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BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Angel Kisses committee members are (back row, from left) Colleen Thompson, Paula Searle, Joleeta Bishop, Tasha Virostek, Gretchen Mason, Mary Sawyer, Page Imperial and Terry Durst and (front row, from left) Karen Cragg, Teresa Snedeker, Tracy Rickard and Janel Ball.

Honoring Jeffrey; Helping Others

Angel Kisses 5K/2K is this Sunday.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Jeffrey Virostek was 2 when he was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). He went into remission after aggressive treatment and a bone-marrow transplant; and for nine months, he was able to just be a little boy again, playing with friends and enjoying his family.

But the disease returned around his 4th birthday and he died in September 2003. Yet nearly a decade later, he's remembered not only by those who loved him, but by an entire Chantilly community that turns out each year for a memorial race in his honor.

It's a Mother's Day tradition in Poplar Tree Estates and a tribute to Jeffrey because it raises money to help other children fighting cancer. This



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Jeffrey Virostek, 4, dressed as Peter Pan. This photo was taken at the beginning of September 2003; he died later that month.

year's 10th annual Angel Kisses 5K run and 2K fun run/walk is Sunday, May 12.

"People want to come and run it on Mother's Day and they look forward to it," said Jeffrey's grandmother, Janet Ball of Oak Hill. "And I'm profoundly grateful that the same group of women has put it on for 10 years."

Event proceeds go to the Jeffrey Virostek Memorial Fund and, from there, to several non-profit organizations that help families dealing with childhood cancer. Since Angel Kisses began, Jeffrey's parents, Tasha and Stephen, have contributed more than \$190,000 in grants through the fund.

The 12-woman race committee met last week to discuss final details before the event. "We originally thought it was a one-time thing," said Mary Sawyer. "We just wanted to honor Jeffrey's memory. But then people asked if we were doing it the next year — and now, I can't imagine not doing it. It takes a lot of work,

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Bicycling 230 Miles In Remembrance

Police Unity Tour is this weekend.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville's Kevin Whalen has bicycled in five Police Unity Tour (PUT) rides, but this year was going to be different. Then tragedy struck and changed his mind.

He's a federal agent with the Treasury Department, and his partner there, Tammy Anzenberger, is married to a Prince William County police officer. And that's how Whalen learned about Chris Yung, who died in the line of duty on Dec. 31, 2012 — and in whose honor Whalen will ride this weekend.

"Tammy's husband, Bill, responded to the accident when it happened," said Whalen. "Chris was on his motorcycle, responding to a call to back up another officer. It was broad daylight, he had a green light and had his lights and siren on. But a van pulled out in front of him and he hit it broadside; the motorcycle exploded and he was killed."

At work, said Whalen, "Tammy was really upset and told me about Chris with tears in her eyes. It was just horrific. I wasn't going to ride in the PUT this year because I've got a lot going on with my 87-year-old father and work. But when this happened, I knew I just had to ride for Chris."

So he told Maggie DeBoard, president of the PUT Chapter IV contingent, led by Fairfax County police, that he wanted to return. Within a week, he started training for the grueling, 230-mile ride.

It's this Friday-Sunday, May 10-12, and goes from Richmond to Charlottesville, Warrenton and



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Kevin Whalen.

Centreville and on to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. The ride raises money and awareness for the Memorial fund and National Law Enforcement Museum honoring and remembering all federal, state and local law enforcement officers who've died in the line of duty. Nationwide, 120 officers were killed in 2012; Yung was the last one.

The cyclists pedal 93 miles from Richmond to Charlottesville on the first leg of their journey. They'll travel 80 miles to Warrenton the next day and 59 miles more to Washington, D.C., on May 12. That day, they'll bicycle up Route 29 in Centreville, around 9 a.m., en route to a lunch provided by Glory Days Grill before heading to the District for the ride's end.

IN PREPARATION, Whalen's taken spin classes, three times a week, at Life Time Fitness in Centreville. "They're so early in the

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Runners take off from the starting line of a previous Clifton Caboose 5K Twilight Run.

A Race, Picnic, Music and Fun

Clifton Caboose Twilight 5K is May 18.

By BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Runners don't have to get up early to compete in the Town of Clifton's annual 5K race. They can sleep in, enjoy their afternoon and then head to town for the 15th annual Clifton Caboose Twilight Run.

It's Saturday, May 18, with the 1-mile fun run/walk starting at 6 p.m., and the 5K, at 6:30 p.m. It'll happen rain or shine; and in this event, not only the winners receive prizes, but the last-place, or caboose, finisher also gets an award.

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

Last year's event attracted 581 participants — 107 in the 1-mile and 474 in the 5K — and race Chairman Gary Anderson expects at least that amount this time. And that includes students, ages 8-10, in the running programs of Fairview and Willow Springs elementary schools, who'll be in the 5K.

Registration is at www.signmeup.com/89591. Entry fees are \$21 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1-mile; but they increase to \$24 and \$18, respectively, after May 15. Race-day registration is from 4-5:30 p.m. at the barn at 7139 Main St.

Packet pick-up (cash/check only) is Friday, May 17, from 5-7 p.m., at the barn, or on race day, just prior to the event. Participants will also receive a commemorative, Clifton Caboose T-shirt designed by resident Bill Ference. The race is sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association (CBA), dedicated to improving the Town of Clifton. This year's proceeds will go toward resurfacing and repairing the basketball court in the town park.

Parking is available at the end of Chapel Street, in the floodplain and at Clifton Elementary. Water will be provided along the course, and snacks such as fruit, cheese and rolls will be offered after the race.

All children participating will receive Freeze Pops from The Clifton Store.

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

And the good time continues when the race is over, because everyone who attended may join the party afterward at the barn. Parents are encouraged to bring picnic suppers and beverages for children. The celebration also features music by a live band, Acoustic Burgoo, which describes its music as "soulgrass."

This year is Anderson's ninth as race chairman, with help from town residents Michelle Stein, Steve Bittner, Dawn Van Dyke and Lynne Strang. Also lending support are the volunteers and CBA, plus resident Fred Ansick, who helps mark the course and gets the VDOT permit for the road closure.

In January, race-committee members pick the date and get onto local race calendars so runners may find and prepare for this event. In the spring, they alert businesses and residents along Newman Road that it'll be closed to traffic during the race.

The major sponsors are Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Anthony Reid Tax & Accounting Services. Students seeking service hours may volunteer to help at the 5K at www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4EAEAA2C7-clifton3.

Happy to return as chairman, Anderson said, "It's great to be involved with the community and I like being around the people putting it on. It's a great event for the town. And it's fun seeing all the kids involved and how excited they are to participate in the race. I think it's a great activity for them and, with any luck, they'll turn it into a permanent habit."

Most people in the Caboose Run are from Northern Virginia; but the 2012 event also attracted people from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Texas. This'll be the second time the twilight race is held in May, instead of June.

