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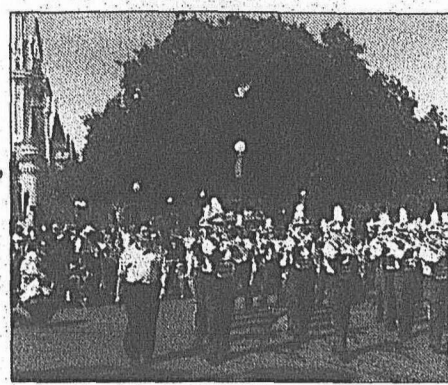
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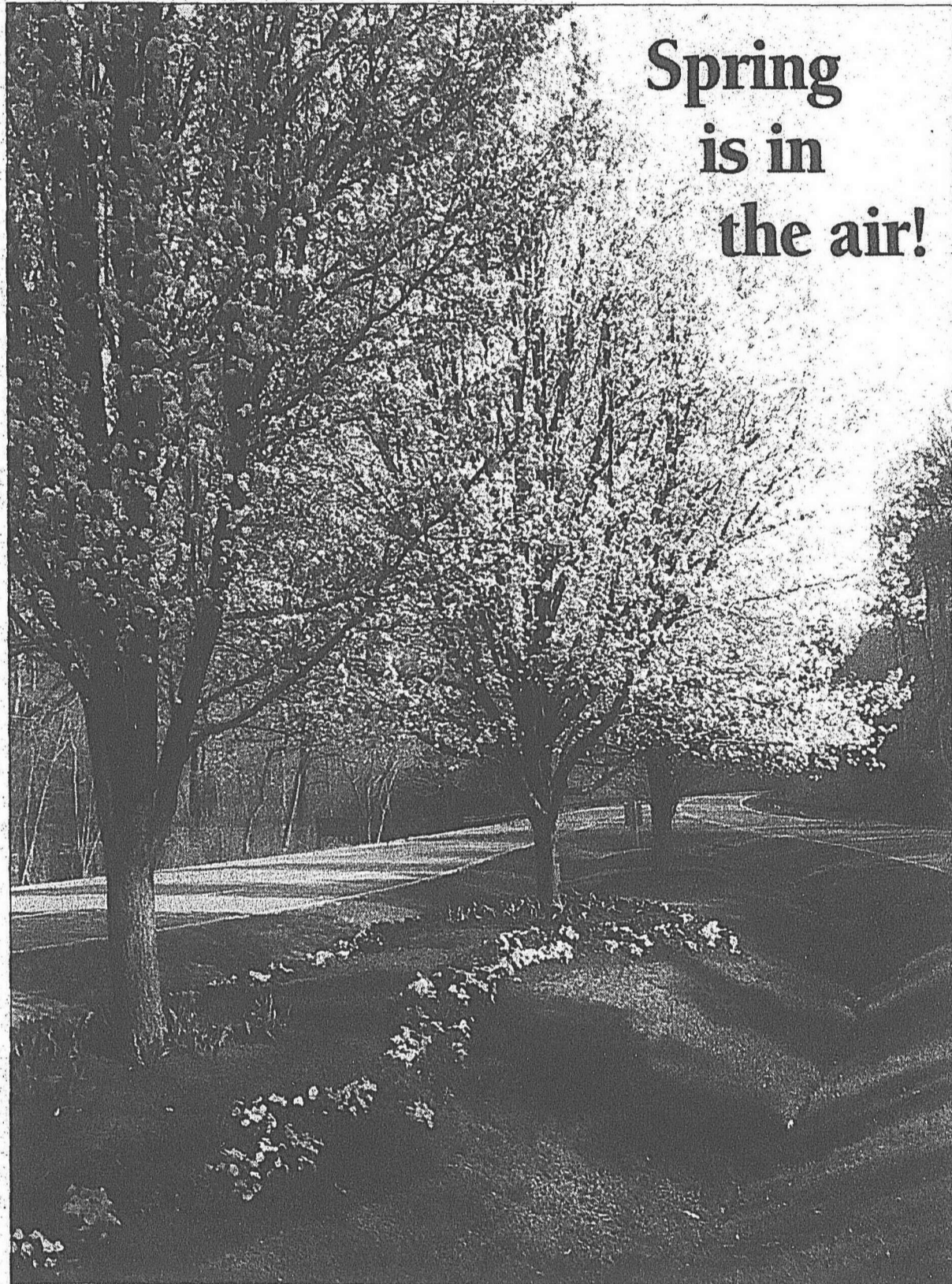


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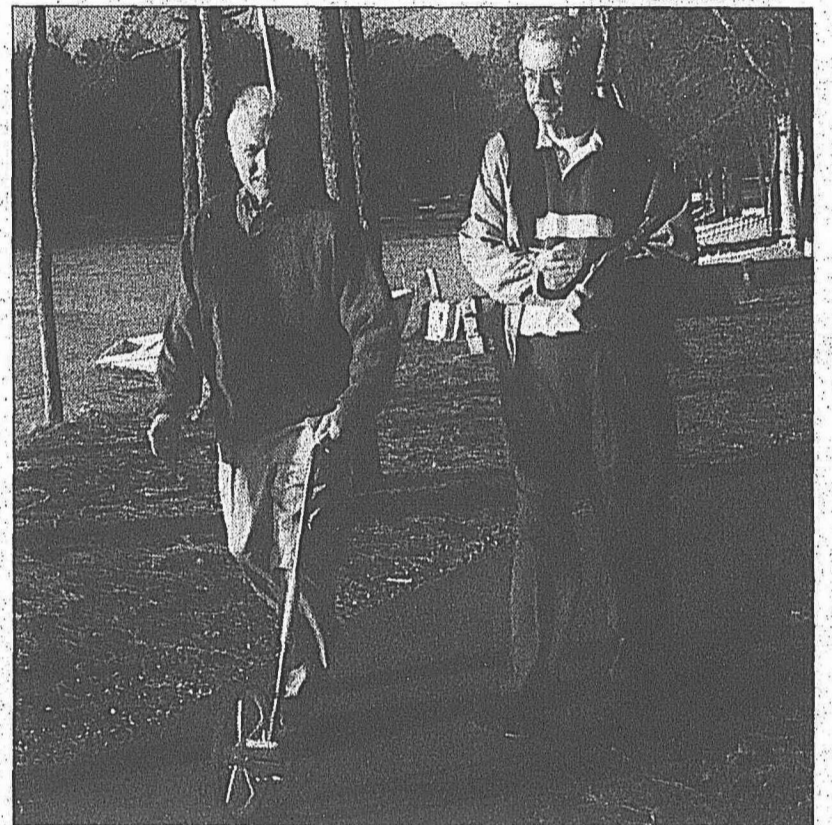


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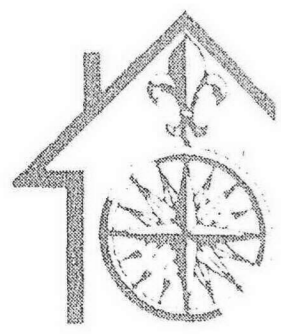
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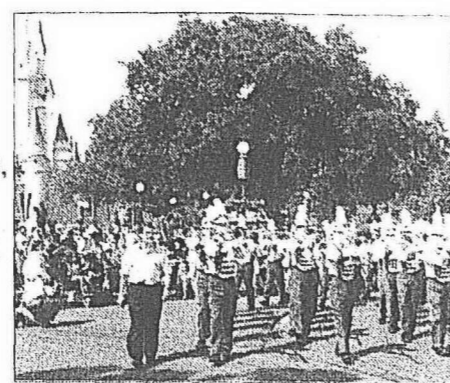
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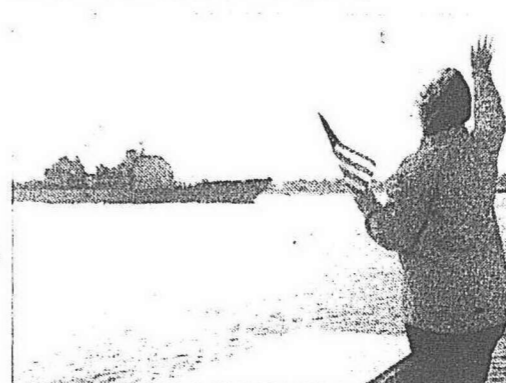
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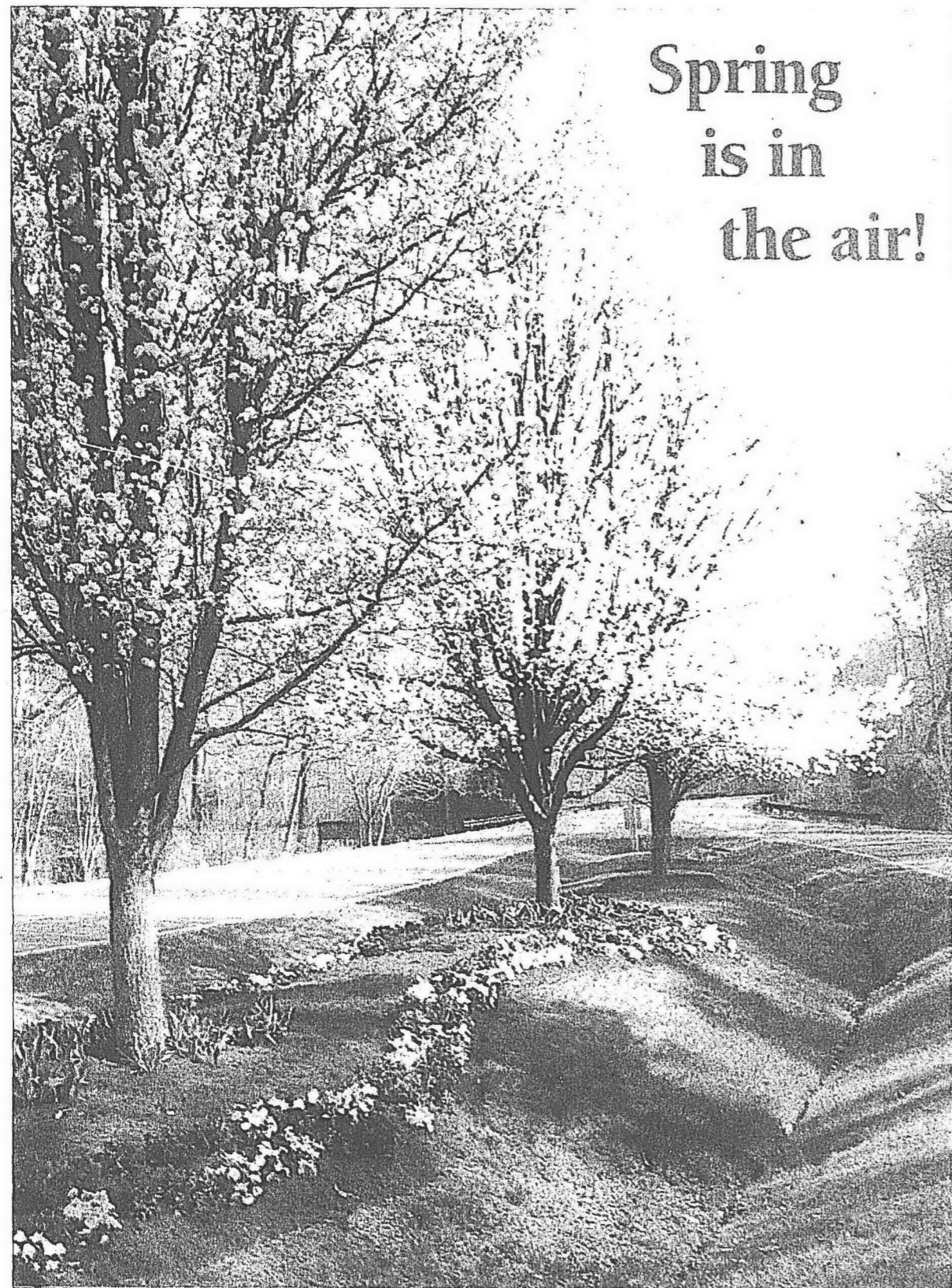


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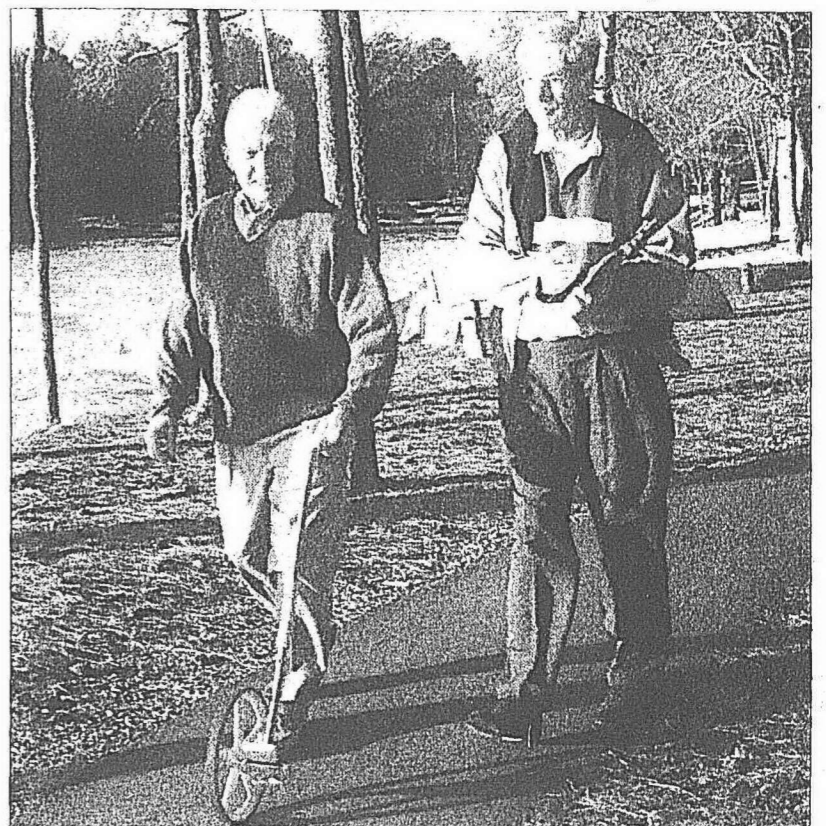


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 Elissa Gellis Mast  
 Kathleen Martin

**WELCOME  
 NEW  
 RESIDENTS**

**BARNE'S SPRING**  
 Charity Jimenez  
**BIRNAM WOODS**  
 Scott & Julie Garner  
**COPPER HILL**  
 Michelle Turner  
**HUNTSBRIDGE**  
 Chad & Elizabeth Preyatte  
**FORTUNE'S RIDGE**  
 Heath & Nancy Smith  
**ROCKPORT LANDING**  
 Niketa & Angela Wharton  
**TANGLEBROOK**  
 Ben & Hillari Buchanan  
**TIMBER RIDGE**  
 Bryan Anderson  
 Danny Dubois  
**TURTLE HILL**  
 Barbara Board  
**WALKER'S FERRY**  
 Kerstin Diegel

**ARB  
 APPROVALS**

Five Springs - new home  
 Old Fox Trail - vinyl siding  
 Poplar Grove - garage  
 Steeple Chase - sunroom/deck

**COVENANT  
 VIOLATIONS**

Courtesy Notices Issued 26  
 Violations Issued 35  
 Hearing Panel Cases 6  
 Disclosure Inspections 25  
 Architectural Applications 10

**UPCOMING  
 BCA EVENTS**

Brandermill Volksmarch  
 Sunday Park  
 April 19, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Pool Painting Party  
 North Beach Pool  
 April 19, 9 a.m.

