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Rallying for Obama

Caroline Kennedy and Lynda Robb speak at Centreville High School.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Local presidential-campaign workers for now President-Elect Barack Obama were already enthusiastic about their candidate. But three days before the election, they were even more energized by a visit from Caroline Kennedy and Lynda Robb.

"Everybody's vote counts, and it all comes down to Virginia," said Kennedy. "This is the moment we have to change the course of history."

She and Robb spoke Saturday evening at Centreville High before a group of Obama supporters and workers. The Virginia Campaign for Change organized their visit, and the crowd was appreciative. Caroline Brooks, field representative from the Obama headquarters in Centreville, started things off by urging the attendees to help canvass people and get area residents to come out and vote for Obama. Said Brooks: "Virginia is depending on Fairfax County, and the country is depending on Virginia."

Robb, the former First Lady of Virginia, intro-



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Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg

duced Kennedy. "One of the reasons why I'm here is because her father [former U.S. President John F. Kennedy] inspired us all," said Robb. "He ap-

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Wolf Wins in 10th

In face of Obama, Warner victories, Republican wins with 23-point lead.

BY MIKE DiCICCO
CENTRE VIEW

At U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-10) victory party at the Dulles Holiday Inn Tuesday night, the crowd, peppered with McCain-Palin stickers, was subdued as a large-screen television broadcast election results from across the country. But Wolf's supporters were animated when asked why their representative seemed unaffected by the political wind that has buffeted the Republican Party for the last couple of years.

The congressman had just won his 14th term representing Virginia's 10th congressional district — which includes Chantilly and Centreville — by approximately 22.5 percentage points in a year where voters overwhelmingly favored Democrats. President-Elect Barack Obama (D) and U.S. Senator-Elect Mark Warner (D) had carried Wolf's own district by a four-point and 24-point margin respectively.

At a time when several other

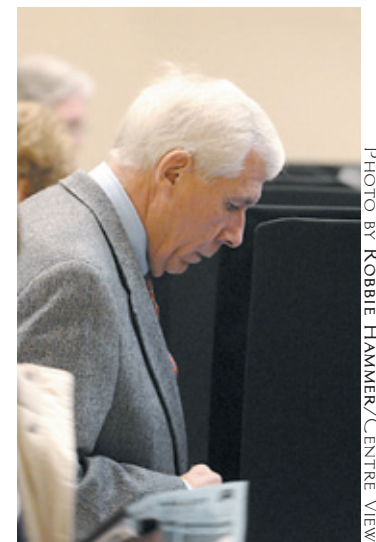


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U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf makes his vote at the Capital Church in Vienna on Tuesday morning.

"safe" Republicans lost their seats, the 28-year incumbent also managed to expand his margin of victory over Democratic opponent Judy Feder, who first ran against

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WHS Presents 'A Doll House'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield High is going for the gold, right off the bat. Its fall mainstage production of Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll House" is also its Cappies contender.

Show times are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, at 8 p.m. each night, and Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or via 703-488-6439 or www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

"I'm really pleased with my actors; they're doing a professional job," said Theater Director Scott Pafumi. "This was the show to do



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Jeremy Rommel and Leslie Roth rehearse a scene from "A Doll House."

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Budget Facts of Life

Smith and Bradsher explain tough fiscal choices for schools.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Call it Budget 101: Fairfax County School Board Representatives Kathy Smith (Sully District) and Elizabeth Bradsher (Springfield) gave a crash course in budget realities and limitations last week at Chantilly High.

Addressing some 80 parents, students and teachers, Thursday evening, Oct. 30, in the lecture hall, they presented the cold, hard facts of both the current School Board budget and the FY 2010 budget already under consideration. And both are severely impacted by the worsening economic condi-

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Math nerds: (from left) Ariauna Heck, Elisabeth Bloxam, Brittany Simmons and Zoe Tippl.



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Insane war veterans (from left) Alex Cain, Melanie Aponte, Kieran Claffey and Ozzy Tirmizl.

Westfield's Haunted House, Wax Museum

Theater students at Westfield High portrayed characters in a haunted house and wax museum, Oct. 29-30, much to the fright and delight of the local community.



America's next Best Dance Crew (from left) Kevin Clay, Andrew Oquendo, Max Ehrlich and Kevin Knickerbocker.



Where's Waldo: (from left) Meredith Murgia as Waldo and Samantha Henry as Waldo's girlfriend, Wenda.



Princesses (from left) are Sleeping Beauty, Sarah Nash; Jasmine, Senna Ahmad; and Belle, Jenni Schumacher.



Heads up: (from left) Liesl Stach and Michelle Kearns.



Zombie Aria Velz and zombie princess Kristina Gerl.



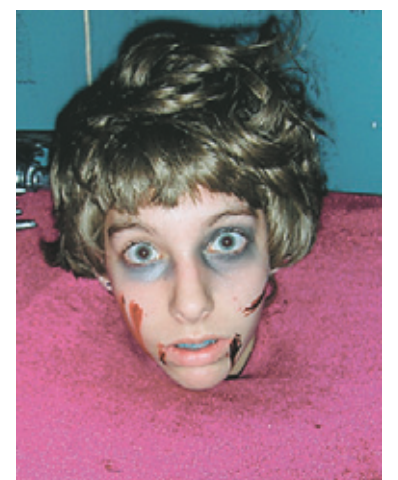
Grim Reaper Andreas Roca.



Flintstones: (from left) Wilma, Ashley Hamilton; and Betty, Ally Geary.



Jazmine Wildy as the Cowardly Lion from "The Wiz."



Sara Calkins lost her head.



The Addams Family (back row, from left) Will Deang, Audelia Solorio and Alvin Kim; and (front row, from left) Golshan Jalali, Ariel Raguso as Thing (the hand), and Cameron Schupp as Cousin It.



(From left) Prisoners Shannon Roberts and Sarah Polson.



Scary trio (from left) Meredith Freeman, Tulia MacDickens and Annie Dykstra.



(From left) Undead pirate Eric Mitchell and, as Fonzie, Bradyn Heck.



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NEWS

'Doll House' At Westfield

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because I have just the right actors for the parts. They're bright and smart; they understand the language and the text and know what to do with it."

Ibsen's considered the father of dramatic realism, and this play was originally set in the 1870s. But, said senior Leslie Roth, "We're moving it forward to the 1950s because the same things he wrote about were still applicable then."

Striving for as much realism as possible, Pafumi had GMU professor Rick Davis translate the original Norwegian text. An Ibsen scholar, Davis also served as script advisor and gave the students insight into Ibsen's world.

The story's about Nora and Torvald Helmer, and Roth portrays Nora. "She lives trapped in her own house because she has a huge secret she's keeping from her husband," said Roth. "Not only has she overstepped her domestic boundaries as a wife, but she's also broken the financial laws of the time because of her gender role in society. Homemakers weren't supposed to have financial dealings."

Because of her secret, said Roth, Nora's "constantly spilling out little, white lies and is a different character, depending who she's talking to. And most scenes involve people coming and going from her living room, while she stays there. She's in her late 20s — a young, kept wife. She married young, and it's presumed she didn't have a choice or, perhaps, didn't know what she wanted, but did what was expected of her."

Calling it a "dream role," Roth is fascinated by the complexity of the text and the richness of the characters. She said this play's studied in literature classes because of the writing quality and Ibsen's renown as a playwright. And she's enjoying developing her character.