"It worked out so well last year, we decided to keep that change," said Anderson. "Last year's participation from the elementary schools was up, and there's a better likelihood of cooler weather."



The Huntsman house is in a French Country Romanesque style.



The Presta home features 18th-century furniture.



This home's mantle came from the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Clifton Homeowners Welcome Visitors It's time for the 41th annual Spring Homes Tour.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

An English garden, 18th-century furnishings and a pool with waterfalls are among the delights awaiting all those attending the 41st annual Clifton Spring Homes Tour. It's slated for Thursday, May 16, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and the fun includes a marketplace and silent auction at the Paradise Springs Winery.

The silent auction ends at 5 p.m., but the marketplace goes until 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 on tour day; single-home admission is \$10. For ticket-sales locations, go to www.cliftoncwc.org. There's no charge to enter the winery for the marketplace or silent auction.

Lunch is available at Clifton eateries; and the winery, at 13219 Yates Ford Road, will sell lunches with advance reservations (made by May 14) at 703-830-9463. Culminating the day's events will be a "Wine Down," also at Paradise Springs, from 3-6 p.m., featuring a performance by the Steve Smith Blues Duo.

Putting on the tour is the Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC), and all net proceeds support its Charitable Trust which contributes to several local charities, student scholarships, food banks and causes including the Yellow Ribbon Fund, which aids injured soldiers and their families.

The spring homes tour is the trust's primary fund-raiser and generally attracts some 600 visitors from throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. Over the past seven years, the Trust has given more than \$160,000 to help others, so the tour organizers hope for another successful event.

"After almost a year of planning, the tour will present amazing and diverse homes with easy access," said homes tour Co-Chairman JoAnne Gallo. "Hopefully, we will have record-breaking ticket sales and our profits will enable CCWC to provide even more money to our community charities. This year, we've had more sponsors than ever and we thank them all so much. It means a great deal to be supported by the community."

This year's event features four homes, plus the historic Acacia Masonic Lodge on Main Street. Opening their houses to the

public are Marci and Ken Huntsman, Mary and Frank Presta, Mary and Pete Mills, and Jean and Tom Peterson.

There'll be a variety of vendors at the marketplace, offering items including handmade jewelry, beaded glassware and tableware, women's clothing, purses, scarves, watches, glass ornaments, beaded wine bottles, organic Haitian blue coffees, and cookies.

At the silent auction, attendees may bid on a variety of items. They'll include a 30-day membership at a fitness club; rounds of golf, with carts; overnight stays at bed-and-breakfasts and gift certificates for local businesses such as restaurants and hair salons.

As for the homes tour, CCWC President Kay Gilbert says it promises to be as special and enjoyable as always. "This year, people will see Clifton as it has transitioned through more than a century," she said. "They'll see houses built in the 1880s and 100 years later."

"All the homes are really great," added homes tour Co-Chairman Diane Smith. "They were all on the tour years ago and were such big hits that we brought them back again, by popular demand. And there's plenty of parking at all the homes."

HUNTSMAN HOUSE

The 12,000-square-foot home of Ken and Marci Huntsman on Balmoral Greens Av-



Built in 1874, this was originally the house of Clifton's first postmaster.



From left are CCWC President Kay Gilbert; Tom Reynolds, representing sponsor GMU Center for the Arts; homeowner Mary Presta; and event co-chairs JoAnne Gallo and Diane Smith. Gallo's presenting a painting of Presta's garden to her. Presta, the other homeowners and the homes tour sponsors were honored Sunday at a reception at the Fairfax Station home of Sharon and Mark Gottlieb.

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enue is in a French Country Romanesque style. There's a Spanish sandstone fireplace with allegorical carving, heavy paneling and intricately laid flagstone floors with artistic tile insets.

Ken used his engineering talent to install a high-tech computer system to run the house. And the furnishings were all custom-made or hand-chosen by designer Barry Dixon. Outside, the grounds contain a tennis court, stables and a peaceful, boulder-lined pool complete with cascading waterfalls.

PRESTA HOME

Frank and Mary Presta's classic Colonial

house on Redlac Drive features floors of 100-year-old Virginia pine and 18th-century furniture. Highlights include a Scottish grandfather clock, a British bonnet-top highboy and a Dutch cupboard.

There are also paintings and sculptures in equestrian and hunting themes, as well as colorful antique quilts adorning walls and railings. And visitors will enjoy seeing the colorful, springtime flowers in the English garden outside.

MILLS HOUSE

Owned by Pete and Mary Mills, this home on Main Street was built in carpenter-gothic style in 1884. It

features steep gables and pointed arch windows, and the mantle in the parlor was originally in the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Mary Mills decorated the house with damask wallpapers, some French country furniture and fabrics in soft yellows, blues and teals. This home also contains the original woodwork and heart-pine floors, in contrast to the modern, renovated kitchen.

PETERSON HOME

Also on Main Street, Tom and Jean Peterson's home is the only house in town

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The Acacia Masonic Lodge was the first building in town with electricity.

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Angel Kisses 5K/2K Honors Jeffrey, Helps Others

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but it seems to feed a need people have to come together and be supportive. This is a person-to-person event."

Last year's Angel Kisses attracted 824 participants — 487 in the 5K and 337 in the 2K. And the idea for it came from Virostek family friend and neighbor, Tracy Rickard.

Remembering how Jeffrey loved it when she played Tickle Monster with him and he ran back and forth, Rickard said, "I thought we could hold a race in his name. There are lots of runners in our neighborhood, and I figured it would be something kids could be involved in, too."

Jeffrey's mother named the event. "I was looking for a name for his memorial fund," she said. "And when he passed away, I looked down at him and thought, 'He's a little angel sending us kisses.'"

Initially, said Rickard, "We knew nothing about putting a race together, and now it's like a well-oiled machine. And each year, we see the impact we're making and how what we do has touched someone."

"And it amazes me how many people apply for the financial assistance," added Ball. "Whether for gas, food, mortgage or utility payments [while paying their children's huge medical bills], they need the money."

Like many on the race committee, Terry Durst joined it at Rickard's urging. "Our neighborhood is a community of people who've known each other 10 years or more and take care of each other," said Durst. "Also, I work at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital as a CAT scan specialist, so I know a lot of families are struggling; I see the need."

Karen Cragg's pleased that the race is now ingrained in the community fabric. While watching her son play CYA Little League baseball recently, she overheard two moms who don't live in Poplar Tree discuss Angel Kisses.

"One told the other how she and her son run it every year and that her son said it's



Tracy Rickard is the Angel Kisses coordinator; here's her family at last year's event. From left are Madison, Tracy, Lexi, Ryan and Mike Rickard.

'really cool,'" said Cragg. "And I thought it's so neat that it's spread to people in other communities as their tradition, too."

