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It's Thoroughly Modern Millie'

Franklin Middle presents classic musical.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

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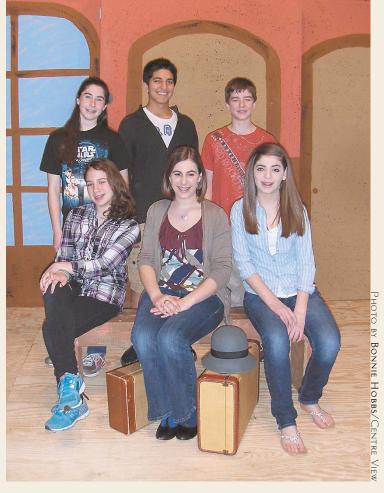
eaturing a cast and crew of 125, Franklin Middle School presents the musical, "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Show times are Wednesday, March 14, at 2:45 p.m., and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 15, 16 and 17, at 7 p.m. each night Tickets are \$8 at the door and during school lunches.

"I'm very proud of my cast," said Director Marilyn Armon. "I selected this show because it won six Tony awards in 2002 and my leads have amazing voices. The audience will enjoy seeing how the actors in this ensemble take this play from the page to the stage. Everyone has to do their job for it to all come together."

The story takes place in 1922 New York. Millie, in her early 20s, moves there from Kansas to seek her fortune and stays at the Priscilla Hotel for Young Girls. She plans to marry for money but falls in love along the way. Meanwhile, the shady owner of the hotel is involved in an illegal business and, when Millie's best friend becomes ensared in it, Millie must find a way to free her.

The cast has been rehearsing for three months, and the students are involved in every aspect of the production. They've painted scenery, numbered the tickets and worked on makeup, lights and sound. There are student directors and dance captains. Music director is Beth Atkins, music teacher at Hunters Woods Elementary.

The scenery includes a backdrop of New York, the hotel, the insurance company where Millie works, a café and a speakeasy. As for costumes, the



Some of the leads of Franklin's "Thoroughly Modern Mille" are (back row, from left) Kayla Blatman, Mohammad Khan and Ryan Davis and (front row, from left) Elizabeth Malone, Megan Griggs and Sarah Woolf.

boys will wear hats, suits and thin the movie and Sutton Foster on ties, and among the girls' outfits Broadway. "My dream is to be will be sequined flapper dresses. on Broadway, so I'm on my

"Some of the dresses are on loan from the Westfield High choir and some were sewn by the moms," said Armon. "The dads put up the sets and even installed a dance floor for the kids to tap dance on."

Portraying Millie is eighthgrader Megan Griggs, and she describes her character as spunky and outgoing, with loads of moxie and charisma. "She's a good person and moves to New York City to change her life," said Griggs. "She's a stenographer who dreams of marrying her boss and becoming rich, but she finds love in an unexpected place."

Griggs said playing this role is both a "dream come true" and "an honor," following Julie Andrews in the movie and Sutton Foster on Broadway. "My dream is to be on Broadway, so I'm on my way," she said. "Millie's very confident, and her aura kind of translates into me and makes me more confident as an actress and a person."

Her favorite song in the show is "Gimme, Gimme," which she sings. "The lyrics are wonderful, and it shows off my singing range," said Griggs. "And the words connect to the audience. All the songs are happy and catchy — the audience will be singing them on the way out. The cast is wonderful, and we're friends in real life, so it'll be a great show that's fun to watch."

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Examining Causes of Domestic Violence

What it is, the dangers and what to do about it.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

here have been three homicides in the Sully District since Capt. Purvis Dawson became commander of the Sully District Police Station, in April 2010 — and all three had domestic components.

So last Tuesday, Feb. 21, Fairfax County Police Domestic Violence Det. Jacqi Smith talked to the station's Citizens Advisory Committee about this issue.

"I wanted her to educate people about involving the police department or other domestic resources, when necessary," said Dawson. "I'm just trying to protect that next person from getting hurt, maimed or killed."

Smith's served 18 years as an officer with Fairfax County, 5 and a half as a domestic-violence detective. She's currently assigned to the Sully District Station.

There's one such detective at each district station. Couples often fight over money and, said Smith, "With the economy being so bad, domestic-violence calls have increased, the last several years."

Legally, domestic violence is defined as an assault and battery against a spouse, former spouse, sibling, parent, step-parent, child in common, grandparent, boyfriend or girlfriend who currently live together or have done so within the last year. In-laws who live with the abuser are also in-



Det. Jacqi Smith

"Everyone should feel safe in their own home."

— Jacqi Smith, domesticviolence detective, Fairfax County police

cluded in this definition.

When a person feels in danger of physical abuse, he or she may pursue a protective order to keep away the person threatening him or her. And there are three different kinds of orders:

- ❖ An emergency protective order is issued when the police issue an arrest warrant for domestic assault, and it's good for 72 hours.
- ❖ A preliminary protective order obtained from Juvenile

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From left are John Litzenberger and Saharnaz Farivar at the most recent Chantilly Day meeting.

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Chantilly Day Plans Marching Along

Community event is slated for spring.

BY BONNIE HOBBS Centre View

lans are marching along for the first-ever, Chantilly Day. The celebration is set for Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., in the parking lot of the Sully Place Shopping Center in Chantilly.

Putting it on is the Centreville Chantilly Chamber Committee (CCCC), an offshoot of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. And it will begin with a parade led by Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and including both the Chantilly and Westfield high school marching bands.

The organizers hope those two bands will each submit an original composition that will be the parade's theme every year. They're also seeking essays from elementary, middle and high-school students to compete in a contest. The topic is the Chantilly Day theme, "Remember Yesterday, Celebrate Today, Embrace Tomorrow."

The goal is to give Chantilly more of a cohesive identity, while promoting its businesses, art, education and science.

At the Feb. 16 meeting of the CCCC, Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger discussed Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan and how changes are made to it.

"On the master plan, Chantilly is a suburban center — which has higher transportation requirements because of its density," he said. "It also has additional requirements for traffic management — to reduce pollution and make it easier to get around — and LEED buildings, pertaining to their carbon foot-

For example, Litzenberger said the Planning Commission recently approved the construction of Pohanka Honda in Chantilly in a zoning area where an office building could have gone. "An office building would generate over 2,400 vehicle trips per day," he said. "A car dealership generates less than 1,000 per day."

CCCC Coordinator Saharnaz Farivar said her group is willing to move forward and designate three areas for eventual Chantilly plazas to give the community more of a sense of place. But, she said, "We don't have the budget for lawyers to assist us. So who do I have to go to at the county to get their help and feedback about our plans — the pros and cons?"

She said the CCCC wants someone on county staff to help it fine-tune its ideas and put together an executive summary of them. Then, said Farivar, that person could "take it to policy-makers for rezoning, and developers to come on board and start creating the first plaza."

Litzenberger advised her to meet with Frey and tell him her ideas. "To meet with county staff, you need to get the land and business owners together and on board to create a committee," he said. "I'll call Mike about it. However, staff may say, 'We're so swamped with Tysons Corner right now that we can't deal with Chantilly [at this time]."

But he called the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce "the perfect vehicle for this [plan]. You want a core study done, and it's now time to revisit this. The number-one concern [the county] will address is transportation because traffic jams stifle growth."

Farivar said the CCCC wants more mixed-use areas in Chantilly. "We want people to be able to live, work and play here so they don't have to travel elsewhere," she said. But, she added, "Some of the intersections, curbs and turns should have identifiers to guide you so you know where you are and it's easy to get around."

