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Cast members of Chantilly High's "Street Scene."

CHS Presents 'Street Scene'

Tenement life from 1920s revealed in drama.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly High's upcoming play, "Street Scene," gives the audience a glimpse of life during a time gone by, while making it relevant to today. Showtimes are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 22, 23, 24, at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$7 at the door or at www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

"You look into the lives of families in a New York tenement in 1928-29," said senior Chris Albrigo. "A big part of this drama is the poverty, which is the motivation for a lot of the characters."

Six families live in the building, and Albrigo plays Frank Maurant, an angry, abusive husband with an unfaithful wife and two children caught in the middle. "But he's not just that; there are a lot of different emotions he's going through," said Albrigo. "He's trapped in the poverty, his home and his marriage and sees his wife as someone he has to take care of."

Maurant sees himself as a good provider but, said Albrigo, "He's lonely and has lots of reasons to lash out. And since I usually play the nice guy, it's exciting playing something new on stage and saying horrible things to the other actors."

The script is so good, he said, that the audience should like the play, be able to connect with the characters' emotions and sympathize with them. "It would be easy to look at this in black and white," said Albrigo. "But Mr. Monk [Theater Director Ed Monk] brings out all the gray areas, so he makes you understand why everything's happening. No one's a good or bad guy — they're just humans."

Senior Maggie Monk portrays Maurant's wife Anna. "She's the nicest person in the tenement house," said Monk. "She tries to help people where needed and is a generous person. But they talk about her behind her back because she's having an affair with the milkman."

"Her husband drinks a lot and is very mean, and Sankey the milkman makes her feel happy and treats her nicely," continued Monk. "But he, too, has a wife and family. It's hard because she has to be nice to everyone in the building, but she knows they don't like her. And her kids know about the affair, so

"Everyone in the building hates me because I'm extremely blunt and say things like they are."

— Emma Philipoom

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Goblin Gallop Draws Near

Annual event benefits families of children with cancer.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Halloween means pumpkins, costumes and the Goblin Gallop. The 16th annual event is Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center.

The 1K fun run starts at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K race, at 9 a.m. Register at www.Active.com. Besides prizes awarded to the top finishers, more than \$3,500 in doorprizes are given away.

"People have a lot of fun," said organizer George Quadrino. "There's good food, moonbounces, a band and refreshments." Since the Goblin Gallop comes just be-

fore Halloween, many runners and walkers — and those cheering for them — come in costume and vie for prizes.

The event also has a serious purpose. Quadrino began the John Quadrino Foundation to Benefit Children with Cancer after his son John died of it in 1985 at age 7. So all race proceeds go to the foundation.

Rain or shine, the race begins and ends in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Entry fees are \$20 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1K. After Oct. 19 and on race-day, registration is \$25 and \$20, respectively. For more information, see www.goblingallop.org.

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Lavin Explains ONC To Woman's Club

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Before Kelly Lavin addressed the GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club at the Chantilly Regional Library, emcee Cheryl Piper explained why she's so special.

"We're here to highlight the power of one — how the efforts of one woman can make a big difference in people's lives," said Piper. "That's our philosophy, too, because we've come together as individuals and become a group of

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Kelly Lavin addresses the Woman's Club.

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Gov. Tim Kaine and Del. Chuck Caputo pose with Westfield and Chantilly High students volunteering with Caputo's re-election campaign.

Kaine Kicks Off Caputo Canvassing

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67) knocked on doors, Monday afternoon, in Greenbriar, talking with voters and asking them to support his re-election. But before he did, Gov. Tim Kaine rallied Caputo's supporters outside Greenbriar East Elementary.

"Greenbriar is where [my wife] Barbara and I started our family together in 1971," said Caputo. "I led Greenbriar Civic Association meetings in this school." Regarding his campaign, he said, "We have a job ahead of us, but we have outstanding volunteer support." He also noted that, while Kaine's been governor, Virginia's been "the best state for business, the best-managed state and the best place for a child

to grow and get a good education."

Kaine said he was impressed with the support he's seen for Caputo. "We've worked to get good people elected, and we're going to do the same thing, this November," said the governor. "In Chuck's race, and statewide, the other guys are energized; but it's up to us to tell our story in the last few weeks of the election."

"Chuck's been a breath of fresh air in the House of Delegates and a great guy to work with," continued Kaine. "He helped ban smoking in public buildings and is a champion for education. I'm glad to be part of this today."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Man Pleads Guilty to Malicious Wounding

A 30-year-old Manassas man pleaded guilty last week to maliciously wounding an employee of a Chantilly restaurant. He is Jesus-Santos Barrientos-Lopez of 6900 Iron Way.

The incident occurred July 15 at the Flame Kabob restaurant in the Greenbriar Town Center. According to Fairfax County police, a woman, 26, and a man, 28, were working there, around 5:13 p.m., when Barrientos-Lopez entered and ordered food.

However, police say he then pulled out a knife and ran toward the woman, who was alone behind the counter. A struggle ensued and Barrientos-Lopez pushed her away. She landed on the grill and suffered a burn to her arm. The second victim heard the commotion and, when he saw the pair struggling, he tried to help.

Police say Barrientos-Lopez cut the male employee in the upper body with the knife, but both employees were able to gain control of him and disarm him.

Police responded, found Barrientos-Lopez sitting outside the restaurant and arrested him. The two victims were treated at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital for non life-threatening injuries.

Barrientos-Lopez was charged with two counts of malicious wounding and held without bond — and also on an ICE detainer — in the Adult Detention Center. On Aug. 31 in General District Court, one of his charges was dropped and Judge Mark Simmons certified the other one to the grand jury.

Then on Sept. 21, the grand jury indicted Barrientos-Lopez and, last Tuesday, Oct. 6, in Circuit Court, he entered an Alford Plea of guilt to malicious wounding. By doing so, he didn't admit guilt, but acknowledged that the prosecution has enough evidence to convict him. Judge Jan Brodie then set his sentencing date for Jan. 8.

—BONNIE HOBBS

MILITARY NOTES

To have military news listed in Centre View e-mail centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos, especially color, are encouraged. Deadline is one week before publication.

Army National Guard Pfc. Daniel L. Cheong has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry

Training and Advanced Individual Training.

He is the son of Jae Cheong of Climbing Rose Way, Centreville, and Christine Lee of Highstream Drive, Germantown, Md. Cheong is a 2008 graduate of Centreville High School, Clifton.

Air Force Airman Timothy M. Beck graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that

included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Matthew Beck of Walney Knoll Court, Chantilly. Beck is a 2008 graduate of Chantilly High School.

Westfield Has Homecoming Parade



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Matches Start Townhouse Fire

Fire officials say a townhouse fire last week in Clifton's Union Mills community caused an estimated \$50,000 damage. According to fire investigators, a child with matches started the fire.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded last Tuesday, Oct. 6, around 11:10 a.m. to 13552 Darter Court. Upon arrival, firefighters encountered smoke coming from the upper-floor windows of the three-story, center-unit townhouse. Two children and one adult were home when the blaze began and escaped before firefighters arrived.

