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‘Immigration Leads to a Stronger Country’

CIF holds its annual awards dinner.

BY BONNIE HOBBS

When the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) recently held its annual awards dinner, Executive Director Terry Angelotti welcomed attendees to The Waterford at Fair Oaks. She also got straight to the point of the event.

“In an atmosphere in our country when there’s so much negativity about immigrants, you respect immigrants and what they bring to the global community,” she said. “And you know that they make our experiences richer.”

The CIF runs the Centreville Labor Resource Center (CLRC), which helps local immigrants obtain work, wages, English-language lessons, job skills and other important life tools enabling them to provide for themselves and their families. And fittingly, the theme for the Sept. 21 dinner was “Celebrating our Global Community.”

“This is about telling our story and inviting others to be part of it,” said Angelotti. “Our board of directors is responsible for our success – and half the spots on it are filled by immigrants. They bring their own experiences to it and know what it’s like to stand on a street corner, hoping for work.”



Gerry Connolly



John Cano

PHOTOS BY BONNIE HOBBS

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) also addressed the crowd. “America is at a crossroads again about immigration, and some Americans have forgotten who they are,” he said. “America is America because of immigrants.”

When he first moved to Fairfax County, he said, its foreign-born population was 3 percent; today, it’s 28 percent. And although some people initially feared their influx would adversely affect schools and increase crime, he said that hasn’t been the case.

“Fairfax County schools are in the top 100 in the country and have one of the highest graduation rates,” said Connolly. “And the crime rate is the lowest of the top 100 jurisdictions in the country. We’ve created 650,000 jobs and our median income is \$106,000 – third in the country.”

He also stressed that chain migration isn’t something bad, but rather, leads to family reunification. He then told the story of how

his Catholic grandmother fled discrimination in Ireland by coming to the U.S.

“Today, her grandson stands before you, a U.S. congressman,” said Connolly. “You don’t know what an immigrant will become. Immigration leads to a richer fabric, stronger country and more vibrant patriotism. And those who believe in the value of immigrants need to stand up. It’s a belief in freedom and the right of everyone to enjoy it. And that’s why the CIF is so important – because it’s not just words, it’s actions – and we need a lot more of it, all over America.”

Anh Phan brought greetings and congratulations from U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA). Noting Centreville’s “rich diversity,” he said, “Our communities are stronger when we come together with can-do spirit to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Similarly, Gaston Araoz-Riveros, brought a congratulatory message from U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA). Saying the CIF has made “invaluable contributions” to Centreville, Kaine praised its “remarkable advocacy work” on behalf of immigrants and to change immigration policies. He also thanked the organization for “creating a better community.”

CIF Community Organizer John Cano noted the “positive contributions our immigrant brothers and sisters make in the community. Our mission is to recuperate wages [when employers refuse to pay immigrants for completed work], educate the

community about immigrants and work with others at the state level to change legislation. Immigrants make communities better.”

Speaking about immigrant families at the Mexican border was CIF Board member and immigration attorney Lisa Johnson-Firth. “I was at a detention facility this summer and interviewed parents whose children were taken from them,” she said. “One woman had her child taken from her arms, and a man’s son was taken while they slept. I witnessed firsthand how our legal system is failing. They moved 300 families with no notification to their legal counsel.”

She said that, in September 2019, 300,000 people in this area will lose their temporary, protected status. Besides losing jobs, said Johnson-Firth, the fallout will also affect schoolchildren because “their parents will lose their homes. Every day, people are deprived of their rights and liberty by judges who order deportation with no adjudication.” So, she said, “We need to get involved and hold our local leaders responsible. We also need to support organizations like the CLRC, CIF and Legal Justice Center that are working on the front lines for immigrants. Immigrants need our help; and if we allow the most vulnerable people to have their rights eroded, all people’s rights will be eroded.” For more information about the nonprofit CIF, or to contribute, go to <http://centrevilleimmigrationforum.org/>.

Boy Scouts Will Soon Collect Food

BY BONNIE HOBBS

Fairfax County is one of the richest areas in the country. Yet, every night, there are people who go to bed hungry. That’s where Western Fairfax Christian Ministries’ (WFCM) food pantry comes in, providing critical food for families in need in the local area.

