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Accused gang members indicted

Seven suspected members of a local gang have been indicted on 25 federal charges, with the gang's accused leader facing two counts of murder for the 2001 shooting deaths of two men at a Fairfax County restaurant.

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Senator blasts Republicans

Republicans failed to take care of American families by not extending unemployment benefits, Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland said Saturday in the weekly Democratic radio address.

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Gore's son arrested

The son of former vice president and 2000 Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore has been charged with marijuana possession.

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Formula race car driver puts children in spotlight

Children's fund sponsor uses car to advertise

By **KELLY SMITH**
Journal staff writer

Every few months, Pete Olson receives a card or letter thanking him for a sweater or blanket.

Olson looks forward to the correspondence, which gives him a sense of satisfaction.

The letters are from the children Olson sponsors through the Christian Children's Fund.

Now, Olson has come up with a unique idea to get support for more children.

Olson grew up in Chevy Chase with his parents, John and Elizabeth Olson. He graduated from the Landon School and now lives in Los Angeles.

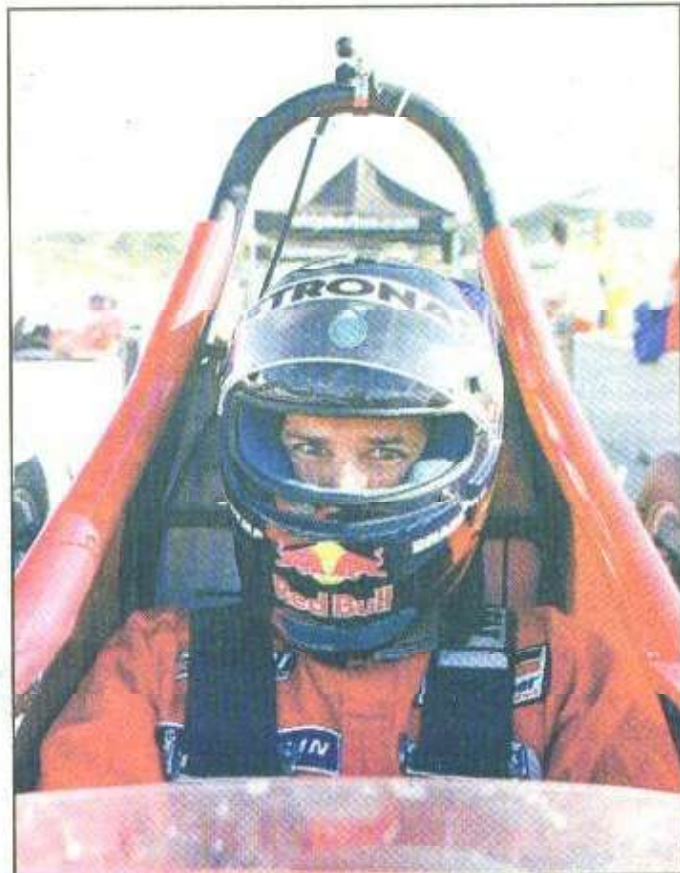
A China Formula Renault Championship race car driver, Olson plans to put the CCF logo and Web site on the cockpit of his race car.

Olson said the series gets a "fair amount of coverage," allowing him to essentially advertise CCF.

"I thought this would be something good to do because I know of all the coverage the race series will get," he said. "I thought this would be a unique way to get more sponsors for the children. I thought that if it gets one more person to sponsor a child, it will be worth it."

Olson also displayed the CCF information in the Skip Barber Formula Dodge RT/2000 Championship in California last October.

Olson sponsors two children — a girl, Araya, from Thai-



Courtesy photo

Pete Olson champions the Christian Children's Fund as a China Formula Renault Championship race car driver.

land, and a boy, Shivnarine, from the Dominican Republic.

He started sponsoring the children while teaching in Taiwan.

"It was a rewarding, but difficult experience," Olson said, adding that the the standard of living there is far below that in the United States. "All of this made me put things into perspective and made me feel

more grateful for the privileges I've had."

Olson now receives letters from the children and sometimes learns what the money was used for.

Araya's family wrote Olson that they had purchased a sweater for the little girl and a

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Bowie residents rally behind sick pa

By **ANNA BAILEY**
Journal staff writer

Everyone calls him Pastor Paul

think Barnes was the host of winter works at the stadium where the Bowie Baysox, a AA baseball team, play.

But this time, Barnes isn't the host. He's

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