

WEATHER

FRIDAY — Cloudy. Chance of evening showers. Highs in the upper 50s to low 60s. Low in the high 30s to low 40s.

WEEKEND — Cooler with occasional showers. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Lows in the upper 30s.

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Bringing darkness of violence to light

Many walk to show support, raise awareness

Jill Myers

CT ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

It was a night to remember...

A night to remind the world of the thousands of victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault at the Annual Take Back the Night Walk.

The flames from nearly 300 candles momentarily lit the city streets as both men and women remembered those who could not be there and celebrated those who could.

"It's symbolizing our desire to live without fear," Paulette Haskins, community director for News Channel 6, said to the crowd gathered in Monroe Park before the walk began.

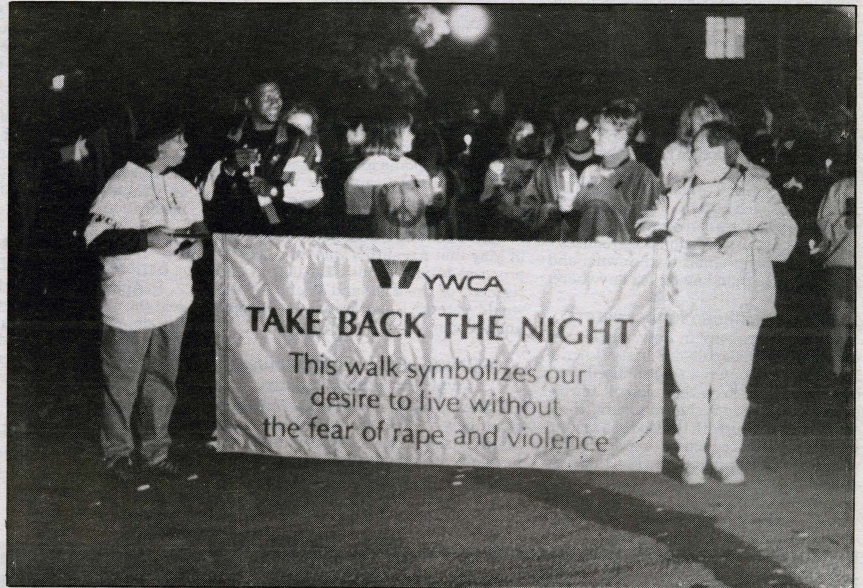
As the vigil started its tour down Franklin Street, the crowd formed a traffic-halting train that nearly stretched from Laurel to Harrison streets.

Some people laughed with their friends. Some stared straight ahead with the solemnity of a person who has experienced and is remembering terrible pain. Others let tears freely stream down their faces.

And yet others, in anger or defiance or just to make their presence known, asked of the crowd in a rhythmic chant, "What do you want?" The crowd yelled back, "Stop the violence!"

"When do you want it?" they demanded.

"Now," they responded.



Jennifer Schnakenberg/Commonwealth Times

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WALKING AGAINST FEAR — Nearly 300 people marched from Monroe Park through the VCU campus to raise awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Black Caucus to organize forum

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Acting on a suggestion by a student, Black Caucus voted Wednesday to try to quickly organize a forum to take place Oct. 23 that would enhance the ideas brought forth by the Million Man March.

Revena Bey, vice president of the Black Caucus, said it needs to be done soon to capitalize on the energy generated by the march.

The plan will be to allow free discussion of specific issues, but the political issues committee will come up with an agenda to avoid disorganization.

Keith Ramsey, a Black Caucus representative, expressed concern about the forum turning into a "gripe session."

BLACK CAUCUS

But Faren Frederick, another representative, said it only would serve the purpose of motivating students and catching the renewed spirit of black pride that the march instilled in the African-American community.

"We need to figure out how to implement that spirit on the VCU campus," she said.

In other business, it was proposed that the Black Caucus and the Black Education Association, a organization for African-Americans involved in the field of education, form a closer working relationship. Representatives from the BEA asked the caucus to submit comments about issues on campus and proposed plans for a retreat to discuss concerns of African-Americans at VCU.

Photos studied in greater detail

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NEW YORK — Attendance at the Million Man March may have been more than twice the 400,000 estimated by the National Park Service and might have cracked 1 million, according to a study performed for ABC-TV.

About 870,000 people attended

NATIONAL FOCUS

Monday's rally on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., ABC's "Good Morning America" reported Thursday, citing the analysis by Boston University's Center for Remote Sensing.

Because the study has a 25 percentage-point margin of error, attendance could have been as low as 655,000 and as high as

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Free parking relieves some stress

Terry Scanlon

CT ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Kevin Butler's 75-minute drive from Charlottesville leaves him little time to walk to class. The last thing he needs is to circle campus to find a place to leave his vehicle.

Butler, a junior majoring in information systems, said he prefers to park in the GG/SG lot on the corner of Belvidere and Broad streets.

"I come out here (GG/SG lot) because I know there's a parking spot," he said, adding that it's only a five-minute walk to campus.

Not only is the GG/SG lot convenient for Butler, but he also parks there free.

The CV deck on the northeast corner of Main and Belvidere streets and the GG/SG lot previously were restricted but now offer students 418 free parking spaces.

