

CENTRE VIEW

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Erin's parents, Celeste and Grafton Peterson, appreciate the community's support.

Gospel Celebration for Erin Fund

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Joyous, spiritual and heartfelt music filled Centreville High's theater last Sunday during the third annual Gospel Celebration for the Erin Peterson Fund. It was hosted by Mount Olive Baptist Church, where Erin, one of the Virginia Tech victims, worshiped with her family.

Performing were the Mount Olive Men's Choir, with special guest artists, The Spiritual Harmonizers, Youthful Spirits and twins Kelly Butler-Noel and Kim

Butler-Dennis. The event raised money for the Erin Peterson Fund, which honors Erin's life and her dream of an education by providing financial assistance to deserving students.

Her family has established several scholarships and grants in her name, including the Legacy Initiative, given each year in memory of someone who died in the Virginia Tech tragedy. This year's \$2,000 scholarship, in honor of student Caitlin Hammaren, was awarded to Megan Alyse Bauer, a political science major at Kalamazoo College in Michigan.

Scholarships will also go to graduating seniors at Westfield

and Falls Church high schools, in addition to two national scholarships and a \$6,500 grant to Westfield's Leadership for Tomorrow program for at-risk males. The group was established after Erin's death and now contains 35 students from all grade levels.

"At first, they were angry. So initially, we just wanted them to go to school and behave," said Erin's mother, Celeste Peterson. "But now, they want to improve their lives and do good. We have Thanksgiving dinner, go on trips, have guest speakers and talk about them going to college."

To her delight, the effort has proven successful. "As a result of letting them know someone's looking out for them and somebody cares, their lives have completely changed," she said proudly. "They come to school, their grades have gone up and, this year, three have just applied to college and, so far, one has gotten in."

Peterson was with them last Friday, and they hugged her in thanks — and to comfort her on the anniversary of her daughter's death. "Erin taught me how to take time with people, like she did," said

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From left: Twins Kelly Butler-Noel and Kim Butler-Dennis sing "Wind Beneath My Wings," with the words changed to describe Erin.

Bus Rapid Transit System for I-66?

Local officials discuss traffic solution for I-66 corridor.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The solution to Interstate 66's gridlock could be something as simple as a bus. But not just any bus — high-speed rail cars on bus tires traveling in a dedicated lane as part of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system.

That was the take-away from Monday night, April 19's town-hall meeting about Interstate 66 at the Fairfax County Government Center. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Supervisors Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) hosted.

"I believe this project can provide tremendous relief for the I-66 Corridor and westbound," said Wolf. "It can be done very fast, for about \$250 million, and would build up ridership [for future Metrorail], as well."

At the outset, Kathy Ichter, director of the county's Department of Transportation (FCDOT), gave a snapshot of the current status of Interstate 66 in Fairfax County, outside the Beltway. It carries 120,000-150,000 vehicles per day between Route 28 and the Fairfax County Parkway, plus 170,000-180,000 vehicles per day between Route 50 and the Beltway.

People using the HOV lanes only travel six miles faster than those in the regular lanes, during the



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U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10)

morning rush, she said, and just seven miles faster in the evening.

Ichter said the county's Comprehensive Plan shows the construction of yet more lanes on Interstate 66, plus the extension of rail and Metrorail and the addition of BRT. She said rail stations are earmarked for Fair Oaks Mall, Stringfellow Road, Centreville

Farms (now called Fair Crest) and Route 29 in Centreville.

"I-66 clearly is not working, and there's not much encouragement to take HOV," said Herrity. He said drivers should be able to use Interstate 66's shoulders whenever

there's congestion, and he noted how bad rush hour is on the weekends, too. Herrity also said the HOV ramps to and from Interstate 66 at Monument Drive and Stringfellow Road should be open

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— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

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The Laurel Ridge Elementary School Lightning Lions Jump Rope Team demonstrates intricate double-dutch moves. Team members practice every day before school and perform at senior centers and basketball half time shows throughout Fairfax County. There are 40 members on the team.

A Matter Of Health

Colin L. Powell Elementary School opened its doors and invited the community to a free health and fitness fair on Monday, April 12. Area restaurants, groceries and fitness-related businesses provided samples, health screening and information about their services. The INOVA Loudoun Mobile Health Unit was on-site to provide free health screening and several organizations from within Fairfax County set up informational booths and demonstrations.



Allison Lee, a 1st grade student at Colin L. Powell ES takes a ride on "The Convincer," brought by the Fairfax County Police. The seat belt convincer simulates a head-on collision at 5 mph.



Kylie Kramer, Nicole Mezher, Janey Doyle, Alexis Thomasson and Franky Doyle all plan to run in the 3rd Annual CPES Puma Pounce 5K and 1.5 mile Fun Run on May 8 this year. The event is a fund-raiser for the CPES PTA Playground Fund. All are invited to participate.



Rachel Bloedorn gets the "before" view of germs on her hands. She is using the Fairfax County Health Department's "Hand Washing Machine." Her hands were sprayed with special "faux-germ" lotion, then she looks at the "germs" on her hands under the machine.

ROUNDUPS

Grand Jury Indicts Guthrie

The case against a Centreville teen charged with involuntary manslaughter is moving forward in the legal system. He is Kyle A. Guthrie, 19, of Gate Post Estates, and he's accused of causing the death of an Oak Hill teen last summer. Both graduated from Westfield High.

Guthrie tossed a firework in the air while he, another person and the victim – Dennis Ray Ross, 19 – were riding in the back of a pickup truck, July 19, in South Riding. Ross jumped out of the truck, struck his head on the roadway and died, six days later. A Loudoun County grand jury indicted Guthrie, last Tuesday, April 13, and he's now scheduled for a jury trial in that county's Circuit Court, Aug. 16-17.

Cobo-Baca Also Indicted

In January, following up on a DNA hit, Fairfax County police detectives from the Cold Case Sexual Crimes Unit arrested a Centreville man. Charged with a December 2007 assault against a 23-year-old woman in his neighborhood was Marco A. Cobo-Baca, 23, of Cool Oak Lane in The Meadows community. Then on Monday, April 19, the grand jury indicted him on a charge of abduction with intent to defile. He's now slated for a May 19 jury trial.

Free Carseat Inspections

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

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. For more information, call 703-324-5052. The next one is slated for Sunday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

Immigration Meeting, April 27

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum will be held Tuesday, April 27, at 7 p.m., in the chapel of Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road, in Centreville.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131. A representative from Fairfax County Human Services will address the panel, and there'll be presentations on two proposed, cell-phone towers.

Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

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NEWS



The Youthful Spirits entertained at last Sunday's Gospel celebration for Erin Peterson and will perform at Saturday's concert at Westfield High.

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Fund-Raiser for Memorial Scholarships

Remembering Reema and Erin in song.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It's been three years since Westfield High grads Reema Samaha and Erin Peterson lost their lives, along with 30 others, at Virginia Tech.

But they're far from forgotten and, this Saturday, there'll be a memorial concert to raise money for the scholarships given in their names. It'll be held in the Westfield theater, April 24, at 7 p.m., and performing will be Youthful Spirits and City Singers.

Youthful Spirits includes J. Robbie Wigington, youth minister at Erin's church, Mount Olive Baptist, plus seven other members, ages 18-43, who've traveled nationally and internationally, spreading God's word in song since 1993. Their music is joyful and energetic and they wowed the crowd at last Sunday's Gospel celebration for Erin.

City Singers is the outreach arm of the City Choir of Washington and performs choral music in a variety of genres, giving concerts at benefits, homeless shelters, retirement and nursing homes and other venues. Under Director Danielle Spriggs, its 25-30 members will entertain Saturday with mostly American music, such as early 1930s jazz and ragtime, Broadway tunes, patriotic and movie music, folk songs and spirituals, plus a classical set.

Singing a solo with them will be Lani Kanakry, a friend of the Samahas. She's a member of their McLean church, Holy Transfiguration, and a voice and piano teacher.

