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Tim Thomas, principal of Westfield High School, surrounded by the cast of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Westfield Wins 10 Cappie Awards

Honors include best musical, lead actor.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Lots of starry statuettes were presented Sunday night, June 12, at the 12th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. But in the end, it was Westfield High's party.

Nominated for 21 awards for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," the school walked away with 10 trophies including the one for Best Musical. Stone Bridge High won the Best Play award.

Ironically, on the very night her students were being lauded for their achievements, Westfield Theater Director Susie Pike was onstage, herself, acting in a production of "South Pacific," so she couldn't be with them. But she was ecstatic to learn of their success.

"When the kids called me to tell me the results, I jumped up and down," she said on Monday. "This morning when Kevin [Clay] brought in the Best Musical trophy, it brought tears to my eyes. Just to look at the joy on the kids' faces this morning made all the hours



Lead Actor in a Musical: Kevin Clay, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

of hard work worthwhile." While describing herself as "speechless and overwhelmed," Pike said how proud she is of her students. "I am very lucky to have had the tremendous support of the administration, faculty and parents," she added. "We're also fortunate to have the opportunities that the Cappie organization provides."

Westfield's 10 trophies set a school record — the most it's ever won for a theater production. Besides taking Best Musical honors, Westfield also garnered Cappies for Lead Actor in a Musical, Ensemble, Choreography, Comic Actor in a Musical, Costumes, Sound, Song, Critics Team and Returning Critic.

Senior Kevin Clay had a big night, winning Lead Actor in a Musical — giving him back-to-back victories in the top acting category. Last year, he won the Cappie for Best Actor in a Play in Westfield's "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

Onstage, he thanked his family and "the amazing cast and crew" SEE WESTFIELD WINS, PAGE 4

St. Baldrick's in June? Why Not?

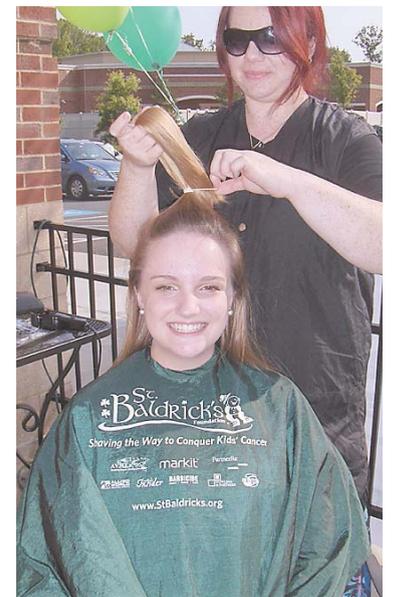
Event raises \$6,000 for children with cancer.

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Usually, St. Baldrick's fundraisers are held in March, close to St. Patrick's Day. But as far as Westfield High junior Kaila Torpey is concerned, "There isn't a specific date to help find a cure for cancer — especially children's cancer. Why should we only support it in March, when children suffer from cancer every day?"

So for that reason, she organized and held a St. Baldrick's event, Sunday, June 5, at Foster's Grille in Centreville. What's more, she also participated. Just 17, with blond hair down to her waist, she had it all shaved off.

"I'm so proud of her," said her mother. SEE ST. BALDRICK'S, PAGE 6



Hairstylist Tina Chambers sections Kaila Torpey's hair before cutting it off.



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From left: Kaila and Paulette Torpey hold their shorn locks.

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'See the World with New Eyes'

Holocaust survivor shares her story with students.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A survivor of four labor camps, a WWII ghetto, a concentration camp and a death march, Nesse Godin brought a message recently to eighth-graders at Franklin Middle School — as she's done for some 20 years. Despite and because of the horrors she's lived through, she urged them to be both tolerant and hopeful.

"I dedicated my life to teaching children the danger that indifference and prejudice can do," said Godin. Referring to the 9/11 tragedy and noting the dire situation in Darfur today, she said, "We can't just say, 'Never again;' we have to take action. We should learn from the Holocaust not to treat somebody evil."

She's spoken before the United Nations and, on March 23, was honored by the American Legion. But speaking to young people means even more to her, she said, because "they are the future of the country and the world. They will make the decisions about how it's going to be."

Godin, 83, grew up in Shauliai, Lithuania with her parents and two older brothers. Her country was a democracy and, for awhile, she had a normal life with "many hopes and dreams." But in 1941, when she was 13, the German armies marched through her country.

"There were mobile, killing units," she said. "I hope you beautiful, young people never join a gang or anything that stands for evil. They gathered and jailed the men and boys for 'relocation' to work." Instead, they were murdered.

That's when Godin realized the Holocaust was happening to her. "I was no longer able to go to school," she said. "You people are the age of my grandchildren. Do you know how lucky you are to be able to go to school? We weren't able to walk on the street and we had to wear yellow stars on the front and back of our garments. The Jews looked like everyone else so, this way, they could identify us. If I'd taken it off, they would shoot me."

Her town of 10,000 people had several leather factories so, to survive, the Jewish Council there told the Nazis the residents could make boots for the German army. But by then, Shauliai had become a ghetto.

"In those days, our town was a jail surrounded by barbed wire and guarded by Lithuanian police," said Godin. "These were the same police who I was taught, as a girl, would help me if I was lost." Meanwhile, she said, the Nazis went through the residents' homes and stole their things.

One day, a 17-year-old girl helped Godin obtain a certificate to get into a ghetto with her family, and that decision saved her life.



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Holocaust survivor Nesse Godin speaks to Franklin Middle School students about the Holocaust.

"Every day, the decisions you make can make a difference," she told the students. "Some 3,500 people — men, women and children — who didn't get into the ghetto were killed."

Of her life in the ghetto, she recalled "hunger and fear, begging for a piece of bread. We can't change what was then, but we can learn from it and change what is now, and what will be, and teach people how to make a better world."

On Nov. 5, 1943, Godin was 15 and a half when her mother told her, "My child, the trucks are here." The teen was instructed to go to work that morning outside the ghetto. "That night, returning to the ghetto, we heard cries like I'd never heard before," she said. "People said the Gestapo and Ukrainians had come through

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Godin's Story Moves Students

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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After Nesse Godin spoke with Franklin Middle students about her harrowing experiences during WWII, she answered their questions and told them what happened to her when the war ended.

A girl asked if it was difficult for her to talk about her past, and she replied, "I've been doing it many years and I've learned to control my tears."

A boy asked if Godin had any particular strategy for surviving the death march and labor camps. "There were no plans," she said. "But the other women told me, 'You have to have hope; God is good.'"

And as things turned out, Godin went on to live a happy life. "At 17, I was liberated and was later reunited with my mother," she said. "Mama and I worked in a soup kitchen in a shelter, and she said I'd have to get married. She said she'd ask someone to marry me, and she did."

The person she asked said yes, and he and Godin wed when she was 18. She and her husband Jack have now been married almost 65 years and have a son, two daughters, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They live in Silver Spring, Md., and Godin speaks extensively about her experiences to a variety of organizations and has received many honors for her humanitarian work.

Glad to have heard her speak, eighth-grader Fiona Kisiday called Godin's story "really beautiful and inspiring. I'm never going to take anything for granted, like my name and freedom and the choices I make. And I'm going to like school now."

"It was very motivational to help everyone love what they have and to not stereotype things, but to take them as a whole," said classmate Annie Williams. "You should look at a person for who and how they are, not just how they look."

Franklin Principal Sharon Eisenberg said it was wonderful to have someone with Godin's background, experience and firsthand knowledge share

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Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 16, 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 correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

When Drug Use Hits Home

Centreville's Greg Lannes will address the next meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m., in the Fairfax County Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. He's participating in the last of the CAC's three-part series on "Teens, Drugs and Alcohol."

Lannes's daughter Alicia was just 19 when she died of a heroin overdose in 2008. The investigation into her death resulted in the arrest and federal conviction of 16 local residents. Then in January 2009, Lannes and other concerned citizens formed a community coalition called PROTECT (Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together) to combat alcohol and drug use.

Lannes will speak about adolescent drug use, the need for parent awareness and early intervention and how a community can support drug- and alcohol-prevention. "Adolescent substance use isn't limited to one area of the county, to one or two schools or to a certain kind of family," said CAC Chairman Leslie Jenuleson. "Every child and every family is at risk, and it takes citizens and government working together to tackle this public-health threat."

Centreville Immigration Forum

The Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) will meet Tuesday, June 21, from 7:30-9 p.m., in room 201 of Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway. There'll be updates on plans for current CIF projects, including the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLARC), which will provide a safe location for day laborers to meet employers. Questions and concerns are welcome at the meeting. Contact info@centrevilleimmigrationforum.org or call 703-346-6030.