Both lots, situated on the Academic Loop that offers shuttle service for students and faculty from outlying parking lots to the Academic Campus, are patrolled by VCU's enforcement and safety officers.

Last year students paid \$70 per semester to park in the GG/SG lot.

Charles Bryson, director of business services, said the university consistently tries to do what it can to make parking easier for students.

"We are very interested in providing another option to students," he said.

More than 300 on-campus students this year pay to park in the academic deck. Last year, these students parked in the CV Deck, while the academic deck was available to all students at \$1.25 per visit.

Bryson said option still is available, but the first-come, first-served spaces are not as numerous. The decision to allow residential students to use the academic deck, Bryson said, is a "win-win situation."

Housing students park in a close and secure lot instead of leaving their vehicles on the street all day; therefore, commuter students have a better chance at finding a closer and a free spot.

Louise Robertson prefers to park in the CV deck because it's free and she finds on-street parking a hassle.

"Everywhere there's parking on the street there's a time limit," she said, "or you're parking 16 blocks from school."

Kelley Lane, president of the Save Oregon Hill Organization, said VCU's parking woes date back before his days as a Student Government Association senator in the early 1980s.

On any given day he sees students' vehicles lining the streets of his commu-

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Weird NEWS

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction



• Tenants to be homeless when shelter built

In August the City Union Mission in Kansas City, Mo., announced it intended to evict low-income tenants Violet Williams, 86, a resident for 27 years, and Bob Dodson, 71, from the apartment building it owns, because it needs the building to construct a homeless shelter—a need that it says was created by a shortage of low-income housing in the area.

• City bans sex for adult bookstore employees

In June, the owner of the only adult bookstore in Clarksville, Tenn., petitioned a federal court to overturn a recently passed city ordinance.

The city council intended to prohibit operators of such a store from engaging in sex on the premises of the store but apparently left out the words "on the premises," thus ostensibly prohibiting the owner and his employees from having sex anywhere.

• Mayor sickens former voters

In trial testimony in July, the former mayor of the 1980s cult-dominated town of Rajneeshpuram, Ore., said he used various schemes to keep the non-cult townspeople from voting, including making them sick by tampering with the food at a restaurant. He also coated courthouse doorknobs with an chemical irritant as Election Day approached.

• Let's hear it for Ed! ... the other Ed!

In the June 13 mayoral election in Sutton, W. Va., Ed (for Edward) Given beat Ed (for Edgar) Given by two votes. In the recount, however, Edgar won by six.

• Voters around the world given incentives

In August the city council of "apathetic" Lierne, Norway, acted to increase interest in the September elections by making everyone who actually votes eligible for an expense-paid vacation to a south Europe resort.

And in May, glamorous model Yelena Mavrodi, 25, finished third in an election to represent Kolonna in the Russian Parliament despite her campaign platform of giving a free coupon to everyone who voted for her, promising an unspecified gift.

And The Wall Street Journal reported in May that Argentina was considering a proposal to pay about \$100,000 to each resident of the Falkland Islands if they would vote to leave British sovereignty and become Argentine subjects.

• Canadian legislator pledges loyalty to wrong country

Newly elected Ontario legislator Dominic Agostino was denied his seat at his swearing-in ceremony in June because he pledged allegiance to Canada, which is not part of the official oath. The constitu-

tional oath requires legislators to "bear true allegiance" only to the Queen of England.

• Lithium lapse leads to beating, not-guilty charge

In March, a Superior Court judge in Boston, Mass., found John J. Locke not guilty of assaulting a police officer who was the police commissioner's driver.

Testimony showed that Locke, who is white, shouted a racial epithet and, with no provocation, pounded the officer, who is black, leaving him with cuts, a black eye and loosened teeth.

However, the judge found that Locke is a manic-depressive and had let his prescribed doses of lithium lapse for two months prior to the attack; she let him go on the promise that he would take his medication.

• Council seat goes to experienced, despite popularity

In April, Naoko Asaki, 27, gave up the seat she won in the Municipal Assembly in the city of Higashimurayama to Hozumi Yano, who finished fourth in the balloting. "Mr. Yano has more experience than I," she said, "and he's more qualified for the job."

• Disruptive behavior gains teen-ager special education

The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Fran-

cisco ruled in July that the Orange County, Calif., taxpayers had to pay for special private schooling for a high-school student suffering from attention-deficit disorder, despite his alleged extremely disruptive behavior.

School officials said the boy peddled cigarettes on campus, set fires, threatened to kill classmates and kicked his pregnant mother in the stomach (sending her to live outside the family home for several months, out of fear of her son).

Said a state education official explaining the court's ruling, "What really matters is the individual needs of the child."

• Agency tells blind employee no to guide dog

In July, according to U.S. News & World Report, a federal agency that helps administer the Americans with Disabilities Act told a disabled employee using a Labrador guide dog that he could not bring the dog with him to work. The reason being that a co-worker suffers from a fear of dogs.