The fire originated in an upstairs bedroom, and firefighters brought it under control in about 20 minutes. However, it displaced two adults and two children and the American Red Cross is assisting the family. One child was treated at INOVA Fair Oaks Hospital for non-life threatening injuries.

Seen Gus the Dog?

Gus is a cute, but shy 10-pound, 2-year-old chocolate dachshund that Homeless Animals Rescue Team (HART) rescued from a puppy mill raid. Due to his issues from the mill, he's skittish and anxious in general and has a strong fear of males. He slipped his harness at an adoption event at the Petco in Chantilly on Sept. 26 and was seen running across the highway into the International Country Club across the street from the Greenbriar Town Center.

He was spotted once by a golfer on Oct. 1. Since Gus was lost, HART volunteers and friends of Gus have been looking for him, posted fliers, and hired a pet tracker to follow Gus's path. A large effort has emerged, but the entire community's help is needed to bring Gus back to safety. Anyone seeing a lost, small, chocolate dog should call 847-903-3063 immediately to report where he was seen and find out how to help further. Because Gus is shy and scared, under no circumstances should he be chased because it will only make him avoid people more.

Learn about Substance-Abuse

A free program for parents and students entitled "Reaching Out to Protect Your Child From the Realities of Substance Abuse" will be held Monday, Oct. 19, from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Westfield High auditorium. Speaking will be local parents whose children have used illegal substances and a teen who's abused substances. In addition, treatment professionals will discuss the signs and symptoms of drug abuse, actions parents can take and resources that are available to help.

Parents Greg Lannes, Greg Richter and Jody Stokely — who all got wake-up calls from their own children — will share their insights to help other parents protect their children from the dangers of drugs and alcohol. Westfield High is at 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. For more information, contact Jennifer Campbell, WHS PTSA president, at JCcampbellpta@aol.com.

Frey at WFCCA Meeting

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will address the quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee. It will be held Monday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee is Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly.

Agenda items are as follows: T-Mobile wants to add a cell-phone tower at Westfield High; New Vision Community Church seeks approval to build a place of worship; and an Exxon station on Route 29 in Centreville wants to expand the types of items it may sell and also have an outdoor display.

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

The starting line at last year's Goblin Gallop 5K.

Annual Goblin Gallop Is Oct. 25

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The course is USATF-certified, and prizes valued at \$150, \$100 and \$50 are awarded to the top three, overall, male and female finishers. Prizes are also given to the top three male and female finishers in various age categories, including a masters group for those over 40. All children participating receive runner's medals on ribbons to wear around their necks.

No dogs or headphones are allowed in the 5K, but walkers are welcome in both the 1K and 5K. A computer chip in the runners' numbers will register their starting and finishing times.

Although the route is challenging, runners like it because it's fairly flat, with few hills and all right turns. Capital Running Co. will handle scoring and results, and the awards ceremony will be on the stage in front of Coastal Flats. Results will be posted that afternoon at www.runwashington.com.

Everyone competing will receive a commemorative, blue T-shirt decorated with witches, goblins and ghosts. And, as always, it'll glow in the dark.

Afterward, a live band, The Sparkplugs, will perform classic rock, and refreshments will be available. In addition, lots of doorprizes will be awarded, most donated by local merchants. They include Redskins and Wizards tickets, restaurant meals and gift certificates at running stores.

Because of its headline sponsor, the race's official name is the Valvoline Instant Oil Change Goblin Gallop. Glory Days Grill is the largest prize-contribu-

tor, donating \$1,000 of the doorprizes.

Dixon Hemphill of Fairfax Station has been race director since the event's inception and says it's "one of the biggest races in the Washington Metropolitan area. People really like the T-shirts, music and costumes and it's a family-oriented affair."

Some 1,825 people participated in last year's race, raising \$35,000-\$40,000 for the nonprofit foundation, and Quadrino hopes to do likewise, this year. "We're expecting more than 2,000 participants, including 500 children in the fun run," he said.

Families receiving donations from the foundation are referred by pediatric social workers at Inova Fairfax and Children's hospitals. All race proceeds go directly to the children's families.

Because medical bills can be overwhelming, parents of seriously ill children often need help with rent, utility bills or car-repair costs. Often, one parent must quit a job to stay home and take care of the child. A family with no prior financial problems may suddenly find itself in dire straits. That's where the John Quadrino Foundation comes in. Last year, it made 340 grants totaling more than \$100,000.

"We bought children wigs, paid for tutoring and prevented power shutoffs," said George Quadrino. "It's been a hard year for many families."

To donate to the organization, send checks payable to The John Quadrino Foundation to P.O. Box 4614, Falls Church, VA 22044. Contributions are tax-deductible and may also be made via the Combined Federal Campaign/United Way by designating them for CFC/UW No. 8931.

Woman's Club Learns about ONC

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women who, through volunteerism and philanthropy, try to improve the quality of life in our community."

Lavin's the founder and executive director of Our Neighbor's Child (ONC) which, each year, provides new toys to more than 1,000 children in need in the local community. But she's quick to share the credit

with her 24 project leaders and 400-plus volunteers.

"It started with 35 children, then 50 and 100," said Lavin. "And then it was 100 families, and we realized we needed more help. We knew, if people could help a little, we could move mountains. I found there were a lot of people like me — good organizers who are busy. So we don't bother them to go to meetings, and

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NEWS

Suspended Sentence In Fraud Judge orders restitution.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A Fairfax Corner man has been given a suspended sentence and ordered to pay nearly \$9,000 restitution for identity theft and credit-card fraud. He is Jason Pears of 4245 Summit Corner Drive, No. 345, in Fairfax.

In a Dec. 4, 2008 affidavit, Fairfax County police Det. D.R. Bateman of the Financial Crimes Section explained the case against him. He wrote that, on Sept. 11, 2008, a local resident received a letter from Bank of America stating that she had three overdraft fees on three charges from her bank account.

WHEN SHE INVESTIGATED, she discovered that an unknown person had used her checking account and routing number to pay for three bill payments online. One of the three charges was for \$4,485 at Camden Fairfax Corner and, according to Bateman, the bank said Pears's name was associated with the transaction.

"The only place that [the victim] had given her checking-account information was Equinox Fitness Gym in Vienna," wrote the detective. So he went to that gym and "received information from the manager that Pears was a former employee of the gym."

"Pears had set up several accounts with the gym which gave him access to account routing numbers, as well as access to computer files with client personal information," continued Bateman. "[I] was also informed that Pears's last known residence was Camden Fairfax Corner."

The detective then spoke with that apartment complex's management, who confirmed that Pears rented an apartment there. "I was also informed that there was a declined payment of \$4,485 on the apartment's account," wrote Bateman. "The person named on the failed attempted payment was [the victim]."

Noting that Pears and his roommate were behind on their rent payments, the detective wrote that

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St. John's Prepares Annual Gala and Auction

St. John's Episcopal church will hold its annual Gala and Auction on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. in the parish hall, lower level. The church is off Route 29 and Braddock Road, in Centreville's Historic District, at 5649 Mount Gilead Road.

