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South County freshman pitcher Rebecca Martin struck out 17 while throwing a 12-inning, one-hit shutout against West Potomac in the Patriot District championship game on May 23 at West Springfield.



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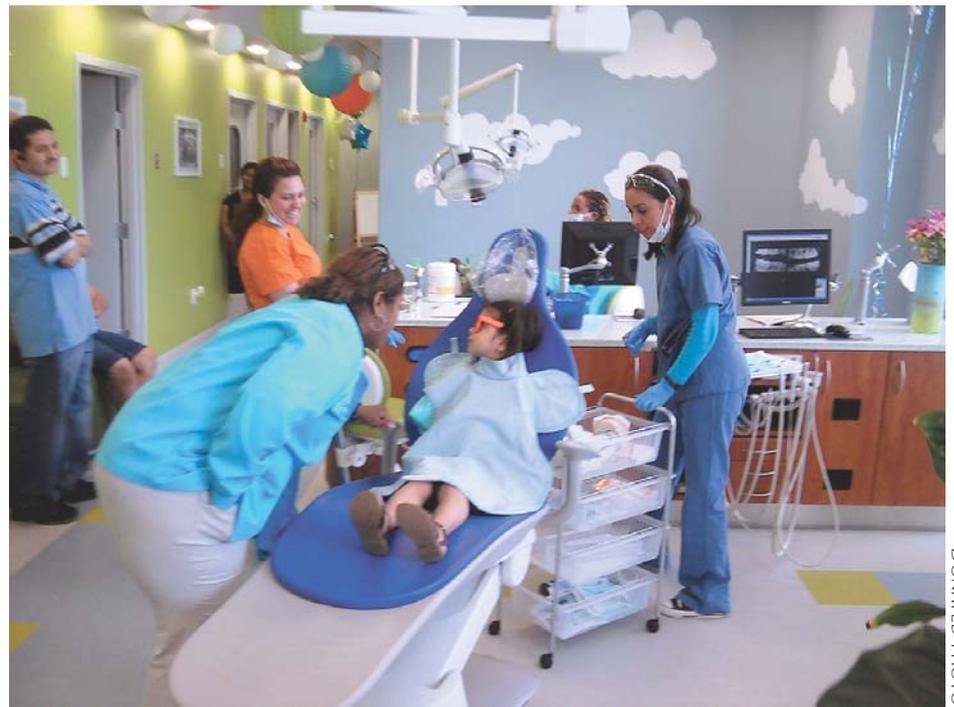
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Dr. Flavia Tingling of Destination Smile gives patient Janet Ramirez a reassuring smile as she prepares the 6-year-old for her first dental exam. Dental assistants Elizabeth Brown, in orange, and Pouneh Rahravani, in blue, talk to Ramirez about the benefits of daily brushing and flossing.

Brush, Floss and Smile

Lorton dentists provide free dental clinic.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

It was all smiles as local pediatric dentists Dr. Kristina Biggs and Dr. Flavia Tingling celebrated the first anniversary of their dental practice on Friday, May 20, by donating dental care to 24 uninsured children in the area.

"We have always valued and made community service a priority, and we were determined to incorporate the same ideal into our practice," said Tingling, who has made dental mission trips to Honduras, South Africa and Guatemala along with Biggs.

The dentists, who opened Destination Smile in Lorton last year, teamed with United Community Ministries' Bryant Early Learning Center and Lorton Community Action Center to identify families with children who needed dental care.

"These agencies gave us a direct portal to the children who otherwise would not have had routine dental care. We had such a great turnout that we would like to make this an annual event at Destination Smile," Tingling said. Tingling and Biggs donated more than \$7,000 worth of dental care to children who ranged in age from 18 months to 17-years old.

According to Tingling, some of the children had never received dental care, while others had infrequent access to dental care.

DURING THE pro bono event, each patient received a basic exam, cleaning, x-rays and hygiene treat bag containing a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and oral hygiene coloring book.

Each family received an informative book-

let regarding dental visits and care in both English and Spanish. A Spanish to English translator was at the event to assist with communication regarding each patient's needs and medical history. The dentists also offered additional care, when necessary, such as deep cleaning, fillings, nerve treatments, stainless steel crowns and extractions.

While going to the dentist is not typically high on children's "fun things to do" list, Tingling said they try to make the experience more pleasant by using a travel theme in their office décor. The waiting area looks like an airport terminal, with bright white clouds on a sky-blue background, and each exam room depicts various locales around the globe.

"We wanted to combine our love of travel and our dedication to children's oral health to establish a travel themed pediatric dental specialty office. Our tag line echoes our sentiment about the dental experience at Destination Smile, 'where the journey to a perfect smile begins' for all children," said Biggs.

Tingling said it's important to help children globally, but just as important not forget the needs of children locally.

"As pediatric dentists, we recognize there are disparities in access to health care for several children, and are honored to help improve the oral health of children in Fairfax County," Tingling said.

"They are both very caring people, which makes them great dentists for children, who often need that extra attention," said Kara O'Neil, a community outreach director.

For more information about Destination Smile, visit www.destination-smile.com.

South County Girls Win in Epic Effort

Freshman throws 12-inning, one-hit shutout in district championship game.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

When South County pitcher Rebecca Martin hurled her 178th delivery of the evening past West Potomac's Elani Gonzalez for strike three and the final out of the Patriot District championship game, the freshman right-hander casually turned, walked to the back of the pitching circle and picked up her rosin bag.

Her teammates weren't so calm.