Annual Meeting & Election  
 Brandermill Woods  
 April 21, 7 p.m.

Swim Team Signups  
 Bullets/BP Mart  
 April 26, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

NRC Meeting  
 Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
 April 29, 7 p.m.  
 Topic: Brandermill Covenants  
 Speaker: Community Standards Director Juli Talty

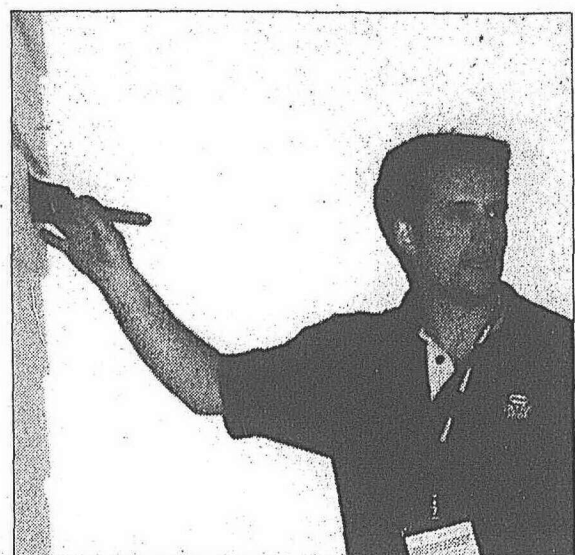
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 The Gardens Pavilion  
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NRC Youth Forum  
 Harbour Pointe Clubhouse  
 May 22, 7 p.m.

**Voice of the people: What did you learn from the BCA home improvement seminars?**



George Vidovich of Home Depot demonstrates painting techniques at the Thumbs up Thursdays.



"I went to all the seminars and they were all interesting. I learned about yard maintenance and grass fertilizers."  
 Jean Flaux  
 Harbour Bluff



"I learned the difference in stains and how to maintain my deck."  
 Angela Wharton  
 Rockport Landing



"My wife and I attended the last two seminars. One of the most important things I learned was the darker the paint, the longer it will last."  
 Niketa Wharton  
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"I attended all five seminars. I learned the differences in vinyl siding."  
 Patrick Murphy  
 Old Fox Trail

**Community Manager requests additional staff**

Complete official minutes are available at the BCA office.

**March 10, 2003**  
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**Community Standards**  
 Community Standards Director Juli Talty prepared an extensive report describing how time is spent and the procedures that take place on a daily basis in the covenants department.

Community Manager Divita is requesting additional staff to assist in covenant enforcement. The 2003 budget calls for one additional staff person in the community standards department by spring.

The board directors request Community Manager Divita produce numbers for costs on space, salaries and how the budget will be affected.

**Motion**  
 A motion to approve a trash program as submitted carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the buffer policy as submitted carried unanimously.

Community Manager Divita commented on striking the following sentence from the buffer policy: "A recent survey of the shoreline indicates approximately 50 percent of the properties are basically in compliance."  
 Director Rayfield stated that the

purpose of the buffer policy was to educate shoreline property owners.

Community Manager Divita discussed the Buffer Policy application procedures:

- Submit application
- Fill out indemnification and sign
- Complete maintenance covenant in regards to the structure, which holds the resident liable, not the BCA.

A motion to support the prohibition of hunting on Swift Creek Reservoir and petition the Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors to adopt an ordinance carried unanimously.

**Manager's Report**  
 Pool repairs have begun and a volunteer day for North Beach Pool cleanup has been scheduled.

**March 24, 2003**  
 The March 24, 2003 meeting of the Brandermill Community Association Board of Directors was held at Brandermill Woods. Directors Giordano, Hughes, Livingston, Martin, Mast, Moldof, and Community Manager Divita were present. Director Rayfield was absent.

**Member Voice**  
 Planter's Wood resident Regina Knapp asked the board to give careful consideration to a request at the county level for a "Conditional Use" permit for a day care operation.

**President's Report**  
 Director Hughes commended volunteers for their great job at the North Beach Pool cleanup. The contractor has sandblasted and tiled the pool.

**Treasurer's Report**  
 Director Livingston said the BCA has received a clean audit report.

**Committee Reports**  
**Activities**  
 Director Moldof reported that 16 were in attendance at the first home improvement program and eight or nine at the second. Those in attendance were very satisfied with the information. The Wine Tasting had 53 in attendance.  
 Mark Smith and Ed Moldof mapped

the trail for the April 19 Volksmarch.

Members of the activities committee met with Debbie Braun to discuss the Fourth of July festivities.

The BranderBelle will begin weekend operations on April 12.

**CRC**  
 Director Mast reported that a combined NRC/CRC meeting is planned for October.

**Landscape**  
 Community Manager Divita reported summer annuals will be planted the third week of April.

**LRPC**  
 Community Manager Divita reported that the committee was looking at covenant issues. Other issues deal with ARB design, property maintenance and policy.

**NAC**  
 Director Moldof said that the Taste of Brandermill is moving ahead. A list of restaurants is being prepared.

**NRC**  
 Stu Dodson said two of the three candidates were present for the March 11 "Meet the Candidates" meeting.

**Pool Committee**  
 Director Martin said the marketing and activities pool sub-committees met. A calendar of activities is being prepared.

The swim team will be donating time and labor to resurface the bleachers at North Beach Pool.

**Day Care Operation**  
 A memo from Community Manager Divita provided background information concerning Brandermill single family covenants and the request for a conditional use permit.

Joni and Howard Roberts of 13304 Farm Crest Court were present concerning the operation of a family day home and her request for a conditional use permit from Chesterfield County. The family day home has been licensed since 1996.

BCA legal counsel considers  
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**BCA Finance Committee is in need of new members**

The BCA Finance Committee is a permanent standing committee of the BCA and it is in need of additional committee members. Current committee members include: Chairman Tom Herr, Nery Fiaux, Pam Chanfrau, Ron Voli and BCA Treasurer Jason Livingston.

The Finance Committee assists the treasurer and community manager and acts in an advisory capacity to the board.

The committee meets periodically to address and review the following:

- Review and make recommendations to the board on overall financial policy.
- Assist the treasurer and board in selection of the auditor and make a final recommendation to the board. Meet with the auditor prior to the audit and provide direction as applicable.
- Review and make recommendations to the board pertaining to the proposed annual operating and capital budgets, including annual assessment rates.
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tions for the BCA Financial Model and annual capital projects schedule.

• Periodically review the association's investment policy with the treasurer and community manager, and make recommendations to the board. The chair of the Finance Committee is a member of the association's Investment Committee.

• Review the annual audit prior to the auditor's presentation to the board.

• Review the quarterly financial statement and variance report.

• Review unbudgeted capital or unusual operating expenditures of the association and counsel with the board on the financial impact.

• In coordination with the Community Manager, conduct reviews of the association's insurance coverages and risk management program at least every three years and make recommendations to the board.

Anyone who has a strong interest or experience in financial issues is encouraged to call the BCA at 744-1035. The staff will direct interested people to committee members.

**Brandermill Pool Membership Cards**

**Photo ID Schedule**  
 Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Monday & Wednesday evenings until May 28 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
 Saturdays May 10, 17, 24 and 31 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Pick up at the BCA Office**

- New member photo ID cards
  - 2003 stickers for renewing members
  - Gift card for early registrants
- Lost cards replaced for \$2 fee.

**VOLUNTEERS:**

**Please Pitch In!**

**North Beach Pool  
 Painting Party**

**Saturday  
 April 19 • 9 a.m.**

**Covenant violation notices follow a timeline**

We often are asked, "I phoned in a complaint about my neighbor's property two weeks ago and nothing has changed. Why aren't you doing anything about this situation?"

The covenant enforcement staff investigates complaints received in the office as well as inspects neighborhoods on a regular basis looking for violations.

Two forms of communication with residents are used.

For minor violations such as painting a mailbox or removing a trailer from a property, a courtesy notice is usually left in the paper chute of the mailbox. The courtesy notice lists the violation and a compliance date. If the violation is not corrected, a formal violation letter is issued.

Violation letters are also used for more serious violations or in the case of multiple violations.

The timeline for a typical case is as follows:

- May 1 - courtesy notice for 123 Brandermill Street regarding an unscreened propane tank.
- May 20 - deadline for compliance.
- May 25 - the property is re-visited and if the work has not been completed, a violation letter is sent with a June 20 deadline.
- June 25 - the property is inspected again and the propane tank remains unscreened.
- July 9 - certified and first class letters are mailed referring the prob-

lem to the BCA Hearing Panel.  
 • July 23 - the property is again inspected and photos are taken. A case history is prepared.

• July 23 - the Hearing Panel meets but the resident is not present and has not contacted the office.

The Hearing Panel votes to extend the deadline to August 15 and notes that after that date, violation charges will begin to accrue on the property at \$5 per day for a maximum of 90 days.

According to state law, violation charges can be charged up to \$10 per day for 90 days for an ongoing violation or \$50 for a one-time occurrence.

• July 24 - certified and first class

letters are mailed to the resident noting the new deadline and explaining the charges.

• August 15 - extended deadline for compliance.

• August 20 - The property is inspected again and the work still is not completed. Charges are then assessed against the property retroactive to the Hearing Panel meeting date.

• The charges are treated as assessments and are turned over to a collection attorney in the event of nonpayment.

• If the collection process is not successful, the BCA Board of Directors may decide to pursue the matter in District Court.

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Julann Talty



**The Village Mill**

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**BCA Calendar of Events**  
 ★★★★★★ 2003 ★★★★★★

- ★ April 19 Sunday Park Pavilion Volksmarch/5k & 10k 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ★ May 14 The Gardens Pavilion Silent Movie/Jazz Combo 8 p.m.
- ★ June 15 The Gardens Pavilion Richmond Philharmonic 6 p.m.
- ★ July 4 SCMS & Sunday Park Parade, Picnic & Fireworks 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. • 9:15 p.m.
- ★ July 23 The Gardens Pavilion SPARC Performance 7 p.m.
- ★ Sept. 27 Sunday Park Arts & Crafts Show 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 22 Harbour Pointe Clubhouse Newcomers Reception 7 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 29 Harbour Pointe Clubhouse Volunteer Reception 6:30 p.m.
- ★ Oct. 31 Market Square Tots Halloween Fest 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- ★ Dec. 7 The Gardens Pavilion Holiday Choral Concert 4 p.m.
- ★ Dec. 7 & 8 Brandermill Holiday House Judging 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

# North Beach Pool will shine again



Photo by Eric Johnson

The cleanup crew makes great progress at North Beach Pool.

An enthusiastic group of volunteers spent a beautiful Saturday morning on March 22 helping prepare North Beach Pool for the 2003 swimming season. The volunteers raked leaves, pruned shrubbery, pulled weeds, briars, and invasive vines, and performed a general cleanup, setting the stage for North Beach Pool's return to its former glory.

"It was truly a wonderful community effort by some of Brandermill's finest volunteers," BCA Pool Committee member Buddy Whitfield said. "Thanks go to all of those who worked so hard."

Two more pre-opening activities are planned at North Beach Pool. First, the bleachers will be covered with new surface material. Joe Savarie, presi-

dent of the Brandermill Swim Team, will lead this effort.

Second, the building will be painted on two weekends in April. The first paint party is scheduled for April 19.

A volunteer team is being assembled for painting. Those who would like to help, please call the BCA office at 744-1035.

# The BranderBelle begins cruising this month

She's back! The BranderBelle is ready for a long season of cruises on the reservoir. During the winter, she was retrofitted with new safety gear, the pontoons were polished and minor repairs were made. The BranderBelle now sports an AM/FM/CD player for your listening pleasure as you cruise the reservoir.

Beginning April 12, we will sail from Sunday Park on weekends only. Beginning May 1, we will operate every day through October 31 from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Members can enjoy longer cruises this year by booking cruises of one and one-half hours or two hours. (See ad on page 3 for rates.)

Fees for the boat are \$37.50 for one and one-half hours and \$50 for two hours. The boat accommodates 14 passengers and is operated by trained captains.

Reservations must be paid for one week in advance at the BCA office.

For more information, call Dena Sindelir at 744-1035 x 104.

### Boat registration

It is boat registration time again and renewal letters have been mailed to all registered boaters. All boats and other watercraft, including sailboats, canoes, kayaks, jon boats, paddle boats, pontoon boats, windsurfers and

inflatables must be registered. Only boats registered with the BCA may be launched from BCA property, including Sunday Park, The Landing, Harbour Pointe and Waterside Park.

### Boat Ramps and Parking

The fish are biting and the weather is warming. This brings fishermen to the reservoir. The boat ramps at Sunday Park and the Landing at Commodore Point are for use of BCA members and their guests only. Boats launched from these locations and all BCA property must be registered with the BCA and the registration stickers must be affixed on the bow of the boat. Unregistered boats will not be allowed to launch.

BCA members must obtain day passes for their guests at the BCA office or the Sailing Center, when open for the season. No weekly, monthly or seasonal passes are available.

The Sailing Center parking area is shared by all BCA members and is limited. In fairness to association

members, trailers must be parked in the overflow parking lot. Parking permits are issued when you register your boat and trailer and must be displayed when you park at Sunday Park or The Landing. Owners of vehicles without parking permits are reported as trespassers to the Chesterfield County Police Department.

### Brandermill Sailing Center

We will be back on duty at the sailing center at the end of May. Sailboats, canoes, kayaks, Jon boats with or without motors and pedal boats may be rented by association members.