The event is geared for adults

and, this year, it has a Halloween theme, so attendees are encouraged to come in costume and vie for prizes. "The room will be decorated to look like a classy, haunted mansion with spiderwebs, red velvet and candelabra," said Kathryn Lowkis, event co-chair with Penny Parker.

A buffet dinner, wine and cider

will be served, and tickets are \$25. The meal will include Chicken Brianna (similar to Chicken Piccata), stuffed flank steak, a vegetarian entrée, salad, hors d'oeuvres, roasted vegetables and assorted desserts.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS will include signed artwork and a time-share week anywhere in the world. Among the silent auction highlights will be Washington Redskins tickets, gift certifi-

cates to restaurants, a round of golf for four at a local course and various, themed gift baskets, such as kitchen items, crafts and children's toys. A Netbook computer is also up for grabs and will either be auctioned or raffled off.

"It's open to the public and should be a really fun night," said Lowkis. "We have a lot of great things. It's the church's main fundraiser, but it's the first time it's been held so close to Halloween

— and we really want to do this for the community."

Proceeds from the evening will benefit St. John's ministries in the local area, plus the preservation of the church's grounds and historic building. Added church member Catherine Packard: "We do a lot of community outreach, and this enables us to broaden what we can do."

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— BONNIE HOBBS

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Judge Orders Restitution in Fraud Case

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another try to make payment with an account belonging to a second person — who also belonged to Equinox — failed, as well. And the gym manager told Bateman that two other members also "had their accounts compromised." Furthermore, none of the victims ever lived at Camden Fairfax Corner.

Police arrested Pears on Dec. 5, 2008, charging him with three counts of identity theft and six counts of credit-card conspiracy or fraud. On March 24 in General District Court, Judge

William Minor sent one identity theft and two credit-card frauds to the grand jury, and the rest of the charges were dropped.

ON MAY 18, the grand jury indicted Pears on all three charges and he later pleaded guilty to them in Circuit Court. He returned Sept. 25 for sentencing and, on each count, Judge Randy Bellows gave him five years in prison, suspending all that time, and placed him on five years supervised probation. He then ran the sentences concurrently and ordered Pears to pay \$8,934 restitution.

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At the Poe's
Katie Poe, the daughter of Linda and Bill Poe of Century Oak, hosted this group of Chantilly High students for pictures and then dined at Bertucci's restaurant in Herndon before attending Chantilly High's Homecoming Dance on Saturday, Oct. 3. (From left to right): Taylor Norwood, Kevin Rudorfur, Kacey Norwood, Braden Voorhies, Katie Poe, Christian Temple, Jenna Goffe, Fareed Salaam, Rachel Grochowski, Garrett Hutzel, Jenna Marlette, Matt Brandenburg, Caitlin Cormode, Solomon Yeon, Alex Norton, John D'Amico, Colby Streb, Crystal Petrus, Kris Martin, Danny Lauro, Ellie Garner, Becky Jones, James Ferrick, Billy Pratt, Katie Gleason and Mike Harkness.



At the O'Neill's
Molly O'Neill, daughter of Steve and Lisa O'Neill of Chantilly Highlands, invited her friends over before heading to dinner at Paolo's Restaurant in Reston Town Center and the Chantilly High School Homecoming Dance. From left to right: Craig Penman, Mary Zilberfarb, Josh Park, Kylie Chaplin, Jimmy Hicks, Sarah Jones, Brett Riddle, Molly O'Neill, Ben Cobb, Emily Gembarowicz, Ryan Carwile, Alena Deveau, Jake Acosta, Rylie Rizzo, Hunter Ragsdale, Emily Theroux, Caleb Reinhardt, Bailey Shaffer, Diana Ho, Aaron Rodenas, Leora Kahn, Conor Moran, Caroline Alkire, Casey Gittings, Brynn Harper, Steven Klein, Irma Kiser, Emeka Oputa, Ashley Scherbenske, Markus Bako, Morgan Morris, Will Hill, Taylor Holman, Sam Bates, Alexa Levendis, Matt Louis, Jenna Scherbenske and Daniel Fay.



At the Arnold's
A group of freshmen from Chantilly High School gather before their homecoming dance this past Saturday, Oct. 3, at the home of Rick and Rosanne Arnold in Chantilly and they then went to eat at Luciano's at World Gate. They are, on knees: Chris Treme, Matthew Palermo; front row, Christina Gonzalez, Bill Leslie, Jacob Dansey, Becca Teti, Katie Bennett, Lindsey Buckmeier, Ben Butler, Chloe Vasquez, Shannon Romulus, Lauren Vicinski, Hayley Merchant, Courtney Gleason, Christina Gonzalez, Jessica Lawler, Jane Mariani, Rachel Reinhardt, Lindsey Snedeker, Christin Lawrence, Taylor Soletsky, Teresa Leslie, Natalie Robertson; and back row, Kevin Covino, Denisa Lente, Sean Huelscamp, Claire Calahan, Sam Polandick, Omar Bismil, Amber Smith, Jason Park, Rachel Haron, Nick Birnie, Stephen Krick, Carson Youman, Trey Coates, Joe Dobbys, Frankie Prior, Hunter Reynolds, Sufian Kasheef, Ryland Arnold, Colin Raher, Vince Luden, Sonny Romine, Curtis Christian, and Alex Sutton.



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OPINION

Volunteer, Oct. 24 and Beyond

Volunteering to help your community, to help people in need, is good for soul and good for families. But often it's hard to know where to jump in, how to be helpful, where your efforts will do the most good.

But many local organizations have geared up for Oct. 24, a national day of volunteerism, providing structured and specific opportunities for people to help out for a day. And by starting on that one day, perhaps your family will find a way to volunteer several times a year or more.

Many families find that they benefit from volunteering at least as much as the organization or people they are helping. Volunteering develops a sense of community in children, and expands their capacity for empathy. In this area, many families' daily lives only bring them into contact with other affluent families. Volunteer efforts can give children and teens perspective, and more of an ability to count their own blessings.

Some teens might conclude that they are not well off because they drive an older car to high school — a cruise around a local high school student parking area could lead to the conclusion that nearly everyone in our area is a mil-

lionaire. A little time helping serve meals to homeless, to collect food for families who are having trouble putting food on the table, to help with repairs in a homeless shelter can have a powerful effect.

EDITORIAL Volunteer Fairfax: Saturday, Oct. 24, 15th annual Fairfax area day of service.

VolunteerFest mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to help nonprofits accomplish tasks that they would not have the time, resources or ability to do on their own.

