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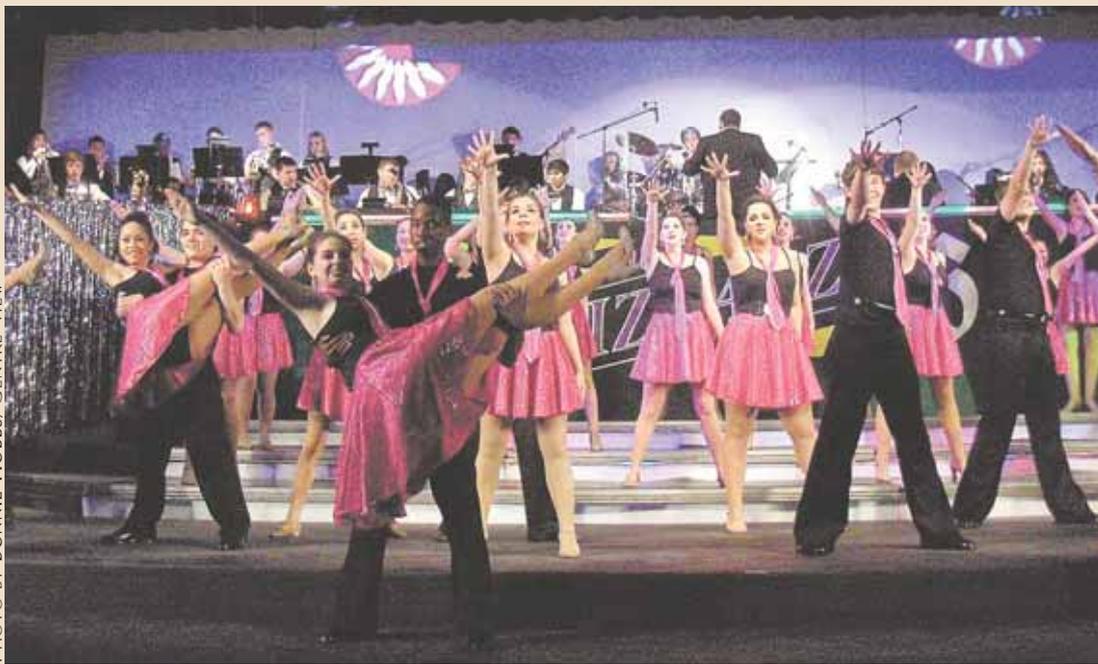


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“Jet Lag” was the finale of last year’s Jazz & Pizzazz show.

Singers, Dancers, Musicians Galore

Chantilly’s annual Jazz & Pizzazz is May 29-June 1.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly High’s Jazz & Pizzazz isn’t just any musical-entertainment show. It’s a high-octane, raise-the-roof extravaganza featuring award-winning singers and dancers in colorful and energetic spectacle.

This year’s event, the 27th annual, runs Wednesday-Saturday, May 29, 30 and 31 and June 1, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at www.ChantillyChoral.org. They’re also available at the door, but Friday and

Saturday nights usually sell out, so advance purchases are recommended for those shows.

Guiding the singers are Choral Directors Juliana Woodill and Evan Ayars, who joined Chantilly in September to replace retired Choral Director Glenn Cockrell.

“It’s been an adventure,” said Woodill. “We wanted to find a balance between maintaining the old traditions and giving the show a more modern, fresh and contemporary feel.”

“I’m excited about being part of this wonderful event and I’m also looking forward to being the emcee,” said Ayars. “And having enjoyed the show as an audience member, it’s nice to be involved in

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From the Performers’ Point of View

Singers, musicians talk about Chantilly’s upcoming show.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Performing in Chantilly High’s annual Jazz & Pizzazz show is more than being a student entertaining the community; it’s also about carrying on a tradition for more than a quarter of a century.

“It’s a combination of a ton of people working together to make something neat,” said trombone player Aaron Smith. “The audience gets the entire band and show choir, and it just adds up to a great show.”

The senior said a lot of effort goes into Jazz & Pizzazz but, when it’s done, the performers are happy to have been in it. He chose trombone as his instrument because “it’s just fun to play.” His favorite number is “Blackbird” because of “the way it’s arranged and changed into more of a funky tune.”

A trumpet player since fifth grade, senior Matt

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Family and Friends Mourn Trish Stach

Centreville woman dies on Mother’s Day.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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It’s bad enough to lose a wife and mother; having her die on Mother’s Day only makes it worse. But on Sunday, May 12, Centreville’s Trish Stach lost her battle with breast cancer at age 59. She’d fought the disease for 15 years and ultimately died of complications from it.

“My plan was to grow old with her.”

— David Stach, Trish’s husband

would improve her condition. So when she died, we were taken by surprise.”

Residents of the Rocky Run community, the couple has three children. Liesl, 21, is majoring in creative writing at Roanoke College and is currently in Cambodia for her travel-writing course. Dieter, almost 20, is a freshman at NOVA, and Paetr, 16, is a Westfield High sophomore who plays football and basketball.

“God was central in Trish’s life, and her faith drove everything she did and what we did together,” said her husband. “We had disagreements, but were never angry at each other, and it made for a great environment for raising the children.”

Born in New York, she was one of seven children. “Initially, she

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July 31 would have been Trish and David Stach’s 25th wedding anniversary.

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Chantilly's Next Stop: The Kennedy Center

Funny, heartwarming play receives 11 Cappie nominations.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Chantilly High's Cappies play was called, "You Can't Take It with You." But if all goes well for the school at next month's Cappies ceremony, Chantilly could take home some trophies for its side-splitting play.

It received 11 nominations, and all the high-school theater winners will be unveiled, June 9, during the 14th annual Cappies Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Chantilly was nominated for best play; lead actor and actress in a play; supporting actress, comic actor and featured actress in a play; creativity; props; set; lighting and critics team.

"We're thrilled," said Director Ed Monk. "And we're pleased with the best play nomination because it means the critics liked our show. I asked the kids to create real people, not just characters, and I think they did — and that's why it meant more to the audience."

So although the characters were zany, they had to be believable. Because of it, said Monk, "One minute, you're laughing hysterically; and the next minute, your heart's breaking — so the play goes back and forth between laughter and sadness. And that's really gratifying because that's the way life is."

Matt Calvert and Stephanie Feedback received best actor and actress nominations, and Monk said they were "a real team onstage; and together, they were a believable couple, very realistic. They did a beautiful job with all the subtle things they did and their reactions."

Nominated for supporting actress was Brooke Johnson, and Monk called it "well-deserved. That part was originally written for a man, so she had to be a strong woman, but believable in the context of 1937. She couldn't ham it up; she had to be more controlled."

Josh Lutz is Chantilly's comic actor nomi-

nee. "It's a small part, so it's nice that he was recognized," said Monk. "The critics picked up on all the subtleties of his performance. And he stayed in character and reacted, even when the focus wasn't on him."

The featured actress nominee was Chloe Vasquez. "Besides working on the set, as did Josh, she was perfect for her part," said Monk. "She was onstage only a minute, but she was hysterical. And she had to lay still and make everyone forget she was there."

Honored for creativity were Roshni Gorur and Emily Sakowitz. They wrote the piano music for the opening, closing and transitions between scenes and, said Monk, "It worked out really well." As for props, he said, "We're happy they worked and we're glad to get the nomination."

Lutz, Vasquez, Drew Pardo and Mia Rickenbach were nominated for their set of the inside of a huge, two-story house. "They were excited about the show and really worked well together on the concept, period and color scheme," said Monk. "They were dedicated and enthusiastic, and three of them were in the show, as well, so they had to keep going back and forth."

They developed several designs before their final one and also had to fit in a trap door tall enough for the actors to go down. "And it took lots of time and work for them to create 'rooms' behind doors and hallways to keep the audience in the world of the show," said Monk. "In 14 years of Cappies, we've been nominated for set, every year but two — and that's a credit to the kids, who learn from each other."

Pardo was also nominated for lighting. "The tech kids had the same level of commitment as the actors, and that's why the house, lights, sound and costumes all seemed real and came together so well," said Monk. "Usually, a lighting nomination is for really flashy stuff, like special effects, so to get it for a straight play was a really nice compliment. Drew even took the time to wire all the lamps so they could be dimmed with the stage lights for a really nice effect."

