vice Mayor Tim Darr. Darr’s amendment raising waivers up to 25 percent passed 4-2 with Councilmen Tewalt and Brooks dissenting. The original motion to adopt the ordinance change as amended then passed by the same margin with Tewalt and Hrbek dissenting. Tewalt and Hrbek both said they opposed the ordinance as too restrictive. Brooks stated he opposed the amendment because he favored limiting waivers to 20-percent.

During the subsequent public concerns portion of the meeting, Pond questioned whether Section G of the new ordinance altered by Darr’s amendment only allowed exceptions for utility easements or road access. “I applaud your efforts to compromise on these restrictions, it is a first step,” Pond said. “However, I’m afraid what you’ve done is allow waivers for driveways but not actual construction.”

Section G reads: “Disturbance of existing steep slopes between 15 percent and 20 percent to allow for utility crossings or road access or for incidental minimal grading within the subdivision may be permitted by waiver by the Planning Director,” followed by a list of five applicable conditions that must be met for the waiver to be granted.

Pond suggested that to allow waivers for actual house construction, it should have been Section C of the proposal that was amended. Section C reads: “The proposed development must preserve all slopes steeper than 20 percent as well as slopes between 15 percent and 20 percent which have the following characteristics,” followed by three conditions to allow waivers.

Prior to adjourning to a closed meeting to discuss, among other things three pending law suits regarding water charges in the industrial corridor, council indicated it would look into Pond’s concerns.

Point

Asked later about Pond’s objections to the proposed limits, Councilman Brooks said, “Every time I’m aware of Daniel voting when he was on the council, 15 percent was all he would support, any steeper than that he wouldn’t support it.”

Prefacing the ordinance votes, Brooks read at length from the town’s Comprehensive Plan dating to the late 1990’s upholding a 15 to 20 percent standard. Brooks said he believed an explanation should be read into the public record to counter what he perceived as public criticism originating primarily with those with a vested interest in developer-friendly standards.

“We can go down the same old path everybody else has gone down . . . or begin to live more harmoniously with our environment,” Brooks concluded, adding that now was the time to make hard decisions about the future direction of the community.

Counterpoint

In stating their dissent both Tewalt and Hrbek questioned the fairness of the new ordinance which town staff has stated would not impact either institutional building – both R-MA and Warren Memorial Hospital presidents said they could not expand if the ordinance was applied to them – or existing residential lots. Hrbek noted his own home could not have been built under the new necessary to allow for walk-in basements but preferred more.

Hrbek said it was his understanding that legal tools were in place to protect neighboring properties from careless slope building creating storm water runoff issues, and therefore a major justification of the new ordinance was invalid.

“I think this is more a tool of control over growth, not an effort to protect neighboring lots,” Hrbek said, reiterating a point he has made throughout the slope debate.

Crosby, Sill, Nash & Young?

In a surprise announcement following its closed session, council announced the appointment of landmark rock musician Stephen Stills, of Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young fame as a town representative to the Economic Development Authority, replacing the much-lauded Rick Novak . . . Oh, wait a minute, it’s Stephen Sill, Stephen P. Sill – not the “Something’s happening here, what it is ain’t exactly clear” or “Four dead in Ohio” guy?

Darn, oh well, nevermind.

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### Timely Tips by Kate Worth

#### FOIL TRICK
- If there are plants in the home that need a lot of light, line the windowsill where the plants sit with aluminum foil. The foil will reflect the sunlight back onto the plants. Jenny T.

#### RUST-OFF
- Combat rust stains by making a paste of salt and lemon juice, starting with some salt and adding lemon juice until you have a nice, gloppy paste. Rub onto stains and let sit. Repeat as necessary. Wash. Liz G.

#### ELIMINATING ODORS
- To help eliminate unpleasant odors in the freezer, try placing crumpled newspaper or an open plastic container of coffee grounds inside. Alma G.

#### GOING BUGGY
- Combine one gallon of water with two drops liquid dish soap. Mix and pour into spray bottle. It is important to use exactly the right amount of soap and no more. Also, spray this solution on last. It causes bugs and other solutions to slide off leaves of plants. Vera J.

#### KITCHEN ODORS
- To neutralize strong odors like fish and onions, pour about one cup of vinegar into one cup of water and boil until almost evaporated. Pam L.

#### GARBAGE DISPOSAL
- To clean a garbage disposal, pour in one cup undiluted bleach, which will kill bacteria without harming the pipes, or chop up the stems of aromatic herbs and place them in the disposal. Jean B.

#### HAMMER PROTECTION
- When hammering in a nail, a slip of the hammer can cause an ugly dent in the surface of whatever you’re working on. Protect the wood by using a plastic lid. Cut a hole in the center of the lid just a bit larger than the head of the nail. Now use the lid as a safety shield while driving in the nail. Mike M.

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Marshall (from pg. 6)
bors’ homes, then engaged in what was estimated as a five to seven minute pitched gun battle with responding units of the Warren County Sheriff’s Office, but what his state of mind was on April 26, 2005, the day after Harold Vincent Marshall Sr., a father to whom he was very close, was laid to rest in Buckingham County after a bout with cancer.

Davis asserted that in his unmedicated state, as on April 26, 2005, Vince Marshall was incapable of the premeditation, deliberation and specific intent required to convict under criminal statutes.

“The disposition we are seeking is not that he go free, but that he be put in an institution and that we receive periodic reports on his ability to live safely — those are the core battles of this case,” Davis told the court.

In his opening statement, Davis alluded to Vince Marshall’s “lifetime history of mental illness,” which defense counsel described as bipolar, or a schizophrenic split from reality. Davis said Marshall’s illness is controllable with medication. He then described his client’s battle to stay on medication with severe physical side effects and a tendency to make a treated person think they are well enough to stop taking it.

“When he is in a stable state his perception is of reality as reality is. The other state is a polar opposite, which I refer to as analogous to a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde condition. With his medication he functions as Dr. Jekyll,” Davis said of the famous fictional doctor who develops a formula that releases a dark, violent and uncontrollable inner self. “Without his medication he snaps.

Davis said that Marshall’s efforts to help his father during his terminal illness led him to begin cutting back on his medication in order to eliminate side effects of nausea and diarrhea so he could transport his father to medical appointments at Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Davis described a rising preoccupation the unmedicated Vince Marshall developed with providing his father with a 21-gun salute at his funeral. While a Vietnam War veteran, Marshall Sr. was not eligible for the military’s highest honor guard salute.