Some local projects:

- ❖ Westfield High School Fall Clean-Up, Chantilly, Oct. 24

- ❖ A Day at the Chantilly ReStore, Chantilly, Oct. 24

- ❖ Centreville Clock Tower Store Sorting, Centreville, Oct. 24

- ❖ Fence Building, Clifton, Oct. 24

- ❖ Cedar Ridge Family Fun Day, Reston, Oct. 17

- ❖ Cleaning the Little Hunting Creek Watershed, Alexandria, Oct. 17

- ❖ John Marshal Community Library Fall Clean-Up, Alexandria, Oct. 17

- ❖ Shelf Reading Blitz!, McLean, Oct. 17

- ❖ A Day at the Alexandria ReStore, Mount Vernon, Oct. 24

- ❖ Book Burrow Dedication, Burke, Oct. 24

- ❖ Enhancing the Living Outdoor Classroom at Chesterbrook Elementary School, McLean, Oct. 24

- ❖ Fairfax City Library Clean-Up, Fairfax City, Oct. 24

- ❖ Woodglen Lake Habitat Restoration, Fairfax, Oct. 24

- ❖ Fall Zone Replenishing at Borge Street Park, Oakton, Oct. 24

- ❖ Fred Crabtree Park Invasive Removal, Reston, Oct. 24

- ❖ Holiday Food Collection for the Needy, Reston, Oct. 24

- ❖ Library Grounds Clean-Up Day!, Burke, Oct. 24

- ❖ Meadowood Restoration Partnership - Ecological Display Project, Lorton, Oct. 24

- ❖ Morning Vine Removal at Huntley Meadows Park, Mount Vernon, Oct. 24

- ❖ Nottoway Park Vine Clean-Up, Vienna, Oct. 24

- ❖ Preserving Trees at Brentwood Park, Fairfax, Oct. 24

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See www.volunteerfairfax.org for more projects and to register.

Heartfelt Appreciation

To the Editor:

Greg and I would like to thank "The Great Zucchini" for offering his time to perform at the fundraiser for our family. It was a truly heart-warming event and so much fun for kids. His performance made me feel like I was 5 years old again. A good belly laugh does great things for the soul. A huge thank you again goes out to the MOM Club of Centreville, North for all the time and effort it took to get the evening planned and organized. Jean Black and Heidi Webster put a lot of energy into making the night a success and we are grateful. Many other friends and MOM Club members passed out fliers or talked with local businesses to get participation. April Bowman and Lisa Decandia helped out manning stations while Diane Beatley brought supplies such as tents and tables. Several other MOM Club members donated drinks or pitched in a hand when needed. The event could not have been a success without all the volunteers and donations. For all the people that gave from their hearts to pitch in, we thank you. A very special thank you goes out to Heidi Webster who was the first to arrive and the last to leave. She has worked so hard to rally support and ease some of the daily pressures for our family. Unfortunately, there are so many people that go through the loss of a child or that experience the ups and downs of the NICU, we feel such gratitude to be given so much support and will pass this forward in all the coming years of our lives. This will start with fellow NICU parents that also need support. May kindness be returned to all those that have so selflessly given to us. We are learning everyday how to become better people.

Greg and Georgie Heard

Wholehearted Support

To the Editor:

Having had the opportunity to meet and speak to Jim LeMunyon, I believe that he is a candidate who gets it. As a mother and a business owner, the key issues which concern me the most are the economy, education and transportation. Jim is a proven leader in both business and government, supports the creation of another magnet school in Western Fairfax and has a detailed plan to ensure that more Northern Virginia transportation dollars stay in Northern Virginia.

Jim LeMunyon's ideas are innovative, inclusive and in touch with the needs of constituents in the 67th District. This is why he has my wholehearted support in his candidacy for the House of Delegates.

Marianne Horinko

President of the Horinko Group

Serving the Community

To the Editor:

John Sofranko's letter (Oct. 8) questions Jim LeMunyon's community service record, and claims to have found on Jim's campaign Web site "almost no information about his community service, other than working for a congressman in the 1980s and as an Assistant Deputy Secretary of Commerce."

Mr. Sofranko apparently overlooked the first paragraph of Jim's biography, which has been posted on the web site for many months, and references "church, scouts, PTAs, and sports and music boosters."

I have known Jim for almost 20 years, primarily through church, where we taught 7th

and 8th grade Sunday School and served together on the church council. I know that Jim's community service record — in and out of church — is much longer than this modest man will list on his Web site. Jim believes that community service is performed to help people who need help, not something to be worn on one's sleeve for personal gain, political or otherwise. I will address the portion of his record that I am quite familiar with.

Here's one story Jim will never share in public, but I will. Jim and I served together on our church council (Jim was actually the congregation president for two years) at a time when our church first became involved with the FACETS homeless program in which area churches share responsibility to keep Fairfax County's homeless people out of the cold each winter. Jim was a leading advocate for getting our church involved in this program. Those who know Jim will not be surprised to learn that he was among our church members who helped feed the homeless people and stay with them overnight in the basement/meeting area of our church.

I personally worked with him to teach and lead the youth of our congregation on many Sunday mornings as well. He set a fine example for the youth in our church. The last time I checked, the line to volunteer to teach Sunday School to eighth graders was not that long. It is a very challenging but rewarding commitment. Jim and I did this together for three years.

One other thing. Jim is an entrepreneur who has started businesses and created jobs. Job creation: Not a bad community service, either.

Tim Veltman
Oak Hill

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ONGOING

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The Western Fairfax Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha is making available Monthly Self-Breast-Exam Stickers for your calendars as of Oct. 1. These stickers can be found in all branches of the Fairfax County Public Libraries and are located in the Libraries' Community Information Racks. Supplies are limited so please stop by and pick-up a free set today!

The Western Fairfax Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha in connection with Yoplait is collecting the yogurts' pink lids to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Pink Yoplait/ZTA drop boxes can be found at local Giant grocery stores including: 1) Sully Station at Stone Road in Centreville, 2) the Colonnade in Clifton. A drop box is also located at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road.

OCT. 16-18

Holiday Job Fair and College Fair.

The job fair, which runs Oct. 16-18 from noon to 7 p.m., will feature representatives from the mall's department stores, specialty stores and restaurants. The College Fair is

Sunday, Oct. 18 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Recruiters from 400 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions. At Fair Oaks Mall's Grand Court. Visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com or call 703-359-8302.

Used Book Sale. Semi-annual event to benefit the Centreville Regional Library and its patrons. Open to the Public on Friday, Oct. 16 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.), Saturday, Oct. 17 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and Sunday, Oct. 18 (1 p.m.-4 p.m.) at 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. Friends of the Centreville Library (and those who want to become a Friend) are invited to the Preview and Pre-Sale on Thursday, Oct. 15 (6-8 p.m.). Call the Library at 703-830-2223, or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Gala Performance. Superne favorites and several debuts. At the Joan Izzo Dance Academy's new location, 14231 Willard Road, Chantilly. Call 703-327-8402.

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony. 11:30 a.m. New synthetic turf fields officially open to the public. At Greenbriar Park, 4601 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly, at Field #5. Brief ceremonies are slated and the public is invited.

Non-Linear Aspects of Healing. 2-4:30 p.m. Free. Herndon Acupuncturist Virginia Mitchell will discuss the aspects of healing that go beyond a practitioner's treatment. Presented by The NOVA Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS), Fibromyalgia (FM), and MVPS/Dysautonomia (OI) Support Group. In the McDonnell Room, Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Contact Elly at 703-968-9818 or CFSsupport-owner@yahoo.com. On the web, see www.cfsnova.com.

