

CENTRE VIEW

SOUTHERN EDITION

This Play Has Bite

Centreville High captures 'Dracula.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville High's fall play has bite — that's because it's "Dracula." With a cast and crew of 44, this classic, Gothic chiller takes the stage Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Nov. 19-20, at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

"I'm excited about this — there's a lot of energy focused on this show," said Director Mike Hudson. "It follows Bram Stoker's book closely, but in a way Hollywood never attempted. However, it's not appropriate for children under 12. This is not the stereotypical 'Dracula' — it's very dark and unexpected."

The story begins in Transylvania and moves to London in the late 1800s. It also features a slew of special effects, including smoke, mist and equipment projecting texture.

"So we'll project the moon onto the stage and will use two, special curtains which can be lit to be either solid or see-through," said Hudson. "The whole stage will look like a huge, marble plateau with 14-foot columns, and it'll be very atmospheric with blowing curtains and fog."

Portraying Dracula is senior Ian Lyons. "In the beginning, he's in his 90s, weak and hunched over — a shell of his former self," said Lyons. "Later

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Ready to watch the cadets march are Forest Glen residents (from left) Genny Cameron, Sophie Kanoza, Kathleen Cotter, Jean Rhodes, Mary Golden, Rena Jones and June Dempsey.

Westfield High Offers Neil Simon Comedy

'Brighton Beach Memoirs' depicts 1937 New York.

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This year is Westfield High's 10th anniversary, so it's only fitting that Director Scott Pafumi picked "Coming of Age" as the Theater Department's theme. Accordingly, the school will present a play about a boy growing up in 1937 New York, Neil Simon's autobiographical comedy, "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m., in the school theater. Tickets are \$10 at the door; reserved seating is available at www.westfieldtheatre

boosters.com.

The audience follows the story of Eugene Jerome, 15, a budding writer in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach neighborhood. "With grace, style and wit, Simon makes us laugh through the pains of growing up and accepting the harsh realities in life," said Pafumi. "His comedy and drama are intertwined so well that he connects with our emotions on every level."

Portraying Eugene is junior Kevin Clay, in his first WHS leading role. "His family's Jewish, not well-off, and he's starting to think about girls — especially his cousin Nora," said Clay. "He thinks he's in love with her. He's a good speaker and writer, with a sarcastic wit, always cracking jokes."

Clay says Eugene ties the story together and "I see a lot of myself in him. I identify with his sense of

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Patriotism on Parade

Chantilly Academy AFJROTC marches at Forest Glen.

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Patriotism was on parade, Saturday morning, when The Chantilly Academy's Air Force Junior ROTC marched at the Forest Glen senior living community in Centreville. It was in celebration of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and the cadets also raised the American flag and remembered U.S. MIAs and the fallen while a bugler played taps.

"It's truly an honor for us to be here to honor veterans across the nation," said senior AFJROTC instructor Tim Lambert. "Freedom isn't free — it comes at a great price. And if we don't keep it free, there are those who'd take it from us." But, he told the residents, "We couldn't have been here today if not for the actions of your own families [in previous wars]."

Residents lined the circle where the cadets marched around the flagpole and watched from their



Forest Glen residents Clinton and Margaret Phillips. Clinton's holding a photo of himself in uniform during the Korean War.

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NEWS

Church Seeks To Build

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Harvest Chinese Christian Church wants to build a place of worship in Centreville, and it recently presented its plans to the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee.

Its lot is on four acres at the southwest corner of Route 29 at Cedar Spring Road. Currently, it's heavily wooded and a small home now on the site would be demolished.

"We originally proposed a 400-seat church with 100 parking spaces and a child-care center to serve the community and church," said church representative David Wu. "It would serve 60 children, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m.-6 p.m." A playground is planned in the back, and the church will build a paved trail and a 5-foot-wide bike lane.

The structure would face Route 29 and would be two stories and 50 feet high. "The original building size was 90x170 feet," said Wu. "But [Fairfax County] staff asked us to reduce it, so we're trying to reduce it from 16,000 square feet to about 12,000 square feet to accommodate the county's comments about density."

Also along those lines, he said the church is also considering having an underground stormwater-management system to lessen the project's environmental impact. Since this land is designated RC — residential conservation — the county requires it to have 50 percent, undisturbed, open space.

Entrance to the site is at Cedar Spring, near the Route 29 intersection, but Wu said it would be moved 225 feet away, per recommendations from both the Fairfax County and Virginia Departments of Transportation.

"VDOT recommends closing off the existing entry for the house and using Cedar Spring Road, instead," said Wu. "And we'd have to [put in] a service lane for people entering from Lee Highway [Route 29]. But Bull Run Elementary School is nearby and would interfere with us doing that."