Returning to the topic of Chantilly Day, she said the event "would bring value to the community. People I've told about it believe it'll increase prop-

Dulles Chamber President Eileen Curtis asked Litzenberger how to obtain a list of Chantilly's property owners, and he told her to see the county's tax

Thanking the Dulles Chamber, Farivar said it "gave us the platform to express our wishes. Chantilly Day is a great vehicle to let people know what we're doing and get government and citizen support [for it]."

And, added Litzenberger, "to have fun at the same

To learn about ways to get involved in Chantilly Day, go to www.chantillyday.com or e-mail the organizing team at info@chantillyday.com. More participants are needed for the Business Fair, Taste of Chantilly, parade, sponsorships and other elements of this event.

ROUNDUPS

Route 50 East Third Lane Reopens

VDOT will re-open the third lane on eastbound Route 50 between Stonecroft Boulevard and Route 28 which closed to traffic last weekend as part of the Route 50 widening project in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. The one-mile lane closure has caused lengthy delays on eastbound Route 50 and surrounding roads, this week, during the morning rush. The lane will re-open by March 5, weather permitting.

"We dropped the ball on this one and I apologize to motorists," said Garrett Moore, VDOT's District Administrator for Northern Virginia. "We did not communicate the planned closure and, as a result, motorists have been stuck in lengthy delays throughout the morning rush."

Construction began last fall to widen Route 50 from four to six lanes between Poland Road in Loudoun County and Route 28 in Fairfax County. When the 3.7-mile, \$100 million design-build project is complete at the end of 2014, motorists will have three lanes in each direction, improved turn lanes and traffic signals, curb and gutter on the outside lanes, crosswalks and pedestrian signals, widened and upgraded bridges, and pathways on both sides of the road. The road will also be more level and provide wider buffers between travel lanes and roadside hazards.

Shelter Needs Foster Parents

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is looking for people interested in helping save the lives of puppies, kittens, turtles and an assortment of other animals housed at the shelter. So it's holding a special orientation session for citizens interested in learning more about its animal foster-care program.

It will be held Tuesday, March 6, from 7-9 p.m., at the shelter at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax. And it's part of the shelter's second annual "Become a Foster Parent Month," which runs through



Barney and Betty

the end of March. To attend, people should RSVP to kathleen.cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Foster-care providers save animals' lives by providing temporary care in their homes for some of the shelter's neediest animals. No special experience is required to become a foster, and the shelter provides training, supplies and medical care for the

Foster-care providers must be 21 years or older and must go through the shelter's volunteer process, including a background check and home visit. Each year, the shelter places 300-400 animals into foster care. During the summer, most are kittens and cats. However, there's also a great need for short-term care for dogs and puppies, as well as kittens under 4 weeks old needing to be bottle fed. For more information, e-mail kathleen.cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 8, and March 22, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

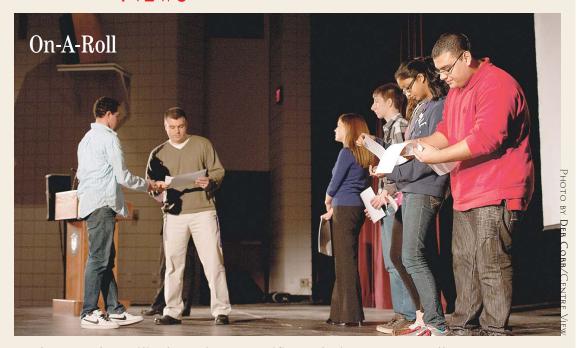
However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times. More than 1,000 people had carseats checked and adjusted there in 2011.

Seeking Friends of Trees

Trish Strat, the Sully District Tree Commissioner, is seeking candidates for the Fairfax County "Friends of Trees" award. Information and the nomination form are at

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/2011_friends_of_trees_award_nomination_form.pdf.

News



Student Matthew Filipek receives a certificate during an On-A-Roll Ceremony at Chantilly High School on Feb. 23. The quarterly ceremony enables faculty and staff to acknowledge special efforts students have made to overcome obstacles — either academic or personal — in the quarter. Attached to the certificate each student receives is a description of who nominated the student and why.

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Griffin's Final Budget

Outgoing county executive proposes 6.1 percent budget increase compared to last year.

By Michael Lee Pope Centre View

ppearing before members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the last time, outgoing county executive Anthony Griffin had the luxury of taking the long view. When considering the challenges that currently confront the county, Griffin reminded the elected officials that it wasn't all that long ago that Fairfax County has essentially a rural

"If you take a look at where we were at the end of World War II, when we were the second largest dairy producing county in the state of Virginia and we had 50,000 people and then you look at where we are today with 1.1 million people," said Griffin, "we had huge challenges."

backwater of the capital.

Since that time, Fairfax County has emerged as the powerhouse of

Northern Virginia with a \$6.7 billion budget — larger than many countries across the globe. Griffin's budget for fiscal year 2013 keeps the current tax rate at \$1.07 for every \$100 of assessed value. Because of rising property values, that means the average homeowner will pay \$4,801, which is \$34 more than last year. County leaders say the rising property values have eased some of the tension created by the recession, although they were quick to point out that the county has yet to return to the boom times of the last decade.

"This proposed budget reflects the difficult eco-

nomic situation as we recover from the Great Recession," said Fairfax County Board Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. "We are not yet out of the woods, but we are seeing some modest growth."

THAT GROWTH has funded several new spending initiatives at the Fairfax County Government Center. The largest new spending measures in Griffin's proposed budget is a 2.18 percent market-rate adjustment for county employees. That will cost more than \$22 million and will become effective this summer if supervisors approve the proposal. Griffin added that this is the fourth year that public safety employees will not get a step increase and county employees will not get a pay-for-performance bonus.

"I have to tell you that employees are getting anxious," said Griffin. "They're concerned about their ability as individuals to continue to maintain their lifestyle and their requirements in the absence of any

change in pay."

In addition to raising property taxes, Griffin's budget also imposes a host of new fees. The stormwater fee would increase from 1.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value to 2.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value. The solid waste fee would increase from \$15.50 for each ton to \$17.50 for each ton. The sewer service charge would increase from \$6.01 for every 1,000 gallons

to \$6.55 for every 1,000 gallons.

"There really is a crisis in this country right now because the infrastructure that is below ground, which people do not see is in serious shape," said Griffin. "We are better off because our community developed since World War II primarily."

GRIFFIN'S PROPOSED BUDGET maintains the current funding for the school system at 52.5 percent. That's \$1.68 billion, a 4.5 percent increase over

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Charger Dancers: Grand Champions

The Chantilly Charger Dance Team competed on Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Gar-Field Sweetheart Invitational. They competed in the Jazz, Pom, HipHop and Officer categories against several area high school teams. The Charger Dancers placed first in the Small Varsity Jazz, first in the Small Pom, and third in the Small Varsity HipHop category. In the Officer category, Charger Dancer officers Amy Goffe, Brynn Harper, Katie Bennett, Nina Hansirisawat, and Maggie Hutzel placed first. Sophomore Leila McDermott was the top scoring senior soloist of the day. In addition, the Charger Dancers' pom routine was the highest scoring dance of the day, earning them the Grand Champion title of the competition. The team is coached by Casey Cassara.