But WFCM can only do so much alone; it depends on the generosity of the community to help keep its pantry stocked. And local residents can lend a hand by contributing canned and boxed food items to the upcoming, Sully District Scouting for Food drive which benefits the pantry.

This weekend, Boy Scouts will be out in neighborhoods in Centreville and Chantilly, delivering empty grocery bags with a flyer asking for food donations for WFCM. The hope is that the recipients will fill up the bags with food and then place them outside their front door, Saturday, Nov. 10, at 8:30 a.m., for pick-up.

“Many individuals and families do not earn enough to meet basic, monthly expenses such as food, housing and transportation,” said Jennie Bush, WFCM’s Community Outreach Manager. “They are food-insecure, which means they don’t always know where their next meal is coming from. As a result, thousands of people in our community are hungry – and almost half of them are children. And the need is growing every day.”

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That’s why Bush and others associated with WFCM are hoping that as many residents as possible will help alleviate this need by participating in the largest food drive of the year for its food pantry. Centreville’s Michael Adere, who’s organized the Scouting for Food drive for 13 years, explains why the Boy Scouts take part in this annual effort.

In the Boy Scout Oath, he said, “A Scout promises to help other people at all times. By participating in the Scouting for Food drive, Scouts are able to put action to those promises.” Adere also has a big job, including arranging for the sorting site and box trucks – which transport the collected food to WFCM’s pantry – to coordinating the involvement of the various Boy Scout, Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops.

Last year’s drive yielded some 65,000 pounds of food, and WFCM hopes to receive that much or more, this year. The Scouts will be collecting nonperishable items, such as canned soup, meats, vegetables, fruit, cereal, rice, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce (no glass jars), peanut butter, jelly, dried beans and canned tomatoes.

“Without the Boy Scouts’ efforts and all the volunteers who support Scouting for Food, this food drive would not be possible,” said Bush. “It takes hundreds of people to do the huge task of gathering and sorting the food, so more than 150 youth and adult

Donated items are earmarked for WFCM.



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Sorting canned goods last year with Girl Scout Troop 3327 of Chantilly are (back row, from left) Brianna Mosely, mom Tanesha Mosely, Jeanine Blomberg and Ruth Moran, and (front row, from left) sisters Morgan and Phoebe Blomberg.

volunteers are needed to help throughout the day.”

On Nov. 10, shifts are available at the sorting site in Chantilly, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., for set up and tear down, sorting, crating and transporting the food to the pantry, as well as unloading it there. Anyone interested in helping should contact WFCM at

ScoutingForFood@wfcmbva.org.

“This volunteer event is ideal for individuals, small groups, families, service clubs and students needing community-service hours,” said Bush. “Thank you so much, in advance, for your help in restocking our food pantry for hungry families in the community.”

‘A Movement of Hearts and Minds’

Immigrants share their stories of struggle and success.

By BONNIE HOBBS

During the Centreville Immigration Forum’s (CIF) annual awards dinner, the organization presented gold citizens’ awards to three immigrants contributing to their communities and bringing about real change. They are Rodrigo Velasquez, Ilryong Moon and Afeefa Syeed.

RODRIGO VELASQUEZ

Velasquez is Del. Kathy Tran’s (D-42) chief legislative aide and was the former head of Dreamers at GMU. Thanking everyone for “this incredible honor,” he said life wasn’t always so rosy for him — especially when growing up in a home marred by domestic violence.

“Nine years ago, I thought I was going to get deported because I called the police, needing help, and was undocumented,” he said. “I was just a sophomore in high school, but I had to help my family. I was fearful for myself, my mom and my brothers.”

Luckily, things worked out for Velasquez and, he said, “The one person who’s never given up on me — my mom — said I had to continue forward. So I began the long process of being a father to my younger siblings. I worked full time, while going to high school, to provide for them.

“But what my mom told me was engraved in my heart. She and I now have green cards and will eventually submit citizenship applications. We live in very troubling times — Muslim Americans, LGBTQ people and women are being attacked. But we’re stronger than any attack, and we will continue forward.”

ILRYONG MOON

Ilryong Moon is an attorney and has served on the Fairfax County School Board — including two terms as president — for more than 20 years. He, too, shared his background with the dinner attendees.