"So many people are touched by cancer in their lives and, when Jeffrey got sick, we wanted to help," added Paula Searle. "There are many charities, but this one has a direct impact. You see how the money's raised and where it goes, so it comes full circle, and it's a nice way to help others."

Joleeta Bishop is in charge of the food for race day. Caribou Coffee and Starbuck's are donating coffee; Utz, potato chips; Bagel Buddies, bagels; Panera, pastries; Amphora, cookies; and Giant Foods, apples. First Watch in Greenbriar is contributing muffins, bananas and gift certificates, and Chick-Fil-A is providing lunch and coupons.

"It's so much fun for me," said Bishop. "I feel like I'm having a party and I don't have

to cook. I've seen families grow up here and return to this event every year."

Gretchen Mason likes being on the race committee because "We're all different ages, so we get to meet and work with people we don't always see. And everyone has their own, special talents and does their part. We also get raffle items and some companies give us gift certificates — even in tough, economic times. It really amazes me that there are so many generous businesses in the community that give back, and it feels good to see it."

Colleen Thompson enjoys spending time with the other women. "I wouldn't want to spend Mother's Day any other way," she said. Teresa Snedeker takes part to keep Jeffrey's memory alive.

"To me, the thought of losing a child is just devastating," she said. "He was a spe-

Race Details

The Angel Kisses race is this Sunday, May 12. The 5K starts at 8 a.m., and the 2K, 8:10 a.m., rain or shine. They begin and end at the Poplar Tree Swim and Racquet Club, 13516 Point Pleasant Drive in Chantilly. The race is USATF-certified; Pacers Events will officiate and a special tag attached to the participants' bibs will record the results.

Online registration is 5K, \$30; 2K, \$20, through May 9. Afterward, it's \$35 and \$25. Walk-in registration and packet pickup are Friday, May 10, from 6-8 p.m.; Saturday, May 11, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., and race day, from 6:30-7:30 a.m., at the Poplar Tree Swim and Racquet Club. For more information and to register, go to www.AngelKisses-5k.org.

Organizations receiving grants from the Jeffrey Virostek Memorial Fund include D.C. Candlelighters, which provides emotional, educational and financial support to local families with children fighting cancer; HopeCam, which keeps homebound and hospitalized youth connected to school and friends; and Inova Health System's non-profit program for pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Tax-deductible donations may be made at www.angelkisses-5k.org, or send checks payable to the Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, 2940 Hunter Mill Road, Suite 201, Oakton, VA 22124. Write Jeffrey Virostek Fund on the memo line.

cial child and made a huge impact on this community. And I believe in the cause. With other charities, so much money goes to research. But people sometimes forget that, while you're going through cancer treatment with your child, you need money to survive on a daily basis."

Snedeker said it's easy participating in Angel Kisses because it's so successful. "The community supports us," she said. "Sponsors return each year and these women are motivated to keep it going."

Page Imperial said her 8-year-old nephew, Timmy Tyrrell, knew about the group. So when his best friend, a 6-year-old girl, got brain cancer, he wanted to help. Because of her medical bills, her dad couldn't afford to buy gas. So, said Imperial, "Timmy started raising money and donated it to Angel Kisses."

Snedeker said her children also did their part. In the race's first year, she said, "My daughters took the money they'd gotten for Christmas and birthdays and contributed it to Angel Kisses." And Mason noted that all their husbands and children participate in the event in some way.

Although, added Durst, "Without the sponsors, we couldn't do this." And Rickard's pleased that, since so many youth also help, "We've passed this on to the next generation."

Virostek said that, when Rickard first approached her with the idea, "I was still raw after Jeffrey's death and my biggest fear was that he'd be forgotten. He was a special and wise boy, well beyond his 4 years, and had a way with people."

So the fact that this event is now a popular tradition means a great deal to her. "I know the journey many of these families go through, so I'm glad we're able to help them through Angel Kisses," she said. "It's been a pleasure working with these ladies all these years. Through their efforts, Jeffrey's not been forgotten and we're able to help others."

Welcome to the World of Imaginary Friends

Chantilly High debuts new children's play.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A little boy with a big imagination takes playgoers on a funny and exciting journey in Chantilly High's new children's show, "Imagine If."

It's the first play written by Director Shannon Khatcheressian and will be performed Friday, May 17, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 18, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

"I've always wanted to write a show, but I credit all the experiences in the story to my own, three-and-a-half-year-old son, Aidan," said Khatcheressian. "He's very imaginative and creative and basically created the storyline."

"Many of the characters are based on



Diego Encarnacion (Aidan) and Jared Shields (Ralph) in Chantilly's children's play, "Imagine If."

things he made up," she said. "I also realized how much time my husband and I spend with our iPhones. So the story reaches out to parents who get so busy with work and the household that we can lose sight of the time we have to play with our kids and just be silly with them."

The main character, Aidan, 7, creates an imaginary friend, Ralph. Together, they travel to the World of Imaginary Friends where they meet new people and have fun-filled adventures.

The show's double cast, and Khatcheressian calls her 48 performers "wonderful to work with; they've even given script input. I'm proud of what they've done and the professionalism they've brought to the process."

Playing Aidan is freshman Daniel Richter. "He's a normal kid who likes playing games and eating candy," said Richter. "In the real world, no one sees his imaginary friend, but him and the audience. In Ralph's world, everyone sees him."

Richter said children will relate to Aidan because "everyone likes getting away from the real world, now and then — and Aidan gets to, which is cool. In children's shows,

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ME & MY MOM



Kari Pewett and her daughters Allison, 12, and Ellie, 2, from Little Rocky Run visit their grandmother/great-grandmother in Largo Fla. in March.

My Mom

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Michaun Harrison (mom and assistant coach) for the Mavericks Boys 5th and 6th grade Upward Basketball team, 2-year-old Guide Dog Nico, and her son Edan J. Harrison at the Centreville United Methodist Church in March. Edan, a 6th grader, attends Centre Ridge Elementary School.

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OPINION

Some Limits, More Disclosure

Virginia does not benefit from elected officials being awash in cash donations and gifts.

It seems prescient now. Virginia's "corruption risk report card" in March 2012 ranked the state 47 out of 50, with an overall grade of "F." That's "F" for failing, mostly because Virginia is one of four states that place no limits on political contributions at all.

Virginia got a failing grade for vulnerability to corruption. Corruption in the Commonwealth is probably not any more rampant than voter fraud, as we said last year. But in terms of practices that could undermine trust, Virginia has vast room for improvement.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts with some reporting loopholes is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as recent news about state elected officials and gifts well demonstrate. It could be better for businesses to have some limits as well.

The National Conference of State Legislatures www.ncsl.org summarizes how states handle contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited. In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political

parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle. You don't have corporations and CEOs giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

From 2009-2013, Dominion has made \$2,838,506 in political contributions to candidates and committees, 58 percent of it to Republicans, 39 percent to Democrats, according to the Virginia Public Access Project www.vpap.org.