Regarding the critics team, Monk said the members "worked hard and it was nice to also have freshmen on the team this year." The show was double cast and, said Monk, "Both casts were equally talented and did a beautiful job. We picked a name out of the



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRISTINE CHOI

Stephanie Feedback (as Alice) and Matt Calvert (as Tony) in a tender moment from the play.

hat for the Cappies show cast."

Now it's on to The Kennedy Center, where Monk says he'll be pleased with whatever happens. "The last time we got 11 nominations was for 'The Front Page,' about 10

years ago, and we didn't win anything," he said. "So if we get something, it's great; but if not, we'll still have fun at the gala, dressing up and performing. It's a celebratory night and everybody will have a good time."

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Christine Quetsch from Chantilly High School is a recipient of a 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Community Spirit Scholarship.

Andrew Criminski, the son of Scott and Charmain Criminski of Oak Hill, and Therese Criminski of San Diego, has been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's dean's list for the third quarter of the 2012-13 school year. Andrew is a senior at Randolph-Macon.

Rongsong Cai, the son of Zhiyun Wang of Fairfax, has been named to Randolph-Macon Academy's dean's list for the third quarter of the 2012-13 school year. Rongsong is a junior at Randolph-Macon.

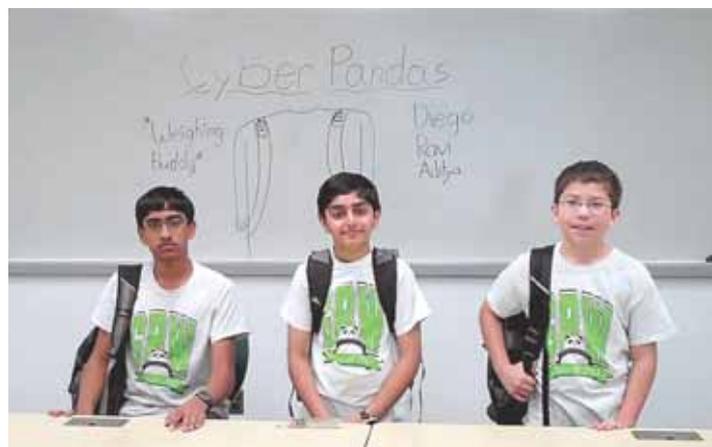


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eCybermission State Winners

Greenbriar West Elementary's Cyber Pandas won first place in the state for the 6th grade division in this year's eCybermission challenge. The eCybermission challenge is a nationwide STEM competition sponsored by the U.S. Army for students in 6th to 9th grade. The Cyber Pandas team consists of Diego Gutierrez, Aditya Koneru and Ravi Dudhagra, who have been coached by GBW parent Felipe Gutierrez. As the winners of the state competition, each team member will be awarded a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond. The team was also ranked as one of the top four teams in the Northeastern U.S. which contains 14 states.

Centreville, Westfield Garner Cappies Nods

'Cabaret' and 'Flowers for Algernon' honored.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When the winners are announced during the 14th annual Cappies Gala, June 9, at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., students from Centreville and Westfield high schools will be there, eager for the results.

That's because both schools were nominated for awards for their Cappies shows. Centreville received nominations for its high-spirited musical, "Cabaret," and Westfield was recognized for its touching play, "Flowers for Algernon."

Centreville's honors are for ensemble in a musical, the Kit Kat Girls, and female dancer, Nora Winsler. Comprising the Kit Kat Girls were Anna Adere, Cameron Daly, Elaine Edwards, Stephanie Rathjen, Jemma Stratton, Sarah Wills and Winsler.

"The ensemble of the Kit Kat Girls was so fortuitous," said Centreville Theater Director Mike Hudson. "They maintained the energy and served as a common thread throughout the show. All the girls were so energetic and they soaked up the choreography. They kept a high level of focus and never dropped the mark. They brought an electric touch, and I am very proud of them."

Regarding Winsler's dancing nomination,



Binta Barry and Joshua Ewalt rehearse a scene from Centreville High's "Cabaret."

he said, "I was not surprised when Nora was nominated for female dancer. She stands out. She can't help it, she just does. Talent, energy, focus and charm — you can't have a better combination — and she sings, too."

Hudson said Winsler draws the audience's eye because "she lives the role and makes it totally real. It is her natural ability to focus and make the character unique and believable."

Her physicality is poised and graceful. She is a precise dancer, but she gives her performances a little something more: The audience feels that she is dancing for them, and that is important."

Westfield's nominations are for best play, lead and supporting actor in a play, creativity, props, costumes, sound, and marketing and publicity. And Director Susie Pike couldn't be happier.

"I am so thrilled that we were nominated for best play," she said. "Everyone in my Theater III and IV class was involved, so it was both a class and Cappie project. And, to me, being nominated is like we won. Being recognized for our hard work is really cool."

Pike said this show was a good choice for the actors she had. "I believe art should make you think, and this show did," she said. "So getting nominations is just icing on the cake."

Mitchell Buckley was nominated for lead actor, and Pike said she's enjoyed seeing his growth from mainly a character actor into a role "with tremendous depth and intelligence. He was able to portray Charlie as kind and lovable before the operation and then transition him into an intelligent human being who saw universally what was going on around him."

"This part is a true, acting challenge, and he played both Charlies with the same amount of energy

and realism" continued Pike. "And seeing this character fall in love and portray such a vast range of emotions in a two-hour show was amazing."

Westfield's nominee for supporting actor in a play is Julian Sanchez. "The minute he auditioned for Bert, I knew I'd found the right person," said Pike. "He was able to play both sides of him — the cool scientist as well as the emotional, human side — and that, to me, is real acting. He was the transition between the doctors only seeing Charlie as a guinea pig for their own benefit and a man."

Alex Mann and Joe Drzemiecki were nominated for creativity. Mann mainly developed the show's original music which Drzemiecki played live. "The music was intertwined within the production where none was written," said Pike. "So it was

special and I'm glad the critics noticed it was original and done by my boys."

Regarding the props nomination, she said, "I'm glad everything we had onstage worked. We had fake mice and a maze for them, and everything we used was from the 1960s."

Zoe Hawryluk received the costume nomination, and Pike said she did a fabulous job researching the time frame and styles and devised color palettes and themes for the characters. For instance, said Pike, "Madeleine [Bloxam] started off in neutral colors; and as her love for Charlie grew, she began wearing more vibrant colors — some even with flowers."

Pike was impressed with the amount of detail Hawryluk went into. "The characters had period shoes and costume jewelry to match each outfit," she said. "Zoe really thought it through, and every costume and accessory had a purpose."

The sound nomination went to Ariana Willis, and Pike said she did a great job "recording the show's teaching machine and making sure the recorded sound matched the stage sound."

Bloxam, Buckley and Sanchez were nominated for marketing and publicity. "They worked well as a team and kept coming up with new ideas," said Pike. "They interviewed the play's leads and developed a pamphlet which the Cappie critics could read when they came in, so they'd get to know a little about the people behind the characters. And I loved their poster design."

Pike said her whole cast was "a joy to work with. I'm so proud of everyone in this play; they all did a fabulous job and did the show exactly as I'd imagined. I wish all the schools could win; we all work hard. It's a joy to go to The Kennedy Center and perform on that stage. What more could I ask for?"



In character for Westfield's "Flowers for Algernon" are (back row, from left) Alex Mann and brothers Brandon and Julian Sanchez and (front, from left) Madeleine Bloxam and Mitchell Buckley.

BUSINESS NOTES

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Inova Fair Oaks Hospital has been named one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals by Truven Health Analytics formerly the healthcare business of Thomson Reuters. The Truven Health 100 Top Hospitals study evaluates performance in 10 areas: mortality; medical complications; patient safety; average patient stay; expenses; profitability; patient satisfaction; adherence to clinical standards of care; post-discharge mortality; and readmission rates for acute myocardial infarction (heart attack), heart failure, and pneumonia. The study is celebrating its 20th year.

