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Run a Race, Help Save Lives

5K in honor of two local women.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

fter surviving breast cancer, chemotherapy and radiation, Centreville's Vanessa Spiller is doing well and hopes to soon receive a clean bill of health from her doctor. Fair Lakes resident BethAnn Telford was diagnosed with a Stage III brain tumor in 2005, and is still fighting for her life.

And on Saturday, March 24, at the Fairfax Corner Shopping Center, the Rev3 Run Rogue 5K will be run in their honor. All proceeds will be split evenly between Life with Cancer w w w . h t t p : / / lifewithcancer.org/ and the National Brain Tumor Society http://www.braintumor.org/.

But the two, local women won't be sitting on the sidelines. Both are athletes and, on race day, they'll be running in SEE REV3 RUN, PAGE 4



From left are Vanessa Spiller and BethAnn Telford last May at Washington, D.C.'s Race for Hope. Telford gave Spiller the "Pick Your Fight" shirt to honor them both and what they're battling.

A Meal and a Play: 'Maid for Dogs'

Clifton Dinner Theater presents original comedy.

By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

ctors are often advised not to perform with children or animals because they'll be upstaged. But in The Clifton Dinner Theater's play, "Maid for Dogs," the animals — gray, standard poodles — are well-behaved and the show is hilarious.

The cast and crew of 20 have been rehearsing since January. Producer Dianne Janczewski — owner of the two dogs, Abby and Izzy — created the play's concept and director Charlotte Yakovleff wrote most of it.

"It's a two-act, slapstick, comedic mystery," said Yakovleff. "We had an idea what the characters would be like, based on people I know. Then after I got to know the actors, I wrote the characters with Dianne according to who could play them."

"It's amazing to see how regular people come together and change their own personalities into such dynamic characters," continued Yakovleff. "Audience members need to arrive on time and pay close attention to the action because, from start to finish, they won't want to miss any of the show's clues and details. It's nonstop fun."

The story takes place at a birthday party for wealthy Daphne Cranston. She's spoiled her children and grandchildren, so they're selfish and just keep taking. Someone dies during her party, and the play's about the search to find the killer.

Clifton's Helen Rusnak portrays Helen McArthur, who heads the investigation. Describing her character as loyal, clever and bright, Rusnak says McArthur can see through Daphne's family and knows there's been some foul play. "She's a take-charge person,"

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A Place for Artists

The Art Guild of Clifton is forming.

> By Bonnie Hobbs Centre View

he members of the Art Guild of Clifton don't yet have a permanent space or funding, but both are in the works. They've got participating artists, talent and enthusiasm and, on Saturday, March 17, they're having a grand opening in the Town of Clifton.

"We're forming a new, nonprofit organization to support area artists by providing some studio space and a gallery," said Clifton's Mary Lee Peterson, the group's vice president, secretary and treasurer. "It'll be a place where they can work, display their art and meet with the public — which can view them at work and buy their art, if they want to."

The grand opening, which includes refreshments, will be from 6-9 p.m. in a borrowed space upstairs in the NOVA Music Center, 12704 Chapel Road in Clifton. Some 20 artists will participate and their work will be on display there through Sunday, March 18.

Attendees will see a variety of art, including oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings — landscapes, portraits, still lifes, etc. — as well as sculptures, jewelry, pottery and photography.

"We're excited about the Art Guild because we believe it adds another dimension to the town," said Peterson. "People could come to Clifton for lunch and visit the gallery while they're here. We'll give classes and hold events, such as "en plein aire," which means, in the outdoors,' so people can see the artists painting town scenes

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Jack Pardue's "Autumn on the Lake" is an example of what the Art Guild of Clifton has to offer.

outside."

She said the group will also hold art shows in other places, such as Clifton's Paradise Springs Winery. And eventually, it might even be part of a combined event with the performing arts, such as actors, dancers and musicians.

Meanwhile, said Peterson, "We're trying to raise funds to rent a gallery space as soon as possible. We found a space in Clifton that we like, but nothing's settled, yet."

Anyone interested in donating to the cause may contact the art guild's president, Merle Engel, at 703-815-2716 or merle@mindspring.com. Besides Peterson and Engel, Clifton's Chuck Rusnak is an at-large board member, but the idea for the guild was Engel's and Peterson's.

"Merle has a background in art, knows a lot of artists and saw a need for something like this in Clifton," said Peterson. "I was an art major in college and I make jewelry, but I'm too busy to lug it from show to show. So we thought, 'Wouldn't it be nice to have a place where people could see and buy a

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requiring anyone under the age of 14 to wear a bike helmet. The Brain Trauma Association and EMT Association also spoke in favor of the bill, which was written and researched by the students. The bill was submitted on the students' behalf by state Sen. George Barker, above with the four CVHS students.



Champions

Playing for the Hot Shots — the SYA 5th Grade North Champions — are (front) Matteo Herrera, Jamie Paredes, Casey Hand, Torin Johnson and (back) Head Coach Tracy Cheifetz, Joel Cheifetz, Steven Ruckert, Ryan Tennille, Ethan Kuhlman and Assistant **Coach Brian Paredes.**

– Obituary –

Gail Leigh Brinkworth

Gail Leigh Brinkworth, 32, of Centreville, died on Thursday, March 8, 2012 after a seven-year battle with breast cancer.

Gail is survived by her son Jeremy Brinkworth, usband Glen White. mother Linda H. Brinkworth, father Daniel F. Brinkworth, siblings Dana Wallace and Ryan Brinkworth, and grandmothers Helen Anderson, Harriet Holland and Barbara Brinkworth.

A memorial service was held on Monday, March

12, at Centreville Presbyterian Church. There was an open house at the family home in Centreville immediately afterwards to celebrate her life and the many special memories she leaves her friends and family.

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Richmond along with their Advanced

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Comparative Government teacher, Terri Ritchey, to argue before the Senate Subcommittee about a bill

The family would like to thank Capital Caring Hospice staff for their loving support.\In lieu of flowers consider a donation to Life with Cancer (http://www.lifewithcancer.org/donate.php) or the charity of your choice.

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Roundups

St. Baldrick's Day Celebration

On Saturday, March 17, Centreville's eighth annual St. Baldrick's Day celebration will be held at Fast Eddie's in the Newgate Shopping Center at Routes 28/29. Bands will perform at 3 and 4 p.m. Then at 5 p.m., participants will have their heads shaved bald while friends and families cheer them on. Mechanical bull rides will be available for \$5, with proceeds going to St. Baldrick's. The event raises money for childhood cancer research and is open to the public. To participate or to make a donation, go to http://www.stbaldricks.org/events/mypage/149/2012.

County Budget Meeting Set

Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully) is holding a Sully District Town Hall meeting to discuss Fairfax County's proposed 2013 budget. It's set for Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m., in the cafeteria of Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Also participating will be Sully District School Board representative Kathy Smith, plus representatives of the county's Office of Management and Budget.