“When I first came to the U.S. from Korea, 44 years ago, in 1974, I was a high-school student,” he said. “And for about 20 months, I didn’t go to a barber shop because I didn’t think I could express myself enough to tell a barber what I wanted.”

Moon’s father came to America, a year earlier. “Because we were so poor in Korea, we saw no future there,” said Moon. “Six or seven families lived together under one roof, with no hot water, and one outhouse for about 30 people. And my mother had to sell her rings for tuition so I could go to middle school.”

Now, proud of his two decades on the School Board, he said he and his colleagues have worked hard to see that almost 190,000 students a year are educated. “I attend meetings and events, and people ask, ‘What keeps you going?’” he said. “My answer is, ‘The students, who are trying so hard to be successful.’”

Noting that his mother worked as a cleaning lady when the family first came to the



Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) presents CIF award to Rodrigo Velasquez.

U.S., Moon said, “America is great because someone like me can serve on the school board of a place with 190,000 students. And people think that, if there’s an Asian among the leadership of Fairfax County Public Schools, there can be other Asians in similar positions elsewhere.”

AFEFEA SYEED

Afeefa Syeed founded Al Fatih Academy — focused on peace education — at the ADAMS Center. She’s senior advisor for culture and development at the U.S. Agency for International Development, which administers civilian foreign aid and development assistance. Introducing her at the dinner was her son, Zaki Albarzinji.

He said his mother came from Kashmir, India at age 5 and has “served humanity across the globe. She looks for the common decency and humanity in everyone.” Still, he said, after 9/11, because he was a Muslim, he didn’t want to draw attention to himself. “But that all changed when she ran for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors,” said Albarzinji. “And she showed me how to build bridges through conversation and compassion.”

Syeed, a naturalized citizen who’s lived in the U.S. since 1975, said her international work taught her that “it all starts on the local level. So I really appreciate what you do. I didn’t consider myself an immigrant, but an American.”

In the 1960s, her father was a political activist in Kashmir, working for political freedom. At that time, the Kashmiris were persecuted, and their language forbidden. “From 1967-69, he became a political prisoner,” said Syeed. “Then when he was released, he saw how dismal the situation was.”

She said her father and others in Kashmir “heard about a man landing on the moon, and something stirred in him. But a Muslim scholar put out an edict saying it didn’t happen and people couldn’t believe



Sully District Supervisor Kathy Smith gives Ilryong Moon his award.

it. Suddenly, my father realized they needed to free their minds.”

Her father had received two scholarships — one to the Soviet Union and one to the U.S. — and he chose the latter. “He wanted to be part of a place where people could be free, and where it was important to them,” said Syeed. “I was 5 then and spoke three languages, but he told us we were Americans and could not speak Kashmiri anymore.” Then, in fifth grade, she said, “I cried when I heard about Christopher Columbus and the Native Americans and rejected American things. In 1988 — for the first time since we’d left — we returned to Kashmir. I thought we’d be accepted and would be home. But people there considered me an American, so there was no identity for me.”

Instead, Syeed had to figure out for herself what it meant to be an American. “And that’s what immigrants do,” she said. “We’re daring, we take risks and we make choices. My religion also became important to me. I studied all religions to figure out what made

me who I am. And I’m able to now teach at a school and teach about Columbus in a different way.”

Still, challenges loomed, but she overcame them. “When I was going door-to-door, running for county supervisor, a door opened and I saw a Confederate flag and a stereotypical, shaved-head person with tattoos and no shirt,” said Syeed. “I introduced myself and said, ‘I’d like to hear your issues and concerns.’”

He told her the Potomac River was so polluted, he couldn’t fish there, and they had a 25-minute conversation. “I’m a cultural anthropologist, trained not to have stereotypes, but I initially did, that night,” said Syeed. “But we went past that.”

She said she’s inspired that, in Arabic, the word “migration” means to go from one place to another, but that “The more difficult migration to make is a migration of the mind to a state of positivity and optimism. And we can all do something and not be afraid of change.”

So, said Syeed, “Migration means a movement of your heart and mind. And if we could then be in the same place — where we’re all connected — we can go beyond just tolerating each other to sharing that aspect of what we are.”