Spelling Bee Winners

Mary Miller, Brookfield Elementary principal (center), poses with Spelling Bee winner Adrian Mitto (on left) and second-place winner Aliza Hayes (on right). Nearly 40 students from grades three through six participated in the 11-round bee. Champion Adrian will go on to compete in the countywide bee to be held later this year.

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Bicycle Master Plan Meeting March 6

Area residents can help set the course to make Fairfax County a bicycle-friendly community by attending a public meeting on the countywide Bicycle Transportation Master Plan. It's slated for Tuesday, March 6, from 6:30-9 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. People may drop in anytime, and there'll be a presentation at 7:30 p.m.

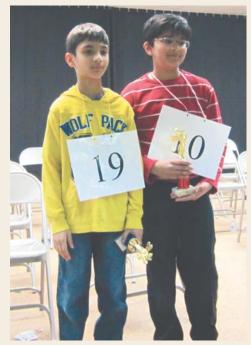
Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) and the county Department of Transportation are hosting the meeting. The purpose of the bicycle plan is to establish a system of on- and off-road bike lanes that will serve as a bicycle transportation network in the county.

Included in that network will be a range of specific improvements needed to accommodate and encourage bicycling within and between the county's activity and population centers, as well as to and from adjacent jurisdictions.

At the meeting, public input will be sought on the following questions:

- ❖ What streets and roads need to be bicycle-friendly?
- ❖ Where should there be on-road bike lanes, off-road trails and/or other approaches?
- ❖ Where are the difficult or unsafe locations to bicycle?
- ♦ How can cycling be made safer for young people or novice cyclists?
- ❖ How can cycling for short trips like running errands, shopping or going to the park or playground be made more attractive?

For more information, go to www.tooledesign.com/fairfax.



Spelling Bee at GBW

On Feb. 3, after 3.5 hours, Greenbriar West Elementary identified its 2012 Spelling Bee School Champion who will be representing GBW at the Fairfax County Scripps Spelling Bee in mid-March. The champion is teacher Brian Wiseman's Grade 6 student, Rithvik Nalamalapu (right). Right behind Rithvik, was teacher Jim Wright's 4th Grade student, Manu Bulusu (left) who is the runner up for the 2012 GBW School Spelling Bee.





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OPINION

By Sharon Bulova

State Shirks Transportation Responsibility

Chairman of the Board AND JEFF MCKAY Lee District Supervisor and Transportation Committee Chairman

aybe we should rename our County The Bank of Last Resort. At our Board of Supervisors retreat in early February, board members and staff discussed the tools available to local government to narrow the chasm between growing needs and shrinking resources. As the state and federal governments continue to slash programs and funds to localities, the needs in areas like human services, education, public safety, and transportation continue to grow.

Fairfax County is at ground zero in all these areas. We're home to a growing population of seniors in need of basic services; our top notch schools are growing fast; and our first responders keep our community safe despite being asked to do more with less.

The current debate over transportation re- Fairfax County should not be forced to choose sponsibilities is instructive. The Commonwealth of Virginia has primary transportation responsibilities that go back to the years of the Great Depression when the state took on all public road maintenance and construction for all counties except for Arlington and Henrico. In recent years, we've seen the fraying of this traditional responsibility and core

function of state government as the state's failure to act has left many of our most well-traveled roads in de-

plorable condition. Saying, "Can't afford it anymore, it's your problem" seems to be the General Assembly's solution. That's not reasonable and it's certainly not responsible governance.

The current proposals in the General Assembly are either devolution-lite or the camel's nose under the tent. Either way, they amount to an abdication of the state's moral and legal responsibility to maintain our roads. Any effort by the state that does not result in a longterm dedicated revenue stream is a decision to sidestep our transportation challenges. between its citizens' important needs simply because the state government is looking to take the easy way out. And keep in mind — as Fairfax County's fortunes go, so goes the Commonwealth. Our economic vitality supports and funds the rest of the state. A crumbling transportation infrastructure here will ulti-

As elected leaders, we have the responsibility to listen and respond to the needs of our constituents. Time after time we hear that transportation is one of our residents' top concerns and key to our economic fortunes. Fairfax County has a creative and solutions-oriented local government. We believe that our transportation problems can be solved. Identifying a dedicated transportation revenue stream is the first and most important step in finding that solution and we ask that the Governor and the General Assembly meet their responsibility and identify that

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bulldogs Are Getting It

To the Editor:

In September 2008, I wrote a letter to the editor titled "Bulldogs Just Don't Get It." My detailed essay described my frustration with the behavior of the Westfield High School student body during various athletic events. I had no idea how many other people felt the same way I did until folks I had never met thanked me for having the courage to write a letter

exposing the behavior that they, too, detested.

In stark contrast, I am pleased and proud to be writing early into the wee hours of the morning, energized by having just returned from Westfield's Northern Region Basketball Championship where Coach Ewell's Bulldog boys cut down the nets after two great games, one on Monday (2/27) and the other on the previous Saturday (2/25). While Coach Ewell's players and assistant coaches joined the Westfield Dance Team members and Coaches Mrs. Canty

and Mrs. Kilmer in outstanding performances



Pro Life Essay Contest

The Youth Apostles Institute, an association of priests and laity dedicated to youth ministry in the Catholic Church, sponsored its 18th annual pro-life essay contest for young people in seventh through 12th grade. The contest asked entrants to write a 400-word essay on the theme "Pro-life = Pro-love Because ..." This year's winner for the 7th and 8th grade bracket is Brian Bucaro an 8th grader from St. Timothy School. Honorable mentions were awarded to Mollie Beidleman, Maureen Duesterhaus and Joseph Stefano, also 8th graders from St. Timothy. Pictured from left are Maureen Duesterhaus, Mollie Beidleman, Brian Bucaro and Joseph Stefano.

on the court, it was the student section off the court on both nights that truly made me a proud Westfield community member.

Unlike some of Westfield's opponents' fans during the recent District and Regional tournaments, the hundreds of Bulldog fans who were present for each game never once chanted "B-S" in response to a bad call by the referees, nor did they show up bare-chested with boxers hanging out of their half-fallen jeans. And, unlike the slightly older Green and Gold Patriots down the street, they didn't turn their backs when their opponents were introduced ... one of the many welcomed changes from Westfield '08. Our Bulldogs are getting it! Could it be that our local college friends can learn something from these high school students? I say yes! Our Bulldog fans are making it clear (by their actions) that they realize being a loyal, rabid, crazed fan has nothing to do with demeaning or disrespecting your opponent.

So, what is the root cause of this sea change on Stonecroft? I attribute the brighter day to outstanding leadership on the part of Principal Tim Thomas and his entire Westfield staff.

For better, for worse, much can be learned from a snapshot. With just over one minute left in the Region Semifinal game on Saturday (2/25), the Bulldog student section correctly surmised that a Westfield victory was seconds away. As the Westfield administrative team strategically positioned themselves in front of the hundreds of would-be party crashers, Principal Thomas faced the throngs of students and, with one simple hand motion, had every single student seated at the blink of an eye. He (presumably) instructed their student leader about how the post-game celebration would be conducted, and then empowered the Boy Patton to brief his troops. As the clock struck 00.0, with nearly no force at all, the entire student section simply stood in place and allowed the players to complete the traditional congratulatory team handshakes. As opposed

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to the classless bedlam that typically sabotaged the same tradition on the Bulldog football field back in 2008, the students waited patiently for what must have seemed like half an hour to them. Only after the two teams had shown each other great sportsmanship were the Bulldog players (and not the fans) allowed to direct the action

As the players ran toward the student section, the sea of student fans stormed the court in sheer joy, meeting their team half-way, going crazy the right way. As silly as it sounds, it was the feel-good moment of the night. Having nothing to do with the scoreboard but rather with the actions of a wild mob of teenagers who "got it," the Westfield students gave us all a sensation that could well have been ripped right out of "Hoosiers," "Rudy" or "Remember the Titans."