The Stallions swarmed Martin after her 17th strikeout ended a 12-inning marathon, clinching a 2-0 South County victory on Monday, May 23 and the program's fifth consecutive district title.

Martin and West Potomac's Morgan Maniglia traded zeros during an epic pitching-duel at West Springfield High School. Both pitchers shut out the opposing lineup for 11 innings before South County freshman third baseman Caitlin Maglich delivered a two-out, two-run single off Maniglia in the 12th. Martin retired the Wolverines in order in the bottom half, striking out the



"To go 12 innings against this great hitting team and under these circumstances, I'm speechless."

— South County head softball coach Gary Dillow

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The South County softball team captured its fifth consecutive district championship.



PHOTO BY SYDNEY SAWYER

Dive In

Fairfax Station Swim, Tennis Club opens for summer.

Clear sky and cool breezes made for a perfect day on the pool deck or tennis courts as the Fairfax Station Swim and Tennis Club opened its doors for the 2011 season. The club's swim team and dive team, the Fairfax Station Flyers, are both competing in Division 2 of the NVSL.

The tennis program, under the direction of Jeff Jones and Bobbie Buck from RJ Tennis, provided free tennis clinics for all ages during the day. Face painting, hot dogs and burgers and an early dip in the pool rounded out the festivities. The season will officially start on Memorial Day weekend.

Rob Carvajal, sitting, answers questions about the tennis programs offered at the club during the spring and summer.

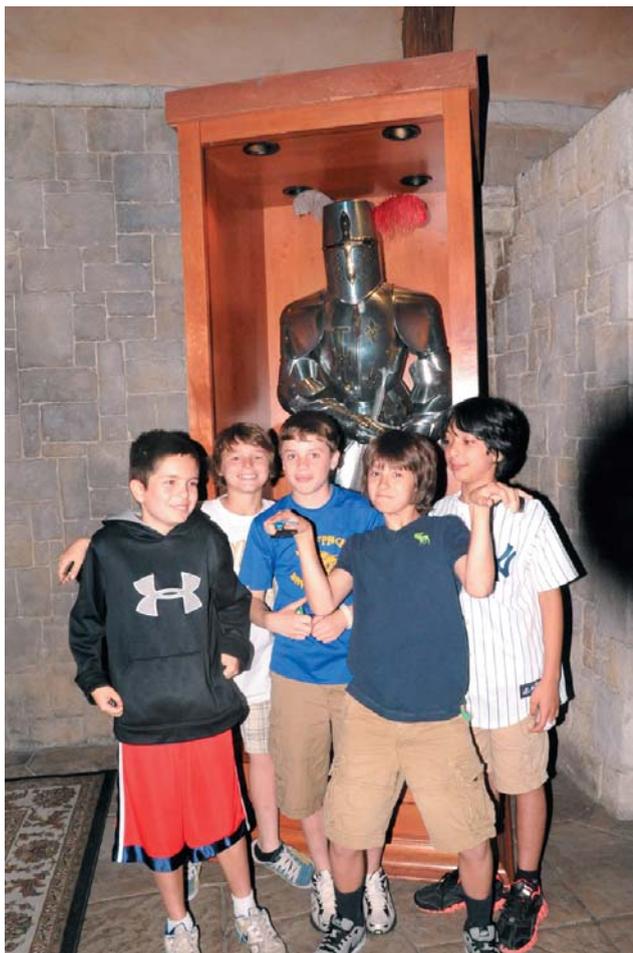


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From left, Adam Pickeral, Hayden Aspesi, Connor Jacoby, Massie Smith and Maiwand Nazary admire the armor worn by the knights before the start of the show.

Going Back in Time

Fifth graders at Clifton Elementary took a trip back to 11th century Medieval Spain and cheered for their “Green Knight” as he battled five other knights in a jousting tournament at Medieval Times. Students also watched armored knights fight in hand to hand combat with a variety of weapons, as well as, a demonstration of a falcon circling just over their heads and then dropping down to catch it’s prey.

Parkways To Close June 4-6

Heads up, local motorists, two road closures are planned for the first weekend in June because of the Fairfax County Parkway and Fair Lakes Parkway interchange construction.

From Saturday, June 4, at 7 a.m. until Monday, June 6, at 5 a.m., Monument Drive at the Fairfax County Parkway will be closed while crews install a 30-inch, storm drainpipe across Monument Drive. A detour will be posted, directing traffic as follows:

- ❖ Route 7100 traffic wanting to access Monument Drive will detour onto Fair Lakes Parkway, turn left onto West Ox Road and left onto Monument Drive.

- ❖ Traffic coming from Fields Bridge Road and Fair Ridge Drive wanting to go west on Monument to Route 7100 will be directed to turn right on Monument Drive, right on West Ox Road and right on Fair Lakes Parkway to Route 7100.

- ❖ Traffic coming from Marley Garden Lane, Fields Bridge Road, Fair Ridge Drive, Monument Court and Vernoy Hills Road wanting to access Route 7100 will be directed to turn left on Monument, right on West Ox Road and right onto Fair Lakes Parkway to Route 7100.

Message boards will alert motorists and residents to these changes. If it rains, these closures will be postponed

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A Question Of Honor

Families advocate for honors programs in addition to AP classes.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Parents across Fairfax County are asking school officials to put more honors classes back into the course offerings at area high schools, particularly for 11th and 12th graders.

FAIRGRADE, a parent advocacy group that successfully convinced Fairfax County to change its grading policies two years ago, has passed a resolution asking for the county to implement a more robust honors program in high schools. The countywide “restore honors” movement originated at West Potomac High School, where parents discovered that existing honors courses for upperclassmen might be eliminated.