In 2012, Pepco donated \$2,000 to Friends of Martin O'Malley, Maryland's governor, \$10,000 to the state Democratic committee and \$5,000 to the state Republican committee.

In 2013, Pepco's total contributions currently reported are \$2,000.

In 2013, Dominion Resources' total contributions currently reported are \$450,000.

In 2010, Pepco donated \$4,000 each to Friends of O'Malley and Friends of Anthony Brown, his running mate. In 2008, Pepco donated \$10,000 to state Democratic committee and \$10,000 to the state Republican committee. (Pepco contributions are according to the Maryland Campaign Finance Reporting System.)

Dominion donated \$52,500 to McDonnell's campaign and another \$50,000 to his inaugural committee. Dominion also gave \$80,000 to the campaign of state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D), \$26,500 to Ken Plum (D) for delegate, \$25,000 to Mark Sickles (D) for delegate, \$18,500 to

Toddy Puller (D) for Senate, \$17,000 to Mark Herring (D) for Senate, \$14,157 to Tim Hugo (R) for delegate, \$12,000 to Tom Rust (R) for delegate and \$11,000 to Janet Howell (D) for Senate, just to cover some of the larger, local contributions.

Does it matter? Given the history of power outages, it's unlikely anyone would want to trade service from Dominion for service from Pepco.

Gifts are another question. In Virginia, even if an official does violate the very limited rules on gifts, the code states that "Violations of this subdivision shall not be subject to criminal law penalties."

Call us naive, but we would have bet that neither Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli nor Gov. Bob McDonnell would be susceptible to taking gifts under dubious circumstances, yet both are in the news for having failed to report gifts totaling tens of thousands of dollars. McDonnell says disclosure of gifts to his immediate family members are not required. Cuccinelli says he forgot about some gifts he received.

The State Integrity Investigation is "designed to expose practices that undermine trust in state capitols — and spotlight the states that are doing things right." See <http://www.stateintegrity.org/virginia>

Virginia's access to information on campaign finance is overshadowed by "lax oversight rules, weak consumer representation protections, dwindling capitol press corps and coziness between political and economic elites. ... Meanwhile, the few ethics and disclosure requirements that do exist tend to be flawed, limited or fraught with exemptions and qualifications," according to the report.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support Mountain View

To the Editor:

On Friday, May 17, the Barnes & Nobles at Fair Lakes will host a Bookfair to raise funds for the Mountain View High School Scholarship Foundation. From 5-9 p.m., families can enjoy face painting, storytelling, bookmark making, musical performances and an art display while purchasing books for graduations, birthdays or personal enjoyment.

The Mountain View Foundation distributes scholarships to Mountain View High School graduates pursuing a post-secondary education. Mountain View's student body is drawn from 14 different high schools throughout Fairfax County and serves students seeking a second chance to earn a high school diploma.

As a member of the board of directors of Mountain View High

School Foundation, I am impressed by the drive, determination and creativity of the students at Mountain View. They are determined to get their high school diploma despite various obstacles and roadblocks. The faculty and staff, led by principal Dave Jagels, are incredibly resourceful and dedicated to these students, creating a welcoming atmosphere each and every day, encouraging acceptance and tolerance of all and an unwavering belief in their students' success.

I encourage the community to come out and enjoy the festivities Friday evening. However, if that is too difficult, a percentage of purchases made that day in the store or on line from Saturday, May 18-Wednesday, May 22, will benefit the foundation. Customers can visit bn.com/bookfairs and enter Bookfair ID 11061660 at checkout. Barnes & Noble is located at 12193 Fair Lakes Prom-

enade Drive in Fairfax.

Hope to see everyone there!

Lu Ann Maciulla McNabb
Centreville

Reflecting On Mother's Day

To the Editor:

As a Muslim woman and a mother of two young children, one of the things I have always appreciated about my faith is the high status and great honor that women are given in Islam, particularly mothers.

As a young girl I had always heard the saying of the Prophet Muhammad that, "Paradise lies under the feet of your mothers." But, I feel, I never truly understood the meaning of those words until I became a mother myself.

I have realized that Islam accords such a high status to mothers not only due to the physical toll

of pregnancy, birth, and childrearing, but also due to the tremendous responsibility that comes with being a mother, not to mention the constant worry about whether we are doing a good enough job as a parent.

Now, I negotiate the challenges and rewards of motherhood with a deeper appreciation of everything my mother has sacrificed for me and with a deeper understanding of why paradise may be found under a mother's feet. The Prophet's words resonate twofold: they encourage us to be watchful of mothers who create a paradise for our children while at the same time encouraging us to serve our parents, to take care of them and show them mercy in their old age as a means to attain bliss in another life. On this Mother's Day, I am grateful for the occasion to reflect on this aspect.

Rabia Iqbal
Chantilly

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Police Unity Tour Raises Awareness and Funds

FROM PAGE 1

morning, my dog doesn't even get up for me," he said. "I'll burn 1,000 calories an hour. But that builds my endurance and gets me in shape for the hills from Richmond to Charlottesville and Warrenton and the hill coming up Route 29 by Alto Plaza in Centreville."

On Sundays, he's been bicycling 40-80 miles on the W&OD trail. "But I love it and enjoy it," he said. "And when you're riding two by two on the PUT ride, you get chills and goosebumps and a big high. About 25 motorcycle officers also go along to escort and protect us."

And as he pedals, Whalen will also remember the officer in whose honor he's riding. Yung, 35, left a wife and three children, parents and brother Dale, also a Prince William police officer. Dale and his wife Nancy just had their second son and named him Chris, after his brother.

Chris Yung's name was recently inscribed on the law-enforcement memorial, and Whalen attended the ceremony. "It says on the memorial, 'It's not how these officers died that makes them heroes, it's how they lived,'" said Whalen. "And that's what I hear about Officer Yung — what a great family man, military veteran, partner and community police officer he was."

In turn, Yung's family appreciates Whalen's efforts on his behalf. "It's a great honor for someone to step up and do that rigorous ride in Chris's name — especially since he didn't know Chris personally or have any ties to him," said Dale Yung. "Speaking for the family, no words can say how appreciative we are of him doing the ride."

Yung said this year was going to be the



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Kevin Whalen will ride 230 miles this weekend on his bicycle in the Police Unity Tour.

first time Chris bicycled in the Law Enforcement United Ride, also this weekend, from Virginia Beach to Washington, D.C. "So I'm riding in his place," said Yung. "I've never ridden before, and now I understand the kind of training and dedication that goes into it."

PUT PARTICIPANTS must each raise \$1,800 for the memorial fund, and Whalen already reached his \$2,000 goal through his Web site, fundraisers, raffles and donations. Anything extra he gets, he shares with riders having a tough time raising money. "It's all a team effort," he said. "I'm helping out the whole team, this way." The Chapter IV team of about 100 riders has so far raised nearly \$150,000.