Tag Day. Westfield High School music students will be visiting their neighbors' homes requesting donations to its music program for the school year. Donations will be used to cover the costs related to instructors, instruments, uniforms and costumes, as well as competitions not covered by Fairfax County.

Running for the Kids. 5K and 1M Family Fun Run sponsored by Truro Preschool and Kindergarten. Race begins at 8:30 a.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main Street in Fairfax City. Proceeds go to the Truro Preschool and Kindergarten Caring and Scholarship Fund. Cost is \$15/kids, \$25/adults before Oct. 17. \$30 on race day. Go to www.truropreschool.org or psnyder@trurochurch.org 703-691-1006.

DSANV Buddy Walk at Bull Run. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$15. At Bull Run Regional Park in Centreville. Contact buddywalk@dsanv.org or call 703-621-7129.

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OCT. 17-19

Craftsmen's Classic. At the Dulles Expo Center, South Hall, in Chantilly. Hours are Friday, 10-6 p.m., Saturday, 9-6 p.m. and Sunday, 10-5. Admission is \$7/adults, \$1/child under 6 free. Parking is free.

SUNDAY/OCT. 18

Gospel Concert. 6 p.m. Featuring Tony Bates (formerly of the Bates Family). At Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly, 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly, across from Bob Evans Restaurant. Call 703-631-1799.

Art Show. At E.C. Lawrence Park at Walney. 1-4 p.m. Third annual Walney Garden Guild Art Show and Benefit. Call 703-631-2525. At 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly.

MONDAY/OCT. 19

Assistance League Meeting. 10 a.m. ALNV runs two reading programs in Fairfax County and provides layettes to newborns and comfort items to sexually assaulted women and children and others in need. At the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Call Darlene at 703-848-0623 or visit www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

Tasty Fund-Raiser. 7 p.m. The General Federation of Woman's Clubs — Western Fairfax County Woman's Club will hold a tasty fund-raiser at the Greenbriar Community Center on Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Attendees will be able to sample and purchase food products from Tastefully Simple, and 100 percent of the proceeds will be donated to Our Neighbor's Child (ONC) to help it provide Christmas gifts for local children in need. Those unable to attend may also buy products online at <http://mail2tastefullysimpleparty.com/177240> or contact Chris Stavridis at 703-378-0203 or hstavridis@cox.net and mention the fund-raiser for ONC.

TUESDAY/OCT. 20

Centreville Immigration Forum. 7

p.m. A panel of speakers including Dr. Al Fierres and GMU students who worked with the day laborers last spring. At Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Hwy., Centreville.

Financial Issues for Caregivers. 7-9 p.m. Free seminar. At Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa, e-mail caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5205, TTY 703-449-1186.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Calling Harry Potter Fans. 7 p.m. Melissa Anelli presents "Harry, A History: The True Story of a Boy Wizard, His Fans, and Life Inside the Harry Potter Phenomenon." Anelli is the author of Harry, A History, blogs for the Leaky Cauldron (www.the-leaky-cauldron.org). At the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Call 703-324-8428.

Sully Roadbed Tour. 1 p.m. A behind-the-scenes tour along Sully's early 19th century roadbed. \$6/adults, \$5/students, \$4/seniors and children. At Sully Historic Site. Call 703-437-1794 or go to the web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/collections/exhibits.htm>.

OCT. 23-25

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Gold Burglars Target Indian-Americans

Seven burglaries in two days.

BY MIKE DICICCO
CENTRE VIEW

Until her Fair Lakes-area home was burglarized last Wednesday, Oct. 7, Abdulahi Roda had not been aware of the string of burglaries that have targeted the homes of Indian-Americans across the county since the beginning of the

year. But even if she had known about the incidents, she may not have been concerned for her own home.

Roda is Somalian, not Indian. But somehow, the burglars seemed to have known that her house, too, would contain large amounts of gold.

"There is some deep research that is taking place," she said.

As of Friday evening, the police public information office could not confirm that the seven burglaries that took place in the Fair Oaks area last week were connected to 20 or so burglaries that targeted families of Indian descent between January and July of this year, but Centreville resident Raman Kumar said they all fit the profile. He has been following the string of thefts since his own home was burglarized in February, and he had spoken with most of the victims of

last week's burglaries. In six of the seven incidents, two neighboring homes were broken into.

At a meeting at the McNair Farms Community Center in Oak Hill at the end of July, police said the rash of burglaries began in Fair Oaks in January and spread across Centreville, Springfield, McLean, Reston and Oak Hill. One similar burglary was also reported in Loudoun County. At the end of

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Pleasant Valley Preschool is a non-profit cooperative preschool that holds its classes in the Greenbriar Community Center. It offers programs for 3- to 5-year-olds and is currently enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. Call the school at 703-378-6911 or visit the web site at www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com. The Community Center is located at 4615 Stringfellow Road in Fairfax.

Paul VI High School's Class of 1989 is holding its 20-year reunion on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Hyatt Fair Lakes. Call Capital Reunions at 703-266-6702 or go to www.capitalreunions.com.

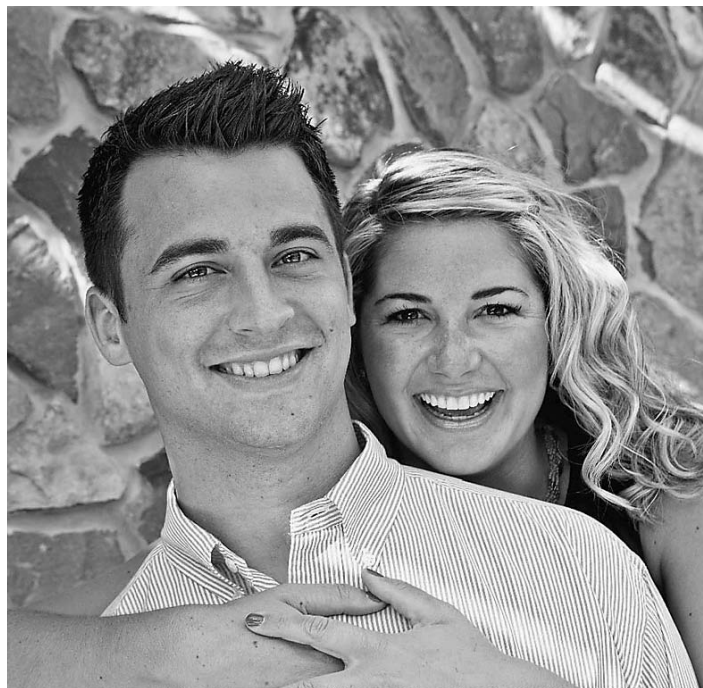
A free program for parents and students entitled "Reaching Out to Protect Your Child From the Realities of Substance Abuse" will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19 in the Westfield High School auditorium. Parents and teens are invited to hear from local parents whose children have used illegal substances, three teens who have abused substances, including one who was in the former heroin ring, FCPS School Resource Officer, and Substance Abuse Specialists from Alcohol and Drug Services. Westfield High School is located at 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Campbell, WHS PTSA President at JCampbellpta@aol.com.