Proceeds from the dinner support the Centreville Labor Resource Center, the CIF’s Commission for Labor Justice and its immigrant-advocacy work in Fairfax County and Virginia. And after the awards and speeches were presented, CIF President Alice Foltz addressed the crowd.

“I know you’re inspired by the stories we heard — stories that shape our lives,” she said. “And I hope you’ll support CIF’s vision. Let’s make this a movement of our hearts — we will go past this [current divisiveness in the U.S.].” Then, Foltz had everyone say together, “Sí se puede — we can do it.”

ROUNDUPS

Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Tuesday, Nov. 13, 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.

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.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the annual Boy Scout “Scouting for Food” Drive to benefit Western Fairfax Christian Minis-

tries’ Food Pantry. It’s set for Saturday, Nov. 10, at the parking garage at 14280 Park Meadow Drive in Chantilly. Students, families and other groups are welcome to lend a hand. Strong arms/back are helpful to lift crates of food and to also be a truck-driver helper. Three-hour shifts are available between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information and to sign up, go to: ScoutingForFood@wfcma.org.

Food Instead of Fines

During the month of November, residents are asked to bring nonperishable food items to their local libraries. In return, the library will waive \$1 in fines people owe, for each item they bring in, with a maximum of \$15 in reduced fines per person. Even if people don’t owe fines to their library, they’re encouraged to donate food. All food collected will go to Food for Others, a nonprofit food pantry helping people in need in Northern Virginia.

Most Important Election, So Far?

Make a plan to to vote with friends and family.

As others have said, the election Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, may be the most important in our lifetime. But there is no reason to wait until Tuesday.

More than 50,000 Fairfax County residents have already voted, and you can join them between now and Saturday, Nov. 3, if you qualify for one of 20 reasons.

Absentee voting continues to be very busy. Last Saturday, Oct. 27, alone, 3,746 in-person voters voted at one of 10 absentee in-person voting locations.

If you can't vote early, make a specific plan about what time you will vote, who you will go with or meet at the polls. Don't let the end of the day sneak up on you.

Polls are open on Election Day, Nov. 6, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. If you are in line by 7 p.m., you have the right to vote, no matter how long it takes.

Vote early, in-person absentee, by appearing in person by 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3

If you qualify for any of about 20 reasons to vote absentee, there is no reason to wait until Election Day Nov. 6 to vote.

One of the 20 reasons is if you might be working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day, which could be most of us on a bad traffic day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: [https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-](https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html)

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Early Voting Locations, Dates and Hours

Through Saturday, Nov. 3 at the government center and satellite locations.

Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Conference Room 2/3, Fairfax, VA, 22035

Through-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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❖ Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031

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Forgot your ID on Election Day? If you get to your polling place without acceptable photo ID, you can vote a provisional ballot. Ask for it and instructions on what to do so your vote can count. A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

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An Alluring and Artistic 'Chicago'

BY MADDY RUBIN
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Lights, camera, "Chicago." The audience leaned forward in their seats as the curtain opened to reveal a single silhouette. From the moment the curtain opened till the cast's final bow, the audience watched with

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bated breath as the talented cast told a story of corruption and charm.

Combining dark slapstick humor with the show-biz and sequins of the Jazz Age, Chantilly High School's Oct. 26 production of "Chicago (High School Edition)" was a sight to behold. The classic musical was based on a 1926 play, and features a book by Fred Ebb and Bob Fosse, with music and lyrics by John Kander and Fred Ebb. The show boasts the second longest run of a show on Broadway and a best-picture winning movie adaptation.

Set in the Roaring 20's, the show

tells the story of a murderess who is desperate to get acquitted. After murdering her lover, the energetic nobody Roxie Hart, played by Lauren Spiers, is transformed into a starlet who will do anything for attention. The puppeteer behind Hart's rise to fame is the silver-tongued lawyer Billy Flynn, played by Alex Yee. As Roxie gains the attention of the press and Flynn, fellow murderess Velma Kelly (Elise McCue) watches with jealousy. McCue's biting tone and bombshell personality wowed the audience as the rivalry between the two turned into a grudging partnership.

The unlikely star of the show is Roxie's husband, Amos Hart, played by Suryanshu Kommoju. His solo number, "Mr. Cellophane," charmed and amused the sympathetic audience, whose hearts were stolen by his earnest and bashful attitude.