About 25 support personnel also accompany the riders. They arrange for hotels, food, breaks, water and bike repairs along the way. "We take along a bike-repair shop on wheels," said Whalen. "If your bike breaks, they fix it and you're right back on the road."

"And Fairfax County's Fire Department assigns us two ambulances and four EMTs, and that makes us feel good knowing they're with us if we get dehydrated or injured in a fall," he continued. "And Barnes Chiropractic of Centreville is sponsoring the Warrenton hotel stop and giving all 100 Northern Virginia riders 10-minute massages. It helps us recover and get ready for the next day."

THIS YEAR, said Whalen, it's been difficult finding the time for training and fundraising between his father, his job and his family. But the businesses, such as Glory Days and Coyote Grill, that hosted fundraisers for him, and his sponsors, Barnes Chiropractic and Franklin's Printing, helped give him an extra push by showing their faith in him and the cause.

"This ride lets the community know about the sacrifices law-enforcement officers make to protect them 24/7," said Whalen. "And I think about the Boston Marathon

bombing when 2,500 federal, state and local police officers went into the danger — including my office doing the financial intelligence."

"That's what law-enforcement officers do," he continued. "That case was high profile, but we want people to know the good things officers do all the time that people aren't always aware of or take the time to thank them for. So I'd really love this community — whenever they see police officers — to thank them for what they do. Or fly a thin, blue ribbon on their bicycle, car antenna or rear wiper to let the police know they support them."

MORE THAN 1,500 officers come from all over the U.S. to ride from five points on the East Coast in the PUT. On May 12, they'll unite and ride together to the District where their families and the fallen officers' loved ones will be waiting. A check will also be presented to the Memorial chairman; last year's ride raised \$1.5 million.

After the tough, hilly ride, said Whalen, the county police helicopter escorts the riders through Centreville as they return home and "it gets us pumped up seeing them." The best part, he said, is "being together with all the officers and seeing people cheering for us along the way. And the biggest high is getting to the Memorial while wearing the name bracelet of the officer you're riding for and meeting his family there."

"I never thought I'd be doing this at age 50," said Whalen. "But in 30 years of law enforcement, I had close calls — and a lot of times where it could have been me [fatally wounded]. So to ride in honor of an officer who's made the ultimate sacrifice is something you want to do to let the family and department know their officer will never be forgotten. The pain, money, time and training are nothing, compared to the sacrifice they made."

CHS High Debuts New Children's Play

FROM PAGE 4

you can be crazy and extreme to get kids to giggle. And when they see the imaginary friends, they'll say, 'I'd like that one for mine.'"

Sophomore Andruw Austin plays Ralph. "He's really out there," said Austin. "He has no plans and, if he does, they don't go exactly as they should. He's basically a child who likes having fun and getting in trouble. I created a high-pitched voice and weird laugh for him, and my motions are oversized."

Austin enjoys playing "a made-up person because you can be whoever you'd like," he said. "Ralph looks as if a 4-year-old dressed him. He wears a Superman shirt, tacky plaid pants, blue sneakers and a rainbow-studded belt. The show's entertaining with an underlying message to take some time away from work to have fun."

Playing Aidan's sister, Nadia, 4, is sophomore Fiona Kisiday. "She's silly and loves

her brother, but won't show it," said Kisiday. "She just uses him for his toys and laughs when he gets in trouble. I love playing her; she talks fast and goes on and on when people want her to be quiet." Kisiday likes being "exuberant and making a funny little voice for Nadia. The audience will like the show's funny jokes; the costumes have bold, jewel-tone colors, and the hair and makeup are wacky."

Sophomore Kaley Cruz portrays Princess Ice Cream. "She literally looks like an ice cream cone, complete with a cherry on her head," said Cruz. "She's hyperactive, speaks quickly and sometimes breathes heavily, but has to calm down because the child who created her has asthma. And she believes everybody should eat candy, not vegetables."

Cruz created her costume and practiced her character's voice and "how she'd stand or sit, so she'd be something like a child would dream up. I like seeing kids laugh and smile and think the show's great. And

maybe it'll make them want to someday take drama and be in a children's show, too."

She hopes the imaginary world will be the audience's favorite part. "The set's beautiful and colorful," said Cruz. "I think this'll be one of the best children's shows Chantilly's ever done."

Scenes are in Aidan's classroom and bedroom and in the World of Imaginary Friends, with costumes and lighting establishing each location. "It's exciting for me to see the costumes come off the page and into life onstage," said Khatcheressian. "Parent Kimberly Warnick created and designed them, and I'm using some of the actors' input. The costumes reflect the characters created by children and show the richness and color of this World of Imaginary Friends."

"The show's funny for all ages," she added. "I hope everyone leaves with a reminder of how important playtime is for everyone, no matter how old you are and whether you have kids or not."



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Posing in character are (back row, from left) Beka Eyob, Heather Gaskins and Ryan Rickard; and (front row, from left) Jared Shields and Diego Encarnacion.

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THROUGH JUNE 12

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

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/independent.htm or call 703-324-7210, TTY 711.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 10-11

White Cane Fundraiser. The Clifton Lions will collect used eyeglasses at the Union Mill Colonnade and University Mall Giant food stores. Proceeds will benefit blind charities such as Leader Dog for the Blind and the Lions SightFirst program. Visit www.clcv.clubexpress.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Audition Workshop. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at

Westfield High School. Learn the material for the vocal and dance audition for "The Producers." Auditions are open to Northern Virginia teen actors, singers, and dancers in rising grades 7-12, plus 2013 high school graduates. For more information, visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

Campfire Program. 7-8 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Attendees will learn how local wildlife raises their young, toast marshmallows and more. \$6/Fairfax County resident; \$8/non-resident. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl or 703-631-0013.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakton

Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle.

"Clothes to You" Ministry. 8-11 a.m. at Chantilly Bible Church, 4390 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. Those in need can get free clothing, toys, baby items and other miscellaneous and household items. Visit www.chantillybible.org or 703-263-1188.

MONDAY/MAY 13

Kindergarten Orientation. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Cub Run Elementary. Parents will meet teachers and kindergarten students will visit the classroom. Call 703-633-7500 for forms.

Executive Board Elections. 7 p.m. at the Westfield High School library. Nominations for the booster club executive board are being accepted. E-mail nominations or questions to Jennifer Ayoub at ayjenn@yahoo.com or 703-709-9122; Karen Duncan at wkdduncan@aol.com or 703-222-4382; or Frank Giancola at fjgpcnv@aol.com or 703-830-4921.

TUESDAY/MAY 14

Civil War Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sully Historic Site. Matt Atkinson will discuss the final day of the battle at Gettysburg. Donation of \$5 will be accepted for Sully Historic Site. Reservations required, 703-437-1794.

