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Judging Goldilocks

Chantilly High School presents children's play.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Sure, she entered a house that wasn't hers, ate some porridge, did a little property damage and then took a nap. But is Goldilocks guilty of a crime?

Audiences will find out, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 21-22, at noon and 5 p.m. each day, when Chantilly High presents "Goldilocks on Trial." Tickets are \$5.

There's a cast of 36 and crew of 16, and Director Ed Monk double cast this children's play because "There were so many good character actors in the auditions; we have a lot of talent. We've done this show a number of times and everyone always enjoys it, so we're hoping they'll like it this time, too."



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From left: Both Alex Johnson and Angela Virostek portray Goldilocks in Chantilly's upcoming children's play.

Playing the district attorney are Morgan Lagos and Jessica Bogert; bailiff, Breanne Saitta and Lucy Smith; Papa Bear, Adam Gaskins and Ben Zimmerman; Baby Bear, Katie Manik and Cammi Gonzales; pig, Mike Bamford and Susie Andrejcek; Cantolope the por-

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Ready to watch the cadets march are Forest Glen residents (from left) Genny Cameron, Sophie Kanoza, Kathleen Cotter, Jean Rhodes, Mary Golden, Rena Jones and June Dempsey.

Patriotism on Parade

Chantilly Academy AFJROTC cadets march at Forest Glen.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Patriotism was on parade, Saturday morning, when The Chantilly Academy's Air Force Junior ROTC marched at the Forest Glen senior living community in Centreville. It was in celebration of Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and the cadets also raised the American flag and remembered U.S. MIAs and the fallen while a bugler played taps.

"It's truly an honor for us to be here to honor veterans across the nation," said senior AFJROTC instructor Tim Lambert. "Freedom isn't free — it comes at a great price. And if we don't keep it free, there are those who'd take it from us." But, he told the residents, "We

couldn't have been here today if not for the actions of your own families [in previous wars]."

Residents lined the circle where the cadets marched around their windows and balconies above. Among them were a group of friends including Kathleen Cotter, wearing her special, flag-adorned red hat just for the occasion.

"My husband was in WWII and I like to support them," she said.



Cadet Marina Garay marches with the AFJROTC flag.

"I think what they're doing is good. They're a bunch of nice, young men and women — but I hate the war."

Sophie Kanoza, 88, was a WWII mess sergeant in the Army. "I loved

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Westfield High Offers Neil Simon Comedy

'Brighton Beach Memoirs' depicts 1937 New York.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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This year is Westfield High's 10th anniversary, so it's only fitting that Director Scott Pafumi picked "Coming of Age" as the Theater Department's theme. Accordingly, the school will present a play about a boy growing up in 1937 New York, Neil Simon's autobiographical comedy, "Brighton Beach Memoirs."

The curtain rises Friday-Saturday, Nov. 20-21, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m., in the school theater. Tickets are \$10 at the door; reserved seating is available at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

The audience follows the story of Eugene Jerome, 15, a budding writer in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach neighborhood. "With grace, style and wit, Simon makes us laugh through the pains of growing up and accepting the harsh realities in life," said Pafumi. "His comedy and drama are intertwined so well that he connects with our emotions on every level."

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WWII hero Dick Holt of Fair Oaks with his daughter Patricia Kerr, some of the medals awarded to him and his division and the bullet-ripped money belt that saved his life.

Veteran Shares His Story

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

It was actually a few days before Veterans Day, but American Legion Post 177 and VFW Post 8469 celebrated it Saturday in Fairfax. Veterans shared war stories as Boy Scouts listened, old friends greeted each other and the fallen were remembered.

"This is important because many of us feel Veterans Day has been taken over by mattress sales and other commercialism and is considered just a day off from work or school," said Vietnam-era Army vet Jon Banks, of the City of Fairfax. "We want to refocus it on those who died and the reason for the day — honoring veterans."

One veteran there was Dick Holt, 87, of Fair Oaks. Serving with the 84th Army, 335th Infantry division in WWII, he proved a hero while being a scout in Germany in 1944.