Free Carseat Inspections

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

Learn Centreville History

Centreville railroad history is on tap for the quarterly meeting of the Historic Centreville Society. It's slated for Monday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 Saint Germain Drive. This event is free and open to the public and will include the election of officers, plus light refreshments.

Centreville had the first railroad in the world constructed for military purposes. It was built in February 1862, and the public is invited to join Civil War re-enactor and historian Arthur Candenquist — portraying Confederate Capt. Thomas Sharp. He'll talk about the building of the Centreville Military Railroad and the events surrounding it, including Jackson's famous raid in May 1861 on the B&O railroad to "appropriate" engines for use by the Confederacy.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. The topic will be Fairfax County's FY 2013 budget, presented by Christina Jackson and Ellicia Seard, both with the Department of Management and Budget. For more information, call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Park Authority To Meet

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

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.

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The cast of "Maid for Dogs," (standing, from left) Stephanie Lawrence, Charles Hoffman, Elizabeth Vittori, Walid Chaya, Jim Manchester, Maxwell Snyder, Helen Rusnak and Charlotte Yakovleff, and (sitting, from left) Lynne Strang, Andie Matten and Roxy Matten. Dogs are Abby and Izzy.

Clifton Dinner Theater: 'Maid for Dogs'

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said Rusnak. "It's fun for me because I normally play serious roles, rather than comedic ones."

"This is a campy comedy with some very funny parts," she said. "Several of the characters will bring the house down. It takes place in Clifton, and we give shout-outs to people the audience will recognize."

Charles Hoffman of Fairfax Station plays Daphne's brother, Edward. "He's comic relief - not quite a bumbling idiot, but close," said Hoffman. "He fractures language and uses Southern colloquialisms.

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He drinks a little too much, but is a good brother. He's so opposite my actual self; the things he says will make people laugh — at him and with him."

"This is an original script that's a laugh riot and good entertain-

ment," said Hoffman. "We have plenty of topical references, so it's up-to-date and local. Everybody will have a good time."

Clifton's Lynne Strang portrays Daphne, who lives on a big Clifton estate with horses and two poodles. "She's a prominent member of the community who supports local causes," said Strang. "She's her family's matriarch, celebrating her 64th birthday. She cares deeply about her children and grandchildren, dotes on them and showers them with gifts. But they sometimes take advantage of her generosity."

Strang's enjoying her role because she can do so much with it. "I take it to the next level and accentuate the things that make Daphne who she is," said Strang. "She's elegant and loves fine things, so I'll show that in her wardrobe and jewelry."

She said the audience will like the play's humor and music. "We have a talented cast and some of

them will be singing," said Strang. "There are also some unexpected, musical twists that will add to the audience's delight. Plus, we have live dogs who add a unique feature to the performance. This group has lots of camaraderie, and it's been a terrific experience."

Fairfax resident Elizabeth Vittori plays Daphne's

grown daughter, Maryanne. "She's self-centered, self-absorbed and arrogant," said Vittori. "She's always lived a pampered lifestyle and wants to perpetuate it. She's pretty superficial and uncomplicated. She was the character I'd hoped to play, so I love her."

Vittori said the actors are doing everything, themselves, including finding their own costumes and getting props from their homes. "It's soup-to-nuts community theater," she said. "It shows the passion we all have for this commu-

nity. We're all working together to create something wonderful."

Portraying Rebecca, Daphne Cranston's maid, is Clifton's Stephanie Lawrence. "She's a young woman trying to find her way," said Lawrence. "She cleans house, takes care of Daphne's dogs and does whatever Mrs. Cranston wants her to do. She's sweet and caring to her employer, but isn't treated well by some of the other family members, so she can be caustic to them."

"Rebecca has several, different facets to her, so I get to explore each one to show her many layers, said Lawrence. "It's also fun playing with the dogs." As for the audience, she said, "They'll like the quirky characters and how they develop as the show progresses. They'll like little nuggets about each one, and may find some surprises along the way. And they'll see that we're having a lot of fun."

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To Go

"Maid for Dogs," will be performed Thursday-Saturday, March 22, 23 and 24. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dinner, and the play starts at 8 p.m. at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. Tickets are \$30, Thursday; \$35, Friday and Saturday, for dinner and the show. They're available at A Flower Blooms in Clifton, the Clifton Cafe, The Clifton Wine Shoppe and T&K Treasures. Contact cliftontheater@gmail.com.

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Rev3 Run Rogue 5K To Honor Two Local Women

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the 5K. "Vanessa and I will be at the starting line clad in superhero capes, appropriately marked with the words, 'Beat Cancer,'" said Telford.

The pair will start the race 30 seconds before anyone else, and then — for every 5K participant who passes them — one of the event's sponsors will donate \$1/participant in support of the two charities.

Rogue Racers and Rev3 Adventures are putting on this fund-raiser. Rogue Racers is a Fairfax-based, running/triathlon club. Rev3 Adventures puts on adventure races in, for example, mountain biking, running and canoeing.

The March 24 event promises to be fun and family-oriented. Participants may walk or run a USATF-certified 5K course at 8:30 a.m., or participate in a 1K kids' fun run at 8 a.m., before the main event. Both courses start and end in front of Coastal Flats restaurant. Strollers are allowed in the 1K, but no dogs in either race.

Cash prizes will be given to the top three male and female finishers, and the firstplace winners will also receive coupons for a free pair of Brooks shoes. There'll be agegroup awards, too, plus over-40 cash prizes. Sign up at http://www.runrogue5k.com/ Run_Rogue_5K/Race_Info.html. Donations may also be made there. Registration is \$30, 5K; and \$15, 1K, ages 8 and under.

The fun includes Starbucks pastries and coffee, face-painting and music. Every finisher will receive a Ben & Jerry's ice-cream cone, and every child in the 1K will get a medal.

Both Spiller, 46, and Telford, 42, have been good friends for several years. They run and train with Rogue Racers for various competitions, including the upcoming Boston Marathon in April.

Spiller and her husband Michael, of the Confederate Ridge community, are the parents of son Cole, 12, and daughter Courtney, 10, who both attend Bull Run Elementary.



BethAnn Telford, in yellow T-shirt, in May 2011 at the Race for Hope in Washington, D.C.

All was well until April 2011, when Spiller was diagnosed with stage II breast cancer.

Hearing the diagnosis, she said, "You literally feel like a bomb has gone off in your lap — the pieces fall slowly and your world just stops. Then you instantly go into treatment. I was in the best shape of my life, healthy and with no history of cancer. I did the Marine Corps Marathon in Oct. 2010 and, that same month, qualified for the Boston Marathon."

Instead, Spiller had to defer running in that race. A tumor in her breast had metastasized so, once doctors removed it, she then underwent six months of chemo, followed by radiation.

In September 2011, Holly Jahshan of Rogue Racers told Spiller the company wanted to create a 5K for two of its members — her and Telford — and give 100 percent of the proceeds to charity. Rev3 Adventures will help with race operations. Telford's fund-raising organization, Team BT, raises money for the National Brain Tumor Society, so it will receive half the proceeds.