"I think it's going to be a beautiful concert and I really want people to come to it," said Reema's mother, Mona Samaha. "All the performers are very talented, and I think that listening to those choirs will be very inspirational and meaningful to the com-

munity."

Reema's scholarships go to Westfield and Herndon high seniors exemplifying Reema's attributes including good character, an open mind, respect for diversity, and academic excellence.

The Erin Peterson Fund gives the Erin Peterson Leadership Award and the Erin Peterson Commit to Excel Award to two Westfield and two Falls Church high grads emulating Erin's quest for knowledge, commitment to excellence and desire to help the less fortunate. This fund also awards two FastWeb scholarships, plus grants to Westfield's Leadership for Tomorrow program for at-risk students.

"Reema and Erin were friends since they were in third grade and were on the same soccer team," said Erin's mother, Celeste Peterson. "Their dorm rooms at Virginia Tech were side-by-side, and they died together in French class. So I think it's appropriate that they're celebrated together at the [upcoming] concert. I just hope we can raise a lot of money to give away a lot of scholarships."

Reema's parents and siblings attended last Friday's remembrance ceremony at Virginia Tech on the third anniversary of the tragedy. Her father, Joe Samaha, said they've discovered that coming to grips with the loss of a child "doesn't get easier with time. It's a life-altering experience and you learn to live with it. There's not a day that

goes by when I don't think of it — not just for Reema, but also for the others."

So the Samaha family made the trip to Virginia Tech last week, he said, because "it's always warming to be with the other families, the survivors, the administration and the other students who went through this with us. They don't leave my mind. They suffered, as well, on April 16, and to be together is always comforting. We've become family; I feel we can share anything with each other."

For Erin's parents, though, the very thought of returning to the place where their only child was killed is just unbearable. "I can't go back down there; it's too painful," said her mother. "Erin was happy

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COMMUNITY

Opening Day

The Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) celebrated its Little League Baseball Opening Day on Saturday, April 10, at Cub Run Elementary School. Enjoying perfect baseball weather, the SYA players were welcomed onto the field by two local high school baseball teams, the

Centreville Wildcats and Westfield Bulldogs.

Treated to the national anthem performed by 6-year-old Kaitlyn Maher, all attending were excited to have the first pitch thrown. SYA Little League Executive VP Bob Woodruff's is thrilled that baseball season is finally here: "It's been a long winter."



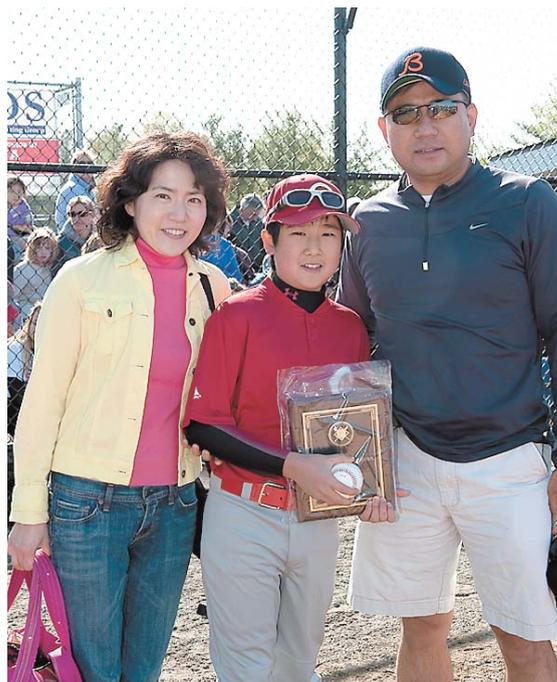
The SYA teams are welcomed onto the field by the Centreville High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball teams (on left) and the Westfield High School Varsity and Junior Varsity Baseball teams (on right).

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Pictured here, some of the Westfield High School varsity baseball team give members of the Rattlers encouragement for the new season. There are three leagues in SYA Little League (East, West, Central) and six divisions (Tee Ball, Coach Pitch, Single A (machine pitch), AA, AAA and Majors). The first four SYA baseball divisions are named after minor league baseball teams, while the AAA and Majors get their names from major league baseball teams. SYA baseball has 700 participants on 66 teams.



First place winners of the banner contest: SYA AA Central, Muck Dogs.



Christian Tae, pictured with his parents Sara and Steve Tae was awarded the SYA Citizenship Award. The SYA Citizenship Award is given to three outstanding players for their contributions as young citizens in the area.



Chief Umpire SYA Little League, Rod McCord, with Umpire Evan Laing.



Winner of the SYA Citizenship Award Ryan Whalen with his family. On left, mother Patti and brother Connor Whalen. On right, brother Matt and Father Kevin Whalen. Matt Whalen is a player on Centreville's JV Baseball team — and won the SYA Citizenship Award when he was 12.



When asked how many of them had their start in SYA Little League baseball, almost every player from both Centreville and Westfield High School baseball teams raised their hand.

PEOPLE

Centreville Author Discusses Inspiration

Book signing in Arlington on Saturday.

By SENITRA MCCOMBS
CENTRE VIEW

Author William H. Johnson, Centreville native, talked about his debut novel "The Dark Province: Son of Duprin," who motivates him and why he would like to have dinner with former Redskins coach Joe Gibbs. Johnson will be talking about the novel as well as signing copies at Mei's Asian

Bistro, 434 Washington Boulevard in Arlington this coming Saturday, April 24, from 2-4 p.m.

What is your book about?

WJ: "The Dark Province: Son of Duprin" is an adult epic fantasy adventure, set in an originally created world. It follows the quest of Calvin Gooding, a man who is forced to deny the strict religion of his homeland to follow his faith into a forbidden country that

to even enter is grounds for excommunication and condemnation. But it is his only hope to save his dying sister's life.

How did you come up with the title? Does it have any symbolism?

WJ: "The Dark Province" is the name that Calvin's people use when referring to the land across the sea to which they are forbidden to travel. The symbolism is from

the Duprinite belief that going there brings out the darkness of your soul.

Are there any themes or an overall message you want readers to walk away from the book with?

WJ: To me, the primary literary theme is religion vs. faith. So often they're spoken

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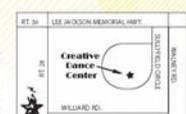
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Call for Mother's Day Photos And Father's Day too ...

Every year at this time, Centre View puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other in-

stitutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

EDITORIAL

We prefer digital photos in Jpeg format; email them to Centreview@ConnectionNewspapers.com, and write Mother's Day Photos in the subject line. Or you can mail a CD with your photos on it in Jpeg format.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reasonable Solutions

To the Editor:

As we approach the election season I want to remind Virginians of what Congressman Gerry Connolly has done for us. Since he entered Congress, we have seen the federal government grow significantly in power and cost. But at the same time, about 3 million people have lost their jobs and the number of long-term unemployed has grown to an extraordinary percentage of the overall unemployment rate.

Since Gerry Connolly went to Congress, our federal government is now the owner of two auto companies and has taken care of its fa-

vored Wall Street firms. But I don't see any progress toward putting people back to work or helping small and medium businesses grow and add jobs.

Gerry Connolly has voted for the federal takeover of healthcare and exempted himself from it. He has done nothing to ease our tax burden but seems to align himself with those who would raise our taxes. Now there is talk of a Value Added Tax to further increase our tax burden.

Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity has consistently voted for lower taxes as well as apportioning county resources that better our public safety and schools. Pat Herrity has consistently voted for regulations that allow businesses to grow instead of taxing them out

of existence.

As our next Congressman Pat Herrity will bring a common sense approach and reasonable solutions that will grow jobs not the federal government.

Deborah Harms
Clifton

Retire Connolly

To the Editor:

Since Gerry Connolly has been my congressman, the federal government has bailed out Wall Street, the car industry and the health insurance industry.

Since Gerry Connolly has been my congressman, 3 million people

have lost their jobs.

Since Gerry Connolly has been my congressman, the federal government has grown obscenely larger while the private sector has shrunk.