"I was in a foxhole in no man's land, and along came a German patrol," said Holt. "So I popped out, captured the first guy, disarmed him and told him he was a POW. Speaking in my high-school French, I asked him if any others wanted to give up, and I asked him to bring them back and also to give me a German pistol. He came back with three more people and the pistol."

For his bravery, Holt was later promoted from private to staff sergeant and received a bronze star

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ROUNDUPS

Woman Indicted for Robbery

The case against a 24-year-old Fairfax woman accused of robbing two banks is moving forward in the legal system. She is Stephanie Marie Nightingale of 4497 Holly Ave., and Fairfax County police believe she robbed banks in McLean and Fair Oaks.

The incidents occurred June 5 at the M&T Bank, 11721 Lee Highway in Fair Oaks, and July 1, at Cardinal Bank, 8270 Greensboro Drive in McLean. According to police, both were armed robberies. Following her arrest, Nightingale was charged with two counts each of robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. One firearm charge was later dropped, and all the other charges were sent to the grand jury. Then on Oct. 19, the grand jury indicted Nightingale on all three charges. She's slated to enter a plea, Dec. 9, in Circuit Court.

Scouts Collect Food Saturday

Each year, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collect nonperishable food items for the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry. It's now that time again, and they're hoping people will open up their hearts to help the WFCM feed people in need.

Last Saturday, Scouts distributed Scouting for Food bags to homes in Centreville, Chantilly and Clifton for residents to fill with canned goods and boxed food. They'll return, this Saturday, Nov. 14, to pick up the bags and deliver them to the food pantry. Residents should leave the bags outside their front doors by 9 a.m. Especially needed are: Soup, canned meats and tuna, dry pasta, dried beans, oil, pancake mix, syrup, baked beans, Hamburger Helper, canned fruits and beans, and cake and frosting mixes. Also needed are size 5 diapers and toiletries, as well as flour, sugar, fruit juice, dried beans, hot cereal, coffee, tea, condiments, and canned evaporated and sweetened condensed milk.

Conflict Resolution Workshop

A Conflict Resolution workshop will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Little River United Church of Christ, 8410 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. Registration, \$20, includes lunch and materials. Any proceeds will benefit Wellspring United Church of Christ's Immigrant Ministry in Centreville. Pre-register and send questions to afoltzva@verizon.net.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. The committee will revisit New Vision Community Church's request to build a place of worship along Route 29 in Centreville.

Centreville Immigration Forum

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum is Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 7-9 p.m., at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Discussed will be transportation in and near Sully District and the surrounding area. Jane Rosenbaum, senior transportation planner with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation, will talk about roads. Selby Thannikary, chief of the Traffic Operations Section, FCDOT, will discuss proposed parking rules.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Nov. 19, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. However, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

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Members of Chantilly's AFJROTC salute while the American flag is raised at Forest Glen.

Cadets March at Forest Glen

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the Army; I flirted with all the men," she said. "I think it's wonderful that the cadets are here; I enjoy seeing them."

For Jean Rhodes, it was also a way to remember her family. "My parents and two brother-in-laws are buried in Arlington and I was married to a Marine," she said. "During WWII, my sister was in the WACS and my brother was in the Coast Guard, and my father was a WWI Marine." Regarding the Cadets' performance, she said, "I just love it — I support the military 100 percent and feel bad for how people treat them sometimes."

After the ceremony, Lambert said it was a privilege to come to Forest Glen to recognize veterans and their families — "Those who could be here and those who couldn't — for the sacrifices they made at home and overseas to defend our freedom. We owe them a debt of gratitude that cannot be repaid. I'm also proud of the cadets who gave up their time to be here to honor the veterans."

Among those mingling with the cadets afterward was Clinton Phillips, 81. "During WWII I was a merchant seaman," he said. "Then I got out, got married and later got drafted into the Army for the Korean War. But I was lucky — I never had to go to war. I spent my whole time in the 521st MPs at Fort Belvoir."

He and Margaret, his wife of 62 years, have lived at Forest Glen four years and, said Clinton, "I appreciate the cadets and look forward to their perfor-

mance each year; I wouldn't miss it. I like to see them raising the flag and marching."

"I like the whole ceremony — it's very inspiring," added Margaret. "It makes you think about what it means to be free, and I'm proud to be an American."