Frey at Sully District Council

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) will give a State of Sully address at the next meeting of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee. It's set for Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Rabies Vaccination Offered

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a low-cost, rabies-vaccination clinic for pets Sunday, June 26, from 2-4 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Vaccine cost is \$12 per pet, and vaccines will be provided for dogs, cats and ferrets.

To receive a three-year vaccination, pet owners should bring proof of their pet's current rabies vaccination. All other pets will receive a rabies vaccine valid for one year. No rabies tags will be issued at the clinic; however, 2011 dog licenses will be sold there for an additional \$10 per dog. For more information, call the shelter at 703-830-1100.

Get Ready for Tim Harmon 5K

Charity fundraiser set for June 25.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Tim Harmon never got to grow old with his wife, raise his two daughters to adulthood or even see his grandson, now 11. Matthew was born a year after his grandfather, a longtime Fairfax County employee, died of hepatitis C at age 51.

But Harmon left behind a legacy that's helped countless people deal with and overcome the horrors of substance abuse. So each year, the Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk is held in his honor at the county Government Center and raises money toward a cure for hepatitis C.

The upcoming race, the 12th annual, is set for Saturday, June 25, at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine, and signups are still open. Cost is \$25, and registration is at www.prraces.com or in person on race day, from 7-8:15 a.m.

"We're keeping our fingers crossed and hoping for good weather," said race director Tom Cook of Chantilly's Armfield Farm community. "Last year's Tim Harmon run was our most successful yet; we raised \$18,000 for charity."

The course is mostly flat and fast, beginning and ending in front of the Government Center and going out to West Ox Road and Monument Drive. Participants may either walk or run. For more information, call 703-383-8441, or e-mail peggy.cook@fairfaxcounty.gov or see www.timharmon5k.org.

Harmon died in 1999 but, before then, he did his best to help people battling addiction. He worked 20 years for Fairfax County and was director of Residential Services for Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS).

He also founded a substance-abuse treatment program for teen-agers. Because of his efforts, seven new residential treatment programs were opened. He also helped expand those at A New Beginning and Fairfax Detox in Chantilly, New Generations in Vienna, plus Crossroads and Sunrise House.



PHOTO BY KAY RANKIN

The runners take off at the start of last year's Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk.

"Tim hired me in 1984 as a substance-abuse counselor [for ADS]," said Cook, who still holds that position and works with teens as a prevention supervisor with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. "He was a driving force behind many of this county's services."

So the race is held to remember Harmon and to raise awareness of hepatitis C. Proceeds go to charities including the Hepatitis Foundation, the American Liver Foundation and local drug-treatment centers, including Sunrise in Fair Oaks.

Prizes in the 5K are awarded to the top three, male and female overall finishers, plus the top three finishers in 14 age-group categories. There are four race divisions: Runners/walkers, Fairfax County employees, baby joggers and public safety. Fire, police and sheriff's department personnel will compete against each other for team and individual trophies.

Registered participants receive custom T-shirts designed by Kay Rankin. Sports Plus & Battlefield Screen, CASSADAY Inc., Potomac River Running Booz-Allen Hamilton and Inova Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services are the major sponsors.

More than 100 trophies, plaques and medals will be presented, plus door prizes from local restaurants and merchants. There's also a silent auction for items including signed footballs by Brian Griese of the

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Firefighter Recruits Aid Cancer Research

A 2001 Centreville High grad, Sean O'Neill has spent his adult life helping others. He served his country in Iraq, obtained his degree in justice studies from JMU and received his EMT (emergency medical technician) certification.



Sean O'Neill

He's now part of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue 131st Recruit School, and he and his classmates are holding a head-shaving fundraiser for cancer research in support of the family of one of their own.

"Several weeks after our academy began on March 28, the father of one of our fellow recruits was diagnosed with cancer," said O'Neill, 28. "So we're raising money for the American Cancer Society in honor of our classmate's father."

Besides collecting donations from their own family members and friends, the recruits are reaching out to the community for help. In exchange for contributions received, they'll shave their own heads and those of the Basic Training staff.

"The more money we raise, the more staff-members' heads we get to shave," said O'Neill. "Our ultimate goal is to raise \$15,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society, Cancer Research Division. Our deadline is Monday, June 20 at 7 a.m. This is not an official Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department event, but a class fund-raiser with the support of the Basic Training Staff."

The 23 class members started collecting last month and, said O'Neill, "Any and every donation amount is greatly appreciated. More money equals more hair shaved. People who send donations will receive a photo of the event, plus a tax-deductible receipt."

Checks payable to the American Cancer Society should be mailed to: Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Academy, 4600 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, attn: Basic Training - 131st Recruit School Fund-Raiser.

"Our families play a key role in supporting us through our recruit training," said O'Neill. "So we want to show our support — not just for our fellow recruit — but for his family, as well."

— BONNIE HOBBS

Westfield Wins 10 Cappie Awards

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of 'Joseph.' It feels awesome — really cool." Afterward, Clay said, "It's amazing to be Lead Actor in a Play and then in a musical. It's beyond words. I'm just proud to be acknowledged for what I love doing anyway. Everyone worked so hard to get here. We don't need the awards to know we had a great time working together, but awards can't hurt."

Westfield's first Cappie on Sunday went to junior Joey Biagini for Returning Critic. "I'm really excited," he said. "I won last year for Rising Critic, and this is really great. I saw 17 shows and had a lot of fun; I really enjoyed myself."

Senior Kieran Claffey received the award for Sound. "This Cappie is as much for my assistant, Dieter, as for me," he said. "This is fantastic. I got nominated last year, but didn't win. But this year, I tried so hard and put a lot of effort into the show. We ran 18 mikes at one time, and I had to harmonize them

all, while still letting the individual voices come through."

Westfield's musical featured a seemingly unending variety and style of colorful costumes, and that's because costume designers Carrie Nye and Katelyn Reimer developed a prototype of each one and then practically had an assembly line working feverishly to produce 377 costume pieces plus accessories. So they were delighted to receive the Cappie for Costumes.

"I'm so excited," said Nye. "I think the judges realized and respected how much hard work we put into it and the hundreds of costumes we made."

"I'm shocked, but so pleased," said Reimer. "There were so many costumes and we wanted to make as many as we could. We went to so many rehearsals and put in so much time."

Both experienced dancers, Colby Dezelick and Avery Hobbs shared the Choreography Cappie. "Our



From left: Trevor Knickerbocker, Kevin Clay and Avery Hobbs celebrate Westfield's victories with a group hug.

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cast worked so hard on choreography," said Hobbs. "Even people who weren't dancers turned into dancers for this show."

"This is amazing," added Dezelick. "You can't watch this show and not want to get up on stage and dance — and I think that's the reason we won."

But that wasn't his only award; Dezelick also captured the Cappie for Comic Actor in a Musical. And as he bounced down the hall backstage after receiving it, he was so joyful that he could barely keep his feet on the ground.

"I'm apparently funny," he said. But he wasn't at all certain he'd win this category, "knowing all the people who were nominated — especially the person who dressed as a woman in 'Hairspray.' When they announced the winner, I just hoped I'd heard my name right, in all the chaos."

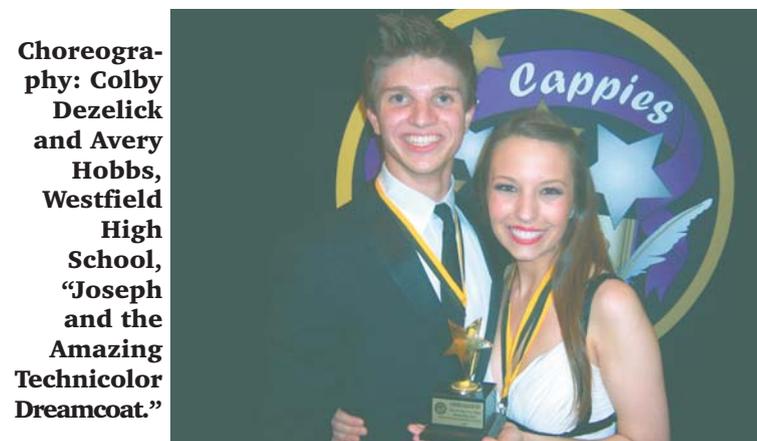
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Returning Critic: Joey Biagini, Westfield High School.