Last month, the West Potomac High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) also passed its own resolution asking the school system to retain honors courses for its 11th and 12th graders.

Honors classes are important for those students who might not be prepared to take an Advanced Placement (AP) course, which is supposed to be college level work, but need a greater challenge than general education classes provide, according to supporters.

Yet Superintendent Jack Dale said the school system is trying to avoid a “three tier” system, where upper-class students are divided up between AP classes, honors classes and general education classes for a single subject area.

“This is going to be a work session topic for the school board this summer. We don’t want too many tracks or layers of course offerings,” said Dale during a town hall meeting at Walt Whitman Middle School last month.^o

A FEW YEARS AGO, Fairfax County started to eliminate honors-level classes for English 11, English 12, World History 2, U.S. History and U.S. Government at most high schools where the school system offered Advanced Placement courses in these subjects.

Students can still take honors level English and history courses as freshmen and sophomores, when AP level courses are largely unavailable to them. But at many high schools, they can only enroll in either AP or take the general education courses in English and history as juniors and seniors.

West Potomac High School is a notable exception, where a few honors classes for 11th and 12th graders still exist despite the AP program. When the school system started to phase out honors classes, a group of parents fought to keep the courses at West Potomac, saying there was a strong need for a middle option in that high school community, said School Board Member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon.)

“West Potomac is one of the few AP schools that has not had all of their honors classes phased out,” said Storck.

Several other county high schools without AP programs still offer honors courses to juniors and seniors.

Those campuses that only have International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, like Mount Vernon High School, still have honors English and history in the upper grades. According to the school system, it kept honors courses at these schools because no IB equivalent exists for many classes, such as U.S. Government and U.S. History.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology also offers honors courses to upperclassmen, despite having a robust AP program.

PARENTS SAID they would like a “middle option” for students who don’t have an interest in or are not prepared to take AP English or history classes, which are supposed to be the equivalent of college-level courses.

“The honors curriculum exists at Thomas Jefferson. It wouldn’t be that difficult to implement in other high schools. Don’t you think there is a difference between college-level work and college preparatory work?” said Michelle Menapace, former head of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs and a Hayfield Secondary School parent.

According to FAIRGRADE, students fail roughly 30 percent of AP exams taken at the county’s base high schools. That statistic alone proves that many students might be better suited to honor classes, rather than a more advanced AP course, for certain subjects, said Megan McLaughlin, one of the founders of FAIRGRADE.

Parents are also concerned about high-achieving students being pushed to take too many AP classes, which tend to be very demanding. Students who are already enrolled three or four other AP courses shouldn’t feel pressured to take AP English or history, simply because there is no honors option.

“Montgomery County, Loudoun County and Howard County all have honors, general ed and AP classes for students in the upper grades,” said McLaughlin.

AN INCENTIVE exists for Fairfax County Public Schools to pull back on its honors program if it means more students enroll in AP courses as juniors and seniors.

The influential U.S. News and World Report annual “best high school” rankings are based on how many AP and IB exams are taken per student. In other words, the more exams each student takes, the higher their high school will appear in the rankings.

Oddly, the outcome of the exams is not a factor in the school’s overall placement on the list. Having students who sit for the AP and IB exams they don’t pass does not have a negative impact on a school’s ranking.

Fairfax County high schools tend to place well in the U.S. News and World Report list every year. Several schools make the list of “Top 100 High Schools” in the country and all are typically ranked among the top 500 high schools.

To the extent that honors classes might draw students out of AP courses, it could hurt a local high

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— Superintendent Jack Dale

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Advocating for Honors

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school's ranking on this influential list and perhaps affect the school system's reputation more broadly.

But an expansion of honors courses would not be without its benefits for individual students.

Students receive an extra half-point bump in their grade point average [GPA] for honors classes in addition to a full-point bump for AP and IB classes. So, for example, a B in a regular class would be factored into a student's GPA as a 3.0, but as a 3.5 in an honors class. In an AP or IB class, the B gets factored in as a 4.0 for GPA purposes.

Weighted grading for honors courses is a fairly new concept in Fairfax County and, when the school system started phasing out honors courses in the upper grades a few years ago, this GPA bump did not exist.

Part of the impetus for bringing back more honors classes for juniors and seniors now could be coming from families who think

the honors bump in grades could have a large impact on their children's overall GPA, said Storck.

Storck said he supports adding more honors coursework back into the curriculum, through he would take a slightly different approach than the one parents have been advocating.

Instead of creating separate honors classes for 11th and 12 graders, Storck would like to give students the option of doing an extra project or thesis on top of the general education classwork. Those juniors and seniors who completed this extra assignment would then be given the extra GPA bump, as if they had taken an honors-level class.

"I want to put together an honors program that kids can elect into. On top of doing the work for a general education class, they would also complete a special program or thesis paper over the course of the year to earn the extra weight," said Storck.

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until June 18 so they don't conflict with the county's fair, Celebrate Fairfax.

In addition, weather permitting, as of Wednesday, June 1, motorists will no longer be able to access North Lake Drive to or

from the Fairfax County Parkway. This permanent closure is part of the ultimate plan for the new interchange. Once sound walls are constructed across North Lake Drive, a cul de sac will be built. Residents in the Villages of Fair Lakes will use Route 50 to reach their homes.

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THURSDAY/MAY 26

Burke School Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. Voices of Now Festival, Arena Stage Kogod Cradle, 1101 6th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. VON gives youths the opportunity to learn about theater and performance, devising and performing a piece of theater based on their own writing. Free, reservations required at 202-488-3300.