• In-grown toenail causes absence

Among the incidents reported by The Wall Street Journal in a July story on the Family and Medical Leave Act was the still-pending case of June Manuel including four days' leave when her cat died and seven weeks following the removal of an ingrown toenail.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 1995

October 2-25

Information Tables about Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence

11 am-1 pm Commons Breezeway

October 11 (Wednesday)

The Clothesline Project 10 am-3 pm MCV, Sanger Courtyard

A display of T-shirts made by survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of violence against women.

October 18 (Wednesday)

The Clothesline Project 10 am-6 pm Commons Plaza

A display of T-shirts made by survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other forms of violence against women.

"Drawing the Shades" 6:30 pm Business Building Auditorium

A play and musical slide show written by a VCU student from real stories of sexual violence.

Take Back the Night Walk 7:30 pm Monroe Park

A walk through the streets of Richmond to support the effort to stop violence against women.

October 23 (Monday)

"Hostages At Home" 8:30 pm Cladding Residence Center Community Room

Film and discussion led by the Office of Health Promotion. This film explores the dynamics of relationship violence.

October 24 (Tuesday)

"Defending Our Lives" 5:30 pm Commons Capital C-D

This Emmy winning film is about women who killed their abusive partners. A discussion will follow the film.

For more information contact the Office of Substance Abuse / Sexual Assault Education Programs.

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10/13

Phone fraud

A female student reported that between 9:47 p.m. 5/18 and 11:10 p.m. 6/29 an unknown person(s) used a fax phone to make unauthorized calls.

Arrest

Daniel P. Washington was arrested at 3:47 a.m. 10/12 at Johnson Hall for assault and battery.

Arrest

Whitney M. Krogh was arrested at 3:40 a.m. 10/12 at Johnson Hall for sexual battery.

Arrest

Wilson Langley was arrested at 6:04 p.m. 10/12 at the Business Building for urinating in public.

10/16

Petit larceny

A female patient reported that between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on 10/14 an unknown person(s) removed her personal property from its secured location on the sixth floor of the North Hospital.

Total value: \$200

Petit larceny

A female employee reported that between 11 p.m. 10/13 and 3:35 a.m. on 10/14 an unknown person(s) removed her personal property.

Total value: \$160

Arrest

Sterlin Dawson was arrested on 10/15 at 710 W. Franklin St. for grand larceny of an automobile.

Attempted robbery

A male employee reported that he was approached by an unknown person as he was attempting to gain access to the Hibbs Building on 10/15. Suspect attempted to hit the employee and suspect was hurt.

10/18

Petit larceny

A male employee reported that between 10/14 and 3:20 p.m. 10/17 an unknown person(s) removed a set of multimedia computer speakers from a secured room on the 15th floor of the MCV West Hospital.

Total value: \$80

The Clothesline airs victims' pain

James McMahon
CT News Editor

The saying goes that seeing is believing. For students, faculty and staff who witnessed The Clothesline Project Wednesday, however, seeing is believing, understanding and feeling.

The Central Virginia Clothesline Project made its way to the University Student Commons to help celebrate Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Clothesline is a collection of T-shirts with messages created by survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The purpose of the project is to provide a visual display to show the extent of the problem and to make people aware of the extreme ongoing violence aimed towards women.

"Unless you see the true feelings of these victims you don't really realize the problem exists," Amanda Christon, a VCU student on hand for the daylong exhibit, said. "It is scary to think that these are only some of the people who are victims of assault, there are tens of thousands more out there."

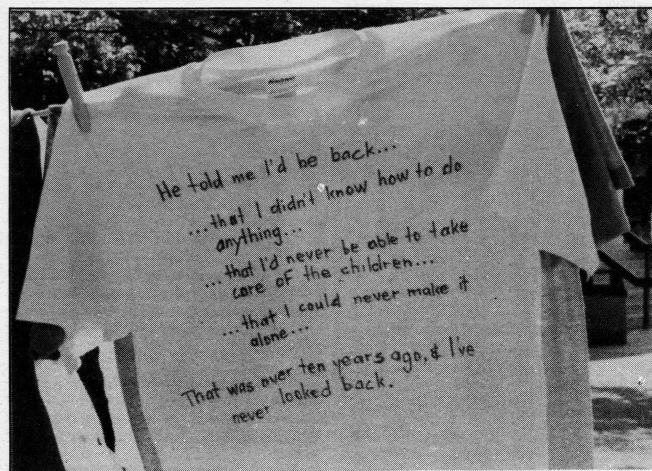
Marigail Sexton, VCU's substance-abuse and sexual-assault coordinator, said The Central Virginia Clothesline Project is one of many similar projects throughout the world, adding that the first was started in Cape Cod, Mass.

Last spring, Sexton said, a nationwide version of The Clothesline Project was displayed in Washington, D.C., bringing together an enormous amount of woman and T-shirts. It was both a good and a bad experience, she said.

"It was a great thing for all these women to be able to express their feelings and for others to see the effects of violence against women," she said. "On the other hand it is sad to know that so many women are victims of sexual assault and domestic violence."

One student on hand to witness the clothesline said it brought back memories of his own experiences with sexual assault. The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said two years ago while in the military he was assaulted.

"A guy came up to me and just assumed I was gay and jumped on me," he said.