‘A man from Mars’

Davis described Marshall’s behavior at his father’s April 25, 2005 funeral as so deranged his family tried to have him taken into protective custody, as had happened on occasions in the past. On April 25, those efforts unfortunately failed across three county lines between Buckingham and Warren Counties. In fact, WCSO Deputy James Alan “Junior” Darr, who was grazed across his left cheek by a shot from Marshall as he became first responder to the scene on April 26, testified he had visited Marshall’s Durham Drive property the previous day looking unsuccessfully for a vehicle Marshall was initially reported to have kidnapped someone from his father’s funeral in.

“Mr. Marshall gave the eulogy at his father’s funeral and it was as if someone from Mars gave that 45-minute eulogy,” Davis said. “It was rambling, senseless and two officers who were present have stated they wondered if they would have to rush him and whether he had a gun and might shoot himself.”

During their testimony the two other deputies involved in the shootout, Sgt. Jerome Robinson and then Lt. Tim Sutherly, said that Marshall had ranted at them after surrendering after being wounded in the foot.

Sutherly, now Strasburg’s Police Chief, reported Marshall stating, “I wish you’d shot me through the heart.” During earlier hearings, Sutherly testified that Marshall “was yelling about communists, heathens and something derogatory about our sheriff.”

Shootout

Darr testified that as he approached the scene with lights and sirens following the 911 report of an attempt by the subject to enter the occupied Cameron house, he saw a man exit the driver’s side of a red panel truck and aim a gun at him. Darr said he threw his still moving and clearly marked sheriff’s office SUV into park and “bailed” out of the vehicle.

He said a first shot fired at him as he took refuge behind his animal control vehicle hit his windshield and a second ricocheted off his vehicle and struck his face on the left cheek.

Asked how long his exchange of gunfire with the subject lasted before backup arrived, Darr said, “It seemed like forever,” but estimated the actual time as three to four minutes. Darr said he emptied two 17-shot, 9-mm magazines and one chamber round and was told later seven shots from his final magazine were spent during his exchange of gunfire with Marshall. He estimated Marshall fired 10 to 12 rounds at him with either what was later identified as a 12-gauge shotgun or scoped Interarms .25-06 rifle.

The Commonwealth told the court that in a statement to state police investigators Marshall later said he had “tried real hard” to shoot the first deputy “but thought he hadn’t” hit him.

Robinson and Sutherly estimated the time of their firefight with Marshall at two to three minutes, with Sutherly firing three 12-gauge shotgun rounds and Robinson firing a .308-caliber rifle a number of times in the exchange. Sutherly estimated Marshall firing six to eight rounds during his and Robinson’s exchange of gunfire with the defendant.

Sutherly said when he saw blood on the ground by Darr as he first arrived at the deputy’s side, he first checked Darr’s wound, asked his condition and told him, “Stay down, we’ve got it.”

Motions

At the conclusion of phase one of the trial, Hupp denied most defense motions but reduced one destruction of property charge involving damages to Leonard Cameron’s parked tractor-trailer cab to a misdemeanor due to repairs reported at $400. Hupp also said he favored reducing multiple counts stemming from firing into the Carter and Cameron homes to one count at each residence, interpreting case law as viewing each incident as one ongoing event. The judge gave the prosecution 10 days to cite additional case law before rendering a decision on the latter defense motion.

Hupp also denied one motion to dismiss one attempted capital murder charge on the grounds that Marshall may not have been aware of the presence of one deputy, Sutherly, who testified he had quickly taken a position under Darr’s vehicle in an attempt to get a shot at Marshall’s feet as he crouched and paced behind an old panel pickup truck from which he had taken a position upon Darr’s arrival on the scene.

Boundary (from pg. 12)

adjustments between the town and county, as explained to the supervisors by County Attorney Blair Mitchell on Feb. 20, are:

· a joint resolution adopted by both the town and county;
· public hearings before both the council and supervisors allowing input from residents of both municipalities;
· and an eventual written agreement signed by both the town and county. It would seem this county’s municipal Titans are scheduled for several interesting collisions before any land and water decisions are resolved.

Jail (from pg. 13)

diction, to $4.7 million for Shenandoah County, $5.8 million for Page and $7.1 million for Warren County. The state contributes 50 percent of costs for approved regional jail projects, compared to 25 percent for new local jails.

“You’re darn right we’re trying to shift some of the costs to the state,” Belton said in response to one question.

Assuming a final site is eventually recommended, approved and submitted, the county administrators said the earliest a request for approval and funding from the state legislature could occur would be in the next session, with possible funding made available on July 1, 2008. Under that time frame construction would not likely begin until 2009 or 2010, they said.

Last year the General Assembly approved an exemption to a moratorium on new jail construction to allow the regional study originally initiated by Shenandoah County to proceed. Operational details, including how existing local facilities would factor into the regional jail process, maintenance of local work release programs, and transportation issues are still to be determined as part of developing a service agreement between participants, the county officials said.

The Regional Jail Committee will hold its first meeting in the wake of the site recommendation on March 6 at the WCGC.

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### Limeton Methodist Church Relay for Life Team

Will host a benefit Gospel concert and AYCE spaghetti dinner at the Limeton Community Methodist Church on Saturday, March 10, 2007.

Dinner 4-6 pm; Concert 5-8 pm.

In concert at this event will be SBG (Sing Blessings of God), Sammy Campbell, Sheree Jennings and the Traveling Pilgrims!

Come join us!

“It’s about being a community that takes up the fight…”

### Stroller Skating

**Thursday, March 8th**

From 10a.m.-12 noon

**MAC’S ROLLER RINK**

5030 Front Royal Pike  
(US Rt. 522 between Front Royal & Winchester)  
White Post, VA

Bring the little ones and their ride-on toys, strollers, tricycles, etc., to Mac’s Roller Rink for some good wintertime exercise. The cost is $5 for everyone two and older that includes skate rental and admission. These event will discontinue in April and Resume in December. NO TWO WHEELERS, THOSE ARE TOO FAST!

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For More Information Call/E-mail:  
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**“Cancer never sleeps.”**

That’s why teams for the Front Royal-Warren County chapter of Relay for Life are going to be walking the Warren County Middle School track all night on June 8th to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer.

While this will be the tenth year Front Royal-Warren County has had teams participating in the Relay, the theme being “Celebrating 10 Years of Hope, Love, and Relay,” the first walk around the track to fight cancer took place in 1985. Dr. Gordy Klatt, colorectal surgeon and marathon runner, wanted to do something to raise money for his local Tacoma Washington American Cancer Society. He ran and walked the track at Baker Stadium for 24 hours. Friends paid $25 to walk 30 minutes with him. He raised $27,000 that first year.