Enough of Gerry Connolly. I'm voting for Pat Herrity. Since he's been my county supervisor, Pat Herrity has voted consistently for lower taxes, for more commonsense regulations, for better schools and for increased public safety.

As our next congressman, Pat Herrity will vote for more jobs, not a bigger bureaucracy.

It's time to retire Gerry Connolly. He's done enough damage.

Alan Harms
Clifton



Learning Personal Safety

Fairfax County Police Department's Officer Katinski and Civil Patrol Officer Gonzales presented a personal safety program to increase awareness of the potential risks for a group of au pairs when they are out in the community. The au pairs of Cultural Care Au Pair are in the United States as part of a cultural exchange program where they provide live-in childcare and get to experience life with an American family and learn about American culture.



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Following the personal safety presentation, the au pairs were introduced to Master Sung of Sung's American Martial Arts Center. Master Sung demonstrated some self defense moves and discussed some vulnerable areas of the body so the au pairs might be able to strike an attacker and get away. The group then practiced their moves and also got to practice punches and kicks. See drau.aupairnews.com.



Addressing Scouts Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli recently attended the Boy Scout Troop 717 Court of Honor. Troop 717 is associated with Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church on Union Mill Road. The attorney general told the Scouts a story about his campaign managers, two were not old enough to vote. The two young campaign managers demonstrated their good citizenship by choosing to be involved personally in the democratic process. One was a member of a local high school track team. Cuccinelli said that at one point in his campaign the entire high school track team was delivering literature door to door at lighten speed.

Fund-Raiser for Memorial Scholarships

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there; but for me, it was the start of sadness. If you could make this kind of grief into a weapon, it would annihilate the world.”

“Not a day passes when we don’t mention her name — she left such clear footprints,” said Peterson. “We felt blessed to have her. Lose a child — there’s no name for it.” There’s nothing that alleviates the pain, either, she said. So although she grieves mightily on the inside, said Peterson, “I get by, one day at a time, smiling on the outside.”

ROUNDUPS

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Electronics Recycling Available to Residents

Local residents may recycle their old, electronics equipment Thursday, April 29, from 7 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. This includes items such as computers, monitors, printers, cell phones and fax machines. The event is sponsored by the Westfields Business Owners Association, in cooperation with the National Reconnaissance Office.

Children’s Science Center Meeting

The public is invited to attend a discussion exploring the possibilities of the first Children’s Science Center in Northern Virginia. It would be a place where children could learn, create and be inspired. Those planning it want to know the community’s

Still, she said, Erin’s with her in spirit, every day, guiding her. So she knows how much the upcoming concert would mean to her daughter, since it’ll raise funds for scholarships to help other students achieve their dreams.

Joe Samaha is also looking forward to the event. “So many people do such a wonderful job, and it’s great to pull the community together for this,” he said. “What a warming and lovely tribute to Reema and Erin. Surely, it will lift the spirits of the community to hear the singers, and the scholarships are something we can give back to them in the names of our children.”

ideas, needs and desires for this entity.

The discussion is slated for this Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center. Topics will include the facility’s operation, exhibits and programs, target age range, admission cost and location. For more information, see www.thechildrenssciencecenter.org.

Health Volunteers Are Needed

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week, honoring volunteers dedicated to taking action and solving problems in their communities and inspiring others to make service and volunteering a part of their lives. The Fairfax County Health Department invites residents to learn more about volunteering with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).

A medical background is not needed. The Fairfax MRC is comprised of volunteers who help locally during natural disasters and other emergencies.

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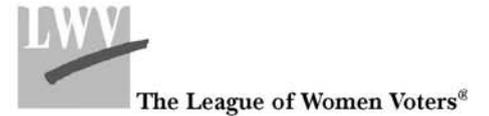
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2010 SPRING VOTERS' GUIDE

TOWN ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in the Town of Clifton choose candidates for election to the Office of Mayor and Town Council. Registered voters who live within the Town of Clifton are eligible to vote at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. The polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The LWVFA sent a questionnaire to all candidates whose names were qualified to appear on the May 4, 2010 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style. The candidates' original responses are on file with the LWVFA. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

The LWVFA is a nonpartisan political membership organization

whose purpose is to encourage informed and active participation of citizens in government, increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy. The LWVFA does not support any political party or candidate.

For more information on the Spring 2010 Voters' Guide, or the LWVFA, please contact 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

For additional information on the May 4, 2010 election, including voter registration or eligibility, polling location, or absentee voting, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb or contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

Election officers at all polling places are required to request identification from each voter. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION**

WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010.

Acceptable forms of identification can be any ONE of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
- Valid United States passport
- Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military identification
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
- Employee-issued photo identification card

If you do not have an acceptable form of identification, you must complete, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity to cast your ballot.

THE TOWN OF CLIFTON MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

THE OFFICES

TERMS: Two years

SALARIES: None

DUTIES: The mayor presides over the council meetings, is ceremonial head of the town government, has all the duties and powers of other council members and has no veto power. The Town Council establishes

town policies, passes resolutions and ordinances, approves the town budget, sets tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments.

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

Would you support moving the Town of Clifton May general **ELECTIONS**

to the date of the November general election? Why or why not? What proposals in the advertised Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2011

BUDGET do you believe could have the most negative consequences for the residents of the Town of Clifton? How would you resolve these as an elected leader in your jurisdiction?

What is an **ISSUE** that you believe is important to residents of the Town of Clifton, and how would you address it?

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR, TOWN OF CLIFTON – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE (1)

Michael F. Anton
Challenger

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWN.

CANDIDATES FOR TOWN OF CLIFTON TOWN COUNCIL – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE (5)



Deborah L. "Deb" Dillard
Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: None provided.

ELECTIONS: It would certainly save Fairfax County money and volunteer effort to move our May elections to November. However, there would need to be a fool proof plan instituted to insure only residents of the Town of Clifton got to vote for Town officials and the voting happened the same day in the same place.

BUDGET: We are all watching to see if Fairfax County at-

tempts to make up budget shortages by implementing a food tax. If that happens, the Clifton Town Council will move to put in a smaller pre-emptive tax to insure our restaurant patrons will pay less than other parts of the county and the taxes collected will actually stay in Town for capital improvements.

ISSUE: Keeping Clifton is a true American small town is close to all of our hearts. We are a mix of residents and business where we greet each other with a wave and a smile. It is a place where people help quickly, celebrate often, grieve together, occasionally have the kinds of arguments usually reserved for blood relations and gather communally throughout

the year. You keep that quality alive by participating in town life, shopping in our stores, lending a hand, being friendly and doing the things good neighbors do.

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Wayne H. Nickum
Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Mayor, Town of Clifton, 1982 – 1992; Clifton Town Council, 1974 – 1982, 1992 – 2004, 2006 – present; Member, Clifton Betterment Association, 1972 – present; Treasurer, Clifton Betterment Association, 1980 – 1990; Resident, Town of Clifton since 1971; Former member of various town committees – parks, recreation, historic designation, ARB, Town Hall, and others

ELECTIONS: Candidate did not provide a response.

BUDGET: Candidate did not provide a response.

ISSUE: I am running for the position of Councilman of the Town

of Clifton to provide my knowledge and experience to our new mayor. In addition, the Clifton Town Council should address my three "P's" preservation, parks, participation and process.

Voters should elect me because I have a track record of town related accomplishments during the period I served as councilman and mayor. During the time I was not an official of the town; I actively contributed my time and efforts to increase interaction between town residents and participated in various town projects. If elected I will continue to work for the best interests of our town residents.

My three "P's"

Preservation- There are buildings in the town that are need in restoration or repair. We should encourage and help whenever possible with the restoration of those properties.

Parks- There are three parks within the town one park is currently in the redevelopment process, the second park is need of a new plan and upgrade and the third park needs completion of a developmental plan in conjunction with an adjoining property owned by the Clifton Betterment Association Town Improvement Fund.

Participation- The town council needs to seek out and encourage the help of our town residents to take ownership in town projects. The council needs to continue to empower our town citizens.

I enjoy about Clifton is its small town rural atmosphere and the friendly interactive of my Clifton neighbors. We work, play, and party together for the betterment of the Town.