"In some scenes, Nora's capricious and flits about the house, chasing every whim," she said. "But she becomes more grounded as she realizes the seriousness of her situation. Playing Nora is an acting marathon because I'm in every scene, but one. But I'm loving every second of the constant challenge; I even get to sing, play the piano and dance the tarantella."

Playing her husband Torvald, 40, is senior Jeremy Rommel, 17. "He's set in his ways," said

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Helping To Get Out the Vote

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pealed to our better spirit to make this a better world. He encouraged us to help our fellow man and work toward world peace, and it's that inspiration that we see replicated with Barack Obama."

Stressing that President Kennedy "lifted this nation at a very critical time," Robb said, "We remember all his hopes and what he wanted to do." Similarly, she said, Obama has dreams of a brighter future for all Americans.

Regarding Caroline Kennedy, she said, "It took Barack Obama to get her to come here today. For someone who treasures her privacy, she's gone all over the country to speak on behalf of [him] and Joe Biden. What we want is a better America — a freer America."

TAKING THE PODIUM in Centreville High's theater, Kennedy said, "We can reach for our highest ideals, and this can be the kind of country we want it to be." She also said she wanted to work for Obama because she liked the kind of man he is — his character and ideals.

"I saw the same spark in him that people saw in my father," she



Veronica Minor of Fairfax proudly wears her Obama T-shirt and cap.



Lynda Johnson Robb speaks at Centreville High School.

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said. "And I appreciate you doing all you can to see that he gets elected on Tuesday." While helping Obama search for a vice-presidential candidate, she said, she liked "the way he listened to people, saw all different points of view and [based his decision on] what was best for America and who would best help him as president."

With Obama and Biden together,

said Kennedy, "You can feel the passion and energy this ticket has ignited throughout the country." She further emphasized that, with a whole, new generation now becoming active in the political process, Obama is "exactly the leader we need ... to meet the challenges we're facing. It's up to each of us to create a government close to our heart's desire — and to make America the kind of country that represents all of us."

ROUNDUPS

Centreville Teen Dies Monday in Car Crash

Blair Hardy, 18, of 13910 Marblestone Drive in Little Rocky Run, died Monday, Nov. 3, in a vehicle crash on Braddock Road. Fairfax County police say the tragedy occurred around 4:30 a.m. and Hardy was pronounced dead at the scene.

Officers responded to the 12300 block of Braddock Road where they say Hardy was driving a 1997 Volkswagen Jetta westbound near Blue Topaz Lane. Police say he somehow lost control, and the vehicle crossed over the median into the eastbound lanes, crashing into a telephone pole.

His passenger, a teenage girl from Centreville, was Medevaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital with life-threatening injuries. According to police, investigation determined that speed was a factor in the crash.

Armed Robbery Is Reported in Centreville

Fairfax County police say a man, 26, and woman, 23, both from Centreville, were robbed at gunpoint Saturday while walking along St. Germain Drive, near Cool Oak Lane in Centreville. The incident occurred Nov. 1, around 2 a.m.

Two men approached the couple, displayed handguns and demanded money. The victims handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and weren't injured. The robbers fled in a dark, four-door sedan.

Both suspects were described as white and in their 20s. One was about 5 feet 4 inches and about 160 pounds. The other was about 5 feet 8 inches and

about 140 pounds. Both wore black shirts and pants.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus the message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Nov. 6 and Nov. 13, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves, so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900, in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Centreville Immigration Forum Is Scheduled

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in room 217 of Centreville United Methodist Church. The church is at 6400 Old Centreville Road in Centreville, and the public is welcome.



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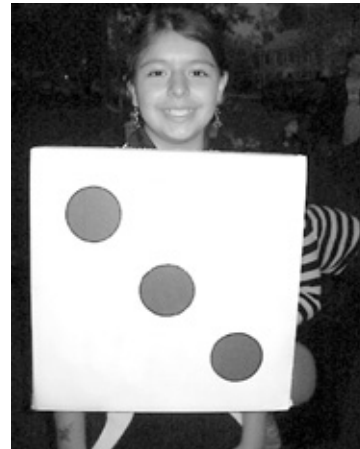
More than 150 people attended the community Halloween Party at Gate Post Estates II on Oct. 31 in the Hickory Post cul-de-sac. The event featured a costume contest for ages 1-7 and 8-older, plus a potluck dinner, Willow's BBQ, a spider walk, games such as pumpkin fishing, marshmallow bobbing, a lollipop pool, and tattoos. Organizers were Jan Guthrie, Catherine McCrory, Liz McDonald, Sharon Davoren, Karen Coady, Cemmi Tate and Terri Fairbanks.



Natalia Lopez, 8, as a cheetah, and Diana Witt, 8, as an artist.



(From left): Dexter Schebish, 8, as Captain Rex; Eric Simmons, 11, as Big Daddy; Matthew Seetoo, 8, as a Skeleton Zombie; and John Simmons, 6, as Mr. Incredible.



Sara Berrios, 10, as a die.



(From left): Jack, 7, and Joey, 8, as Storm Troopers; Taylor Lane, 7, as Super Girl; and Nicole Lane, 2, as a princess.



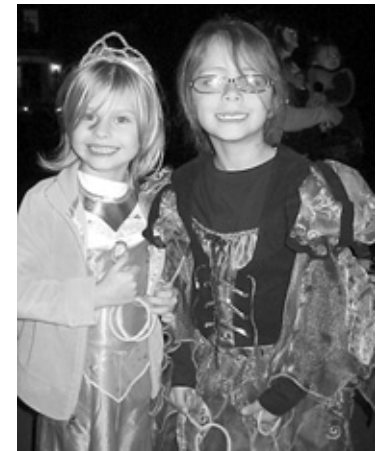
(From left): Connor McNulty, 12, as a baseball player; Adrian Ott, 12, as a football player; Garrett Smith, 12, and Drew Von Rinteln, 12, as Dark Monks.



Rachel Miller, 4 1/2, as a butterfly.



Lauren Bradshaw, as a fairy, and Elizabeth Bradshaw, both 3 1/2, as a bat.



Shane Schebish, 6, as Sleeping Beauty, and Emma Seetoo, 5, as a witch.



Cute, little pumpkin Annabelle DuBard, 17 months, of London Towne II.

Sully Station Children's Center Fall Festival

Sully Station Children's Center held a fall festival for children and parents on Thursday, Oct. 23. The fun included games, food, face-painting and a live performance by children's musicians, Rocknoceros.

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Rocknoceros guitarist sings out.



The Scott sisters: Zakara, 9, a Bull Run Elementary fourth-grader, and Zariah, 3, painted as a cat.



Princess Tanishi Dasgupta, 4, of Bryarton.



Sporting a spider web painted on his cheek is London Towne Elementary sixth-grader David Blackwell, 11.



Dancing to the music are Ritika Venketesh, 4 1/2, of Sully Station, and Anika Harode, 4 1/2, of Bryarton.



Reaching for popcorn are (from left) Hannah Choi, 4, of Clifton, and Jude Norusis, 4 1/2, of Sully Station.



Rocknoceros entertains the crowd.

Tough Fiscal Choices for Schools

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tions. “The biggest issue we’re facing right now is the budget,” said Smith, who’s also the School Board vice-chairman. “Over 73 percent of our funding comes from Fairfax County, and we only got 2 1/2 percent more for this school year. Normally, it would be 4, 6 or 8 percent more.”