Dr. Klatt, along with others, planned the first team relay event that took place the following year, known as the City of Destiny Classic 24-Hour Run Against Cancer. 19 teams participated and raised $33,000.

This year more than 4,000 communities in 6 continents will host a Relay for Life event. Funds from the Relay support the American Cancer Society which in turn supports cancer research and services for cancer patients, such as the Cancer Information Center, and Hope Lodges, which provide temporary homes for cancer patients traveling for treatment.

Here in our community teams are forming, fundraising efforts are under-way.

- Individual team members will be selling luminary bags. These bags will be lit on the track as the sun goes down on the 8th of June to remember those who have lost their battle with cancer, or to honor those who have survived.
- Anyone who would like to contribute a favorite recipe to the Relay for Life Cookbook may contact Maria Bolton at nettie@shentel.net.
- A womanless beauty contest is scheduled for April 21st. For more information, please email Tara Waters at tarawaters@adelphia.net.
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Tuesday: Trivia ($2 burgers from 4-9 PM)
Wednesday: Karaoke ($2 sloppy joes 4-9 PM)
Thursday: Open Mic ($1.50 burritos 4-9 PM)
Friday: DJ Dance Party
Saturday: The Valley’s best bands and DJs!
Chief Ronald A. Williamson advised that the Front Royal Police Department is investigating the breaking and entering which occurred at Royal Pawn, 21 Water Street, Front Royal, at approximately 8:38 P.M. on February 21, 2007 in which four semi-automatic pistols valued at nearly $2500 were taken.

Officers responding to an alarm received from Royal Pawn found that unknown person(s) had broken open the front door of the business, and upon entering, had broken open a display case containing weapons. The Front Royal Police Department was assisted by Deputies from the Warren County Sheriff’s Office, members of the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force and the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit. Members of the Front Royal Police Department’s Emergency Services Team were summoned to the scene and conducted a search of the building with negative results.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Division of the Front Royal Police Department at 540-636-2208 or the Crime Solvers Line at 540-635-9900.

Chief Ronald A. Williamson of the Front Royal Police Department has announced the arrest of Nicole Clouden, 19, of Rolling Valley Road, Front Royal on charges of felony hit and run, providing false information, and trespassing on the property of Royal Arms Apartments after having been forbidden to do so.

Clouden’s arrest stems from an incident on January 30, 2007 in which Officer W. S. Foster responded to a report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle at Royal Arms Apartments at approximately 9:55 P.M. Upon his arrival, he was advised by 39-year-old Susan Foster, a resident at Royal Arms that she was walking across the parking lot when she observed a vehicle headed towards her child. Foster stepped in front of the vehicle to protect the child from being struck. The vehicle struck Foster, throwing her upon the vehicle. The vehicle stopped, and the driver gave Foster a name and telephone number, before leaving the scene. Foster was able to obtain a license plate number of the vehicle before it left. Foster went to the hospital and was treated for minor injuries and was later released.

Officer Foster’s investigation revealed that the name and phone number given by the driver were false. Officer Foster was able to identify the driver as Nicole Clouden. On February 6, Officer J. Grohs arrested Clouden, who was later released on a $1,000 secured bond. Clouden is scheduled to appear in the Warren County General District Court on March 6, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

Warren County Sheriff’s Office reports that on February 25, 2007 at approximately 12:25 a.m. Deputy Jeremy Seal, while on routine patrol, observed a suspicious vehicle in the area of Blue Ridge Shadows, located on 522 north of Front Royal.

According to Sheriff McEathron, Deputy Seal observed a small green pick-up truck occupied by two males exiting the construction area of Blue Ridge Shadows and started traveling northbound on 522. The truck turned into the Inland Port entrance, made a U-turn at the guard shack and headed back out.

Deputy Seal subsequently stopped the vehicle, registered to the operator, William Wade Jordan, II of Manassas, VA. Daryl Edward Smith, also of Manassas, was a passenger in the vehicle. After a preliminary investigation into the chain of events it was determined that miscellaneous items, including a large microwave that was on the back of the truck, had been stolen from a job site at Blue Ridge Shadows.

Both individuals were charged with grand larceny and posted bond later in the morning. Anyone with further information is asked to contact Investigator Ray Fogle at 635-7100.

INDICTMENTS

On or about July 12, 2006, in the County of Warren, Melanie Denise West did unlawfully and feloniously break and enter the dwelling house of Gali Sanchez, in the nighttime, with the intent to commit larceny or another felony therein, in violation of Section 18.2-89 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about December 4, 2006, in the County of Warren, Mathew Scott Duncan did unlawfully, feloniously, knowingly and intentionally possess a firearm, after having previously been convicted of a felony in violation of Section 18.2-308.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about December 4, 2006, in the County of Warren, Mathew Scott Duncan, did unlawfully and feloniously, break and enter a dwelling house of Alan Matchett, with the intent to commit larceny therein, in violation of Section 18.2-91 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about August 4, 2006, in the County of Warren, David Allen Hanson, did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute more than one-half ounce but not more than five (5) pounds of marijuana, in violation of Section 18.2-248.1(a) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about July 6, 2005, in the County of Warren, Leroy Anthony Applegate, III, did unlawfully and feloniously break and enter a building permanently affixed to realty belonging to Supreme Council of the House of Jacob Church, with the intent to commit larceny therein, in violation of Section 18.2-91 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about November 10, 2006, in the County of Warren, Paul Francis Evans, II, did unlawfully and feloniously take, drive or use 1997 Dodge Van valued at $200.00 or more and belonging to Paul J. Dowdall, without the consent of said owner, in the absence of said owner and with the intent to temporarily deprive the owner thereof of his possession thereof, in violation of Section 18.2-102 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about November 10, 2006, in the County of Warren, Paul Francis Evans, II did unlawfully and feloniously take, steal, and carry away the goods and chattels of Paul J. Dowdall, with a value of $200.00 or more, in violation of Section 18.2-95 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about September II 2006! in the County of Warren, Latoya Latrice Cook did unlawfully and feloniously wrongfully and fraudulently use dispose of conceal or embezzle property belonging to Check Into Cash with a value of $200.00 or more In violation of Section 18.2-111 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended.