CONTACT: 703-830-1430

clifnick@att.net

C. M. "Chuck" Rusnak, Jr.
Incumbent

CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND.

Gospel Celebration for Erin Peterson Fund

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Peterson. "One boy told me Erin had told him to stay out of trouble, and he listened. That sent shivers up my spine."

She said Erin was clear about her goals — an education and to work for a nonprofit corporation, helping others. Now, in her name, her parents help other children on the road toward fulfilling their own aspirations.

"We've given away \$38,000 in scholarships and grants, to date, and we've raised \$95,000 to earn interest to keep giving money away," said Peterson. "We'd eventually like to award a four-year scholarship. So we're giving away values and goals — a legacy you can give to someone else. That's what Erin would have wanted; she always wanted to make a difference in people's lives."

Pleased, as well, with Sunday's Gospel Celebration, Peterson said, "I think it's great. The spiritual part of Erin's life was important to her."

J. Robbie Wigington, Mount Olive's youth minister, told the crowd, "We're here to celebrate the legacy of a life cut short. But this person is in heaven, witnessing the impact she's had on others."

Mount Olive's pastor, the Rev. Eugene Johnson, also praised her, saying, "We thank God for Erin Peterson, her spirit and her love, and the way she always reached out to help others."

"It's been three years since we lost Erin — three years of grieving and three years of this church wrapping its arms around and supporting our family," said Erin's cousin, Tracy Littlejohn. "And as great as her loss was, God's love is even greater."

Then, at the end of the concert, Erin's mother came



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The Mount Olive Baptist Church Men's Chorus, featuring soloist Edward Ewell, perform.

to the stage and expressed her appreciation to everyone. "For the last three years, God has been beside me," she said. "I thank my church family and pastor, family, neighbors and friends who haven't left my side. I'm so blessed."

Regarding the scholarships, Peterson said, "Erin told me, 'Every time I ask Him, God always answers.' And whenever I feel like not getting up, I hear her telling me, 'We've got people to help.' When I say, 'But we can't help everybody,' she says, 'Why not?'"

Then Peterson's husband Grafton joined her onstage. "This is my man and I'm proud of him," she said. "We've been married 25 years and, when I wake up at 2 or 3 in the morning, crying, he wakes up, too — and we cry together."

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WORTH NOTING

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THURSDAY/APRIL 22

Celebrate Earth Day. 7 to 8 p.m. Bring Earth Day to a close with an Amphibian Campfire. Learn about native amphibians by seeing the animals first hand. This is a nature packed fun night for the entire family. Reservations are required to gather around the campfire with a park naturalist. The fee is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013 to register. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

Eating Healthy. 7 p.m. A registered dietician discusses how to prepare food that is healthy and economical for singles, those on their own, or anyone who wants to eat better. At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Dr., Centreville. Free. Sponsored by Lord of Life Singles. 703-323-9500 or www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

FRIDAY/APRIL 23

Bingo Night. 6 p.m. Hosted by the Chantilly High School All-Night Graduation Party Committee. To be held in the Chantilly High cafeteria. Tickets are \$12/advance or \$15/door. Tickets include three cards for 20 games, VISA gift card prizes, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. To purchase tickets in advance, send an email to jadixon@cox.net

Swing Dancing. 8:30-9 p.m. beginner swing lesson; 9 p.m. to midnight dancing. Cost is \$15. With the band, King Teddy. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

Assistance League Luncheon. 11 a.m. Tickets are \$60. Assistance League of Northern Virginia announces the "Think Bigger, Live Bolder" fundraising luncheon benefitting the Assistance League programs "Weekend Food for Kids" and "Operation School Bell New Clothing for Kids." At the Chantilly National Golf & Country Club at 14901 Braddock Road, Centreville. Contact Helen Russell, at assistanceleague.helen@gmail.com or 703-597-6849.

Bingo Night. 6 p.m. The Chantilly High School All-Night-Graduation Party Committee is hosting Bingo Night in the CHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets include three cards for 20 games, VISA gift card prizes, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. To purchase tickets in advance, send an email to jadixon@cox.net.

APRIL 23-MAY 2

Capital Cabaret. Sponsored by Alliance Theatre. Show times are Friday-Saturday, April 23-24, and April 30-May 1, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 25 and May 2, at 2 p.m. Bringing Broadway to Virginia, this year's production spotlights music from "Fiddler on the Roof," "Singing in the Rain" and "Rent" and features a tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Tickets are \$10 at the door or via www.thealliancetheatre.org. At Mountain View School in Centreville.

SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Community Clothing Giveaway. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Free to all and open to anyone who has a need. At Centreville Baptist Church, 15100 Lee Highway, Centreville. Call 703-830-3333.

Tribute. 7 p.m. City Singers and Youthful Spirits, an outreach ensemble of the City Choir of Washington will perform on behalf of the Reema J. Samaha and Erin Peterson Memorial Scholarship Funds. At Westfield High School's auditorium.

Book Discussion. 1 p.m. Laura Johnston will



William H. Johnson

SATURDAY/APRIL 24

Meet the Author. 2-4 p.m. Centreville author William H. Johnson returns to his native state of Virginia to talk about his debut novel, *The Dark Province*. At Mei's Asian Bistro, 3434 Washington Blvd., Arlington.

present her book *Common Cents: Easy Essentials to Budget for Life*. At Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Free; Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-502-3883.

NOVACO Charity Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Proceeds will benefit the NOVACO program to help victims of domestic abuse. Tax deductible donations of books, videos, DVDs, CDs, furniture, house wares, garden equipment, bikes, children's clothes, and toys are appreciated and can be dropped off at the church on Thursday and Friday, April 22 and 23 from 4-7pm. St. Andrew Lutheran Church is at the corner of Braddock Road and Cranoke Street in Centreville.

SUNDAY/APRIL 25

Pastor's Anniversary. 10 a.m. For Dr. Eugene Johnson, pastor of Mount Olive Baptist Church. The guest speaker is Rev. Carroll Baltimore. To be held at Centreville High School, Union Mill Road, Clifton. Call 703-830-8769.

Old-Fashioned Fun and Games. 1-4 p.m. Play with 19th century toys and games and make a toy to take home. Cost is \$10 to make the Game of Graces, \$5 for Marbles with a bag, \$5 for Cornhusk Doll or make all three for \$18. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

West Point Glee Club. 4:30 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. This concert is intended to honor veterans, members of the "greatest generation," wounded warriors and their families. The cadets will sing with the West Point Alumni Glee Club of Chantilly at this joint event. Reserve at <https://secure.west-point.org/wpagc/> or 703-263-2364.

APRIL 29-MAY 1

"This Old House," a Family Friendly Musical. Free. Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 1 at 3 p.m. A Perennial Players Musical Production, which performs family-friendly musicals and plays. The actors range from 8-14 years old. At Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. For details, www.chantillybible.org or email drama@chantillybible.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 30

Swing Dancing. 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, Deja Blue Blues Band. Beginner swing lesson 8:30-9 p.m. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

SUNDAY/MAY 2

Town Hall Meeting. 3 p.m. Jim LeMunyon, member 67th Virginia House of Delegates. At Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly.

Troop 893 Holds Annual TAG Sale

Boy Scouts and parents from Troop 893 are preparing for their 37th Annual TAG (Totally Awesome Garage) Sale. To make this huge rummage sale a success, they are looking for donations of a wide array of items, including clothing, toys, bikes, sporting goods, books & media, electronics, non-upholstered furniture, household goods, tools, lawn & garden items and even cars and boats. They cannot accept appliances, propane items, heavy exercise equipment, tires, mattresses, particleboard furniture or car seats. Please donate only items that are clean and in good condition. Donations can be dropped off at the Dulles Expo Center-North Hall on April 24-25 and May 1-2. Drop-off hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Go to www.Troop893.org or call the pickup hotline at 703-222-2333 to make arrangements for large items to be picked up at your home. Then mark your calendars and plan to come to the Boy Scout Tag sale on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. to find the best bargains around while supporting summer camp and high adventure activities for nearly 100 boys in our community. This year Admission is a Canned Good or Non-Perishable Food item (or \$1) per person, to be donated to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries Food Pantry.