Congratulations to the 2012 Westfield students ... on and off the court. Thank you for a job welldone, kids. Keep up your great work!

Sam Elson Future Bulldog Parent

More Jobs Needed

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter to friends of the Centreville Labor Resource Center.

The Centreville Labor Resource Center, the 3-month-old project of

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Centreville Immigration Forum, is open and operating.

There are nearly 25 men who use the CLRC daily to find job opportunities and get valuable job training. We have daily ESL classes, tax preparation assistance, and computers available for workers to learn and check employment possibilities. We have a popular class in electrical installation and safety, taught by a licensed electrician, and we have had visits from a local dentist. We have workers who take leadership in meetings, and support all Center operations.

We are grateful for the support of the Centreville community during the first three months of CLRC operations. The dedication of our volunteers has been phenomenal, with just under 600 volunteer hours contributed in less than three months.

However, to reach our goals, we need more jobs each day. The lack of the jobs at the CLRC leads many workers to lose hope in our new institution and return to the street. Most of the workers on the street have come thousands of miles because there was a job demand; they will come a thousand more yards if that same demand moves down to the CLRC. Community residents, business people, and public safety officers know that street-side pick-up of workers is not safe; now we need the community to work together to discourage this practice. We need your help to undo a practice that has been going on for 15 years.

If you are an employer of temporary labor, come to the Center for quick, friendly and efficient service. We will find a worker who has the skills you need, and we will assist you in negotiating the pay. All Center services are free.

If you know others who hire, inform them that police and shopping center owners are increasing their efforts to stop street-side hiring. Stop by the CLRC to pick up flyers with maps to provide to

friends or acquaintances who may hire.

These efforts will bring more dignity to workers, and greater health and safety to our community.

> **Director Shani Moser,** Organizer Molly Maddra Centreville

Political Posturing

To the Editor:

My reason for writing is to express my distaste with the Senate Democrats in Richmond regarding the state budget issue. Virginia has been nationally ranked as one of the best managed states in the country because our attitude for cooperation and strong bipartisanship. Last week, however, the state budget was blocked in the Senate by the Democrats which may turn into a repeat of what happened in 2004 and 2006, where political stalemates endangered our state with a government shutdown.

I was curious as to why the Democrats would obstruct something as important as the state budget, and according to Sen. John Edwards (D-Roanoke) the rationale behind it was in regards to "make a statement that we need bipartisan government." Another reason that was given was that the budget did not address certain issues that they wanted — but they would not clarify what specifically they wanted addressed.

Are the Republicans meant to play a guessing game until the Democrats are satisfied, or to give them what they want so they will do what is right for our state? Either way, risking the paychecks of our teachers, librarians, and first responders or a government shutdown is not the way adults make "statements."

Sean Twombly Centreville





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FEB. 29 TO MARCH 29

Artist Rosemary Gallick. Centreville artist's work will be on display at the Woodbridge Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4th floor gallery. "Celebrating Multi-Cultural Diversity" honors the talents of many artists, including Melissa Etheridge, K. D. Lang, Yoko Ono, Tina Turner, Jimi Hendrix and Bob Marley. The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays. Admission is free. The Woodbridge Campus is located at 15200 Neabsco Mills Road. Contact Gallick at rgallick@nvcc.edu or 703-878-5797.

THURSDAY/MARCH 1

Comedian Kevin Lee. 9 p.m. Will perform at Sully's Restaurant and Supper Club, 14513 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Suite H, Chantilly. There are shows every Thursday at 9 p.m.; no cover; 21 and up.

SATURDAY/MARCH 3

Meal Packaging Event Cancelled. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To benefit Stop Hunger Now. Will be rescheduled in the future. Visit

www.stophungernow.org. **Prayer Breakfast.** Mount Olive Baptist Church Missionary Society. 9 a.m. Speakers include: Rev. Dr. Lillie S. Cannon, Rev. Howard Bulter, Pastor Biaka Chhangte, Elder Nicole Mason, Esq., Rev. Sylvia McDonald-Kaufman, Esq. At Mount Olive Baptist Church, 6600 Old Centreville Road,

DAR Meeting. 1 p.m. Free. Lane's Mill Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution monthly meeting. 12:30 p.m. social hours; 1 p.m. meeting. At the Sully Station II Community Center, 5501 Sully Park Dr., Centreville. Local author Marc Leepson will discuss his latest book, "Lafayette Lessons in Leadership from the Idealist General". Email lanesmillchapter@hotmail.com

Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Various locations in Old Town Fairfax. The Taste of Chocolate, featuring chocolate vendors selling their wares; the Chocolate Challenge, an arts extravaganza where the medium is chocolate; the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast featuring chocolate chip pancakes, historic re-enactments, children's activities, open houses at historic buildings and more. www.chocolatefestival.net.

SUNDAY/MARCH 4

Organ Dedication Concert. 4 p.m. Free. Saint Andrew Lutheran Church is hosting a concert celebrating their new organ. Local organist Neil Weston will be the featured guest artist. At 14640 Soucy Place (at the intersection of Braddock Road and Cranoke Road). Visit www.saintandrewlc.org. Missionary Day. 10 a.m. Mount Olive Baptist

Church Missionary Day, 10 a.m. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Suzan Johnson Cook, Pastor/ Author. At Mount Olive Baptist Church, 6600 Old Centreville Road,

Fairfax Chocolate Lovers Festival. 12-4 p.m. Various locations in Old Town Fairfax. The Taste of Chocolate, featuring chocolate vendors selling their wares; the Chocolate Challenge, an arts extravaganza where the medium is chocolate; the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast featuring chocolate chip pancakes, historic re-enactments

children's activities, open houses at historic buildings and more. www.chocolatefestival.net.

Animal Foster Care. 7 to 9 p.m. Orientation session to learn about the county's animal foster care program. At the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. To attend, citizens should RSVP to kathleen.cornell@fairfaxcounty.gov

SUNDAY/MARCH 11

Dedication Concert. 7 p.m. Pender United Methodist Church has a new grand piano and will honor organist Bob Chiralo with a celebration and dedication concert. At Pender United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary. A reception to follow.

MONDAY/MARCH 12

St. Baldrick's Day Event. 5 to 7 p.m. At the Chick-Fil-A off Route 28 and Willard Road in Chantilly. This is a fundraiser for St. Baldrick's for childhood cancer research.

MARCH 15-18

National Trumpet Competition. Free. Highlights are Thursday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. — The U.S. Army Band and Herald Trumpets with guest soloists; Friday, March 16 at 2 p.m. — Doc Severinsen and the Army Blues; Saturday, March 17 at 2 p.m. — VIP recital with five performers. Also includes master classes, adjudication, artists and performances. At George Mason University.