### Brandermill Sailing Club

The Brandermill Sailing Club (BSC) will be conducting sailing lessons during the last two weeks of June and into July. Lessons and memberships are available to BCA members and non-members alike. If you or your kids want to sail on the reservoir, this is an excellent opportunity to learn the fundamentals of sailing.

During the season, the BSC will be racing on scheduled Saturdays. Sailing Club members are always looking for crews to share in the fun. If you are interested in this activity, please call Jim Willson at 744-9147 for more information.

Until next time, we wish you fair winds.

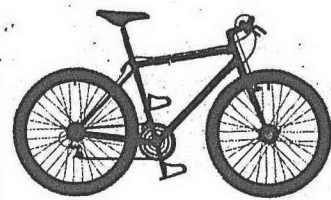
## Thank You Pool Cleanup Volunteers

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Jerry & Kathy Hall & Family  
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Mark Nelson  
Stephanie Nelson  
Brenda Nantz  
Tom Schneider  
Linda Wine  
Joe Coffey  
Dave Jussen  
Terry/Hamlin  
John Hughes  
Kathleen Martin

## A Friendly Reminder:

Bike Trails are for the sole use of bicycles & pedestrians.



Please do not use the trails for access to properties by trucks or cars. It disturbs the maintained shoulders.

## BRANDERMILL Community Association, Inc.

### Proxy/Ballot for Annual Meeting of the Members • Monday, April 21, 2003

Number of authorized votes per vacancy: 2  
2 Votes per vacancy x 2 vacancies: 4 Total Votes

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The proxy/ballot MUST BE SIGNED. Only one person needs to sign the proxy. An unsigned proxy will void the entire proxy/ballot. The number of votes to which you are entitled has been calculated for you based on the property or properties you owned as of March 1, 2003.

- There are 2 director positions to be filled.
- You may spread your 4 total votes among more than 2 candidates. However, NO ONE candidate may receive more than 2 votes.
- Please record the number of votes you wish to cast for the candidates below.

Use ONLY NUMBERS on candidate votes.

Use X or V ONLY on referendum vote.

Anthony (Tony) Giordano  John W. Hughes  Bennie L. Torian, I  Write-in Candidate

Yes  No REFERENDUM: To approve the deferral of any excess revenue to be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessment as provided by Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Ruling 70-604.

"Resolved that any operating revenues over operating expenses for the years ending December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2002 shall be applied against the subsequent tax year member assessment as provided by IRS Ruling 70-604."  
(NOTE: Approval of this Resolution is needed to prevent being taxed by the IRS on any surplus income.)

Sample Ballot

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The proxy/ballot must be signed.

The above signed hereby appoints the BCA Board of Directors, the attorneys and proxies of the above signed to vote in the manner indicated above and in their discretion, on all matters properly coming before the meeting of the members of the Brandermill Community Association, Inc., on Monday, April 21, 2003 at 7 p.m. at Brandermill Woods and any adjournment of such meeting and hereby revokes any proxy heretofore given. Please mail your proxy/ballot in the blue envelope provided or deliver to Brandermill Community Association, 3001 East Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, Va. 23112, no later than 5 p.m. on April 21, 2003. The polls will be closed during the Annual Meeting on April 21, 2003.  
Please mail or deliver your proxy/ballot whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

## Brander Belle



Reservations must be paid one week in advance at the BCA office. Most credit cards are accepted.  
\$37.50/1.5 hours \$50/2 hours Capacity - 14 (includes captain)

### Brandermill Sailing Center Opens Soon!

Open May 1 through October 31  
Thursday through Sunday and holidays 1-7 p.m., weather permitting.  
Boats must be returned by 7 p.m.

#### RENTAL RATES

Paddle Boat	\$10/hour
Sailboat, Canoe, Kayak, Jon Boat	\$20/2 hour
	\$10/extra hour
	\$35/all day
Motor & Battery	\$10/2 hour
	\$5/extra hour
	\$15/all day
Security Deposit	\$50

In order to rent a boat, one must be a Brandermill Community Association member or tenant at least 18 years of age. A member must be proficient at sailing to rent a sailboat. Personal flotation devices are required for each occupant. The member who signs the rental form is responsible for all damaged or lost equipment. In addition to boat rentals, residents may obtain boat registrations and passes for guest boat launching at the Brandermill Sailing Center (744-7649) or the BCA (744-1035).

Pontoon Boat reservations are accepted only at the BCA office.



## Calling All Men, Women & Children! (& dogs on leashes)

### Join Brandermill's First Volksmarch

a noncompetitive 5k or 10k walk along Brandermill's scenic trails

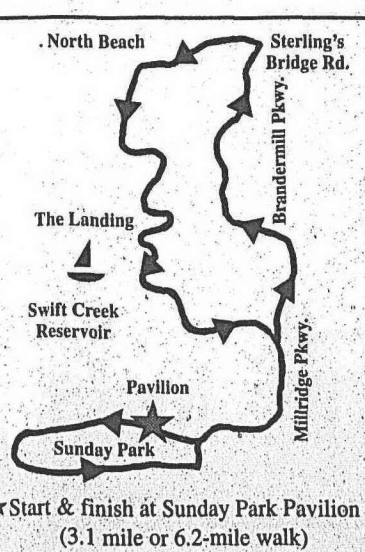
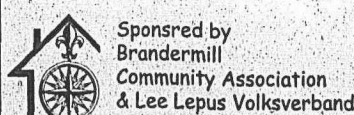
Saturday, April 19 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Kick off from Sunday Park Pavilion 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Walk at your own pace, picnic & sightsee along the way.

It's Fun, Healthy & Free!

Volksmarch Patch  
\$6 before April 16,  
\$7 at event

Registration forms are at the BCA. 744-1035



## Join Brandermill Pools

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Please send registration & payment to:  
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## Support group helps those searching for a new job

By Fred Norman & Gayle Walters  
Club Correspondents

The Brandermill Rotary Club has teamed with The Brandermill Church to offer a support group "Transitions" for those who have found themselves jobless or displaced due to company downsizing or who are just looking for a new career.

Tom Earle who has lead such a group before, heads up the program, helping people develop resumés and hone interviewing skills. Rotary members will attend meetings, give a short talk about their job qualifications and experiences and will be on hand to assist attendees. The Sunday evening meetings are open to the public and will run through the summer months at The Brandermill Church conference room at 6 p.m. For more information on this program email Tom Earle at tearle@comcast.net or Gayle Walters at gayle@gayleandcompany.com or call Walters at 744-8100, ext. 12.

### Regular Rotary Meetings

The Brandermill Rotary Club meets at Taylor's Restaurant in Market Square every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Judge Michael Allen and Judge Jerry Hendricks of the Chesterfield County Drug Courts will speak at the April 17 meeting.

Tom Davidson will discuss "Managing Generation Gaps in the Workplace" on April 24. Robert Bullard will present "Managing the Impression You Leave on Others" on May 1, and Dr. Richard Coughlan will talk on "Ethical Dilemmas in the Workplace" on May 8.

For more information about The Brandermill Rotary Club please call Fred Norman at 690-1497 or email Norman at CVConline.net.

## Volksmarch

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be stamped at control points along the route.

Hard candy will be available at control points as well as water for participants and their dogs.

The Brandermill Volksmarch is free.

Participants who would like a memento of their walk, can buy an official Volksmarch patch that can be sewn on a jacket or framed. The cost is \$6 for those who register by mail by April 16 and \$7 after that date. Registration forms are available at the BCA office.

For more information, please e-mail Mark Smith at smithfamily3@juno.com or call 744-2747.

During the Volksmarch, participants can go as fast or slow as they wish. They can run or power walk to benefit from aerobic exercise. At a very easy pace, it takes most people about two and one-half hours to cover the course. Power walkers and experienced volksmarchers might complete the course in an hour and one-half or less.

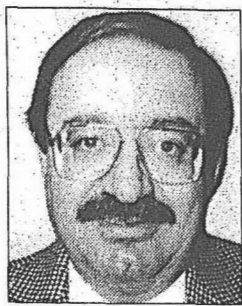
Participants may stop, picnic, and sightsee along the way.

The American Volkssport Association (AVA), a network of 365-plus walking clubs, organizes more than 3,000 walking events per year in the United States.

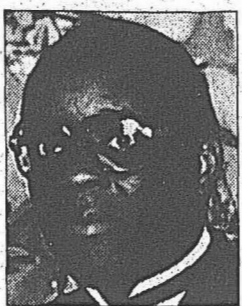
## Meet the candidates



Anthony Giordano



John W. Hughes



Bennie L. Torian

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groups in the community who make their needs known to the board members. It is a two-way street," said Giordano. "Anyone who comes to a board meeting will have a pretty good idea of how I stand on an issue."

Hughes said that the board uses The Village Mill, town meetings and the web page to communicate with residents.

Residents are reminded to cast their votes in the election by 5 p.m., April 21.

## Parents push for two high schools

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and playing fields and facilities now.

One parent did not feel that the board had enough foresight into the projected growth within the county. She said that in a few years, "after the opening of the new school(s) we will probably be dealing with the same overcrowding issue." Another parent felt that it was too easy for children to get "lost" in a large school. She added, "We are already dealing with suicides and vandalism involving our children."

Chesterfield County School Board Member Diane Petite asked the parents to consider the shared facilities

such as the county library and/or senior center. "Sixty percent of Chesterfield County's population does not have children in school," says Petite. "We would need them to pass a bond referendum and this would offer them something."

Last year the school board had considered other ways to relieve overcrowding at CHHS. One of the recommendations was to move the math science program to a different school. This idea received great opposition from parents and students. However, because the board's vision calls for preparing more students for future work in mathematics, science and en-

gineering, it is investigating expanding the program at a second school site.

The board also confirmed the 2003-2004 school calendar. Three additional instructional days have been added to the calendar, extending the school year to June 17. This decision gives the board more choices in dealing with student make-up days in the event of inclement weather.

The board addressed middle school growth at its March 28 workshop. Plans include converting CHHS to a middle school, which would help relieve the overcrowding at Swift Creek Middle School.

## Mothers & More just want a little respect

Are you searching for something more meaningful to give mom for Mother's Day? How about respect, support, intellectual stimulation and friendship?

"Flowers and candy are nice, but mothers need more than one day of support and recognition a year," says Debbie Amos, co-leader of the Southside Richmond Chapter of Mothers & More, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. She says, "The Southside Richmond chapter offers area mothers evening meetings

without children, focused on topical discussions relating to mothers' lives as women, parents and individuals, as well as activities such as Moms' Night Out, playgroups, family events and more."

"The chapter is extending an invitation to all mothers this Mother's Day to join Mothers & More."

Whatever a mother's interest, Mothers & More has something for her.

For more information on the group or to join the Southside Richmond chapter, please call Betsy at 560-5291 or visit www.mothersandmore.org.

## Brandermill Woman's Club members will take a cruise in Northern Virginia

By Ann H. Gatz  
Club Correspondent

The Brandermill Woman's Club will hold its end of the year boat installation for 2003-2004 officers on a lovely boat cruise in Northern Virginia on May 14.

The luncheon and meeting will be on "The Nina's Dandy." The May event, with round-trip motor coach

transportation from Brandermill, will also include a guided tour of Old Town Alexandria.

The bus will depart from Market Square at 9 a.m. and will return by 6 p.m.

The cost for this special day is \$74 per person and some spaces are still available. Those interested in going on the cruise should call Helen Hibbard at 739-4076 as soon as possible.

## Resident questions funding of swim coach salary

Editor:

I just finished reading the minutes from the last BCA board meeting concerning the vote cast against the community supporting the swim team and coach fees. Director Rayfield however, is asking the board to reconsider its decision on this issue. This has gotten to be a bad habit in Brandermill. Take a vote then take it again until you get the right outcome.

Since the BCA is now looking at paying for a swim youth sport program and coaches for some of the kids in the community, I would like directors Rayfield and Martin to ask my neighbors to pay for my kid's ice hockey coach and ice time. I realize this water is frozen, however just because we didn't choose swimming as our sport, we shouldn't be prevented from holding our hand out to the community, too. Come to think of it, my neighborhood is full of soccer and baseball players who would appreciate the community pitching in and paying their coaches and fees as well. Most all of these sports use volunteer coaches and the participants pay their own way but heck, if we can do it for one sport why not for all sports our kids play in Brandermill?

I have a suggestion for Directors

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Rayfield and Martin.

If you want to have swim youth sports teams that are well coached in Brandermill, tell the participants and their families to open

up their checkbooks and pay like the rest of us do. The community has already provided the pools and this issue has already been voted down.

Sincerely,  
Jane Curley  
Nuttree Woods

Letters to the Editor do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the BCA Board and staff.

Letters may be e-mailed to bcavm@erols.com or mailed to The Village Mill, 3001 E. Boundary Terrace, Midlothian, VA 23112.

Letters must be signed.

## Outstanding youth and adults will receive awards at county ceremony

Chesterfield County 20th Annual Youth Awards ceremony will be held at L.C. Bird High School on May 8, at 7 p.m. The awards are presented to a county youth and an adult who works with youths, for their courage, compassion, fortitude, sensitivity and service to school or community.

This year there are 36 nominated youths and 11 adults. All of the nominees will be recognized at the ceremony. NBC12 News Reporter Diane Walker will be the keynote speaker.