Sound: Kieran Claffey, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Choreography: Colby Dezelick and Avery Hobbs, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Costumes: Carrie Nye, Katelyn Reimer, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Ensemble in a Musical: Brothers (from left) Max and Jake Ehrlich, Connor Scudder, Adam Thomas and Trevor Knickerbocker, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Song: "Megamix," back row, from left: Max Ehrlich, Adam Thomas, Trevor Knickerbocker, Kevin Clay and Connor Scudder. Front row: Jake Ehrlich and Ozzy Tirmizi, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

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Sets: Lauren Phillips, Brad Vitale and Chloe Vasquez, Chantilly High School, "Stage Door."



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Supporting Actor in a Musical: Anthony Ingargiola, Centreville High School, "Working."

Centreville, Chantilly Win Awards

Cappies presented for supporting actor in musical and sets.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville High only won one Cappie award, but it was a good one — Supporting Actor in a Musical — and junior Anthony Ingargiola brought it home. In his school's production of "Working," he played several roles, including a migrant worker, stonemason and firefighter.

In his acceptance speech, he thanked his Liberty Middle theater director, Jody Scott; Centreville's theater director, Mike Hudson; his voice teacher, Nancy Smith; and Zoe Dillard, who directed him in Centreville Presbyterian Church's "Les Miserables."

And to everyone gathered in The Kennedy Center for the Cappie Awards, Sunday night, June 12, Ingargiola made a plea to them to "please continue to support the arts. It means so much to us, especially in theater."

Backstage, star-topped trophy in hand, he was a bit stunned at his victory, but very happy. "My legs are shaking; I didn't expect it — I'm just a junior," he said. "But I'm glad. It surprised me, but it's a really big honor. The characters I played were so real and honest, and I think the judges really liked that."

So did Hudson, who was thrilled with Ingargiola's triumph. "No one is more deserving of the honor than

Anthony," said Centreville's director. "His insight into his characters and the hours that he puts into research and character development are indicators of his commitment. Anthony Ingargiola is a consummate professional, and his dedication to his craft makes his success possible. I am so very pleased and very proud that Anthony has received this award."

Chantilly High also won a Cappie for the huge and realistic set it created for the play, "Stage Door." Since three students — Lauren Phillips, Brad Vitale and Chloe Vasquez— share the award, it will be placed in the school's trophy case.

Vitale said he was "just happy" with the victory, and Vasquez attributed it to "the two stories and spiral staircase we designed. You could believe all those people [in the story] were living there."

"We worked so hard, and I think we really deserved [this Cappie]," added Phillips. "It's so amazing to receive an award."

Chantilly Theater Director Ed Monk was delighted, as well. "We are all thrilled here to have won the Best Set award, and we are all so proud of Lauren, Brad and Chloe," he said. "Lauren and Brad designed and built the structure and Chloe did the interior design. They worked so hard on the set, and it's so nice that the Cappies critics recognized them."

The nice thing about the Set award, continued Monk, is that "literally everyone in the cast and crew worked on the set in some way, so they all had a part in its success."

It's the seventh time in the 12 years of the Cappies that we have won this award, and it is a testament to the hard work and discipline of the students. They are an amazing group."

Get Ready for Tim Harmon 5K

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Tampa Bay Buccaneers and his father Bob Griese, the Hall of Fame quarterback from the Miami Dolphins, plus other sports memorabilia.

Adding to the festivities is a live, classic-rock band, The Sock Monkeys, performing before, during and after the race. Post-race refreshments will also be available.

"We had over 600 participants last year and we expect close to that amount, this time," said Cook. "It's a lot of work organizing everything, but a handful of us on the race committee have been doing it since year one. Most of us knew and worked with Tim, and it was sad to see him die at age 51."

Literature in the race packets educates people about hepatitis C and how to avoid contracting it. Harmon's disease was discovered through a routine blood test but, unfortunately, there's no vaccine for

this silent killer. It has no symptoms, so people don't realize they have it until they're diagnosed. But by then, their livers may be irreparably damaged — and that's what happened to Harmon. (For more information, call 1-800-891-0707 or see www.hepfi.org).

"It's hard to believe it's been 12 years — it seems like yesterday," said Cook. "So if we can encourage people to get tested, we might prevent this from happening to someone else — and maybe they'll live longer than Tim did."

Cook said more than 4 million people in the U.S. have been infected with the virus — but as many as half of them don't know it. "At least 75 percent of those infected develop chronic hepatitis, and 30 percent of them go on to develop cirrhosis of the liver," he said. "Chronic liver disease due to hepatitis C causes 20,000 deaths each year in the United States, alone."



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NEWS

St. Baldrick's Event Raises \$6,000

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mom, Paulette Torpey, of Virginia Run, at the start of the festivities. "She got her senior portraits done early so she could be shaved today." And not only did Kaila get shorn, but so did her mother, brother, uncle, nephew and a cousin. Her mom's the librarian at Centre Ridge Elementary, and some of her friends, colleagues and students were there to support and cheer on the seven shaves.

Foster's Grille donated 10 percent of its food proceeds during the event. In addition, balloon artist Mike Becvar made fanciful, balloon hats for the children and donated his tips to the cause, and hairstylist Tina Chambers of Hair Studio 54 in Chantilly did the shaving for free.

The atmosphere on the restaurant's patio was joyful and fun but, before the shaving began, Kaila had some serious things to say to everyone there. First, she thanked them for coming and told them how much it meant to her.

"Every three-and-a-half minutes, a child is diagnosed with cancer," she said. "That's 160,000 each year. When a number that big is associated with something as horrible as cancer, it makes you view things differently. I'm sure almost everyone here has been affected by cancer somehow, whether it was a loved one or a friend. I'm no exception."

Some of her relatives have had cancer and, when Westfield student Dalton Gulsby lost his battle with the disease last year, at age 16, it saddened her deeply.

"When you witness someone you love going through cancer, it's one of the hardest things," said Kaila. "All you can do is sit there with words of encouragement and, as hard as you try, it's not enough sometimes. You can't make the pain stop or the constant hospital visits go away. And you can't give them their normal life back."

She said children — girls, in particular — who lose their hair during cancer treatment, "don't think they look good, anymore. I'm standing up here today to tell them they are beautiful, regardless if they have hair or not."

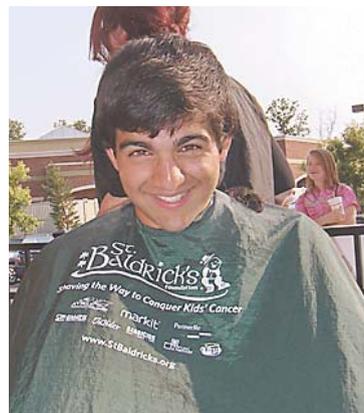
Kaila thanked Westfield student Hannah Brookhart, for advising her how to put on the fund-raiser



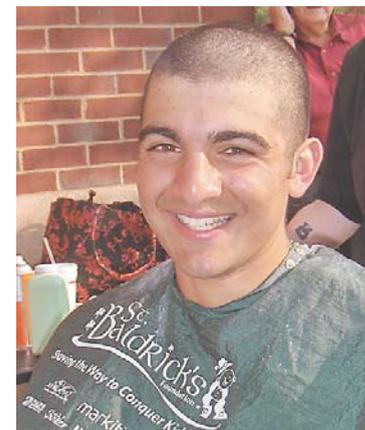
A newly shorn Kaila Torpey.



Kaila's mom, Paulette Torpey, ready to be shaved.



Chantilly High senior Sahal Thahir before being shaved.



Sahal Thahir afterward.



Kaila Torpey's cousin, Jake Johnson, 8.



Westfield junior Alexander Sharbaf.

and helping her "every step of the way." She also thanked her mother. "At first, I was the only one shaving my head, but my mom decided to support me, like she does with everything, and join me," said Kaila. Looking directly at her, she said, "I'm honored to be called your daughter."