Friends of Burke Centre Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Most books .50-\$2. 703-249-1520.

FRIDAY/MAY 27

Key Middle School of Springfield Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. Voices of Now Festival, Arena Stage Kogod Cradle, 1101 6th St. S.W., Washington, D.C. VON gives youths the opportunity to learn about theater and performance, devising and performing a piece of theater based on their own writing. Free, reservations required at 202-488-3300.

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SATURDAY/MAY 28

Urban Art Film Series: "Beautiful Losers." 7:30 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The film focuses on the careers and work of a group of artists who began a movement using aesthetics from skateboarding, graffiti and underground music. Contains adult content, including mild nudity and strong language. Free. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Friends of Burke Centre Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Most books .50-\$2. 703-249-1520.

Braddock District Bike Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Sponsored by Braddock District Supervisor John C. Cook. The Fairfax County Police Department will discuss safety and offer an obstacle course. With representatives from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation's Bike Division, Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling and bicycle mechanics from Oasis Bike Works. 703-425-9300.

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SUNDAY/MAY 29

Robinson Secondary School of Fairfax Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. Voices of Now Festival, Arena Stage Kogod Cradle, 1101 6th St. S.W., Washington D.C. VON gives youths the opportunity to learn about theater and performance, devising

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Battle of the Bands with Cashmere's Topia, Cashus Flow, I Am The Doorway, The Offset, Proper Addiction, Rustbelt City, Soloabstract Eyes, Urban Cartel and more. 4 p.m. Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$9 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-569-5940 or www.jaxxroxx.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 31

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Practice and improve your English. Adults. 703-451-8055.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

Skirmish at Fairfax Courthouse. Massey Building, 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Program begins at 6 p.m., Living History Presentation at 7 p.m. Capt. John Quincy Marr of the 17th Va. Infantry, Co. K (Warrenton Rifles) died at Fairfax Court House on June 1, 1861. The evening's activities include a living history presentation of "The Skirmish at Fairfax Court House" inside the historic courthouse, which will be followed by a reception on the courthouse lawn. While the event on the courthouse grounds is open to the public, the living history presentation inside the historic courthouse has limited seating. Free. Reserve by May 25 at 703-385-8415 or susan.gray@fairfaxva.gov. Reservations are limited to 72 and tickets will be held at the door until 7:50 p.m.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 3

New Majority Comedy Tour Starring Gabriel Iglesias & Russell Peters. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Lisa Lampanelli. Tickets \$49.50-\$75 through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT and 410-547-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Skirmish at Fairfax Court House Reenactment and Living History Day. Historic Fairfax Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. A reenactment of the first organized land engagement of the Civil War will occur from 1-2 p.m. west of the Courthouse grounds at the corner of North and Main Streets. After the skirmish reenactment meet the Cavalry and infantry reenactors at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, to talk about the reenactment, what it was like for soldiers in the 19th century, and explore the historic Blenheim Estate. Also at the Blenheim Estate will be the Virginia Historical Society panel exhibit, An American Turning Point: The Civil War in Virginia, from May 23 to June 6. Free. 703-591-0560.

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Urban Decay II Opening Reception. 7 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, Gallery W-16, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Live music, artist demonstrations, a designer vinyl toy competition open to the public, art raffle and more. Urban Art Film Series: "Toys Are Us." (Film contains adult content.) www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Spartan Jamfest Benefit Concert and Music Festival. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. West Springfield High School rear parking lot, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Bands include Loose Lips, Tejas Singh, Subtle Body, Puppet, The Fielding Melish, Threat Level Midnight, Ghost Town, The 6th Degree, Manticore and Lucky 13. \$5 pre-sale plus a non-perishable food item at gate, or \$10 at the gate. All canned food will be donated to Echo. www.wshsguitar.org/ WSHSGuitar.org/Spartanjam.html.

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Show. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Alexandria Hybla Valley Petsmart, 7690 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Meet cockers of all ages available for adoption. All dogs are spayed or neutered. Volunteers will help potential adopters find a good match and answer questions. Sponsored by Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue. 703-533-2373 or www.cockerspanielrescue.com.



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OPINION

Remembering on Memorial Day

A time to honor those in military service.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Earlier this month, the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, exceeded 6,000. Nearly 50,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward.

On Memorial 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 veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill 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. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L.



AIR FORCE MORTUARY AFFAIRS

A U.S. Army carry team transfers the remains of Army Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, of Fairfax Station, at Dover Air Force Base, Del., June 20, 2010.

Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. 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. "We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, now a middle school student, helped us remember. Hunter wrote: "My brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

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.

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

Afghanistan. We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day 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.

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 emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

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, when an IED 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.

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

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LETTERS

Make Memorial Day Come Alive

To the Editor:

Walter Isaacson's estimable 2003 tome, "Benjamin Franklin, An American Life," is a wonderful book about a wonderful man. Toward the end, Isaacson writes of a captured moment that really resonated with me. During the hard work of crafting our nation's Constitution, the Founding Fathers, while going-to-and-from assembly, were routinely asked by the citizens of Philadelphia what kind of government would result from their work and the book quotes delegate Franklin as having replied to one such questioner, "A republic, madam, if you can keep it."

"Keeping it" should be something we all cherish and strive to do. And as we commemorate Memorial Day this year, the thought struck me that no one among us work harder at that "keeping it" task than the men and women of our military, with special honor and well-deserved emphasis marking those who gave their all.