Seminar. 3-4:30 p.m. at Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. "Making Life Easier: Gadgets, Gizmos and Home Modifications." Free. Register by e-mail at caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-5205.

Registration Open House. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Clifton Children's Academy, 14315 Compton Road. Register for Fall 2013 and summer camp. Visit www.childrensacademy.com or 703-968-8455 to schedule an appointment.

THURSDAY/MAY 16

Perils of College Drinking Culture Forum. 7 p.m. at Westfield High School. Features a screening and panel discussion on "Haze," designed for parents and college-bound teens. Free. Parents are encouraged to attend with their teens.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

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FRIDAY/MAY 17-SUNDAY/MAY 19

Revival Services. 6-9 p.m. each evening at Brookfield Elementary School, 4200 Lees Corner Road. Bishop Gabriel Dagunduro from Nigeria, West Africa and Bishop Timothy W. Cummings are the guest speakers. Free.

MONDAY/MAY 20

Kindergarten Orientation. 2:30-3:45 p.m. at Greenbriar West Elementary School. 703-633-6700.
Kindergarten Orientation. 2-3 p.m. at Union Mill Elementary. Visit www.fcps.edu/parents/index.shtml or the school office to pick up registration forms; call the school for an appointment to drop off the filled out forms. 703-322-8500 for appointments or questions.
Kindergarten Orientation. 1:45-4 p.m. at Bull Run Elementary School. Bring your child. If unable to attend, call Tina Vanison, registrar, 703-227-1400 to set-up an appointment.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 22

Republican Women of Clifton Meeting. 7 p.m. at Fairview Elementary School, 5815 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Features Tom McDevitt, chairman of "The Washington Times," who will speak about current media trends, and Steven Yeh, who will talk about U.S. policies. Visit www.cliftongop.com.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Centreville Toastmasters. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Overcome your fear of public speaking. All welcome.


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The **Airbus IMAX Theater at National Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center**, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, is showing "Star Trek: Into the Darkness," beginning with a 10:45 p.m. show on May 15. Visit <http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy/> or call 703-572-4118 for the schedule.

REGISTER NOW

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

THURSDAY/MAY 9

Small Wonders. 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children age 13-23 months can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

Ready for School Storytime. 4 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children ages 4-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Civil War Lecture. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults and school age children can hear "Gettysburg, Day 2: July 2, 1863" by historian Ed Bearss. Free. 703-830-2223.

Chamber Chorale Showcase. 6 p.m. at Ox Hill Baptist Church, 4101 Elmwood St., Chantilly. Free. Chantilly High School choirs perform.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Festival of the Senses. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Enjoy listening to live music while enjoying seasonal cuisine from Purple Onion Catering Company. \$15/advance; \$25/door. Visit www.mean2live.org for tickets.

Follow the Reader: 7th Annual Susan Woodcock Memorial Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. All ages can enjoy stories read aloud by Chantilly High School drama students. Free. Registration required 703-502-3883.

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

Closing Night. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts in Fairfax. The Fairfax Symphony will perform Verdi and Wagner. Free discussion at 7 p.m. \$25-\$55/person and can be purchased at fairfaxsymphony.org, 888-945-2468 or at the box office.

Family Fun Day Event. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at South Riding Market Square. Features live music, treasure hunt, sidewalk sales, free hair trims, gift bags and more.

Flea Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church, 14001 Sullyfield Circle.

MONDAY/MAY 13

Bouncin' Babies. 10:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Babies up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes, songs, stories and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883

Small Wonders. 11:30 a.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000

Stringfellow Road. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy rhymes, songs and more. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

Book Buddies. 2:15 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Book discussion for third and fourth graders. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

ESL Book Club. 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Ask for title. 703-830-2223.

Spring Concert. 6 p.m. at Grace Covenant Church, 4600 Brookfield Corporate Drive. Free. Chantilly High School choirs perform.

TUESDAY/MAY 14

PTA Family Spirit Night. 5-9 p.m. at Sweet Frog in the Centreville Square Shopping Center. Proceeds benefit Centreville Elementary's PTA.

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

Whewee! 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Children ages 3-5 with adult can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required. 703-830-2223.

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

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

WEDNESDAY/MAY 15

ArtNight Reception Party. 5:30-8 p.m. at Marriott SpringHill Suites Fairfax Hotel, 11191 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax. Meet members of the Fairfax Art League and see original works and get art-related questions answered. Free. There will be food and refreshments. There will also be a free drawing for artwork, hotel stays and more.

Civil War Forum. 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Local authors Brian McEnany and Jim Lewis will discuss "Sunstroke and Ankle-Deep Mud," the Union Army's march to Gettysburg. Free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or 703-425-9225.

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

Bravo for Spanish. 1:45 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Children age 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities in

Spanish and English. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

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

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

Girls Book World. 7 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Girls in grades 5 and 6 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

THURSDAY/MAY 16

Clifton Charity Homes Tour. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in historic Clifton. \$25/advance; \$30/day of tour; \$10/single home admission. Visit www.cliftoncwc.org for ticket information. Proceeds benefit the Charitable Trust.

Marketplace and Silent Auction Fundraiser. The Clifton Community Woman's Club will host the fundraiser at Paradise Spring Winery in conjunction with the homes tour. Wine Down and silent auction from 3-6 p.m. at the winery. Free. Visit www.cliftoncwc.org.

Guys Read. 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Boys in grades 5 and 6 can participate. Call for title. Free. Registration required. 703-502-3883.

FRIDAY/MAY 17

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

Show Choir Spring Concert. 7 p.m. at Grace Covenant Church, 4600 Brookfield Corporate Drive. \$5/person. Chantilly High School's choirs will perform.

Book Fair. 5-9 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Fair Lakes, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Families can enjoy face painting, stories, art display and more. Proceeds benefit Mountain View High School Scholarship Foundation.

SATURDAY/MAY 18

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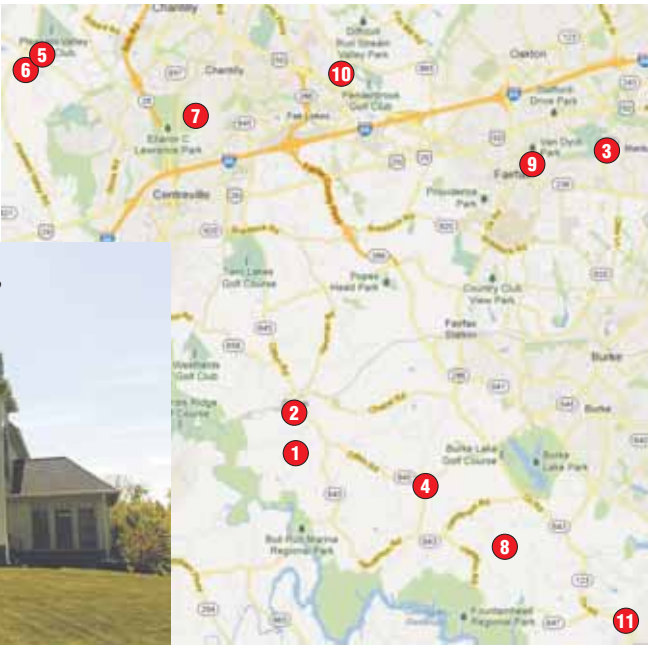


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Mother's Day Gift Ideas Suggestions for honoring Mom on her special day.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
CENTRE VIEW

Mother's Day is less than a week away. For some, choosing the perfect gift for Mom can be a nerve-wracking exercise. If you're still looking for the perfect present, local style gurus offer suggestions that they say will please even the most discerning of women.