She said salaries and benefits account for 87 percent of the current \$2.2 billion budget, and the cost per pupil is \$13,340. But enrollment is increasing. “This enrollment surge is very unexpected, so it cuts into our budget,” said Bradsher. In response, a man in the audience said, “In business, when you need to trim, you look at administrative personnel.”

Smith said the biggest thing the school system did to reduce the budget was to increase class sizes by half a student. In addition, she said, “We started the ’09 budget hoping to give our employees a 3-percent cost-of-living increase and we gave them 2 percent. We started developing the 2010 budget last summer, and now we’re doing a review of our programs [to see where dollars may be cut].”

AS A RESULT, many difficult decisions will have to be made. “The School Board is facing a \$200 million to a \$220 million deficit,” said Smith. “Between the county government and the school system, that deficit is up to \$500 million. We are in a dire budget position. So we’re asking you what do you value, what do we need to support and what can we cut back on?”

The school budget is finalized after the county budget. On Jan. 8, 2009, the school-system budget is unveiled; then in the spring, the county will say how much money it’ll give the schools. Public hearings on the school budget will be held in May, with the School Board voting on it, the end of that month.

“From what I’ve seen, the cuts are pretty massive,” said Bradsher. “Everything’s on the table,” added Smith.

“In the past, everyone expected more,” said a dad in the audience. “Now, maybe we should expect less.” When he asked if the board’s considering making some school activities fee based, both women said yes.

Bradsher said the school system may also stop paying for students’ AP and other test fees.

“The AP test fees are so expensive,” said a student. “If you start charging for them, a lot of us aren’t going to take them — and those



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Kathy Smith

[tests] help us get into college.”

Acknowledging the \$89/test cost, Smith said, “When times were better, the board decided to pay for it. We’re now getting feedback [from parents] saying, ‘Yes, we’ll pay for some of it,’ and some saying, ‘No, we can’t afford it.’” Bradsher said the reaction was similar in the Springfield District.

A mother worried that some counselors are proposed to be cut, but Smith said nothing’s been decided, yet. Another person asked how Chantilly High would be affected and worried there might not be money for items such as school sweatshirts, scripts and band mu-



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Elizabeth Bradsher

sic.

Smith didn’t give specifics, but said the board’s “definitely concerned” about how the cuts will affect families. This year, she said, “I feel like I have a little, black cloud following me around, every time I say the word ‘budget,’ because it keeps getting worse and worse.”

A woman asked if the schools are required to have programs mandated by the federal government, even if the government doesn’t pay for them. Smith said there are “many unfunded man-

dates.” Making matters worse, added Bradsher, “There’s a great discrepancy in the state between what some school districts get and what Northern Virginia — especially Fairfax County — gets.”

Regarding the possibility of later, school-start times, Smith said the transportation changes involved could save some \$3 million, but implementing later start times could cost about \$7 million. She said a Transportation Task Force is developing three versions of the bell schedule and will obtain community feedback about them, “but we don’t know whether [this matter] will be in the 2010 budget.”

However, one mother noted that “if school starts later, the students get home later from after-school activities, start their homework later and get to bed later.” That’s why, said Bradsher, “We’d like to hear from parents on this issue.”

AS FOR the county’s grading-policy study, she said the board will receive information about it in November, will seek public input and then make a decision. One father said that students getting Cs elsewhere would get Ds here, and another explained how Fairfax’s current, stringent standards affected his child.

“Last year, my son took several honors courses and didn’t get the results he wanted,” said the dad. “So this year, he’s avoiding them so he’ll get the GPA, but he’s not taking the courses that would be more challenging.”

“Nobody on the School Board wants our students or our children to be devalued in any way,” said Bradsher. “And if the grading scale is changed, we want it to be done right.”

Another mom asked the board to “set a timetable for this at your first board meeting,” but Smith said the budget is the first priority and everything else is being worked in. However, she added, “We don’t want it to take any longer than necessary.”

Still, said a father, “I’d rather my kid be at an advantage in this area, than at a disadvantage. And it would only cost a little bit of money.”

Also mentioned was the possible purchase of a second, School Board administrative building. “We’d save \$7.5 million in the next three operating budgets and \$20 million over 30 years,” said Bradsher. “It would help us in these tough fiscal times, and we need to get adults out of these buildings [presently used for administrative offices] so we can use them for kids.”

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NEWS

Wolf Retains Congressional Seat

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Wolf two years ago. In 2006, the congressman defeated Feder by 16 percentage points, approximately seven points fewer than the 2008 voters gave him Nov 4.

With Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D) replacing U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), Wolf will be the last Republican in Congress from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

"He stands by his principles. A lot of politicians will say and do anything to get elected," said Will Estrada, 25, of Leesburg. He said he thought Wolf's convictions about human rights, religious freedom and looking out for the next generation helped make him appealing to all voters.

He noted Wolf's push for fiscal responsibility to protect today's youth from debt and his protection of the unborn through his stance against abortion as examples.

WOLF CREDITED his record, most recently including his work on Rail to Dulles, addressing gang problems and supporting food banks during the economic downturn, for his continued tenure. He said his ability to work in a bipartisan manner also helped. "You've never seen a story where I divide the community," Wolf said.

While he may not have felt he was going to lose his seat in this race, Wolf said he did not take reelection for granted. "I worked as hard in this campaign as I did in any other campaign," he said.

Asked if he thought a last-minute media blitz launched by the Feder campaign around a video recorded by one of her staffers had helped or hindered him, Wolf said he wasn't sure if his opponent's tactic had had any bearing on the outcome of the race.

A member of Feder's campaign had followed Wolf, his wife and an elderly staffer out of a building with a video camera, circling them at close range, and the staffer had hit the cameraman with his cane. Feder's campaign subsequently released the video and threatened a lawsuit.

"They had trackers following me around. The people of this district don't really like that," Wolf said, noting that the staffer who had hit the cameraman was an 83-year-old World War II veteran who walked with a cane.

Wolf said he didn't think his status as the area's last Republican in Congress would change the way he operated.

He said he had been in the minority for some time while managing to add a lane to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge, drop the HOV requirement on I-66 to two people and, with the cooperation of U.S. Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), transfer Rail to Dulles and Dulles International Airport to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.

He said he planned to work with area legislators cooperatively, as he always had.

Centre View reporter Julia O'Donoghue contributed to this report.

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SCHOOLS

Westfield Prepares 'Doll House'

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Rommel. "Most important to him is his image and what people think of his reputation and Nora's image. It's all superficial. He's also a little aloof and spends lots of time working in his office. He comes out, now and then, to see that things are still in order. But when, finally, they fall into disarray, it's like the floor's been pulled out from underneath him."

STILL, ROMMEL can't help but feel sorry for Torvald because, "even though he's oblivious to his wife's needs and predicament, he's really just a product of his time and does what he thinks he needs to do. It's definitely my hardest role because of the challenge of portraying the walk, posture and mannerisms of someone much older than me."