For the 40th time since it was officially made a federal holiday in 1971, we celebrate Memorial Day. But if all we do on the final Monday in May is throw hot dogs and hamburgers onto the grill after capitalizing on a deep-discount trip to the shopping mall, we're missing a real opportunity to stand proud and tall, convicted as Americans in expressing the proper respect for the bravest among us, those living but especially those deceased.

To observe Memorial Day this year, all week long from May 23 to May 28, Salon Antoine will display a beautiful bouquet of flowers in our lobby sporting a red, white and blue motif under a placard that will read, "Freedom Isn't Free, Thank a Vet." We've asked our employees to dress in the same patriotic colors on Saturday, May 28, as a way to help us all remember the meaning of the actual holiday on Monday, May 30. And let's be honest, that's not all that much effort, is it? But it is something and represents our small part done in concert with appreciative Americans all across the country who will never forget the sacrifices of those who gave their final measure.

I saw a statistic on the TV the other night: that we lose 1,000 WWII veterans every day. I quietly did the math in my head. The war ended in 1945, when most troops no doubt in their 20s, and I saw how it all fit. And I decided it was

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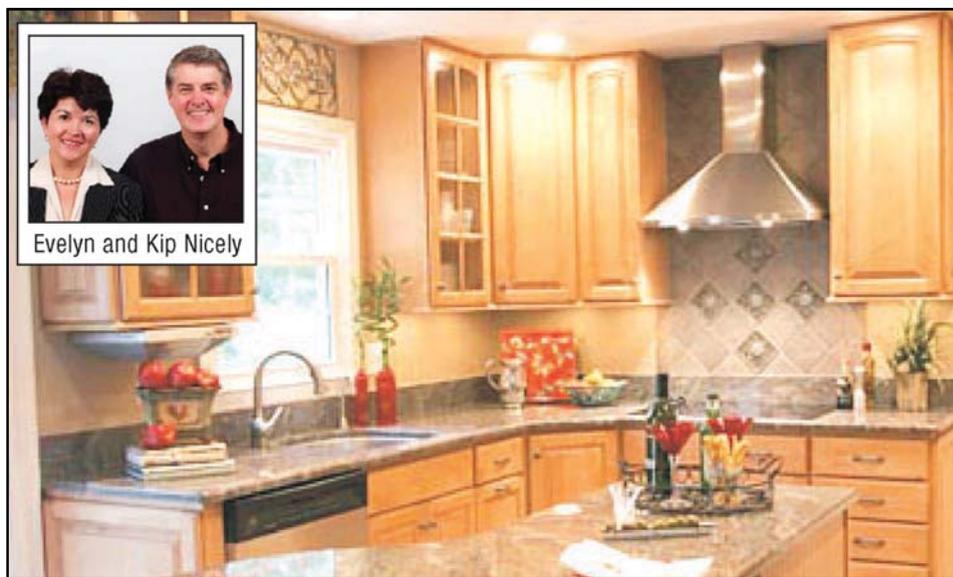


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Race participants have fun at the party at the barn following the Clifton Caboose Twilight 5K.

Where Last Place Is a Winner

Clifton Caboose Twilight 5K Run returns June 4.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Most 5K races are first thing in the morning, but leave it to the quaint Town of Clifton to have its race in the evening. The 14th annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run is Saturday, June 4, with the 1-mile fun run/walk starting at 6 p.m., and the 5K, at 6:30 p.m.

It happens rain or shine, and in this competition, not only the winners receive prizes, but the last-place, or caboose, finisher also earns a reward.

The course begins near the triangle intersection of Clifton and Newman Roads and Main Street and is popular with participants because of its scenic, country atmosphere. The route goes straight out Newman Road and back again. It's somewhat hilly and fairly challenging.

Last year's event attracted more than 200 participants, and race chairman Gary Anderson is hoping for at least 300, this time. "One neat thing this year is that about 30 boys from the running program at Fairview Elementary are all doing the 5K," he said. "And that's pretty impressive for 9- and 10-year-old kids."

The race is sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA), dedicated to improving the Town of Clifton. This year's proceeds will go to the Clifton

Floodplain Park Project. It's part of a long-term plan to create a trail system linking Clifton to the natural amenities and nearby neighborhoods around the town.

Registration is at www.signmeup.com/74576 until June 3. Entry fees are \$24 for the 5K and \$18 for the 1-mile. Race-day registration is from 4-5:30 p.m. at the barn at 7139 Main St. Packet pick-up is Friday, June 3, from 5-7 p.m., at the barn, or on race day, just prior to the event. Participants will also receive a commemorative, Clifton Caboose T-shirt designed by residents Bill and Sam Ferrence.

Parking is available at the end of Chapel Street, in the floodplain and at Clifton Elementary. Water will be provided along the

course, and snacks such as fruit, cheese and rolls will be offered after the race. All children participating will receive Freeze Pops from The Clifton Store.

The Reston Runners Club manages the finish line and will record each runner's time via computer. Cash awards go to the top three male and female finishers. Prizes are also awarded to the top two finishers in each age group. The top two CBA-member finishers receive medals, and a caboose award goes to the person coming in last. In the fun run/walk, all finishers are given ribbons, and age-group medals are awarded.

But the good times still continue when the race is over, because everyone who attended the event may

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— Gary Anderson

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Caboose Run at End of the Day

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join the party at the barn. Water and beer will be provided, and attendees are encouraged to bring picnic suppers and beverages for children.

Besides food, this year's celebration features two live bands. The Randy Thompson Band will play roots music, country and Americana, and the City-Dwelling Nature Seekers will perform folk, rock and 'jangle-jangle' music.

"Randy's getting ready to go on his European tour, so this will be his kickoff," Anderson said.