For stylish mothers, Allison Priebe Brooks of Queen Bee Designs in Alexandria, recommends the sentimentality of matching parent-child jewelry: "It is fun to match or coordinate fashions with your child, especially on Mother's Day," she said. "You can do that with dresses or bold prints, but you can also do it with your jewelry. Little girls love to dress up and match their mothers, and jewelry is one thing that just about always fits and it can be passed down from generation to generation."

A spa day at home will give exhausted moms a chance to unwind, says Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Treat Mom to a spa day at home [with] a new line bath line from The Charleston Soap Chef [which includes] lotion, hand and body wash, body butter and sugar scrub. We've been encouraging customers to put a few pieces together and pamper Mom without having to go to a spa."

Hand creams by Pre de Provence, rich in shea butter and available in crisp scents like lavender and verbena, are luxurious choices, said Angela Phelps, of Le Village Marche in Arlington. "Every woman can use a good hand crème in her purse," she said.

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, said, "Perfumes, lotions and candles from lines including Lollia, Tocca and Niven Morgan are a luxurious treat for moms."

For those thinking ahead to summer, O'Shields suggests a brightly hued tote bag. "Scout bags are the perfect accessory for summer at the beach, baseball games and every day." She also suggests colorful handbags, wallets and tech accessories.

MOMS WITH SOPHISTICATED palates might enjoy sipping from a hand-painted wine glass. "For moms who enjoy relaxing with a glass of wine, hand-painted wine glasses are a great gift," said Thomas. "They are all hand-painted by a local artist and are available in a variety of colors and designs."



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Moms with sophisticated palates might enjoy sipping from a hand-painted wine glass.

For moms who love jewelry, O'Shields suggests putting a ring on it — or even a bracelet. "Jewelry ranging from bangles and charm bracelets ... are great for Mother's Day." For a personal touch, she adds, "Engraved monogrammed charms and necklaces with children's initials are a special way to give Mom jewelry

that reminds her of family. Precious Metal Prints include a kit for making a fingerprint mold that is then mailed to the artisan to transfer to a charm."

Epicureans with a penchant for entertaining would relish a cookbook line called "The Gathering of Friends," says Thomas. "It ... comes in five volumes, complete with table-setting ideas, shopping lists and beautiful photography. They are more than your typical cookbook."

Another idea for mothers who enjoy all things culinary: kitchen accessories. "If mom still has dishtowels from 40 years ago, why not swap them out for some new ones?" said Phelps of Le Village Marche. "I love ... vibrantly colored French towels from Jean Vier. Coming from the Basque region and made of 100 percent cotton jacquard, these oversized tea towels [32 inches by 23 inches] are beautifully and delicately woven. They can be machine-washed and dry wonderfully with no need for ironing."

For moms who enjoy photographing their offspring, O'Shields

recommends the book "Photographing Your Children: A Handbook of Style and Instruction" by Jen Altman.

And for displaying those photographs, Thomas said, "We [have] ... frames ... that all have a sentimental words and saying and are a step beyond the traditional frame. They also have

'memory magnets' with a clip to attach a picture ... great for hanging pictures, notes and favorite art."

O'Shields said, "Picture frames make a wonderful gift and they are even more special when you take the time to have a picture printed and include it in the frame when you give the gift."

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Westfield junior Xander Matthews, right, defends against Oakton's Ben Cisse during their May 6 match at Oakton High School.



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Junior Natalie Hopkins and the Centreville softball team started 6-2 in Concorde District play.

Westfield Boys' Soccer Tests Undefeated Oakton

The Westfield boys' soccer team didn't end its regular season with a win, but the Bulldogs gave undefeated Oakton a test.

Westfield held Oakton scoreless until the 68th minute, when junior forward Ben Cisse found the back of the net. The Cougars held on for a 1-0 victory on May 6.

"I thought we played really well," Westfield head coach Sean Lanigan said. "... Our goal was to stop [Oakton senior midfielder] Patrick [Moore]. He was their big playmaker — and Christian [Ollen] — so we man-marked him with my captain and I thought he did an outstanding job. Patrick was not a factor in this game at all."

Moore and Oakton head coach Todd Spitalny said they were pleased the Cougars were forced to play an entire game after several lopsided matches.

Westfield finished the regular season with a record of 3-7-3, including 1-2-2 in the Concorde District. The Bulldogs will face Chantilly in the quarterfinals of the Concorde District tournament on Monday, May 13. Lanigan said the Bulldogs' performance against Oakton should give them confidence.

"I think we're excited about going into [regionals]," he said. "I think we could surprise a few teams. People look at our record and go, ah, that's just Westfield ..."

Senior striker Jordan Shea is Westfield's leading goal-scorer with four.

Centreville Softball Closing Regular Season

The Centreville softball team recently suffered its first Concorde District defeats, falling against Herndon, 14-11, on May 1 and Westfield, 6-2, on May 3. The Wildcats had started 6-0 in the district.

Centreville beat the Robinson Rams 5-1 on April 26. Robinson scored first plating its only run of the game in the bottom half of the third inning. The Wildcats responded with four runs in the top of the fifth.

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The Centreville JV boys' lacrosse team went undefeated this season.

Senior first baseman Jenna Sarlouis doubled to right-center to drive in Amanda Meny, who scored Centreville's first run. Sarlouis and Macy Luck, who singled and stole a base, scored on a double by Kaleigh Berry. Natalie Hopkins' sacrifice fly to right field drove in Berry from third. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the top of the seventh, when Morgan Yi drove in Berry who led off the inning with a triple.

Centreville hitters combined for 10 hits led by freshman shortstop Kaleigh Berry, who had a double, a triple, and two RBIs. Senior right fielder Amanda Meny was three for three on the night including a double and two stolen bases.

Sophomore pitcher Gretchen Kernbach earned her tenth win of the season for Centreville, striking out nine and walking two.

Centreville will close the regular season with a road game against Chantilly at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

Chantilly Boys' Lax To Host District Final

The Chantilly boys' lacrosse team will host Robinson in the Concorde District championship game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 10. Chantilly won the regular season meeting between the teams, 12-11, on April 26.