Jennifer L. Vancil/Commonwealth Times

ON THE LINE — T-shirts designed by battered or sexually assaulted women chronicle the pain of the victims and survivors.

"Seeing these shirts brings a lot of that experience back to me.

"It's difficult for people to stand up and talk about what happened to them. I know it was difficult for me."

His sister, the student said, was also a victim of sexual assault while she was a student at Longwood.

"I see a lot of what she told me in everything I see here," he said. "It makes me angry that people would think and act this way."

The Clothesline Project, Sexton said, is one of the more effective programs that exist.

"The project allows survivors to make a public statement without having to be there and suffer possible ridicule," she said.

She added that visually the project has a great impact on those who see it.

"This brings the problems of assault to the attention of closed-off areas such as college campuses," Christon said.

Several VCU students, Sexton said, donated T-shirts that currently appear on

the Clothesline. In fact last year the school sponsored a workshop on campus where 10 survivors created shirts.

"It was quite a therapeutic experience for those students who attended," she said. "For some it was the first time they openly discussed their experiences."

Similar workshops are sponsored by the YWCA and generally are open to anyone who would like to attend.

The memory of the recent O.J. Simpson trial and verdict was not lost on The Clothesline Project as well. One shirt spoke directly to many women's survivor's feelings about the case, it read:

*Nicole Brown Simpson
The women of Virginia have not forgotten you*

*Even though the media has
Sexton said the case has created a heightened awareness of violence against women.*

"Hopefully we can learn from the O.J. case that this is a severe issue and should not be forgotten."

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nity for nine square blocks. He said residents of the Richmond working-class community are severely impacted everyday because of VCU's parking situation.

But Lane doesn't blame students. "What I'm not happy with is the way the administration through the years has pushed the parking on us," he said, referring to the residents of Oregon Hill.

Still, not all Oregon Hill residents agree with Lane.

Willie Cook, a resident of Oregon Hill for more than 50 years, said he has to search for a parking space but also realizes the students need to get to class.

"It (parking) gets a little rough around here, but what are you gonna do?" asked Cook, who resides on Laurel Street.

For many students, parking on the streets of Oregon Hill remains the best option.

Todd Price, a junior majoring in marketing, said he parked on the Cherry Street bridge because there was "nowhere else to park."

Price aired a sentiment shared by many students.

"We pay enough tuition that they ought to provide us a place to park," he said.

Senior VCU official to take post at Winston-Salem State

Alvin J. Schexnider, VCU's associate vice president for academic affairs, has accepted the position of chancellor at Winston-Salem State University the school announced late last week.

Schexnider, a professor and administrator at VCU since 1987, will succeed Gerald McCants, who has been interim chancellor since Cleon Thompson Jr. retired in June. He will assume the post Jan. 1.

The UNC System Board of Governors approved Schexnider's appointment last Friday in a meeting on the Appalachian State University campus.

Schexnider was out of town and unavailable for comment. VCU President Eugene P. Trani, however, said the university was happy for Schexnider, though sad to see him leave.

"I am very pleased for Dr. Schexnider," he said, "Winston-Salem State University has made an excellent choice. Alvin has been a loyal and valued administrator at

VCU for many years, and his knowledge and expertise in the area of academic affairs will be missed.

"I, and all of his colleagues at VCU, wish him success."

Schexnider, a former member of the state Board of Education, was appointed last year to the Southern Regional Council of the College Board, a national education group that administers the SAT entrance exam.

Winston-Salem State is a historically black university enrolling nearly 3,000 students in several undergraduate degree programs.

"Alvin Schexnider is a seasoned and resourceful administrator who is exceptionally well-qualified to lead Winston-Salem State University in the years ahead," UNC System President C.D. Spangler Jr. said in presenting Schexnider's name to the board.

— Compiled from news sources.

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Stephanie Grubb, a graduate student in the School of Social Work and an intern who counsels sexual-assault victims at the YWCA, said she was walking that night for the people she counsels.

"It's a night for people who I work with," Grubb said, "to have a choice and to be with other people and for once feel safe."

Victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, she said, keep so much secret and feel so much guilt that it can be crippling.

The walk gives victims and survivors a chance to heal, she added.

Jeff Potts, a VCU student who participates in the university's peer sexuality counseling program and acts in "Drawing the Shades," a skit about sexual assault, spoke to the crowd about the importance of making men understand the prevalence as well as the consequences of domestic violence.

"As a man," he said, "I can only pretend to know what women experience, but I refuse to let that become an excuse."

Every female to have entered his life, including his mother and his grandmother, he said, has been subjected to violence.

It seems strange, he said, having to tell people to listen, but that's what men need to do.

"I don't think most men consider listening and caring as part of their lives," he

said.

But his words Monday night did not fall on deaf ears.

While females made up most of the group, male faces dotted the crowd.

Lucas Ajemian, a junior in the sculpture department, said he came with his friend because they both had known people who had experience violence.

"So many times," he said. "There is a fear of getting out (of a violent situation). We want to let them know there are people that do get out. To let them know that there are people who are not victims that want to help."