The event raised \$6,000 and at-

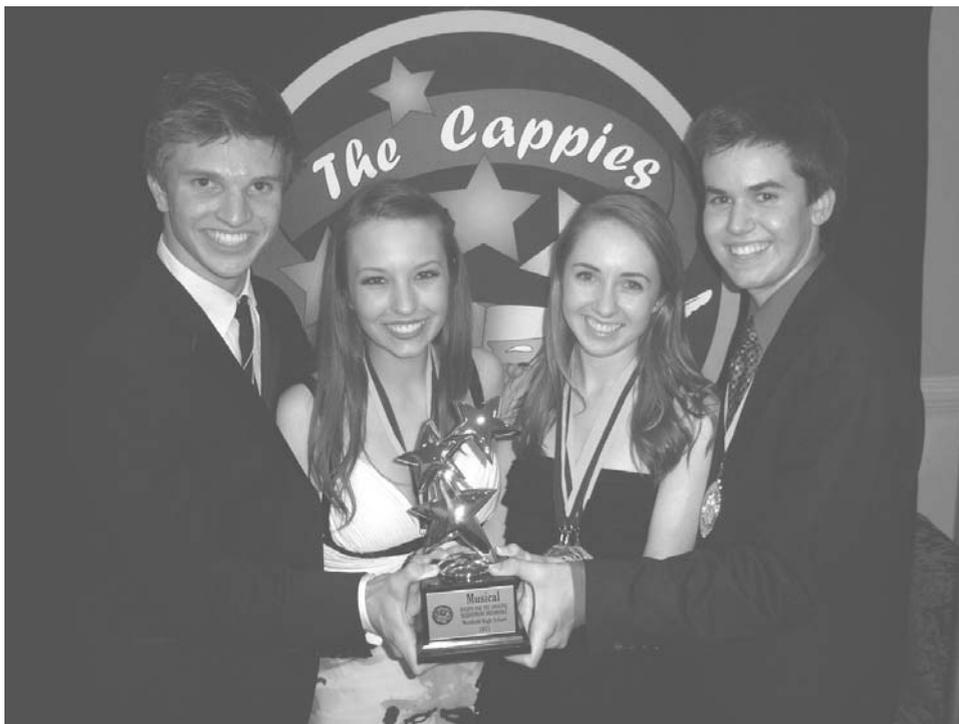
tracted some people Kaila didn't even know. One of the shaves, Sahal Thahir, saw her Web site and raised \$600. Then he came and got his head shaved, while his family watched and rooted for him. A Chantilly High senior, he joked afterward, "I might need some double-stick tape for my graduation hat."

MILITARY NOTES

Daniel "Scott" Behne of Centreville has just graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy on May 27, with the Class of 2011. He commissioned into the U.S. Marine Corp as a 2nd LT and has just reported to Quantico Marine Corp Base on June 7 to begin an extensive six-month junior officer training program. He graduated from Centreville High School in 2007.

Trey M. Patterson, Air Force Airman, graduated from the Utilities Systems Apprentice Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas. Patterson will be assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineering Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. In 2008, he graduated from Westfield High School, Chantilly, Va.

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Best Musical: Westfield High School, from left, Colby Dezelick, Avery Hobbs, Elisabeth Bloxam and Kevin Clay. "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."



Critics Team: Westfield High School, from left, Brittany Simmons, Sunny Vinsavich, Kerowyn Brewer, Joey Biagini, Zoe Tippl. Front: Elisabeth Bloxam.

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Westfield High Wins 10 Cappie Awards

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Ensemble in a Musical went to the 11 students who portrayed Joseph's brothers in the show: Dezelick, Connor Scudder, Trevor Knickerbocker, Max and Jake Ehrlich, Adam Thomas, Chaz Coffin, Mitchell Buckley, Ozzy Tirmizi, Ben Nelms and Nick Burroughs.

"I'm so happy because we worked so hard to put this show together and create this amazing ensemble of brothers who loved each other deeply," said Max Ehrlich. "We became a family on and off stage."

Agreeing, Thomas said, "No group of actors could be as close and cohesive as the brothers were. But even though we got great feedback from the critics, seeing the other competition, we weren't so certain we'd win." But they were thrilled that they did.

"It was a rush, definitely," said

Knickerbocker. "Before they called our name, we were squeezing each other's hands in the audience. This is not just for us, it's for all of us in the show."

"I'm excited about winning," said Jake Ehrlich. "It was a great honor to put this show together." Added Scudder: "We're so happy for everyone. This is the one thing we were hoping to go home with, and I'm so proud of our entire cast and crew."

Speaking on behalf of the Best Song award for "Megamix," the show's finale, Tirmizi said, "It's been a great journey and I'm truly glad to have worked with the people I have, at Westfield. It feels great."

Scudder said they didn't think they'd win this, particular trophy because "at first, we didn't like this song; it was so long and we were tired by the end of the show." But,

added Max Ehrlich, "It turned out better than we expected."

Westfield's award-winning Critics Team consisted of Elisabeth and Madeleine Bloxam, Joey Biagini, Zoe Tippl, Kerowyn Brewer, Abby Picard, Brittany Simmons, Mitchell Buckley and Sunny Vinsavich. And Elisabeth Bloxam said this honor, too, caught them by surprise.

"There were so many great teams this year that put in so much," she said. "We're extremely flattered to be recognized for our dedication to the Cappies program."

Culminating Westfield's triumphs Sunday night was the Cappie for Best Musical. Fresh from receiving their own awards, the Ehrlich brothers, Thomas, Knickerbocker, Clay, Scudder and Tirmizi huddled backstage together in a circle, heads bowed and arms around each other in

solidarity, hoping to hear their school's name announced one more time. And when it was, they erupted in joy, whooping and shouting, arms raised in victory.

Accepting this trophy for Westfield were Clay, Elisabeth Bloxam, Dezelick and Hobbs. "This is the complete, joint effort of everyone wanting to make this show fantastic," said Clay.

Hobbs said it was "truly an ensemble show," and Bloxam called it "the perfect combination of everything — choreography, costumes and talented students — coming together so well."

"It's exhilarating to win Best Musical," added Dezelick. "We put a lot of heart into this, and I'm so glad we have something to show for it."

Joining the students in celebration afterward, Principal Tim Thomas was also jubilant. "What an



Comic Actor in a Musical: Colby Dezelick, Westfield High School, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

amazing night for Westfield Theater," he said. "I can't say enough about our students and their talents, our parents and their support, and our director and her expertise. I'm extremely proud of all our Bulldogs. Go, go, Joseph!"

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Amazing Teens

Time to celebrate their talents and accomplishments, and to keep them safe.

It's a time to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of area teens. They're graduating from high school, many after completing college level work in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, for more than a year, earning scholarships and entry to college.

Some are accomplished athletes, ending high school careers as leaders on the field, demonstrating the benefits of practice and discipline, understanding more about what it means to work in a team than many adults ever will.

Some have excelled in theater, learning stage management, teamwork of different kind, complex tasks including lines, music, and more. High school students excelling in theater were celebrated Sunday, June 13, at the Kennedy Center, with awards going to (among others) Madison, Marshall, Mount Vernon, Westfield and Falls Church high schools in Fairfax County; Wakefield in Arlington; Walt Whitman in Montgomery County.

Local high school students pursue all sorts of music with passion. They are involved in many other arts, including photography, painting, sculpture.

There are teens who devote themselves to community service. Students in McLean have packaged literally tens of thousands of meals for the hungry. Others volunteer at homeless shelters, work on environmental projects, help in hospitals, animal shelters and nursing homes. Some have raised money for relief ef-

orts in Haiti or Japan or the Gulf Coast.

It's not surprising that some of these teens are celebrating in a variety of ways. You can see photo slide shows of many area proms at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

Now the word of caution.

Many, many high school students consume alcohol, usually to excess.

EDITORIAL

Responding to the 2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey, nearly half of high school students reported drinking alcohol. Twenty-three percent of high school seniors reported binge drinking in the two weeks before the survey, and 39 percent of them had consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days. Among 10th graders, 22 percent had consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days.

Twenty-two percent of students said they had used marijuana.

While those numbers are eye-opening, consider this: Twenty percent of students reported they had driven a car when they had been drinking. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey

It's easy to forget, when high school students present themselves with maturity, with discipline, with intelligence, that they are, in fact, high school students. Their brains are not fully developed. They are not fully equipped to make what could turn out to be life and death decisions, especially in group settings. They still need guidance, protection, reminders, safeguards and safety nets, mostly from their par-

ents.

During the summer, nearly twice as many teenagers die in traffic crashes than at other times, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program www.wrap.org. There have been some devastating examples of this locally.

The most important thing for parents to do for their teenagers is to talk to them. Even if your teen tries to deflect what you're saying, the information is still working its way into his or her brain.

Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home.

WRAP offers tips, facts and strategies on their website.

Correcting a Mother's Day Error

Because of an internal communications error, Centre View didn't receive many of the Mother's Day photos submitted to us by readers until late last week. We're so sorry we missed Mother's Day, but you'll find those photos at <http://bit.ly/iCiJcS>.

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Holocaust Survivor Speaks with Students

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there."

Godin said Jewish women weren't allowed to have babies then, but some were born in the ghetto. "A man in black came in and raised his thumb to determine who lived or died," she said. "One thousand innocent children through age 14, some 500 elderly and sick people, plus a few hundred healthy ones, were killed in the Auschwitz gas chambers. No children, no future. My father was 47, but he was killed because the

evil of the Holocaust was allowed in humanity."