This year is Anderson's seventh as race chairman, with help from town residents Michelle Stein and Steve Bittner. In January, they pick a date for the race and get onto local race calendars so runners can find this event and prepare for it. In the spring, they notify businesses and residents along Newman Road because that road is closed to traffic during the event.

"I get great support from the volunteers and CBA," said Anderson. "And Fred Ansick helps mark the course and get the VDOT permit for the road clo-

sure."

All in all, said Anderson, "This event is just such a great thing for the community. And getting kids physically active and involved in running, specifically, at an early age is an important thing. Here, having a race in their own community, with their parents and friends participating, is a great motivator for them."

But the race draws participants from a wide area, including Maryland and North Carolina. "People who'd never been to Clifton before send me comments afterward and tell me it's such a unique race that it's their favorite one," said Anderson. "I think it's a combination of the setting and the communal feeling. The community really comes out for it." Toss in the party afterward, he said, and it makes for a special and memorable event.

Anderson said some people "think Clifton's on the edge of the earth, but it's right in their backyard. I belong to the Reston Runners Club and, whenever I can talk my running friends into coming out here, they're blown away. So this race is a nice way to showcase Clifton to people who may not realize it's so close by."

FAITH NOTES

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, is having an old-fashioned free Memorial Sunday picnic on May 29, after the 11 a.m. service, with hot dogs, salad and apple pie. The Children's Ministry Department will hold Vacation Bible School, with a

theme of "Pandamania," at the church on Friday, June 24 at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 25 at 12 p.m. (includes lunch), and Sunday, June 26 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. VBS is for ages 3 years-6th grade, and costs \$5. Register by June 19. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

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SPORTS

Rams Softball Falls to Chargers

Robinson still makes regionals and will visit Hayfield Friday.

BY RICH SANDERS
CONNECTION

Robinson Secondary's girls' softball team has hit the ball well throughout this spring season. But the Rams had no answers at the plate Friday evening, May 20 during their Concorde District tournament semifinals game versus Chantilly.

Robinson managed only three singles against Chantilly pitching ace Alex Sallberg and lost to the Chargers, 2-0. No. 2-seed Chantilly (14-6), with the win, advanced to this past Monday night's district title game where it lost to top seed Westfield, 6-3, in the contest played at Chantilly.

Robinson (12-9), despite the loss to Chantilly, still qualified for this week's 16-team Northern Region playoffs by winning its district tournament quarterfinals round game over Herndon, 3-2, on Wednesday, May 18. The win over the Hornets advanced the Rams, the district's No. 3-seed, to the semifinals meeting with Chantilly, a team which has experienced an outstanding breakthrough season following a 2010 spring which saw the Chargers go 6-13.

Robinson will travel to Hayfield Friday, May 27 at

7 p.m., for a first round region playoff encounter against the Hawks. Chantilly, meanwhile, will host Mount Vernon on Friday.

IN FRIDAY'S district semifinals game, Robinson had only one base runner advance as far as third base. All three of the Rams' hits were singles — a slap, infield safety by left-handed hitting Laura Turkekul in the top of the third inning; a ground ball base hit into right field off the bat of Jillian Powers in the fifth inning; and another infield single, once again by No. 9 batter Turkekul, in the sixth.

"I know their pitcher has been coming on strong," said Robinson coach Barry Gorodnick, of Chantilly's Sallberg. "She's gotten better and better as the year progressed. Our last two games we haven't hit the ball very well."

Sallberg, a sophomore who struck out eight and walked none, benefited from a good defense behind her as the Chargers committed just one error on the night while coming up with some sparkling defensive gems. One of those came in the top of the fourth inning when Chantilly center fielder Wendy Sloan, on a sharply hit ball by Robinson left-handed swinging Clare McGowan, came running in and made a sliding catch for the first out of the inning.

Sallberg retired the first eight Robinson batters she faced before Turkekul's infield single to shortstop with two outs in the third. Sallberg struck out the next batter to retire the side.

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Too Little, Too Late

Lake Braddock strands nine runners in semifinal loss to West Potomac

During a late-season battle for first place in the Patriot District on May 10, the Lake Braddock softball team trailed Woodson by three runs entering the seventh inning.

The Bruins' bats came alive with the game on the line, adding a pair or runs, but their rally fell short, leaving them with the No. 2 seed entering the district tournament.

On May 21, Lake Braddock again faced a late-game deficit, this time trailing West Potomac 6-1 entering the bottom of the sixth in the district semifinals. Again, the Bruins chipped away at their deficit, scoring two runs in the sixth. West Potomac countered with a run in the seventh, but Lake Braddock came right back with two in the bottom half and put the tying runs in scoring position.

Unfortunately for the Bruins, their resiliency was again too little, too late.

Third-seeded West Potomac defeated Lake

Braddock 7-5 on Saturday at West Springfield High School, giving the Bruins the Patriot District's No. 4 seed heading into the regional tournament, beginning May 27.

Trailing 7-3 in the bottom of the seventh, Lake Braddock opened the frame with four consecutive hits. Singles by Anna Delaney, Kathryn Jaquish, Ashley Flesch and Kelly Plescow produced a run and loaded the bases. Nicole May hit a sacrifice fly to center field, cutting the Bruins deficit to 7-5, but the game ended two batters later with two runners stranded in scoring position. For the game, Lake Braddock left nine runners on base.

"We didn't get that hit when we needed it. That's it, that's the game."

— Lake Braddock head coach
George Rumore

"The bottom line is we stranded [nine] runners," Lake Braddock head coach George Rumore said. "We didn't get that hit when we needed it. That's it, that's the game. You just can't strand [nine] runners. ... We gave ourselves an opportunity. ... We came back; there's no quit in them."