On or about October 31, 2006, in the County of Warren, Kenneth L. Starks, Jr. did unlawfully and feloniously, by force or intimidation and without legal justification or excuse, seize, take, transport, or detain the person of Tiersa Lowery, with the intent to deprive the said Tiersa Lowery of her personal liberty in violation of Section 18.2-47 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about October 31, 2006, in the County of Warren, Kenneth L. Starks, Jr. did unlawfully and feloniously in the nighttime enter the dwelling house of Tiersa Lowery, with the intent to commit assault and battery or any felony other than murder, rape, robbery or arson therein, in violation of Section 18.2-91 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about October 31, 2006, in the County of Warren, Kenneth L. Starks, Jr. did assault and batter Tiersa Lowery, a family or household member, in violation of Section 18.2-57.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about September 22, 2006, in the County of Warren, Lenette Patricia Shabazz did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine, in violation of Section 18.2-248, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about July 27, 2005, in the County of Warren, Robert S. Hendricks did unlawfully and feloniously sell, secrete, or dispose of a laptop computer, tennis bracelet, play station II and Poulan Lawn Tractor the items having with a total value in excess of $200.00, belonging to Rent Way, with the intent to defraud, while in possession of such property by virtue of a written lease for the property,
in violation of Sections 18.2-118 and 18.2-95 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about October 18, 2006, in the County of Warren, Crystal Ann Hinkle did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine, in violation of Section 18.2-248, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about October 18, 2006, in the County of Warren, Crystal Ann Hinkle did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule IV controlled substance, to-wit: Clonazepam, in violation of Section 18.2-248 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended.

On or about October 18, 2006, in the County of Warren, Crystal Ann Hinkle did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule IV controlled substance, to-wit: Alprazolam, in violation of Section 18.2-248 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended.

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On or about July 24, 2006, in the County of Warren, Oscar Rivas did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine, in violation of Section 18.2-248, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about August 2, 2006, in the County of Warren, Oscar Rivas did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Cocaine, in violation of Section 18.2-248 of the Code of Virginia, 1950 as amended.

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On or about July 24, 2006, in the County of Warren, Marvin Nelson Johnson did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule II controlled substance, to-wit: Methamphetamine, in violation of Section 18.2-248, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

On or about October 18, 2006, in the County of Warren, Ryon Travis Lloyd did unlawfully and feloniously possess with the intent to distribute a Schedule IV controlled substance, to-wit: Alprazolam, in violation of Section 18.2-248, of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

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Senior Hunger – Meals on Wheels

Three square meals a day seems to be an American right, at the least, an expectation. I admit that occasionally I skip breakfast because I’m in a hurry. If I work through lunch on the same day, my stomach complains with loud grumbling and by mid-afternoon, I’ll start feeling bad. But, skipping a meal is my choice. I have food in my home refrigerator and cupboards. I have enough money in my wallet to buy lunch. And, when my body signals “hunger,” I eventually eat.

However, missing meals and experiencing long-term hunger are not always a choice. Senior hunger is a very real and much hidden problem in our society. According to Second Harvest, an estimated 1.2 million households with one or more 65 year-olds are “food insecure.”

The last census figures indicate that 10% of seniors live in poverty. Federal funds for meals provided under the Older Americans Act are at about the same level as they were 10-years ago while the number of seniors is increasing dramatically.

By 2005, in the Northern Shenandoah Valley, the number of persons aged 80 or better had increased by 34%, exceeding an anticipated 25% growth from the year 2000. As persons age, the need for support services increases. In 2005, there were 7,000 more seniors than there were in the year 2000 and at least 2,200 were aged 80 plus.

Research including Second Harvest’s 2006 Hunger Study indicate that there are enormous health problems and a high cost to society when adequate nutrition is not provided. If our elders do not receive adequate food, their health soon declines to the level where they are placed in a long term care facility. As a staff member of the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, I am painfully aware that one of the reasons people are taken off our waiting list for Meals on Wheels is that they have been moved into an assisted living or nursing home facility. American taxpayers pay for the Medicaid funded beds most of these people will need at a cost that can exceed $30,000 per year per person.

Nationally, the Meals on Wheels Association documents that 40% of Meals on Wheels programs have waiting lists. The Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging currently has 20 seniors who have unmet nutritional needs and are waiting for assistance. These persons cannot meet two or more of the Independent Activities (needed for) Daily Living. They are at risk, and they are hungry.

For those receiving Meals on Wheels, SAAA has only enough funding to provide five meals a week, meeting very minimal nutritional needs. In addition to those on the waiting list and those not yet assessed for service, there are meals recipients who do not have any other source of meals for the weekend. There are significant unmet needs throughout the Shenandoah Valley.

Nationally “March for Meals” is the month-long emphasis on Meals on Wheels and the impact of senior hunger provided by the Meals on Wheels Association of America. Locally eight area mayors will deliver meals for SAAA on Wednesday March 21st, calling attention to the needs of our homebound elderly. Clerks at area Handy Marts will conduct March for Meals Fundraising with donor tickets provided by Commercial Press. Arby’s and KFC’s in the Winchester area host Meals on Wheels collection boxes all year long.

The next time you experience a moment of hunger, think of those for whom hunger is a daily fact of life. You can make a personal difference by providing funds for meals and/or volunteering to deliver meals. Call the Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging at 540 635-7141 or 800 883-4122 today.
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Air Force Statues Arrive!

Randolph-Macon Academy received a set of four statues valued at a quarter million dollars. They will grace the lawn opposite historic Sonner-Payne Hall.

An April dedication is planned. Following is a release from the Academy:

The bronze sculpture of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard that stands at the United States Air Force Memorial in Washington, D.C., can be seen in only two other locations in the world. One is at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. The other is at Randolph-Macon Academy, an Air Force JROTC (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) boarding school in Front Royal, VA.

The statue stands at Randolph-Macon Academy (R-MA) through the generosity of Harlan Crow of Dallas, TX; Mr. Crow is an alumnus of R-MA. On April 21, 2007 at 10:00 am, an official dedication ceremony will celebrate the proud traditions of the U.S. Air Force and Randolph-Macon Academy’s heritage in this prestigious military service.

The bronze Honor Guard was sculpted by internationally renowned sculptor Zenos Frudakis of Glenside, PA. The eight-foot-tall, four-figure sculpture is reflective of all “Airmen,” past, present, and future. Mr. Frudakis’ previous works include life size sculptures of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Arnold Palmer, as well as Generals Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and William Yarborough.