SCHOOLS

Westfield Summer Stage offers another family-friendly musical theatre production this year with the Broadway hit "42nd Street." Students in current grades 6-12 are invited to audition for more than 50 roles as singers, dancers, and actors. No parts have been pre-cast and no previous experience is necessary.

Potential cast members are encouraged to attend an audition workshop on Monday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Westfield High School Black Box Theatre. Auditions will be held on May 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Callbacks are May 2 at 2 p.m. The workshop fee for all actors is \$300 and includes five weeks of instruction, rehearsals, performances, plus a show t-shirt. Rehearsals begin June 28 and are held on weekday evenings through July 21. "42nd Street" runs July 22, 23, 24, and 25 at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Go to www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com or call 703-488-6439.

The Colin Powell Elementary School PTA is sponsoring its annual fundraising 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, May 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Colin Powell Elementary. Entry forms can be printed from the PTA Web site at www.cpespta.org. There are age category prizes and random prizes too. Contact Michele Mezher at mmezher@juno.com. All ages are welcome to participate.

Bull Run Elementary School participates in a program called For Your School to help earn points for much-needed school equipment and supplies. Bull Run asks parents and community supporters who shop at Bloom to register their Breeze card to help support the school using code # 1592.

Parents, faculty, staff and school and community supporters should present their personal Breeze Card every time they shop at a Bloom. Their eligible purchases will earn points towards valuable free equipment made available by Bloom. Go to your area Bloom store to enroll or enroll on-line at: www.shopbloom.com then click on "Your Bloom" and follow the "For Your School" icon.

News from Centreville High:

On Saturday, April 24, come out and support the Centreville Baseball Team at Chantilly's Buffalo Wing Factory. Buffalo Wing Factory will donate a percentage of the total sales of the entire day to the baseball program. Enjoy lunch or dinner with your friends and family.

The annual Centreville Pyramid Art Show will be held Thursday, April 29 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. See artistic works from all of the schools in the Centreville Pyramid Cluster VII, as well as one-man shows from seniors at Centreville High School. Besides CVHS, schools in the Centreville Pyramid include Mountain View School, Liberty Middle School, Bull Run Elem. School, Centre Ridge Elem. School, Centreville Elem. School, Colin Powell Elem. School and Union Mill Elem. School.

The Centreville High Varsity Girls' Lacrosse team will be holding a Dining for Dollars fund-raiser at Glory Days Grill in Centreville. Drop off your itemized receipt in the CVHS front office in a box labeled "Girls Lax Glory Days Grill" fundraiser. Receipts will be collected now through June 15.

"Alice in Wonderland" is live on stage at Theatre Centreville! Bring the family to follow Alice on her adventure April 23, 24, 30, and May 1 at 7:30 p.m.; and April 25 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission/\$7 all students and senior citizens, and are available during lunchtime April 20-23 and at the door.

Come to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party preceding the matinee on Sunday, April 25! The fun starts at 2:30 p.m. and is free

for all ticket holders. Have some tea or punch and cookies, and take pictures with some of the characters before enjoying the 3 p.m. matinee show. Go to TheatreCentreville.com.

Centreville High students competed in the Skills USA Competition. Congratulations to juniors Betty McConn and Ashley Greer and senior Ashley Hendrickson. McConn and Greer competed in a regional Skills USA spelling competition, where McConn won a gold medal; she has qualified to compete at the State SkillsUSA spelling competition in late April. Hendrickson placed first in the regional leadership competition and qualified for the state SkillsUSA competition in the Occupational Display leadership competition. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled work force, helping each student to excel.

The Centreville High School Athletic Boosters & General Dynamics would like to invite you to the Wildcat Classic on May 12 at the Westfield Golf Club in Clifton. The sponsorship of a foursome is \$600. Fee includes: greens fees & golf cart, goodie bag, range balls, & dinner at the awards receptions. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams NET & GROSS. On-course contests will include both long-drive & closest-to-the-pin. All participants who purchase a mulligan will be guaranteed to win a raffle prize. Visit: www.cvhs.org/wildcatclassic.html or contact Tournament Director Geordi Bigus at geordi.bigus@fcps.edu.

The CVHS Band is looking for 10 metal trash cans to use with the Percussion Ensemble. They are going to be used for a piece of music on the spring concert on May 13th. They'll be beaten on with drumsticks,

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The American Cancer Society is sponsoring The Relay For Life event at Centreville High School on May 22-23. The Opening Ceremony will be at 4 p.m. and the Luminaria Ceremony will be at 9:30 p.m. Entertainment includes the Flock of Eagles Band, the New Life Band, DJ with karaoke, Willow Springs Fox Jumpers, Karate and Hawaiian dance demonstrations, children's area with two moonbounces, games, and team competitions. Go to www.CentrevilleRelay.org or email CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com.

Standards of Learning (SOL) tests will be administered at CVHS beginning on Monday, May 24 and extending through Friday, June 11. The majority of the testing will occur on Monday, May 24 through Thursday, May 27 and on June 2. Students who are currently enrolled in the following courses will be involved: Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry, Geosystems, World History 1 and 2, VA&US History, AP US History, Grade 11 English, AP English Language.

The CVHS Student Activities Office will be holding a silent auction on June 14 to help support the 44 clubs and 21 varsity sports offered at Centreville High School. The money raised will be used to purchase new athletic equipment, musical instruments, team uniforms and practice equipment. Donation ideas might include sharing a skill, such as giving tennis, golf, music, painting, cooking or other lessons, offering a fishing trip, contributing game, theater, concert tickets, assembling a "theme" gift basket, or donating art work or a restaurant gift certificate. Email Mike Brown or call him at 703-802-5454.



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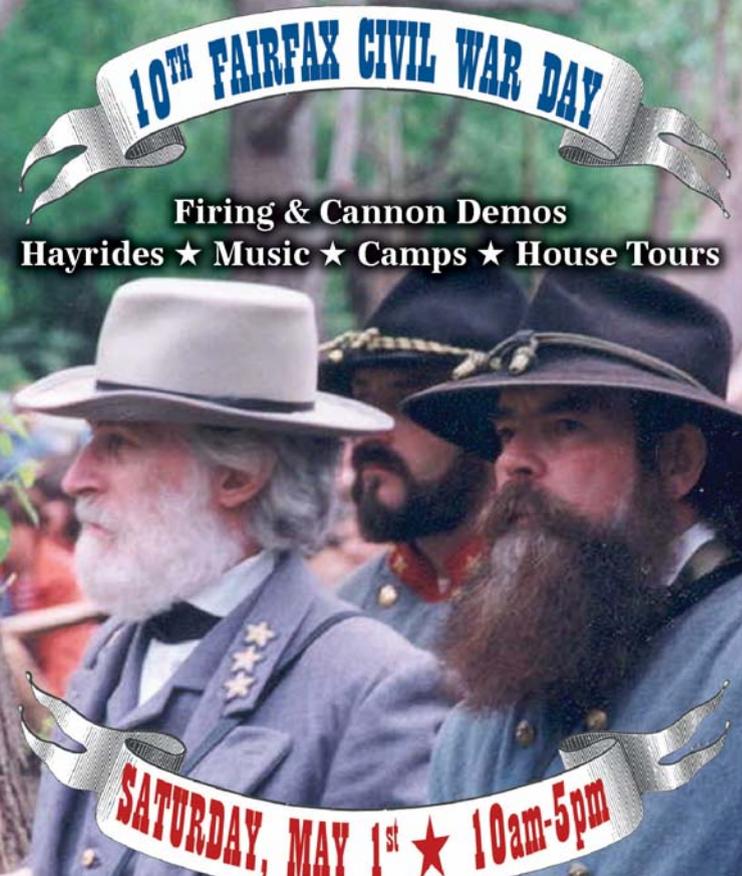
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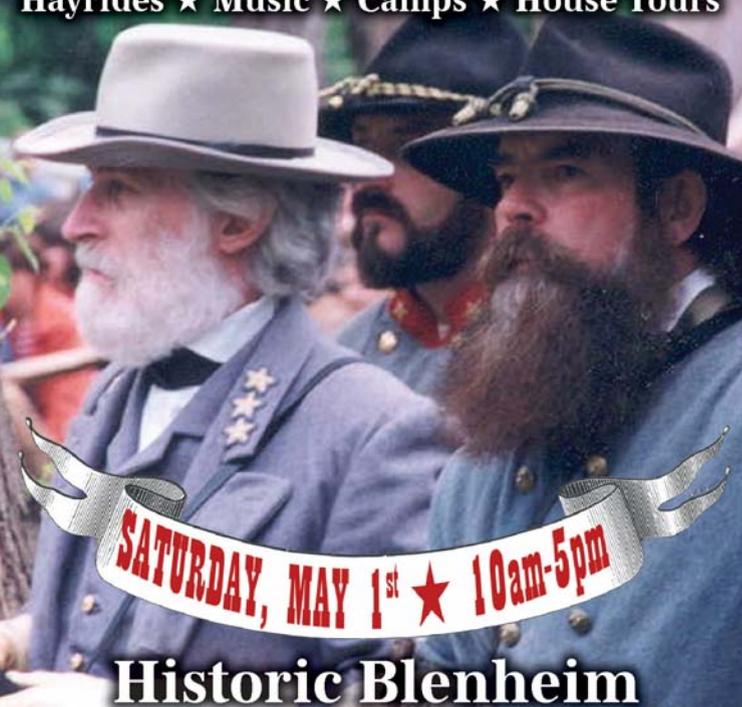
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A Little Bit of Everything in Local Softball Gem