In addition, he said, VDOT told the church it will eventually need right- and left-turn lanes leading

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ROUNDUPS

Scouts Collect Food Saturday

Each year, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collect nonperishable food items for the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry. It's now that time again, and they're hoping people will open up their hearts to help the WFCM feed people in need.

Last Saturday, Scouts distributed Scouting for Food bags to homes in Centreville, Chantilly and Clifton for residents to fill with canned goods and boxed food. They'll return, this Saturday, Nov. 14, to pick up the bags and deliver them to the food pantry. Residents should leave the bags outside their front doors by 9 a.m. Especially needed are: Soup, canned meats and tuna, dry pasta, dried beans, oil, pancake mix, syrup, baked beans, Hamburger Helper, canned fruits and beans, and cake and frosting mixes. Also needed are size 5 diapers and toiletries, as well as flour, sugar, fruit juice, dried beans, hot cereal, coffee, tea, condiments, and canned evaporated and sweetened condensed milk.

Conflict Resolution Workshop

A Conflict Resolution workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. Registration, \$20, includes lunch and materials. Any proceeds will benefit Wellspring United Church of Christ's Immigrant Ministry in Centreville. Pre-register and send questions to afoltzva@verizon.net. Workshop leader is the Rev. Al Fuertes, a Ph.D in Conflict Analysis and Resolution who teaches a course on Conflict, Trauma and Healing at GMU.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. The committee will revisit New Vision Community Church's request to build a place of worship along Route 29 in Centreville.

Centreville Immigration Forum

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum is Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m., at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Discussed will be transportation in and near Sully District and the surrounding area. Jane Rosenbaum, senior transportation planner with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will talk about roads. Selby Thannikary, chief of the Traffic Operations Section, FCDOT, will discuss proposed parking rules.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Nov. 19, 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 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.

Cut-Through Crackdown

To deter dangerous, cut-through driving in local neighborhoods, police officers from the Sully District Station initiated a high-visibility enforcement campaign from Oct. 19-30. Officers issued 116 summonses, primarily for speeding, ignoring stop signs and improper passing.

NEWS



From left: Cadets Joshua Langland and Isa Abutaa raise the American flag.



Members of Chantilly's AFJROTC salute while the American flag is raised at Forest Glen.

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Cadets March at Forest Glen

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windows and balconies above. Among them were a group of friends including Kathleen Cotter, wearing her special, flag-adorned red hat just for the occasion.

"My husband was in WWII and I like to support them," she said. "I think what they're doing is good. They're a bunch of nice, young men and women — but I hate the war."

Sophie Kanoza, 88, was a WWII mess sergeant in the Army. "I loved the Army; I flirted with all the men," she said. "I think it's wonderful that the cadets are here; I enjoy seeing them."

For Jean Rhodes, it was also a way to remember her family. "My parents and two brother-in-laws are buried in Arlington and I was married to a Marine," she said. "During WWII, my sister was in the WACS and my brother was in the Coast Guard, and my father was a WWI Marine." Regarding the Cadets' performance, she said, "I just love it — I support the military 100 percent and feel bad for how people treat them sometimes."

After the ceremony, Lambert said it was a privilege to come to Forest Glen to recognize veterans and their families — "Those who could be here and those who couldn't — for the sacrifices they made at home and overseas to defend our freedom. We owe them a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid. I'm also proud of the cadets who gave up their time to be here to honor the veterans."

Among those mingling with the cadets afterward was Clinton Phillips, 81. "During WWII I was a merchant seaman," he said. "Then I got out, got married and later got drafted into the Army for the Korean War. But I was lucky — I never had to go to war. I spent my whole time in the 521st MPs at Fort Belvoir."

He and Margaret, his wife of 62 years, have lived at Forest Glen four years and, said Clinton, "I appreciate the cadets and look forward to their performance each year; I wouldn't miss it. I like to see them raising the flag and marching."

"I like the whole ceremony — it's very inspiring," added Margaret. "It makes you think about what it means to be free, and I'm proud to be an American."



Fund-raising Gala

The Ramsey family who won the most creative costume trophy during St. John's Episcopal Church's annual Gala and Auction on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Centreville High's Play, 'Dracula,' Has Bite

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on, as he begins to feed on people, he becomes young and gains power. Then the others try to stop him from preying on the two, main, female characters, Lucy and Mina."

He's fun to play, said Lyons, because of Dracula's darkness and power. "He's so different from the other characters — mostly alone and apart from them," said Lyons. "And getting to tell people I'm Dracula is pretty cool."