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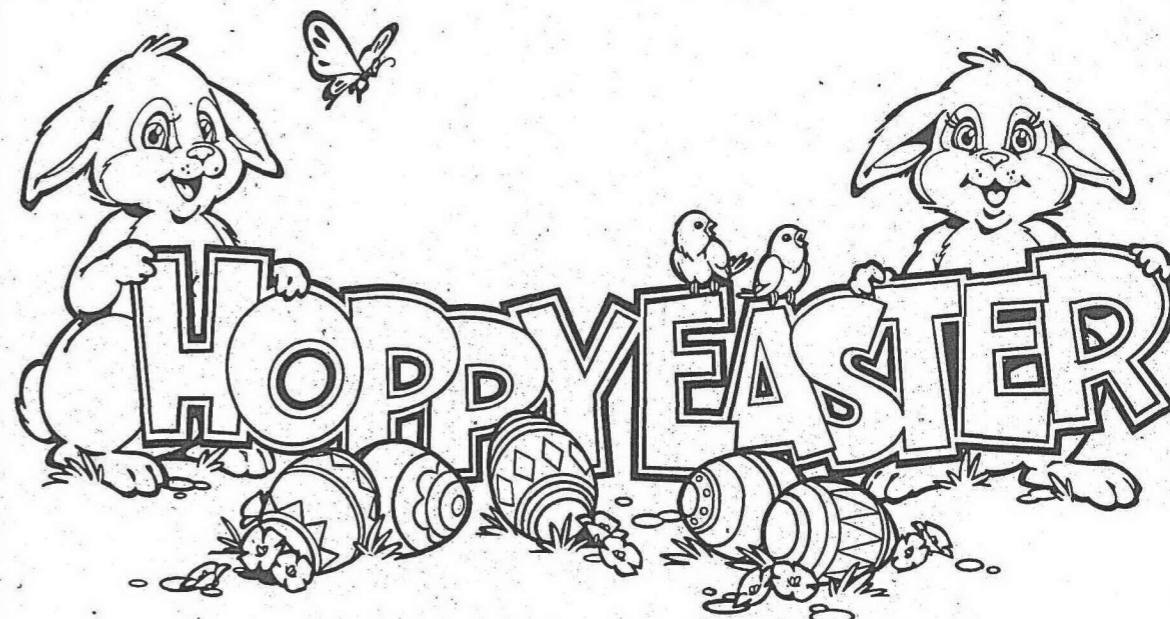


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\$13.95 Adults • \$.65 per age of kids

Enjoy the sounds of George Turman & Jackie Frost Trio  
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### Brunch Menu

- Scrambled Eggs • Hash Browns • Baked Apples
- Sausage Gravy & Biscuits • Bacon & Sausage
- Lasagna • Creamed Spinach • Rice Pilaf
- Seafood Newburg • Carved Steamship of Beef
- Carved Honey Ham • Fresh Fruit
- Belgium Waffles • Strawberries
- Donuts & Bagels

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Reservations accepted at 9 a.m. for all size parties.  
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**ELEMENT**  
Petersburg's Colonial Honda

## Ret. Lt. Col. traces history of religious conflicts

By Chan Moulton  
Club Correspondent

Members of the Brandermill Retired Men's Club were pleased to have as their speaker retired Lieutenant Colonel John Lemza who spoke on the history of the Islamic/Christian conflict. A West Point graduate, Lemza spent eight years in Europe and Korea, worked at the Pentagon in the office of the chief of staff, and is currently obtaining a master's degree in history from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Lemza traced the origins of the Christian and Muslim faiths to 2050 B.C. and the family of Abraham, his wife Sarah, and their sons Ishmael and Isaac. "All the tribes of Israel generated from Isaac, while the Arab tribes stemmed from Ishmael," explained Lemza. "By A.D. 314, a great Christian civilization had grown up around the Mediterranean due primarily to the efforts of the Roman Emperor Constantine who converted to Christianity."

By A.D. 610, Christianity had evolved into many sects that were often hostile to one another. There were frequent clashes between the Muslims

and the Christians. Muslims invaded and occupied Spain from A.D. 714 to A.D. 1492. The Crusades were conducted in Spain and the Holy Land from A.D. 1095 to A.D. 1291.

By A.D. 1300, the Ottoman Empire emerged and ruled large denominations of Muslims in Asia, Africa and Europe until the Germans and Austrians were defeated in World War I.

Well into the 20th century, the major powers of Western Europe — Britain, France and Germany — were establishing colonies in Africa and Asia. During this period the standards of the eastern Muslim world were declining. Early in the 1900s a Muslim movement, later referred to as the Islamic Congress, began to teach children fundamentals of the Muslim faith. A militant splinter group of the Congress split off in 1960 and became the PLO.

Recent Muslim activities include the Islamic coup in Pakistan in the 70s; the casting off of Western ideals and cultures in Iran by the Khomeini regime; the Lebanon civil war; the Balkan clashes; and past and present clashes with Iraq.

"The most radical response in these situations is military action," says Lemza. "A more desirable option

would be improved communication and peaceful resolution of differences. This would require student, technological, and military exchange programs."

Lemza suggested that the United States government should appeal to reformed Muslim countries, such as Turkey, to assist in educating radical fundamentalists and that through Western agencies, the government should give high priority to supplying the needs of poorer countries with large Muslim populations.

**Upcoming BRMC Meetings**  
The speaker for the May 1 meeting will be Weegie Thompson. Thompson was an all-state football player for Midlothian High School, played for Florida State and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The June 5 speaker will be Stuart Ashby, manager of the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs. Ashby will speak on consumer fraud, specifically against senior citizens.

The BRMC meets at The Brandermill Church on the first Thursday of every month at 10 a.m.

For more information about joining the BRMC, please call Ed Moldof at 763-3285.

## War casualties increase need for blood donations

In order to meet Central Virginia patient's needs, including any military personnel being treated at the McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center, as well as meet military supply obligations, Central Virginians will need to donate more blood.

Wounded soldiers rely on blood products for treatment of head, neck and spinal injuries, burns, and for cardiovascular and orthopedic surgeries. Blood must be typed and cross-matched to be available for casualties of war.

Should military blood needs be greater than its reserves, and the agreement between blood centers like Virginia Blood Services and the U.S. Department of Defense be activated, VBS will be required to send blood from Central Virginia to designated blood centers in the country in support of the war effort. It is unknown how much blood will be required to fulfill military needs.

For more information, please call 359-5100 or visit [www.vablood.org](http://www.vablood.org).

## Troops Salute

Airman Jarrod Kirchoff is serving aboard the USS Bataan as a member of the Amphibious Assault Task Force. The USS Bataan was deployed to the Middle East in January.



Kirchoff enlisted in the Navy in April 2002. He received basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station, attended basic aviation

school in Pensacola and received advanced training in San Diego. Kirchoff grew up in Brandermill. He is the son of Carol Kirchoff of Poplar Grove and Jerry Kirchoff of Nashville, Tenn.

Airman Brian Talty is based based at Sigonella Naval Air Station in Sicily. Talty is a member of HC-4, the Black Stallions, a heavy lift helicopter combat support squadron. HC-4 provides direct fleet support to U.S. operations in the Mediterranean and the Middle East.

Talty joined the Navy on October 1, 2001 and was assigned to Sigonella in February 2002. He is the son of Frank and Juli Talty of Stoney Ridge.



If you would like to salute a Brandermill resident or relative serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, please send the information and a photo to [bcavm@erols.com](mailto:bcavm@erols.com) or drop off at The Village Mill.

## Meals on Wheels is good for recipients and drivers as well

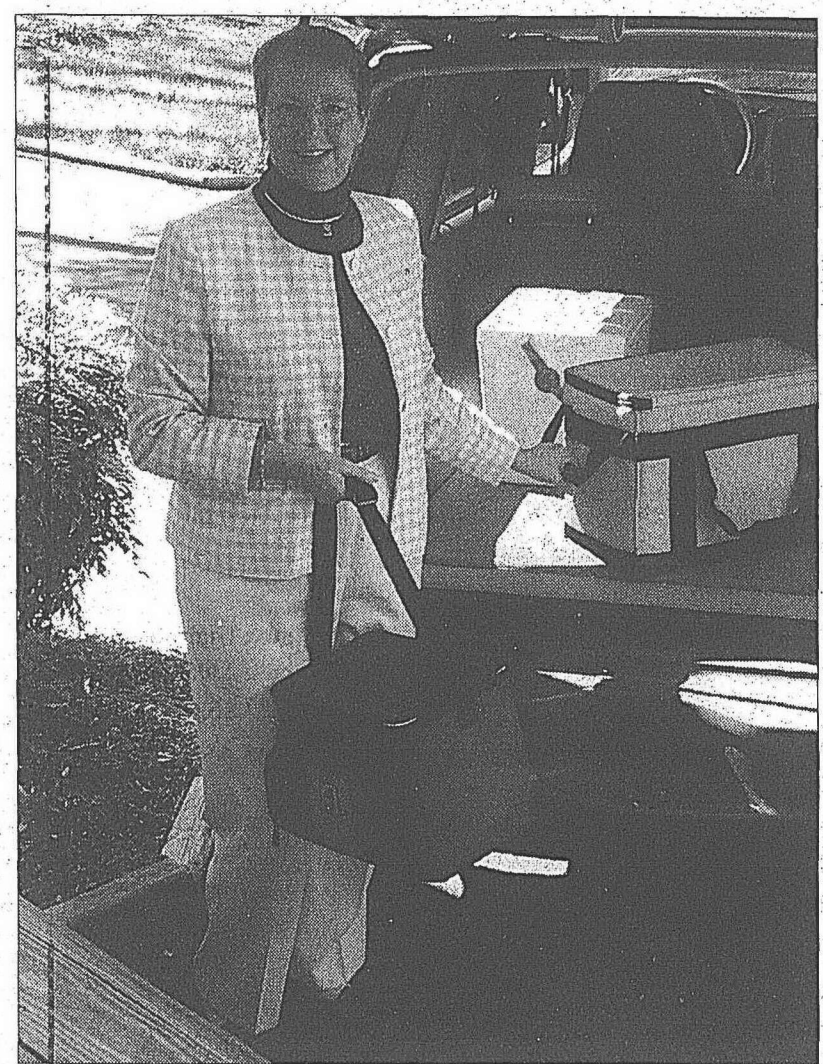


Photo by Randi Gellis

Barbara Wagner says delivering meals brightens her day.

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

Brandermill and other area residents are stepping up to the culinary plate to deliver nourishing meals to their elderly, disabled and homebound neighbors, and they need your help. Meals on Wheels of Greater Richmond, Inc. needs volunteers to deliver meals in Brandermill and surrounding areas each month on any Tuesday, the third Wednesday, or the first or third Friday.

"A lot of people believe that they have to volunteer once a week or that it takes all day long, but the commitment is only for once a month," said Jean Garris, Meals on Wheels field operations manager. "We've taken all the work out of it. You just select a day, show up and drive your own vehicle."

Meals on Wheels deliveries are made each day between 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m., so the time commitment is minimal. While Meals on Wheels asks for volunteers to commit to deliver meals only once a month, many volunteers choose to run routes more often.

Volunteers pick up meals for the Brandermill route at Ramsey Memorial United Methodist Church on Hull Street Road. Meals on Wheels provides coolers, which must be returned at the end of the route, to transport the food, or volunteers can use two 36 to

40-quart coolers of their own to deliver the hot and cold food items.

"It's a good feeling that I've helped someone in need," said Barbara Wagner of Spring Gate. Wagner has delivered meals to area residents for the last three years. "It helps me to brighten their day, but they also brighten my day because they're so appreciative," Wagner shared.

The level of interaction between volunteers and meal recipients varies. "Some just want you to deliver their meal," said Lee Draper of Woodlake. "Others invite volunteers into their home for a chat or ask for help in setting the table," she said.

"I usually try to spend a few minutes with each one of them to check on their well being," added Wagner. "They're always tickled to see someone and to get their food."

Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver daily meals to residents who cannot shop or prepare meals for themselves. Every day, over 150 volunteers — many of whom are retirees and stay-at-home parents — from across the region deliver hot and nutritious meals to more than 650 homebound residents in the City of Richmond and the Counties of Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, New Kent, Charles City, Powhatan and Chesterfield.

For more information on volunteer opportunities with Meals on Wheels in the Brandermill area, call Garris at 673-5035 ext. 25.

### Community Manager

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traffic the issue in reference to the first two sentences in Part II of Brandermill's Single Family Covenants. Chesterfield County does not want to issue the conditional use permit without the approval of Brandermill Community Association.

Issues of concern to the board were traffic; the setting of a precedent; and is it a business with BCA Board approval. It was suggested that the focus should be on the covenants and the wording. Director Giordano stated he was not in support of the family day home considering the spirit in which the covenants were written regarding residential property. Giordano also asked if the original zoning allowed for this. The decision was made to move this to the April 7 agenda.

**J.B. Campbell Property**  
Community Manager Divita reported the only advantage of accepting the land, would be environmental stewardship over the area and additional protection of the reservoir. Any costs involved in the acceptance of the property will be paid by Campbell.

**Manager's Report**  
Divita is waiting for bids on expansion of office space before proceeding with additional covenant staff.

A pool recreation director has been hired. Pool furniture has been ordered. Annual election packets have been mailed.

Refinancing with First Market Bank has closed and a line of credit has been obtained. Negotiations are in progress with Southern Community Bank & Trust to change line of credit payments from 20 to 10 years.

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# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

By Angela Lehman Rios  
Special Correspondent

Blue ribbons worn on outfits in April are a gentle reminder of a not-so-gentle issue. Twenty years ago, April was designated Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation to raise awareness about the problem of child abuse. The blue ribbon symbol was created in 1989 by Bonnie Finney of Norfolk, whose grandson died from abuse. Wearing a blue ribbon shows support of children and families and helps the wearer remember the victims of child abuse and neglect.

The theme for Child Abuse Prevention month this year is "Remember the Five Rs of Prevention." The Virginia Coalition for Child Abuse Prevention, comprised of 20 public and private agencies, has listed five steps to help prevent abuse.

**1. Remember the risk factors.** These can include family economic problems, physical or mental health issues, or substance abuse. Also, parents who are isolated from their families and communities or have had an abusive childhood themselves are at risk for becoming abusive.

**2. Recognize the warning signs of abuse.** A child's sudden change in behavior indicates you should be alert for other signs, which may include nervousness around adults, inability to concentrate, and difficulty playing. Physically abused children may have injuries which they won't explain or which don't seem to fit the explanation given.

Children who are neglected or emotionally or sexually abused may exhibit other warning signs.

**3. Report suspected abuse or neglect.** If a warning sign is observed repeatedly or in combination with other signs, people should call the Department of Social Services in the community where the child lives and speak to someone in Child Protective Services. In Chesterfield County, that number is 748-1100.

**4. Raise the issue through education.** Learning positive parenting skills and how to deal with stress in your own family is a first step. It is also effective to educate others in your community about child abuse and to become an advocate for family support and other prevention programs.

**5. Reach out to support children and parents.** If some risk factors associated with child abuse can be alleviated, abuse may be stopped before it starts. You can listen when parents need to talk about concerns, or offer to attend parenting classes with new parents.

Some families under financial stress may appreciate donations of clothing, furniture, toys or babysitting assistance.

More information about child abuse and the toll it takes on Virginia's children is available from Prevent Child Abuse Virginia at 1-800-CHILDREN. Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Greater Richmond also has information and volunteer opportunities at [www.grscan.com](http://www.grscan.com).