In 1944, the Germans were re-treating. But, said Godin, "They didn't leave us behind. I was 16 and separated from my mother and brothers, but other Jewish women looked out for me. We were stripped naked and beaten. My family and belongings were taken from me, but I still had my name — until I became just a number in a concentration camp. People who went into the showers were gassed and killed."

She said a woman came to her one day and said, "Little girl, you're going to be killed, so try to get into a labor camp." Godin succeeded in being placed in such a camp with 5,000 women. But she'd exchanged one hell for another. "In those camps, they didn't have to kill us — we died of disease and starvation," she said. "It was the worst year of my life."

Then, in January 1945, she was part of a death march through Holland and Germany. "Many were dying along the way," she

said. The next month, they reached the southern part of the Baltic Sea. There, said Godin, "We dug two, long holes — one, a bathroom; one, a grave."

"All through the Holocaust, I prayed to the Almighty, 'Please let me live through the day; maybe I'll be free,'" she said. "Other times, I prayed to die. But the other women said I had to survive and teach the world what hatred, prejudice and indifference can do. They taught me to have hope and understanding and to make it a better world."

Finally, on March 10, 1945, the Russian Army found Godin and the others and liberated them. "The wounds from my beatings healed long ago, but the memories will always remain," she said. "Six million Jewish people — among them, 1.5 million children — were killed."

"I beg you, see the world with new eyes," she told the students. "You can make a difference. Don't see a race or religion — see a human being. May God bless you and may God bless America."

Godin's Story Moves Students

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the message of tolerance and hope. She said it was also timely because, at that point, the students were studying WWII and the Holocaust.

English Department Chair Kimberly Scott noted that students in all English classes would soon be reading Anne Frank's diary, so "We felt like it would help them understand the personal impact the Ho-

locast had on the survivors still among us, and down their family lines. Some of the parents here today had relatives who were Holocaust survivors." "We hope this unit makes an indelible impression upon the students and they'll learn that one person can make a difference," continued Scott. "These people are treasures — there aren't many of them left."

Eisenberg said it was also re-

markable that Godin is able to tell her story because "so many survivors can't — it's just too difficult for them. But she knew just what to say and how to make it relevant to the students."

"Students have come back, years later, and told us how much hearing her meant to them," added Scott. "They said this made the biggest impression on them while they were here."

PEOPLE



Ready for Prom

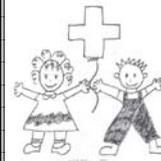
Gathering before Westfield High's prom, June 3, are (from left) Ozzy Tirmizi, Grace Martin, Bryan Trujillo, Caroline Chen, Sammy Martinez, Stephanie Howe, Connor Scudder, Taylor Reese, Kevin Clay, Madeleine Bloxam, Trevor Knickerbocker, Olivia Brown, Max Ehrlich, Corinne Holland, Dylan Daniel and Mackenzie Morgan.

Prom Gathering
Westfield High held its prom June 3 at the Westfields Marriott. Gathering before the event are (from left) Annie Dykstra, Ben Nelms, Carol Bentley, Perry Cox, Kim Markovcy, George Lewandowski, Megan Peralta and Taylor Thibodeau.



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Corrina Kelliher, Westfield junior.



Sharon Park, Virginia Run Elementary, 3rd grade.



Jessica Swanson, Stone Middle, 8th grade.

Westfield Pyramid Art Show Sparkles

Westfield High held its Pyramid Art Show, Thursday-Friday, June 9-10.



Lucia Rodriguez, Westfield junior.



Natalie Balderston, Westfield junior.



David Rehn, Stone Middle, 8th grade.



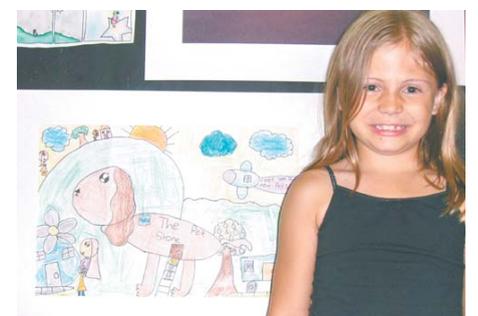
Graham Ryder, Westfield junior.



Catie Gunn, Virginia Run Elementary, 2nd grade.



Faizah Kabir, London Towne Elementary, 5th grade.



Amy Reuter, Deer Park Elementary, 2nd grade.

ENTERTAINMENT



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JUNE 16 AND 18

Auditions. "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" by Zemfira Stage. Thursday, June 16 from 7 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring a comedic song to sing. Bring sheet music or instrumental-only recording; an accompanist will be available. Held at 5200 Tre Towers Court, Centreville. Call 703-615-6626 to schedule audition.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

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Acoustic Open Jam. 6 to 8 p.m. NOVA Music Center, 7144 Main St. in Clifton, is holding an

Acoustic Open Jam, and it will continue every other Friday. For more information, call Erich Russekrobbins at 703-830-7141. The music store also has new hours: Monday-Friday, noon-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-6 p.m.

Clifton Elem. Open House. 5 to 7 p.m. Clifton Elementary School will celebrate its legacy of academic achievement, cherished memories, and its relationship with the Clifton community during an open house. Student artwork and writing will be on display, along with memorabilia from previous years. There will be a multimedia presentation along with music and light refreshments. All former and current Clifton Elementary School students, staff, parents, and community members are invited to attend the event. Call 703-988-8000.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

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SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More than 400 antique and classic vehicles fill the grounds at Sully Historic Site. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Model A Ford Club of America. Admission is \$9/adults; \$8/seniors; \$6/children. At Sully Historic Site, one mile north of Route 50 at Route 28. Call 703-324-8662.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Healthcare Law Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Galen Institute president Grace-Marie Turner will speak about the new healthcare law at the Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) meeting. She will do a book signing of Why ObamaCare Is Wrong for America, which she co-authored. At Centreville High School.

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Road Check 2011

During this year's RoadCheck in Chantilly, Motor Carrier Safety Officers from the Fairfax County Police Department inspected 61 trucks and placed 22 out of service for serious safety violations. Numerous trucks were cited for violations and required on-site repairs before they were allowed back on the road.

The June 9 event, from 7 to 11 a.m., was part of a national effort to target unsafe commercial vehicles. Officers set up an inspection station at E. C. Lawrence Park in Chantilly and in conjunction with several local and state law enforcement agencies, conducted inspections of commercial vehicles, climbing in, over, and under vehicles to examine brake systems, vehicle frames, fuel system, vehicle light systems, steering mechanisms, axles, suspension, tires, cargo securement, appropriate driver and cargo

documentation among other items. Officers receive special training from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to be certified to conduct such inspections.

The RoadCheck program started in 1988 by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, a not-for-profit organization of motor carrier safety officers from the United States, Canada and Mexico. During early June jurisdictions throughout North America set up inspection stations during a 72-hour period conducting extensive safety inspections of commercial motor carriers and buses.

In addition to county Motor Carrier Safety Officers, officers from the Herndon Police Department, City of Fairfax Police Department, Fort Belvoir Police Department, the Virginia State Police, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department participated in inspections.

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Senior Police Officer Eddie Stapleton of the Herndon Police Department Motor Division recently finished his federal training to be certified to conduct inspections. He is checking to see whether the vehicle's brakes are adjusted correctly at the RoadCheck 2011 conducted at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park by the Fairfax County Motor Carrier Safety Officers on June 9.



Fairfax County Police Officer Sean Regan and Captain Dean Sherick, of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue department, watch as a driver inches his truck onto mobile scales at the Fairfax County Motor Carrier unit RoadCheck 2011 motor carrier safety inspection station at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park on June 9. Officers noted that the truck's tires were bulging and were concerned that the vehicle was carrying an overweight load of gravel. Officers put scales under each of the six tires and then added the total weight together to calculate the cargo weight.



Master Police Officer Shannon Corbeau of the Franconia District Station inspects the U-bolts that attach this truck body to its chassis.



PFC Harold Morris interviews this truck driver with Herndon Senior Police Officer Eddie Stapleton at RoadCheck 2011 conducted by the Fairfax County Motor Carrier Safety unit on June 9.



Patrol Officer Sally McGowan and Firefighter Tanya Hall inspect the truck's brake pads.



After sampling the fuel in this truck, a Senior Special Agent with the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles Law Enforcement finds that it is operating with the wrong fuel, so the vehicle is put out of service until the tanks are purged.