Centreville and Chantilly play to midseason form in Concorde meeting.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Cross-town and Concorde District girls' softball rivals Centreville and Chantilly High Schools squared off Tuesday evening in a mid-season game that had just about everything a softball enthusiast could want — good pitching and hitting, some outstanding defense and late innings drama. In the end, the visiting Centreville squad earned a hard-fought 4-2 win.

"I was definitely real proud of everybody," said first baseman Katie Sokol, Centreville's lone senior and team captain, of the win over the local opponents. "It gives us some adrenaline knowing we can walk into school tomorrow following a victory."

It looked for a while as if that victory for the Wildcats (4-2 season record) was a foregone conclusion after Centreville broke a scoreless tie with a pair of runs in

both the top of the fourth and fifth innings to build a 4-0 lead. A squeeze bunt RBI off the bat of Hayley Holmes, which plated teammate Cara Donovan, and a fielder's choice RBI from Karen Johnson accounted for the first two runs in the fourth. In the fifth, Mackenzie Carson's run-scoring groundout followed by a booming RBI double from Alexis Murdock into the right center field gap made it a 4-0 game in the fifth.

That was still the score an inning later when Chantilly came up to bat in its bottom of the sixth. Up to that point, the Chargers (4-4), a team made up totally of underclassmen with no seniors, had managed just two singles off of Centreville sophomore pitcher Courtney Burke, the hard-throwing right hander who had struck out nine and walked one over five shutout innings. Chantilly, which had seen its first five batters of the game strikeout, had looked over-matched up to that point.

But the Chargers were not about to go down without making some offensive noise. In their sixth, lead-off batter Wendy Sloan grounded a single to left field to start the inning. Jennifer Loh, the next hitter, then reached on an error as Sloan moved to second. A wild pitch advanced both runners up a base before left-handed hitting Tori Doherty, a sophomore catcher, came up with her team's best hit



PHOTO BY RICH SANDERS/CENTRE VIEW

The Wildcats are 4-2 this season under first year head coach Tracy Bennett (right). Centreville's lone senior is Katie Sokol (left), the team captain.

of the game when she launched a fly ball double into the right center field gap to score both runners. But the aggressive Doherty, in attempting to stretch the extra base hit into a triple, was thrown out at third on a well-executed relay play for the first out of the inning.

But Chantilly was still not through as its next two hitters — Laura Conaghan and Bryanna Kerbuski — both singled against the suddenly tiring Burke. That set up what proved to be the play of the game. With runners on first and second, Chantilly's Rachel

Major drilled a line drive which appeared to be headed into right field. But Holmes, the Centreville second baseman, immediately moved towards her left before making a brilliant, outstretched catch. The runners had been moving on the batted ball, so Holmes, following the catch, tossed the ball to first baseman Sokol for the rally-stopping double play.

Centreville had survived what could have been an even bigger inning for the Chargers, who entered the seventh trailing 4-2.

"It was definitely a clutch play,"

said first year Centreville head coach Tracy Bennett, of second baseman Holmes' nifty line drive snag which was turned into a twin killing. "That inning could have gotten out of hand quickly and they could have had a big inning."

Neither team scored in the final inning. There were, however, a couple more outstanding fielding gems in that final, seventh inning as outfielders from both teams — Chantilly left fielder Major and Centreville right fielder Carson both made spectacular, reaching catches on well struck balls.

Both teams' sophomore pitchers — Centreville's Burke and Chantilly's Emily Gembarowicz — had impressive outings. Burke finished with 10 strikeouts and held Chantilly scoreless in six of the seven innings. Gembarowicz, meanwhile, allowed just two hits while fanning 12. Three defensive errors by the Chargers during Centreville's scoring innings (the fourth and fifth) hurt Chantilly's cause. Gembarowicz, a hard thrower like her counterpart Burke, walked five.

BENNETT, the Wildcats' coach, has enjoyed her first season at the helm of Centreville. She said the coaching staff and players have been on the same page from the start of the season.

"I think communication has
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Westfield Girls' Soccer Enjoying Turnaround Season

Bulldogs, under coach Kristi Williams, are 6-2-1 this spring.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

The Westfield High gymnasium is decorated with sports banners in celebration of the numerous Bulldog athletic teams that have captured Concorde District, Northern Region or state AAA titles over the school's brief 10 year history.

One banner not yet raised is one commemorating a girls' soccer title. But Bulldog faithful are hoping it won't be too long until the girls' soccer program has a championship to its name. It has not happened yet, but the team, under first year head coach Kristi Williams, is headed in the right direction to one day — perhaps later this season — attaining such a lofty goal.

Williams, who has served as the program's

JV coach and/or varsity assistant over the past five years, said her team's five seniors — the leaders of the squad — are determined to make this a breakthrough season for Westfield.

"They want to leave that lasting impression of raising that immortal [championship] banner in the gym," said the coach.

Those seniors are midfielder Brittany Bonzano, defender Jenny Greenleaf, midfielder Lauren Hicks, defender Katie Jenkins and midfielder Abby Sams.

"I've got five seniors and they're all team captains," said Williams. "They have those intangibles of leadership qualities and capabilities. They've set the tone this year and want to do something spectacular."

The team's underclassmen have definitely taken the lead of their older teammates as Westfield, which was 4-9 a year ago, has enjoyed a nice turnaround this season. Following Tuesday night's well played 1-0 loss at district opponent and defending state AAA champion Chantilly, the Bulldogs held an impressive 6-2-1 record.

Westfield, in a team-oriented possession style of play, won its first six games this

spring — victories over McLean, Woodson, Robinson, South Lakes, Herndon and Yorktown — before falling for the first time in a game at South County, 1-0, on April 14. Two days later, in a home game, the Bulldogs played a scoreless tie game against Jefferson. That was followed by the setback to Chantilly (6-0-1) earlier this week.

Chantilly coach Melissa Bibbee was impressed with Westfield's play.

"They're a good team," said Bibbee, of Westfield. "They're playing a lot harder this year and they're more organized defensively in the midfield. The speed in the game tonight from both teams was amazing."

The 0-0 deadlock affair with Jefferson was frustrating because Westfield had several good scoring chances in the overtime contest.