Four more retailers have opened their doors at **Fair Oaks Mall**. **The Art of Shaving**, **Clarks**, **Sports Zone Elite** and **Zumiez** are joining the expanding lineup at the area's premier shopping destination.

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Ford Motor Company awarded **Ted Britt Ford** of Fairfax and Chantilly with the Triple Crown award in recognition of outstanding sales performance and exceptional customer service record. The dealership joins an elite group of 22 dealerships across the country recognized with the Triple Crown. Ted Britt Automotive Group is also recognized for being a leader in giving back to the community, supporting local sports programs, teen programs as well as Youth for Tomorrow and Life with Cancer programs in Northern Virginia.

Pennoni Associates, an ENR Top 100 engineering, design, and consulting firm, announced that **Veronica "Vicki" White** has joined the Virginia region as senior business development associate.

The Power of Persistence

New laws will deal with mental health, campus safety.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

In a little over a month, two new bills dealing with mental health and college safety will take effect in Virginia. And both are a result of the work of two members of the Angel Fund board and a small group of politicians.

Born out of the Virginia Tech tragedy, the goal of the nonprofit Angel Fund is to make a difference in young people's lives via education, advocacy and various programs. Its Centreville-based board of directors is especially interested in mental health and translating it into student safety on college campuses.

HB 1609, sponsored by Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), and SB 1342, sponsored by state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), passed the General Assembly and were signed by Gov. Bob McDonnell.

This bill requires colleges and universities to establish a written memorandum of understanding with local community-service boards and/or mental health facilities to expand services for students seeking treatment. All colleges now must designate a point of contact to be notified should a student be involuntarily committed or discharged from a facility.

Colleges must also be included in the



Barker



Hugo



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post-discharge planning of students who have been committed and return to campus. The information sharing is subject to state and federal privacy laws.

To get these bills passed, Angel Fund Board member Greg Richter approached Hugo to patron HB 1609 in the House, and Angel Fund President Lu Ann McNabb asked Petersen to carry this bill in the Senate. Furthermore, both Richter and McNabb went to Richmond and advocated for it in the House and Senate, respectively.

Then, during the session, the Senate changed the word "shall" to "may," rendering the bill meaningless, but appeals to McDonnell by Hugo and Angel Fund led him to amend the language back to "shall." Petersen persuaded the Senate to agree.

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) sponsored HB 2322 and Sen. George Barker (D-39) spon-

sored SB 1078. This bill requires community colleges to designate an individual at each college to serve as a point of contact with a local mental-health facility to facilitate the screening and referral of students who may have emergency or urgent mental-health needs. McDonnell signed this bill, as well, after it passed the General Assembly.

Angel Fund was created in the memory of Reema Samaha, one of the 32 Virginia Tech victims killed by a young college student with serious mental problems. McNabb knew Samaha and her family well and wanted to do whatever she could to prevent such a tragedy from reoccurring on a college campus.

Both the new bills were derived from recommendations of the Virginia College Mental Health Study, released in November 2011: <http://www.law.virginia.edu/pdf/>

news/study_recomm_nov2011.pdf.

"The bills were important to Angel Fund because we believe the mental health of young people is key to their success, happiness and future," said McNabb "The years from 18-26 are very vulnerable years; usually, these are the years when serious mental illnesses, such as bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, manifest themselves." °

"Many young people struggle with depression, anxiety, possible drug and/or alcohol abuse in these years, and some contemplate or commit suicide," she continued. "We believe that anything our society can do — including our institutions of higher learning — to support students through these years is critical."

Grateful to McDonnell for signing the bills and Surovell, Hugo, Barker and Petersen for sponsoring and advocating for them, McNabb said, "We appreciate their tenacity and determination to make significant changes to how we address the treatment of our students' mental health."

Angel Fund also worked with Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) to monitor and review Del. Mark Cole's (R-88) bill, HB 2344, requiring school divisions to establish policies and procedures for the establishment of threat-assessment teams at the K-12 level. That bill was also signed by McDonnell and, like the others, will take effect July 1.

Tea Party Ticket

Republican convention selects conservative slate of candidates for November.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
CENTRE VIEW

Perhaps the biggest sign that the Tea Party has taken control of the Republican Party of Virginia was the yellow Gadsden flag emblem that appeared on placards distributed by supporters of Jeannemarie Devolites Davis, who was one of seven candidates vying to be the nominee for lieutenant governor last weekend at a raucous convention in Richmond. Davis, who represented Fairfax County for a decade in the General Assembly, has a reputation as being a moderate. And yet despite her embrace of the "don't tread on me" iconography, she was eliminated on the first of four ballots in the hotly contested race.

"Frankly, I'm rather appalled by the results, with the ideologically narrow scope of the Republican ticket that emerged in Richmond this weekend," said former Del. Vince Callahan (R-34), who represented Fairfax County for 40 years. "You're turning off the vast majority of Virginians and a significant portion of the Republican base."

The vast majority of the party faithful who packed the halls of the Richmond Coliseum last weekend were looking for the most conservative candidates possible. Republicans were going to select their slate in a statewide primary until last year, when Tea Party supporters of Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/THE CONNECTION

Supporters parade through the Coliseum as they wait for the ballots to be counted.

committee and changed the rules. The primary was spiked in favor of a convention, and moderate Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling dropped out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli to accept the nomination of his party by acclamation Saturday morning. Cuccinelli used the opportunity to underscore his roots in Northern Virginia

"I worked with the Democrat Board of Supervisors in Fairfax County to stop the EPA

from trying to treat rainwater like a pollutant," said Cuccinelli. "And we won."

BUT NORTHERN VIRGINIA was not popular among many of the delegates here, even though the region had more representatives than any other part of the state. Fairfax County had more delegates than any other jurisdiction because of how the seats were allocated, which was based on a for-

mula using the number of Republican votes in the last gubernatorial and presidential elections. When asked about the influence of the region, many of the delegates who packed the Coliseum last weekend said they were suspicious of Northern Virginia.

"When you get bigger populations, you get more people wanting more stuff," said Craig Gilpin, a delegate from Culpepper. "It's too many, unfortunately, too many liberal Yankees in my opinion. That's where they congregate because of its proximity to D.C."

In speeches and in one-on-one conversations, Republicans who participated in the convention sounded that theme over and over — that Democrats supported people wanting more and more resources from the government. One popular bumper sticker seen in the parking garage outside the Coliseum asked: "Are you a maker or a taker?" Clearly the party faithful who gathered in the capital of Virginia last weekend considered themselves makers — supporters of the capitalism and the free enterprise system. The convention had a strong undercurrent of evangelical influence, at times taking on the feeling of a religious revival.

"The very moral fiber of the county is dependent on the strength of the family," said Judy Cook, a delegate from Chantilly. "Those are the issues that are decided on

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GOP Selects Conservatives for November

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by politicians.”

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST surprise of the convention was the victory of conservative preacher E.W. Jackson in the race for attorney general. Few of the delegates considered the pastor from Chesapeake to be a frontrunner until he delivered a barnburner of a speech Saturday afternoon. His supporters held electric candles during the speech, which was delivered with a hellfire-and-brimstone style that had delegates roaring with approval when it was over. Jackson led the other candidates on the first ballot, and kept his lead as other candidates were eliminated in three more rounds of voting. Although many of the Northern Virginia delegates were supporting high-tech businessman Pete Snyder, Jackson was able to win after 10 hours of voting.

“We will not only win an election in November, we will win the hearts and minds of our people and we will save this commonwealth and save this country,” said Jackson. “God will show us the way, but Virginia must lead the way, and let liberty light the way.”

The other competitive race

was for attorney general, which is considered a traditional stepping stone to running for governor of Virginia. The race featured Del. Rob Bell (R-58) of Piedmont and state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) of Harrisonburg, whose father was the party’s candidate for the U.S. Senate in 1978 until he was killed in a plane crash that year. Now the son is following in his footsteps, running for statewide office in a party that has become much more conservative in recent years.

“Are you ready to fight and defeat the EPA and its war on coal? Are you ready to fight to stop Obamacare in its tracks?” Obenshain asked delegates.

“Are you ready to fight to preserve our right to work laws here in Virginia? And are you ready to fight to secure our Second Amendment rights?”