FRIDAY/MARCH 16

Asian Chamber Awards Gala. 6 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$80/member; \$100/non-member. With keynote speaker Maj. Gen. Antonio Taguba. At the Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel, GMU Fairfax Campus, 4352 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. To purchase tickets, contact Cindy Shao at 703-752-6292 or visit www.asianamericanchamber.org

SATURDAY/MARCH 17

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With pianist Rick Rowley. Stravinsky's Firebird Suite (1919 version), Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Sibelius' Symphony No. 7, and Sibelius' Finlandia. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 18

N Gauge Train Display. 1 to 4 p.m. The Northern Virginia NTRACK members will have a display of N Gauge trains running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. At 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Cost is \$3 for adults; \$1 for children. Information on the museum and shows is at www.fairfax-station.org phone 703-425-9225.

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Holy Communion (Third Sunday) Wednesday Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study

and Spiritual Development Courses: (Includes Youth Bible Study)

7:00 PM

10:00 AM



What Is Domestic Violence and What To Do About It?

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and Domestic Relations Court is good for two weeks.

❖ A "permanent" protective order — the longest one available in Virginia — is good for two years.

"The last two come with certain conditions for protection," said Smith. "For example, no further acts of family abuse; no contact with the victim or their children or other family members; or mental-health and/or substance-abuse treatment for the abuser."

Other conditions, she said, could be that the victim may remain in the home, that the utilities not be turned off and that the victim may have possession of the family vehicle. There could also be a condition that the abuser not return to the family home within 12 hours of drinking alcohol.

"Domestic-violence detectives do followup with the victim to get further evidence for court, such as photos of injuries," said Smith. "They'll also obtain the 911 call and any jail calls — for example, the offender calling someone and making admissions or threats or contacting the victim during the duration of the protective order."

She said detectives like her explain the court process to the victim, go to court where they can and, basically, assist both the victim and the arresting officers. Often, however, victims don't want their abusers to go to jail.

"About 50 percent of victims minimize or deny what's happened," said Smith. "That's a big challenge for the officers, so we try to build the case without the victims' coopera-

Help for Victims Of Domestic Violence

- The Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services. Hotline number: 703-360-7273.
- DVAC, the Domestic Violence Action Center, offering services to help victims who don't want to involve the police. Contact this organization via the Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services at 703-324-5730.
- Artemis House: This is a shelter for domestic-violence victims. Its 24-hour phone number is 703-435-4940.
- Counseling services for victims of domestic and/or sexual violence. To make an appointment or join a group, call 703-324-5730. Counseling services are offered locally in Chantilly and Fairfax.
- Anger and Domestic Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Call 703-968-4052.
 ADAPT groups are offered locally in Chantilly and Fairfax.

tion. We see if the abuser has a [criminal] record, if there were witnesses to the abuse, the severity of the injuries and any evidence of the incident."

Domestic violence is a Class 1 misdemeanor, punishable by as much as a year in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine. But in the case of a first offender — and if the victim's injuries aren't too severe — the abuser may receive a deferred disposition in court. The abuser must also agree to take an 18-week abuse-prevention class and will be on probation for two years. If the offender is of good behavior during that time, the case is dismissed.

Stalking, also a Class I misdemeanor, is a troubling behavior, as well, said Smith.



Police Det. Jacqi Smith discusses domestic violence with the Sully District Station's Citizens Advisory Committee.

"Ninety percent of them involve an intimate partner — an ex or a current one — putting the victim in fear of death, criminal sexual assault or bodily injury. Stalking could involve assault, abduction, burglary, trespassing, threatening to harm a pet, computer trespass, unwanted contact with the victim's family and friends, making false allegations, or showing up at the victim's work or church."

She said stalkers often use technology, such as phones, cameras, GPS, computers, spyware and social-networking sites, to keep tabs on their victims. But, she added, "These things also help police track their activities."

According to Smith, 81 percent of stalking victims who were stalked by a current or former intimate partner report they were also physically abused by them. She said 73 percent of intimate partners verbally threatened their victims with physical abuse, as well.

"Domestic violence is a power and control issue," said the detective. "If a woman breaks up with her boyfriend, he no longer has control over her." So, said Smith, he may start stalking her to try to retain that power. But that's extremely dangerous, she said, because "physical abuse plus stalking equals a higher indicator of lethality [something capable of causing death] than either behavior, alone."

"Most domestic violence goes on behind closed doors, so get to know your neighbors," Smith advised her audience. "If you hear escalating arguments, things being thrown or see an unfamiliar car parked in your neighborhood, you can call the police. Every life is precious, and we want to help anybody who's in a domestic-violence circumstance."

"If a friend or co-worker has a hard time explaining their injuries, encourage them to get a protective order or call the Office for Women & Domestic and Sexual Violence Services hotline, 703-360-7273," she continued. "Or they can contact other organizations."

"It's OK to have an argument, as long as it doesn't become physical," said Smith. "Everyone should feel safe in their own home."

Franklin Middle Presents 'Thoroughly Modern Millie'

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Classmate Mohammad Khan plays Trevor Graydon, who runs the insurance company, Sincere Trust. "He's determined in his work, but also stereotypical and set in the 1920s' belief that women belong in the home and men at work," said Khan. "He's really nice, but can also be arrogant. He's fun to play because his songs are uptempo and I like being a lead."

Khan especially likes "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" because it's a slow ballad and "It's the first time I've sung a love song in a play. It's a different type song from what I usually sing." He said all the actors are topnotch, have terrific voices and even just the right props for this show. So, said Khan, "For a middle-school play, this is pretty professional."

Portraying Jimmy, a rich person in disguise, is seventh-grader Ryan Davis. "His stepmother sent him out into the world to reform himself," said Davis. "He's spent his money and time on the wrong girls and was sort of a player, and she wants him to mature a little. She wants both him and his sister Dorothy to meet regular people who'll love them for themselves and not their

noney.'

Davis loves this role because, he said, "Jimmy's high-spirited and energetic like me. He gets to do exciting things and really knows how to live. Davis's favorite song is "What Do I Need with Love?" which he sings in jail after being arrested for being at a speakeasy. "I like its energy and the freedom of singing a solo, so it's fun for me. And I've danced with a ballet company for seven years and I choreographed this number."

Eighth-grader Kayla Blatman plays Mrs. Meers, an American pretending to be Asian. "She's a hotel owner who sells orphaned girls into slavery," said Blatman. "She's pure evil and sees nothing wrong with what she's doing; it's her way of making money. She thinks she's amazing. In her song, 'They Don't Know,' she praises her acting ability and how no one will learn her real identity. The notes are difficult, but it's fun to sing because, in it, my character's full of herself."

Blatman's enjoying this part because Meers is her complete opposite and, therefore, a challenge. "She's a really mean woman," said Blatman. "It's fun to let out my 'evil' side and go over-the-top with my acting." She said the audience will love the

show's variety of songs, plus Meers's minions, Bun Foo and Ching Ho, because "they only speak Chinese and people will like how these characters are played."

Portraying Millie's best friend, Dorothy, is Sarah Woolf. "She's complicated because she's really Jimmy's sister pretending to be an orphan," said Woolf. "Only Millie knows she's rich. But she acts like a little girl, at times. She hasn't really matured, and everything is exciting and new to her."

Woolf said Dorothy is friendly and nice, like her, but comes from a different background. "She's a unique character, not the

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully police department through Feb. 24.

ASSAULT

Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy/Lees Corner Road. Feb. 7, 2:40 p.m. An officer conducted a traffic stop and arrested the driver, a 50-year-old female of Clifton. She allegedly became belligerent and fought the officer. She was subsequently charged with assault on police officer, open container and driving while intoxicated.