Confused Yet Again



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I really hope that the nesting/organizing/getting-things-in-order-type behavior I've been exhibiting lately is not my subconscious cashing a check that my conscious hasn't even written. Certainly we're all entitled, periodically, to spring-clean but when you're post-the-end-date of your oncologist's original prognosis (two years), everything takes on added significance – and meaning. And simply being grateful for having lived beyond your doctor's original expectations doesn't always carry the day; there are nights to worry about, too. So yes – in my head, anyway, I wonder why I'm doing things and I am extremely sensitive as well, to what my body is doing (or not doing), that is: whether what I'm feeling/how I'm behaving is a symptom of my having stage IV lung cancer or predictable – and normal, middle age?

Hopefully, my arranging/simplifying my life-activity of late is nothing more than time on my hands and the motivation to use them to try and make that life easier/less complicated. Then again, it might not. It might be the part of our brain that we don't use – or even control, making decisions for me. I keep remembering a M*A*S*H episode when Radar was telling Capt. Pierce about his Uncle Ernest who sort of knew things in advance (like Radar), and how two days before he died, Uncle Ernest moved closer to the undertaker. "How thoughtful," Hawkeye wise-cracked. I don't believe I'm Uncle Ernest reborn (after all, he was a fictional character); still, being affected by television programming as I have – and am, I can't completely ignore Radar's story, humorous though it was meant to be.

And another coincidence is worrying me, again. My wife, Dina, thinks our two cats, Biscuit and Cappuccino, are hanging around me more, as if they know something life-changing (heck, let's be honest; life-ending) is imminent. We've noticed this animal-instinct behavior twice before: once when I was chemo-sick and another time when our rabbit, Chester, now deceased, was having health problems – to which he eventually succumbed. The cats hung around Chester's cage. I'd like to think, although I'm having a little difficulty convincing myself, totally, that the cats are hanging around me because they love me and because I "treat" them, feed them – mostly, and clean out their litter box – always. Dina is not so sure. She thinks, if I were to characterize out of context, that the cat's attentiveness is a version of the elephant's graveyard (if you know your Tarzan movies), the place where elephants go to die when they know they're close to death. I don't want to believe any of it, except I did grow up watching Johnny Weismuller's Tarzan movies and since I never had any real pets growing up (other than parakeets and those 50-cent turtles once sold at Woolworth's), and Dina did, I've never observed animal behavior other than on television. Dina was raised with lots of pets, even had a horse, and never watched Tarzan movies so maybe she knows something – that I certainly don't, about animal behavior that she actually witnessed which possibly could be relevant now or even accurate? Then again, perhaps the cats' behavior of late is simply about proximity and familiarity and any similarity to instinctual/sixth sense-type behavior is purely coincidental?

Nevertheless, it's impossible to ignore certain behaviors, both mine and others who live with me/see me most often. Somebody knows something. Perhaps those closest to me know the most. Presumably they would notice the slight, almost imperceptible signs, changes that most casual observers, even non-casual observers like myself might miss (or who are loathe/afraid to admit). And since I have never been one to look in the mirror, especially when I was bald for all those months during – and a little bit after – my heavy chemotherapy, another set of eyes would likely see some truths that are not self-evident.

As much as I try not to focus on myself and my circumstances, however, invariably an unexpected observation or a twinge or a random thought will cause the inevitable trip back to cancer land. It's not always a horrible trip, and so far, all my trips have not resulted in falls, nor have they been one way. But they have been my way. And in my opinion/experience, there's only one way to view all this cancer stuff: askance, or not. Ergo my continuing problem/dilemma.

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Home Life Style

Bringing the Indoors Outside

Reston home expands kitchen, family room and more out into the open air.

BY JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION

One of the advantages of Northern Virginia's generally mild climate is that homeowners can use their outdoor spaces with impunity—often socializing outside until the first frost. Clearly, this is one reason why local indoor/outdoor solutions are increasingly well-furnished, highly-equipped and often wired living rooms that just happen to be surrounded by trees and fresh air.

Case in point: the recently completed screen porch and decking system to a Reston home situated on two acres peacefully nestled into a wooded set-aside.

The spacious five-bedroom home the owners had purchased in 1997 already included a 330-square-foot screen porch linked to a great room on the south corner of the rear elevation and a 780-square-foot deck on the opposite corner that segued from the sun room. The two outdoor platforms were not linked but thoughts of forming a larger whole were well underway when Troy Fenley and team entered the scene. Fenley, now at Sun Design Remodeling in Burke, was completing several interior rooms for the Reston residence when the owner asked him to chat about some ideas for finishing the outdoor space.

"What came up very early was that [the homeowner] not only wanted to

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The state-of-the-art outdoor kitchen of this Reston home features a gas grill, a wok, warming drawers and a clean-up sink as well as stainless steel cabinetry embedded in a stone-faced support. The glass canopy protects the chef from passing rain clouds.



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The solution included double the size of the screen porch—which now includes stone-faced gas fireplace, rotating overhead fans and a flat screen TV. A perfect place to take in the game—well into the fall.



Guest Room Shuffle

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI
THE CONNECTION

Local interior designers Lauren Liess from Herndon and Jill Sorensen from McLean have turned many rooms into guest rooms for their clients. They have spent years learning the tricks for updating a guestroom quickly and inexpensively while creating an inviting space.

Though their decorating talents are in high demand and the jobs they do command top dollar, Liess and Sorensen have each developed several tricks that can work on any budget to create a guest bedroom with appeal.

If the homeowner is fortunate enough to have a dedicated space for a guest bedroom, the prep work before a guest arrives is less.

"Guests are looking for a room that's comfortable and inviting but empty enough for them to put their things. You don't want it to be as cold as a hotel," says Liess. Liess said that having a space for two suitcases, on a stand or on the floor, is key and that clearing space in a closet for guests to hang their clothes is important. "These touches will make them feel welcome," Liess said.

"A fantastic mattress, super soft sheets and great towels," are the elements Sorensen sees going into an elegant guest room and generous budget. "Comfort makes the difference. I would add a seating area and a desk. And situate the room in a quiet part of the house," Sorensen said.

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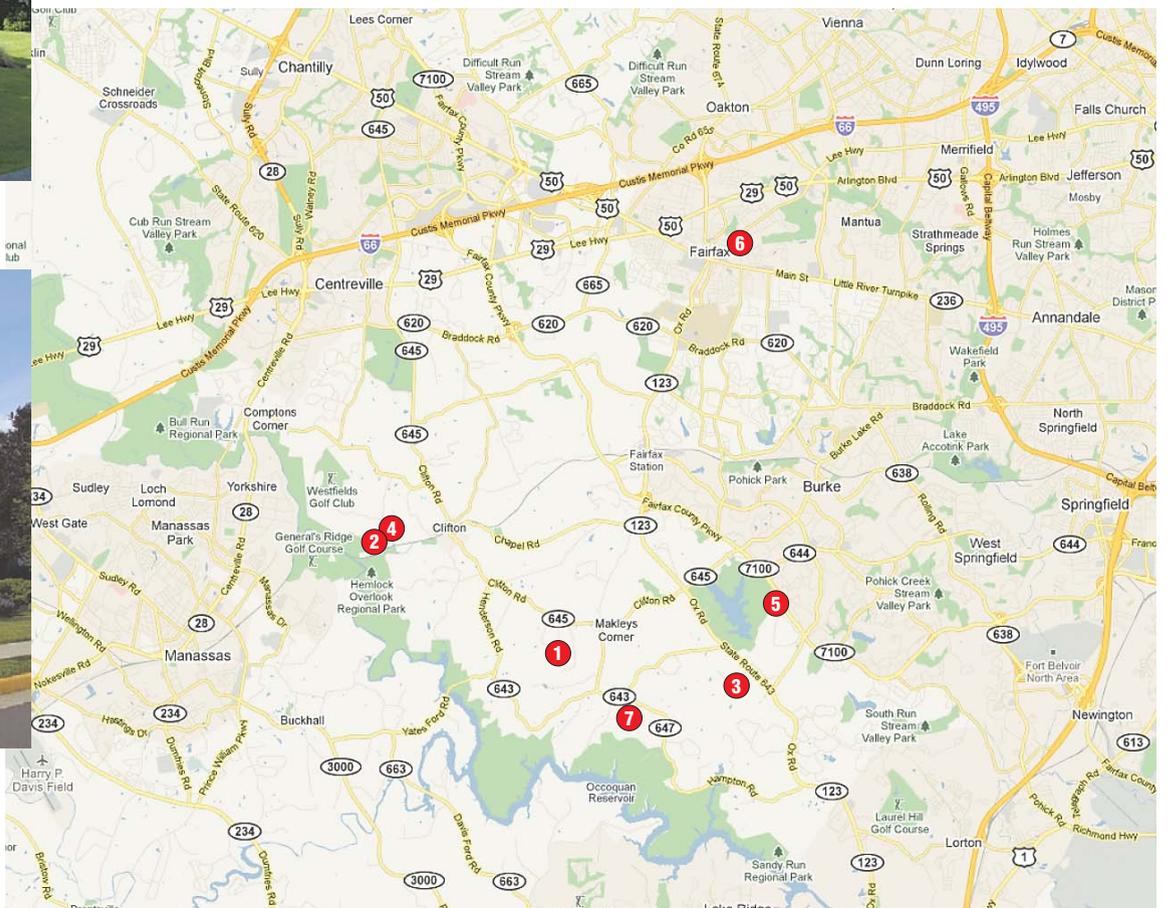
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Bringing the Indoors Outside

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enlarge and link the outdoor platforms,” Fenley said, “but he also envisioned stone planters, a masonry water feature, a safety zone for a wood-burning fire, a sizeable outdoor kitchen and the capacity to entertain 50 to 75 people at a time. I concluded that handling the structural requirements for that much weight would be a top priority.”