THE SELECTION of Jackson as the candidate for lieutenant governor throws a wild card into the campaign, one that may change the dynamics of how the campaign will unfold. Democrats responded by criticizing the pastor’s previous public statements comparing Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and referring to gays in the military as “sexually twisted.” Democrats now feel they have a



The Jeannemarie Devolites Davis campaign tried to adopt the symbol of the Tea Party, but she was eliminated in the first round of voting.

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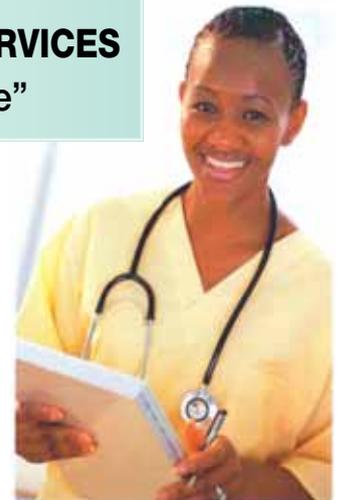
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OPINION

Still Remembering on Memorial Day

The sacrifices of those who died in war.

Ist Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013 in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. Hess was known as "RJ" and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. "He was always my protege," William Coti told the Arlington Connection. "He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen."

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February, 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

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.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

Virginia's U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine recently signed a letter along with other senators detailing the delays veterans face: "After a decade of war, and despite the VA's efforts to modernize, more than 600,000 veterans are still stuck in the VA's disability claims backlog. While the average wait time for first time disability claims currently ranges between 316 and 327 days, veterans in certain parts of the country are waiting even longer. Solving this problem is critical for veterans of all generations."

OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS in Afghanistan since last Memorial Day: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of Chester, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt.

David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky, 24, of Lexington, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. 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 died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, 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. 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. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

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 II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. In April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

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

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered



Robert "RJ" J. Hess, 26, died in Afghanistan on April 23, 2013.



Lance Cpl. Niall Coti-Sears of Arlington was killed June 23, 2012, in Afghanistan.

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 in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a "good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

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, 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.

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

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.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq on Oct. 29, 2005.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

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Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

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

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K-9 Officer Marshal Thielen lets children pet his dog, Cody, at a recent meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

Residents Meet Police Officers And K-9s

Local residents attending a recent meeting of the Sully District Police Station's Citizens Advisory Committee learned about the work done by the K-9 officers and their dogs. Officers Matthew Kunstel and Marshal Thielen talked to the crowd and children enjoyed petting their dogs.



K-9 Officer Matthew Kunstel talks about his job while his partner, Max, relaxes.

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Remembering on Memorial Day

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Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena,

36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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.

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Centreville Woman Dies on Mother's Day

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wanted to be a dancer and practiced ballet moves around the house," said her sister, Cathleen Sellitti. "Her love of dance eventually gave way to her love of the theater, which would become her passion."

Trish later traveled across the country, stage-managing many plays. And in 1980, it led to her stage-managing the closing ceremonies of the Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

"Even though her job took her to different places, the closeness she felt to her family remained strong," said Sellitti. "Her dedication showed in all aspects of her life. She was a loving daughter, a devoted sister and a kind and caring aunt."

Trish and David met in 1985 and married three years later. July 31 would have been their 25th anniversary. Liesl and Dieter were both involved in Westfield theater, and Paetr, in sports, so Trish was active in the school's theater and athletic boosters. Yet few people outside her immediate family and circle of friends knew she was battling cancer.

"I was stunned when I heard of Trish's death," said Westfield Theater Director Susie Pike. "I never knew she was ill, and I saw her one of her sons, just the week before. When I think of Trish, the words that come to mind are 'genuine, a true friend, a woman of great strength and ethics, and a warm, caring person.' She never failed to see the positive in every situation, and her faith was strong and real."

And no matter how busy she was, added Pike, "She always took the time to stop by and see how the theater department was getting along. She was smart and patient and such a good mother to her kids. I had the pleasure of teaching two of them. Trish had the gift of true, human warmth and compassion; she will be sorely missed."

Trish was also a big advocate for teach-



The Stach family (from left) are David, Liesl, dog Frieda, Dieter, Trish and Paetr.

ers and was the person who nominated Westfield Principal Tim Thomas this year for a Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award, which he won. "She really wanted to go to the ceremony, but she was too ill to go," said David.

TRISH WAS ALSO INVOLVED in education at the lower grades. She started as a volunteer at London Towne Elementary when Liesl was in first or second grade there and was later hired as an administrative assistant. Said her husband: "She enjoyed working with the students and teachers."

Tuesday morning, Principal Sigrid Ryberg said the sense of loss at the school is deep "because of Trish's heart for others and the nature of her job, in that she affected so many people. Hers was the first face we saw in the morning, and Trish always had a cheerful greeting or hug to provide."

Calling Trish "a very inspiring person," Ryberg said, "She would want us to live each day with a sense of purpose and a commitment to our London Towne children, their families and most definitely to each other."

Trish read voraciously and participated in book clubs and Bible-study groups. The family attended church at Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, and David called church life and small-group ministries her "lifeblood." She also reached out and helped others with their issues and troubles.

"She touched many people, but the depth of those relationships was what was important to her," said David. "Her battle with breast cancer developed into a ministry to other survivors and afforded hope to many."

"Trish particularly helped those without a faith background because her faith had helped her cope with her struggles so well," he explained. "So whenever she heard of someone else going through breast cancer, she'd call them up, whether she knew them or not."

David said both the communities at Westfield and London Towne will miss her, as will the people in the breast-cancer support groups. But the family has established the Patricia Anne (Noto) Stach Foundation in her name (go to www.thelcf.org) and,

he said, "With the donations we receive, we'll be able to carry on her work and her legacy."

He said her death has been tough for him and their children, but they've gotten a great deal of support from friends and church members. Paetr's Westfield football coach, teammates and youth groups have comforted him. He also plays CYA basketball and his coach is a Westfield senior, Ethan Kalcheff.

"Ethan organized last Saturday's game to be played in Trish's honor and about 40 people came to support Paetr," said his dad. "That was really special." He said Dieter has found comfort in the Life Church in Manassas.

Since Liesl is the farthest from home, it took about 12 hours to reach her to tell her of her mother's death. But, said David, "She's in

Cambodia with nine other students and two professors and they've been great and are taking good care of her. There are even two students who've each lost a parent recently and can help her with her grief."

As for himself, he said, "I'm hoping God will grant me the power to understand why Trish was taken, and I think I do. I'm sure she's much better off without the pain. But I feel bad for my kids, and my plan was to grow old with her. But I'm not bitter and am not asking why; I know there's probably a reason and we'll get through it. We're doing OK; we just need continued prayer support."

Reflecting on the many things that made his wife special, David said people will remember her as "the world's best hugger, always with a smile on her face, praising God in everything. Her positive energy was infectious to all who knew her. To say she will be missed is an understatement. She has left a gaping hole in the world, but she also has left us with the inspiration to fill it. We praise God for putting her in our lives."

Celebration of Life Service

A service celebrating the life of Patricia Stach will be held Friday, May 31, at 7 p.m., at Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church, 43115 Waxpool Road in Ashburn. For directions, go to <http://www.oswlc.org/info/Directions.php>. Dessert and coffee will follow the service.

Her family is establishing the Patricia Anne (Noto) Stach Foundation through the Lutheran Community Foundation (www.thelcf.org). It will be seeded with a generous contribution from her estate and will accept donations – which the family would prefer, in lieu of flowers.

It will also create a perpetual fund that will be professionally managed by LCF and will distribute an annual donation

that Trish's children will direct to charities of their choosing on their mother's behalf. The donation will be made available to the children each year on Trish's birthday, April 19, and distributed to the charities by Mother's Day.

Said her husband, David: "This will go on in perpetuity so that subsequent generations will be able to experience Trish's giving heart." For more information, go to <http://www.thelcf.org/pstach>.

Anyone wishing to provide meals to the family may go to <http://www.TakeThemAMeal.com>. Recipient last name: Stach; password: stach.

— BONNIE HOBBS



In a lighthearted moment, (back row, from left) are Paetr, Trish and David Stach; (front row, from left) are Liesl and Dieter Stach.