DESTRUCTION

6800 block of Clifton Grove Court, Feb. 19, 2:30 a.m. The homeowner was awakened by the

traditional best friend, because she and Millie have different personalities," said Woolf. "But Megan and I have been best friends, our whole lives, so it's easy to be best friends on stage."

She, too, likes the number, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," which she sings with Khan. "It's a fantasy, so it's exaggerated, and our characters don't hold back their feelings," said Woolf. "There's also lots of movement, so it's comical and romantic, at the same time." She said the audience will like the overall show for the same reason, because it offers many things at once — "comedy, romance, drama and music."

doorbell. When he looked outside he found damage to the front lawn, porch and vehicle. Officers found several other homes with damage as well.

LARCENIES

13600 block of Orchard Drive. Rifle from

3900 block of Rockland Village Drive.Medicine from residence.

14800 block of Stonecroft Center. License plates from vehicle.

5600 block of Rocky Run Drive. Tools from

13500 block of Tabscott Drive. Mail from

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(3) 8007 Hedgewood Court, Fairfax Station — \$675,000

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In January 2012, 52

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This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,227,511-\$320,000 range.

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| 4454B BEACON GROVE CIR #607B. | | | | | | | |
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6.1% Budget Increase Proposed

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last year. Yet it's also \$70 million less than the request from the school system, which was \$1.75 billion. As a result, Griffin suggested supervisors advertise a tax rate of \$1.09 to give supervisors some flexibility. The county executive also presented a PowerPoint slide to supervisors that showed the average residential property taxpayer's bill had declined \$45 since fiscal year 2007. But Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) pointed out that didn't include the stormwater fee, which is part of the annual property tax bill. Although Griffin said the average tax bill is \$4,801, Herrity pointed out that when the stormwater fee is added the average bill is \$4,913.

"So instead of decreasing by \$45, the check the average homeowner writes actually went up \$80," said Herrity.

"I'm not intending to try to confuse people," said Griffin. "But the stormwater is a separate account and a separate fee."

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Sports

Bulldogs Bask in Glory of First Region Basketball Crown

Westfield, behind tourney MVP Elcano, defeats Edison in boys' finals.

By Rich Sanders Centre View

or a seasoned, talented Westfield High boys' basketball team, the key to this season's stellar postseason run, which reached a pinnacle when the Bulldogs captured their first-ever Northern Region tournament title, the result of a convincing 62-49 finals win over Edison this past Monday night, Feb. 27, at Robinson Secondary, has been its ability to simply continue during the playoff season what it did all throughout the regular season when the team from the Concorde District went 19-3.

Yes, there was early postseason disappointment when Westfield, which had gone unbeaten in district play during the regular season, lost 62-60 in the district tournament championship game to Robinson on Feb. 17. But the veteran Bulldogs' group, which a year ago had seen its season end with a first round region tournament loss, simply put the disappointing close loss to the Rams behind and reeled off four consecutive region playoff wins to gain the crown.

"We worked hard for this so it's a special accomplishment," said Westfield senior guard Julius Rosa, who scored eight points, all in the second half, in the title game versus Edison. "This is the first time we've won the region in school history. We've put our names in the history of Westfield sports."

Westfield now moves on to the eight-team state AAA playoffs and is set to meet Henrico High (Richmond) in a quarterfinals round game this Friday night at Robinson. Tipoff is scheduled for 8:45. Meanwhile, Edison will travel to Richmond to take on Petersburg High in another quarterfinals contest.

IT WAS NOT AN EASY region playoff ride as Westfield played close games in wins over Wakefield High, 57-55, and T.C. Williams, 43-38, in the opening and quarterfinals rounds, respectively. Both Wakefield and T.C., in recent region basketball history, have earned region titles so in defeating the two renowned programs Westfield, which trailed at halftime to both the Warriors and Titans, accomplished a lot.

Westfield then defeated this

year's Liberty District champions, McLean High, 55-41, in a semifinals game played on Feb. 25 at Robinson. It was a close game through three quarters before the Bulldogs, leading 42-39 going into the final quarter, outscored the Highlanders 13-2 in the fourth quarter to earn a spot in the finals and gain an automatic seeding for the state playoffs.

McLean had been the lone Northern Region team to hand Westfield a loss during the regular season, a 50-48 home setback on Dec. 9 in the third game of the season.

In the championship game on Monday, Westfield was going up against a red-hot Edison squad from the National District which had struggled early in the season with records of 1-3 and 4-5 before turning it on and ultimately capturing its district tournament title with a 63-54 finals win over Washington-Lee.

At regionals, the high flying Eagles defeated Herndon, Langley, and Fairfax, the latter win over the Rebels coming in overtime, to reach the meeting with Westfield. Edison, going into the championship, was carrying an eight-game win streak.

But while the underdog Edison team (19-9) had proven its merit by reaching the region championship, it was ultimately not good enough over four quarters to win over a defensive-minded Westfield

squad known for its strength both inside and outside of the paint.

WESTFIELD, in the finals win, received a balanced attack in which three players - dominant senior cen-

ter Zach Elcano (17 points), 6foot-4 inch senior forward Quentin Basil (16 points, 7 rebounds), and gritty, clutch guard Mark Gibson (10 points) - each had good scoring nights. The 6-11 Elcano, the region's top post player, pulled down six rebounds and blocked at least three shots.

At game's end, Elcano, in postgame ceremonies, was named as the tournament MVP. He was joined by both Basil and Gibson on the seven-member All-Region Tournament team.



Mark Gibson goes up for two of his 10 points against the Eagles. The senior guard earned All-Region Tournament honors.

Edison had two representatives named to the team - big man Matt Murphy and guard Tyrone Mackall, who led Edison with 17 points in the championship. Edison, as a team, earned the 16team region tournament Sportsmanship Award.

The finals contest, like the three previous region playoff games Westfield was in, was close at half-

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- Westfield senior guard

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time with Westfield holding a 22-21 lead over the Eagles at the intermission. But the Bulldogs, leading 24-23 early in the third quarter, then broke the

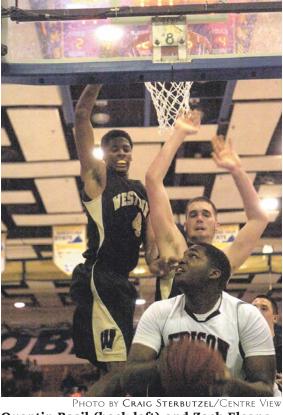
game open with a game-defining 18-4 stretch over the final six-anda-half minutes of the quarter.

Julius Rosa

Gibson scored the first two baskets of the Westfield streak - scoring on a layup off the left side before, moments later, converting a close range underhanded shot off a hard drive in the lane, in traffic. to give the Bulldogs a lead of 28-

Elcano scored shortly after on a driving short bank shot off the right side to make it 30-23.

After Edison got within 30-25 on



Quentin Basil (back left) and Zach Elcano (back right) are not giving up any easy baskets, as shown here during Westfield's region finals game versus Edison.

a steal and breakaway layup by Mackall, Westfield's Basil, perhaps the region's best player in allowing the game to come to him and picking his moments to step up, then began a 10-0 Westfield spurt by nailing consecutive three-point shots from the left corner.

"Quentin hit some big shots," said Elcano, of the back-to-back treys which gave Westfield momentum it never lost.