He said the show should be really popular. "Vampires are pretty big, right now," said Lyons. "We want the audience to feel bad that Dracula's under a curse and sympathize with him."

Senior Andrew Myers is his understudy, chomping at the bit for a chance to perform, but doing it only at a dress rehearsal. "I style my performance after the 1931 one of Bela Lugosi," he said. "We have a parallel because he wasn't originally considered for the part, either. But I still have to learn all my blocking, marks and lines and will strive just as hard as Ian."

Myers said Centreville's "Dracula" draws several elements from the Gary Oldman version in 1992, such as the costuming and visual effects, lighting, blood and music cues. "One of the coolest aspects is all the 'bodies' of Dracula's previous brides we'll have strewn over the stage," he said. "And when he comes on stage, their eyes flash open and follow him around the room. It's awesome



From left: Marlo Clingman, Mitchell Cole, Arjun Rao and Julien Guh rehearse a scene from Centreville High's "Dracula."

— it should be a fantastic show."

PLAYING LUCY is senior Marlo Clingman. "She's in her 20s and flirts with three men, but then she's bitten by Dracula and transforms into a vampire," said Clingman. "She's more worldly than is generally accepted in

this time period. She's more cavalier and liberal in how she talks."

It's a fun role, she said, because "I get to go from a forward, young woman to an evil, bloodthirsty vampire. I especially like when I'm in a tomb and walk out with blood all over me and face off against Van Helsing,

the vampire-slayer. The audience will be blown away by what we do with the set. It's one of my favorite novels, so I was excited when I heard we were doing this."

Senior Annemarie Scerra portrays Lucy's best friend, Mina. "She's in a love triangle between Dracula and her fiancé, Jonathan Harker," explained Scerra. "She's righteous, proper, moral and wants to set a good example for others. She loves Jonathan, but gets mesmerized by Dracula. He puts her in a trance and she thinks of doing things she wouldn't normally have dreamed about."

Scerra's delighted with her part because she's gone through four years of theater with both Lyons and Julien Guh, who plays Harker, so "it's great to act in a mainstage production with them."

Stage manager Mike Palermo calls the light and sound cues, runs the light board and makes sure the show runs smoothly. "I also helped build the set, representing the world of the unknown, or the dream world," he said. "It's the place where extraordinary and supernatural things exist."

He said the show's lighting requires constant work, but it sets the mood with different light movement, placement, isolation, color and intensity. Best, he said, is "creating the set and seeing it come together." Palermo said the audience will like the play's intensity and action: "It's so suspenseful, it'll keep them at the edge of their seats."

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Westfield High Presents 'Brighton Beach Memoirs'

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humor and his relationship with his older brother because I'm the younger brother in my family." In addition, said Clay, "These memoirs are actually written by my character so, during a scene, I'll narrate what's happening."

He said the show will make the audience laugh, but "They'll also sympathize with characters going through pain or difficulties. The awkward moments when the brothers are talking about girls are the funniest — and my favorite scenes."

Senior Phoebe Dillard plays the mother, Kate. "She's loud, worries about everything and loves her sons more than life," said Dillard. "She's good-hearted and would do anything to keep her family happy and stable. But she has so much on her plate — and there's so much tension between her and her younger sister — that when things bubble over, she completely explodes."

Dillard said the role stretches her dramatically, making her focus intently when she must yell and cry. But, she said, "The cast makes it so much fun, I look forward to every rehearsal. It's making me a better actress, and I'll have these memories my entire life."

She said the play's "for mature audiences — high schoolers and up — because of some language and vulgarity. But the audience

will love it because it's about families similar to theirs in the emotions and problems every family has. There's disappointment, anger, frustration, bliss, excitement and hope. The over-arching theme is that, if you have a loving family, you [believe] everything's possible; family gets you through."

Playing older brother, Stanley, 18, is junior Adam Thomas. "He's not a typical teen," said Thomas. "His salary helps support his family and put food on the table, so he has lots of responsibility for his age. Around his brother and father, he tries to seem tough and manly; but later, when he makes a couple mistakes, it tears him apart and you see he's really sensitive. He cares about his family and doesn't want to let them down."

Thomas especially likes the scenes between him and Clay, as Eugene, because they show a typical relationship between brothers. He said the play's crafted so well, with "tons of comic moments the audience will love. Simon's a master of witty one-liners in the midst of a dramatic scene."

Junior Sarah Bowden plays Nora, 16. "She's a dancer, full of energy, trying to prove she can be independent and, therefore, able to be in a Broadway show," said Bowden. "She can be extremely nice, but also moody and wanting to get away from her family."