From left: Cadets Joshua Langland and Isa Abutaa raise the American flag.



Cadet Samer Abdallah tells the history of Veterans Day while the residents listen.



Forest Glen residents Clinton and Margaret Phillips. Clinton's holding a photo of himself in uniform during the Korean War.

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Who Succeeds Cuccinelli?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Voters will get to choose between three Republicans running to replace Ken Cuccinelli (R) in Virginia's 37th District State Senate seat, which spans western and central Fairfax County.

On Nov. 3, Cuccinelli was elected to become Virginia's next attorney general and will be sworn into that office in January.

The local Republican Party is conducting a "firehouse" primary to select its nominee for the position on Saturday, Nov. 21. The date and time of the firehouse primary had not been determined at the time Centre View went to press on Wednesday afternoon.

But former at-large School Board member Steve Hunt, former Environmental Protection Agency head Marianne Horinko and Greenspring retirement community's executive director Will Nance are expected to be on the Republican firehouse primary ballot.

State Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-34), who represents Fairfax County, said the Democrats will make an announcement concerning their nominating process early next week.

So far, only one person, Del. Dave Marsden (D-41), appears to be a serious candidate for the Democratic nomination.

Marsden's current delegate seat shares 10 precincts with the 37th Senate Seat in the Springfield and Burke area. But a run for the 37th District Senate seat could be difficult for Marsden, since he technically lives in the Democratic Sen. Chap Petersen's (D-34) district, not the one being vacated by Cuccinelli.

"I live about 100 yards from [the 37th Senate District.] I could literally throw a rock and hit it from my door step," said Marsden, who has lived in his Burke house since 1977.

If Marsden became the Democratic Party's Senate candidate, he would have to move to the 37th District, he said.

IN THE FIREHOUSE primary, Cuccinelli has not endorsed a particular candidate, but Hunt, 51, has picked up the support of most of the current senator's political and legislative staff as well as that of Del. Dave Albo (R-42).

Hunt is the only one of three candidates to run for elected office before, let alone occupy a position as an elected official. He served from 2003-07 on the Fairfax County School Board before losing in a Democratic Party sweep of the three countywide School Board seats two years ago.

Since 2007, he voiced interest in a few other elected offices. In 2008, he formed a

committee to raise money for a run at Virginia's 11th Congressional District seat, currently occupied by U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D), but dropped out so as not to cause a divisive primary with fellow Republican candidate Keith Fimian.

When asked why he was choosing to run for State Senate, Hunt said: "I saw this an opportunity to serve right off the bat."

As an elected official, Hunt, a veteran who now works for government contractor SAIC, would focus on district transportation projects, keeping taxes low and military issues.

NANCE, 41, has received the backing of a few conservative figures on the national political stage, including former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.); Tim LaHaye, best-selling author of the "Left Behind" book series, and Michael Farris, chairman of the Home School Legal Defense Association.

Nance, who lives off Popes Head Road, has a master's degree in business administration and considers himself a fiscal and social conservative.

He is concerned about Northern Virginia's transportation problems and the growth in the state budget. "I think everyone is fed up with the congestion that we have to live with every day," said Nance, who is also worried that Virginia's state budget has grown too fast over the last 10 years.

HORINKO, 48, is a Chantilly resident who served as acting administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency during President George W. Bush's administration.

"I have been active in the Republican Party since I was a little kid. Public service is also something I value very highly," said Horinko.

She now runs The Horinko Group, a consulting firm that assists businesses on a variety of environmental issues like understanding government regulation, improving energy efficiency or developing a "green ethic," according to the business' Web site.

On transportation issues, Horinko is the only candidate who says she would promote mass transit solutions, including pushing for a Metrorail extension out to western Fairfax.

The candidate, who has an undergraduate degree in chemistry and a law degree from Georgetown University, would also promote business-friendly environmental policies, such as offering tax credits and other incentives to employers who adopt green practices.



Will Nance



Marianne Horinko



Steve Hunt

Rocky Run Ready for 'Mouse that Roared'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Comedy will rule when Rocky Run Middle School presents "The Mouse that Roared." Show times are Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 at the door or, Nov. 18-20, in the school cafeteria.