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ONGOING

The **Airbus IMAX Theater at National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center**, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, is showing movies including "Hubble," "Fighter Pilot," "Space Junk," "Air Racers," "The Dream is Alive" and "Star Trek: Into the Darkness". Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy/> or call 703-572-4118 for the schedule.

REGISTER NOW

Young Actors' Workshop. June 24-28 from 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School. Students in grades 3-6 can discover the artist inside themselves through games, acting exercises and more. \$125. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for an enrollment form or call 703-488-6439. Register early as space is limited and camp sells out.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

Comedy Showcase. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at Fast Eddie's, 14114 Lee Highway. Watch David Tveite, Stavros Halkias and Danny Charnley perform. \$5/person. 703-266-1888.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Master Gardeners. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults can get tips, information and more about home gardens. Free. 703-502-3883.

Peaceful Paws. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children on the autism spectrum or with other developmental challenges meet and read to a trained therapy dog: Dakota, a gentle giant Bernese Mountain dog. Reading is not required, but can read from a library book or already owned one. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

Magic and Mayhem. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls and boys in grades 6-8 can participate in this sci-fi/fantasy book group. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Hidden Pond: Terrific Turtles. 2:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children in grades K-6 can learn about turtles and meet some. Free. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Music. 6 p.m. at Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. The U.S. Navy Band's

Commodores will perform. Free.

MONDAY/MAY 27

Ice Cream Social. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Spindle Sears House, 5714 Mt. Gilead Road. Free, but donations welcome.

TUESDAY/MAY 28

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Storytime. 1:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 29

Toddlin' Twos. 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 2 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Bouncin' Babies. 3 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Small Wonders. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

A Novel Society. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults can discuss "Fall of Giants" by Ken Follett. Free. 703-830-2223.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Thriving Three to Fives. 1:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Lego Block Party. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 8-12 can build. Free. Call for this month's theme. Registration required, 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

JazzCats Cafe. 7 p.m. at Centreville High School cafeteria, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Hear music from two bands. \$8/advance or \$10/door, includes music, dessert and a drink. E-mail jazzcatstix@yahoo.com.

Comedy Showcase. Doors open at

olderadultservices/independent.htm or call 703-324-7210, TTY 711.

MONDAY/MAY 27-SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout. Drop off unused or expired medications at a Fairfax County Police district station (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Disposal is free, convenient, confidential and safe. Safe handling of unused or expired medications prevents accidental poisoning, prevents drug abuse and protects the environment. The Sully District Station is located at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Visit www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org or call 703-938-8723, TTY 711.

7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at Fast Eddie's, 14114 Lee Highway. Watch Tommy Sinbazo, Rob Farley, Mike Brown and Kevin McCarron perform. \$5/person. 703-266-1888.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Summer BBQ. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the pond at Eleanor C. Lawrence Park. Meet people from the fire department and police department. Hosted by the Ed Lang Team. Free. Visit www.northernvirginiahomes.com/barbeque.php for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

Broadway Pops. 7:30 p.m. in the Roy A. Skip Maiden Theatre at Centreville High School. Features the entire choral program, soloists and a student-directed a capella group. Free for students; \$5/general admission.

THURSDAY/JUNE 6

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FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Comedy Showcase. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. at Fast Eddie's, 14114 Lee Highway. Watch Mariya Alexander, Becca Steinhoff and Dana Bell perform. \$5/person. 703-266-1888.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Train Display. The Northern Virginia NTRAK group will be displaying running tabletop (T-TRAK models) N Gauge trains at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station, from 1-4 p.m. \$3/adult; \$1/child. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

6th Annual Erin Peterson Fund Tournament. Held at Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. To register visit www.erinpetersonfund.org.

JUNE 25 THROUGH JULY 26

Summer Workshop. Children in rising grades 3-8 can enjoy a workshop at Mountain View School, 5775 Spindle Court, 6:30-9 p.m. \$400. Children can learn about acting, improvisation, musical theatre, home movies and play production. Contact workshops@thealliancetheatre.org or 703-220-8101 for a registration form.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Centreville Toastmasters. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Overcome your fear of public speaking in a proven program that has helped thousands over the last 89 years. All welcome.

Greenbriar Garden Club. 7:30 p.m. Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Fairfax. A presentation by the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia on attracting birds and butterflies to your garden. Contact Diane at 703-378-0994 or Kathy at 703-817-0708.

County Forum. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Share ideas on



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Independent Living Project. Fairfax County is offering this free six-week program that includes a gentle exercise program to improve strength and balance, presentations on county services, a healthy cooking demonstration, advice on how to manage health care and prescriptions, and more. Led by professional social workers, the group meets weekly at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/

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Chantilly's Annual Jazz & Pizzazz Is May 29-June 1

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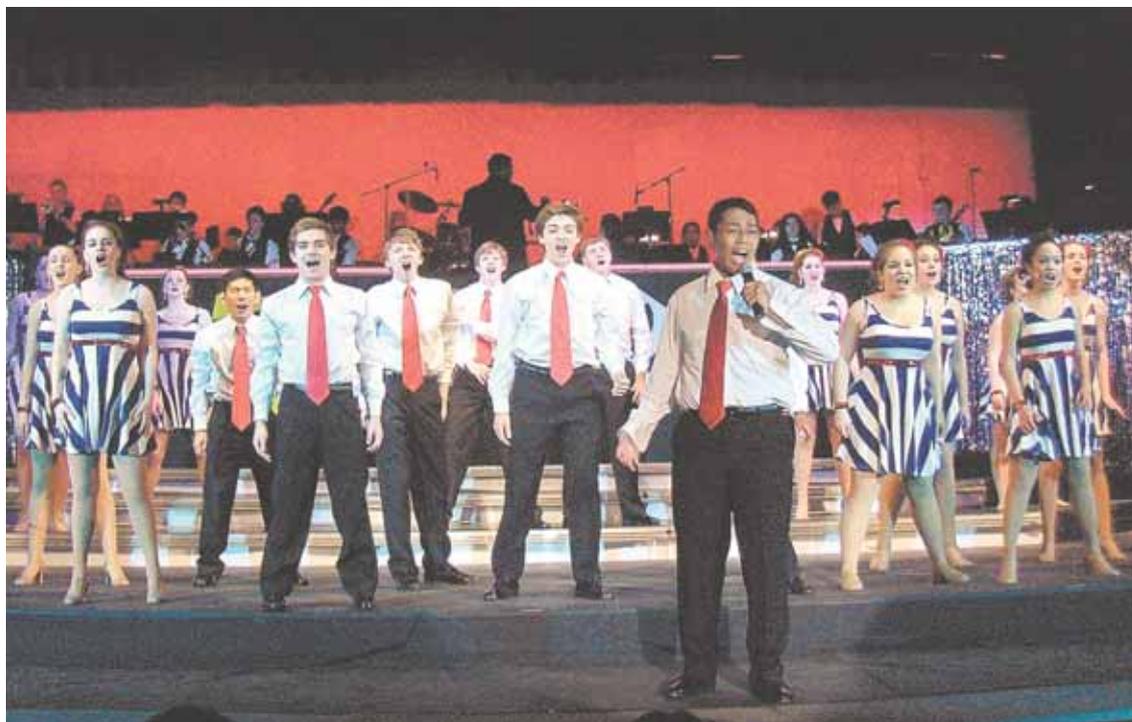
The pair picked music relevant to the singers so they could really connect with it. “Our competition theme this year was, ‘Let Me be Your Star,’ from the TV show, ‘Smash,’ so it’s a common thread running through the show,” said Woodill. “It’s also one of the major numbers.”

Highlights include “Legendary,” based on the Broadway musical, “Bring it On,” a music medley from “Mamma Mia” and Jason Mraz’s “I Won’t Give Up,” featuring sign language and a ballet segment. Solos, mostly done in small groups, include “Holding Out for a Hero,” “Mama, I’m a Big Girl Now” from “Hairspray” and “I Dreamed a Dream” from “Les Miserables.”

Instead of the Touch of Class, the 36-person choral ensemble is now called the Chantilly ShowStoppers. “It’s the same, great singing and dancing people have come to know and expect from Chantilly,” said Woodill, but with a new name.