As the conversation evolved, so, too, the project’s scope and heft. The screen porch was to be expanded from 330 to 525 square feet. There was to be a stone-faced gas fireplace in one corner, several rotating overhead fans, and a flat screen television in an opposite corner. A wrought iron table would seat eight.

Moreover, there would be intricate detailing throughout, and it was all to be maintenance free.

“The owner told me that he was finished with wood,” Fenley said. The porch interiors, railings and the deck itself needed to be constructed of materials that wouldn’t rust or rot, or even require much painting or cleaning.

Since the deck is 15 feet above grade, an early step was to calculate expected loads from 15 250-pound planters, an L-shaped outdoor kitchen made of stone, large crowds of bouncing guests and (looking ahead) a water feature weighing several tons. Taking all that into account, Fenley and team devised a structural solution that called for a steel frame undergirding attached to four vertical steel columns which are, in turn, mounted on concrete caissons.

A spiral stair now connects the upper deck to the lower deck, which includes a hot tub and access to

landscaped gardens. The owner, who recently threw a party for 50 that included a musical combo, attests that traffic flows smoothly in all directions.

For all its fine detailing, though, the new complex is also a study in cutting edge, low-maintenance technologies. Exposed wooden deck flooring has been replaced with cellular PVC planks completely resistant to rotting. The new railings are powder-coated aluminum custom-fabricated to specification. The convincingly “old school” material used in the pristinely classic crown molding and fine trimwork is not wood—but PVC.

The state-of-the-art outdoor kitchen—which occupies the deck’s northeast corner—provides for every gourmet consideration. Responding to the owner’s detailed use requirements, the final design features an open work-zone defined (vertically) by a four-post cedar trellis topped by glass-canopy and (horizontally) by an L-shaped solid granite food preparation surface.

The kitchen includes a Viking gas grill, a wok, warming drawers and a clean-up sink as well as stainless steel cabinetry embedded in a stone-faced support.

The owner says the new setting is used most of the year. This year - with the corner hearth blazing cheerfully and the TV on - he anticipates fall afternoons taking in the game — maybe even the playoffs.

Sun Design Remodeling frequently holds workshops on home remodeling topics at their office in Burke, see www.SunDesignInc.com.

“The owner told me that he was finished with wood.”

— **Troy Fenley,**
Sun Design Remodeling

Guest Room Shuffle

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Both agree that thinking ahead to anticipate your guests’ needs will make for an easier trip for everyone. Small details, like a cleared space on a night stand, an alarm clock and soap and towels they know are for their use make guests feel welcome and autonomous because they do not immediately have to ask their hosts for things.

Champagne tastes can still be achieved on a low budget if the homeowner is willing to get creative with what they have. Designers do this all the time. They will walk through a home and pick up decorative items or hanging art and bring it from one room into another to give it a polished look.

If it’s been awhile since you had company, chances are your guest room has morphed into a catch-all room with boxes of out of season clothes, a desk from a deceased relative and anything else that needed storage space. These rooms need a little work but can be transformed for under \$100.

“Paint your dressers a fun color and tie it in with fun bedding and pillows,” said Liess. “If you’ve just used it to store items, get everything out of there and put it in another room for a little while.”

Sorensen agrees. “Clear clutter; most bad design starts with clutter. Empty is better than a bunch of mismatched stuff. Donate your unused items to a

shelter or to someone who needs it. Paint the mismatched furniture one color to make them go together.”

Colleen Donnelly of Herndon said the best thing she puts on the dresser for her out of town guests are copies of the local bus schedule going downtown. “Everyone wants to go to DC. I’ve gone a million times by now, so I have copies of the bus schedule. It has times and where it stops so they can go into the city and stay as long as they want without needing us to drive them.”

Sometimes space is at a premium and a family member, usually a child, will give up their room while guests are in town. Liess and Sorensen have some suggestions to keep guests from feeling like they are intruding on someone else’s space. “The first thing is to take down anything personal or gender specific,” Liess says. “Clear off the desk and make sure guests know it’s their space to use. If there’s cutesy bedding, take that off. And make sure it’s not Toyland in the room,” said Liess.

What if unexpected company calls and you aren’t ready. What do designers suggest you do then? “Make sure it’s neat and clean. Put in a bouquet of fresh flowers and a bottle of water by the bed. They’ll feel welcome and won’t worry about the rest,” said Sorensen.

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Chantilly fans were out in full force to support the Chargers during Saturday's state finals game versus Langley.



Chantilly High's Jared Golden (10), with a Saxon player behind him, makes his move with the ball.

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Chargers' Quest for Another State Crown Falls Short

Chantilly's outstanding postseason ends with state finals loss to Langley.

BY RICH SANDERS
CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly's quest for its second-ever Virginia state boys' lacrosse title fell short when the Chargers lost its state finals contest to Northern Region rival Langley, 17-8, last Saturday night in front of a near-capacity crowd at Westfield High School.

It marked the third time over the last four years in which Chantilly has played in the state championship game. The Chargers, who are coached by Kevin Broderick, won the state title in 2008. In 2009, they lost to Langley in the state finals. And on Saturday, once again, it was Chantilly and Langley meeting in the finals with the Saxons coming away victorious — winning their third consecutive state championship under longtime head coach Earl Brewer.

Chantilly made a remarkable postseason run this spring, capturing both the Concorde District and Northern Region crowns and then advancing to the state title tilt.

The Chargers, facing a Langley team that accounted for their only regular season loss, fell behind early and were never able to recover in Saturday's finals. Langley tallied the game's first five goals on way to the dominating win.

"They played a great game," said Chantilly senior tri-captain Devon Westerman, of the Saxons.

Langley, indeed, played one of its best games of the season. From start to finish, the Saxons seemed to control a majority of the action.

"We've worked hard and come together as a team," said Langley senior attack player Mike Adams, who scored nine goals to lead the three-time champions. "This feels awesome. I knew when we stepped up nobody could beat us. And we definitely stepped up tonight. It wasn't any one individual. It was a team win."

Langley (19-3) started the postseason off with three consecutive wins at the Liberty District tournament, including a finals win over Madison High School on May 12. The

Saxons then won their first two games — victories over T.C. Williams and Oakton — at the 16-team Northern Region tournament.

But a semifinals round upset loss to Annandale, 12-8, on May 23 at Oakton High School ended Langley's region title hopes and put them in the uncomfortable third place consolation game versus West Springfield. At stake in the contest with the Spartans, a team experiencing a breakout winning season, was a birth at the eight-team state playoffs. The Saxons, putting away the disappointment of the loss to Annandale, rose to the occasion and handled the scrappy West Springfield squad, 11-7, to advance to states.

"That loss to Annandale definitely motivated us," said Adams. "I think [in the long run] it helped us."

At Battlefield High (Haymarket) in a state quarterfinals round game, Langley pulled out a gritty, 6-5 OT victory on June 3. Then, in a rematch with Annandale five days later at Westfield High, the Saxons avenged their

earlier regional playoff loss to the Atoms with an inspiring 10-7 triumph which put the Saxons back into the state championship game for a third straight year.

By that point, Langley, having tasted both good and bad moments during its five-week postseason march, was not about to be denied and handled the Chargers to garner their third consecutive state title.

"It's surreal to win it again," said Langley junior goalie Andrew Spivey.

THREE GOALS WITHIN the first four minutes of play — scores from sophomore midfielder Luke Salzer, junior midfielder Hunter Bentz, and Adams — resulted in an early Chantilly timeout.