Plescow finished with three hits for Lake Braddock. May, Delaney, Flesch and Lauren Schwartz each

had two hits and Jaquish had one.

Flesch threw a complete game but suffered the loss in the circle.

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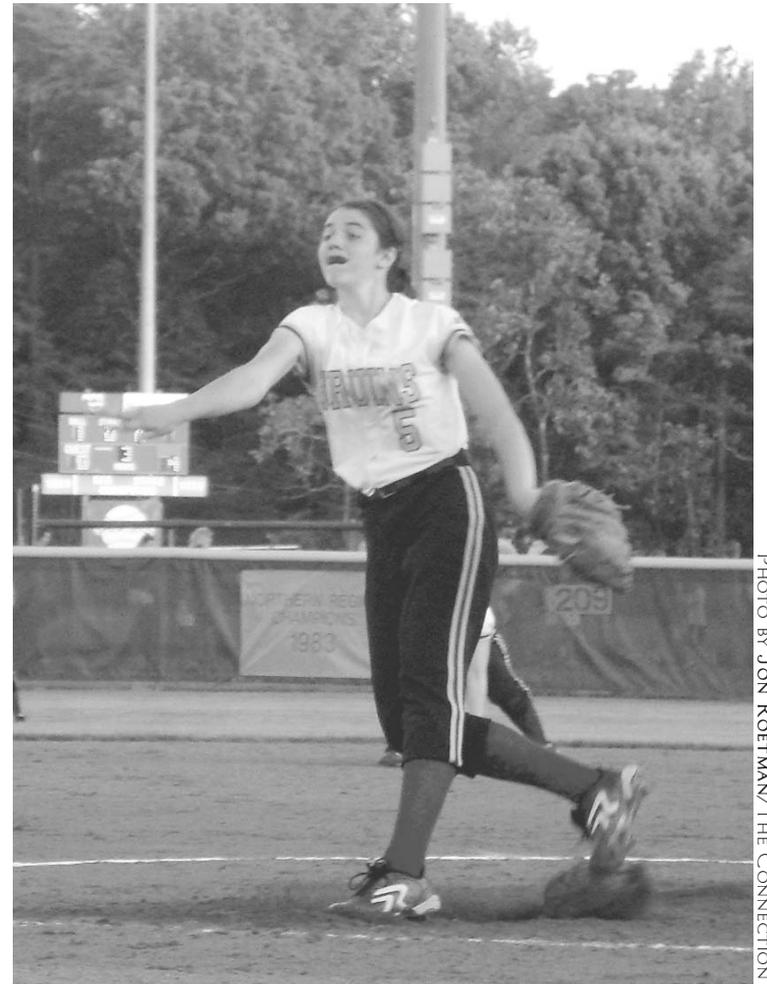


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Lake Braddock freshman Ashley Flesch threw a complete game but suffered the loss against West Potomac in the Patriot District Tournament semifinals on May 21.

After 12 Innings, South County Brings Home Title

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final two batters.

Martin allowed just one hit, a leadoff single in the first inning. She walked six, hit three batters and struck out 17. She worked her way out of several jams with the poise of a senior, and even looked subdued after the final out while her ecstatic teammates celebrated.

"She just seems very low key," first-year head coach Gary Dillow said. "She's a freshman. Maybe part of it is she doesn't totally understand the whole thing. All year she's just been kind of very laid back, very mellow, the perfect demeanor you want to have for a pitcher, especially in this kind of situation, 12 innings for the district title."

Dillow said he considered taking Martin out of the game when she struggled with her control in the middle innings, but she worked her way out of trouble thanks in part to several clutch defensive plays.

MARTIN THREW nine consecutive balls to start the bottom of the fourth inning, but got out of the frame with a strikeout and a double play. She also walked two in the fifth inning, but prevented any damage with three strikeouts. Two walks and an error loaded the bases for West Potomac in the ninth, but freshman shortstop Whitney Burks saved the game for the Stallions when she fielded a slow groundball and threw to first in time for an out.



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Senior center fielder Julia Kastner had two hits for South County during the district championship game.

"I'm just really proud because my team was making a lot of plays behind me in some tough situations and really were working together to hit the ball," Martin said. "I just kind of stepped back and took a few deep breaths [when I got into trouble] and I trusted that my team would make plays for me and they did."

Martin split time in the circle this season with freshman Kyra Ketch. The duo took

over for 2010 Virginia Softball Gatorade Player of the Year Chelsey Dunham, who tallied more than 1,000 strikeouts during her four-year career with the Stallions and now pitches at Yale. Dunham was a spectator at Monday's game and called Martin's performance "fantastic."

Dillow was an assistant coach during the program's first five seasons and witnessed many a dominant performance by Dunham. After Monday's game, Dillow placed Martin's effort near the top of his list.

"This ranks right up there because it is so unexpected," he said. "To go 12 innings against this great hitting team and under these circumstances, I'm speechless. It's beyond me. It's one of the best pitching performances I've ever seen."

Martin said she used five pitches — fastball, change up, rise ball, curve and slow curve — during the championship game, a repertoire that left the Wolverines befuddled.

"She had a crazy backspin," Maniglia said the day after the game. "Something was going on [and] we couldn't pick up on it. We've never hit off something like that."

Martin threw 115 of 178 pitches for strikes and wracked up a big strikeout total despite throwing with less-than-blazing velocity.

"It's not about velocity with her," Dillow said. "It's all about movement, changing speeds, changing levels and changing locations. She just keeps the hitters off balance."