"I chose Life with Cancer because they'd done so much for me," said Spiller. "I was treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital and Life with Cancer is affiliated with them. I wanted information about good nutrition and cancer so I'd be strong to endure the chemo treatments. I also wanted to do yoga and meditate, but not at a gym, since the chemo had changed my physical appearance."

She did all these things, for free, through Life with cancer. "They were welcoming and friendly," said Spiller. "It was so comforting to walk into a place where you weren't different, but accepted. It was full of empathy and compassion."

She finished treatment in November 2011 and is a personal trainer and a nutritionist with her own business, Get Healthy with Vanessa.com, working with individuals and corporations. "I feel really good now, but I have a new normal," said Spiller. "I tire more easily, run a little slower and have less energy. The side effects from chemo, such as joint pain, are astronomical, and don't go away instantly." Her hair has now grown back, but it was traumatic losing it during treatment, so the 5K proceeds will help others in this circumstance.

"Life with Cancer is trying to raise money to build a beauty salon where women can have their heads shaved, for free, in a private and pretty place," said Spiller. "Second to the day they told me I had cancer, that was the most emotional day of my life. So I feel for other women who have to go through this and I want to help them through it."

Now looking forward to April's Boston Marathon and other challenges afterward, she said, "One huge lesson I've learned is how important it is to have an athletic goal or dream when facing difficult, physical setbacks.

A cancer diagnosis is frightening and challenging, but it doesn't have to control you. It can inspire you to live life fully."

Spiller even began a running club at Bull Run Elementary to prepare children to run in the March 24 event. The 85 children involved also learn about nutrition and the importance of raising money for a worthy cause.

She's "humbled and honored" that the Rev3 Run Rogue 5K will be run partly in her honor. "I feel it respects me and the power of the disease," she said. "And we're able to give all the proceeds to charity because of our generous sponsors, especially Ben & Jerry's, Peva, Brooks and Pacers, plus our dedicated volunteers and the charities, themselves."

Participants will receive commemorative T-shirts in black; survivors' shirts are green. Said Spiller: "The cool thing is that, on the back, they say, 'I run for,' and people can fill in the name with a Sharpie."

Art Guild of Clifton Prepares for Grand Opening

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variety of art that would be in one spot all the time?"

For example, she said, "We have a really amazing person who paints on silk and it's just fabulous — very detailed and delicate with blazing colors. We also have a chainsaw sculptor who does wonderful things with wood." Regarding her own jewelry, Peterson said it's all made with real, precious and semiprecious gemstones and sterling silver. "I wrap wire around the stones, and necklaces and earrings are my specialty," she said.

As for Engle, she describes her art as eclectic with an international flair. "The pieces are all one of a kind," she said. "I make large necklaces and earrings and my stones are often from China and



Claudia Donaldson-Selby painted this "Bird of Paradise" on silk.

Egypt. I also make pottery plates and bowls with an Italian, Tuscan flair."

Engle, who taught art years ago at Clifton Elementary, is delighted with the birth of



Mary Lee Peterson designed and made these turquoise and sterling silver earrings.

the new art guild. "This has been a dream of mine almost since I first looked at Clifton as a place to live, 15 years ago," she said. "I wanted to open a gallery here where artists could display, show and sell their work. And I'd like each artist to teach [their craft] so young people from Clifton and the surrounding areas could come and explore their talents, express themselves and learn a little more about art."

"We envision it as a mini Torpedo Factory or Lorton Workhouse," she continued. "We're not in competition with them; we're just serving a different population in a walkable community." More artists are also welcome to join. Currently, said Engel, "I'm looking for weavers and people who make art to wear." Peterson said they hope the new art guild will enhance and complement the town. Added Engel: "I also want us to support one another as artists to reach whatever goals we set."

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Two Capture Regional Acting Awards

haz Coffin is an awardwinning actor. Not only did he receive a Cappie last year as part of the ensemble in Westfield High's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," but he's now the proud owner of a WATCH (Washington Area Theatre Community Honors) award.

This program recognizes excellence in community theater in the Washington Metropolitan area, and Coffin was named Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical. He won for his portrayal of the character, Seaweed Stubbs, in The Alliance Theatre's musical, "Hairspray."

The ceremony was Sunday evening, March 11, at the Birchmere in Alexandria, and Coffin and his castmates also performed a number from the show. His prize was a glass trophy resembling the Washington Monument, with the WATCH logo inside and his name and winning role engraved in gold on the outside.

"It's amazing," said Coffin. "It really meant a lot to me to win it, especially in my senior year. Being so young, I didn't think I was

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Chaz Coffin with his WATCH award.

on the same level as the other nominees, who were adults. It was awesome — a great moment."

He's the son of Carolyn and Kenneth Coffin of Centreville's Rocky Run community and has a sister, Chelsea, 21. He plans to major in either business or arts administration in college, but will also continue acting and hopes more awards will follow.

So what did he think of the leg-

Jade Jones is jubilant after winning a WATCH award.

endary Birchmere? "I'd never been there before, but I liked the atmosphere," said Coffin. "It was really cool."

Westfield grad and theater alum Jade Jones also won a WATCH award Sunday for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical. She played Nell Carter in the Elden Street Players' production of "Ain't Misbehavin'."

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OPINION So Hard to Imagine?

Poor families face challenges that officials and many of the rest of us have trouble envisioning.

he Commonwealth of Virginia and ing email at stop lights on our smart phones, even Northern Virginia includes that there are families who need to go the limany poor families and individuals. But officials seem to have trouble wrapping their brains Editorial

around some of the difficulties this can cause.

In Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, some analysis of the effect of budget cuts and service cuts on families in the bottom 20 percent of income would be appropriate and revealing

Cutting library hours and service again? Consider that for many, the public libraries are their only source of computer and internet access. This has a significant impact on school performance, the ability to hunt for a job, the ability to access services and more.

It's hard for many of us to imagine, check-

Letters to the Editor

Republicans Lose Their Way To The Editor:

I miss the Republican Party. I miss the party whose first Presidential candidate ran on a slogan of "Free Soil, Free Labor, Free Speech, Free Men, and Fremont." I miss the Republican Party founded in opposition to the expansion of slavery, and later its

abolition. I miss the Republican Party that gave us the 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments to the Constitution placing equal rights for all in one of our founding documents. I miss the Republican Party of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant who restored our union and abolished slavery. I miss the Republican Party of Teddy Roosevelt, one of the founders of the modern environmental movement. I miss the Republican Party of

struction.

update?

The Lane's Mill Daughters of the War of 1812 American Revolution chapter sponsored the Centreville Library's February display case titled "Bicentennial of the War of 1812 - The Forgotten War." Created by chapter member Marguerite Hogge, the display touched on areas of the war including frigates and battles. The display included a tribute to 24-vear-old Senate clerk Lewis H. Machen who saved Senate records before the British burned the Capitol on Aug. 24, 1814. The Machen family eventually moved to Centreville and lived in on the property now known as the Walney Visitors Center, owned by the Fairfax **County Park Authority.**

bigger challenges to poorer residents.