Centreville JV Boys' Lax Finishes Undefeated

The Centreville JV boys' lacrosse team put a bow on an undefeated season with a 6-5 win over visiting Westfield on May 1.

The first quarter opened with a frenzy of unsettled play as the teams sprinted up and down the field after loose balls. Westfield managed to score first, but David Shim responded with a Wildcat goal on an assist from Brendan Shea. Westfield scored twice off drives and clean shots on goal, finishing the first quarter with a two point advantage. Brian Yoo stepped up with a goal for the Wildcats in the second quarter, after taking a pass from John Tarver. The half-time score was 3-3 thanks to a man-up goal by Corey Spriggs, with an assist from Matthew Laurence.

The first Wildcat lead came in the third quarter, resulting from Tarver's man-up goal, assisted by Pat Fuller, but the Bulldogs struck back, knotting the score at 4-all. Fuller assisted again, passing from the X-position for a quick stick goal by Tommy Bowden to break the tie, ending the third quarter at 5-4. Early in the fourth quarter Westfield took advantage of a Wildcat turn-

over for the fourth tie of the game. Centreville's Yoo regained the lead by creating a fast break and making an unassisted goal with just a few minutes on the clock.

A penalty put the Wildcats a man down with 1:37 to play, leading to a tense finish. Time slowly ran down with both teams heaving long passes trying to kill the clock or create a lucky break, but the Wildcats hung on for a one point win over a tough district rival. Defensive standouts Britton Lee, Aidan Barns and Kyle Evans finished the season with another sterling performance, and Centreville goalie Tarver had perhaps his best game of the season with 18 saves.

Head Coach Ryan Richardson and assistant Brad Miller led the JV Wildcats to an undefeated season, with a record of 11-0.

Centreville Softball Defeats Robinson

The Centreville High School softball team extended its record in Concorde District play to 6-0 by beating the Robinson Rams 5-1 on Friday, April 26. Robinson scored first plating its only run of the game in the bottom half of the third inning.

The Wildcats responded with four runs in the top of the fifth. Senior first baseman Jenna Sarlouis' doubled to right-center to drive in Amanda Meny who scored Centreville's first run. Sarlouis and Macy Luck, who singled and stole a base, scored on a double by Kaleigh Berry. Natalie Hopkins' sacrifice fly to right field drove in Berry from third. The Wildcats added an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Morgan Yi drove in Berry who led off the inning with a triple. Centreville hitters combined for 10 hits led by freshman shortstop Kaleigh Berry who had a double, a triple, and two RBIs. Senior right fielder Amanda Meny was three for three on the night including a double and two stolen bases.

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Hollander, Czarniak Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollander of Clifton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Aimee Michelle Hollander, to Andrew Joseph Czarniak.

Aimee earned a B.S. degree in biology from Virginia Tech and a Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia. She is a research fellow at the Food and Drug Administration. Aimee also is the District III Foundation Director for Alpha Delta Pi sorority.

Andrew, son of Chet and Terri Czarniak of Clifton, is a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard and currently a staff engineer at the USCG's Marine Safety Center in Washington, D.C. A Coast Guard Academy graduate, he will begin a master's program this summer in mechanical/ocean engineering at the University of California at Berkeley.



Aimee Michelle Hollander and Andrew Joseph Czarniak.

Both Aimee and Andrew are 2001 graduates of Centreville High School. They met through friends at a NASCAR event at Richmond International Raceway. Their first date was sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Clifton Prepares Spring Home Tour

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built in the Second French Empire style. The town's first postmaster, Lewis Quigg, had it built for his wife in 1874. Highlights include an open, three-flight staircase in the center hall, plus four working fireplaces.

An old, farmhouse table is in the glass-enclosed sunroom overlooking the garden. There's also sports memorabilia from Tom's career in sports, as well as an 1850s high chair that Jean used as a child.

ACACIA LODGE

The Acacia 16 Masonic Lodge represents more than 130 years of Freemasonry in Clifton. It was originally built as a saw mill on Popes Head Creek in the 1870s. The Freemasons purchased the building for \$250 in 1903 and moved it to Main Street in 1920. The next year, it became the first building in town with electricity and was later registered as a Historic Landmark.

Candle Causes Fire at Clifton Home

Fairfax County fire officials say a house fire, early Sunday morning, caused an estimated \$150,000 damage to a Clifton home. The incident occurred May 5, around 12:45 a.m., at 5597 Cavalier Woods Lane.

Upon arrival at the single-family home, firefighters encountered heavy fire and smoke coming from the

first and second floor, as well as the rear of the two-story house. No one was home when the blaze began and firefighters brought it under control in about 30 minutes.

The fire displaced one adult and one child. According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental and was caused by an unattended, burning candle.

ROUNDUPS

Drug, DWI Arrests Made

Police officers from the Sully District Station conducted a DWI check point Friday, May 3, near Route 29 and O'Day Drive in Centreville. Approximately 527 vehicles passed through. Police charged one driver with DWI, issued six summonses and made three narcotics arrests.

Help the Lions Help the Blind

The Clifton Lions Club will hold its annual, White Cane fundraiser this Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, at the Giant Foods store in the Colonnade at Union Mill shopping center. Besides cash donations, the Lions will collect used eyeglasses.

Donations will support the renowned International Lions eyeglass recycling program, Lions Recycle for Sight. Volunteers collect used eyeglasses which are then cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. Many then go to people in need in developing countries.

Proceeds also support blind charities such as Leader Dog for the Blind and the Lions's SightFirst program

that provides new glasses to low-income families.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Health Check at Cub Run

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is celebrating Emergency Medical Services Week on Saturday, May 18, at the Cub Run Rec Center, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Partnering with the Park Authority, EMS providers will be there from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with displays plus educational materials on cardiac problems and strokes. They'll also do blood-pressure screenings and talk with residents.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY Notice of Public Hearing

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Easements Necessary
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May 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903 on at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013, to receive public comments on a proposed Resolution authorizing the acquisition of easements necessary for the improvement and expansion of Fairfax Water's water system infrastructure adjacent to sections of the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) in Fairfax County. The improvement and expansion is required to provide adequate capacity to serve existing and future customers. The necessary easements are to be located across several parcels of land adjacent to U.S. Route 1, more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcels 083-3-01-0037, 083-3-01-0038, 083-3-01-0040, 083-3-01-0041, 083-3-08-B, 093-1-01-0019, 093-1-01-0025, 093-1-16-0013, 092-2-18-06-0001A, and 093-1-18A-0001. Following the public hearing, the Water Authority Board may vote on or after June 6, 2013, to adopt the proposed Resolution.

The proposed Resolution and other related information can be viewed at Fairfax Water's Website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org>.

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed resolution should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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