Just as intriguing and talented as the principal characters was the sizable ensemble, who play every-

thing from dancing murderesses to popcorn-munching jury members to smartly-dressed reporters. The student choreographers were able to showcase everyone's ability, along with a few gimmicks such as unicycling and plate spinning.

Aside from impressive performances, the production also features many brilliant technical elements. The two-story set combines art deco influences with the streets of Jazz Age Chicago, integrated with a vibrant lighting design. The lighting design also added humor to the show, as the cheeky spotlight mocks the characters in several numbers. The



Elise McCue (Velma Kelly) with featured dancers.

PHOTO BY MELANIE READ

costume design mixed period and modern influences, with each ensemble member having a unique costume that fit seamlessly with the rest of the cast's wardrobe. Also notable was the stage management team (Valerie Mellard and Annabelle Kirkendall), whose meticulous attention to detail ensured that not a single cue was dropped.

Alluring and artistic, Chantilly High School's production of "Chicago" really was "All that Jazz."

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At the 11 a.m. traditional Sunday worship service Oct. 28 in Centreville United Methodist Church at 6400 Old Centreville Road, lead pastor Rev. Will Montgomery prays for the victims and survivors of a mass shooting at a synagogue the previous morning in Western Pennsylvania, where a gunman entered the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh and killed 11 people and wounded 6.

Reflecting on Latest Mass Shooting

Worst attack on Jews in U.S. history.

BY MARTI MOORE

On Consecration Sunday at the Centreville United Methodist Church at 6400 Old Centreville Road, about 85 people attended the 11 a.m. traditional worship service Oct. 28 and listened to a planned sermon by associate pastor Dr. Michelle Holmes Chaney about the “Grace of Giving” in the fall harvest season.

Following her message, lead pastor Rev. Will Montgomery prayed for the victims and survivors of another mass shooting the previous day that made the record books as the worst of its kind.

Chaney commented about the tragic loss after the service: “We can’t lose sight of the truth, which is, that God is in control.”

She added, “It leaves it for us, particularly as a church, to listen for God’s voice so we know how to respond.”

“We believe this is the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the history of the United States,” said Jonathan A. Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League in his remarks on the civil rights and human relations organization’s website.

The ADL participated in a digital vigil since the mass shooting occurred Saturday morning during the Shabbat services at the Tree of Life * Or L'Simcha — a conservative Jewish congregation in Pittsburgh — where 11 people were slain and six injured by a gunman charged Oct. 27 with federal murder and assault by the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Western Pennsylvania, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

The gunman, Robert Bowers, appeared in federal court Monday. He is in jail without bond. A hearing is scheduled for Nov. 1, according to a statement by U.S. Attorney Scott W. Brady, whose office is investigating these hate crimes.

The attack occurred within a year of a church shooting Nov. 5, 2017 in Texas, where 26 churchgoers were murdered and 20 wounded in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs.

It was logged as the worst mass shooting in Texas history.

“We simply cannot accept this violence as a normal part of American life,” says Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf at a press conference Oct. 27.

“These senseless acts of violence are not who we are as Pennsylvanians,” and adds “They’re not who we are as Americans.”

Wolf states “We must take action to prevent these tragedies in the future.”

Rabbi Kenneth Block of Temple Beth Torah, a Reform Jewish congregation in Chantilly, believes the polarizing rhetoric of our nation’s leadership appeals to the base motives of hate groups that target minorities like Jews and Muslims.

He recalls how Republicans were focused on families in the 1990s. Yet this past Sunday, the same



Falls Church activist Carol P. Luten hands out postcards to participants of the Aug. 4 March on NRA protest at 11250 Waples Mill Road in Fairfax. The direct mail piece features two Bible passages from the Old Testament: one of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:13 and a poem of King David in Psalm 34:13. Luten said she and six other grassroots activists from Northern Virginia hand-delivered the postcards on Capitol Hill in September and October “because God doesn’t use stamps, and God doesn’t need an address.” The area concerned citizens groups against gun violence designed their message as a reminder from a higher authority to urge Congress to pass “sensible gun legislation.”

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SPORTS



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Saadiq Hinton # 3 returns a kickoff 75 yards for his first TD.