Veto Voter ID Bill

Gov. Bob McDonnell should read the handwriting on the wall from the U.S. Justice Department about making it harder to vote.

More than 600,000 registered voters in Texas do not have the identification that the voter identification law would require, according to Tom Perez of the Justice Department, including a disproportionate number of minority voters, and more than 10 percent of Latino registered voters.

The analysis will reveal similar disparities in Virginia. The Governor can save Virginia money, time and trouble by vetoing the bill now.

> MARY KIMM. MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS COM

Correction: Last week's editorial failed to correctly identify Del. Charniele Herring (D-46). The full editorial has been corrected online.

> speech, the control of their own lives, and their right to express

Mary Kimm was spot on in her editorial "Reenacting A Dark History?," relative to efforts by Republicans in Richmond to restrict speech, access to the ballot box, and the control women have over their own reproductive health. Placing these efforts in a historical context was very effective, and reinforces how important it is to be vigilant about protecting access to rights guaranteed by the constitution, that nevertheless had to

Dulles Rail, Phase Two; Silver Line Station Names

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting and an Ask Fairfax online discussion to inform the public about Phase Two of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. The sessions will provide information related to Phase Two project cost, financing, physical layout and Silver Line station names. Participants will be able to complete the online Station Names Survey in person at the public meetings. The Board of Supervisors will also hold a public hearing to receive public comment on the Phase 2 project. Residents may provide their

feedback as follows:

✤ Submit comments at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/

themselves at the ballot box.

dullesmetro until Friday, March

16, at 5 p.m. People may also com-

plete the Fairfax County Silver

Line Station Names Survey at

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register to speak at the Board of

Attend a public meeting Mon-

day, March 19, at 7 p.m., in rooms

9 and 10 of the Fairfax County

Government Center. The topic is

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sors' public hearing Tuesday,

March 20, at 5 p.m., in the Gov-

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and warned of the military-industrial complex at home. I miss the Republican Party of Everett Dirksen, who allied with Hubert Humphrey, Lyndon Johnson, and Martin Luther King to pass the landmark Civil Rights acts of the 1960s. And I miss the Republican Party of Gerald Ford, who helped heal the country after the shame of Watergate. Most of all, I miss the Republican Party that preferred to compete with their opposition on the basis of their ideas, rather than trying to stifle their

brary to check theirs. If anything, in the cur-

be open more hours, not fewer.

endar, followed by some of the county's poor-

est schools, and summer school, poor students

were most affected, losing access to meals in

the summer as well as a needed boost in in-

Similarly, some schools systems eliminated

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When Fairfax County Public Schools

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west to victory over forces of geno-

cide and totalitarianism in Europe,



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be fought for by succeeding generations. That this is occurring is obvious. What is not so obvious is why.

Why would the party of Grant and Dirksen, pass a bill whose only result will be to restrict the ability to vote of minorities and the elderly? Why would a party founded on the right to control one's own person and property, pass a bill requiring women be subjected to an unnecessary medical procedure against their wishes? Why would the party of Teddy Roosevelt, push continued dependence on fossil fuels, and deny the truth of global climate change? And why would a Party founded on a dedication to freedom of expression, call out the riot police to quash a peaceful demonstration of women trying to advocate for these rights? In my opinion the answer is fear ... fear that in our increasingly diverse country, the ideas that have propelled them to power since the 1980s, will no longer resonate with a true majority. So rather than trying to bring conservatism into the 21st century, they try to force Virginia and the country back to the 19th. They force clearly unpopular restrictions on fundamental rights to privacy and speech, while hoping to restrict access to the ballot box of those they know will reject their ideas. This strategy will work in the short term, but in the long term is a recipe for disaster for the Republican Party ... and that makes me sad.

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As a lifelong Democrat I recognize the importance of a vibrant two-party system. It is good for the country to have two parties with different ideas for achieving common goals, compete for power. That only works though, when both parties are more interested in doing what is beneficial than in maintaining power. It only works when both parties respect certain fundamental rights, including privacy, speech, and access to the ballot box. No party is perfect. The Democratic Party has struggled with this in the past. Even FDR had to cater to the wing of his party that had not yet conceded losing the Civil War. It's not too late for Republicans to come to the party. It is possible to be conservative without restricting access to the ballot box. It is possible to be conservative without infringing on rights to privacy. And it is possible to be conservative without rejecting scientific advance. I hope they get there soon, because I miss the Republican Party!

> Jim Daniels Centreville

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO RECOVER HEXANE COSTS CASE NO. PUE-2012-00014

On February 3, 2012, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval to recover \$1,252,580 of costs relating to the non-Btu component of hexane injections for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, and \$12,908 of costs related to the actual under-collection of non-Btu related hexane costs incurred during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 ("Application"). In its Application, WGL explains that it has been injecting hexane into its system since February 2006 to replace heavy hydrocarbons in liquefied natural gas that enters the Company's distribution system. WGL's Application advises that pursuant to a Stipulation accepted by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the Company's performance-based rate regulation ("PBR") plan docket, the Company may request approval to recover the non-Btu portion of hexane costs in excess of \$400,000 if the Company's return on equity is less than 10% in any PBR annual period. Under the terms of the Stipulation accepted in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the cost recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane will be limited to that amount in excess of \$400,000 required for the Company to achieve an earned return on equity of 10.0% for that PBR period under WGL's PBR Plan. The Company's Application advises that for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned less than a 10% return on equity. WGL therefore proposes to collect its actual Virginia-jurisdictional non-Btu hexane costs in excess of \$400,000, or \$1,252,580, as well as an additional \$12,908 of non-Btu hexane costs under-collected for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

WGL proposes to collect the non-Btu hexane costs from its customers receiving service under Rate Schedule Nos. 1-Residential Service, 1A-Residential Delivery Service, 2-Commercial and Industrial Service, 2A-Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 3-Group Metered Apartment Service, 3A-Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service, 4-Interruptible Service, and 7-Interruptible Delivery Service, 8-Developmental Natural Gas Vehicle Service, and 10-Large Volume Delivery Service. The Company's Application further notes that it proposed new Rate Schedule Nos. 5-Large Commercial and Industrial Service, 5A-Large Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 6-Large Group Metered Apartment Service, and 6A-Large Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service in its currently pending general rate case, Case No. PUE-2010-00139. If the Commission approves the Company's proposed rate schedules in its general rate case, the Company will also recover the non-Btu hexane costs from customers receiving service pursuant to these new rate schedules.