## CASA speaks up for abused children

When child abuse is not prevented, organizations like CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) speak up for children. Chesterfield CASA, like other CASA programs nationwide, is a private, nonprofit organization that provides trained community volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children who are involved in the court system.

Since Chesterfield CASA started in 1997, it has provided advocacy services for over 425 children in the county and in Colonial Heights, with 191 children served last year. Five staff members and 61 active volunteers work to ensure that judges who must decide what happens to an abused child have information about the whole situation.

The offices of Chesterfield CASA are at Courtside in Brandermill, and in fact, said Executive Director Lisa White, 15 volunteers and two staff members are Brandermill residents.

According to White, volunteers receive 40 hours of intensive training from CASA staff and community professionals. "They learn about the juvenile court process; they learn about mental health issues and substance abuse; about special education issues; and much more," she said.

"The volunteer's role is to expand the information base that the judge receives to help the judge make the best decision," said White. Volunteers investigate a child's circumstances by

interviewing anyone involved with the child, including teachers, healthcare providers, family members, and others. Then they submit a written report to the judge, recommending a course of action, which may be to place the child in foster care for a certain period of time or to return the child home under certain conditions.

The work doesn't end there, however. "Volunteers also monitor children's placements after a judge's decision," said White. They may also work closely with the school system, especially since many children that CASA serves have special education needs. Chesterfield CASA serves children of all ages, and often advocates for two or more children in the same family. Volunteers are appointed to an average of two cases at a time, spending 10 to 15 hours each month on the cases. Volunteers come from all walks of life and average over two years of service with Chesterfield CASA. Half of the volunteers last year held full-time employment.

Nine new volunteers started training at the beginning of April, said White. Usually Chesterfield CASA holds just one training session a year, but this is the second group of volunteers to get started in the past six or seven months, according to White.

Anyone desiring more information about the services CASA provides or about volunteering with CASA can call 744-1755.

## "Chesterfield Matters"



Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors Chairman Art Warren interviews Congressman Eric Cantor about homeland security and the war in Iraq. Chairman Warren's television program, "Chesterfield Matters," airs every Thursday at 8 p.m. on Channel 6.

## Fees increase for driver's licenses

Beginning May 1, 2003, fees for Virginia driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses and photo identification cards will increase. Driver's licenses (original or renewal) will increase from \$15 to \$20. A replacement or reissue driver's license and photo identification card will increase from \$5 to \$10, and a commercial driver's license will increase from \$30 to \$35. The fee will vary if the card is issued for more or less than five years. In addition, customers reinstating their

driving privileges after a license has been suspended will pay a \$45 fee, an increase of \$15. The Department of Motor Vehicles encourages all customers who plan to apply for a driver's license to check identification requirements before visiting a DMV customer service center. A complete list of acceptable proof documents is available on the DMV website at [www.dmv.gov](http://www.dmv.gov), at the customer service centers or by calling toll-free to 1-866-DMV-LINE.

## Your old newspapers give stray animals a second chance

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

Thanks to an effort by the Brandermill Woman's Club, since 1996, proceeds from the newspaper recycling bin in Market Square have benefited the Chesterfield County Animal Shelter.

"The really nice thing is that the recycling company gives us the bin free of charge and 100 percent of the money they pay for the newspapers goes directly to the shelter," said Julia Chilson of Stoney Ridge, a Brandermill Woman's Club member.

Last year, more than \$1,300 was donated to the shelter from the sale of newspaper collected at the bin.

The innovative fund-raising effort raises awareness of the county's homeless animals while also encouraging the ecologically sound practice of recycling.

"The recycling bins are great for a number of reasons," explained Alicé Berry, animal control manager at the Chesterfield County

Animal Shelter. "It's good for the environment; the proceeds are helping homeless animals; and it's something that's easy to do. You just put your newspapers in a paper bag and drop them off."

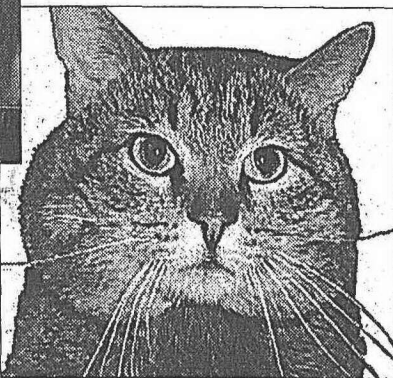
More than \$4,000 in proceeds from the Market Square bin has gone to the shelter since the program began. According to Berry, the money is used for medical, grooming and housing supplies for the shelter's homeless animals. The extra funds are greatly appreciated by the shelter, since it enhances the animals' stay as they await adoption and gives the shelter the opportunity to take in even more abandoned animals.

"We have used some of the money to purchase cages, which gives us the ability to house more cats," said Berry. "Everything helps, no matter how little or how big. We always find a use for every penny that comes from every piece of newspaper."

The proceeds from another bin located at the shelter at 9300 Public Works Road are also used to care for the shelter's animals.



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## Local dancers take top honors



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Front row, from left: Mallory Keene of Cradle Hill, Hillary Carr, Traci Bonds of Spring Gate, Macenzie Breeden, Laura Strukl and Jessica McLean. Back row: Megan Shaffer, Cindy Ringler, Lauren Pederson, Dorothy Webster, Abby Credicott of Nuttree Woods, Alayna LaRocca of North Point and Kaitly Zahler of Chimney House.

Dance students at the Swift Creek Academy of the Performing Arts competed in the Dancemakers competition held in Richmond on February 1 and 2. Senior dancers: Abby Credicott, Hillary Carr, Mallory Keene, Megan Shaffer, Cindy Ringler,

Dorothy Webster and Lauren Pederson took first place in lyrical dance, first place in tap, first place in jazz and swing dance and second place in jazz dance.

Junior dancers: Casey Bryant, Tess Kennedy, Meghan Sharkey, Chelsea

Miller, Jessica McLean, Alayna LaRocca, Kaitly Zahler, Mackenzie Breeden and Laura Strukl took second place in ballet and second place in jazz competitions.

Andrea McCarney choreographed the dances.

## County supports Asian American celebration

The Asian American Society of Central Virginia (AASoCV) will hold the Sixth Annual Asian American Celebration on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. at the Greater Richmond Convention Center, 300 N 5th Street. Admission is free.

Rumy Mohta of Watch Harbour serves on the board of AASoCV. He is from India and his wife Marj is from the Philippines. He says, "The celebration is a great way to teach children about different cultures." He adds, "There will be a lot of culturally diverse activities." They include: native dance performances, traditional ethnic music, arts and crafts exhibits, hands-on activities, Asian cuisine from 11 countries, a shopping bazaar, and a chance to win a round-trip airline ticket to anywhere in Asia.

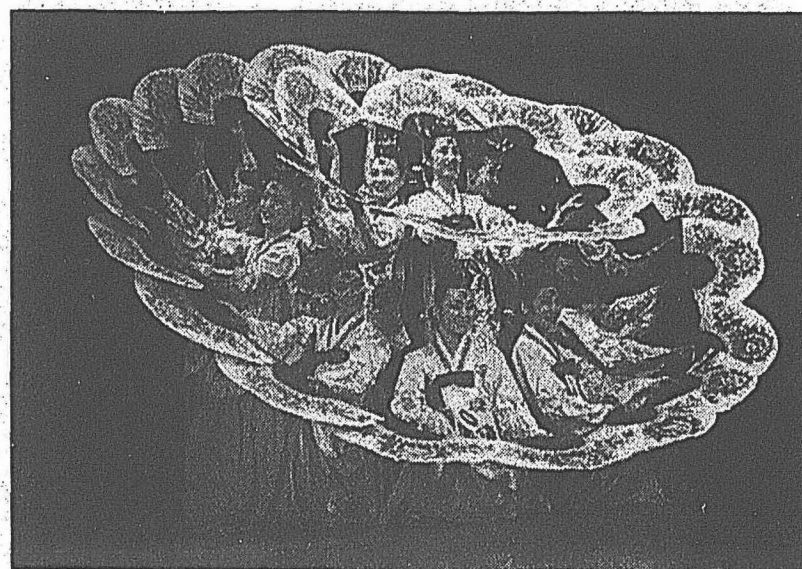
Chesterfield County is one of the partners of the event. Participating groups include local Asian Americans from Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, the Philippines, India, Japan, Korea, Laotia, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam. In order to honor the Centennial Anniversary of the commencement of Korean immigration, the event will highlight a Korean American Cultural Performance.

Founded in 1998, the AASoCV is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization.

This event promotes and celebrates the unity, harmony and diversity in the community and is held in conjunction with Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

Vendor booths are available for corporate, nonprofit, and business organizations on a first-come first-served basis.

For more information, please contact Julie Lo at 741-5523 or Don Kappel at 748-7609 or e-mail AASoCV98@hotmail.com. For more information, visit www.aasocv.org.



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Upcoming volunteer orientations at The READ Center, located at 1605 Monument Avenue, are scheduled on Monday, April 28 and Thursday, May 1, from 7 to 8 p.m.

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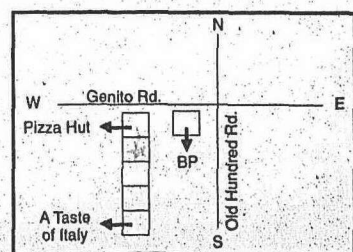
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## At a certain age it's all right to wear purple and red



Red Hat Matters at The Jefferson Hotel draw attention from Dr. Billy Cannaday and Former Governor Douglas Wilder. Seated, from left are: Sally Marchand, Pat Striker, Charlene Myers and Linda Martin. Standing are: Linda MacCleave and Sharon Summers

By Alex Mathers  
Special correspondent

With their blazing crimson hats and clashing purple outfits, the Red Hat Matters turn heads wherever they go. They are one of the Richmond area's newest chapters of the Red Hat Society, a nationwide phenomenon that brings together women ages 50 and over for camaraderie and laughs.

The purpose of the Red Hat Society is simple. It is not a civic club. There is no fundraising. In fact, there is no larger purpose other than to have fun and greet middle age with sassiness, silliness and flair. "We don't 'do' anything—nothing worthwhile, at least," quipped the Red Hat Matters' Queen Mother Sue Zall, of Three Bridges. "We don't do any-

thing except go out to lunch, have a lot of laughs and have a good time."

Since most women spend their lives doing for others, the Red Hat philosophy contends that middle age is the perfect time for women to begin doing for themselves. "I think it puts a more positive spin on aging," said Marjorie Reed of Nuttree Woods. "The premise that middle aged women become invisible in our society is somewhat true, but this [the Red Hat Society] is a bit of an exception." Another Matters' member Sharon Summer of Moseley, explained, "It promotes a feeling of togetherness. When women get to a certain age, they often think life is passing them by. This is something to get involved in. It gives them something to do."

Aside from the requirement to have fun, the

only other rule of the Red Hat Society is that members must wear a purple outfit and red hat on all social outings. "Half the fun of doing it is you look a little strange," said Summer. "But you know, it's gotten to the point where I wonder why I didn't wear purple and red together before."

Twenty-six members strong, the Red Hat Matters began their chapter last August. The group of mostly Brandermill residents meets every third Thursday for a monthly luncheon where they cause quite a stir, raise eyebrows and prompt lots of questions.

In February, while the Red Hat Matters were dining at The Jefferson Hotel, former Governor Douglas Wilder approached their table. "He came over and said, 'What is this all about?'" recounted Zall. "People are always coming over to us and asking questions."

The Red Hat Society is the brainchild of Sue Ellen Cooper, who formed the first chapter in Fullerton, Calif. just three years ago after she was inspired by Jenny Joseph's poem, "Warning." Joseph warns that in old age, she plans to wear a purple dress with a red hat that doesn't match and doesn't suit. Taking their cue from the poem, Cooper and four friends began going out for tea, decked out in red and purple.

The Red Hat Society now boasts more than 5,000 chapters worldwide with over 60,000 members.

Women under 50 are also eligible for membership. These younger Red Hats are called "ladies-in-waiting" and are distinguished by their lavender outfits and pink hats.

The Red Hat Matters currently are not accepting new members but the Richmond area has more than 20 chapters — many of which are taking additional members—and new chapters are regularly forming.

For referrals to other groups, call Zall at 744-8772 or visit [www.redhatsociety.com](http://www.redhatsociety.com).

## Youngsters collect at church for annual blanket drive



To inspire giving, young church members sing to the congregation, "This Little Light of Mine."

Children of The Brandermill Church lead the nation with their contributions to the Church World Services blanket drive.

For eight years, the church youngsters have collected money in Sunday school classes and children's church. They carry candles and sing "This Little Light of Mine" at church services and ask congregation members to be generous in their giving.

This year, the blanket drive totaled

\$5,950 and provided 1,190 warm, waterproof blankets for the homeless and victims of disasters in the United States and the world.

Co-chairs of the blanket drive committee are: Gwen Miller, Susie Higbie and Melissa Radtke. Committee members are: Lorraine Weatherford, Gina Bachouros, Julie Babb, Deb Johnson, Nancy Lambert, Debbie Matthews, Cindy Rubenstein, Marion Sanville and Sheila Walters.

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## Clover Hill High School Marching Band performs at Disney World



Photo Joe Savario

By Doug Savario  
Special Correspondent

Clover Hill High School Marching Band was honorary band during the parade down Main Street at

Disney's Magic Kingdom in Orlando on April 2.

The one hundred-fifty member band traveled by bus to Orlando for their four-day stay.

While at Disney World, band mem-

bers had dinner at Medieval Times restaurant — dining and watching jousting and sword fighting, visited Disney's Animal Kingdom and Epcot Center. They also toured Universal Studios' Island of Adventure.

## CHES PTA introduces new school flag

By Yvette Gohlke  
School Correspondent

Fourth graders at Clover Hill Elementary School spent a day in March learning about Colonial life. Mahones Forge returned for a second year to tell stories about Colonial life and demonstrate rope making, spinning and weaving, shoemaking and silversmithing for the students.

Middle School Night for CHES fifth graders will be held at Swift Creek Middle School on April 29 at 7 p.m. All fifth graders and their parents are encouraged to attend. It is a wonderful experience for what awaits them in the fall.

The PTA is introducing a school flag. It is in the school's colors of red, white and blue. The flag will feature the school's mascot, the eagle. It is hoped that the garden-size flags will be available for sale before the end of school.

Congratulations go to kindergarten Ian Krauss. His musical composition won third place in the state Reflections Program. He also won first place in both the county and district Reflection competitions.

### College Credit

Susan D. Murphy of Old Fox Trail has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was honored during a campus ceremony.



Murphy

Golden Key International Honour Society is a nonprofit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.