Compiling a 57-0 Victory

Only a week ago, the atmosphere was crazy at Francis Dall Stadium when crosstown rival Centreville visited. The outcome was a 21-0 victory for the Bulldogs. On Oct. 26 West Potomac came in for the Bulldogs' final regular season home game with heavy rain forecast.

In the opening quarter Westfield scored when Joe Clancy rushed in from 17 yards out with 6:15 left. Later in the first quarter Eugene Asante went untouched for a 39-yard touchdown, and Westfield was up 14-0, with 1:28 to play in the quarter.

In the second quarter Westfield would score five times; on a safety, two touchdown runs, a fumble, and a kickoff return. The first of which was a safety when four Westfield defenders converged on the West Potomac QB in the end zone. Following the West Potomac kick off, Saadiq Hinton would take the ball 75 yards for a Westfield score with 10:46 to play in the second quarter, giving the Bulldogs a 23-0 advantage.

Isaiah Daniel would then run in from 1 yard out with 9:07 remaining making it 30-0. Later Caleb Wheatland would scoop up a fumble after an errant West Potomac fumble that rolled into the end zone and was recovered for a TD, Westfield's lead became 37-0. But the Bulldogs were not finished, with two seconds remaining, Isaiah Daniel would score his second touchdown of the game however Westfield was unable to get the extra point and the score at halftime was 43-0.

Fifteen seconds into the third quarter Saadiq Hinton once again took the ball 77 yards for his second touchdown of the game and Westfield was up 50-0.

Westfield would elevate their score to 57-0 with 4:52 left when Jacob Susko recovered a fumble in the endzone for their final touchdown of the game.

Westfield improves to (9-0) (3-0) with their 33rd consecutive victory, Westfield will play at Chantilly (3-5) (1-2) on Nov. 2 in their regular season finale. West Potomac falls to (2-7) (0-3) and will play at Mt. Vernon (7-2) (1-1).



Davis Jackson #44 puts a hit on Isaiah Daniel #23 after Daniel put Westfield inside the 5 yard line.



Joe Clancy #6 put Westfield on the board with 6:15 to play in the opening quarter on this 17 yard touchdown.

Westfield rushed for 228 yards on 38 carries and 4 touchdowns. Leading the way was Joe Clancy and Isaiah Daniel who both carried the ball 6 times for 57 yards. Clancy had a touchdown and Daniel had two.

— WILL PALENSCAR

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News

Mass Shooting

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by the issue of gun control legislation every time families are torn apart in the wake of each mass shooting that occurs since the 10-year federal ban on manufacture of assault weapons and large capacity magazines was allowed to expire in 2004.

"It's about power and control," said the 73-year-old rabbi. "We've seen this before throughout history."

Block, who has served TBT for more than two decades, wants conservative Christians to read what Jesus preached about the "The Sheep and the Goats" in the New Testament Book of Matthew 25:31-46. He believes a Christian will "know Jesus by the way you treat the least among us."

The rabbi says his son lives in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh — a 5-minute walk from the Tree of Life Congregation — and is afraid of being singled out and not protected by the government.

"Prayers without action are worthless. Prayers with action will fix our problems," states Block, 73.

That's why Falls Church activist Carol P. Luten has worked with lawmakers for nearly six years since the massacre at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. She and other grassroots volunteers helped create a movement for change with a new Virginia license plate that urges motorists to help "Stop Gun Violence."

Also in the past couple of months, they personally delivered a "postcard from God" to all legislative offices on Capitol Hill and met staffers who work on gun control legislation. The direct mail pieces are printed with two Bible passages from the Old Testament: one of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:13 and a poem of King David in Psalm 34:13. Luten said she and six other grassroots activists from Northern Virginia hand-delivered the postcards "because God doesn't use stamps, and God doesn't need an address."

They all agree everyone should vote in the upcoming midterm election Nov. 6.

Remembrance Program

George Mason University students present their annual "Expressions of the Holocaust" remembrance program Sunday, Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. in Merten Hall at 4441 George Mason Blvd. in Fairfax.

This year's discussion is "The Power of Love and The Power of Hate." Keynote speaker is Dr. Marc Gopin, director of the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution.

Honored guests are survivors of the Holocaust.