WGL proposes to collect its non-Btu hexane costs through an adjustment to the distribution charge for these rate schedules. WGL's Application advises that the hexane charge will be computed on a cents-per-therm basis comprising a current and a reconciling factor. According to the Company's Application, the current factor, if applicable, will be calculated annually by dividing the non-Btu portion of hexane costs approved by the Commission by the total weather normalized throughput for the year. The reconciling factor proposed by WGL will be the difference between the actual amount to be charged and the actual amount collected during the twelve-month period. WGL proposes to implement the current factor as an adjustment to the distribution charge in the first billing cycle month following the Commission's approval of the Company's Application to recover the non-Btu portion of the costs of its hexane injections. The Company's Application also includes testimony and exhibits showing the computation of a proposed charge of \$0.0020 per therm, which will allow the Company to collect the proposed \$1,252,580 of non-Btu hexane costs expensed in fiscal year 2010 and the \$12,908 of non-Btu hexane costs under-recovered in fiscal year 2009.

The details of WGL's proposals are set out in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and other materials filed with the Application for the details of these proposals. Interested persons should also be advised that after considering the record in this case, the Commission may change the tariff revisions proposed by the Company or take other actions with respect to the recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane costs that differ from the proposals set out in the Company's Application.

The Commission has entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, docketed the Application as Case No. PUE-2012-00014 and established a procedural schedule for the filing of comments, requests for hearing, and the filing of testimony or a Report by the Commission Staff. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for details on how to participate in this proceeding.

Interested persons may also review a copy of the Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, as well as other documents now or hereinafter filed in this matter, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. A copy of the Application may also be obtained at no cost to interested persons by making a written request to the Company's counsel at the following address: Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the Application, with or without attachments, by electronic means. In addition, the Company's Application, the commission's Order for Notice and Comment, other orders entered in this docket, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and other information concerning the Commission and the statutes it administers, may be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, interested persons may file written comments or requests for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission on the proposals set out in the Company's Application on or before April 27, 2012. An original and fifteen (15) copies of all written comments and requests for hearing must be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any request for hearing must state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be adequately addressed in written comments. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, the Commission may consider the Application based on the papers filed without convening a hearing at which oral testimony is received.

Persons filing a request for hearing and expecting to participate as a respondent in any hearing that may be scheduled in this case shall also file, on or before April 27, 2012, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation as required by 5 VAC 5-20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 *et seq.*, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons should refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for more information on how to participate as a respondent.

Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before April 27, 2012, by following the instructions available at the Commission's website: http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case and referring to Case No. PUE-2012-00014. Interested persons shall refer in their comments, requests for hearing, and notices of participation to Case No. PUE-2012-00014, and shall serve a copy of any such document filed with the Commission upon counsel for the Company at the address set forth above.

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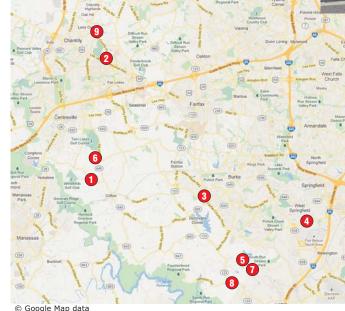
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Home Life Style

Local Designers Selected to Make Over D.C. Design House

Annual event raises money for Children's National Medical Center.

By Marilyn Campbell Centre View

ome of the Washington area's top interior designers are unleashing their creative talent all in the name of charity. Organizers of the 2012 Washington, D.C. Design House announced the designers who will make over the 2012 D.C. Design Home.

"The selection [was] open to all area designers who wanted to apply," said Susan Hayes Long, chairperson of D.C. Design House. "They started by coming to a design walk-through to get a feel for the space, and then [submitted] up to three proposals for rooms, with at least one presentation board. The board [included] their floor plan, color selections, and finishes they would use. Our design team selected the final 23 designers. We had more than 80 proposals this year, and so many fantastic presentation boards. The competition was really tough."

The D.C. Design House serves as a bellwether of local design trends. "Being selected to design for the show house is a bit like being crowned homecoming queen then having to run a marathon in your ball gown while collecting items for a scavenger hunt," said Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors in Alexandria, who was one of the designers selected. "It is the most prestigious invitation. .. For a committee of veteran designers and industry leaders to select a designer is truly one of the highlights of one's career."

With no paying clients to please, the designers unleash their creative talent. "I love participating in show houses for the freedom it allows me," said Annette Hannon of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke, who was also one of the designers selected. "For each house I've had the opportunity to engage in, I've gotten to conjure up an imaginary 'perfect' client and design according to their needs and desires. It's a bit like celebrating one's birthday and getting to create your perfect party."

The Washington, D.C. Design House, a nonprofit entity, began in 2008 as a design



Burke-based designer Annette Hannon will create a comfortable, luxurious living space.

event in which some of the region's most sought-after designers decorate a luxury home to raise funds for a local charity. After completion, the home is opened to the public for tours. Now in its fifth year, the D.C. Design House has attracted more than 30,000 visitors and raised nearly \$600,000 for Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). Proceeds will go to CNMC again this year.

Built in 1956, the 2012 D.C. Design House is located in Washington, D.C.'s Spring Valley neighborhood. It is currently on the market for \$3.9 million.



Great Falls-based designer Susan Nelson, of Susan Interiors (pictured with design student Jacob Oxford), will design a girl's bedroom.

Local Designers

Some of the local designers who were selected to make over the home offer a preview of their plans.

Potomac-based designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions will decorate the master bedroom. "The room is architecturally challenging with many doors and minimum wall space," she said. "The focal point in the room becomes the sliding glass doors that look out into the garden. I use the garden view as my inspiration. Choosing fabrics in lush greens and warm browns, I brought the colors of the garden indoors. I believe master bedrooms should be serene so I used lots of different textures and very little pattern."

Great Falls-based designer Susan Nelson of Susan Nelson Interiors designed a teenage girl's bedroom. "I combined a variety of block and geometric prints in greens, yellows, pinks, brown and cream to create a cozy haven. By using a mix of new and repurposed furniture, the room has the quality of changing along with the girl," she said. "For instance, the coverlet fabric is a sophisticated fabric with a water color quality to the flowers on it, but the club chair is slip covered in a fun confetti print in pinks and purples that she

might have had as a child."

Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors in Alexandria is charged with transforming the dining room. "I anticipate wonderful parties and celebrations in the dining room I will be creating this year and my use of color and pattern is a play on this celebratory mode. I am thrilled to help people who see the space take away some element in the design that might fit their home or their lifestyle," she said.

Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors in Alexandria is creating a teenager's retreat. "I have chosen a very lively, colorful design scheme from Missoni and will be using Mid-Century modern furniture," said Sanchez. "This room is designed to be a perfect hangout for teenagers and will reflect the energy teenagers create."

Nancy Twomey of Finnian's Moon Interiors in Alexandria will design a boy's bedroom. "I love good design, but I also know children. Children's rooms are messy places, so it is best if there is an inherent order in the design elements, starting with the pal

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Home Life Style



The Chateau in **Oak Hollow is one** of four residential properties for sale for more than \$10 million. It was designed by architect Ron Hubbard, who blends green technologies with the use of space and proportion.

The Chateau in Oak Hollow

ne of just four properties in Fairfax living space inside (13,500 finished), plus more than County listed at HomesDatabase.com for sale for more than \$10 million, this home sits on five acres in Clifton and is for sale for \$12.5 million. The other three properties are in McLean.