"I love playing her because I'm a dancer



Rehearsing a scene from "Brighton Beach Memoirs" are (back row, from left) Adam Thomas, Kevin Clay and Sarah Bowden and (front row, from left) John Walsh, Phoebe Dillard, Emily Howell and Elisabeth Bloxam.

and can totally identify with the way she feels," continued Bowden. "She also shows a wide range of emotions. [The play] has lots of "wow factor," and we'll see if the audience is ready for its mature content."

Stage manager is senior Meredith Freeman. She'll give the light and sound cues

and make sure assistant stage managers Taylor Aucott and Sara Calkins have any scene changes. "I really enjoy it and love being at rehearsals, seeing the actors develop their characters and the show come together. Mr. Pafumi is great to work with, and it's fun being part of it."

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Who Succeeds Cuccinelli?

Three Republicans in race, no Democrats have come forward yet.



Marianne Horinko



Steve Hunt



Will Nance

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Voters will get to choose between three Republicans running to replace Ken Cuccinelli (R) in Virginia's 37th District State Senate seat, which spans western and central Fairfax County.

On Nov. 3, Cuccinelli was elected to become Virginia's next attorney general and will be sworn into that office in January.

The local Republican Party is conducting a "firehouse" primary to select its nominee for the position on Saturday, Nov. 21. The date and time of the firehouse primary had not been determined at the time Centre View went to press on Wednesday afternoon.

But former at-large School Board member Steve Hunt, former Environmental Protection Agency head Marianne Horinko and Greenspring retirement community's executive director Will Nance are expected to be on the Republican firehouse primary ballot.

State Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-34), who represents Fairfax County, said the Democrats will make an announcement concerning their nominating process early next week.

So far, only one person, Del. Dave Marsden (D-41), appears to be a serious candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Marsden's current delegate seat shares 10 precincts

with the 37th Senate Seat in the Springfield and Burke area. But a run for the 37th District Senate seat could be difficult for Marsden, since he technically lives in the Democratic Sen. Chap Petersen's (D-34) district, not the one being vacated by Cuccinelli.

"I live about 100 yards from [the 37th Senate District.] I could literally throw a rock and hit it from my door step," said Marsden, who has lived in his Burke house since 1977.

If Marsden became the Democratic Party's Senate candidate, he would have to move to the 37th District, he said.

IN THE FIREHOUSE primary, Cuccinelli has not endorsed a particular candidate, but Hunt, 51, has picked up the support of most of the current senator's political and legislative staff as well as that of Del. Dave Albo (R-42).

Hunt is the only one of three candidates to run for elected office before, let alone occupy a position as an elected official. He served from 2003-07 on the Fairfax County School Board before losing in a Democratic Party sweep of the three countywide School Board seats two years ago.

Since 2007, he voiced interest in a few other elected offices. In 2008, he formed a committee to raise money for a run at Virginia's 11th Congressional District seat, currently occupied by U.S. Rep. Gerry

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Frey: Land, Road Projects Ahead

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Besides the economy and the upcoming Fairfax County budget, Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) also presented details of some recent land acquisitions and upcoming road projects. He was speaking Monday, Oct. 19, to the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA).

Regarding the land, he said the county acquired two additional parcels in Centreville's Historic District, in the last two months. They total about eight acres and will be preserved as parkland.

One site is along Mount Gilead Road, across from the Spindle house. The other site is the Royal Oaks property. Daniel Roberdeau, a Revolutionary War general and member of the Continental Congress, lived there until about 1783. This house was later the Union generals' headquarters when they occupied Centreville during the Civil War.

AS FOR THE ROAD WORK, Frey spoke about the Route 50 widening. The \$75 million, VDOT project will widen Route 50 to six lanes from Poland Road in Loudoun County to just west of Route 28 in Fairfax County. It's fully funded, so Frey expects work to begin by spring 2010. First though, he said, some

design issues need to be resolved.

"The biggest issue is access onto Lee Road and into the Chantilly Crossing Shopping Center," he said. "VDOT proposes eliminating the left turn for people coming from southbound Route 28. But the businesses in there have come up with a different proposal, and I'm going to meet with them about that."

For quite awhile now, many residents of Chantilly's Brookfield community have complained about oversized vehicles, such as commercial trucks, boats and RVs being parked on the streets in their neighborhood. They'd like to have Brookfield designated as a residential parking area only, with oversized vehicles prohibited. But as yet, they haven't yet gone around from door to door and collected residents' signatures on the petition required to officially request consideration of their proposal.

"We're mostly concerned about safety and being able to see around these large vehicles," said resident Margie Wheelerton at last week's meeting. But Frey said what's considered safe or not safe is somewhat suggestive and a matter of opinion.