While most thought the walk was successful, one VCU student said she wished it lasted longer. Cathy Hart, a sophomore in English, said she was "just getting pumped up" when it ended.

"But overall, it was beautiful," she said.

Another student, Kimberly Black, a junior sculpture major, said she it could have been more effective if they marched in neighborhoods where the violence really exists.

Despite the support shown during the walk, Potts said this is only the beginning of longer haul.

"It's easy for anybody to ignore things when they stay hidden ... but when people come out it's hard to ignore."

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nearly 1.1 million.

A special digital-analysis technique was used to evaluate park service photos in greater detail for "Good Morning America," executive producer Bob Reichblum said. He said the center was asked Wednesday afternoon to provide the count and worked

all night to provide it.

"They finished their calculations at 6:15 this morning," Reichblum said.

"Number-counting is always an issue for the rally organizers and the park service," Reichblum said. "It can become very political."

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"I think that guys are starting to believe they can score goals and the mentality is better," O'Sullivan said.

During the winning streak, VCU posted four consecutive shutouts, outscoring their opponents 11-0.

"We started to make the defense assignments much simpler," Barnard said. "We played man-to-man, and we didn't switch off as much."

No. 6 James Madison jumped out to an early lead and steamrolled to a 5-1 win in Wednesday's match with the Rams. After allowing the first goal, VCU gave up three more in the first half.

Despite the team's up and down season, several players have played well, thus far.

Adu-Gyamfi is No. 10 in the CAA in points with 17 and is three goals and 10 points shy of becoming VCU's all-time leader in goals and points.

In recent games, O'Sullivan said senior Peter Roberts and freshman Mike McDonnell have increased their level of performance.

"It was good to see yesterday and also in South Carolina that Peter Roberts has come through," O'Sullivan said. "Peter was struggling at the beginning of the year and now, in terms of his mentality, he is pulling things around."

As for McDonnell, an injury to midfielder Kristinn Hafliadason has given him the opportunity to play, and he has made the most of his chance.

"Mike's risen to the challenge and has played well," O'Sullivan said, "and deserves to start for us."

With four games remaining, VCU still can finish the season with a winning record and that would be quite an achievement for a time that stumbled out of the gate at

2-8.

"It would boost up morale," Barnard said. "We want to go into the tournament with a winning streak."

Regardless of how they finish the regular season, the Rams still have the CAA Tournament as a gateway to the NCAA's. Adu-Gyamfi said the team will put everything on the line.

"When we get motivated we can play as good as anyone in the country," he said. "If a team beats us it's going to be because they were a better team, not because we beat ourselves."

Results

Record: 6-9-0

CAA: 2-4-0

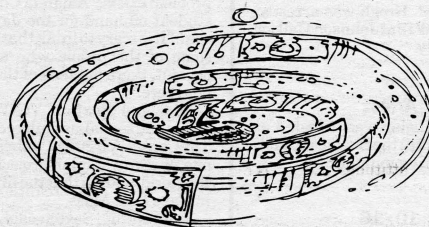
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W	1-0	WILLIAM & MARY*(No. 14)
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Domestic Violence — Awareness First Step to Healing

In Virginia ...

Every 10 minutes a victim seeks help from a sexual assault crisis center.

Every 17 minutes a victim seeks help from a domestic violence program.

Every 37 minutes a child is abused or neglected.

Every three hours a victim of domestic violence is denied shelter.

Every five hours a juvenile is arrested, charged with a violent crime.

Every 14 days a child dies from abuse and neglect.

Domestic violence permeates our society as little else does.

In my family alone, three women have suffered through marriages to abusive husbands. And in the larger circle of my family, countless children have been brought up by parents who could be considered abusive.

Most people have similar — or worse — stories to tell about abuse in their own families. Domestic violence has far-reaching ramifications for every American.

Virginians Against Domestic Violence defines domestic violence as a pattern of abusive behavior that occurs in the context of an intimate relationship. This definition explains that a pattern of abuse is used by an individual to exert power and control over another individual.

According to VADV, domestic violence is fueled by our societal and cultural attitudes, as well as by institutions and laws that are not consistent in naming this violence as wrong.

October is Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This month, VCU's sexual-assault and substance-abuse program has done an outstanding job coordinating on-campus activities in hopes of increasing awareness of this cyclical problem.

Some of these include The Clothesline Project, which tells victim's stories artistically on T-shirts that are hung on a "clothesline," the Take Back the Night Walk and "Drawing the Shades," a play about sexual assault that was written by a VCU student from firsthand accounts of

abuse.

Perhaps some of these programs and displays have made, and still can make, a difference in someone's life.

The Clothesline Project could affect the behavior of abusive partners or parents who finally are confronted with tangible displays of the pain abused victims must endure.

Or perhaps one of the self-help programs will inspire a victim to realize that she doesn't have to put up with physical, emotional and/or verbal abuse.

Regardless of the changes that have occurred, and even if the efforts reach only a single person, it is extremely important that attempts to reduce domestic violence are not stopped.

One afternoon I watched an episode of "Oprah" that focused on domestic violence against women. For an hour, I sat transfixed in front of the TV as picture after horrific picture, detailing outrageous tales of beatings and sexual assaults, flashed on the screen.