But, said Rommel, "I love the

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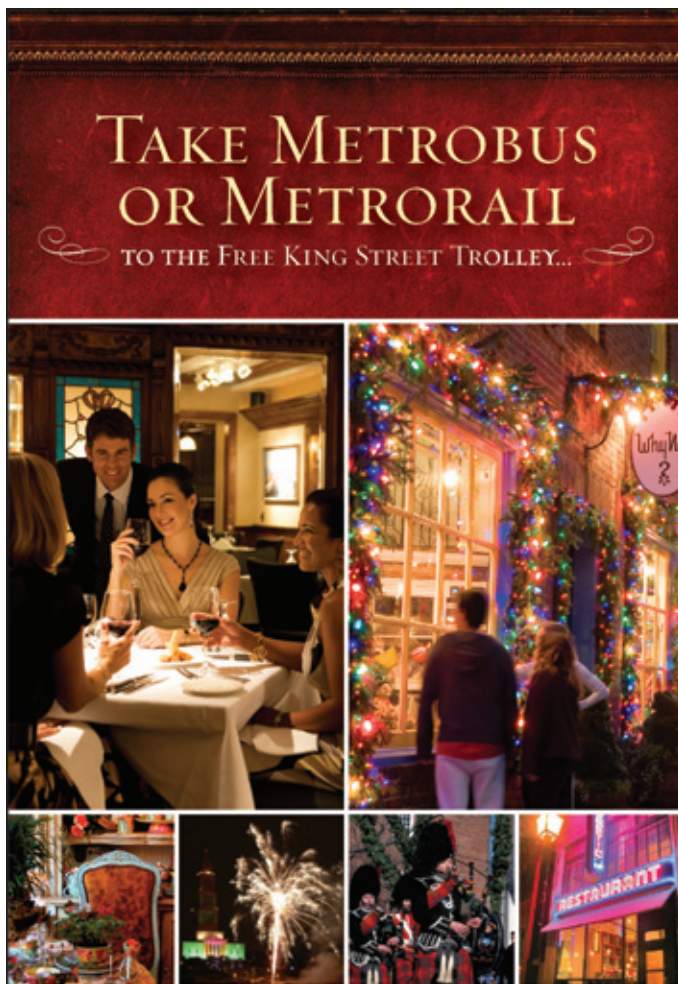
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She was an avid reader, artist, and Thespian. Her favorite past time was to watch her loved ones play sports.



McDonald

She was the widow to Jan B. McDonald and was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Autumn and husband, Joel Robards; her son, Anthony and wife, Patti McDonald; her daughter, Anita and husband, Steve Garifo; three grandsons, Nichola Garifo, Keola and Kainoa McDonald; and granddaughter, Mary Anna

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Westfield Presents 'A Doll House'

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show, itself; it's beautifully written. I studied it in English, sophomore year, and it's great to be acting in it now. And the 1950s twist will make it really interesting for the audience — it was right before the 1960s and '70s, when everything fell apart after the order of the '50s."

Senior Alex Kruszewski plays Dr. Rank, a family doctor who comes to the house every day, just to be with the Helmers. "He's a lifelong friend of Torvald's, but has a secret love for Nora," said Kruszewski. "He's inquisitive and is probably the most sensitive of all the male characters."

"It's the most difficult character I've tried to create because, although he's in his early 40s, he has a spinal disease which makes him appear older physically," continued Kruszewski. "And he goes through a transition, showing three different sides of himself in his three scenes."

Overall, said Kruszewski, "All the characters have such conviction, purpose and desire; and although this play is fictitious, the audience will see how real it can be."

Portraying Nora's childhood friend, Christine Linde, is senior Eden Volbrecht. "She's really down-to-earth and capable of being like Nora. But life experiences have really taken a toll on her. She also had a past relationship with [the character] Krogstad. She loved him, but had to marry a wealthier man to take care of her dying mother and younger brothers."

Volbrecht, too, loves her role. "I can find a lot of connections between her and I, but also major differences because she's more proper and feminine than me. But it's fun because of the challenge. My character knows Nora and Torvald aren't right for each other and, as the story progresses, she unleashes Nora's secret so the truth can come out; and ultimately, that's better for Nora."

Senior Jordan Wilson plays Krogstad. "He's been through a lot of misfortune," said Wilson. "So he's trying to redeem himself for committing past forgeries by working and getting respect in the community. Nora borrowed money from him in the past to help her husband when he was sick."

Wilson says Krogstad's essentially a good person, but with character flaws. So he sometimes resorts to unethical things to benefit himself. But, added Wilson, "Krogstad's also trying to support his two sons. It's my first major

acting part, and I get to show his different emotions. He has all this anger, but keeps it inside and acts calm and collected."

A SPECIAL FEATURE of this production is the eight-person, caroling ensemble. "Many of us have classical and jazz music backgrounds," said ensemble member Claire Manship. "We sing during the show to create ambience during the scenes and, if a character opens a door of the house, you'll hear us singing outside."

The play takes place at Christmastime, and Westfield's picked historically accurate versions of popular songs and hymns of the time. "Our costumes are historically accurate too," said Manship. Her favorite number is "a special, jazzy arrangement of Jingle Bells" arranged by ensemble member Russell Wagoner. "That qualifies us for the Cappie creativity nomination," said Manship. "We're also aiming for a really strong ensembleship — all our voices sync together really well."

Wagoner, a senior, said he ar-

ranged some of the music "straight out of my head. It's a really cool opportunity — all my dreams come true; it's amazing. I've played piano for eight years and have been singing since before I could talk. And now I get to conduct four of the songs."

Besides "Jingle Bells," he also arranged "The First Noel" with "an interesting ending and nice harmony. I love Christmas so much. Christmas carols are so traditional, you think they can only be done one way, so it's nice to break them out of their shells."

Not surprisingly, "Jingle Bells" is Wagoner's favorite song in the show. "It's everything I hoped it could be," he said. "It's like the Anderson Sisters would do because we figured people in the '50s would still have those records."

Senior Heather Doubleday is stage manager, in charge of script work, lighting and sound cues and keeping the actors on task. "It's a lot of work, but it's worth it," she said. "It's time-consuming and stressful, but theater's what I love, so it's also enjoyable and I'm happy to be here with all my friends."

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Centreville is a nonprofit support organization dedicated to helping women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children at home. Meetings are first and third Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St Germain Dr., Centreville. Contact 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Artist Laura Bealey will hold a workshop, Seeing into Drawing, and how to see three-dimensional objects and be able to draw them on a two-

dimensional surface, on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Windrush Gallery, 12186 Fairfax Towne Center, Fairfax. For adults only. Bring a 11x14-inch drawing pad and HB pencil. Free. Call 703-385-4888. Web site: www.windrushgalleryandgifts.com.

Colonial Day at Sully on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Discover life along Cain's Branch before Richard Bland Lee made this land his country seat in 1794. Hear stories of the Revolutionary War while interpreters show battles tactics from the 18th century. House tour included. \$7/adult, \$5/child. Call 703-437-1794.

The Westfield High School Orchestra Boosters (WHSOB) will be hosting its 2008 Westfield High School Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Vendor spaces will be available for \$60 per space. Details are available online along with an electronic vendor application at: www.WestfieldOrchestra.org/fundraising/CraftShow.htm. Call 703-266-1182.

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

Hypnotist Jimi Gibson is bringing "Hypnosis, The Show" to Fairfax High School on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., presented by the Fairfax High School

2009 All-Night Graduation Celebration Committee. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Restoration of Civil Rights of Felons in Virginia is the topic for League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area November meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at noon at the Sully District Government Center. Virginia's Constitution requires that only the Governor can grant the return of civil rights on a case-by-case basis. This issue was first presented by the League in May 2008. In November, members will meet in various locations in Fairfax County and City to decide what, if any, changes they would like to make to the current law. The meeting location is 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Centreville. Call Susan at 703-391-0666.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

The Centreville Pyramid presents Rosalind Wiseman, New York Times bestselling author of "Queen Bees & Wannabes," the basis for the movie "Mean Girls," and "Queen Bee Moms & Kingpin Dads," on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Liberty Middle School. Wiseman will offer strategies for interacting with your child and the many adults and professionals in your child's life.