"But I'm willing to put safety over convenience, every time," he said. "Although I think the burden of proof rests with those who want to make the change."

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Family members say Bill Cahir had a kind of indomitable spirit, one that propelled him through difficulties toward accomplishing a goal, reported Michael Lee Pope earlier this year.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound sustained while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

On April 8, 2006, Cahir married Washington lawyer Rene Brown at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. The couple settled in Rosemont on West Cedar Street. Brown was pregnant with twins at the time of Cahir's death.

MORE THAN 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and nearly 800 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 35,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veteran. In the past year, the new GI Bill provides a giant step to pay for college for veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, championed by Virginia's U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D), dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally.

Efforts to improve health care, employment and housing for veterans are also underway and deserve meaningful commitment of resources.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We

repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

EDITORIAL

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkham, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Making People Aware

Colin Powell Elementary School honored survivors of breast cancer on Friday, Oct. 2, by promoting students and staff members to wear pink and denim. Many staff members and families have been affected by this disease and the school wanted to raise awareness about breast cancer to the entire population.



Students Kelly Pham, Emily Patterson, Elise Whang with parent Lalitha Iyer.



Staff members Helen Garzon, Laura Senturia, Julie Majkowski, Emily Richwine, Jamie Penney and Missy Long.

Church

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from Route 29 onto the property, when a third through-lane is built on that highway.

After Wu's presentation, WFCCA panelists had several questions. "Will the scaled-down building serve your needs?" asked Land-Use Chairman Jim Katcham. Wu explained that making the classrooms and fellowship hall two stories enabled the church to decrease the building's footprint and still have in it what it needs.

WFCCA's Mark McConn noted that, "Going westbound on Route 29, there needs to be a left-turn lane because it's dangerous for people turning into the homes there." Agreeing, Wu replied, "Absolutely — and we'll put in a right-turn lane going to the child-care center."

At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart advised Wu that, "The smaller the site gets, the tougher it gets to have parking, stormwater management, the building and the 50-percent open space all work." Wu said the figure is currently at 45 percent, but the church owns two other, 2-acre lots there, so it could probably add them into the computations, if need be.

Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger asked if church representatives had met with the neighbors, and Wu said he wanted to get everyone's comments first and then meet with them, but they will do so. Hart suggested they touch base with Virginia Run and possibly Gate Post Estates residents.

He also told Wu that, "If the entrance [to the site] is on Cedar Spring, you might want to coordinate your exit times with [nearby] Centreville Baptist Church — which has a police officer on Sunday so people can turn left there into the church — so traffic on Route 29 won't come to a standstill." Replied Wu: "We'll discuss that with the surrounding churches."

Hart said all the lots around Route 29 will eventually develop as institutional, non-residential uses, which are allowed along arterial roads. So, he said, "We have to think about how best to handle the traffic there. These lots are grandfathered in because they precede the Occoquan Downzoning, so they don't have to be five acres total [to be developed]."

For now, no date is set for this matter to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals. But the church will return to the WFCCA, later on, with more information about its plans as things progress.

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WORTH NOTING

ONGOING

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Ministries (WFCM) will provide more than 1,500 holiday food baskets to families in need in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Fair Oaks and Fairfax station. So it's seeking local residents and businesses willing to either sponsor a family, by providing food for a Thanksgiving or Christmas meal, or donate supermarket gift cards in any denomination. Gift cards may be dropped off at the WFCM food pantry at 13981 Metrotech Drive in Chantilly (near Backyard Grill and Bar). To sponsor a family, contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656, ext. 3, or via development@wfcma.org. To mail gift cards or send donations by check, add a note saying "food basket program" and send to: WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153. Checks should be made payable to WFCM.

Neighborhood Watch Training

Dates — The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering four training dates in 2010, for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room and will last approximately two hours. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course. We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010
- Tuesday, April 20, 2010
- Tuesday, July 20, 2010

• Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010

The Western Fairfax County

Woman's Club is selling the 2009 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors our 24th President, Grover Cleveland. The ice blue and white oval ornament depicts a view of the White House from the south lawn. The first White House Christmas tree to be adorned with electric lights can be seen in the upstairs window. The cost of the ornament is \$18 and all profits benefit charity. Order yours now by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

Our Neighbors Child (ONC) is the local organization coordinating holiday assistance (new toys and clothing gifts) for children of families in financial crisis in Centreville, Chantilly and Western Fairfax. Assistance is made possible through the generous support from local churches, schools, businesses and individuals each year.