Offensively, South County managed just two hits, both by center fielder Julia Kastner, prior to the 12th inning, when Maglich delivered a clutch two-run single to center.

"I couldn't get anxious," Maglich said. "I had to wait on the ball, wait for mine. I haven't been hitting very well lately. When I saw that pitch, I knew it was it. The feeling of it coming off the bat was just unreal. It's the best feeling in softball. I was about to cry when I got on base. It's just so incredible. I was so happy."

SOUTH COUNTY winning a district championship is nothing new, but this season had a different feel to it for the Stallions, who lost seven senior starters to graduation. South County started five freshmen (Martin, Maglich, Burks, catcher Haylea Geer and right fielder Courtney Ward) and the two returning starters, seniors Kastner and Alex Brown, changed positions this season. The Stallions entered the district tournament as the No. 4 seed rather than a dominant force, but still managed to get the job done.

"It's unfathomable to me to start five freshmen and win districts," Dillow said. "It's just unbelievable that we've been able to do that."

South County will host Langley at 7 p.m. on May 27 in the first round of the regional tournament.

"No one other than us," Martin said, "really expected us to get this far."

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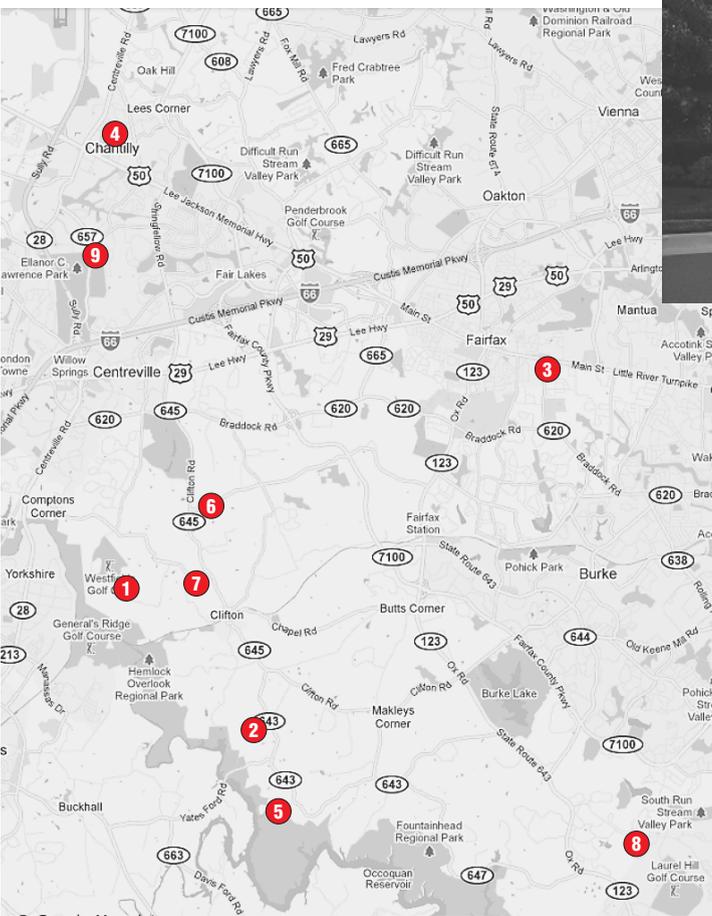
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Rams To Play Hayfield Friday

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Robinson, trailing 1-0, threatened to score in the fourth inning. With one out, following Sloan's outstanding catch, Rams' catcher Allie Newcomb hit an infield grounder which resulted in her getting to second base on a throwing error. A bunt out by Haley Clements advanced Newcomb to third with two outs. Sallberg ended the threat with a strikeout.

In the fifth, Robinson, still down just 1-0, saw Powers, a senior, start the inning off with her single into right field. But she was caught attempting to steal second on an excellent throw by Chantilly catcher Tori Doherty. Turkekul started the sixth inning off with her second infield hit before Sallberg and the Chargers retired the next three batters.

The right-hander retired the Rams in order in the seventh and final inning. For the game, Sallberg threw an efficient 85 pitches.

"She's a mentally tough player and knows where to put the ball," said Chantilly coach Carmen Wise, of Sallberg. "She's a sophomore, young, and we're very lucky to have her."

SALLBERG, in nursing her team's 1-0 lead, said she tried to keep her composure during the latter por-

tion of the game when Robinson saw its leadoff batters reach base in each of the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

"I kept it cool and concentrated," she said. "I threw it like I normally do. I was a little nervous but knew we could get them. It feels good to have the [defensive] support behind me."

Chantilly scored single runs in both the second and sixth innings. Dani Almodiel hit a ground ball single to start the second inning. Later, with the bases loaded, she scored when teammate Jen Loh was hit by a pitch.

Chantilly added an insurance run in the sixth despite not getting a base hit. Sloan reached on a fielder's choice. She later scored on a batted ball by Sallberg that resulted in an error.

While Sallberg pitched outstanding for the Chargers, Rams' pitching ace Lauren Stapleton also pitched a top-notch game. Over six innings, the Rams' junior allowed two runs (one earned) and just four hits. The Chantilly hits, all singles, came from Sallberg, Loh (bunt single), Almodiel, and Sloan.

Stapleton struck out seven, walked three, and hit two batters.

"Lauren's done well and kept us in every game," said Gorodnick. "We've got to help her [at the plate]."

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Honoring Their Sacrifice

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bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. 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, 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.

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

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— MARY KIMM

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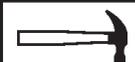
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