The Chateau was designed by architect Ron Hubbard, who uses innovative green technologies such as three geothermal fields and 14 radiant zones using more than 10,000 feet of buried line to heat and cool the home.

This home has more than 27,000 square feet of Realty.

Local Designers

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ette," said Twomey. "My 2012 D.C. Design House room has a serene quietude in its bones, but it isn't sleepy. It has timeless, classic ingredients such as menswear fabrics, juxtaposed with modern, playful ones."

Elizabeth Krial of Elizabeth Krial Design in Reston will create a modern nursery. "The most afforded luxury in my space is the natural sunlight that washes the room," she said. "As a

designer, I have added luxurious layers of softness and comfort through textiles. The modern nursery has a lightness that will remind you of the hope and joy that a new baby brings."

Matthew Moore of John Matthew Moore Fine Art in McLean will decorate the foyer and staircase. "My design philosophy is clean, classic spaces. My favorite period in design is the late fifties and sixties," he said. "I feel that that is the time when American design came into



its own. I've chosen this style for the entrance and reception hall [because] the home was built in that period. It's a sophisticated design that would be as much at home in the fifties as it is now in

3,000 square feet of exterior living space comprised

of balconies and patios. Many of the outdoor living

areas are constructed with stamped concrete and

provide ample space for large parties, and some for

The property also includes a 3-bedroom guest suite

The house is listed by Meghan Wasinger of Jobin

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in one wing of the home and an indoor pool and fitness center in the other. The Chateau has an eight-

more intimate gatherings.

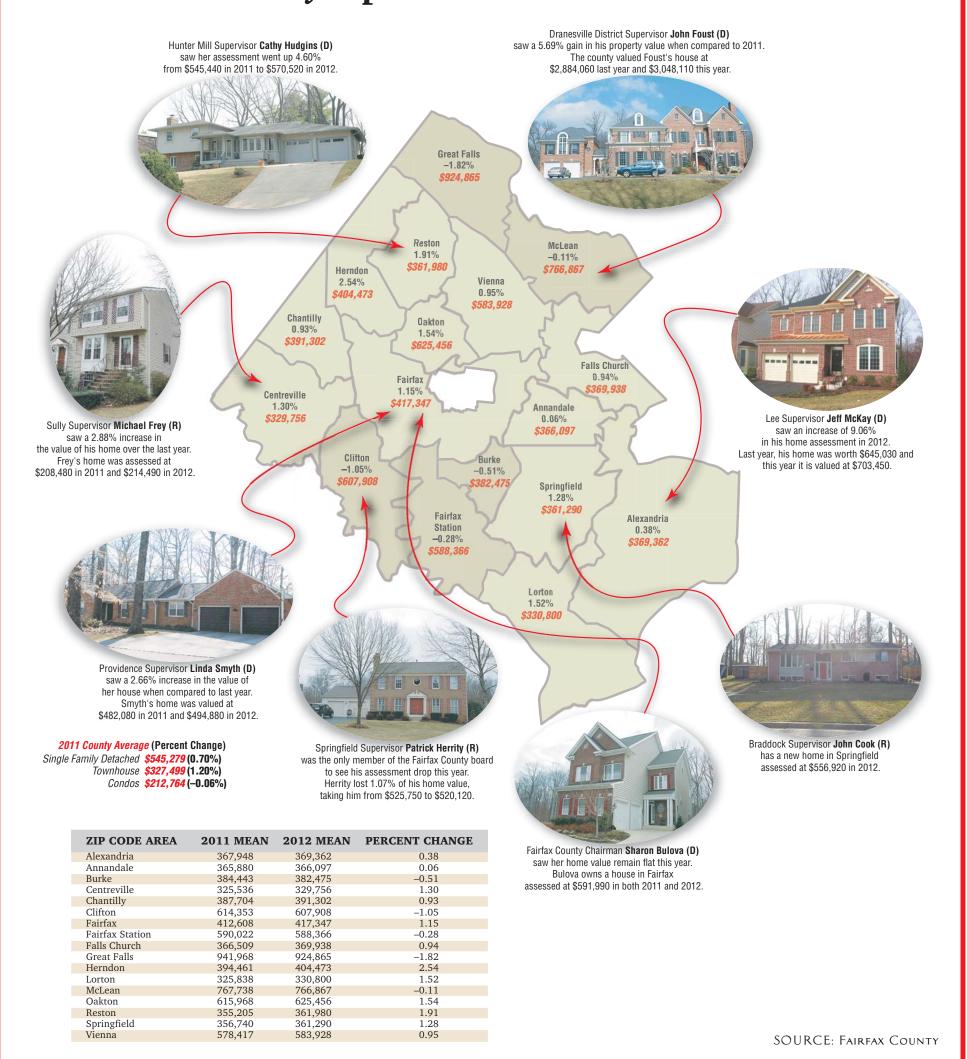
car garage.

Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean will decorate the master deck. "My concept for the space is to have an outdoor retreat," said Munn. "I chose pieces that are scaled similarly to indoor pieces and provide a great lounging spot. We chose patterns that are interesting and bold. We plan to take the existing railing, currently an eyesore, and make it a highlight of the deck with a long row of custom benches and pedestals strategically placed to create focal points and to hide the dated metalwork."

Annette Hannon of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke designed the parlor. "The [parlor] is the first living area a visitor will enter." said Hannon. "My goal was to create a comfortable, luxurious space someone would want to linger in long after the party's over. I felt it was essential to add layers of interest in the room."

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Sports

Westfield's Breakthrough Season Will Long be Remembered

Following tough loss in Concorde finals, Bulldog boys rode region tournament wave to first-ever title.

> By Rich Sanders Centre View

ver an eight-day period in late February, the Westfield High boys' basketball team put together a remarkable stretch of play which resulted in the program's first-ever Northern Region title and provided a lifetime of highlight moments for Bulldog players, coaches and fans.

Westfield's remarkable 2011-12 winter season came to an end on March 2 when the Bulldogs, competing at the Virginia State AAA playoffs for the first time, lost to Henrico High of Richmond, 56-52, in a state quarterfinals round game played at Robinson Secondary. For the season, the Bulldogs, under veteran head coach Doug Ewell, finished 24-5, the best record in the 12-year history of the program.

Westfield, over the course of the regular season, including its stellar play in the Concorde District, proved to be one of the region's better teams. But, without the breakthrough postseason that followed, the Bulldogs would have become a region afterthought to all but its own fandom. By stepping up and playing some of its best basketball at the 16team region tournament - one of the annual highlight events of the local high school athletic calendar — the Bulldogs put their official seal of triumph on the season and joined those elite teams from the past who have earned region boys' basketball championships. But nothing came easy and Westfield's postseason nearly ended in early disappointed. The Bulldogs had won their final 11 games of the regular season and were the top-seed at the Concorde District Tournament. Following a first round bye, the Bulldogs, behind 21 points from senior forward Quentin Basil, defeated defending district champion Herndon, 63-52, in a semifinals game to reach the finals against Robinson.