Those bruised and battered faces, bloody and swollen yellowish-purple, haunted me for days.

How could someone treat another human beating like that?

And how could society let those victims be treated so badly?

Those faces need to be plastered everywhere, as reminders, as warnings. We cannot forget what goes on behind closed doors.

The realities of domestic violence are shocking. And that shock value should be used to its fullest potential in an effort to push Americans to act against domestic violence.

Pictures of those faces should dominate TV screens and newspaper pages everywhere. We cannot let ourselves forget.

Until domestic violence penetrates our thoughts and sympathies to the same extent it poisons our society, victims have little hope.

Victims depend on the rest of us for help in escaping abusive relationships. They cannot do it alone.

What to do if someone you know is being abused.

■ Ask direct questions, gently. Give the victim time to talk. Do not rush into providing solutions.

■ Explain that domestic violence is never OK, that there's no excuse for domestic violence. Remind the victim that physical violence is a crime. Let the victim know that, despite a partner's promises, the violence will continue and probably will get worse.

■ If the victim has children, reinforce concern for them. Reach out to the children and provide support to them too.

■ Contact the Virginia Family Violence Hotline at 1-800-838-8238. Or contact your local domestic violence program for information and referrals.

■ Provide the victim with the phone numbers for hotlines, supports groups and legal advocacy groups. Encourage the victim to call for information and safety planning.

■ Encourage the victim to plan ahead before the next abusive incident takes place.

■ Support the victim's right to make decisions, even when you don't agree with those decisions.

■ Call the police *whenever* you see or hear an incident of physical abuse.

— Source: Virginians Against Domestic Violence.

"Perserverance is more prevailing than violence; and many things which cannot be overcome when they are together, yield themselves up when taken little by little."

— Plutarch, Lives, Sertorius, sec. 16.

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Kelly Near

Resident Redneck Meets One-way Streets

Hi y'all! Well now, I had me a bit of bad luck this week.

I was drivin' down in the Fan and it was dark. And one problem down here in Richmond is these damn one-way streets.

Anyway, I was turning off this street and all of a sudden people started yellin' at me and blowin' their horns. I mean, one woman was actually leanin' out of her car window to yell at me!

Now, I just couldn't plum figure out why these people were yellin'. Then it hit me, or should I say, a pickup truck *almost* hit me. I was on a one-way street.

Now, that was a big mistake on my part. But hey, accidents happen. Or *almost* happen.

If it had been a truck from back home it still would've missed me. But, I don't mean it would've moved. Back home, it probably could've driven over me. Or at least I could've driven right under it.

Now that brings me to another point I'd like to make about living in the city. Where are all the big trucks?

I don't mean all those nasty little low riders. I mean, good ol' jacked up American

steel with lifts, huge tires and an awesome system.

We got this boy back home. His name is "Yella Dog" (that's his handle, the name given to him to use on the CB). He got that name because of the tattoo on his arm.

Anyway, Yella has got himself a TRUCK! It's worth more than what my college education is gonna cost!

See, there are country boy work trucks and then there are country boy ridin' trucks.

Yella's truck stands about 3 1/2 feet off the ground, and that's just to the bumper. It takes a good runnin' leap to get up into the cab.

That truck has Mickey Thompson tires that cost more per set than my entire car is worth. He's also got motion detectors and one of those sound systems that makes you think you're really there.

In Richmond, if there are any people that have trucks like that, would you please cruise on down Main Street. I'll see ya' when I'm on my way to class and give ya' a good ol' country howdy. And I'll pay ya' to run over some of those bratty little low riders.

"Yella's truck stands about 3 1/2 feet off the ground, and that's just to the bumper. It takes a good runnin' leap to get up into the cab."

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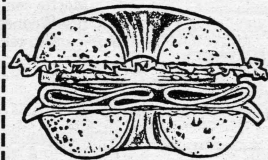
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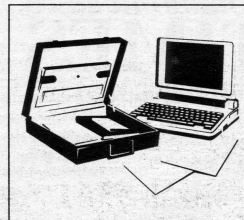
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Takeout Taxi

A disappointing delivery

Brian J. French
CT Staff Writer



RESTAURANT
REVIEW

It is a dark and stormy night. Or you don't have a car. Or you're esophagus-high in midterms and can't afford to leave your study nook.

Regardless of the reason, you want food, you don't want to cook, and—let's face it—those pizza pies grow old after a while. You want a meal, and you don't wanna leave your recliner.

Circumstances as such prompted me to try Takeout Taxi, a delivery company for participating restaurants. There are four regions covered by Takeout Taxi, including the Fan.

Among the choices for Fan residents: Byram's Lobster House, Coyote's, Cactus Cafe, Bob Evans and Julian's. But being in the mood for a more traditional meal, I went with T.G.I. Friday's.

I placed the order, sat back and waited for my food, salivating over what usually has been pretty decent grub.

The food came an hour later, within the time frame given to me. I sat down, opened the plastic containers, and *pop!* The bubble burst.

First I ordered a bowl of French onion soup in lieu of a side salad. What I got was a bowl of an exorbitantly salty broth the consistency and taste of a heavy au jus. The cheese on top formed a mold to keep me from getting to the soup without a knife. I couldn't finish it.