"My hats off to Jefferson," said Williams. "They came out and played us real, real tough. We had our chances, we just didn't put the ball in."

BONZANO leads Westfield in scoring with eight goals. Defensively, Greenleaf, junior Mollie Leon and Jenkins have anchored a unit that has allowed just three goals all

season. Sophomore goalie Shannon Casey has been outstanding. She made numerous saves in the loss to the Chargers.

Williams has enjoyed her first season at the helm of the program, but said it has been hard work.

"Parts of it are definitely challenging," said Williams. "I want the players to take the same approach I do — to take the season one game at a time."

The Bulldogs' team motto this season puts the emphasis on "team." It goes, "Not one of us is stronger than all of us."

"It's really all about the team and everyone doing everything we can do in both practices and games," said Williams.

Westfield was scheduled to host West Springfield this Thursday night, April 22 at 7. The Bulldogs will be looking to snap a three-game stretch in which they have not won a game. There are still four games remaining before the start of the district tournament on May 17.

"We just need to play hard, stay committed to our style of play and take advantage of opportunities," said Williams. "You have to play as mistake-free as possible."

SPORTS

Centreville, Chantilly Play to Midseason Form

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been the key," said Bennett, a former softball player at Div. 3 Chowan University (Murfreesboro, N.C.). "It's hard coming into a brand new program and [bringing] a whole new philosophy to the players. But they have responded."

Centreville's previous wins this spring have come over Lake Braddock, Westfield and Herndon.

Centreville will be at home this Friday night at 6:30 versus Oakton.

Chantilly also has a new coach this season in Carmen Wise, who was an assistant coach within the program the past two years. She was pleased to see her team breakout offensively with four hits in the two-run sixth inning — an inning which almost turned the tide of the game around against Centreville.

"The bats woke up," said Wise, of the sixth. "It's a young team."

The coach, who is assisted by Stephanie Jeter, said her most experienced player is junior center fielder Wendy Sloan. The Chargers are made up of six juniors, six sophomores and three freshmen.

"The challenge for our team is the mental game — having confidence in our playing ability and trying to put it all together," said Wise, whose team has won this season over T.C. Williams, West Springfield, Washington-Lee and Oakton. "We've been very up and down. A lot of it has been due to our age. What's great is we're steadily climbing the mountain."

This Friday night, Chantilly will play another local rival when it hosts district opponent Westfield for a 6:30 game.

CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS NOTEBOOK



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Five Centreville High School senior student-athletes will be continuing their athletic careers into college. The athletes are, from left, Cameron Walter - VMI (football); Molly MacDonnell - UMASS Amherst (field hockey); Jenna Richmond - UCLA (soccer); Yazid Zouaimia - Va. Tech (track); and Pat Luke - Belmont Abbey (soccer).

Centreville senior left-hander **Ryan Ashooh** pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 in a confidence-boosting 4-0 home win over defending league champion Westfield in the Concorde District opener on Tuesday, April 13. On offense, the Wildcats banged out seven doubles, most of them off Bulldogs junior starter Aaron Hoover, the same pitcher who had hurled a perfect game against the Wildcats in the district semifinals last year. Centreville had lost six straight to Westfield, including in the past two district tournaments. The Wildcats (7-3, 1-0), who had two base runners retired at the plate, collected nine hits, including a two-out, run-scoring double that senior first baseman Cam Walter ripped on the first pitch he saw in the first inning. That marked his 15th hit in his last 18 at-bats. Junior third basemen Mark McCormick had two doubles and made a diving grab of

a line drive with a runner on for the first out in the top of the seventh. Senior Leo Montoya also had two hits.

On Friday, April 16, the **Wildcats** blew a 7-2 lead and dropped a district contest at Herndon, 8-7, when the Hornets completed a comeback by plating the winning run on a squeeze bunt in the bottom of the sixth inning. Hornets reliever Daniel Shill set down sophomore pinch hitter Bret Fite, senior second baseman Andy Viands and McCormick in the seventh to seal the victory for Herndon (7-2 overall, 1-1 district). Senior right handed pitcher J.T. Hampel took the loss in relief for the Wildcats, who fell to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in the district. The Wildcats were paced at the plate by senior shortstop Chris Campbell, who had a two-run home run, and first baseman Cam Walter, who had a two-run double.

The Lady Wildcats Varsity Softball team scored a major victory over Westfield, defeating them 7-4 on Wednesday, April 14. Sophomore Courtney Burke recorded five strikeouts while picking up the win. Sophomore Kara Love went 3-for-4 with a triple and 3 RBI's. Senior Katie Sokol went 3-for-3 with a double. Two days later, the team improved to 3-2 (2-0 in the Concorde District) with an 11-1 victory over host Herndon HS. The Wildcats were led again by Burke, who posted 11 strikeouts en route to the win. Burke also went 2-for-4 at the plate. Like Burke, Love had an impact again, finishing with two stolen bases, a double and 2 RBI's. Junior Cara Donovan went 2-for-4 with a triple and 3 RBI's, while junior Caitlyn Langelier went 3-for-3 with a walk, a double and three stolen bases.

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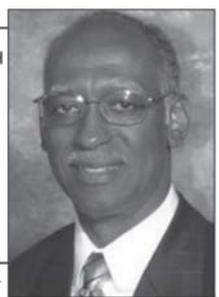
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Bus Rapid Transit for I-66?

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to traffic at non-HOV times. Frey expressed his frustration with the progress of efforts to ease Interstate 66's traffic woes. He said several suggestions were made after a Major Investment Study in the mid-1990s and then stalled.

"Until an EIS [Environmental Impact Statement] is done, almost nothing can be [accomplished on Interstate 66], so it's critical to get that done, for long-term improvements," said Frey. "Pat and I have brought this up, but we need you [the residents] to support and help us. The Board [of Supervisors] supports rail to Centreville but, lately, it's been focused on transportation improvements in the southeast part of the county because of BRAC and the expansion of Fort Belvoir." But, added Frey, those things will happen over many years, and Interstate 66 needs relief now.

VDOT regional traffic engineer Hari Sripathi said that, although the shoulders are now used an extra hour at night and during congestion and construction, shoulders are needed for emergency pull-offs and for emergency vehicles to use.

He, too, favors using the Monument and Stringfellow ramps westbound and said VDOT doesn't believe it would hurt Interstate 66 traffic. And from residents, said Sripathi, "We've received strong support to open them for general use."

Selby Thannikary, chief of FCDOT's Traffic Operations Section, relayed an idea from Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67), whereby websites, other electronic devices and Interstate 66 messaging signs could inform drivers of available Metro parking. "If a lot is full, it would give drivers directions where else to go," said Thannikary. "But it's still a conceptual idea, due to lack of funding."

Steven Shapiro, with Dewberry & Davis, is deputy project manager of the I-66 Multi-modal Transportation and Environmental Study, examining all the major roads in Northern Virginia. He said HOV capacity on Interstate 66 is almost 1,500 vehicles per hour during rush hour, "partly due to hybrids using those lanes." Calling rail "pretty far out there in the future," he said BRT should seriously be considered.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) discussed a March 9 letter he wrote to Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and which was signed by nine other Fairfax and Prince William County legislators. "I asked him to

fast-track BRT progress on I-66," said Petersen. "This makes the most sense for this corridor. We need dedicated lanes and exit ramps on I-66 so buses could have unfettered access to staging points and depots. There should be a competitive, bidding process to [achieve this] and all this could be done at a fraction of the cost required for fixed rail."

ALSO NEEDED, said Petersen, are staging areas where commuters could enter a bus at grade, for quick entry; easily accessible information on iPhones, cell phones and the Internet so riders will know when the next bus is coming; and a new brand to bring in customers.

Mike Harris, project manager of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's I-66 Transit/Transportation Demand Management Study, presented results of this 12-month project. He said Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William and surrounding communities participated, plus actual transit operators.

Unique to Northern Virginia, he said, "People want time savings more than cost savings. Next comes convenience and reliability. And point-to-point express service offers the largest time-savings."