The Centreville Chapter of Quilters Unlimited is hosting a Quilt Auction and Bake Sale on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School, 13340 Leland Road, Centreville. A preview of hand-crafted quilts and other items will start at 6:30 p.m. Quilters Unlimited is a nonprofit organization of quilters in Northern Virginia founded in 1972 with the purpose of preserving the tradition, culture and history of quilting, and promoting the knowledge and understanding of the art of quilting.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

Grace Covenant Church will hold a National Adoption Day celebration on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at 4600 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Chantilly. This event is an adoption fair to include representatives from various agencies, adoption attorneys, and local Department of Family Services. Learn about domestic and international adoption, as well as foster care. Web site location http://www.gracecov.org/ (see events page, during November)

The Reston Epilepsy Awareness Stroll will be held Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at South Lakes High School, Entrance 4, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. To volunteer and/or to register, call Dana at 703-698-0229 or e-mail danadouglass@cox.net.

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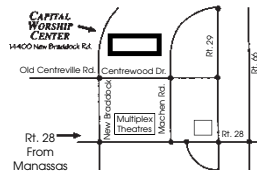
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FAITH NOTES

Christ Presbyterian Church is showing the movie, "Facing the Giants," a story of perseverance and faith in the face adversity, on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Child Care will be available, but a reservation is necessary. Childcare reservations can be made by calling the church office at 703-278-8365 or by email at cpcadmin@cox.net.

Craft Vendors are needed for Centreville United Methodist Women's Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the church, 6400 Old Centreville Road; contact psbyers@verizon.net.

King of Kings Lutheran Church will hold its Annual Silent Auction on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 6-8 p.m. The dinner and live auction is at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. Call the preschool at 703-378-7419. The church is located at 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax.

The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will launch Soul Maps, an ancient yet innovative approach to human psychology. This course will be offered at Chabad Community Campus, 3939 Prince William Drive, Fairfax 22031 for six Monday nights starting Nov. 10. Cost is \$75. Call Rabbi Fajnlant at 703-426-1980 or at chabadnova@gmail.com

The Hazak Active Retirees Chapter of Congregation Beth Emeth,

Herndon will present Rabbi Steven Glazer speaking on Jewish Biomedical Ethics on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. Rabbi Glazer, in addition to his role on the pulpit of Beth Emeth, has served as Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity School and the Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. His talk will address questions about the ethical and religious considerations. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127. Congregation Beth Emeth is located at 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon.

Attention Crafters: Saint Timothy School in Chantilly has openings for its Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22. Download an application and registration form at www.sainttimothyschool.org. Call Karen Yee at 703-803-0460.

Wellspring Church joins in praise, with the word of light. Especially when times are tough, Christians know that "God is still speaking" and leading to the light. The Rev. Al Fuyes will preach. Sunday worship is at 11 a.m., at the chapel on Route 29, 13510 Lee Highway, Centreville. The chapel is on the north side of Route 29, just west of the Lee Highway-Union Mill Rd. intersection.

Sunday School for children meets during the worship hour. Following worship there is a fellowship hour with fair trade coffee and treats, and visitors are welcome.

A "Living the Questions" evening Bible study meets on Nov. 19, and the Immigra-

tion Forum meets at Centreville United Methodist Church on Nov. 18. Check the Web site, wellspringucc.org, or call Sara Little at 703-257-4111 for information on these and other special events.

Wellspring United Church of Christ is thoughtful, prayerful, justice-seeking, and open and affirming to seekers of all backgrounds. Worship is informal.

King of Kings Lutheran, Christ Presbyterian, Pender Methodist, and Ox Hill Baptist Churches will host an ecumenical community Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at King of Kings, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. Call 703-378-7272 or www.kofk.org.

Congregation Yad Shalom of Centreville provides a variety of programs in a traditional format with a modern flair. It openly invites inquiries about participation in these activities by the community. There are a number of activities for the family for the new year:

- ❖ Join in a Friday night Shabbat service with Cantor Zucker on Nov. 14 at Little Rocky Run Community Center at 8 p.m.

- ❖ Join in a Saturday morning service with Cantor Zucker on Nov. 29, at Little Rocky Run Community Center at 10 a.m.

For further information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit the Web site at www.yadshalom.com.

SCHOOL NOTES

Westfield High has three students who made the Virginia All-State Jazz Band: Jed Lingat, 11-Bass; Ryan Selove, 11-Guitar; and Justin Neely, 12-Bass Trombone. The All-State Jazz Band will be performing at the Virginia Music Educators Conference in Hot Springs, Va., on Nov. 21. This group is made up of 20 students from around Virginia. Westfield was the only high school to have three students make the group.

Westfield High Orchestra Boosters will host a Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the school, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Vendor spaces are available for \$60 each at www.WestfieldOrchestra.org/fundraising/CraftShow.htm. Call 703-266-1182.

Bull Run Elementary invites family and friends of current, reserve, former or retired members of the United States military to attend a Veterans Day observance at Bull Run on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Mary Obarowski at 703-227-1400.

The Northern Virginia Christian Academy (K-12), 11000 Berry St., Fairfax, will hold an Open House from 8:30 a.m.-11 a.m. on Tuesday,

Nov. 11. Contact 703-273-0803 or www.nvchristianacademy.org.

Community members are invited to join a discussion about budget deficit issues that will impact student education at a PTSA-sponsored town hall meeting with two Fairfax County Supervisors on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly High School. Three fourths of the income to run Fairfax schools comes from the government of Fairfax County, and the county is projecting severe deficits that could mean cuts in school programs for next year. Sully Supervisor Michael Frey and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry will talk about the affect of funding shortfalls on schools, county services and property taxes. Other issues, such as the widening Stringfellow Road, will also be discussed. Contact Mary Crowson at mcrowson@cox.net or Ted Velkoff at tvelkoff@cox.net

The Centreville School Pyramid presents Rosalind Wiseman, author of "Queen Bee Mums and Kingpin Dads" and "Queen Bees and Wannabes," on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Liberty Middle School. Spanish, Korean and Chinese translators and childcare for school-aged children will be available.

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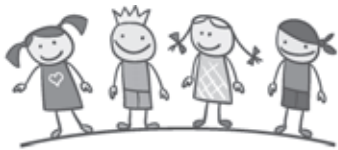
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The 35th Green Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet in Fair City Mall (Route 236 and Pickett Road). The topic is Protecting Headwater Streams — Exploring a regulatory approach to establishing riparian buffers upstream of RPAs. The speaker is Judy Cronauer, Fairfax County Code Analysis Division of Land Development Services, DPWES. Cost is \$9.

7:30 p.m. Meet and network with local business owners and professional leaders. Email Gregg Caldwell more information. Gregg@gandcauto.com.

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Meet local business owners and build your business network through the BNI Business Owner's Roundtable. Meetings are Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. at Eggspectation, 5009 Weston Plaza Dr., Chantilly. Cost is \$8 for Continental breakfast or \$12 for hot breakfast. Email Lauren Kirby at lkirby@turnaroundllc.com.