In its 18th year, ONC is looking for groups or individuals to "adopt" the special needs of local children this holiday season. There is an especially urgent need for winter coats, blankets and other warm clothing. Specific information (sizes, etc.) will be available by Thanksgiving. If you are willing to help, contact Denise McInerney, ONC Clothing Coordinator at oncdenise@aol.com. For other volunteer opportunities or to make a donation, visit www.ourneighborschild.org.

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Craft Vendors are needed for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. Leased spaces for vendors are going quickly. Book your vendor space now! Contact novemberbazaar@hotmail.com or 703-830-2684.

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!

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A full case contains 50 to 56 oranges or 30 to 35 grapefruit and sells for \$30. A half case contains 25 to 28 oranges or 15 to 20 grapefruit and sells for \$20. New this year are mixed full cases selling for \$35 and mixed half cases selling for \$25.

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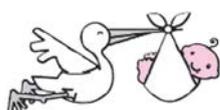
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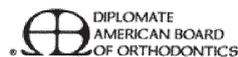


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Wildcats Qualify for State Competition

Centreville's boys' cross country team advances to State Finals for first time since 1994.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

Yazid Zouaimia didn't have enough time to be disappointed about where he stood with the Northern Region's top runners during the Northern Region Finals on Nov. 5.

As runners from Chantilly High School, Oakton High School and Fairfax continued to pull away, leaving the Centreville High School runner in fourth place, Zouaimia knew he couldn't let disappointment get in the way of his team's goals.

"I knew we had a shot at making [the State Finals] as a team," Zouaimia said. "So I knew the best I could do was hold on to fourth place and help the team out."

But as the end of the race drew nearer, Zouaimia began to hear the panting and footsteps of Robert E. Lee's Natnael Meseret behind him, challenging his fourth-place position.

"I saw [Meseret] closing in on me," he said. "I could see him in the corner of my eye coming at me hard."

As Meseret began to make up ground, Zouaimia quickly switched his mindset into defending fourth place as if it were first.

"[Meseret] started sprinting and then my instincts went in," he said. "I started going as fast as I could. I went to my fourth gear. I didn't want to disappoint my team."

The extra effort to hold on to what many runners would consider a disappointing position surprised Zouaimia.

"I wasn't expecting to be holding on to fourth place at the beginning of the race," he said.

Zouaimia joked that this race was the hardest he'd ever had to

work for fourth place.

But as the two runners charged to the finish line, Zouaimia was able to hold off Meseret and clinch fourth overall.

What might seem like a disappointing finish would become one of the reasons Zouaimia's team qualified for the Virginia AAA State Finals at The Plains, Va., for the first time since 1994.

"It's huge for us," Centreville head coach Kelley Devlin said. "This is history making for us. We've never haven't had a boys' cross country team advance to the State Finals [for awhile]."

The Wildcat runners weren't just boosted by Zouaimia finish, but also by the team's depth which included strong performances from Bobby Kelly and Mattson Heiner.

Bobby Kelly finished in 18th place with a time of 16:00 and Mattson Heiner finished 21st with a time of 16:03.

"We have a lot of depth on this team," Devlin said. "We don't have to rely on any one runner."

The depth didn't just come naturally. Devlin said that the boys' team's strong sense of camaraderie and hard work has allowed the team to achieve its goals.

"These are strong mature guys who know that they could accomplish this goal," Devlin said. "It's just amazing work ethic. They work together on days when there isn't practice scheduled. They're passionate about bringing success to Centreville."

Devlin said that her team's depth was the difference maker, as the Wildcats finished in fourth place with an average team time of 16:08.

Devlin also credited first-year cross country runner Joey Hannah



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

The Centreville boys' cross-country team, seen here at the Monroe Parker Invitational, qualified for the State Finals for the first time since 1994.

Top Five Finishers

1. Christopher Foley - Chantilly - 14:59
2. Andrew McCullen - Oakton - 14:59
3. Kevin Dowd - Fairfax - 15:04
4. Yazid Zouaimia - Centreville - 15:24
5. Natnael Meseret - Robert E. Lee - 15:25

"I started going as fast as I could. I went to my fourth gear. I didn't want to disappoint my team."

— Yazid Zouaimia

helping contribute to the team's success.

Hannah, a baseball player, joined the team to work on conditioning but didn't realize the large role he would play this season for the cross country team.

"I didn't really know what to expect coming into the season," Hannah said. "But I've had a blast and I'm proud to say I'm on the first team to go to States."

The Wildcats advance to the Virginia AAA State Finals held at The Plains, Va., on Nov. 14.



CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Yazid Zouaimia's fourth-place finish didn't come easy as he was pressured by Robert E. Lee's Natnael Meseret. "I saw [Meseret] closing in on me," he said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Division 6 Region Playoff Picture

No. 1. Woodson (9-2) will host No. 8 Oakton (5-5). Woodson enters the playoffs as co-Patriot District Champions with Lake Braddock.

The Cavaliers did not play Oakton during the regular season

and are coming off a 35-0 shutout of No. 5 seeded South County on Nov. 6.

No. 2 Robinson (9-1) will host No. 7 Chantilly (5-5). Robinson defeated Chantilly 35-21 during the regular season. The Rams' only loss this season was to No. 4 seeded Westfield, who beat them 21-20 in overtime.

Robinson's last game was a 42-7 defeat of Centreville on Nov. 6.

Chantilly can send its thanks to

Robert E. Lee High School, whose 27-13 victory over T.C. Williams High School on Nov. 7 allowed Chantilly to enter the playoffs as the No. 7 seed.

No. 3 Lake Braddock (7-2) will host No. 6 Fairfax (6-4).

This is the first post-season berth for Fairfax since 1999 when current Westfield head coach Tom Verbanic coached the team.

Lake Braddock previously defeated Fairfax 42-7 in a scrimmage

on Aug. 28, and is entering the playoffs hot on both sides of the ball.

The Bruins have scored 166 points in their past four games and have only allowed 25.

No. 4 Westfield (6-4) will host No. 5 South County (6-4).

Westfield just might be the tournament tables' dark horse. After starting the season 1-4, the Bulldogs battled back to go undefeated in the Concorde District and se-

cure their sixth district title in nine years.

South County started the season in fine form, going 5-1, but lost key games to Patriot District opponents such as Lake Braddock, T.C. Williams and Woodson.

SYA Registration

SYA winter registration is now available online at

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Who Succeeds Cuccinelli?

FROM PAGE 5

Connolly (D), but dropped out so as not to cause a divisive primary with fellow Republican candidate Keith Fimian.

Hunt intended to run for the School Board again earlier this spring, when it looked like at-large member Ilryong Moon might have been vacating his seat for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Moon lost in the special election to fill the then vacant Braddock District seat on the county board, so Hunt never got a chance to jump into the race.

When asked why he was choosing to run for State Senate, Hunt said: "I saw this an opportunity to serve right off the bat."

As an elected official, Hunt, a veteran who now works for government contractor SAIC, would focus on district transportation projects, keeping taxes low and military issues. If elected, he would introduce a bill that would exempt the widows and widowers of American military personnel killed in action from having to pay Virginia income tax.

Hunt is also active in the pro-life movement and has volunteered as an abstinence-only sex-education instructor.

NANCE, 41, has received the backing of a few conservative figures on the national political stage, including former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.); Tim LaHaye, best-selling author of the "Left Behind" book series, and Michael Farris, chairman of the Home School Legal Defense Association.

Nance, who lives off Popes Head Road, has a master's degree in business administration and considers himself a fiscal and social conservative.

He is concerned about Northern Virginia's transportation problems and the growth in the state budget.

"I think everyone is fed up with the congestion that we have to live with every day," said Nance, who is also worried that Virginia's state budget has grown too fast over the last 10 years.

On issues related to education, Nance said he would push for the opening of more charter schools in Virginia, which has been stymied locally by the Fairfax County School Board. According to his Web site, Nance would also push for Virginia to establish an "open enrollment" statute, which he said would give parents more flexibility to send children to a public school even though they do not live in that school's boundary.

HORINKO, 48, is a Chantilly resident who served as acting administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency during Presi-

dent George W. Bush's administration.

"I have been active in the Republican Party since I was a little kid. Public service is also something I value very highly," said Horinko.

She now runs The Horinko Group, a consulting firm that assists businesses on a variety of environmental issues like understanding government regulation, improving energy efficiency or developing a "green ethic," according to the business' Web site.

On transportation issues, Horinko is the only candidate who says she would promote mass transit solutions, including pushing for a Metrorail extension out to western Fairfax.

The candidate, who has an undergraduate degree in chemistry and a law degree from Georgetown University, would also promote business-friendly environmental policies, such as offering tax credits and other incentives to employers who adopt green practices.

She does believe in enforcing environmental policies through additional government regulation, according to her Web site.

Horinko considers herself a defender of the Second Amendment and said Virginia gun owners with a concealed carry permit should be able to conceal their gun in other states with similar policies. She also opposes abortion, according to her Web site.

Horinko, who is the only candidate in the Republican primary with children in Fairfax County Public Schools, said she is also interested in seeing Virginia establish a second campus or school like Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Fairfax.