Photo by Mary Ellen Diamond

Elizabeth Hatton's first-grade students sing a tribute to our country in "We Love the U.S.A."

## Clover Hill High School Senior Bert Narvez receives Mr. Clover Hill crown

By Jessica Doyle  
School Correspondent

The 2003 Mr. Clover Hill pageant was held on March 26. The pageant, a satire of the Miss America pageant, is sponsored by the Student Council Association.

"We have a Mr. Clover Hill pageant rather than a Miss Clover Hill pageant because the competitive edge is not nearly as sharp with the boys," said SCA Sponsor Ginger Gobble. "They [the boys] are in it to have a good time."

Junior and senior males are judged in talent, eveningwear and the much anticipated swimsuit competition. This year there were so many Cavaliers seeking the title that the SCA officers had to limit the field.

"If it were just up to us, we would have loved for all of those who wanted to compete to do so," said SCA President Kimie Vance. "The admin-

istration gave us a time limit that we could not meet with all the contestants, so we had to resort to drawing names out of a hat. It was the only way to be fair."

The pageant began with the swimsuit competition. Many of the contestants constructed a suit to match the titles they had chosen for themselves.

"Since I was Mr. Cavalier Chronicle, the CHHS newspaper, it was obvious that I should make a suit out of newspapers," said Senior Ben Jones. "I thought the crowd would think it was funny."

The talent contest was next in the competition. Acts ranged from playing the piano, to singing, to mak-

ing a hot dog. The formal wear portion of the evening completed the competition. Each contestant attired in a tuxedo and an escort on his arm, answered a randomly chosen question. The field was narrowed to five finalists who told the judges of their plans after graduation.

When the votes were tallied, Senior Bert Narvez, Mr. Spanish Club, was crowned Mr. Clover Hill.

"I was very surprised when they announced my name as the winner," said Narvez. "Everything about the show was so much fun — learning the dance, answering the questions, and making the crowd laugh. The audience was wonderful, and everyone was really into the show. I would love to do it again."

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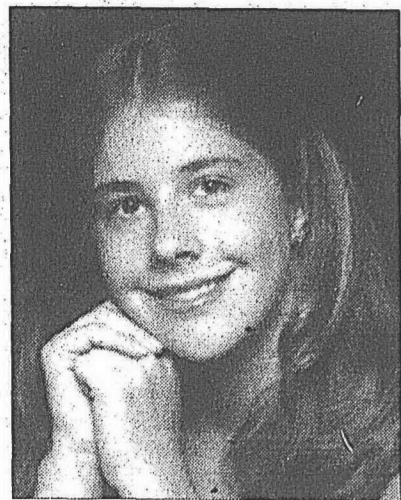
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# SCMS students help their neighbors



Elizabeth Peek

By Debbie Hickie  
School Correspondent

SCMS. Teachers Toni Thornton, Cathy Miller and Amy Maddox are sponsors for the SCA and Interact Clubs and assisted the students in four different service projects.

The first project is the Candy Guess game. Students guess the number of candy pieces in a container at \$.50 per guess. The winner, who guesses closest to the actual number, receives the candy. The money goes towards a gift certificate for a SCMS student whose home was destroyed by fire.

The second service project is Lunch Change. Participating students donate their loose change after each lunch period. All money collected is donated to help with medical expenses for a SCMS student being treated for bone cancer. Also going to this cause are the proceeds from the faculty versus the boys basketball team that was held on March 11.

Another project for the clubs is Mitts for Mongolia. New and used baseball gloves and balls were collected and sent to a Peace Corps volunteer who had asked for donations.

The fourth service project assisted Freedom House residents. Freedom

House, located in downtown Richmond, offers temporary shelter for homeless individuals. Donated items include coffee, sugar, creamer, salt, pepper, spices, salad dressing, aluminum foil and plastic utensils.

Club members volunteered to help with the collections during their lunch periods. The Brandermill Rotary sponsors the Interact Club. Interact members are involved in numerous service activities through the year including visiting the residents at The Health Care Center at Brandermill Woods, helping at the Midlothian Food Festival and volunteering as bus buddies at the Clover Hill Elementary School Fall Festival. They volunteered at the Richmond Children's Museum in March and last year collected items for the Richmond Animal League. Past projects include collecting coats for homeless people in the Ukraine and helping out at the Salvation Army Distribution Center with the Angel Tree Project.

This spring members of the SCA will help spread mulch and take care of plants in front of SCMS. Last year the SCA and Interact Club made and delivered more than 50 baskets full of crayons, coloring books, toys, lotion and hair care products for the young patients at Children's Hospital. A similar project is planned during spring break this year.

The SCA Spirit Club promotes spirit weeks during the school year.

# Students request assistance for "Operation American Necessities"

Spring is a busy time at Swift Creek Elementary School. A Celebration of Art, featuring the works of 100 SCES students was held on March 25.

Students and parents were intrigued by the scientific activities at the Science Quest on April 1.

The first grade musical "I Love My Earth" will be presented April 29. The students will sing and read scripted lines of the musical.

SCES will celebrate its 20th anniversary in conjunction with the French students

welcoming ceremony on May 2. Twenty-seven SCES families will host the exchange students.

Today, there are many people, especially children, who feel helpless about the American troops serving overseas.

Andrea Epps called Principal Don Bechtel and PTA President Debby Roberts and initiated "Operation

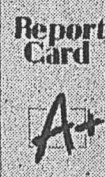
American Necessities," to send care packages to troops overseas. "Our community responded in a way that made me proud to be a part of it," said Epps. "This was a solicited drive and we are sending packages to well over 200 soldiers."

The project is still in need of postage. Those who would like to send a letter to the troops or donate postage, please send to: SCES PTA, PMB 130, 13546 Genito Road, Midlothian, VA 23112-3928.

Epps extends a huge thank you to the students, teachers and staff of SCES. "Our children are so lucky to call SCES their school, largely because of them."



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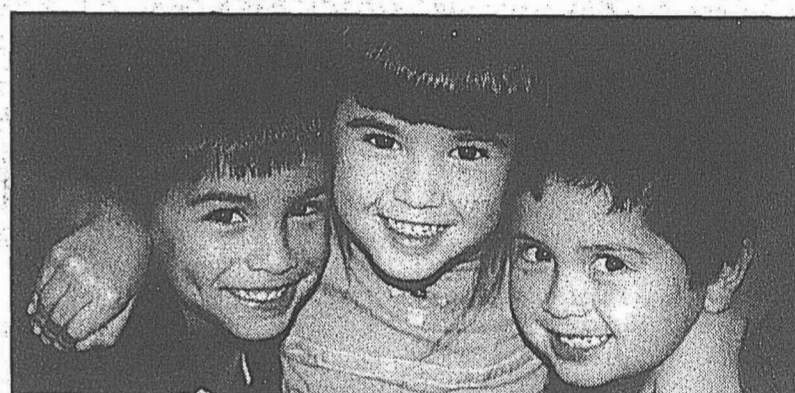
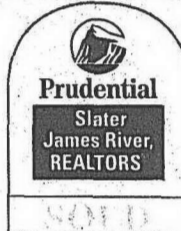
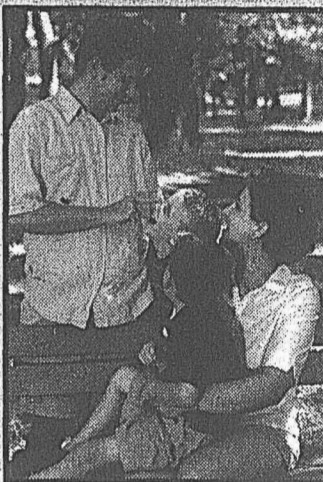
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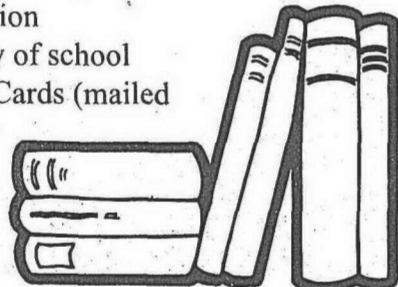
14-18 No school/spring holiday  
23 Report Cards

### May

3 Junior / Senior Prom  
14&15 Interims  
26 No school/Memorial Day

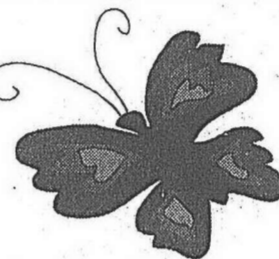
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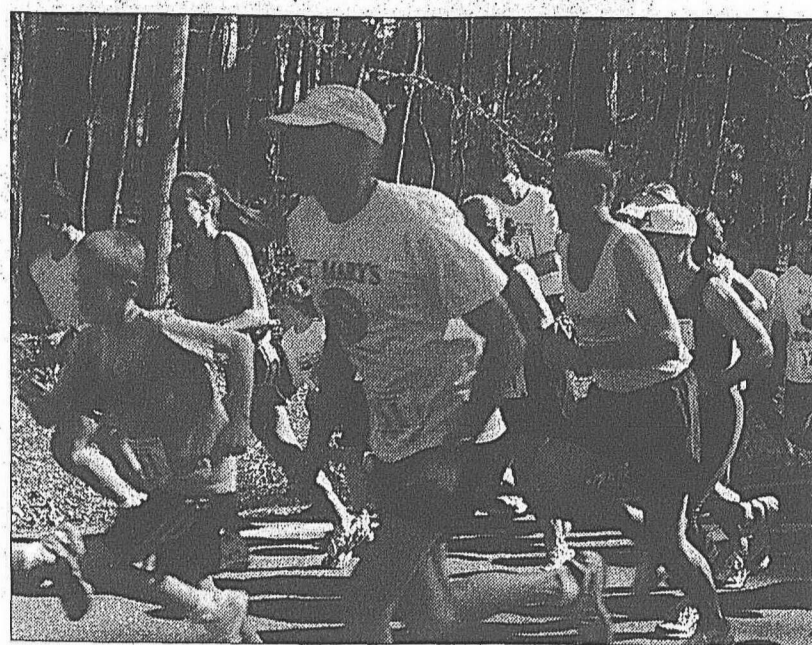
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Brandermill was the site of the Strength & Stride event for the second year in a row. The strength portion of the competition was held at Courtside Racquet and Fitness Center on Saturday, March 8. The 8k race started at Sunday Park on Sunday, March 9.

One hundred twenty-eight athletes took part in this year's competition.

Rachel Massengill, an aerobics instructor, won the women's division doing six pull-ups and 43 bench presses at one half her body weight on Saturday, and ran the 8k course in

38.02 on Sunday. Brian Rothell, a Richmond firefighter, won the men's division for the second year in a row. Rothell did 29 pull-ups, 26 bench presses at his body weight and finished the course in 32 minutes.

Mindy Conklin of Turtle Hill was the director of the competition.

Proceeds from the event benefit Court Appointed Special Advocacy (CASA), a nonprofit organization located in Brandermill that provides volunteers to serve as legal advocates for abused children.

### Show choirs receive high ratings in VIP Invitational

By Cheryl Keene  
Special Correspondent

The Clover Hill High School New Dimensions and Iridescence show choirs competed in the VIP Invitational held in Charleston, W.Va., on February 15.

New Dimensions received a superior rating and placed third in the competition. Iridescence received an excellent rating. Music Director Phil Lawson is in his fourth year as director of both groups.

A co-ed show choir of 40 students, New Dimensions also received superior ratings during 2002-2003 performances, placing third at The Mid-Atlantic Show Choir Showcase in Potomac, Md., and placing second at both the Lee Davis Invitational in Richmond, and Meadowbrook Choral Spectacular at Meadowbrook High School.

The show choir also received best band and best choreography at Meadowbrook High School. Damon Brown choreographs for New Dimensions.

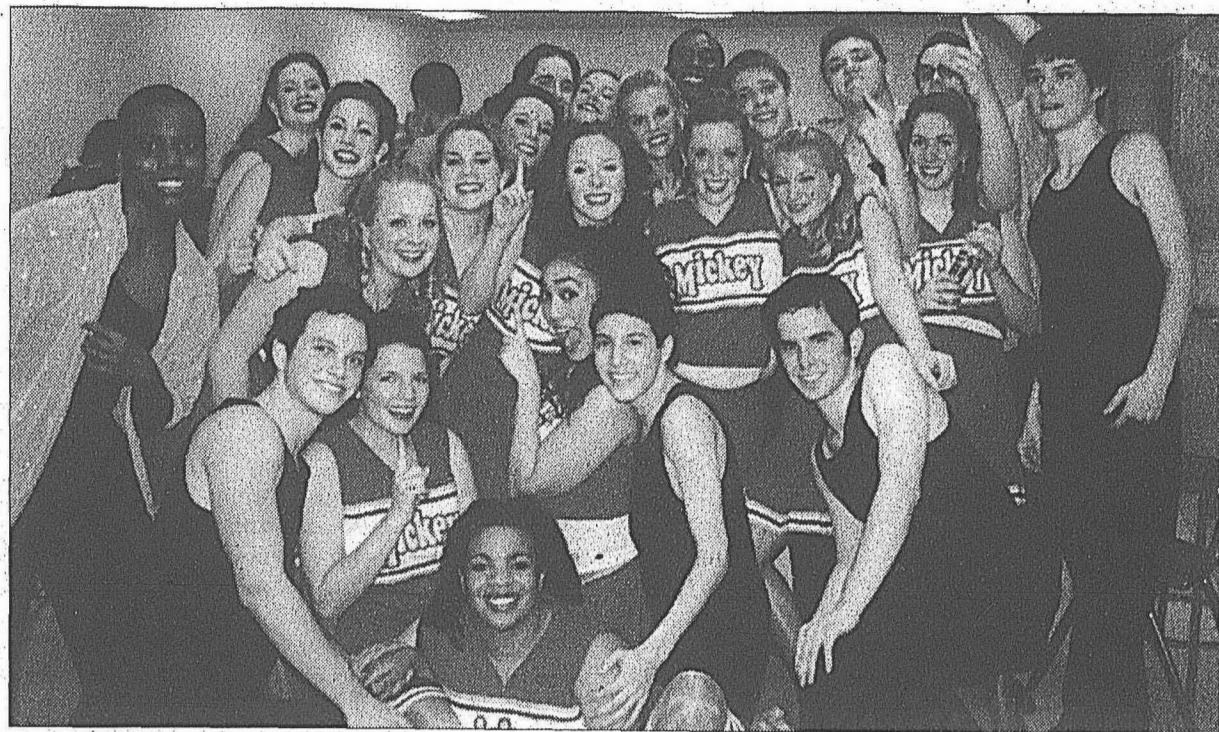
Iridescence, a girls show choir of 46 students, received excellent ratings at the Manchester High School Invitational, Lee Davis High School Invitational and Meadowbrook Choral Spectacular.