The Centreville Rotary Club has moved its meeting location from the I-Hop in Centreville to the Eggspectations Restaurant in Chantilly.

The Rotary Club meets Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 p.m. for lunch. There is a new guest speaker every week with topics ranging from estate planning to how the Rotary helps during emergencies. Contact Gregg Caldwell at gregg@gandcauto.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Three of Westfield High School Crew Team's boats (shells) qualified for nationals last spring season and as many as five or six shells could qualify this year; add to this that the both the boys' and girls' teams expect to compete for state championship titles this year. While a majority of Fairfax County high schools have crew teams, the county school system does not fund the sport. To assist with covering costs, the team is offering poinsettias and wreaths for the holiday season. Orders must be submitted by Friday, Nov. 14. To get an order form, just go to www.westfieldcrew.org and click on the link or email westfieldcrew@aol.com. Poinsettias and wreaths will be available at Westfield High School for pick up on Tuesday, Dec. 2, or delivery arrangements can be made for deliveries within the Westfield school district.

The Virginia Run Turkey Trot will be held Thursday, Nov. 27 at 8 a.m. in Centreville. It includes a 5K running course as well as a 2K walking course. Each goes through the Virginia Run community at Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road in Centreville.

All proceeds from the Turkey Trot benefit Life with Cancer, INOVA Health System's non-profit program for cancer patients and their families. The event has been raising funds for the cancer program for 16 years. During that time, Life with Cancer has become a well established support program, and in the past two years, the Turkey Trot has attracted enough participants and sponsors to donate \$53,000 to the charity. This year's race will exceed \$500,000 donated to with Life with Cancer. Last year over 2,300 runners and over 750 walkers participated.

Easy registration is available online at www.runwashington.com. Entry fee is \$20 to run and \$13 to walk if registered by Nov. 23. The fee includes a long sleeve T-shirt, post race snacks and raffle participation. Prizes are awarded to the fastest two males and females overall and in the Virginia Run residents' category.



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Chantilly Chiropractic is located at 3910 Centreville Road in Chantilly.

The Centreville Rotary Club will be hosting a mixer at the Austin Grill in Centreville on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 p.m. -

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SPORTS

Playoffs Begin Friday

By JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

With 15 wins between them, the Westfield and Chantilly football teams have cemented their spots near the top of the Northern Region Division 6 playoff picture.

The second-seeded Bulldogs and No. 3 seed Chargers will face No. 7 Herndon (6-4) and No. 6 Annandale (7-3), respectively, on Friday, with the winners advancing to the region quarterfinals.

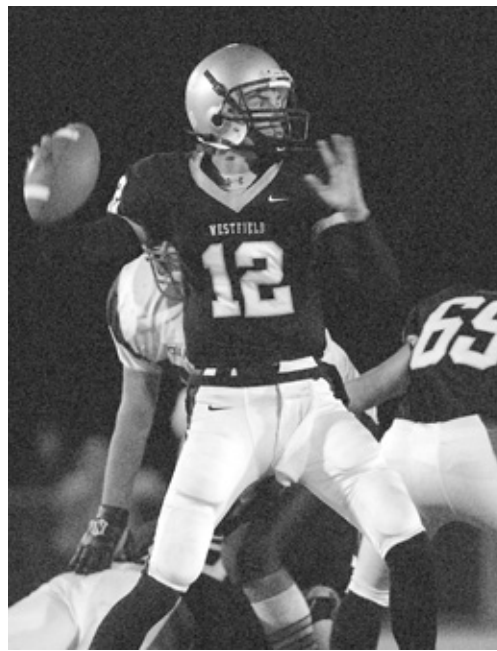
More than two weeks ago, Westfield (8-2) suffered its first loss since Nov. 25, 2006, dropping a 29-28 decision to Herndon in double overtime. The Bulldogs dropped their subsequent game, 30-18, at home to top-seeded Oakton and nipped Centreville in a shootout, 58-40, one week ago.

Chantilly (7-3), on the other hand, had won three straight before falling to Edison last Friday, 20-17.

"The challenge for us is going to be against [Annandale's] defensive line," Lalli said. "For us, we're going to have to minimize their penetration so we can get our running game going."

"We have to focus on what's at hand," added Westfield coach Tom Verbanic. "This is a team that beat [us] and you don't get these chances to play a team again that beat you."

If Chantilly hopes to stop the red-hot Annandale Atoms, who've won five straight after a 2-3 start,



FILE PHOTO

Westfield quarterback Danny Fenyak threw three interceptions during a Week 7 loss to Herndon, but he will look to regroup Friday during a rematch with the Hornets.

the Chargers know that the path to success runs right through dual-threat quarterback Cason Kynes (1,934 passing yards, 791 rushing yards and 28 total touchdowns).

PART OF THE BURDEN of stopping Kynes will fall on running back Torrian Pace, who can keep Annandale's playmaker on the bench by continuing to pile up yardage like he has all season. Pace has rushed for 1,522 yards and 21 touchdowns this fall, including 31

carries for 212 yards (6.8 avg.) and two touchdowns during last week's loss to Edison.

"We just can't make any mistakes or take a play off," Pace said. "We're known for having sustained drives, and it's important because Cason Kynes is a very good player and he can hurt us."

Like Chantilly, Westfield has relied on a power running game this season, riding senior Jordan Anderson 179 times for 1,516 yards (8.5 avg.) and 21 touchdowns.

In the loss to Herndon, junior quarterback Danny Fenyak threw three

interceptions as the Bulldogs' two-point conversion in the second overtime fell incomplete. But after last week's 310-yard, five-touchdown performance, the signal caller should be operating with a difference confidence level.

"For us, we're not good enough to overcome three turnovers like that," said Verbanic, whose team went 15-0 last season and won the Virginia AAA state title. "We just have to take care of the ball, get first downs, and we'll be OK."

(28 assists) and Kelly Murray (eight kills, three blocks).

But against a district rival, Chantilly didn't let one lost game develop into something more.

"You never want to lose a game," Williams said, "but I think it was

good to re-focus us and it really showed us how much we wanted it."

Chantilly will face Herndon in the Northern Region semifinals Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Centreville High School.



PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/CENTRE VIEW

Despite dropping its first game since Oct. 6, the Chantilly volleyball team recovered to win its first Concorde District title since 2004. The Chargers will play Herndon in the region semifinals Thursday.

A Clinching Cliché

Chantilly volleyball disposes of rival Westfield last Thursday to take first Concorde District crown since 2004.

By JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

Following a routine win over Lee on Sept. 15, Chantilly volleyball coach Charles Ezigbo dipped into his bag of clichés. "We try to stay under the radar, and we try to be competitive in every match that we have in front of us," he said.

It's a strategy that has worked well for Chantilly, an area powerhouse with a record of 22-1. Not only have the Chargers been competitive — 67-6 in games this season — but at times they've been downright dominant.

The Chargers had lost only one game since Sept. 22 until the Bulldogs took Game 2 from them Thursday night at Westfield High School. Ezigbo's team wasn't fazed. Chantilly battled back to

take Games 3 and 4 by scores of 25-18 and 25-22.

But after the team's 3-1 win over Westfield to claim its first Concorde District title since 2004, there's no more flying under the radar for Ezigbo and his Chargers.

"We just focused on one game, one point at a time," said Ezigbo, digging deeper and deeper into the bag. "We got ourselves in a little hole at one point and it was just their competitive drive to get out of it."