Randolph-Macon Academy was founded in 1892 and became an Air Force Junior ROTC unit in 1975. It was the first co-ed boarding school to do so, and it was the only co-ed boarding school with AFJROTC until the fall of 2005. Like many military schools, R-MA struggled during the 1970’s and 1980’s, coming dangerously close to closing its doors. The move to the AFJROTC program in 1975 is largely credited with saving the Academy, which today stands as one of the premier military boarding schools in the nation.

This dedication is open to the press and the public. Following the dedication of the sculpture, everyone is invited to remain on campus for the corps of cadets parade and R-MA’s annual “Springfest,” a family-friendly community celebration with games, rides, and entertainment.

A Look Back This Week

On February 24, 1803, for the first time, the Supreme Court overturned a U.S. law in the Marbury v. Madison case ... February 22, 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the U.S. ... February 23, 1836, the siege of the Alamo began; Mexicans under General Santa Anna bombarded the fort ... February 24, 1868, the House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson for violation of the Tenure of Office Act because he had tried to remove Edwin Stanton, Secretary of War, from the Cabinet ... February 22, 1879, F.W. Woolworth opened his first five-and-ten store in Utica, N.Y. ... February 19, 1945, the Marines landed on Iwo Jima ...February 21, 1972, President Nixon arrived in Beijing for an eight-day visit to China, which he dubbed a “journey for peace” ... February 24, 1991, the U.S. and its allies began a ground war in Iraq which lasted just 100 hours; the U.S.-led forces killed or captured many thousands of Iraqi soldiers and sent the rest into retreat ... February 21, 1994, longtime CIA officer Aldrich Ames and his wife were charged with spying; under a plea bargain, he received life in prison, while she got 63 months ...

February 13, 2001, the prosecution continued to outline a long account of ethnic cleansing, executions, deportations, and other alleged human rights abuses ... February 24, 2002, Canada took the men’s hockey title at the 2002 Winter Olympics, defeating the U.S. team 5-2 ... February 24, 2003, an earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale flattened thousands of houses and other buildings in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region in northwest China ... February 20, 2005, the Israeli cabinet, 17-5, approved Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s plan to withdraw Jewish settlers from the Gaza strip ... February 24, 2005, Pope John Paul II was rushed to a hospital in Rome and underwent an emergency tracheotomy to relieve difficulties in breathing.

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Author and historian Betty Kilby Fisher shows off a nice copy of Warren County Report as she and filmmaker Paulette Moore prepare for an interview on The Valley Today on WZRV 95.3 FM.
Ruth M. Baltimore

Ruth M. Baltimore, 72, of Front Royal, died Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at her home.

A funeral service was conducted on February 27, 2007 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church with Rev. Carter Alsbury, Jr. officiating and Rev. Alfred Woods eulogizing. Burial followed in Mt. Morris Cemetery in Hume, VA.

Mrs. Baltimore was born on May 4, 1934 in Fauquier County, daughter of the late Shumate Ford and Louise Gibbs Ford. She was preceded in death by her husband Earl Leon “Abe” Baltimore, Sr. She was a member of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Senior Choir, Deaconist Board and the Food Committee.

Surviving are two sons Allen A. Baltimore and Earl L. Baltimore, Jr. both of Front Royal; two daughters Bertha Roberts and husband Jackie of Front Royal, and Jean Ford and husband Darrell of Front Royal; one brother Gordon Ford; two brothers-in-law Gordon Baltimore and Billy Baltimore; six sisters-in-law Dorothy Ford, Isabelle Baltimore, Frances Banksdale, Mattie Henley, and Phyllis Alsbury; five grandchildren Jeremy Roberts, Jennifer Roberts, D.J. Ford, Jasmain Ford, and Jalissa Ford; and a host of nieces and nephews.


Arrangements were handled by Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal.

Adelard L. “Abe” Brault

Adelard L. “Abe” Brault, 97, former State Senator for 18 years and was majority leader in the Law Firm of Brault, Palmer, Grove, Atlantic during World War II. He was a part of the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Front Royal.

Mrs. Brault was served as a democratic state senator for 18 years and was majority leader in the Law Firm of Brault, Palmer, Grove, Atlantic during World War II. He was a part of the Baptist Roman Catholic Church in Front Royal.

Mr. Brault was born in April 6, 1909 in Winsted, CONN, son of the late Ernest and Mary Lanouette Brault. He was a 1933 graduate of Columbus Law School, now part of Catholic University, in Washington D.C. Mr. Brault was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in the Northern Atlantic during World War II. He was a partner in the law firm of Brault, Palmer, Grove, White and Steinholder in Northern Virginia.

Mr. Brault was served as a democratic State Senator for 18 years and was majority leader from 1978-1980. In 1985, Gov. Charles Robb appointed him to the State Board of Education.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years Clara Covington “Percy” Brault of Front Royal; one son Adelard L. Brault, Jr. of Fairfax; two daughters Nancy Jane Suppes of Front Royal and Mary Lynn Coleman of Moscow, Russia; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

The family received friends on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice.

Marguerite Gaynell Orndorff

Marguerite Gaynell Orndorff, 87, of Strasburg, passed away peacefully at Lynn Care Center on Wednesday, February 21, 2007.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at Maddox Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Jerry Young. Burial was held at Panorama Memorial Gardens on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

Mrs. Orndorff was born December 28, 1919 in Washington D.C., daughter of Tilie DiToto of Fredericksburg, VA and the late Adolph DiToto. She was the former co-owner of Springtime Garden Center in Front Royal and was a member of Missionary Baptist Church in Middletown.

Surviving along with her mother, is her loving husband Ernest Orndorff of Strasburg; three daughters Sandra Reedy and her husband Stuart of Myrtle Beach, SC, Teri Poland and her husband Todd of Richmond and Natalie Cross of Marietta, GA; six grandchildren Scott Reedy and his wife Ginger of Fredericksburg, Melissa Fagan and her husband Terry of Tazwell, VA, Christie Sine and her husband Jason of Front Royal, Corey Rankin of Richmond, A.J. Cross and Erin Cross of Marietta, GA; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Pallbearers were Dave Woolwine, Al Alsberry; and Jalissa Ford; and a host of nieces and cousins.

Stella Odessa Williams Martin

Stella Odessa Williams Martin, 79, of Front Royal, passed away on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at Warren Memorial Hospital.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Maddox Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Jim Bunce and Rev. Gary Keaton. Burial will follow in Panorama Memorial Gardens in Waterlick.