But against the Rams with the district title on the line, Westfield came up just short in a disheartening 62-60 upset loss to a tough, hard-fighting Robinson team the Bulldogs had beaten in both regular season meetings.

WHILE THE LOSS to Robinson was a downer, Westfield's season was far from over with the region playoffs set to begin the following week. It would prove to be a tournament of redemption for Westfield. In the past, Westfield had twice gone as far as the region semifinals but, in 2011, had been eliminated in the first round.

And Westfield nearly fell in a first round region playoff game this year when it went up against a super talented Wakefield High squad from the National District on March 2. But in a close, nail-biter contest from start to finish, the Bulldogs, playing on

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Julius Rosa, here shooting in the region semifinals against McLean, was a key ball distributor and defender for Westfield this season.

Indoor Track Season Wraps Up at State Meet

Local Northern **Region athletes** compete in Hampton.

number of local athletes put to gether strong showings at the recent Virginia State AAA Indoor Track and Field Championships, held Feb. 24-25 at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

On the boys' side, Westfield High finished third overall and was the top finisher from out of the Northern Region. The Bulldogs, this year's Northern Region team champion, finished with 27 team points at states. The team champion was Western Branch (48) of Chesapeake, a member of the Eastern Region. Finishing second was Grassfield (34 points) of Chesapeake.

Other top 10 Northern Region team finishers along with Westfield were fourth place Annandale (22 points) and fifth place Oakton (21). Top 20 finishers from the Northern Region were Chantilly, which was 15th place, and South Lakes and T.C. Williams, who were part of a three-way group

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Fredericksburg) which finished tied for 16th place. Lake Braddock finished 20th overall in the field of 58 teams represented.

First place individual boys' finishers from the Northern Region were Annandale's Ahmed Bile (1,000 race) and Chantilly's Logan Miller (1,600).

Other top individual boys' finishers from Northern Region schools included: Robinson's Ayo Raymond (fourth place, 55 dash); Mount Vernon's Michael Thomas-Brown (sixth in 55, eighth in long jump); Westfield's Nathan Kiley (third place, 500 dash); Oakton's Michael McNamee (third in both the 1,000 and 1,600); Edison's Louis Colson (sixth in 1,600); Oakton's Greg Petruncio (eighth in 1,600); Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck (fifth in 3,200); Chantilly's Sean McGorty (sixth in 3,200); Woodson's Paul Gates (seventh in 3,200); South Lakes' Rashaan Jones (second in high jump); T.C. Williams' Kahron Lee (third in high jump); Langley's Logan Besougloff (second in pole vault); Lake Braddock's Sean Daugherty (third in pole vault); Herndon's Austin Miller (fifth in pole vault); West Potomac's Tyrone Jenkins (sixth in

of teams (along with Stafford High of triple jump); Westfield's Justin Little (eighth in triple jump); and T.C. Williams' Jonathan Anderson (third in shot put).

Westfield's 4x400-boys' relay team of Max Chambers, Troy Sevachko, Nathan Kiley, and Tyrone Walker finished first in the state, ahead of second place Annandale. South Lakes finished fifth in the same relay. The Seahawks' foursome was made up of Ian Angara, Corey Gilmore, Jacob Grundahl, and Armando Drain.

Westfield's 4x800 relay team of Max Chambers, Jeff Edmondson, Nathan Kiley, and Tyrone Walker finished first overall. Oakton High's team, made up of Oliver Lopez-Gomez, Greg Petruncio, Chris Sprague, and Michael McNamee finished second.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE, South County Secondary finished in fifth place overall — the best showing from the Northern Region. The top four team finishers were Cosby High (Midlothian), Western Branch (Chesapeake), Nansemond River (Suffolk), and Landstown (Virginia Beach).

Other top teams from the Northern Region, along with South County, were sixth

place Lake Braddock (tied with Phoebus High), Robinson and Herndon (both tied for 11th place), 15th place West Potomac, and 16th place Oakton.

South County's Felecia Majors took first place in both the pole vault and long jump events.

Other top individual girls' finishers from the Northern Region were: Herndon's Carina Peter (second in triple jump, fourth in 55 dash, sixth in long jump); Robinson's Genamaria McCant (third in 500, seventh in 300); West Potomac's Sarah Jane Underwood (fifth in 1,000); T.C. Williams' Sydney Schaedel (sixth in 1,000); Lake Braddock's Hannah Christian (fourth in 1,600, fifth in 3,200); West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta (fifth in 1,600); Oakton's Hailey Dougherty (sixth in 1,600); Lake Braddock's Sophie Chase (second place in 3,200); Oakton's Allie Klimkiewicz (fourth in 3,200); Lee High's Bailey Kolonich (seventh in 3,200); Washington-Lee's Isabell Amend (eighth in 3,200); South County's Felecia Majors (tied for seventh in high jump); Lake Braddock's Rachel Fasana

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Sports

Westfield's Breakthrough Season

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their home floor, displayed great fortitude in a 57-55 triumph. In a game which was tied on nine different occasions, C.J. Hill's close range basket off the right side with just under three seconds remaining - off an inbounds baseline pass from teammate Mark Gibson — broke a 55-55 tie and proved to be the game-winner.

"They made a good play to make that last basket," said Wakefield coach Tony Bentley. "It was a really good game throughout."

Westfield had big games from senior point guard Julius Rosa (16 points), senior center Zach Elcano (13 points, 7 rebounds), and Basil (13 points, 7 rebounds), who had two memorable breakaway dunks following steals.

The bounce-back win helped put behind the previous week's district finals loss to Robinson and gave the Bulldogs momentum going into their quarterfinals round game verses T.C. Williams, one of the region's most heralded and historically successful programs. The game, played on Feb. 22 at T.C.'s home Garden, was defensive-dominated with Westfield coming though with a 43-38 triumph in a game the Titans had led 20-14 at the half. Westfield's Hill, who had scored the game-winner versus Wakefield, led the Bulldogs with 14 points.

NEXT UP FOR WESTFIELD was a Feb. 25 region semifinals meeting versus McLean, the Liberty Dis-

trict champions. The Bulldogs, who had won their prior two region playoff games by seven points combined, enjoyed some breathing room in a 55-41 victory over the Highlanders, in the Final Four contest played at Robinson. But it was, in fact, 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, both achievements being landmark steps for the program.

In the championship game on Feb. 27, also at Robinson, Westfield received a balanced attack behind Elcano (17 points), Basil (16 points, 7 rebounds), and Gibson (10 points). At game's end, Elcano was named tournament MVP. He was joined by both Basil and Gibson on the seven-member All-Region Tournament team.

The game was close before Westfield broke it open with an 18-4 scoring run over the final six-plus minutes of the third quarter. Basil hit consecutive threepointers during the key stretch, both treys coming from deep in the left corner.

"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."

The title game win over Edison (National District) was the glowing achievement of a season in which Westfield stepped up and accomplished more than it ever had before.