Elcano followed with a short turnaround basket before Gibson scored off a rebound follow-up to give the Bulldogs a commanding 40-25 lead with 1:32 remaining in the decisive quarter.

Westfield led 42-27 going into the final quarter and was never seriously threatened after that. Edison got as close as 50-43 on a free throw by Marcus Brunsey with 2:18 left to play. But Westfield baskets by Gibson and Basil, the latter score by Basil - a two-handed dunk shot off a drive from the left side - making the score 54-43 and bringing the loudest roar of the night from the Westfield faithful on hand.

The game was well in hand at that point. With one or two seconds left, a referee blew his whistle indicating a foul against Westfield. But the foul was wiped off the board because the outcome was decided and everyone realized two foul shots were meaningless. When an official indicated the game was over, the Westfield student body, which had anxiously been waiting for the game to officially end, stormed the floor, joining the players in celebration.

"We've been working for this for like three years," said a smiling Elcano, in the minutes following the game. "We just played as a team all 32 minutes and poured our hearts out. This is the happiest moment of my life."

For Gibson, Westfield's 5-11 senior guard, the occasion was extra special because it was his birth-

"This is the best day of my life," said Gibson, echoing Elcano's similar sentiments.

Of his team's huge third quarter, Gibson said, "We got the first half jitters out of us. We relaxed more in the third quarter and were focused. I never played in a game with this big a crowd. But we didn't focus on that. We did what we had to do and executed."

Rosa, Gibson's backcourt mate, said one huge key to Westfield's championship season was that the players had each other's back.

"There's a feeling of togetherness on this team," he said. "Sometimes a player might have an off night, but someone else is there to step up."

SPORTS

Smith Records 400th Career Win

Longtime Chantilly High basketball coach reaches milestone.

Jim Smith, head coach of the Chantilly High boys' basketball team, recently reached a milestone in his coaching career as he won his 400th game.

Smith has been coaching high school basketball in the Fairfax County area since 1988, starting with three seasons at Mclean High School and then moving to Chantilly High where he has remained since 1991.

He says he feels fortunate having had the opportunity to coach for so many years.

"The key has been having players buy into the system you are teaching and then play extremely hard," said Smith, who led Chantilly to a Northern Region crown two years ago. "At both Chantilly and Mclean I had players who did just that."

Smith also gives credit to the assistant coaches he has worked with over the years.

"You need quality assistant coaches to help you implement your system," he said. "I have had more than my share of great as-



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sistant coaches."

One of whom, Chris Dux, has been with him at Chantilly for over 15 years.

Aside from winning 400 games, Smith has also managed to make friends among his players. Rusty Payne, who played with him between 1988 through 1991 at McLean High School, remains a close friend to this day. "We experienced a great deal of success under his leadership that the basketball program had not experienced up to that point for many, many years," said Payne, of the years as a basketball player at

McLean over 20 years ago.

"I will always be grateful to Coach Smith for the opportunities he gave us to succeed on the court, for the things he taught me and teammates, especially about persevering through adversity and having a commitment to excellence in everything that you do."

Jim Smith,

shown here

ers, saw his

this season.

talking strategy

with his Charg-

team go 10-11

Smith has been

at the helm of

the Chantilly

boys since

1991.

Payne also traces the success he has had in his personal life, with a wife of 15 years and three children, and with his successful public affairs career, to the things Coach Smith taught him as a high school basketball player.

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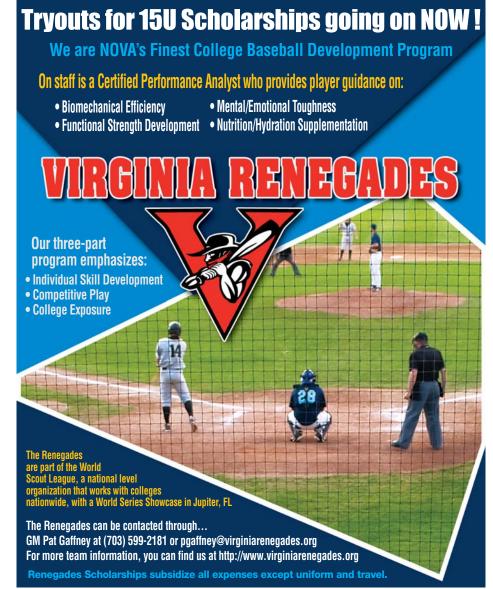


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The Town of Clifton Planning Commission and Town Council will hold a joint public hearing at its regular meeting to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton, Virginia. The purpose of the joint public hearing is receive community feedback on the proposed Streetscape Master Plan for Main Street. The proposed design concepts for the Streetscape Master Plan for proposed design concepts for the Streetscape Master Plan for Main Street are available for review on the town's website

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OBITUARY MORAN, C.M.F., REV. THOMAS

2012 at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago, It., after complications from pneumonia. Father Moran was born on January 27, 1928, in Chicago, Illinois. The son of Thomas and Mary (nee Roach) Moran, he grew up in a family of four children on the south side of Chicago. Fr. Moran is survived by his two remaining living sisters, Joan McGoldrick and Marie Tarpey; beloved uncle of many. The fourth sibling, his brother Roger is also deceased. Father made his first profession as a Claratian Missionary in 1947, persetual profession sion as a Člaretian Missionary in 1947, perpetual profession n 1950 and was ordained a priest on June 9, 1955

After his ordination, Fr. Moran served as a teacher and Prir cipal at the Saint Jude High School Seminary in Momence, Il-linois from 1955-1967. At the suggestion of his then Superi-or, Fr. Moran was assigned to mission in Guatemala, where he spent approximately 25 years of his religious life as a mis-sionary. During his time in Central America, he constantly championed for the rights of the indigenous and working people of the towns of El Estor and Livingston. Fr. Moran says his ministry on behalf of the impoverished Indian families en compassed "the happiest and some of the saddest years my life as a priest." He was instrumental in helping to estab lish and promote an elementary school for children who could not write or speak in Spanish, the country's native lan guage. His work in advancing the cause of education result guage. His work in advancing the cause of education result ed in a new Indian school being named in his honor in Living

After returning from Guatemala in 1982, and taking a 2 yea sabbatical, Fr. Moran was then assigned to St. Mary of Sor rows Church in Fairfax, Virginia as parish priest from 1984 1990. In 1990, he returned to Guatemala for a second tou of duty for nine years. In 1999 when he returned to the Unit ed States, he was assigned as an associate pastor at Ou ed States, ne was assigned as an associate pastor at Oul Lady of Guadalupe Church on the south side of Chicago, where he served up until December of 2011. Visitation or Tuesday, February 27 from 2-9pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church 3200 E. 91st Street, Chicago, IL 60617 with a prayet service at 8pm. On Wednesday, February 28 viewing at 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of the Resurrection at 9:30 a.m. Interment Outgen of Heaven Cemetery — Hillside II. Filmwoor erment Queen of Heaven Cemetery - Hillside, IL. Elmwood Chapel Chicago, IL in charge of arrangement. 773-731-2749. www.elmwoodchapel.com

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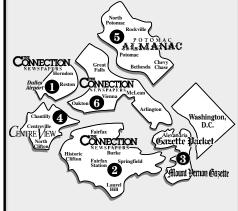
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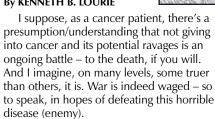
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"Battling

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Personally, I don't view what I do – surviving as a cancer patient: following doctor's orders, filling prescriptions, ingesting medications, enduring chemotherapy, scheduling and then being diagnostically scanned, making food and lifestyle changes, adding miscellaneous supplements to my diet; in general, trying to live healthier and be a "compliant" patient, as anything more than common sense. It's not a battle – to me, it's simply what you do. As the South Korean widow said to Hawkeye Pierce on a M*A*S*H episode way back when, responding to his question about how she could walk so far to get water: "Because that's where the water is," she answered.