Harris said two-thirds of single-occupant drivers said they might consider rapid transit if they had easy access to stations and if these stations had comfort, like heat and air conditioning, and amenities like WiFi. People surveyed also requested new bus service on Routes 29 and 50, plus increased service on current routes.

They also proposed adding 3,000 parking spaces at existing or new park-and-ride lots in the western part of the Interstate 66 Corridor.

Next, Bill Vincent, deputy direc-

tor of Breakthrough Technologies Institute, showed a film he produced in 2004 about BRT's benefits in three cities already using it. He said it could be implemented quickly and relatively inexpensively. The film showed electronic fare collection at stations and said BRT can equal or exceed the capacity of most rail systems and could become operational in three years. It also noted that BRT became so popular that demand for buses increased, gasoline consumption decreased and quality of life improved.

It's already used in Boston, New York, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Toronto. "In Los Angeles, a 14-mile BRT was projected to have 22,000 weekday passengers by 2020," said Vincent. "But it achieved it in its first, eight months."

Following a question-and-answer period — see next week's paper for specifics — Supervisor Frey called Monday's meeting "a good discussion with positive suggestions." Assuming Northern Virginia someday receives the necessary money to make BRT here a reality, Frey said, "We do have to plan. Sometimes, you have to start something with a leap of faith that [eventually] the funding will be there."

Meanwhile, said Herryty, "I'll continue pursuing traffic solutions on I-66 and the Beltway. We can start to pull together an integrated network with a time savings that'll induce people to use rapid transit."

Wolf said he's committed to pushing for BRT, but a consensus must be developed, along with the will to follow through with it. "We need to bring together a bipartisan group and let them hold public hearings like this, around the state," he said. "Then when we come out of the recession, we can go forward with this."

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Profile in Real Estate- Pat Samson

Realtor Pat Samson grew up in Vienna, and moved to Centreville in 1986. Pat has more than 24 years of Northern Virginia Real Estate and Finance Experience, and can offer a unique blend of Real Estate and Finance experience when helping clients determine what, where, and how to purchase their next home. He has closed more than \$800 million in Real Estate Transactions and Mortgages over the last 24 years

Pat was a Branch Manager and Loan Officer with one of the largest lenders in the Washington Metro area over the last 10 years. The office was in the middle of the largest Real Estate office in Northern Virginia, and Pat's team closed over \$100 million of residential transactions per year over the last seven years. "I've spent years involved in all aspects of the residential Real Estate transaction," said Pat. "I joined the 'Dare to Compare Team' at Century 21 New Millennium in February 2010 as a Realtor. I look forward to blending my talents and experience with their years of Real Estate transactions." Pat brings a lifetime of local community involvement along with his professional expertise.

Pat was married his wife Connie in 1987. Connie just finished her 25th year at SAIC where she is a Project Manager/Engineer. She graduated from University of Pittsburg in 1984 and received her Master's Degree from Virginia Tech in 1986.

Pat and Connie have two kids that both went to Westfield High School. Billy was on the 2007 State Champion Football Team and currently is in his sophomore year at Clemson University where he is a member of the Honor Society. He hopes to play on the football team there this Fall. Daughter Michelle played on the basketball and softball team at Westfield and jumps horses competitively. She'll be entering East Carolina University this Fall.

The Samsons have been members at Chantilly National Golf Course since 1989, and enjoy golf and socializing. Pat has coached football, baseball, basketball, and softball throughout his kids youth years in the SYA and VYI youth leagues. The family has belonged to St Andrews Lutheran Church since 1990.

"We've enjoyed our years in Centreville and look forward to our empty nesting years here with all of our friends," Pat said.



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Centreville Author Discusses Inspiration

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William H. Johnson

of together. But aren't there times when a person has to choose one or the other? This doesn't have to necessarily relate to the conventional definition of religion either. Any system of beliefs that finds a person's worldview can count as religion. A time may come when one must choose between their loyalty to those beliefs and following a feeling that resonates deeply in their soul in order to proceed forward in life. In Calvin's case, his decision is this: does he risk the damnation of his soul to save his sister's life? Or does he bow to the demands of his cultural heritage and accept her fate and passage to the next world?

How did you come up with the idea for the book?

WJ: It started with musing on the duplicity of the public role of sex and intimacy in our culture. Sex's public persona in our culture is one heavy with racial and ethnic stereotypes, hardline moral judgments, and an ongoing stream of stories from the media about crippling abuses by people in power from our schools to our largest religious institutions — yet in private quarters it is about connection and a certain knowing of another person. We so often brand its mention as "dirty" or "inappropriate" and relate it to sort of a lower class of thinking. Meanwhile the most successful businesses use it to sell their products: movies, beer, fast food, cereal, and cell phones, to name a few. This duplicity fascinates me as an artist. I had a fairly strict religious upbringing and thought it would be interesting to juxtapose a very liberal sensual world with one of strict moral convictions.

How did you become an

author? Was it a childhood dream?

WJ: I have been telling stories and writing them down since I was quite young but I would say it was high school when I realized how important writing was as a means of expression and exploration and what it could be for me. I've written screenplays, staged plays, and poetry. But when it came time to create a piece that I would point to as a true sample of my work, I wrote a novel. For me writing fiction has it all.

What was the hardest or difficult part of writing the novel?

WJ: Coming face to face with some of the difficult emotions it brought up. I really allowed myself the space to walk with this very flawed main character. As he was being challenged by his own fears and prejudices, so was I.

Where or who do you draw your inspiration from?

WJ: Everything and everyone from my own personal experiences

to current events. I'm a fairly emotional person and feel intensely about people and social issues. My own emotional reactions to what I see and hear drive my need to write and tell stories.

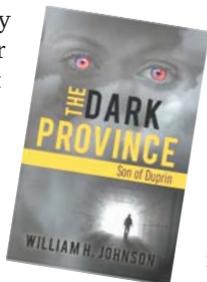
What's your favorite spot in the area or do you have a favorite childhood memory?

WJ: I was born at Fairfax Hospital and lived my whole live in Chantilly and Clifton up until college. I would say my favorite spot is the stadium in Centreville High. Having participated in varsity football and track & field I have a lot of memories there. Also the Ruby Tuesdays in Centreville, I also have memories there with family and friends.

If you could have dinner with anyone famous who would it be and why?

WJ: Former Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs. He was always such a class act while being a respected and effective leader.

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Notice is hereby given that the Clifton Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, Va. 20124 to consider whether the proposed construction of the Clifton Floodplain Park Project, which consists of an improved vehicular entrance on Main Street, pedestrian trail, and public parking lot, to provide access to a passive stream valley park, located on Tax Map Lot Number: 75-4((2))8 at or about 7139 Main Street, Clifton, Virginia 22030 is a feature shown on the Town of Clifton Comprehensive Plan 2009, or is deemed to be part thereof and is substantially in accord with the Town of Clifton Comprehensive Plan 2009. All interested parties are invited to attend to express their views. Town residents are strongly urged to attend.

By order of the Town Council, Clifton, VA
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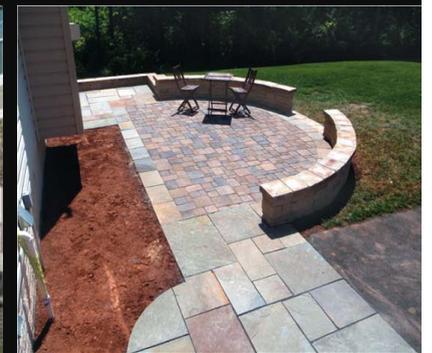
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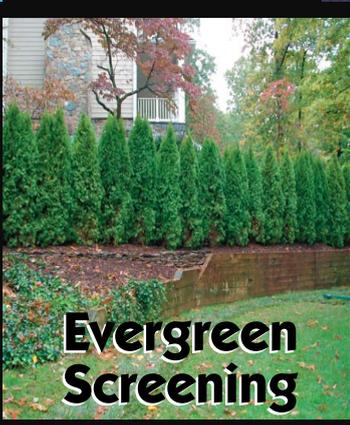
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