Admission is free. Parking is available at the Rappahannock deck on University Drive. Call 703-993-3321 and register in advance at Hillel@gmu.edu so organizers can provide enough food for everyone at their Kosher dinner.

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As It So Happens



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As I sit and attempt to write next week's column, I do so on Saturday, Oct. 27. Aside from being my close friend, Cheryl's, birthday, and the day before my brother, Richard's, birthday, it is a date (the 27th), to invoke our 32nd President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, that "will live in infamy." It is the date that Team Lourie, such as it is: my wife, Dina; my brother, Richard; and yours truly, met my oncologist for the first time to learn what my previous week's "malignant" biopsy actually meant.

What it meant was that I was officially a cancer patient. Specifically, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV, patient, and one given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis to boot, at age 54 and a half. Not a guarantee, mind you, but definitely a kick in the stomach. Not literally of course, but hearing such terrible, unexpected news, it certainly took our breath away.

After we all regained our composure, we tried to sort out what we had just heard and ask some intelligent questions (quite a challenge at that moment, I have to admit).

It was difficult because cancer was a subject with which Team Lourie had zero personal experience, having had no immediate family history other than my mother's very treatable skin cancer. As such, in talking with the oncologist, we were all at a disadvantage. In addition to never having met, neither did we know exactly what we were to be discussing until we sat in the doctor's office.

Talk about ill-prepared (pun intended).

Throw in the shock value of what we were hearing — for the first time (akin to that of a neutron bomb since we were still standing; sitting, actually), we were very nearly blown away and having difficulty processing what we were hearing: "13 months to two years," out of the blue, basically.

We might have understood "the macro," to steal one of my brother's favorite expressions, but we were having a little trouble grasping "the micro" — meaning me.

Certainly we were clear that my life going forward was going to be different, but we had no idea, really, what we were all in for, collectively. Though a sort of handbook called "The Five Questions" was provided to us, it was hardly a GPS that guided you step by step. At that point, you stumble and stammer and don't exactly know what to ask next.

Nowadays, a new professional certification has evolved called a "nurse navigator." This person is assigned to help you maneuver through the cancer/twilight zone of tests, treatments and appointments that you have just entered: labs, scans, infusion schedule, and oncology appointments; plus miscellaneous other secondary-type activities/appointments/procedures (aromatherapist, acupuncturist, nutritionist, pulmonologist, nephrologist, internal medicine doctor, thoracic surgeon, ophthalmologist, urologist, dermatologist, psychologist, pharmacist) and a few others that "chemo-brain" — a recently confirmed side effect of chemotherapy — has likely caused me to forget.

It's no wonder new cancer patients begin to melt down even before the first beam of radiation has been focused and/or the first dose of chemotherapy has been infused.

And not that I need reminding, but the 27th does seem to focus a "confinement beam" ("Star Trek") of sorts on what I've been doing and why and how much longer I'm likely to be doing it. And that, of course, is the rub, because in the cancer business, there are very few guarantees, any of which is constantly rubbing you in various directions. Directions which cause you to ebb and flow and bob and weave and try to hang on for dear life. Because so far as most of us know, this life is pretty dear and we kind of think we want to hang on to it for awhile.

And I'm one of the lucky ones, a survivor, that is. Many of my fellow "diagnosees" have not been nearly as fortunate as I have been. Ten years, come Feb. 20, 2019, the anniversary of the actual date when my Internal Medicine doctor called me to tell me the results of the previous week's biopsy. I remember where I was and what I was doing when I received that call.

That I'll never forget.

That was my Dec. 7, 1941.

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History Volunteers Needed. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs history buffs. The Museum offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in Museum events, programs and administration. Email volunteers@fairfax-station.org or call 703-945-7483 to explore opportunities. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. It is open every Sunday, except holidays, from 1-4 p.m. www.fairfax-station.org, 703-425-9225.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Storytime. 1-2 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Join in Halloween-themed stories, songs, and some trick-or-treating around the library. Costumes welcome. Ages: 3 to 5. Call 703-502-3883, TTY 711 or email libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Frankentoy. 7-9 p.m. at Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Bring along a sense of destructive creativity as you make your own creepy toy. Grades: 7 to 12. Call 703-502-3883, TTY 711 or email libCH@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SATURDAY/NOV. 3