And so a while back, it struck me as odd that a woman to whom I was introduced and who knew of my less-than-ideal health circumstances, straight-forwardly and most sincerely (having recently been widowed herself when her husband succumbed to a cancer diagnosis) asked: "I understand you're battling cancer." It was in fact the first time in my nearly three years of being a cancer patient/survivor that I had ever been asked that exact question.

It was not her directness that was offputting. Nor was it her presuming a familiarity – between us, that did not exist, that such a potentially intrusive, certainly private/personal subject could be so casually raised – by a relative stranger, in the middle of a 27-person Christmas dinner. No. It simply caught me by surprise, and I believe my answer/reaction likewise caught her by surprise and may have even made her a bit uncomfortable and apologetic for having inquired (although it was certainly not my intention). I laughed at her question and said: "I suppose so." To which she replied: "I didn't mean to" "No problem," I said, as the commotion of the occasion sort of ended our conversation.

One other time I was present when this "battling cancer" phrase was invoked. Although this time, it was a former female co-worker greeted by another former coworker at our company Christmas party who asked, innocently enough of her, how she was doing: "I'm battling cancer" came her reply. I snickered then when I heard it, and even commented to our Publisher, Mary Kimm, also a cancer survivor, who was standing alongside me at the time and witnessed the entire exchange: "You know Mary, I've never said that – or felt that." A year later this "battling cancer" answer was questioned to me.

I don't really have any objections to either of these exchanges. I guess if had to summarize my feelings, however, about what I heard answered and what I was asked, I would say it's probably me trying to make light of a very heavy set of circu stances, and on some occasions, the less said about it, the better. It's awkward, sort of. Although, I don't really mind. Still; sometimes, I just don't feel the need.

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Fairfax County Public Schools: Food and Nutrition News

Coming in March: Go Inside the Classroom with Teachers

Recognized for Food Safety

Food safety and sanitation are critical processes that require strict procedures and training. All FCPS food service managers have successfully completed the Fairfax County Sanitation Certification requirements and a manager training course. As a second safety measure, all FCPS schools have implemented a Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) program, which requires managers to follow a purchased food product from the moment the food is received to the time it is served to ensure proper handling and temperature control. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recognized the Office of Food and **Nutrition Services for maintaining** the highest levels of food safety and cleanliness in its food preparation

Learn the 9-5-2-1-0 Zip Code for Your Health

- 9 Get 9 hours of sleep each night
- Eat 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day
- Limit screen time to no more than 2 hours each day
- Get at least 1 hour of exercise each day
- No sugary drinks

Right: First Lady Michelle Obama visited Parklawn Elementary School in Alexandria recently to unveil new federal standards for school meals which will require reducing sodium and fat levels, and increasing fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes in school lunches and breakfasts.

Healthy School Environment Starts with Nutritious Meals and Exercise

What are your memories of school lunches? Today's students look forward to lunch not just because they're hungry, but because of the variety of foods offered: baked chicken, fish tacos, pork egg rolls, spaghetti, hummus, whole wheat pretzels and yogurt, chef's salad with tuna, assorted fruits and vegetables, and much more.

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is recognized as a leader in creating a healthy school environment by teaching children about the importance of eating a variety of healthy foods and getting regular exercise.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture established the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSSC) award to recognize schools that have created healthier school environments through promotion of nutrition and physical activity. This year 160, or more than 80 percent, of FCPS schools will receive the HUSSC award for enhancing the quality of school meals, increasing physical activity, and providing nutrition education to students.

said Penny McConnell, RD, Director of Food and **Nutrition Services.**

"We value the important role we play in our students' nutritional well-being and contribution to the reduction of childhood obesity," she said.

FCPS'Food and Nutrition Services program also places special emphasis on purchasing locally grown seasonal produce and supporting school learning gardens.

"We've talked to different groups within our community and share their desire to offer a wide variety of locally grown foods on our menu," said McConnell

More than 30 FCPS schools have planted learning gardens that provide spring and fall produce for school lunches as well as a great learning experience for students.

A wellness policy guides FCPS Food and Nutrition staff as they develop programs in nutrition education and physical education, determine the school day, and create activities that promote



Getting To Know Us

FCPS Operations Coordinator, Food and Nutrition Services **Amy Hubal**

Seeing the smiling faces of students as they go through the lunch line is one of the perks of the job for Amy Hubal, Operations Coordinator in Food and Nutrition Services.

Hubal supervises the eight central distribution centers, or central kitchens, for the school district. The distribution centers prepare and deliver food to more than 200 schools and community organizations on a

Did You Know

FCPS Office of Food and

Nutrition Services is a nonprofit business. The

daily basis. Her passion for food began at an early age, working in the restaurant business when she was 16.

ram is self-supporting and receives no local real estate tax dollars. "I enjoy feeding my family and

friends and I am fortunate to be able to work with food for my job as well," she said. "Everyone loves to eat and preparing healthy food is so rewarding."

Hubal is interested in the process of garden-to-table and educating others about how to have a healthy relationship with food.

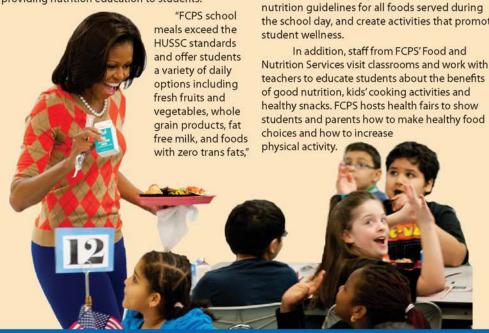
"Learning to grow and prepare food is a life-long skill that promotes health and wellness,"

Hubal serves on the district's menu committee helping to develop new recipes for Food and Nutrition Services.

The one aspect of Hubal's job she enjoys most? Her team of 180 staff, 24 managers, and 32 van drivers.

"I work with a dedicated, hard-working team of nutritional professionals that really care about what they do and the impact they make on a student's school day."

Want to learn more about FCPS school nutrition? Visit www.fcps.edu and click on the A-Z index for Food at School.



Providing Nutritious Meals to Students, Community

Food and Nutrition Services employees take pride in preparing and serving more than 140,000 meals each day. Eight distribution centers (central kitchens), two secondary school production kitchens, a vending center, a central warehouse, and elementary, middle, and high school finishing kitchens, under the direction of highly trained managers, provide nutritious meals in all public schools and centers. Free and reduced-price meals are provided to needy students. In addition, food is catered to day care locations, senior citizen programs, Alzheimer centers and Meals on Wheels.

"Meals are planned by registered dietitians to reflect the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans," said McConnell. "But we also make sure that the menus reflect student cultural and personal preferences by conducting monthly student taste parties. Our goal is to plan menus that are affordable and provide students with several nutritious choices that they will select and eat."

Food and Nutrition Services Revenue Sources

- Student Payments 56%
- Federal Funds 30%
- State Funds 1%
- Other Services 13% (day care centers, senior nutrition programs, catering and vending)

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