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**Pasta for Pennies campaign in progress at Fairborn Primary**

FAIRBORN — Although the race is on between classes at Fairborn Primary School to raise the most money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the community as a whole is welcome to participate, project organizer Kim Bigelow said. The children bring in spare change or donations, starting

Feb. 2 and going until Feb. 23, and the class that raises the most money will get a pasta party from Olive Garden, Bigelow said. "We are doing this in the honor of Justin Bland, a kindergarten student at our Wright Campus," she said. "Justin was diagnosed in Dec. '07 when he was a student in out preschool

program here at Fairborn Primary with Leukemia. We also have three third-grade girls that are drawing a picture to sell. They want to split the money between Pasta for Pennies and helping the homeless. Interested parties may contact Bigelow at the school by calling 878-8668.



Olivia Cadle, second grade student, with Grandma Davis and a copy of the book she helped read from.

**Bill**

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unemployment benefits, food stamps, medical care, job retraining and more. Tens of billions are ticketed for the states to offset cuts they might otherwise have to make in aid to schools and local governments, and there is more than \$48 billion for transportation projects such as road and bridge construction, mass transit and high-speed rail.

Democrats said the bill's tax cuts would help 95 percent of all Americans, much of the relief in the form of a break of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for couples. At the insistence of the White House, people who do not earn enough money to

owe income taxes are eligible, an attempt to offset the payroll taxes they pay.

In a bow to political reality, lawmakers included \$70 billion to shelter upper middle-class and wealthier taxpayers from an income tax increase that would otherwise hit them, a provision that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said would do relatively little to create jobs.

Also included were funds for two of Obama's initiatives, the expansion of computerized information technology in the health care industry and billions to create so-called green jobs the administration says will begin reducing the country's dependence on foreign oil.

**NARFE meeting slated for Wednesday**

Make reservations by Tuesday, Feb. 17

FAIRBORN — The National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) is scheduled to meet noon Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the Fairborn Senior Center, 325 N. Third St.

A lunch of sandwiches, salad, and dessert will be provided by Oasis for approximately \$7 per person. As with all catered events, please call in your reservations to Virginia (878-9837) or Pat (864-5377), no later than Feb. 17.



Emily Robinson, second grade student, with Grandma Davis and a copy of the book she helped read from.

**Fugitive**

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The SOFAST team conducted surveillance of family members of both Hurd and Hurd's girlfriend.

At 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning, they were able to determine Hurd was hiding at a Fairborn hotel.

SOFAST agents found Hurd in the hotel room bathroom. Hurd tried to push the bathroom door shut, but it was quickly forced open by task force officers. Hurd continued to physically resist arrest, however, SOFAST officers

were able to subdue him and place him into custody.

Hurd was taken to the Clark County Jail and Charlotte-Mecklenburg detectives arrived in Springfield Thursday night and served the three murder warrants on Hurd.

Springfield Police Chief Steve Moody praised the efforts of the SOFAST task force and said "this is yet another example of the effectiveness of the task force for the citizens of the Miami Valley." Clark County Sheriff Gene

Kelly said "The arrest of Justin Hurd is yet another example of the U.S. Marshal SOFAST Task Force making Clark County and the Miami Valley as a whole a safer place. This is why the Clark County Sheriffs Office was one of the first agencies to join SOFAST when it was created, and why we will continue to partner with the U.S. Marshals and SOFAST in the future."

Hurd also had an active arrest warrant for felony theft out of Hamilton County, Ohio.

**Author**

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moves frequently. Davis realized that military children sometimes experience separation and anxiety issues. Thus, the title "Good Times with Gregory: Airplanes, A Visit to a 747" was born.

All of her published and planned books have the goal of showing children that they can do almost anything they dream of doing. Mrs. Davis plans to write three series of books with this theme, one for each of her grandchildren. For anyone interested in

becoming an author, Mrs. Davis has advice, "Do it! Keep a notebook. You may think you'll remember an idea, but you won't unless you write it down!" She still keeps the notes she wrote as a child for the books she hoped to write someday.

Davis is a former elementary school teacher who enjoys conducting writing workshops with schoolchildren. She does not charge for her in-school programs and any schools interested in having her visit should go to her Web site www.grandmadavis.com.

**Jail**

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identity and had entered the country illegally, he faced potential deportation in lieu of extradition, Adkins said.

Du, originally from Vietnam, ultimately waived extradition and awaited transport to Greene County, the investigator said.

Authorities, including the involvement of the U.S. Marshal's Service, apprehended Du in the Toronto area last month following a tip sparked by an "America's Most Wanted" viewer, Adkins said.

A WSU business graduate, Du was managing a cell phone store where he was arrested and had lived there at least three years, the investigator

said. Adkins said law enforcement suspected that Du was hiding in Canada and had not yet pinpointed his location.

During the attack, Du's former girlfriend suffered a slit throat and both victims sustained stabbing wounds to the torso, the investigator said, and both also survived the ordeal. The former girlfriend now lives near Cincinnati and the other victim has since moved farther away.

Adkins said that he has been in contact with the victims and "They're pleased he's finally in custody."

The investigator said Du was cooperative during the trip and the case was not discussed.

**Visit**

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"We are here because of you. You are the future of Ohio," said Strickland said after the presentations. "I just wanted you to know how proud I am and how impressed I am."

"Our current system of funding schools is deeply flawed," Strickland said, advocating his plan of a "transformational overhaul" of school funding in

a short address to the gathered crowd. "Education is something we're all responsible for participating in."

Strickland also praised President Barack Obama's stimulus bill that seemed headed for passage by both houses of Congress Friday. "I think we're going to come out OK," said Strickland of how Ohio will benefit from the spending plan.

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**NOTEWORTHY**

Beaver Creek High School said she is set for a drive to Columbus today and a subsequent flight to Washington D.C. to attend the inauguration of Barack Obama.

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