IT IS not clear when the special election to fill the seat would take place once the Republicans and Democrats pick a nominee.

Cuccinelli has not officially stepped down from the State Senate position yet. Until he does, Gov. Tim Kaine (D) cannot set a date for the special election.

But political parties must chose nominees for the office at least 30 days before a general election, so Kaine will be prohibited at least from scheduling an Election Day any earlier than mid to late December — 30 days after the Republican primary and right before the Christmas holiday.

A few political activists from both sides of the aisle said earlier this month that they had hoped the election could take place before the General Assembly resumes session at the beginning of next January so that residents of the 37th District, which includes parts of Centreville, Chantilly, Fairfax, Burke and Springfield, will have an elected representative for the entire session.

Frey on Land, Road Projects

FROM PAGE 5

WFCCA member Judy Heisinger asked Frey about the status of the Poplar Tree Road widening project in Centreville. It will upgrade that road from two lanes to four through Sully Station Drive in the north and Braddock Ridge Drive in the south.

Frey said it's still on the table, but will

"ultimately end up a year behind" schedule. "I'm working with the neighbors and plan to walk their yards with them to see where the right-of-way is," he said. "And we're trying to come up with a fence type that'll please everyone. But it'll start next spring; they want to get the bulk of the work done before school starts again, next fall."

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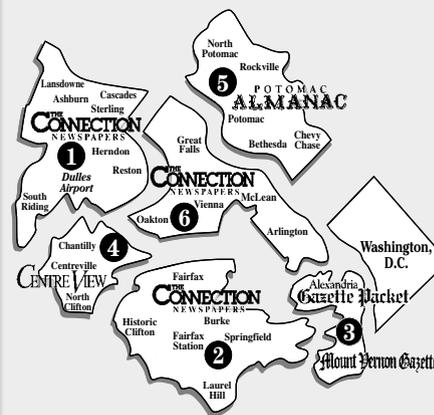
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a former insurance broker (Life & Health, not Property & Casualty), I feel somewhat qualified to address the following question: Is there a car insurance company advertising on television, radio, print, Blimp, direct mail, etc., with whom I couldn't save hundreds of dollars (or 15 percent, whichever is relevant) on my car's insurance? If I want to be naive, I imagine my answer would be "No." Apparently, a phone call; morning, noon, evening or late at night; on line, in person, telepathically, is all that's needed to lower my car insurance premium. Yet, I'm hesitating.

Do I doubt, as former Washington, D.C. Mayor and current D.C. Council member, Marion S. Barry once said (on a completely unrelated subject), "the veracity" of the insurance company's claims (the suggestion, not the department)? Probably not. I suppose if it weren't true, the company wouldn't be saying it and/or paying/advertising to say it. (Or is that a Banana Boat I just fell off?)

Do I think the car insurance companies are baiting me/us consumers so we'll switch, presuming we believe there's gold (figuratively speaking) in them thar insurance hills? (Well, we certainly wouldn't bother if there's tin in them thar hills.) Yes! If we don't believe or are not lead to believe the pursuit is worth our while, it will likely be awhile before we ever call "1-800 CASH-4-ME" (made up number).

Do I believe the faltering economy and the relating cash flow (in and out) adjustments, shall we say, by consumers might be creating an opportunity for corporate America/Big Business to present/bathe themselves in an extremely soft and glowing light into which consumers might be drawn (like moths to a flame) and hopefully find some financial answers/relief? Yeah! Is that a bad thing? Hopefully not for those of us who fall victim (I mean, consider their alternatives).

It's almost unfair, really. How does one resist the temptation to say yes/make that call? Money is no longer growing on trees (if it ever did). It's hardly growing at all. Have you seen the interest rates being paid at your local financial institution? Actually, they should change the description to "lack of interest" paid. And so, in come the car insurance companies (since most of us still have cars, although some of us no longer have homes or jobs) to try and interest us. If we no longer can save money in the bank (and earn interest on that money), perhaps we would be open to the next best option: not spending it. To update Benjamin Franklin's most famous admonition; a penny not spent is like an increase in your unemployment compensation. And a lower premium for your car's insurance is similarly money well not-spent.

So what am I waiting for? Godot? This is ain't no movie. This is real life, as real as it gets when there's not enough money to pay for the too-many things with which many of us have become accustomed or worse, dependent. If saving money on car insurance was as easy as we have been advertised to believe it is, we should all be grateful to live in a country where such timely opportunity exists. I always knew, as my father often rhetorically opined: "Is this a great country or what!" Yes, it is.

Sometimes, though, you have to be careful what you wish for.

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