Mrs. Martin was born February 28, 1927 in Riverton, VA daughter of the late Russell and Hazel Sealock Williams. She had worked for Citizens National Bank and retired from F&M Bank. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg. Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by her first husband John C. Moore, Jr., and her second husband Harry E. Martin.

Surviving are one son John C. Moore, III of Winchester; two daughters Pamela Moore Brown and Deborah Moore Rivenkark both of Front Royal; one brother Kenneth L. Williams of Strasburg; one sister Betty J. Sealock of Front Royal; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother William S. Williams; a sister Joyce E. Good; and one grandchild.

Pallbearers will be Jimmy North, Clifford Baggarly, Spencer Williams, Keith Jenkins, Clifton Good, and Brad Kresge.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Rutherdof, Bob Aylor, and Howard Walters.

The family received friends on Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at Maddox Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one’s choice.

Jean H. Pomeroy

Jean H. Pomeroy, 81, of Front Royal, died Friday, February 16, 2007.

A funeral service was held on Friday, February 23, 2007 at Maddox Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Gary Keaton. Burial followed in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Ms. Pomeroy was born on February 2, 1926 in Front Royal, VA, daughter of the late Bessie Carson Hickerson and Grover Cleveland Pomeroy. She was a medical assistant for Dr. Edwin Eastham for over 40 years and a member of the Front Royal United Methodist Church, Sarah's Circle of Church, Business & Professional Women's Club, and past president of the Warren Rifle's chapter of the UDC. She was very proud that she lived her entire life in the home she was born in.

Albert E. Snyder

Albert E. Snyder, 88, of Front Royal, died at Warren Memorial Hospital on February 25, 2007, after a short illness.

A memorial service was conducted at the Southerlands by Dr. C. Thomas Ryhne.

Mr. Snyder was born May 4, 1918, in Elkhart, Indiana, son of Bert and Mary Snyder. He was a graduate of Jefferson Senior High School in Roanoke and Virginia Tech.

He was a graduate of Jefferson Senior High School in Roanoke and Virginia Tech. He was a Registered Professional Engineer and a life member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He was Plant Engineer at FMC in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania, and in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He retired from Avtex Fibers after 36 years. He was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Front Royal Rotary Club. He was a member of the Unity Masonic Lodge and the American Legion. He was married to the late Edie “Tootie” Snyder.

Surviving are two daughters Dottie Moore of Providence Forge, Virginia and Sandy Adams of Springfield, Missouri; a brother Larry of Greenville, North Carolina; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal.

LTC Robert Berkley Steed

LTC Robert Berkley Steed, USA, Retired, 76, of Ft. Belvoir, formerly of Front Royal died Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at Mt. Vernon Hospital.

A graveside service will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. at Prospect Hill Cemetery conducted by Rev. Dr. R. Mark Jordon.

Mr. Steed was born February 16, 1930 in Front Royal son of the late Wilbur Berkley and Flora Virginia Hoskins Steed. He was a graduate of Warren County High School Class of 1948. Mr. Steed retired after thirty years of service from the U.S. Army serving in Korea and Vietnam. After retirement he worked as a principal engineer for the U.S. Navy for 17 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Front Royal, the American Legion in Lorton and the Military Association of America.

Surviving are his wife Charlotte Frye Steed of Ft. Belvoir; and two sons Robert Bruce Steed of Alexandria, and William Berkley Steed of Marlboro, NH.

Arrangements were by Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal.
Your Horoscope

By Charles Cooper

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A business deal goes better than expected. Socially, you gag about quite happily this week. Take time to catch your breath over the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) In defending a friend, don’t get into a fight with your mate. Sometimes, you’re too involved in others’ problems. Loved ones can take offense.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A minor delay in your plans throws you off track. However, things clear up by midweek. Later, travel and romance go hand-in-hand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take some time this week to reconnect with your mate. Some quiet, alone time is just what you both need. This weekend, tackle some chores you’d been procrastinating on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Look for ways to improve yourself. Believe it or not, it can be done. Ultimately, this aids in your success.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It’s unlike you to be reticent about anything you have to say. Don’t worry. You can speak your mind tactfully and still get your point across.

SCORPIO (September 23 to October 22) You’ve been somewhat oblivious to a close friend’s ploy for attention. Experience will tell you that you’re right to ignore this. You don’t need to be this person’s crutch.

SAGITTARIUS (October 23 to November 21) Financial matters are favored. However, domestic matters are another story. By week’s end, you sort everything through satisfactorily.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Stay out of the fray this week on the home front. Others will strive mightily to get you involved. However, this really has nothing to do with you, and you’re wise to realize it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Early in the week, business meetings prove frustrating. Put that mind to work and come up with a new plan. You’re certainly up to the challenge!

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Friends are making unfair demands on your time. Feel free to say no. You don’t have to attend every party or event.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS: Michael Bolton, February 26; Chelsea Clinton, February 27; Mario Andretti, February 28; Tim Daly, March 1; Jon Bon Jovi, March 2; Jessica Biel, March 3; Bobby Womack, March 4.

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Shenandoah River Basin

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The Music Scene:

Kill the Car hits the road/ stage in high gear

By Cassidy Custis
Warren County Report

Some musicians prefer to play in slow gear – Kill the Car prefers to rev it up in high gear. Let’s face it, we all just want to jump around sometimes. Well, these guys do just that and are ready to drive audiences down that same path.

So, who are these young guys who have feet tapping and heads banging? First up is Dale Lynn, 19, on the guitar. Second, we have Brian Morton, a.k.a. Chico on bass, also at 19 and counting. And last but not least is, you guessed it, 19-year-old Rob Shultz on the drums (maybe they should add that very old Stones favorite, 19th Nervous Breakdown to the repertoire before any of them hit 20).

So, what style of music does Kill the Car play and how do they make it their own?

“We play fast rock, very fast rock,” they say. “We have already put together about fifteen songs, have put out a few demos and plan to have a CD out by May. They will be doing their own recording on that project – why?

“We are able to make all the decisions on our own that way but the sound has not been that great yet,” says Chico. “But with Dale going to college in Florida for recording, the sound quality will only get better.”

Kill the Car have been playing plenty of shows even though there are not many venues in their hometown – Front Royal. So, how does that work? As any band that gets serious knows, the road awaits. In their brief time together, Kill the Car has hit the road, literally, to play shows from Matinsburg, WV to Berryville. “We meet resources to play out of the area,” they say, “It is like a whirlwind affect, the more shows you do the more bands and people you meet.”