A Walk in the Park. 8-10 a.m. at the Walney Visitor Center, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Join Supervisor Kathy Smith for an active two-mile walk through historic Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Take advantage of the beautiful fall foliage, and learn about the park's upcoming events and community resources. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Connect with Supervisor Smith and her staff as they traverse the trails using hashtag #SmithsWalkInThePark. Follow on Facebook Live Connect during the walk. Navigate with the Trail Buddy App. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

Canstruction. Local architects built eight new structures at Washington Dulles International Airport – entirely of canned foods. The structures will be on public display at the airport through Nov. 3 and then will be deconstructed and donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC), a non-profit organization providing supplemental groceries to families in need. Visit www.canstruction.org for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 4

Wine Social. 1-4 p.m. at Paradise Springs Winery, 13219 Yates Ford Road, Clifton. Assistance League of Northern Virginia is hosting a fall fundraising Wine Social at this family-run winery. Tickets, available at the door or for advance purchase, include two glasses of wine and hors d'oeuvres. Proceeds benefit the non-profit's children's programs. \$25. Visit www.alnv.org for more.

Hands On Activity Day. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum,



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A fun, educational Hands On Day featuring railroad, modeling and local history activities and games for all ages. Donations for Britepaths, formerly Our Daily Bread will also be accepted. Items needed include non-perishable food items such as cereal, oil, canned chicken, rice, snack foods for children's lunches such as granola bars, pretzels, popcorn, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce in cans, canned fruit in its own juice. Toiletries needed: diapers size 6 and Pull Ups, any size. \$10 to \$20 food store gift cards are helpful for families to purchase milk and meats. Sunday, Nov. 4, 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

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Walk in the Footsteps of a Soviet Era Spy. 2-3 p.m. at Walney Pond at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Why just read spy stories? Take the "Spy Walk" at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. Hear a spellbinding tale of espionage and secret payments. On this walk-and-talk, learn about a spy who used Ellanor C. Lawrence Park as a drop-off location during the end of the Soviet Union in the 1980s. \$6 per person, and the program is designed for participants age 12-adult. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 7

Free Singing Lessons. 7:30-9 p.m. At Lord of Life Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. Free singing lessons for men of all ages. Come join the Fairfax Jubil-Aires and director Richard Lewellen for a night of fun and song. Lessons available on Nov. 7, 14, 28 and Dec. 5. Contact Aaron Watts at adwatts78@gmail.com. 703-731-2764 or visit the website: www.fairfaxjubilaires.org

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SUNDAY/NOV. 11

Railroad Museum Exhibits. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Take a step back in time and discover the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and the role it played in the history of Northern Virginia. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/NOV. 17

Civil War Tour. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum and sites in Clifton, Centreville, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Blake Myers, noted Civil War Historian, will lead a history tour of interesting Civil War sites in and around Fairfax, Clifton and Centreville. Meet at the Museum. Wear comfortable walking shoes and appropriate clothing for walking through wooded areas. Museum members, \$20; non-members, \$30. Register in advance and pay by Square at squareup.com/store/fairfax-station-railroad-museum.com. Payment may also be made the day of the Tour with cash, check or credit. Register at information@fairfax-station.org. Call 703-425-9225 or visit www.fairfax-station.org.

Develop a Love for History Early. 10-10:45 a.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Open young minds to the wonders of history this fall. In the "History for Small Fries" program at Sully Historic Site, children age 1-5 will enjoy a story and craft as they discover how things were in the olden days. Through their senses, children can experience how different things smelled, looked or worked. \$8 per child, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 703-437-1794 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

Achievement Week Luncheon. 2 p.m. at The Waterford Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Baltimore Ravens General Manager Ozzie Newsome will be the guest of honor for the Omicron Kappa Kappa (OKK) Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Achievement Week Luncheon to recognize individuals at the local and international level who have contributed to community uplift. OKK's 2018 award recipients are Virginia Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, who will be honored as Citizen of the Year; Westfield High School football coach Kyle Simmons, Sportsman of the Year, and Reston Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Ingrao, who will receive the Community Service Award. Chapter award recipients are Gordon Person, Omega Man of the Year; Earl Smith, Superior Service, and Roscoe Nance, Founders Award. Visit www.okk-ques.org.

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