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HERE & THERE >> **ROB HEDELT**

Columnist remembers baling hay for peanuts

ONNIE Johnston's Tuesday column on hay-baling stirred my own childhood memories of it.

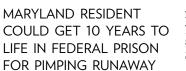
It took me back to long days in the hot sun that left my back sore, my arms itching but my wallet flush with as much as-wow!-\$10 or \$20.

As Donnie noted, that was big money to a 12- or 13-year-old. I was in that age range when I spent the most time on crews made up of youngsters who helped farmers get up hay in Richmond County.

Having lived in Henrico County, I was new to the whole hay-baling experience when my mom remarried and we moved to Warsaw.

I was excited when a friend, whose father was

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BY KEITH EPPS THE FREE LANCE-STAR

brought a 16-year-old runaway to the Fredericksburg area earlier this year and offered her for prostitution will be facing a

years in prison when he is met the 16-year-old runaway sentenced in federal court in September.

Mustafa Muhammad, 36, of Clinton, Md., was convicted in U.S. District Court in Richmond on Tuesday of A Maryland man who transporting a minor across state lines for the purpose of prostitution. He could get as much as life in prison.

According to the U.S. At-

online in February and began communicating with her through text messages. He met her in person later that month and posted an advertisement on a website featuring the girl and offering her for prostitution services.

Ôn March 14, Muhammad brought the girl to a Holiday Inn in Spotsylvania County

mandatory minimum of 10 torney's Office, Muhammad and again posted an online Maryland, Bowler said, the advertisement.

Stafford Capt. Billy Bowler said his detectives were checking the website for prostitution activity and made contact with the girl. Police and were waiting at a motel at U.S. 17 in Stafford County when the girl showed up.

After realizing that she was a juvenile runaway from

FBI was contacted and took over the investigation.

The girl was interviewed by police and gave the names of the people she was involved with, including Muhammad. Muhammad was arrested at the Spotsylvania motel.

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STAFFORD STAGE OPENS » Another anniversary event



Charges pile up for driver in Stafford

BAD HEADLIGHT BEGINS CHASE, RAMMING OF DEPUTY'S CAR AND NUMEROUS CHARGES

BY KEITH EPPS THE FREE LANCE-STAR

A Stafford County man turned a defective headlight

into multiple felony charges late Monday-

including attempted capi-tal murder—

after a chase in which a patrol

car was ram-

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ties said. Stafford Sheriff's Office spokesman Bill Kennedy said Deputy Christopher Staats was on patrol about 10 p.m. when he saw a vehicle with a headlight out on Plantation Drive in the England Run area.

When Staats turned on his flashing lights to stop the vehicle, Kennedy said, the driver accelerated away. Staats turned on his siren as the suspect turned onto South Gateway Drive and SEE CHARGES, PAGE B5

IN BRIEF

washington **FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL STAYING ON MALL**

WASHINGTON (AP)-The National Park Service says it has reached an agreement with the Smithsonian Institution to keep the Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall.

The agency announced a new five-year agreement that will be signed during the festival's opening ceremony. Some festival supporters worried it would be moved.

TV >> DISTILLERY WILL MAKE REALITY STAR'S WHISKEY

'MOONSHINER' GOING LEGAL IN CULPEPER

BY CATHY JETT

THE FREE LANCE-STAR

The star of Discovery Channel's "Moonshiners" is finally able to have his whiskey made legally in Virginia, his home state.

Tim Smith, who lives in the small Pittsylvania County community of Climax, has teamed up with Belmont Farm Distillery in Culpeper to make his moonshine recipe. It will go on sale at the state's liquor stores beginning July 1.

"Tim Smith has always finally got it done and are

going to make Tim Smith Climax Moonshine right here in Virginia," said Belmont Farm owner Chuck Miller.

His farm, located at 13490 Cedar Run Road, will celebrate with a meet-and-greet with Smith from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 5. There will be also be free barbecue, a bluegrass band and an air show featuring parachute jumpers.

"People can meet Tim, buy a bottle and have him sign it," Miller said. "Lots of wanted to go legal, and we people want to meet and SEE MOONSHINE, PAGE B5

Belmont Farm Distillery owner Chuck Miller will make reality TV star Tim Smith's Climax Moonshine whiskey.

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C tafford's first covered Stage opened Wednesday evening in Pratt Memorial Park as part of the county's 350th anniversary celebration.

A family festival and live performances accompanied the ribbon-cutting ceremony in the park off River Road in southern Stafford.

Above, C.J. Smith Jr. walks under a parachute during the family festival before the grand opening of Celebration Stage. Stafford County Parks and **Recreation staff members** were on hand to provide various games for youngsters.

At left, The Believers perform for a crowd during the grand opening of the stage. They were the first act to perform at Stafford's first covered amphitheater.