The Chargers, who reached the Virginia AAA state playoffs last season, have been powered by a talented junior class this fall. Ezigbo started only one senior (Jessica Cooper) against Westfield and received important contributions from juniors Samantha Reeves (12 kills), Allison Williams (nine kills) and Jamie Gorman (six

kills).

Despite two 3-0 losses to Chantilly earlier this season, Westfield attacked the Chargers behind Concorde District Player of the Year Sammy Spees (14 kills, 10 digs, two aces), Kat Lanigan

Week in Sports

Chantilly Cheer to host 'Performance Day'

Chantilly Youth Association (CYA) Cheer has, for many years now, participated in Northern Virginia's only combined youth cheer league performance, entitled "Performance Day." Cheer teams from leagues all over Northern Virginia participate, and now, for the second year in a row, Chantilly Youth Cheer is hosting the event. Performance Day will be held on Sunday, Nov. 9 from 2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at Chantilly High School. The event will include leagues from Reston, Gainesville, Annandale, Ft. Belvoir, Centreville, Herndon, Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

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OPINION

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More than 70 percent of voters in Arlington and Alexandria supported Obama; more than 58 percent in Fairfax County; more than 52 percent in Loudoun.

Northern Virginia polling places were jammed with voters on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

While each of our local 17 papers include local stories and preliminary results, more results and dozens more stories about residents' experiences on Election Day appear on our Web site.

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ences of all kinds that you had voting on Election Day or voting absentee. We're interested in positive experiences as well as concerns or problems. Perhaps you waited for more than an hour, but used the time to make new friends or catch up with old ones. Perhaps you saw a polling place where one election worker made a difference by being exceptionally organized

or exceptionally pleasant.

We're interested in the experience of people with disabilities. We did hear that some people with disabilities and some older voters were subjected to unbearable waits for curbside voting in some places. We'd like to know if you are a voter with disabilities what kind of experience you had, easy or hard.

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few will appear in print in any given newspaper.

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Defending Westfield High's Proud Name

To the Editor:

On Thursday, Oct. 9, a letter was printed in Centre View regarding the actions of students at Westfield High School ["Westfield Bulldogs Just Don't Get It," by Sam Elson].

As the president of the senior class, a member of the varsity volleyball team and National Honor Society, and a regular volunteer for different organizations in the community, I personally am appalled that the submitter would create such a fallacy as to generalize the entire student body due to the actions of a select few individuals. The article stirred up quite the buzz at school this past Friday, as the words "worst behavior in all of Fairfax County Public Schools" reverberated throughout the hallways.

While I concede that specific chants and jeers during the Chantilly game were inappropriate and unnecessary, to attach a stigma to the entire student body of Westfield High School is needlessly harsh. There are various achievements students have received throughout the years that have been overshadowed by the [letter] in the paper last week. For instance: in September, Kat and Clare Lanigan of the Westfield High School varsity volleyball team received the President's Volunteer Service Award from President George W. Bush for their service to the children of deployed military parents through their organization, A Thousand Thanks to Military Children; this past summer, 24 students from Westfield High School volunteered in the rural part of

Costa Rica, assisting the community in several micro-businesses; and around two dozen Westfield High School students and alumni from Centreville United Methodist Church attend Sneedville, Tenn., each year to reach out to the underprivileged children in the area. Each student at Westfield High is an individual that will not be held captive to generalizations and broad conclusions; to try and do so serves as an injustice to the entire Westfield community.

Like the submitter, I also believe it to be important to study patterns in order to make conclusions and comment on human behavior; however, the idea that Westfield High School students are some of the worst behaved "in all of Fairfax County Public Schools" is an over-exaggeration. As a sports fan, I have been to several games ranging from volleyball to football, field hockey to baseball, and lacrosse to swimming, yet have found that Westfield students are to neither extreme when it comes to sportsmanship. I've seen students from other schools in the county throw gum, full cans of soda, and aluminum foil; chant foul language, mock opponents, and create negative T-shirts to put down the other team. I do not believe these examples to be an excuse for the actions of Westfield students, but to imply that we are the cream-of-the-crop when it comes to the nastiest behavior in the entire county is quite a hyperbole.

I was dumbfounded to read that the submitter was "disheartened that the staff and parents of

Westfield High School have been so ineffective" in educating their children on "the importance of good sportsmanship" and "respectable decorum." I stand firm in my belief that the staff and parents of Westfield High are completely capable of and have been raising their children to act appropriately whether it is in school, at home, or while performing or participating in athletics, theatre, art, or music. As high school students, we unfortunately rely on "group-thinking" more often than the teachings and wisdom of our elders; therefore, to associate our shortcomings with parental incompetence is irrational.

The current "Bulldog Culture" has been cast in a light that is unwarranted. Our parents, administration, teachers, and peers have worked hard to detach negative stigmas our school has received the past few years, and frankly, I am

tired of hearing that our students and alumni are incapable of being respectful, that we constantly make poor decisions, and that we are negative role-models within the community. I take offense to the fact that my high school has been attacked, especially in times of trials. I will not make excuses for the unfavorable actions of the student body, but I hope that in the future, Westfield High School is remembered for our achievements in academics, accomplishments in athletics and the performing arts, our volunteer services within our community and the world, and our passion to better our school. I am proud to be a Westfield Bulldog and no negative stigma or generalization will ever change that.

Angie Giancola
President, Class of 2009
Westfield High School
Chantilly

Thanks, Carrabba's For Feeding Election Officers

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Carrabba's Italian Grill restaurant at Trinity Center for their generous gesture in agreeing to feed 17 hungry Election Officers on Tuesday. Election officers worked very long hours to help Americans vote at precinct 919 at Centreville Elementary School. Carrabba's delivered two delicious lasagna trays and salad to some very busy Election workers. The food was welcome to nourish these very dedicated civic-minded

citizens who give their time to help run our election system.

I would also like to thank Sweetwater Tavern for providing us coupons for dessert in the future.