I ordered their "Triple Sticks," which include a skewer each of chicken, sirloin and shrimp served with apple-butter barbecue sauce.

There was no barbecue sauce. The four shrimp on the skewer were overpowered by Old Bay seasoning, while the chicken

strips were devoid of any taste of their own. The sirloin cubes did have a decent flavor to them but nothing spectacular. All were cold when I received them and had to be promptly microwaved.

The accompanying baked potato was a deformed piece of work, with cheese and bacon. It had seen better days. But after microwaving the potato, it actually turned out pretty well. The bacon is real, and the cheese, though actually melted into the potato itself instead of on top, was palatable.

Replaced the roasted vegetables it came with for their garlic mashed potatoes, which were a disappointment of monstrous proportions. The small serving of potatoes were cold (surprise, surprise) and had the feel and taste of the filling in those frozen twice-baked potatoes you buy at the grocery store. Even heating them didn't make it better.

Clearly the best part of the meal was dessert, in this case the "Rockslide Pie." This concoction of cheesecake on an Oreo crust topped with brownies, hot fudge, caramel and macadamia nuts was far and away the highlight of an otherwise sorry meal, and it didn't lose anything in the transport.

The flaw *fatale* comes with the bill: after tax and a \$3.50 service charge, a grand total of \$19.99 for the meal, not including drinks. The quality and condition of the food would have been excusable were it \$10 cheaper, but at that price, it really should have been better. Maybe piping hot would have been asking too much, but the overall quality still was disappointing.

Could it be this bad all the time? Maybe, maybe not. It could just be a one-time problem, or it could be something more serious.

Nevertheless, if money is tight, it isn't a chance worth taking right away. And if you have the money, take a car.



Spectrum BRIEFS

• Soap opera TV channel planned

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Liberty Media Corp. is creating a new cable channel devoted to soap operas.

The Soap Channel will rebroadcast current soap operas, repeat those no longer on the air and show international programs. It also will feature talk shows, soap-opera updates and romance films, said Peter Barton, president and CEO of Liberty Media.

The channel will be offered as a full-time service for cable and direct-broadcast satellite distributors.

Liberty Media, based in Englewood, is a unit of Tele-Communications Inc.

• MacNeil departs 'News Hour'

LOS ANGELES — Robert MacNeil has mixed feelings as he nears his last day on "The MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour."

"It's bittersweet," he said. "It's sweet because I've wanted to have more time to write novels. The bitter part is that I am leaving my other family, people with whom I've worked for 20 years, people whose careers have been shaped in our own little school of journalism."

MacNeil has written two novels, "Burden of Desire" and the newly published "The Voyage." His last day on the PBS show is Friday.

"I've been thinking about leaving for about 2 1/2 years, and I finally decided a year ago that I'd been doing this long enough," he said. "That's nothing negative at all about the program, which I have loved doing. I just don't want to wake up every morning and fill my head with the news agenda and have that agenda be mine."

The show will be renamed "The News Hour With Jim Lehrer."

• TV star aided brother in suicide attempt

NEW YORK — Mary Tyler Moore says she helped her terminally ill brother try to commit suicide by feeding him ice cream laced with a deadly overdose of drugs.

The attempt failed, but the actress says in her new autobiography that she "would do it again."

The book, "After All," reveals her role in the suicide attempt of her 47-year-old brother, John Moore.

She also describes the role of her husband, Dr. Robert Levine, a cardiologist, in the assisted suicide attempt.

It was the second time that Moore, who finally died three months later in 1992 of kidney cancer, had tried to end his suffering.

"He called me one day to say goodbye," Ms. Moore wrote in the book, which was first reported in Wednesday's New York Daily News. "He had stashed hundreds of painkillers and had tried to end his life by

taking enough to kill himself. He fell asleep before he could ingest enough to finally end his pain. He felt he could do it again."

Ms. Moore said she asked her brother to "wait for me to be with you. I don't want you to be alone."

She flew to California from New York the next day, and when she got to Moore's home, "he swallowed as many pills as he could tolerate, then 'he asked me to mash them into ice cream.'"

Ms. Moore said her doctor husband, who had accompanied her, called the drug company that held the code for the morphine pump so that he could increase the dosage, then he "programmed the added infusion while I spoon-fed the potion."

The Daily News quoted Ms. Moore as saying of her husband's role: "It was difficult from an ethical point of view, but he was never directly involved." Moore survived the ice-cream concoction because his body apparently had been conditioned by the massive doses of drugs he took to combat the disease.

"It had taken a lot for Robert to overcome his instinct to cure but added to his guilt, now, was sorrow at having let John down," Ms. Moore wrote.

"After All" details Mary Tyler Moore's personal and professional trials: the accidental shooting death of her only son, her battle with alcoholism and the collapse of two TV series in the 1980s.

The autobiography won't be in bookstores for about two more weeks, according to the publisher, G.P. Putman & Sons.

The actress, who starred in the "Dick Van Dyke Show" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," has a new television role as tough newspaper editor Louise Felcott on the CBS drama "New York News."