St. Joseph School in Herndon is inviting all 4-year-olds and their parents to its Open House on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 10-11 a.m. The school received the Blue Ribbon of Excellence in 2007 because its students scored in the top 10 percent in the nation. Take a tour of the school, meet Principal Joan Cargill.

Chantilly High School's National Honor Society, Student Government Association, and Performing Arts Department invites all veterans and present service men and women to a Veterans Day Dinner to honor and thank them for their service to the country.

This is a complimentary dinner with a short program centered on a patriotic theme followed by a guest speaker. The dinner will be hosted by Chantilly Academy's Chef Clay Doubleday and served by students in the NHS and SGA. It will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the school at 4201 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. To attend, RSVP by Nov. 1 to ChantillyNHS@gmail.com. An admission ticket will be sent via email. Or call 703-222-2551 and leave a message with name, mailing address and number that would like to attend.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School in Clifton has been selected for the 2009 Best of Clifton Award in the Schools category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).



Nathan Fegely and Erin Larkin

Larkin and Fegely Are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Larkin of Centreville announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Erin Elizabeth to Nathan Christopher Fegely. Erin is a 2002 graduate of Westfield High School and a 2006 graduate of JMU. Nathan is a 2002 graduate of Exeter High School in Reading, PA, and also a 2006 graduate of JMU. Erin is currently the marketing manager with Burton

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The wedding will take place at Clarendon United Methodist Church in Arlington, followed by a celebration in their honor at Carnegie Institute of Science in Washington, D.C. Following a honeymoon in Playa Mujeres, Mexico, they will reside in Arlington.

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ROUNDUPS

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Centreville Immigration Forum

The Centreville Immigration Forum will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m., at Centreville Baptist Church, at Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road. A panel including Al Fuyes, a GMU professor with a doctorate in conflict resolution, plus his students who interviewed the day laborers last spring, will discuss what they learned from the experience and answer questions. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 22, 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.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may provide the best quality service and have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Medicine-Cabinet Cleanup Set

The Chantilly Community Coalition is sponsoring Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout, the week of Oct. 19-24. Residents can help their community by monitoring and properly disposing of their unused or expired medications. Drop off unused medications (liquid or pill form) at the Sully District Station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly.

NEWS

Club Learns about ONC

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they each do a piece of the work.”

Lots of high-school students participate, too, and said Lavin, “We get great pleasure out of young people being involved, but we couldn’t do it without everyone’s help. We work with WFCM [Western Fairfax Christian Ministries] because it has paid staff who work with the recipient families, all year ‘round.”

ONC has no paid staff, and all money donated to it is turned into a toy or clothing item. It takes the group at least six months to plan its holiday deliveries — which the families receive, the Sunday before Christmas.

“**IN THE OLDEN DAYS**, requests came by answering machine and I kept notes in a spiral notebook; now it’s a fax machine and computer,” said Lavin. “Over the years, schools, churches, businesses and individuals have helped us. The Westfield High football team helps unload the trucks delivering the collected toys to the warehouse, and all three high schools bake cookies to go with the deliveries to the families. And Chantilly High does a wrapping-paper drive so we can give a roll with the gifts.”

Most of all, she said, “We’re a compilation of like-minded people who really enjoy what we do. And this is our Christmas — it’s given me so much more. We’ve had some volunteers with us for 12 and 13 of ONC’s 18 years, but we welcome new people at any level of involvement. I want to make it fun and match people’s interests with their jobs for us.”

ONC Fund-Raiser

The General Federation of Woman’s Clubs – Western Fairfax County Woman’s Club will hold an ONC fund-raiser, Monday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m., at the Greenbriar Community Center on Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Attendees may sample and buy food products from Tastefully Simple, with all proceeds going to ONC for its Christmas gift-giving operation. Products may also be purchased at <http://mail2tastefullysimpleparty.com/177240> or contact Chris Stavridis at 703-378-0203 or at hstavridis@cox.net and mention the ONC fund-raiser.

Lavin also wanted middle-school students to join in so, last year, ONC had Panther Pick-up Day. Stone Middle seventh-graders distributed fliers in their communities, asking for new or like-new clothing donations. Once the clothing came in, they sorted it, boxed it and helped load it into a truck to take to a clothing “store” where recipients, ages 12-18, could select items for themselves.

“The students loved helping,” said Lavin. “It was fun for them and introduced them to volunteerism. We hope to have students at other middle schools do the same thing.”

Basically, she said, “ONC helps people in the community, but it also gives the volunteers a chance to see how much joy they can get from helping others. And I’m pleased when I learn they’ve gone on to volunteer with other groups, too.”

For more information about ONC or to volunteer, go to www.ourneighborschild.org.

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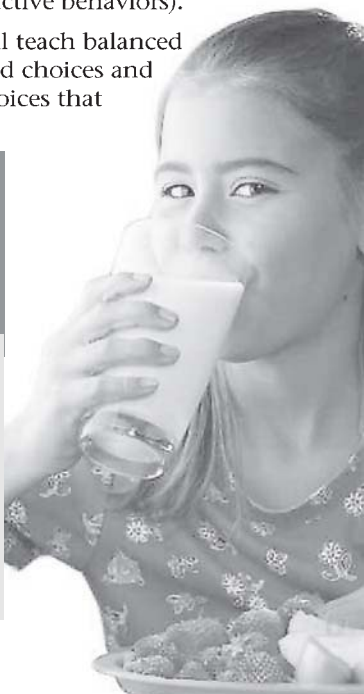
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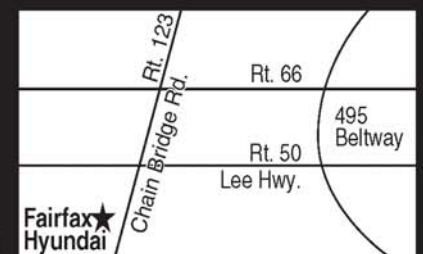


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CHS Presents 'Street Scene'

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it's affecting them."

Normally a comic actress, Monk's enjoying this role because it's so different, it's challenging. "It's fun to go outside your comfort level," she said. "The audience will find it interesting watching the unraveling of the secret affair. And then there's my daughter Rose, who's also considering having an affair, but a boy in the tenement likes her. And my teen-age son Willie is rebelling against everything."

ANOTHER RESIDENT there is Emma Jones, played by senior Emma Philipoom. "Everyone in the building hates me because I'm extremely blunt and say things like they are," said Philipoom. "Everyone knows each other's business. My husband's a drunk and my children are never home, so I'm alone most of the time with my dog."

She says it's a fun part because "a lot of the stuff she says, I would never, ever say in real life. And I like being the person you love to hate." Philipoom says the audience will enjoy the residents' interactions and "how they're hush-hush when the person they've been gossiping about is around."

There's a crew of some 15 people, including the set designers, seniors Mustafa Qarghah and Meghan Sharon. They created

an apartment building with rooms on two floors, plus a porch. "Some of the acting also takes place through the windows to the porch and the street," said Sharon.