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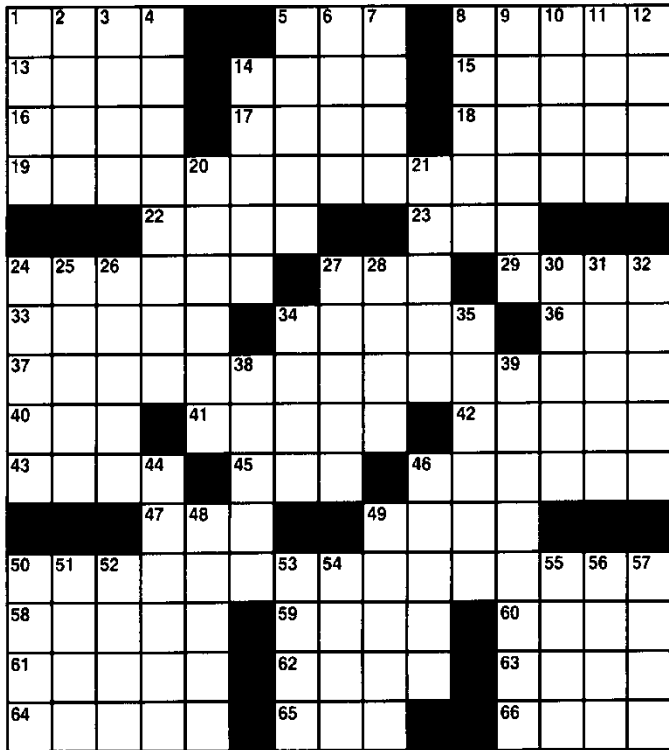
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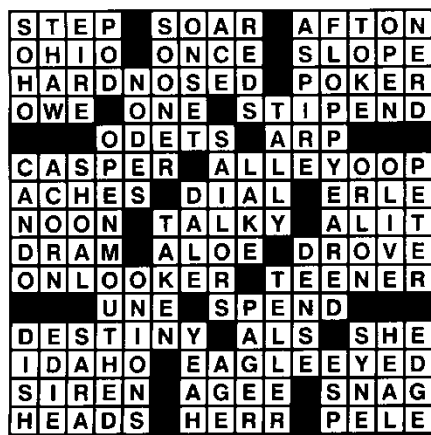
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- 5 One-time Chinese chairman
- 8 Hoopster Gilmore
- 13 A Great Lake
- 14 Zeus's wife
- 15 Stop
- 16 Dudley Do-Right's love
- 17 Apiece
- 18 Avignon's river
- 19 Quip about links lovers, part 1
- 22 Baseball bosses: Abbr.
- 23 Magazine income producers
- 24 Beads worn by a nun
- 27 Wish for a hot summer day
- 29 "What the _____!"
- 33 Keep away from
- 34 Gaels, etc.
- 36 Rap's Dr. _____
- 37 Quip, part 2
- 40 Consumed
- 41 Old photo color
- 42 Confiscate
- 43 Eliot's Adam _____
- 45 Lobsterlike
- 46 Made amends (for)
- 47 "_____ nuff!"
- 49 Get-ready work
- 50 Quip, part 3
- 58 Dancer Ailey
- 59 Treaty preceders
- 60 "A Doll's House" heroine
- 61 Former Big Apple mayor Abe
- 62 Suffix with concession
- 63 St. Patrick's land
- 64 Goes it alone
- 65 Cagy
- 66 Wallop

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- 1 Successor to 5-Across
- 2 Chocolate-and-cream cookie
- 3 Part of a fish
- 4 Successful through one's own efforts
- 5 Beef, pork, etc.
- 6 St. Louis landmark

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- 25 Like some leaves
- 26 Used a piggy bank
- 27 Malodorous
- 28 _____ Romeo (Italian auto)
- 30 Newsman Newman
- 31 Fad
- 32 Atwitter, with "up"
- 34 Superhero accessory
- 35 Many a bridesmaid
- 38 Long-necked bird
- 39 Unlocked again
- 44 Alaska native
- 46 Get up
- 48 Dancer Gregory
- 49 Actor Luke
- 50 Bell _____
- 51 Butter substitute
- 52 Race track shape
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Fanatic But Not A Phillie



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

While having a conversation recently with my mother about how it was that I could stand the pressure of watching our home town team, the Boston Red Sox, play baseball night after night, as they mostly won their 2008 playoff games, many of which were "elimination games" and extremely stressful if their winning mattered to you, I had an epiphany of sorts.

Sure, I love sports; sure I'm a long time member of Red Sox Nation, having been born, bred and buttered in New England; sure, my father was an even longer-time Red Sox fan, having sold concessions at Fenway Park during the Great Depression when he was a little boy, but my fanaticism may have much deeper psychological underpinnings than that.

Watching sports, especially during those moments of game-changing, series-ending, history-making, life-affirming circumstances, creates tremendous amounts of anxiety and discomfort, and depending on the outcome, mind-crushing and mood-altering disappointment as well. As fans, we all have mechanisms for dealing with the highs and lows and the roller-coasting emotions in between. It can be drinking, smoking, eating, not eating, sitting, standing, pacing, fidgeting, fumbling, dressing a certain way, undressing a certain way, watching from a specific place, not watching (like my father-in-law), following a particular routine, etc.; all in an attempt to charm the Sports Gods and secure your team's rightful place above the rest and to secure, as well, your admission into the fan's Hall of Fame (which of course does not exist outside of anyone's head). No individuals being equal in this pursuit, as a fan you do whatever you can to cope and hope and bring home the win.

And as I was explaining an abbreviated version of this philosophy to my hearing-impaired mother (for whom my brother and I felt compelled to buy the MLB package from Comcast because of her growing passion for the Sox), I inadvertently discovered what may very well be the real reason I am able and determined to watch my beloved Red Sox win or lose, day after day, right down to the hopefully not, bitter (and premature) end: the opportunity to bite my nails without any recrimination or frustration by others as to the reason why I'm doing it.

Moreover, given the understandable tension of the sport's moment, as a fan I would be hard-pressed not to be nervous. And biting one's nails is a reasonably accepted, and semi expected-type normal behavior, especially from a fan watching an extremely stressful, highly competitive, contest, where it's likely there will be any number of slings and arrows of potentially outrageous fortune. Furthermore, given the emotional stakes fans have invested in their team's winning, especially Championships (in whatever Conference, Division, League, etc. you value), how does one not bite their nails?

So that's what I do, I bite my nails. It's normal, almost. Under these circumstances, it's sort of what people/fans do. It's all the other times when I bite my nails — constantly, which are not normal, not expected and not reasonable (and rarely tolerated, I may add). But under these unique, sports-related circumstances, my nail biting is hardly noticed, hardly mentioned and rarely a topic of conversation, unlike every other moment when it is noticed, mentioned, etc. No wonder I love being a fan, it's the one time where my abnormalities are considered normal. Some call it fanaticism, I call it nirvana.

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**TRUSTEE'S SALE
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Improved by the premises known as
13306 Sturno Drive, Clifton, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Eric G. Olson, dated January 4, 2005, and recorded January 5, 2005, in Deed Book 16864 at page 270 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 3, Clifton Pines as the same appears duly dedicated, plotted and recorded in Deed Book 9440 at page 25, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 13306 Sturno Drive, Clifton, Virginia 20124.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$65,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.125 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.


Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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Section 4(f) de minimis impact
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Route 7100 (Fairfax County Parkway)/Route 7700 (Fair Lakes Parkway)
VDOT Project 7100-029-353, P101, R201, C501, B630-B633
Federal Project STP-5401 (409); STP-5401 (689)
UPC 52404
Fairfax County

Pursuant to the requirements of 23 CFR 774.5, notice is hereby given that the Virginia Department of Transportation is accepting written comments for 15 days following the date of this advertisement regarding the Fairfax County Park Authority's concurrence with the Federal Highway Administration's Section 4(f) applicability criteria for temporary occupancy and de minimis impacts on the Rocky Run Stream Valley Park as a result of the captioned project.

The public may view the signed concurrence, the proposed roadway plans and other relevant documents at www.virginia-dot.org and at VDOT - Northern Virginia District located at 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151. Public comments regarding the project will be accepted through **November 17, 2008**. Please reference the "UPC 52404 Fairfax County Parkway" in the subject line of the comments. Comments should be sent to: Robert Iosco, Virginia Department of Transportation, Environmental Section, Suite 105 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20151.

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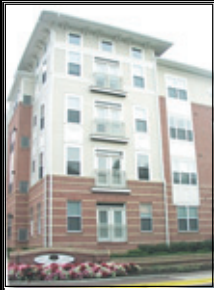
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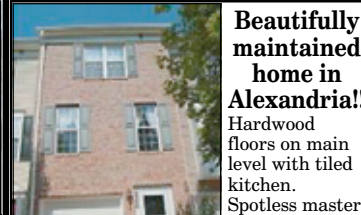
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