A great way to keep the whirlwind blowing is with the use of the Internet and MySpace, they say. “We get a rush out of doing a show,” they say, and they seem able to communicate that feeling to audiences and that leaves the crowd calling out for more.

“We have good chemistry, communication and work well together and a steady place to practice helps, too,” the band believes. They also share an emotion others I’ve talked to who are at this stage of development have – “We play for ourselves not for others,” they said, despite the commitment to spreading the musical word.

Chico also plays in our featured episode one band, Foi Est Tout. I asked him how playing in Kill the Car was different from Foi Est Tout. The answer came as Chico shifted into high gear. “This band plays really fast music. You have to play really hard and it takes a lot out of you. But it is a good outlet and a lot of fun.”

So, as they pick up speed on the road and off, what is in the future for Kill the Car and does it involve Front Royal? They say they plan on recording a CD every month with multiple bands, which they will sell subscriptions to locally. This will give more bands a chance for exposure. “The music scene in Front Royal is growing but the bands are going in different directions.”

Will Kill the Car stick together with all these different styles? They told me this about their future, “You cannot say it will last forever, but we do have drive (pun intended?) and motivation.” If you ask me, that is a sure way to keep moving forward.”

I saved the best question for last, what is with their band name? Chico answered, “It was my old e-mail address. We thought it sounded cool.”

With a cool band name, cool sound and driving effort, I am sure their whirlwind will keep blowing down the highway for a good long drive, car killed or not.
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**Quotes**

“It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians, not by religions, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here.” - Patrick Henry

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“The most practical, beautiful, workable philosophy in the world won’t work if you won’t.” - Zig Ziglar

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“No one ever attains very eminent success by simply doing what is required of him; it is the amount and excellence of what is over and above the required that determines the greatness of ultimate distinction.” - Charles Kendall Adams

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“The great successful men of the world have used their imagination ... they think ahead and create their mental picture in all its details, filling in here, adding a little there, altering this a bit and that a bit, but steadily building steadily building.” - Robert Collier

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“The successful person always has a number of projects planned, to which he looks forward. Any one of them could change the course of his life overnight.” - Mark Caine

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“Men have not achieved their distinction by having some new talent or opportunity presented to them. They have developed the opportunity that was at hand.” - Bruce Barton

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**Sports Challenge**

By Walter Branch

1. Whose return to tennis on April 15, 1988 coincided with the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropping 101 points?
2. What did Cincinnati Red Eric Davis do in nine consecutive at-bats to set a major league record in 1987?
3. What Mike Tyson opponent did comedian Jackie Mason assert “doesn’t need a weigh-in, he needs a way out?”
4. What male figure skater weighed 108 pounds at the 1984 Winter Olympics?
5. Whom did Ben Johnson glare at triumphantly while crossing the 100-meter finish line at the 1988 Olympics?
6. What future Nike plugger averaged 17.1 points per basketball game at the 1984 Olympics?
7. What’s the only country to have been represented at every summer and winter Olympiad?
8. What Cincinnati street was Pete Rose on when he failed to talk his way out of a 1988 traffic ticket?
9. What year saw Waymon Tinsdale and Patrick Ewing playing for the U.S. Olympic basketball team?
10. What Oakland A’s slugger was late to 1988 spring training due to attending bubble gum card shows?

Sports Challenge Answers


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**You Don’t Say!**

Harry Houdini’s real name was Ehrich Weiss.

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Houdini is buried in Machpelah Cemetery in Queens, New York.

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Houdini died on Halloween, 1926 from peritonitis caused by a ruptured appendix.

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Houdini served as an actor in a number of movies during the birth of the moving picture. Among the movies he appeared in were “Terror Island,” “The Grim Game” and “The Man From Beyond.”

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Houdini and Hardeen (his brother) faked a family feud to make headlines and sell theater seats. Hardeen retired from magic in 1918 and returned to the stage as Houdini’s successor after his brother’s death.

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Houdini almost always escaped handcuffs placed on him by audience members, but he failed to get out of a pair in Evanston, Ill., in 1899. A policeman who brought the cuffs on stage had damaged the lock so that it would not open.

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The oldest tree in the world is the macrozamia tree of Australia. It lives for 7,000 years.

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Howdy Doody has 48 freckles.

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**The Green Thumb**

Choosing What You’d Like to Grow: This is harder than you might think. If you are starting small, you have to limit yourself to a handful of plants. If you are growing vegetables, start with what you like to eat and what you can’t find fresh locally. Corn takes a lot of space and remains in the garden a long time before it’s ready to be eaten. If you have corn farms nearby, you might want to use your small garden for vegetables that give a longer harvest, like tomatoes, lettuce and beans.

**The Home Handyman**

Three-prong plugs are used for larger appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators and power tools, and include a prong that grounds the appliance. When planning where you are going to place a large appliance, be sure you have the appropriate kind of outlet available, or plan to install one.

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GEORGE by Mark Szorady

THERE'S A NOTE ON THE DOOR. WHAT DOES IT SAY?

DUE TO RECORD SHOWFALL, TODAY'S GLOBAL WARMING RALLY HAS BEEN CANCELED.

I LOVE TO PAINT! I GO INTO A KIND OF TRANCE WHILE PAINTING!

I NOTICED!

WHERE'S AL GORE'S GLOBAL WARMING WHEN YOU REALLY NEED IT?

WE'RE ASKING WHAT AMERICA CAN DO WITHOUT TO REDUCE THE DEFICIT...

NO, MAMA! BUSH IS NOT AN OPTION!

MARVIN THE CALF by Ralph Hagen

OOO, THIS IS THE PART WHERE ADAM FINDS OUT WILLIAM IS HIS FATHER AND HE'S REALLY A PRINCE

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HEY!! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!!

“Money can't buy happiness, but if I had a big house, fancy car, and giant plasma TV, I wouldn't mind being unhappy.”

“I know it was time to get back in shape when the Pillsbury Dough Boy accused me of identity theft!”

“I believe that bad news is often a blessing in disguise. If the disguise is really good, you can pretend you don't see the problem at all.”

“These days I'm semi-retired. I'm only working 40 hours a week.”
Co-captains of the K-Mart March Of Dimes “Walk America” campaign, Brenda Williams and Sally Shoemaker, dedicate their time to help raise money to fund research into how to prevent premature birth.

A cell phone is laid beside 2 diapers to demonstrate just how small premature babies can be.
SUDOKU
Sudoku requires no arithmetic skills.

The object of the game is to fill all the blank squares with the correct numbers.

Each row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
Each column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order.
Each 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.