She said the biggest challenge was making it look like an actual apartment building. "It's many pieces you have to put together to give the illusion of a whole," added Qarghah.

Sharon's delighted, though, because she loves to build. "I've been around Chantilly Theater for eight years because my sister was also involved in it, and building is a good way to relieve stress."

For Qarghah, the best part is "seeing the final result and having that feeling of getting somewhere. I'm excited; what we built covers the whole stage and goes up multiple stories."

"Seeing it on paper, planning it and having it become real is a wonderful feeling," said Sharon. "I think the audience will be blown away because we actually built an apartment building."

"But it's the whole crew," added Qarghah. "Everyone's ideas go into it; without them all, it wouldn't be possible."

Director Ed Monk described "Street Scene" as a really strong, dramatic play. "It deals with anti-Semitism, immigration, marriage, infidelity and people trapped by social and economic circumstances," he explained. "So even though it was written in 1928, everything still applies today — it's amazing. And it's interesting because everybody has a good side and a bad side, so it really makes you think."



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Wildcats, Chargers Battle Breast Cancer

Teams sponsor Dig Pink event during Concorde District match.

When the Chantilly High School and Centreville High School volleyball teams faced off on Oct. 13, the on-court rivalry wasn't just between two cross-town opponents.

During the Concorde District match, girls on both teams helped raise awareness of a more pressing rivalry, that of women versus breast cancer.

Through Dig Pink, a cancer awareness rally sponsored by high school and college volleyball teams nationwide, the teams raised money for the Side-Out Foundation, which promotes breast cancer research and awareness.

The event featured prize drawings, T-shirt sales and both teams decked out in pink jerseys.

While the game was contested between two rival schools, the night was a more personal affair for two players, Chantilly's Jamie Gorman and Centreville's Megan Hutcheson.

"It's a personal issue for me because one of my best friends is affected by [breast cancer]," Gorman said. "We're all affected [by breast cancer] when someone we know has it. I understand how important it is [to raise awareness]."

Hutcheson also has a loved one who battled breast cancer.

"My grandmother had breast cancer and it makes it really special for her to see us raising awareness for those who have it," Hutcheson said. "I played for her and kept her in my mind. I wanted to represent her well because I was wearing pink."

Hutcheson said that this wasn't the first Dig Pink event that the Wildcats had played in this season. During a Dig Pink event with Oakton High School, her grandmother was recognized before the start of the match.

"It was really cool," she said. "She was able to go to the match and watch us play."

Chantilly's Jamie Gorman took the initial strides to make this season's event possible.

Chantilly Head Coach Charles Ezigbo said Gorman spearheaded the event.

"We got the ball rolling with [Gorman]," Ezigbo said. "We told her what we wanted to do and gave her the support she needed. This was about 95 percent her work."

Gorman said she was motivated to make sure Chantilly sponsored a Dig Pink event this season because of her friend's experience with breast cancer and from participating in past events.

"It was really important for me to set it up," she said. "I wanted to



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The Centreville varsity volleyball team huddles together before their 'Dig Pink' match with Chantilly on Oct. 13.

make sure that [the event happened] because it's an important cause."

At the end, both sides said they were grateful to be part of Dig Pink.

"Any time you do something for a good cause, it makes you feel good," Ezigbo said. "To include so many people and see them take part and support us, it just makes you feel good."

Centreville Head Coach Ken Moser echoed Ezigbo's sentiments.

"It's a great cause and whenever someone calls you and asks you to do these events, you just do them," Moser said. "Chantilly did a great job and Oakton did a great job. Next year we'll host one back at our house. It's always fun."

Although breast cancer awareness dominated much of the evening's discussion, the Centreville-Chantilly rivalry helped make the event a larger spectacle.

"It made it more special because

it was a big game and we knew they'd be a tough competitor," Hutcheson said. "It was special because both of our teams take Dig Pink seriously."

Chantilly defeated Centreville 3-0, by the scores of 25-15, 25-11 and 25-15, but Centreville played strong defense and kept the pressure on the Chargers throughout much of the game.

The Chargers' record improves to 12-2 and the Wildcats fall to 4-12

Westfield Takes Northern Region Title

Wes Liu, Bulldogs steal first from Madison by four strokes in match.

Final Results, Northern Region

TEAM	
Westfield	620
Madison	624
Langley	637
Lake Braddock	643
Centreville	645
South County	663
Falls Church	676
Yorktown	681
INDIVIDUAL	
Ji Soo Park (Chantilly)	145
Wes Liu (Westfield)	148
Amanda Steinhagen (Oakton)	149
Noori Hyun (Centreville)	150
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To some American golf fans, the game doesn't have the feel of a team sport.

Televised PGA Tour events reinforce the vision of a single player against many. Moreover, individual U.S. stars, even Tiger Woods, often fare poorly in international team events.

But the Westfield High School golf team proved that golf can be a rewarding and exciting team game. The Bulldogs have won six straight team tournaments so far



Chantilly High School's Ji Soo Park won the individual medal during the 2009 Northern Region golf tournament, October 6-7.

this season and recently won the Northern Region title on Oct. 7 at Fairfax National Golf Club.

Trailing Madison High School by nine strokes after the first round of the two-day tournament, the Westfield players called on their



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The Westfield golf team, 2009 Northern Region golf champs, from left: Tim Ritter, Sara Stanley, Jimmy Sanders, Sean Doutherty, Coach Tim Vigotsky, Wes Liu, Shabril Brewer, and Chelsea Kim.

experience to grind out a four-shot victory over Madison.

High winds on the second day added to the course's regular haz-

ards, forcing players to add two clubs for shots into the wind.

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Gold Burglars Reemerge

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June, a warrant was obtained as a result of an incident in McLean, but no arrest has been made.

Police said the thieves seemed to be targeting families of Indian descent because they sometimes have large collections of relatively pure gold jewelry, and the price of gold is more than double what it was a few years ago.

In all cases, the burglars have broken in through a back door or window and ransacked the master bedroom in search of jewelry, often grabbing electronics and other valuables along the way, police said at the Oak Hill meeting. The few witnesses they had found had described a Hispanic woman in her mid-20s with red-dyed hair, who often knocks on front doors, apparently to see that no one is home, and two Hispanic men aged 25 to 35 wearing blue, workman-style jumpsuits. Their vehicle has been described as a white or light silver SUV, and the crimes have taken place in the late morning or early afternoon, while residents are at work.

Like Indians, Somalians traditionally give gifts of 18- to 24-karat gold, which is passed down through the generations, Roda said. But she wondered how the burglars would have known this or even would have determined her nationality, since she does not wear traditional dress and wears only silver jewelry. "I don't know how they figured out that I would have this yellow gold," she said.

The burglars had taken the gold that had been passed down to her from her grandmother and the jewelry her daughter had received for her high school graduation, as well as an expensive Bose sound system, digital cameras, iPods and other electronics.