Local Athletes Compete in Hampton

donated \$2,500 to a Pennsylvania fam-

ily whose home and SUV were

destroyed by a fire. On Monday, Jan. 9,

Joe and Gloria O'Brien along with

daughter Katie lost their home and SUV

to a house fire. The suspected cause was

a dryer that made a 'popping' sound that

later spread flames throughout the

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(fourth in pole vault); T.C. Williams' Sydney Schaedel (fifth in pole vault); South Lakes' Damielle Hale (fourth in long jump); Edison's Anna Williams (third in triple jump); Edison's Kristina Brown (eighth in triple jump); and Robinson's Chioma Onyekwere (second in shotput).

The South County girls' 4x400 relay team of Felecia Majors, Widney Dubuisson, Kierra Roundtree, and EnNijah Majors finished seventh in the state.

Basketball Camp

Chantilly High boys' basketball coach Jim Smith will hold a basketball camp over spring break week (Monday, April 2 through Thursday, April 5) for boys ages 7 through 12 years old. Cost is \$100 and checks can be made out to Charger Boosters. Daily camp times at Chantilly High School will be from 9 a.m. through 1 p.m. For more information, e-mail coach Smith at Jzsmith@fcps.edu.

BUSINESS NOTES

Edible Arrangements, the leader fresh-fruit arrangein hand-sculpted. ments with over 1,000 locations, has announced plans to open its first store in Chantilly. The store will be owned and operated by Farhad Rashedi and his wife Faranak, spouses Kambiz Somehsarai and Noushin Reza, and Farazaneh Rasoulzadeh, of McLean. Visit ediblearrangements.com.

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In the 4x800 relay, the West Potomac girls finished second overall, and Lake Braddock was third. The Lake Braddock foursome was made up of Hannah Christen, Sophie Chase, Ally Robinson, and Katie Roche. Oakton's girls finished in sixth place in the 4x800. The Cougars' four runners were Allie Klimkiewicz, Hailey Dougherty, Kristi Carrigan, and Briana Stewart. West Springfield's foursome of Alexis McEntire, Caroline Alcorta, Maddie Wittich, and Erin Falk finished eighth.

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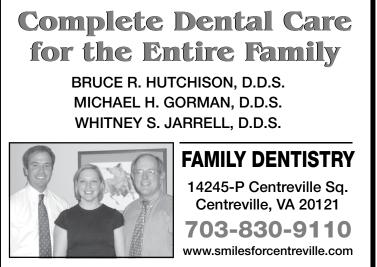
Centreville High Sports Report By Karen Fulkerson Centre View

Congratulations to the Centreville High indoor track and field team members who participated in the Virginia High School League (VHSL) state meet in Newport News Feb. 25-26. The Wildcat boys 4x400 relay team of Brent Martin, Mike Wright, Texas Williams and Chase Heiner finished in seventh place overall, earning the foursome recognition on the All-State Team. Additionally, sophomore Maryn Wood ran another personal-best in the girls' 300-meter race.

Associa Cares of Chantilly, the house and garage. The home and SUV were a complete loss, but fortunately no one was injured in the accident. The O'Briens will be out of their home for many months until they can rebuild it. To learn more about Associa and its charitable organization. Associa Cares, go to www.associaonline.com and www.associacares.com.







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ENTERTAINMENT

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Centreville Stitchers welcome adults who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or other needlework crafts and conversation. Join us at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Dr., Centreville. Admission is free. Contact Jo at 703-803-0595 or email joknitter@verizon.net.
 Thursday, March 15, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

ZUMBA FITNESS CLASSES IN CHANTILLY

Latin-based dance fitness classes — no gym membership required. Mondays and Wednesdays 7 to 8 p.m. Go to WWW.GOZUMBAFUN.COM.

THURSDAY/MARCH 15

Relay for Life Meeting. 7 p.m. Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Meet at nZone, 14550 Lee Road, Chantilly. Come learn about Relay and the many ways to participate: forming a fundraising team of walkers; serving on the planning committee; or volunteering at Relay on June 9, 2012 at the nZone. Visit www.CentrevilleRelay.org or contact Brandi Steward of the American Cancer Society at brandi.steward@cancer.org for more information.

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

MARCH 16 TO APRIL 7

Easter Bunny at Fair Oaks Mall. Families will have the opportunity for photos with the Easter Bunny Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Every child visiting the Fair Oaks Mall Fountain Court gardens will receive a special gift. Call 703-359-8300 or visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

MARCH 16 TO MARCH 25

Home and Garden Show. Sponsored by Long & Foster Realtors, the show will feature the latest in home improvement concepts. Featured will be bath and kitchen designs by Capital Remodeling; Reamco Patio Enclosures; window treatments by Renewal by Andersen; Leaf Solutions by Gutter Pros of Virginia; Long Fence and Home; and, Premier Window and Building. At Fair Oaks Mall. Call 703-359-8300 or visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com.

MARCH 16-18

Super Pet Expo. Admission is \$13/adults; \$8/ children. Featuring 200 exhibits. Friday from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At the Dulles Expo Center in

Chantilly. Visit www.SuperPetExpo.com.

Get to Know a Great Dane. Friday, 4-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL). At the Super Pet Expo at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly.

SATURDAY/MARCH 17

- **Clifton Art Guild Show.** 6 to 9 p.m. Some 15 to 20 local artists will be exhibiting in various mediums at the grand opening show, sale and reception. Held upstairs at the NoVA Music Center, 12704 Chapel Road, Clifton.
- 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. Information on ad, contact Joyce Mitulla, 703-503-9711 or jmitulla@verizon.net

MONDAY/MARCH 19

Centreville Garden Club Meets. 7 p.m. "The

Flora of Virginia — Worth the 250-Year Wait," a presentation by Botany Chair, Marion Lobstein, of the Prince William Wildflower Society, 8712
Plantation Ln., Manassas. Meet and carpool, March 19 at 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Meetings generally third Monday each month. Learn more at centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com or email:centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com. Visitors welcome. Call 703-830-2942.
Republican Women of Clifton. 7:30 p.m.

Republican Women of Clifton. 7:30 p.m. Featuring a Meet and Greet for men and women to interact with local political candidates after brief talks by each one. Scheduled speakers are Matt Ames, Jay McConville, Congressman Frank Wolf, Anna Lee and John Whitbeck, who are running for 10th Congressional District Chairman. At Centreville High School's Media Center. Visit www.cliftongop.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 20

Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Fairfax High School Chorus Assessment Preview Concert. There will be a freewill offering. Childcare is available. At Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. Call 703-591-3120.

MARCH 22, 23 AND 24

"Maid for Dogs." 7 p.m. The Clifton Dinner Theater's spring play, "Maid for Dogs," will be performed Thursday-Saturday, March 22, 23 and 24, at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall, 12641 Chapel Road in Clifton. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 and available at A Flower Blooms in Clifton, the Clifton Cafe, The Clifton Wine Shoppe and T&K Treasures. Contact cliftontheater@gmail.com.

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