Also performing will be the 30-member Chantilly Jazz. “It’s a professional-level, high-school big band, and the show’s a great opportunity for the community to hear really good music played by talented musicians,” said Band Director Drew Ross. “From the newest members to the seniors, they’re an outstanding group. It’s a blessing for me to listen to them play every day.”

The show features a variety of jazz genres



The patriotic song, “Because of the Brave,” dazzled the crowd during Chantilly High’s Jazz & Pizzazz 2012.

great music and the kids learn the intangibles that make them the awesome people they are.”

Looking forward to Jazz & Pizzazz, he thanked Chantilly’s Director of Student Services Robyn Lady, Performing Arts Department Chair Shannon Khatcheressian and school Principal Teresa Johnson for their support. He also acknowledged Chris Singleton, the other band director, for his important work on the show’s lights and sound.

Ross called the show “a chance to celebrate student successes and a way for us to give back to the community. It’s also a way for the community to see the outstanding work our students have done this year.” Now in his eighth year as band director, he added, “I’m happy to be a part of the Jazz & Pizzazz legacy.”

For Woodill and Ayars, it’s their first Jazz & Pizzazz at the helm and a chance to put their own stamp on the show. “Putting together something on this grand a scale and

watching the kids perform is really exciting for me,” said Woodill.

Ayars especially likes “hearing the kids sing in small groups and in solos. It’s nice seeing them in a small light and getting to shine alone. But I also like our big finale and production numbers. The kids are really driven and eager to perform, and I’m amazed at how natural and comfortable they are on stage. It’s obvious how much they enjoy it — which makes the audience enjoy it even more.”

from Latin and blues to new age and rock. Among the standout numbers, said Ross, are “Children of Sanchez” by Chuck Mangione. “It has an intense percussion juxtaposed against a smooth trumpet solo,” he said. “And a Benny Carter piece, ‘Symphony in Riffs,’ is an upbeat, feel-good blues song featuring everybody.”

Each year, the band also plays a chicken-themed song, just for fun. So this year’s entry is “Poultry in Motion,” a down-home, Southern, country-funk tune.

“During the show, we highlight every musician in some way, either in their section, doing a solo, or doing a featured number,” said Ross. “Sometimes, we change things and pick soloists on the spot to get that free improvisation.”

Although it happens in front of an audience, the young musicians are fearless and always rise to the challenge. “Having that confidence and leadership ability will help them in whatever they’ll do later in life,” said Ross. “So the audience gets to enjoy

ROUNDUPS

Walker Honored by Franklin

Band Director Lawrence Walker was at Franklin Middle School when it opened in 1984. And after 30 years with FCPS — 28 of them at Franklin — he retired in June 2012. But his many contributions to the school



Walker

and to the youth of Fairfax County have not been forgotten.

In a ceremony at the May 9 meeting of the School Board, it was revealed that Franklin is naming its music department the Lawrence Walker Music Department. And area music students will still benefit from his expertise when he returns this summer to continue directing Franklin’s annual Band and Orchestra Camp, June 24-July 18.

1940s Ice Cream Social

An old-fashioned, ice cream social will be held Monday, May 27, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Spindle House, 5714 Mt. Gilead Road, in Historic Centreville Park, off Route 29 at Braddock Road. There’ll be radio broadcasts and music of the 1940s, tours of a 1934 house built from a kit ordered from a Sear’s catalogue, costumed interpreters and ice cream. Park on the grass across the street. (Cancelled in case of rain). Admission and ice cream are free and all are welcome.

Final Parkway Paving Underway

As of Sunday night, May 19, crews have begun the final milling and surface paving at the Fairfax County Parkway/Fair Lakes Parkway interchange project. Drivers can expect single-lane closures and detours onto Fair Lakes Circle, Sunday through Friday nights, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Crews started working on the Fair Lakes

Parkway and will continue to the Fairfax County Parkway from Route 29 to Rugby Road. The paving is expected to take about eight weeks to complete.

The new \$69.5 million interchange improves pedestrian and cycle access, widens more than three miles of the Fairfax County Parkway and improves traffic flow by separating local and Parkway traffic through this high-traffic area. The entire project is scheduled for completion this October.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, May 23, 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.

CPMSAC Awards Ceremonies

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) is holding its 28th Annual Youth Motivation and Academic Awards programs. They’re slated for Saturday, June 1, at 5 p.m., at Chantilly High for middle- and high-school students, and Sunday, June 2, at 4 p.m., at Centreville Elementary for the elementary-school students. This year’s theme is “Social Networking: A Key to Helping Close the Academic Achievement Gap.”

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries’ food pantry urgently needs donations of

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Singers, Musicians Talk about Chantilly's Upcoming Show

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Calvert says its "big, wailing melody" drew him in. It's his fourth year in Jazz & Pizzazz and he loves it. "The jazz band has been solid for so many years at Chantilly, and it's awesome to get to perform in front of that many people."

He especially likes the song, "Another Life," because "it's a slow, Latin number and all the power chords just make you melt. It also features Austin Stahle on electric guitar, and he's phenomenal."

Junior Paul Lee plays percussion and is excited about Jazz & Pizzazz. "I loved watching the previous shows and now I'll be in it," he said. "I like 'North Shore Evening' because it has a different feel; it's jazz and relaxes you. But I like 'Children of Sanchez,' too, because it's really aggressive and excites you."

Senior Ryan Doherty originally took up trombone because he liked the slide. Now, he said, "I like all the sounds I can get out of it. In one number, I even make a sound like a B27 bomber — it's really cool. My favorite number is 'Green-Eyed Groove' because a good friend of mine, Alan Baylock, wrote it. And there are moments that build up to a huge impact."

Also a trombonist, senior David Bevins likes the instrument's versatility. "You can play classical, jazz or pop — it sounds good in any genre," he said. "I especially like 'Symphony in Riffs.' It's a Duke Ellington chart and, as the piece goes from start to finish, it highlights each section of the band and leads to a huge finish involving everybody."

It's also his fourth year in Jazz & Pizzazz and, said Bevins, "The audience will like the different styles of music ranging from jazz to funk to choir ballads with band backup,



"Hey, Mambo" was a high-spirited number during the 2012 Jazz & Pizzazz.

plus solos of the new, hot songs.

In ShowStoppers, senior Ralph Chambati is a tenor who likes "all the lighting and cool effects that go on while we're singing. It's like on TV, except it's live in front of the audience. It takes awhile to learn all the dance moves but, in the end, we know exactly what we're doing."

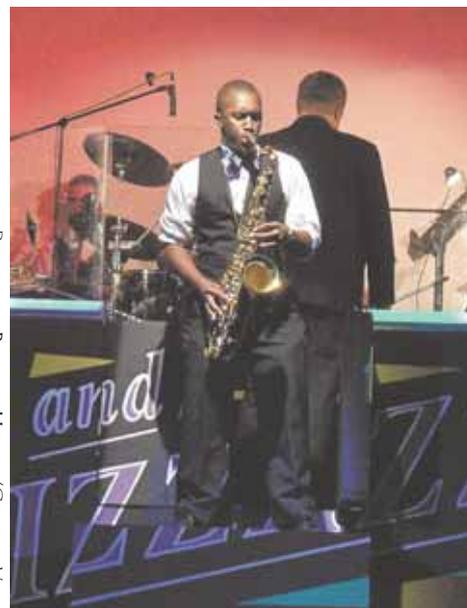
His favorite song is "Safety Dance," sung by the boys only. "We suggested it, and one of our choir members, Gray O'Reilly, choreographed it," said Chambati. "We have fun while doing nice dance moves and vocals."

Also a tenor, senior Wesley Coleman is in his second year in show choir and Jazz & Pizzazz; he's also helped out backstage on stage crew. He loves being in the show and calls it "one of my favorite parts of the year. It's that big shebang and the cherry on top of everything."

"It all comes together nicely and really closes out the year for the seniors because it's our last time performing on the Chantilly stage," continued Coleman. "I've been with most of these guys in choir for four years and we've grown like one, big family."