The choir also received a best choreography award at the Lee Davis High School Invitational. Holly Shepherd, a 2000 CHHS graduate, choreographs for Iridescence.

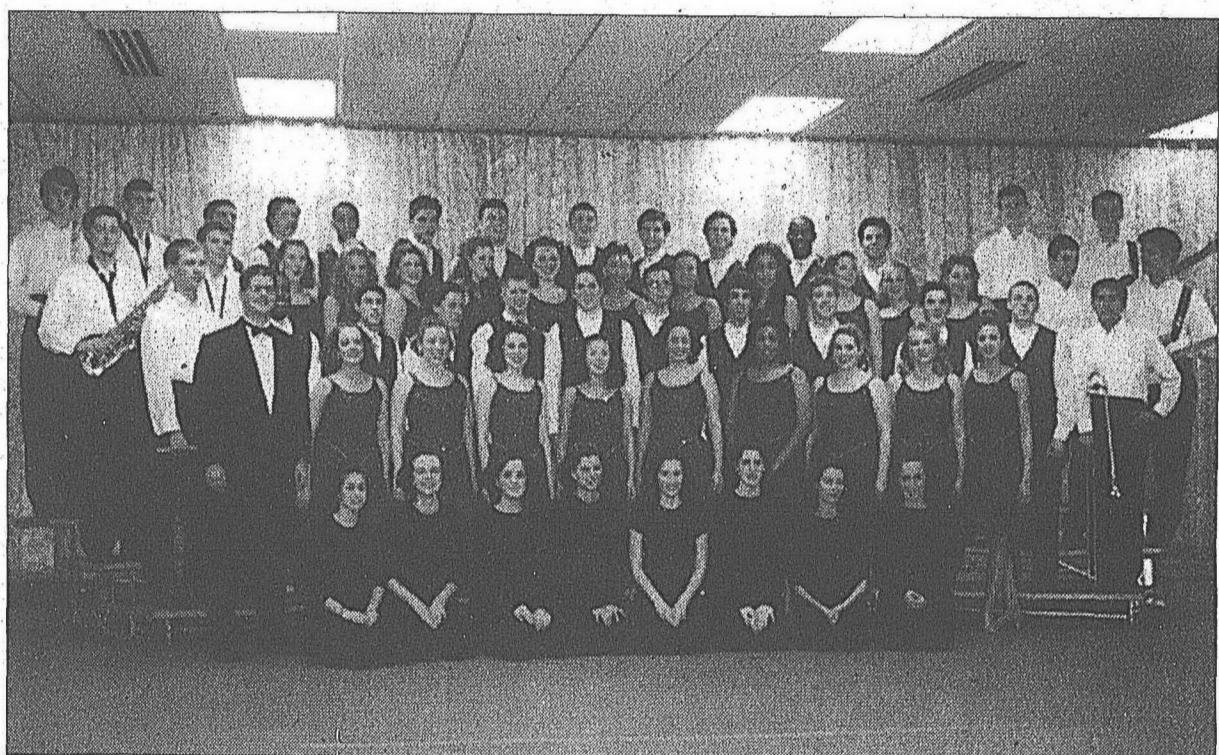
Both show choirs practice year round, attending choreography camps and before- and after-school practices.

The CHHS Spring Concert will be held at Clover Hill High School on Friday, May 16, and Saturday, May 17. All Clover Hill High School choirs will be performing.

Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door.



The New Dimensions show choir performed a pom-pom routine to "Hey Mickey."



The Iridescence girls show choir and band receive excellent ratings at the Meadowbrook Choral Spectacular.

### CLOVER HILL HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### BASEBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m.  
\* Note time change  
† Varsity only †† JV only

4-22	L.C. Bird	Home
4-24	Monacan	Away
4-26	C'ville (dbl)†	*11 a.m. Away
4-29	Collegiate†	Home
4-29	George Wythe ††	Away
5- 1	Manchester	Home
5- 6	Huguenot†	Away
5- 8	James River	Home
5-13	Midlothian	Away
5-15	L.C. Bird *7p.m.	Away

#### SOFTBALL

Games begin at 4 p.m.  
\* Note time change  
† Varsity only †† JV only

4-22	L.C. Bird	Home
4-24	Monacan	Away
4-26	Midlo Tourn.††	Away
4-28	Meadowbrook	Away
5- 1	Manchester	Home
5- 5	Amelia *4:30	Away
5- 8	James River	Home
5- 9	Prince Geo *4:30	Home
5-13	Midlothian	Away
5-15	L.C. Bird *4 & 7 p.m.	Away

#### BOYS TENNIS

Matches begin at 3 p.m.

4-22	Manchester	Home
4-24	Huguenot†	Away
4-28	James River	Home
4-29	Midlothian	Away
5- 1	L.C. Bird	Home

#### GIRLS SOCCER

JV games times listed first  
\* Varsity only 7 p.m.  
\*\* JV only 5:30 p.m.

4-10	Midlothian	Away
4-22	L.C. Bird	Home
4-24	Monacan	Away
5- 1	Manchester	Away
5- 6	Huguenot** 5 p.m.	Away
5- 8	Jms River 4 & 5:30	Away
5- 9	Atlee* 5:30 p.m.	Home
5-12	Midlothian	Home
5-15	L.C. Bird	Away

#### BOYS SOCCER

JV game times listed first  
\* JV only

Games at 5:30 & 7 p.m.		
4-22	L.C. Bird	Away
4-24	Monacan	Home
5- 1	Manchester	Home
5- 6	Huguenot* 7 p.m.	Away
5- 8	Jms Rvr 4 & 5:30	Home
5-13	Midlothian	Away
5-15	L.C. Bird	Home

#### TRACK

Meets begin at 3 p.m.

4-23	James River	Away
4-30	Midlothian	Home
5- 7	L.C. Bird	Home

### SWIFT CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL 2003 SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Girls Soccer

4-24	Bailey Bridge	Away
4-29	Matoaca	Home
5- 1	Providence	Home
5- 6	Robious	Away
5- 8	Midlothian	Home

#### Boys & Girls Track

4-23	Bailey Bridge	Away
4-30	Midlothian	Away

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**Students show interest in starting lacrosse teams**

By Kathryn Baystar  
School Correspondent

In the past, enrollment at a private school was the only way to play lacrosse in Chesterfield County. In the late 1980s the Chesterfield Lacrosse Club was formed. After several years of competing, and the inclusion of girls lacrosse, enthusiasm for the sport has finally taken off. The growing popularity of the sport has given many of the students at Clover Hill High School the desire to make it a team sport for the school.

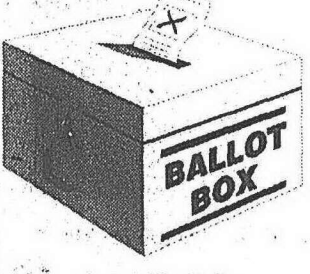
"Other public schools in counties like Hanover have lacrosse teams," says Senior Brad Rhodes, a member of the boys Chesterfield Lacrosse Club.

"I really want lacrosse to be part of school sports because it is something different," says Senior Rebecca Bourne of the girls Chesterfield Lacrosse Club. "That is why I started playing field hockey. It was different from the usual sports like soccer and basketball."

Field availability and financing are what is holding back lacrosse as a school sport for the county. As of now the Chesterfield Lacrosse Club teams compete with the more experienced private schools in the area, but hope that the new CHHS will have lacrosse teams listed on the sports schedule.

The Chesterfield Lacrosse Club started a boys team at Swift Creek Middle School this year.

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**BALLOT BOX**

April 21

**Jenny Clary is swim team coach**

By Joe Savaric  
Special Correspondent

Members of the Brandermill Swim Team are excited about the fast approaching swim season. With the re-



opening of the North Beach Pool, the Brandermill Swim Team is finally coming home. Swim team registration will be held on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the BP station on the corner of Genito and Old Hundred Roads. The registration fee is \$60 if registered by May 19 and \$75 after that. There is a special senior rate of \$35 for those 15 years of older, but seniors must swim in three meets. Team members must be Brandermill pool members.

Swim team members and their families will discover many changes this year. The most significant change will be the coaching staff. Jenny Clary has been hired as the head coach.

Clary will graduate from Virginia Tech this spring with a degree in human development and human services. She will return home to the Midlothian area for the summer and plans to attend graduate school in the fall.

Clary grew up in Smoketree and was a member of the Smoketree Swim Team as well as Poseidon Swim Team. For the past five years she has taught and coached swimming, as well as worked as a guard and pool manager.

For the past two seasons, Clary has been the head coach of the

Ravensworth Farm Swim and Racquet Club in Springfield, Va. There she coached 170 members of the swim



Jenny Clary

team from dog paddlers to nationally ranked swimmers. Ravensworth representatives commented that Clary was "wonderful, well organized and got along with both swimmers and parents." Clary states that the main focus on a summer swim league is to learn while having fun. She will bring some new ideas for helping the mites as well as recruiting new and older swimmers.

The Brandermill Swim Team belongs to the Richmond Metro Aquatic League Swim Association, which has divided the league into three divisions.

Brandermill will be in the C division and will swim only against the other three teams in that division. The winner of the division will move up to the next level for the next swim season. Swim team officials fully expect the Brandermill Swim Team to be swimming in the B division next year and competing with Woodlake and Bon Air teams in the years to come.

The championship meet will be held at Bon Air Pool on Monday July 28 for the 10 and under swimmers and on Tuesday, July 29 for 11 and over swimmers.

Team and individual photos will be taken at the North Beach Pool on June 19 at 9 a.m.

**Bob Thalman will be member of Sports Hall of Fame**

By Alex Mathers  
Special Correspondent

Bob Thalman of Northwich will be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame this month in recognition of his illustrious coaching career. Thalman's football career spanned 47 years as a player, coach and administrator on the high school, college and professional levels.

From 1971 to 1984, he served as Virginia Military Institute's (VMI) head coach where he led the Keydets to five winning seasons and two Southern Conference championships. He is the longest tenured coach in VMI history.

Earlier, Thalman coached at Hampden-Sydney College where he posted a winning percentage of .736 and led his team to two Mason-Dixon Conference championships. He also served as assistant coach at Georgia Tech and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

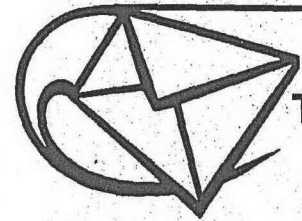
Thalman will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on April 26 in Portsmouth. Since 1972, the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame has recognized sports champions, including athletes, coaches, and administrators, from across state for their memorable contributions.

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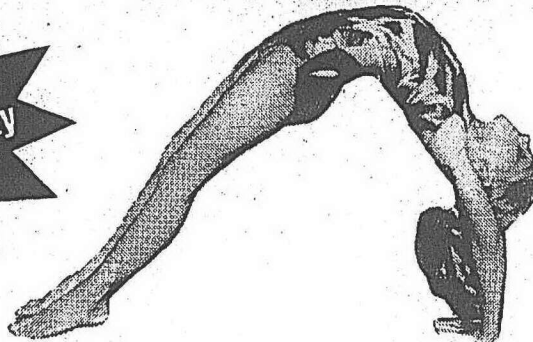


**Brandermill Swim Team Schedule**

Tuesday, June 17	Home meet against Shenandoah
Tuesday, June 24	Home meet against Surreywood
Tuesday, July 1	Away meet at Pocono/Greenfield
Tuesday, July 8	Away meet at Shenandoah
Tuesday, July 15	Home meet against Pocono/Greenfield
Monday, July 21	Away meet at Surreywood
Monday, July 28	Championship meet at Bon Air for ages 10 and under
Tuesday, July 29	Championship meet at Bon Air for ages 11 and over
July 22 to July 25	Spirit Week

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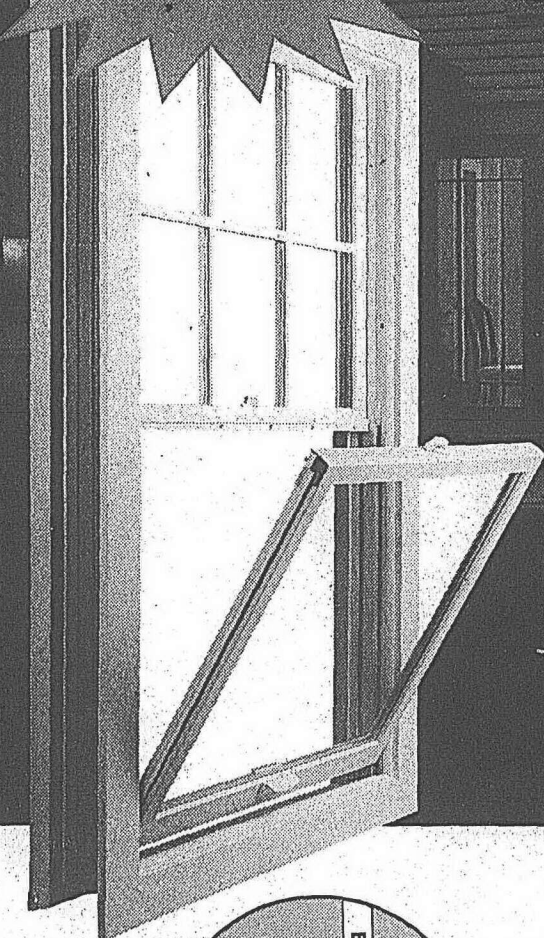
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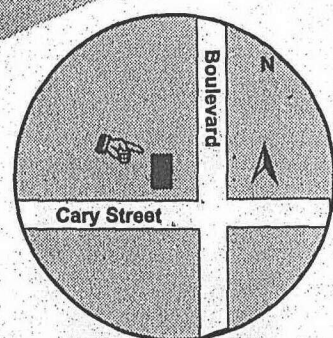
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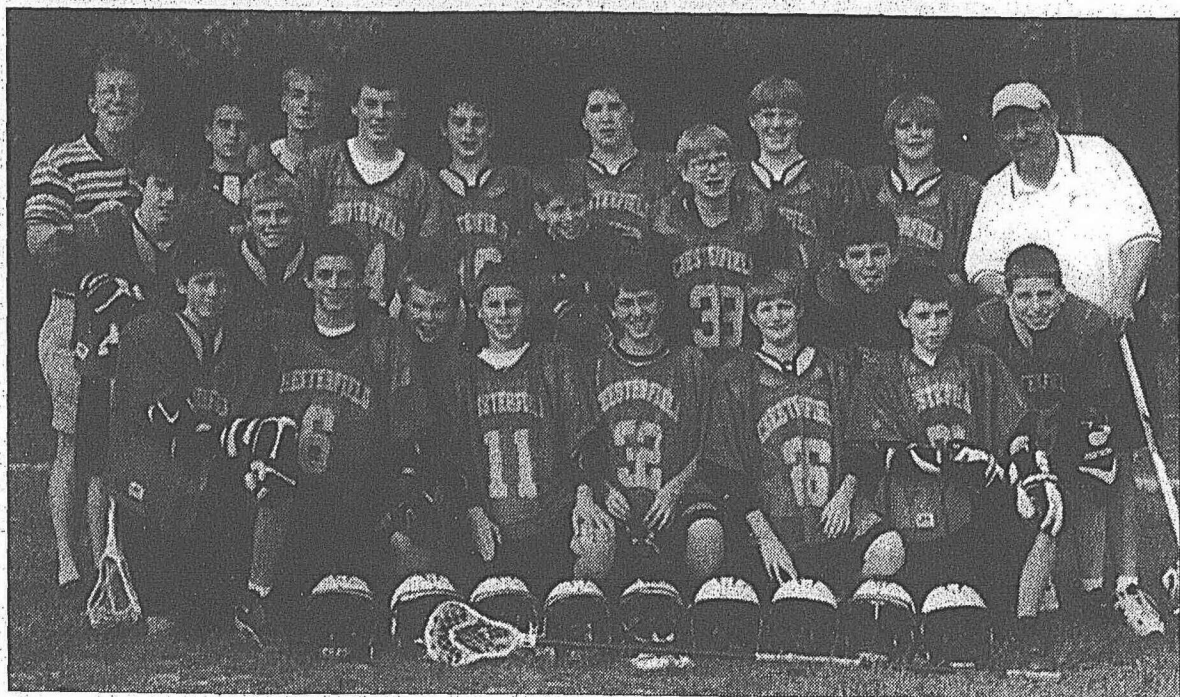
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## Chesterfield Lacrosse Club sponsors Swift Creek Middle School Teams