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 9   6 7 8 |
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 5 1 9   6 |
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Puzzles
Solutions on Page 39

What was Buffalo Bill’s Real name?
Answer the following questions and then transfer the letters to their corresponding boxes to find out.

1. What was the name of his world famous show? Buffalo Bill’s __ __ __ __ West.
   1 2 3 11

2. What was the name of the mail delivery system that he worked for when he was young?
   The __ __ __ __ Express.

3. He was an American soldier during the U.S. war of 1861 – 1865, which was called:
   The __ __ __ __ War.

4. What Congressional honor was given to him for his gallantry during the Plains Indian Wars period?
   The Congressional __ __ __ __ Honor.

(Only the initial is given for his middle name)

ROARING TWENTIES
In the grid below, twenty words can be found that fit the category for today. Circle each word that you find and list it in the space provided at the right of the grid. Words can be found in all directions— forwards, backwards, horizontally, vertically and diagonally. An example is given to get you started. Can you find today’s 20 words?

Today’s Category: DICK, JANE AND SALLY

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5 After-dinner drink, for short 97 Fishing net
10 Partitions 99 Shortened phrase on diet
15 Former Soviet divisions: abbr. food packages
19 Busy as ___ 102 Refrain syllable
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21 10/31 choice 107 University of Washington athlete
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23 With 45 Across, name change 111 Sly, to a Scotsman
27 Pick 112 Besides
28 Saying accepted as truth 115 George or T.S.
29 Wheel tooth 30 Glasses
32 “Over hill, over dale, ___ hit...”
34 Babies, often 35 Slangy refusals
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43 Keep an ___; watch 44 Fast food chain
45 See 23 Across 45 See 23 Across
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51 Begged 51 Begged
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55 Intl. alliance 53 Start of a counting rhyme
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58 Review briefly 55 Intl. alliance
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63 Border 61 Mourful cries
65 Grain factory 64 Smallest liquid measure
66 Long follower 68 Word div.
67 Shorebird 69 Dispatch boat
68 Name change 70 Restless
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76 Place to stay 72 Reflexive pronoun
77 Eur. nation 73 “___ Fools”; 1956 film
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79 Nice friend 75 Wanders idly
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83 Place of relief 82 Oriental
85 Actor’s spot 84 Couches
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90 Awry 88 Latin abbr.
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100 Entices 98 City near Salerno, Italy
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104 Reese & others 104 Reese & others
105 1965 Nobel Peace Prize winner 105 1965 Nobel Peace Prize winner
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109 Malmš resident 109 Malmš resident
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12 Nave furniture 37 Paper orderer’s word
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New Names
Chit Chat by Mickey Greene

Some time ago, I told you about a situation wherein Donald Trump was accused of not paying for a fancy chandelier he had put in his estate down in Palm Beach. The company that did the work called him a shameless deadbeat and words to that effect. Now, contractors who’ve done work spiffing up his Atlantic City casino properties are accusing him of the same thing. However, Donald is adamant that it’s not the case. He claims contractors are chomping at the bit to work on his gambling palaces. He puts these rumors down to “jealous enemies.” To that I say, harrumph!

What is it with this guy anyway? Not only has he most famously picked a fight with Rosie O’Donnell, he did the same to Martha Stewart not too long ago. Could it be he’s doing it to shore up the sagging ratings for “The Apprentice?” It’s quite possible. No one can accuse him of being stupid. Me? I put it down to a severe case of egomania!

Hey, and what about that HUMONGOUS American flag he was flying at his estate in Palm Beach? He was asked repeatedly to take it down because it violated some ordinance or something. His response was that he is a patriotic American, and he’ll fly the flag if he wants to - period. Well, that wasn’t the problem. The problem was the size of the thing. People living down there said that when former President Gerald Ford died, the flag couldn’t even be lowered to half-staff. It was kind of three-quarters staff because of its size. See? An egomaniac would probably fly a flag as big as his swelled head!

I’ve always wished we could let the dead rest in peace - but no! People still insist on digging up dirt about President John Kennedy, Jackie Kennedy Onassis, Marilyn Monroe, Princess Di, and on and on. Now there’s a new book out by Nick Redfern titled “Celebrity Secrets: Government Files on the Rich and Famous.”

One of the celebs Redfern discusses is Rock Hudson, who died of AIDS back in the 1980s. According to Redfern, FBI director J. Edgar Hoover was fairly obsessed with Rock’s gay lifestyle. Now that’s funny since there have been reports that Hoover, who never married, liked to dress in women’s clothes in private.

Anyway, according to the book, the FBI had reports on Roy Harold Scherrer, Jr. (Rock’s real name) dating back to the 1950s claiming that the Hollywood hunk who made women’s hearts flutter-flutter wasn’t straight. “FBI agents were clearly in possession of incriminating data on Hudson, including information on a variety of his bedmates, orgies in which he had partaken, and motels where he would conduct his secret affairs,” says Redfern in the book.

However, it was never made public. Still, when Hudson was about to shoot the movie, “A Fine Pair,” with Claudia Cardinale, wherein he’d portray an FBI agent, pressure was put on the movie studio. Instead of playing an FBI guy, the role was changed to an NYPD captain. So, now you know.

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William Frederick "Buffalo Bill" Cody (February 26, 1846 – January 10, 1917) was an American soldier, buffalo hunter and showman. He was born in Iowa, near Le Claire. He was one of the most colorful figures of the Old West. He was mostly famous for (1) "Buffalo Bill's Wild West," a circus-like, cowboy-themed attraction that he founded in 1883. For many years Buffalo Bill and his performers traveled the world to re-enact the riding of the Pony Express, Indian attacks on wagon trains, and stagecoach robberies. Cody claimed to have worked many jobs, including as a trapper, a buffalo hunter, a "Fifty-Niner" in Colorado, a stagecoach driver and (2) a Pony Express rider in 1860. In addition to his documented service as a (3) soldier during the Civil War, Cody served as a Colored, and Chief of Scouts for the Army during the Plains Indian Wars. For this service he received the Congressional Medal of Honor.

William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill) got his nickname for supplying Kansas Pacific Railroad workers with buffalo meat. Buffalo Bill was a rough-hewn outdoorsman, and pushed for the rights of American Indians and women. In addition, despite his history of killing the buffalo, he supported their conservation by speaking out against hide-hunting and pushing for a hunting season.

Many historians claim that, at the turn of the 19th century, Buffalo Bill Cody was the most recognizable celebrity on earth.

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