He likes 'Livin' on a Prayer' best because "I'm a rock-and-roll guy and it's fast-paced and has a heavy guitar riff and nice bass lines, warm brass underneath and tight vocal harmonies. And it was choreographed by two alumni, Brynn Harper and Lauren So."

Sophomore Lindsay Steinberg is a soprano who enjoys performing and "seeing the smiles of the audience members and how Jazz & Pizzazz brings the community together to see this show each year." She especially likes "Fighter" by Christina Aguilera.



Will Morgan-Palmer played a saxophone solo last year with the Chantilly Jazz.

"It was student-choreographed by Emily Meiburg, and we get to be sassy while performing it," said Steinberg. "Overall, it's a really fun show for the whole family."

As for alto Taylor Newby, the junior is a former varsity cheerleader and gymnast. "I always loved performing before big crowds, but always had a special place in my heart for singing," she said. "So in my freshman year, I also joined choir." Her favorite number is "Sway," a partner dance. "It's swing and jazz and a different style of music than most people are used to," she said.

Newby called Jazz & Pizzazz a "cool show because it's for all ages in an energetic setting. People will love the combination of singing and dancing, and there's an audience-participation number, so they'll get to dance and be involved in the show, too."

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spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, rice (2-lb. bags), canned pasta, peanut butter, canned tuna and meat, hot and cold cereal, fruit juice, and pancake mix and syrup. Bring all items to WFCM's new food-pantry location at 13888 Metrotech Drive, near Papa John's Pizza and Kumon Learning Center, in Chantilly's Sully Place Shopping Center.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Fairfax County needs Meals on Wheels drivers in Chantilly and group Meals on Wheels coordinators in both Chantilly and Fairfax. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 711, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteersolutions.htm.

Give Caregivers a Break

Fairfax County needs Respite Care volunteers throughout the county to give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Volunteers are matched with families in or near their own neighborhoods. Support and training is provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, May 28, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

Police Pilot DUI Watch

Since police officers can't be everywhere all the time, they need the public's help to make the streets safer. Following the model of the popular Neighborhood Watch program, the Sully District Station is starting DUI Watch.

Its goal is to encourage residents to become more involved in their communities by spotting and reporting suspected drunk or impaired drivers. All volunteers will be fully training in aspects of early recognition of impaired driving, the dangers of impaired driving and its impact on the community.

The first DUI Watch training session will be Wednesday, June 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. Contact PFC Fruecht at 703-814-7018 or at FCPDSulCPO@Fairfaxcounty.gov with questions or to register.

Women's Self Defense Program

The Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation is partnering with the Fairfax County Police Department to offer the Women's Self Defense Training program. It's based on the SAFE program formerly provided by the Police Department, but now being taught by C&J Security Corp.

The program is a two-day class that will meet on consecutive Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-9:30 p.m. It's currently offered free and all class materials are included. Program funding is provided through the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation.

The course is offered to females, age 13 and older. A female guardian must accompany girls 13-18. No men other than the instructors are permitted to be present during a class. For more information, call 703-246-7806, e-mail WSD@fairfaxfoundation.org or go to www.fairfaxfoundation.org.

SCHOOLS

Rocky Run Honors Poetry Slam Winners

Rocky Run Middle School held a Poetry Slam on May 8, and eighth-grader

Charlie Flynn won first place in the humorous category. Classmate Marc Manaloto came in first in the dramatic category.

Each English class had a poetry contest and selected one student to represent that class. Altogether, about 40 students competed and read their poems in front of an audience of some 250 people. Staff members did the judging and the students received gift cards as prizes.

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Rocky Run's humorous poetry winners are (from left) Charlie Flynn, first place; Calvin Yuan, second; and Sydney Suarez, third.



Rocky Run's dramatic poetry winners are (from left) Sandra Madrazo, third place; Olivia Johann, second; and Marc Manaloto, first.

Insomnia

By Charlie Flynn
Homework finished,
TV watched,
dinner eaten,
it's 10 O'clock.

I need a good night's sleep,
so it's time for bed,
now all of the questions
flood into my head.

Do they make extra large
coffins,
when sumo wrestlers die?

Is there a single true Ameri-
can?
who doesn't like apple pie?

What happened to #1 pen-
cil?
I've only ever seen #2.

Why don't most adults
laugh?
when they hear the word
poo-poo?

Who was the little "genius,"
that took "That's So Raven"
off Netflix?

What does high school have
waiting for me,
in its little bag of tricks?

Why do feet smell,
and noses run?

Why does it feel so great,
when spinny-chairs are
spun?

Is there any real benefit,
to not having doors on a
jeep?

But most importantly,
why can't I fall asleep?

This is NOT America's Next Top Model

By Marc Manaloto

Do you know
what I hate?

Ketchup

It's probably one of the
most disgusting
things out there.

What is ketchup anyways?
Squished, liquefied, tomatoes?
Some people say it's the blood of boisterous bears
EW!

Many people like ketchup
and when I say I don't like ketchup
people just have to judge me as if
I was on America's Next Top Model

Wait. Hold up! People judging others for not liking
KETCHUP?

Yes
People are judging others for the most
outrageous things nowadays
from what they wear
to how the way they talk or say something

Although it may not come to mind
sometimes these words hurt
and they don't leave one's mind
for a long time
and they pierce one's heart
for a long time
and they eat away at one's soul
for a long time

Do not listen to these people

You are who you are
Not him, or her,
or he, or she,
or me!

It's okay to be yourself
It's okay not to like ketchup
It's okay to wear camouflage pants when there's
nothing else in your closet!
The only opinion that matters
is yours.
Because you are beautiful.

Do you know
what I love?

You

For not being ashamed of who you are
and just being you.



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Testing Their Mettle

Chantilly Academy Criminal Justice students competed with nearly 100 Fairfax County Public Schools students in a series of exercises designed to test their skills and capabilities for future careers in law enforcement on May 6. The event took place at the Fairfax County Police Academy, located in Chantilly. Students in the program, a collaboration between the Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Police Department, demonstrated their skills learned in the classroom in a series of exercises that included: Dragging dummies and climbing walls on a unique obstacle course, processing mock crime scenes and determining a suspect based on evidence they had gathered, and developing composite sketches based on an altercation they had witnessed.

SPORTS

CVHS, CHS Baseball At Regionals

The Centreville and Chantilly baseball teams will compete in the Northern Region tournament starting Friday, May 24.

After finishing atop the regular-season standings but losing in the district tournament semifinals, Centreville received the Concorde District's No. 2 seed and will host the No. 3 seed from the Patriot District, West Potomac, at 6:30 p.m. The two teams met during the regular season, with Centreville winning 9-5 on April 2.

The winner of Centreville-West Potomac will face the winner of Washington-Lee (N1) and Marshall (L4) in the quarterfinals at 4 p.m. on Monday, May 27 at Madison High School.

Chantilly finished 3-7 in district play during the regular season, but beat Westfield in the district tournament quarterfinals and upset Centreville in the semifinals before losing to Oakton in the championship game. The Chargers received the district's No. 3 seed and will travel face the Patriot's No. 2 seed, defending state champion Lake Braddock. The two teams faced one another in the regular season, with Chantilly beating Lake Braddock 8-7 on March 16.

The winner of Chantilly-Lake Braddock will face the winner of Madison (L1) and Edison (N4) in the quarterfinals at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 27 at Madison High School.

Regional Soccer Quarterfinals

The Chantilly and Westfield girls' soccer teams advanced to the Northern Region quarterfinals, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 23.

Chantilly, the Concorde District's No. 1 seed, beat T.C. Williams 6-0 in the opening round on Tuesday and will host Washington-Lee (N2) in the quarterfinals.

Chantilly won the district championship with a 2-1 victory over Westfield on May 17.

Westfield, the Concorde's No. 2 seed, defeated Annandale 2-0 on Tuesday and will travel to take on Yorktown (N1) in the quarterfinals.

Regional Softball Tournament

The Chantilly and Centreville softball teams earned trips to the Northern Region tournament, which begins Friday, May 24.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Centreville senior Grace Simmons and her family are seen during her April 26 National Letter of Intent signing ceremony at Centreville High School. Simmons will attend Fairfield University in the fall, where she will be a scholarship student/athlete on the women's volleyball team.