SCMS Lacrosse Team

Front row, from left: Colby Senning, J.R. Joyce, Danny Davison, Josh Matheny, Billy Sharp, Willis Davis, Gram Shick and Brian Pearce. Middle row: Kyle Boldizar, Eric Early, J.P. Schadel, Logan Keyser and Matt Sak. Back row: Coach Boldizar, Matt Goodspeed, Grant Tomic, Cory Dickinson, Brent Beswick, Alex Kashurba, Ryan Goode, Will Rigenbach and Coach Braun. Not pictured: Bren Rhule, Logan Moore, Taylor McKay and Gary Moore.

By Coach K.G. Braun  
Special Correspondent

The Chesterfield Lacrosse Club held registration for middle school boys on Saturday, February 15. One hundred and fifty-five boys will play on one of six middle school lacrosse teams. This is the 15th year the Chesterfield Lacrosse Club has offered the sport to middle school boys.

Three years ago the group ex-

panded from one school team to four teams. They include: Swift Creek, Manchester, Midlothian and Robious Middle Schools.

for those 15 years of older last year, Bailey Bridge Middle School joined and this spring Carver Middle School in Chester is part of the league.

Ten players from last year's SCMS successful team returned. Goalie Josh Matheny is the most experienced returning player. Will Rigenbach, Brent Beswick, Kyle Boldizar and Grant

Tomic contribute talent and speed to the line up. Eric Early, Bryan Pearce, J.P. Schadel, Taylor McKay and Logan Moore should double their scoring output from last year. The team will play games at Harrowgate Park and Meadowbrook High School this spring.

For more information call K.G. Braun at 744-3444, e-mail kgbraun@comcast.net, or visit the website at www.eteamz.com/CLCMS.

## Brandermill brothers win fishing tournament

By Bruce Johnson  
Club Correspondent

Thirty-nine contestants in 20 boats participated in the Brandermill Lions Club Bass Tournament on Swift Creek Reservoir on March 1.

The tournament began at 7 a.m. from the Sunday Park launch ramp and concluded with a 2 p.m. weigh-in at the same location.

The winning team of Kevin Tyndall and Stephen Tyndall of Quail Hill had a total catch weight of 6 pounds, 9 ounces and won \$300 for their first place finish.

Mike Rafferty and Jack Smith captured the second place prize of \$150 with a total catch weight of 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

Darrell Hobson and Bryan Burmaster took third place and the team of Sam McClelland of Two Notch and Dave Goode took fourth.

The largest fish of the day, 6 pounds, 9 ounces, was caught by Kevin Tyndall and earned a \$100 prize.

All fish were released back in the reservoir. The game warden patrolled the lake and the State of Virginia participated in gathering prize money by issuing a couple of citations.

Contestants won door prizes including Sunday brunches and soft-sided coolers.

While it was a cold day of hard fishing, most of the contestants agreed the tournament beat sitting indoors.

The net proceeds of the tournament will go to the numerous sight and hearing impaired projects supported by the Lions Club.

The next tournament will be held under fairer skies and warmer temperatures on May 17.

Please call Bruce Johnson at 743-1161 for further information.



Photo by Bruce Johnson

Kevin Tyndall hoods the largest catch of the day.

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## Brandermill Sailing Club plans 2003 calendar

By Barbara Flores  
Club Correspondent

The annual meeting of the Brandermill Sailing Club was held at Harbour Point Clubhouse on February 9. Commodore Herb Russakoff presided.

Outgoing officers were thanked for their contributions for 2002. Newly elected officers are Commodore Jim Willson, Vice Commodore Preston Cooper, Treasurer Miguel Chueca and Secretary Barbara Flores.

Ron and Reggie Doering of Commodore Pointe received a trophy for Sunday's Regatta held last summer.

The new board of directors has met to plan the yearly calendar. Two racing series will be held this year, along with the Swift Creek Regatta.

Many socials are planned including picnics, parties and a chili cook-

off. Unusual sailing events and special sails for fun are planned. The first event of the season will be a beach cleanup and boat tune-up at Sunday Park scheduled for April 12 at 10 a.m. A pizza party will follow the working session.

The first racing series will begin on Saturday, April 19. Vice Commodore Preston Cooper has scheduled a season of interesting sailing events for fun.

The first social will be a "Welcome New Members" event on May 17. Reservations can be made by calling Buddy or Diana Whitfield at 744-5814.

Sailing classes are scheduled June 12, 14, 19 and 20 this year. Participants do not need to own a boat to join the classes. Registration may be made by calling Tony Flores at 744-4890 or registering at the Brandermill Sailing Center.

### Sailing Club



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## VDGIF plan fishing trips and classes

Are you interested in fishing? Do you want to learn more about fishing opportunities around Richmond? The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) has several spring fishing education trips planned for the Richmond area. The educational trips will be hands-on, on-the-water fishing experiences lead by experienced and knowledgeable VDGIF Fishing Education Program staff and volunteers.

This series is offered to adult anglers who want to learn how to fish for shad, striped bass, or catfish. "Fishing education often focuses on youth, says Anne Skalski, Aquatic Education Coordinator for the Fishing Education Program. "However, there is a growing segment of our adult population who are recognizing the pleasures that fishing has to offer and want to learn how to fish." In response to that interest, VDGIF has designed a special hands-on program that will teach basic fishing techniques for specific species on the James River.

Twelve fishing trips are planned through May 28. Trips will include both bank fishing and boat fishing opportunities. There is a nominal fee for the trips and reservations are required. Minimum age for participation is 16.

A listing of trips, as well as reservation information, can be found on the department's website at www.dgif.state.va.us. For additional information, numbers for the VDGIF's Fishing Education Program office are 367-0141 and 367-6778.

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## State Farm office opens in Market Square

By Angela Lehman-Rios  
Special Correspondent

A State Farm office recently opened in Market Square, offering a diverse line of insurance and investment products. The agency is run by Chris Smith, who is licensed to sell life and health insurance as well as property and casualty insurance. He has also received training and certification in the area of mutual funds and IRAs.

Smith has been with State Farm for two years. Before opening the Market Square office, he was a life sales specialist with State Farm. "I went from agent to agent and helped them with their sales of life insurance," he said.

Although the State Farm company is associated with insurance, it also runs a State Farm Bank that offers certificates of deposit and other banking-related items, said Smith. "Right now, the two hottest areas for us are the bank products and long-term care insurance," he said.

According to Smith he and his family are not yet Brandermill residents. "We want to move to Brandermill," he said. He and his wife have three



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The Brandermill Woods administration is proud of its staff and the special attention it gives to meeting the needs of their residents.

Director of Nursing Judith Clary, R.N., has been at Brandermill Woods for five years and has been instrumental in staff education and leadership. Clary has enabled her team of health care professionals to provide the highest level of services and obtain excellent ratings from residents and their families.

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Marie Misiaszek of Muirfield Green has earned her Accredited Buyers Representative designation. She is a Realtor with Legacy Properties.



Dr. Jennifer Milers-Thomas has matched with Johns Hopkins Hospital to complete a residency as a urologist. She is the fourth female and the first black female to participate in the program since its inception in 1897. Miles-Thomas is a 1993 graduate of Clover Hill High School and a graduate of



Virginia Commonwealth University and Northwestern University medical School. Miles-Thomas and her husband Ivan will reside in Maryland. She is the daughter of Willie and Peggy Miles of East Bluff Court in Harbour Pointe.

Jason Livingston of Hickory Nut has been promoted to Assistant Director for Contract Administration for the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Kathleen Martin of Cross Tim-



bers is an independent kitchen consultant with Pampered Chef. Martin, who became a consultant in March, sells pantry items and demonstrates cooking tips at parties.

Terry VanHorn of Pebble Creek is a makeover consultant with Motives, a customized makeup business. VanHorn blends foundations to perfectly match skin tones. The company also carries a full line of skin-care products.



Registered nurses Phyllis Ahlberg of Sterling's Bridge and Cathy Kirkland of Quail Meadows have transferred to the new surgery center of CJW Medical Center where they prepare patients for surgery and care for them after as well.



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Correction: In the March 10 article on Mia Pallotta, the date she guided the retirement community through bankruptcy proceedings was 1997, not 1993.

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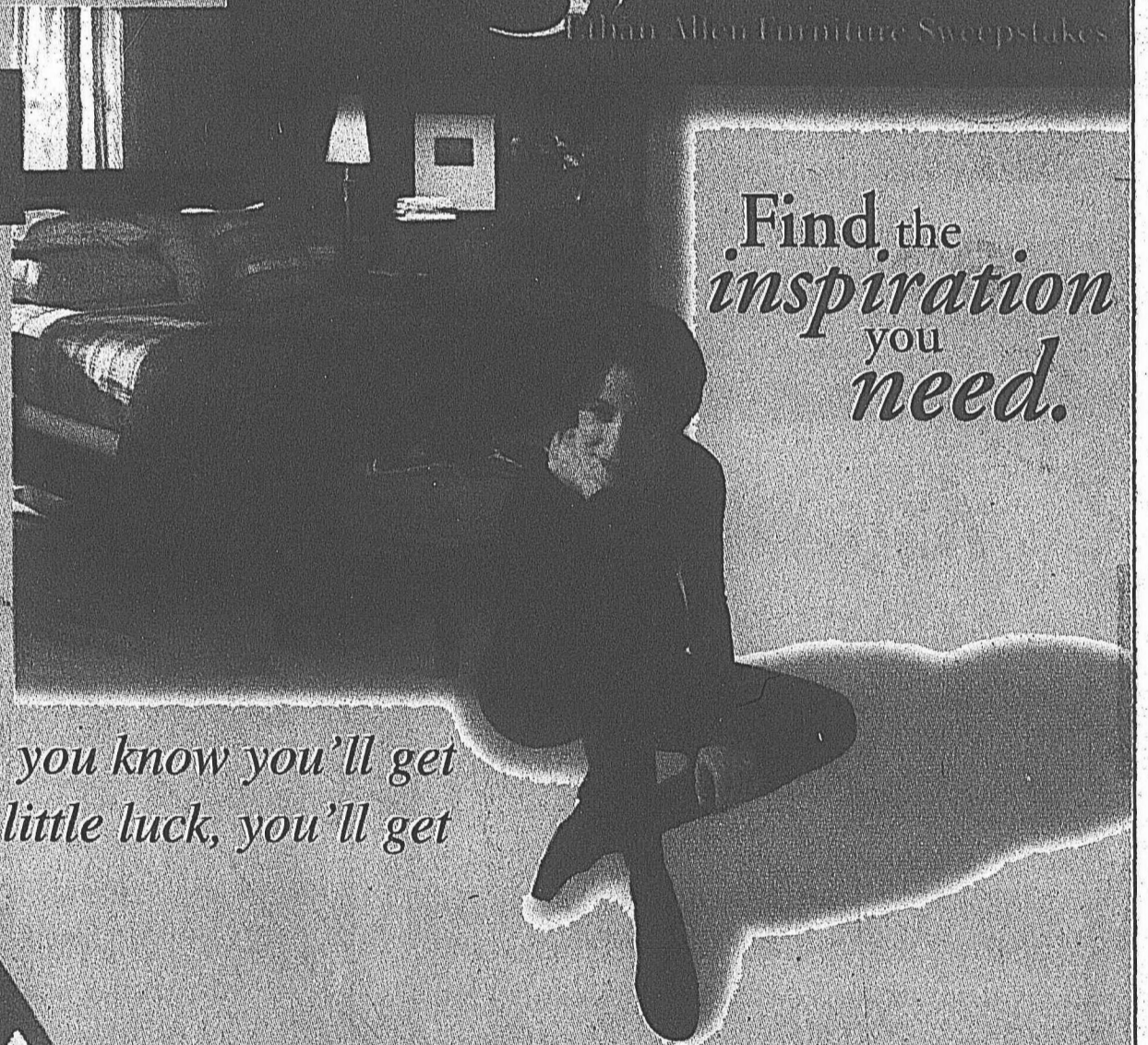
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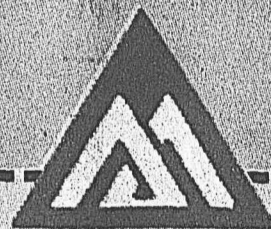


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