But she said any imitation gold had been left behind. "That stuff looks real, but they knew what they were looking for," Roda said. She said the burglars had also rifled through her personal papers and credit cards, and she wondered whether they might have written down information in order to steal her identity. And she said police spent hours in the house without finding any fingerprints.

"In my case also, even though I can't tell what [gold] is real and what is not, they did not touch anything that was not real," Kumar said. "Wherever you keep it, they know exactly where the gold is." In one incident, he said, four dresses that contained thin layers of gold were stolen. In an online search, he had found detectors for sale that could sense gold at distances of 60 feet, and he wondered whether the burglars might be using such technology, although the machines run about \$11,000.

Roda speculated that it was possible that her house was only broken into out of convenience, since her Indian next-door neighbor's house was also burglarized. Having been aware of the rash of crimes, the neighbor had put his family's jewelry in the bank, so the thieves only got electronics from his house, she said. "I've been talking to the neighbors and telling them, 'Put your stuff in the bank. Don't think your house is

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safe," she said.

She noted that another neighbor had reported that two Hispanic women had knocked on his door the afternoon her house was broken into, and when he answered, they had been unclear as to their purpose.

The same afternoon that Roda's house was burglarized, Sivapalarasah Umakanthan returned to his Fair Lakes-area home just after 1:30, and it wasn't until he went to the basement and saw a back window open and a table pushed over that he realized someone had broken into his house, he said. In addition to jewelry, the thieves stole wristwatches, a coin collection, digital cameras and other small valuables from his house, Umakanthan said. "They went through my wife's wallet, but they left her credit cards in place," he said, adding that his family's personal documentation had also been rummaged through.

His next-door neighbor's house was also burglarized that afternoon.

ON FRIDAY, Umakanthan was getting a security system installed, and the workman had just come from another house in the neighborhood where the family had heard about the burglaries and wanted to secure their home. "I definitely don't feel safe in the area anymore," he said.

Vindyha Kommineni's family, having been aware of the string of burglaries, had joined about 20 neighbors in Fair Oaks to get a group rate on the installation of high-end security systems. Since the burglars had cut cable and phone lines in some instances to disable security systems, the Komminenis got a wireless system. However, the system's log said it was disarmed by her husband's key fob at 10:17 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, even though he was nowhere in the area at that time, she said, noting that police were mystified as to how this was accomplished.

The phone and Internet wires were also cut, and the security panel was ripped apart, she said. Kommineni's wedding ring was stolen, along with wedding gifts, presents from her father, who is now deceased, the family's ancestral jewelry, electronics, silverware and other items. Altogether, she said, the burglars made off with at least \$40,000 worth of goods.

Saturday afternoon, Kommineni was distributing flyers at the Heritage India Festival in Chantilly, alerting people to the spree of burglaries. She had just returned to her house the day before, after spending three nights at a friend's home, and she said she had barely been able to sleep the night before.

"The Indian community is scared, concerned and feel the police department is not giving enough attention to this," Kumar said.

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Random Thoughts



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

So far, I don't mind living with cancer (heck, consider the alternatives; being deceased, having had cancer), but what I do mind is being reminded of it when I'm minding my own business. And by minding my own business, I mean, doing the normal-type things in life that have nothing at all to do with cancer. Everyday-type things like reading the newspaper, watching television, listening to the radio, talking with friends and family members about home, work, play, hobbies, etc. Invariably, and not even unexpectedly anymore, a lung cancer connection is revealed: a former Iranian leader (one of the many with whom I'm not familiar) dies from lung cancer (as reported by The Washington Post); Merle Haggard, in an interview in the Sept. 13 Parade magazine discusses his lung cancer diagnosis from last year; Kara Kennedy, Senator Ted Kennedy's daughter, appearing frail at her father's funeral, I learn, has been battling lung cancer since her May '03 diagnosis; and on and on and on. As my mother would say, "It's enough already."

Everywhere I look (and often even without looking), I bump into lung cancer. And so far, I must tell you, it's not bumping back. However, I have plenty of reminders in my daily/weekly routine: doctor's appointments, miscellaneous scans, weekly lab work, every-three-week chemotherapy, daily pills, diet restrictions/modifications, chronic neuropathy in my extremities, muscle weakness/soreness and an inability to work in my primary job and/or earn a regular income, that I don't need any more reminders; especially when for that particular moment/interval of time, I'm not in a cancer mode. Nevertheless, it happens all the time. It doesn't seem to matter where I am, what I'm doing or with whom I'm doing it. How and why matters not. The lung cancer reference/coincidence will rear its extremely ugly head.

It's reminiscent of whenever we've bought a new car (different make and model than we previously had owned). Once in our possession, all of a sudden, or so it seemed, we couldn't avoid seeing that make/model. Before we owned the car, we never saw one like it anywhere; now, we see them - or reminders of them, everywhere.

It's just so ironic that one day something doesn't really exist (in your world, anyway) and the next day, it's all over the place. Obviously, the world didn't change in that one day - you did. And my previous lack of awareness and recognition of something as serious as lung cancer not ever being a part of my world to now dominating it, is so striking and so surprising, quite frankly, that I'm beginning to doubt my self-proclaimed powers of observation.

How could I be so clueless? How could I be so insular? How could something so big effect someone so little (figuratively speaking)? I'm just one of millions out here trying to make a living, provide for my family and stay out of trouble; shouldn't cancer pick on someone its own size?

I realize cancer is indiscriminate and I'm not really taking it personally or bemoaning the fact that it is yours truly who has been diagnosed, I'm more railing at the constant reminders. Cancer is bad enough without it nagging at you. I got it already. I don't need to get it anymore.

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Those interested in registering for the tournament can find forms at usaamatuersports.com.

Westfield

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"I told my players to be patient," Westfield Coach Tim Vigotsky said. "Because of the wind, I urged them to keep scores in perspective. Think about 80 as par, I said, and don't get upset with a bogey now and then."

The players heeded his advice. The four low scorers all shot under the coach's par — Wes Liu, 76, Tim Ritter, 78, Shabril Brewer, 78, and Sara Stanley, 79.

The advice also helped the golfers use to foul weather to aid their game.

On one par-5, Wes Liu used a following wind to his advantage and eagled the hole.

"The wind was tough," Liu said after his round. "I really had to think twice about

each club selection."

Ritter adapted to the wind, but later complained about his putting during the second round.

"I missed six short putts," Ritter said. "I just couldn't judge the speed."

Chantilly High School's Ji Soo Park won the individual medal with a combined score of 145.

Park, a two-time honorable mention All-Met, used the wind on the 343-yard 14th hole. He unexpectedly drove the green and startled the group ahead of him.

Lui was the runner-up to Park with a 148 and Oakton's Amanda Steinhagen finished third with a 149.

With the win, Westfield advances to the state AAA tournament, on Oct. 19-20 at Waterfront Country Club near Roanoke.

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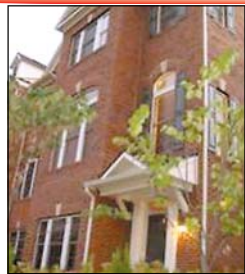
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