Chantilly reached the Concorde District championship game, where the Chargers lost to Oakton. Chantilly received the No. 3 seed and will travel to face South County (P2) on Friday.

Centreville is the Concorde's No. 4 seed and will travel to face Patriot District champion Lake Braddock on Friday.

girls' lacrosse teams played in the Northern Region semifinals on Wednesday, after Centre View's deadline.

Chantilly, the Concorde District boys' champion, defeated Annandale and Yorktown in the first two rounds before facing Langley in Wednesday's semifinals. Chantilly and Langley faced off in three of the previous four AAA state championship games.

Westfield, the Concorde District girls' champion, defeated Annandale and Stone Bridge in the first two rounds before facing Langley in Wednesday's semifinals.

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"Recede"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If you're a Three Stooges aficionado like I am, you've heard Moe Howard say it many times to Larry Fine and brother Curly as three stooges attempted to occupy space (doorways, windows, closets, etc.), large enough/wide enough for only one stooge. In short, "recede" means: back off, one at a time, mind your manners, and the ever-familiar to us long-time fans: "spread out."

As I constantly hear radio advertising (and see some of it on television as well, though not nearly as much) from three grass seed companies: Scotts, Pennington's and Rebel, ALL THE TIME, their frequency is beginning to wear my patience thin. So far, their message is not growing on me. Quite the opposite in fact: It's irritating me. Nor am I the least bit green with envy when I hear any of their promotions, comparisons or philosophies. I'm more numb to it. (Now I don't know if that's the neuropathy from the chemotherapy or not but the effect seems identical.)

The competition for the needing-to/wanting-to-grow-grass public dollar is saturating my already limited capacity to absorb their message. Now whether this saturation is caused by filler or a unique high-tech design, the result is that my brain is getting burnt out by this ceaseless pursuit of fescue perfection. With each attempt to grab hold of my grass-growing greenbacks, it makes me ever more motivated to finally slate-in that patio and/or deck that haul and forget all about planting, seeding, feeding, watering and having ANYTHING to do with growing grass. I don't want to "pave paradise" as Joni Mitchell sang about on "Big Yellow Taxi," but apparently, unlike these seed companies, I have my limits. As my deceased mother, Celia, said about many things that had overloaded her attention span and/or her capacity to tolerate one more syllable: "It's enough already." And she was no stooge. ("Don't call your mother 'she!'") I can still hear my father admonishing me.)

But as I continue to resist the seed companies' desire to pick my pocket and remove my money ("what there is of it"), I'm starting to feel like a bit of a stooge myself for not following through on their promises. I mean, what kind of a moron am I? ("Why? Is there more than one kind?"). If multiple companies are running multiple advertisements on multiple media outlets, there must be a reason, right? Presumably, they're not stupid, and not keen on wasting their hard-earned and hard-fought-for money on a whim and a prayer. It must be the right time of the year. Spring. When young men's fancy turns to - grass seed. Duh. People must be responding to/buying their products, so why isn't yours truly in line with the rest of grass-growing society at the local Lawn & Garden store/section somewhere? I'm the perfect prospect: I own two acres of land and know nothing about anything (especially pertaining to home and yard maintenance) so a reasonably intelligent grouping of words should resonate with me. Who needs more help than I do? (That's a rhetorical question because everyone who knows me knows the answer.)

But here I sit, on the couch, remote in hand, bemoaning all this advertising emphasis on lawn care. I can't be bothered, though I'm bothered by it. Still, I can't worry about it too much. Maybe I'll just wait until I get to the other side. I hear the grass is always greener over there.

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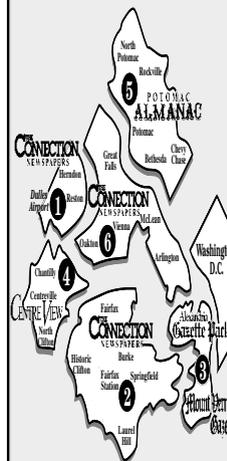
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Conservative Consolidation

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new tool to paint Cuccinelli and the Republican ticket as too conservative for Virginia.

"The vitriol put forth by E.W. Jackson is offensive and utterly unbecoming of anyone hoping to hold elected office," said Fred Sainz, vice president of communications for the Human Rights Campaign. "These candidates couldn't be more out of step with the values that a vast majority of Virginia voters hold."

Although the election for lieutenant governor is normally a sleeper, the race this year has taken increased prominence. Because the state Senate is deadlocked between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the next lieutenant governor will determine which party controls half of the General Assembly. That puts Jackson at the center of a fight for control of the state Senate.

"This is the most conservative Republican ticket that I can think of over the past 30 years," said Steven Farnsworth, professor at the University of Mary Washington. "It also comes to the fore at a time that Virginia has moved very clearly into a purple state status."

THE COMING election may be a test case for how conservative candidates can be and still win. Farnsworth says that the slate of candidates on the ballot are the most conservative in at least 30 years, indicating that the state party has drifted to the right — especially with the dynamic of a convention selecting the most ideologically pure candidates possible. That leaves moderate Republicans frustrated by an inability to gain traction.

"Virginia Republicans have raised the stakes for anyone who believes that government should be about results for Virginia families, and not a platform for an extreme and divisive social agenda," said Catherine Waddell, a former Republican who represented Richmond in the House of Delegates. "None of us can afford to sit on the sidelines and let this ticket turn Virginia into a playground for their extreme agenda."

Part of that shift to the right was accelerated by the move from a statewide primary to a caucus of party faithful. When Jackson ran in the primary for the U.S. Senate in 2012, he was able to muster only about five percent of the vote — coming in last place in a four-way race. But the dynamics of a convention are very different, and Jackson led the voting from the start, even coming close to achieving the 50 percent threshold to win on the first ballot. "Jackson might be a drag on the ticket for Cuccinelli, or at least a serious distraction," said Geoff Skelly, political analyst for the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "If Jackson does prove to be a true liability for the Republican ticket, then they will probably look back on the decision to shift to a convention with some remorse."

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Ladies Book Club. 7:30 p.m. at Beth Torah, 4212-C Technology Court, Chantilly. Bring a drink or appetizer to share and discuss "Snow in August" by Pete Hamill.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

Centreville Toastmasters. 7 p.m. at

Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Overcome your fear of public speaking in a proven program that has helped thousands over the last 89 years. All welcome.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 24-28

Young Actors' Workshop. 9 a.m.-noon at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. The musical theatre camp is open to elementary students in rising grades 2-6. Tuition is \$125. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com for an enrollment form and information, visit Westfield Theatre Boosters on Facebook, or call 703-488-6439. Parents are urged to register early; the camp sells out each

year and space is limited.

MONDAY/JULY 1

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MONDAY-FRIDAY/JULY 8-12

Summer STEM Workshop. The Chantilly Science Department will be conducting a week-long summer STEM workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for rising sophomores who are taking honors chemistry during the 2013/

2014 school year. Students will learn to use a variety of computer interfaced sensors to collect and analyze data. \$40. There are a limited number of spaces, and applications will be accepted on a first in, first accepted basis. Apply at www.fcps.edu/ChantillyHS. For questions, contact Ina Koppel at irkoppel@fcps.edu.

JULY 29-AUG. 2 OR AUG. 12-16

Summer Sports Camps. Jubilee Christian Center is holding summer sports camps (basketball, flag football, & soccer) for grades K-6 (as of fall school year) from 9 a.m. - 4

p.m. The cost is \$160 per week, which includes a T-shirt. Pre-registration required by June 21. Before care & aftercare will be available for Aug. 12-16 only: cost is \$25 per day for before care & \$25 per day for aftercare (or \$45 per day for both). Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170 or visit www.jccc.org.

TUESDAYS AND/OR THURSDAYS

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Classes are held in a heated indoor pool and are designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. At The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Dr. Registrations are required. Call 703-667-9800 to register as space is limited. Cost is \$10 per class.

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The **Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool** has openings in all classes for the fall. Schedules and classes have been adjusted for greater flexibility to meet the changing needs of the area. Pass the word along to any families who may be looking for a preschool home for their kids. Visit www.cliftonpc.org/cpcpreschool.html or call Gretchen at 703-830-3175.

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