In 1979, she portrayed a doctor whom a quadriplegic tries to persuade to let him die in the Broadway play "Whose Life Is It, Anyway?" She won a special Tony Award for her performance.

Ms. Moore's agent, Wendy Morris, could not immediately reach the actress Wednesday morning for comment. No office telephone listing exists for Levine, who is licensed to practice in New York, according to state officials.

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Curve Ball

• Q: When was the last time the two teams with the two best records in baseball met in the World Series?

A: 1986, N.Y. Mets vs. Boston Red Sox

SPORTS

Next Issue

• Basketball season is under way. We'll take a look at this year's men's team.

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Inconsistency plagues team

Coveh Solaimani
CT SPORTS EDITOR

A team's mentality is perhaps the most fragile aspect of any team in any sport at any level.

There is no better example of this than this year's men's soccer team. Score an early goal and VCU can beat any team in the country. Ask William & Mary.

If the team gives up the early score, however, they can be beaten by anyone. Remember, East Carolina?

"It really depends more than anything else at this stage of the game with us, the mentality of our kids," said VCU coach Tim O'Sullivan. "I think East Carolina might be a three-goal win if we had scored the first goal, and I think William & Mary could have been a 3-0 loss had we not scored the first goal."

VCU (6-9, 2-4) has yet to win a game this

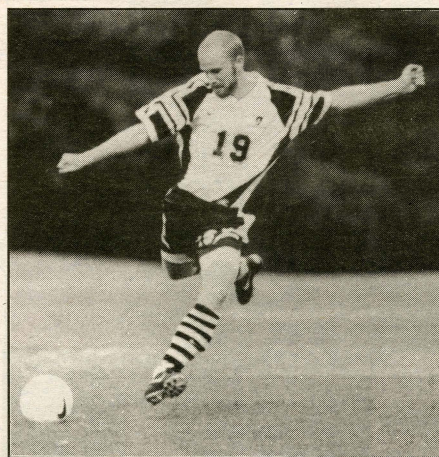
season when the other team scores first and Rams senior Chris Barnard said that is something the team will have to overcome if they are to finish the season on a strong note.

"It's something we have to change because we are not going to score the first goal in every game," he said.

For VCU, this season has been a roller-coaster ride of winning and losing streaks. The team opened the season 2-2, including a win against W&M. In the next six games, VCU went into a scoring drought that left the team without a goal for more than 400 minutes of action and with a six-game losing streak.

When senior forward Kwaku Adu-Gyamfi ended the scoreless streak against the University of Richmond, more goals followed as did a four-game winning streak.

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File photo

RAM FEVER — VCU's Peter Roberts and his teammates hope to continue a four-game winning streak.

The Picks

GUEST PICKER



Bill
"Da Thrill"



"Never Nervous"
Dobias



"One More"
McMahon



"Sensational"
Sherry



"Hail Mary"
Terry



"All the"
Whelan



French
"Revolution"



"Say Hey"
Coveh



"Not Michael"
Irvin

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
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SATURDAY, OCT. 21

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SUNDAY, OCT. 22

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MONDAY, OCT. 23

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RANKINGS

Last week:	14-5	14-5	13-6	12-7	12-7	13-6	12-7	11-8	13-6
Season to date:	86-45	86-47	85-48	84-49	82-51	82-51	80-53	79-54	86-47
Percentage:	.661	.646	.639	.631	.616	.616	.601	.594	.646
Games Back	—	2	3	4	6	6	7	9	2

■ If any lesson can be inferred from the goings of this football season, it is that there really is no such thing as an upset. The college football world's outhouse has become its penthouse with Kansas and Kansas State both sporting doughnuts in the loss column and top-10 rankings. Northwestern beat Notre Dame and Michigan on the road, and they lead the Big 10's Race for the Roses. The once-hapless Colts have beaten two former undefeateds and the defending Super Bowl Champions in the past three weeks ("Go Colts" Geary, ye were born in the wrong time). We in The Picks, however, offer something that can render the aforementioned as routine; something that truly can be considered a Chaminade-esq upset: Sensational Sherry still in contention in The Picks. The resident Jeff Gordon fan has surprised veteran Picks watchers by motoring her way to the left of the standings. The Picks' official private eye now is rummaging through her trash can for phone bills to determine what 1-900 number she's been calling but has so far been unsuccessful. Speaking of garbage and unsuccessful, French "Revolution" still is stymied by the college Picks, going an abysmal 1-5 in the amateur events. Another week like that, and he'll almost have as bad a record as the Times-Dispatch pickers. The guest picker race heats up with "Death" Valerie's 13-6 record coming one game short of the co-leaders. Next in line, "Not Michael" Irvin, who recently was embroiled in Picks controversy off-stage when Picks drunkard "One More" McMahon tried to bribe the executive editor into changing his Pick for the Atlanta-St. Louis game upon hearing that the Rams were up 14-0 as we went to press. However, since she won't need to bribe anyone to change her Pick this week, we can only pray her morals keep her from taking undue advantage of her position. Even if it means giving up on her one guaranteed win of the week.

Editor's note: All picks were made prior to Thursday night's game.