The Chargers came back out and got off three good scoring chances, including a wrap-around, close range shot from senior Craig Penman, whose attempt hit metal and bounced away. But Chantilly could not break through into the scoring column.

A short time later, Adams, off an assist

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Kellie Sanders, a senior women's softball player at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal), received the Coaches' Award for softball during the spring sports season. She was also named to the Delaney Athletic Conference All-Conference Softball Team. Sanders is the daughter of Kathy Sanders of Centreville. Randolph-Macon Academy is a college prep school for students in grades 6 through 12.

Corey Aferiat, a Chantilly High graduate and Fairfax resident, had a solid season for the Muhlenberg College (Allentown, Pa.) men's lacrosse team this

spring. Aferiat, a junior, started 10 games at attack for the Mules, scoring eight goals and 11 points. He was named Centennial Conference Offensive Player of the Week after scoring three goals against then-No. 11 ranked Gettysburg. It was Muhlenberg's first win ever over Gettysburg. Aferiat is tied for 13th in program history with 51 career points and is eighth all-time with 22 assists. Muhlenberg picked up a pair of wins over top 25 teams in 2011, but missed out on the conference playoffs after finishing 5-9 overall.

Registration is open for the **2011 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO)**,

which will take place Sept. 17-28. Over 25 indoor and outdoor events, from track and field to scrabble and chess, are offered. Senior adults 50 years of age and over, who live in a sponsoring jurisdiction, are eligible to participate. Registration information is available at local senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Details and registration forms are also available online at www.nvso.us. Deadline to register is Sept. 1. The fee is \$10 plus \$1 per event. There are additional charges for golf, miniature golf, bowling and fencing. Seniors may compete in more than one event. Each event is divided into age categories and some by

gender. Winners will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals after each event. The events will take place at various locations throughout Northern Virginia.

New events in 2011 are badminton, volleyball, cycling and a 1,600 meter run. Events are track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, golf, miniature golf, ten pin bowling, Wii bowling, pickleball, racquetball, scrabble, bocce, cribbage, fencing, chess, duplicate bridge, backgammon, bunco, horseshoes, men's 3 on 3 basketball, men and women's basketball free throw, team line

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Chantilly Misses State Crown

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from senior attack Jack Sandusky, scored off the right corner from close range to make it 4-0 Langley. Less than a minute after that, Sandusky, on the move, sent a sizzling bouncer into the net from the right wing. That made the score 5-0 with just over five minutes remaining in the first period.

"I think they came into the game [rolling]," said Westerman, of the Saxons' fast start. "We were waiting for things to happen, waiting for someone else to make a play and that hurt us."

Chantilly's Daniel DeCenzo, a junior attack, scored the Chargers' first goal — a quick turnaround liner over his right shoulder off the right side — to make it 5-1 with 4 minutes, 23 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Langley's Salzer, shortly after a Langley timeout, scored from 18 yards out on a bouncer shot off the left wing to make it 6-1 Saxons, the score going into the second quarter.

"Coming out and leading 5-0, 6-1 and getting that much momentum, that was a great feeling," said Spivey, the Langley goalie who made several stellar stops in the net at the close of the first quarter as Chantilly was trying to gain some life. "I was confident. I had a few saves early in the game and that helped me."

Langley's dominance continued throughout the second quarter as the Saxons scored the first five goals of the 12-minute session to build an 11-1 lead. Adams scored three of his team's goals during that stretch.

Chantilly carried a little momentum into the half following scores from Cole Fitzgerald and Kyle O'Connor but the Chargers still trailed 11-3 at the intermission.

The Langley lead increased to 13-3 over the first

five minutes of the third quarter. Chantilly then came up with its best scoring spell of the game, scoring three straight goals — scores from Kyle Louis, Westerman, and Penman — to get the Chargers within 13-6 going into the final quarter.

The Saxons put the game away for good early on in the fourth on consecutive goals by Adams and one from senior midfielder Davis Wagner to make the score 16-6. The final ended up being 17-8.

"We won the little balls, hustled to ground balls, and Spivey played great for us," said Adams, pin-pointing a few keys in his team's win.

Along with Adams' huge scoring game, Langley also got two goals apiece from Bentz, Salzer, and Sandusky.

Chantilly goals came from Cole Fitzgerald, Kyle Louis, DeCenzo, O'Connor, Penman, Westerman and Nico Alcalde.

THE CHARGERS (21-2) had an outstanding season. They lost just one time — to Langley, 11-10 — during a spring break game in the regular season and captured the Concorde District tournament crown with an 8-5 finals win over Robinson on May 12. At regionals, the Chargers reached the finals with wins over Mount Vernon, Woodson, and West Springfield. Then, in the region title game, Chantilly earned a nail-biter 12-11 win over Annandale.

At states, Chantilly won games over Patrick Henry and Albemarle High (Charlottesville) to reach the championship encounter with Langley.

"People didn't believe in us and didn't believe we'd be here [in the state finals]," said Westerman, of a Chantilly squad which had lost a number of solid players to graduation last spring. "But we won our district and the region. Everybody loved everybody out there. We were all brothers out there."

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dancing, yo-yo tricks, eight ball pool, Frisbee throw and softball hit and throw.

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SCHOOL NOTES

JUNE 27 TO JULY 1

Young Actors' Workshop. 9 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the Westfield Theatre Boosters, this high-energy, educational summer camp is open to elementary students in rising grades 3-6. Tuition is \$125 and classes will be held at Westfield High. Through theatre games, acting exercises, songs and dances, students will

The **12th annual Tim Harmon Memorial 5K Run/Walk** will be held Saturday, June 25, at 8:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Prizes will be awarded to the top three male and female overall finishers and the top age-group finishers. More than 100 medals and trophies will be presented, and door

prizes will also be awarded.

Register online at www.prraces.com or in person on race day, from 7 to 8:15 a.m. Entry fee is \$25; registered participants receive custom T-shirts. For more information, call 703-383-8441, e-mail peggy.cook@fairfaxcounty.gov or see www.timharmon5k.org.

discover the artist inside themselves. The week culminates with a show for friends and family featuring routines made famous by Westfield Theatre actors.

Led by professional actor Ashley Dillard and current Westfield Theatre actor and choreographer Colby Dezelick, the workshop is a great place to learn the basics about theatre arts.

Westfield Theatre actors Kevin Clay, Trevor Knickerbocker, Avery Hobbs and others will be camp counselors. Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for the Young Actors' Workshop. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for an enrollment form and more information or contact Producer Patti Dezelick at patti@dezelick.com.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Clifton Elem. Open House. 5 to 7 p.m. Clifton Elementary School will celebrate its legacy of academic achievement, cherished memories, and its relationship with the Clifton community during an open house. Student artwork and writing will be on display, along with memorabilia

from previous years. There will be a multimedia presentation along with music and light refreshments. All former and current Clifton Elementary School students, staff, parents, and community members are invited to attend the event. Call 703-988-8000.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Healthcare Law Talk. 7:30 p.m. Galen Institute president Grace-Marie Turner will speak about the new healthcare law at the Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) meeting and will do a book signing. The meeting will be at Centreville High School and begins at 7:30 p.m., with coffee and refreshments at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

Centreville Immigration Forum. 7:30 to 9 p.m. The meeting will provide updates on plans for current CIF projects, including the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLARC), which is planned to provide a safe location for temporary workers (day laborers) to meet employers. Meets at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway, Centreville. Contact info@centrevilleimmigrationforum.org or call 703-346-6030.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Oakton Baptist Church Anniversary. Oakton Baptist Church will celebrate its 28th

anniversary as a church with a barbeque dinner following the 11 a.m. worship service and music in the afternoon with Bob Stone and the Virginia Gospel Singers from Fredericksburg, Va. At 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-631-1799.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Rabies Clinic. 2 to 4 p.m. Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for pets at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Cost is \$12 per pet. No rabies tags will be issued at the clinic; however, 2011 dog licenses will be sold at the clinic for an additional \$10 per dog. Call

703-830-1100.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

Binge Drinking Forum. 7 p.m. At Westfield High School. Features a screening and panel discussion on the documentary, "Haze," designed for parents and their college-bound teens. Speakers will include Raymond Morrogh, Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County; William Hauda, M.D., emergency physician, Inova Fairfax Hospital; Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer and Captain Bruce Ferguson, Commander, Youth Services Division; Jeff Levy, father of a student who died following drinking at a college party; and a college student. A Q&A session will follow.

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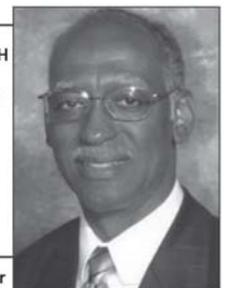


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