With a cast and crew of 44, it's about Grand Fenwick, a small country in Europe, whose only source of income is a specialty wine. But a California winery is producing a knockoff version, so the country's in big trouble financially. So it decides to declare war on the U.S., lose and then receive aid to solve its money problems. But things don't go as planned ...

Eighth-grader Brooke Johnson plays Duchess Gloriana XII, 22, who became the country's ruler when her father died. "She's a good ruler and seems tough, but she also has a tender side, especially when she's around Tully, her love interest," said Brooke. "She's a fun character to play because she has a lot of different layers to her. She's really funny and I think I'd be friends with her in real life."

Brooke says the play has a good moral — that, "No matter how small you are, you can still do great things. And both adults

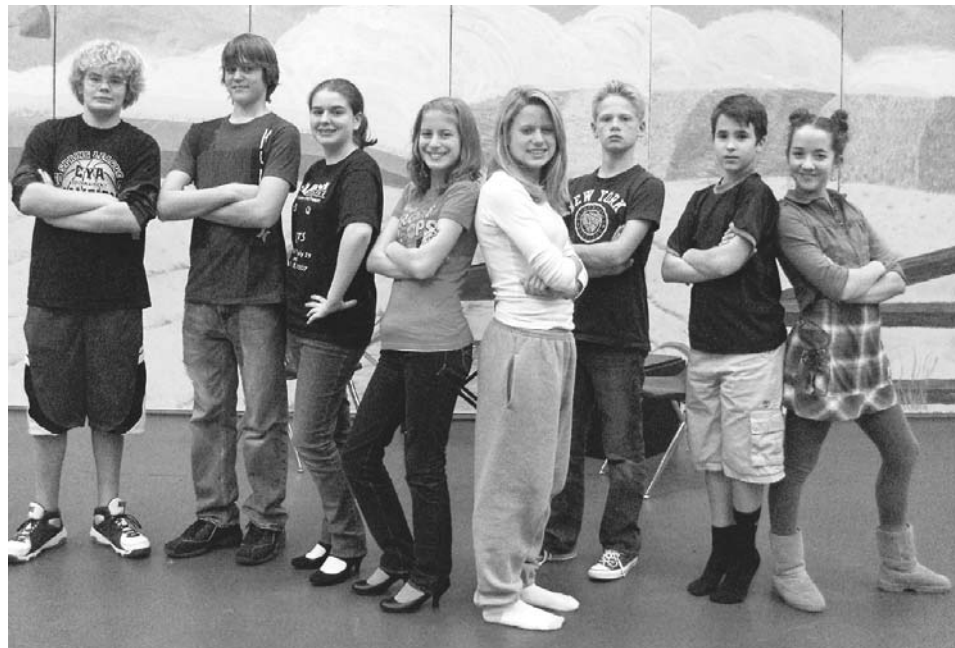


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Some of the cast members of Rocky Run's "The Mouse that Roared" are (from left) Grant Jarrell, Sasha Muzyka, Amanda Mason, Hayley Seal, Brooke Johnson, Connor Mitchell, Julian Sanchez and Serena Emanuel.

and kids will enjoy it because it's very well-balanced."

Portraying Tully Bascom, chief ranger of Grand Fenwick's national forest, is eighth-grader Connor Mitchell. "He thinks his job is so important," said Connor. "He's really

likeable and confident and believes right always prevails against all odds. When he's called to the castle, he becomes more involved in the country's welfare and politics. It's his idea to declare war against the U.S."

Connor said the audience will like the

storyline, which is relevant to them. "Lots of kids watch the news and know who has or wants a bomb," he said. "Country size doesn't matter, as long as they have the right weapon."

Eighth-grader Hayley Seal plays the U.S. president. "She really cares about the U.S., but also about making a good impression on other countries," said Hayley. "She's focused and businesslike, but down-to-earth. I don't have lots of lines, but it's an important role in the play."

"Many people imagine being the leader, so it's fun to act out that role and see how it would feel if you actually had the whole country's problems on your shoulders," continued Hayley. "Although it's hard imagining what she's feeling about the U.S. having a bomb that can blow up another country."

Classmate Sasha Muzyka plays Professor Kokintz who works at Columbia University researching how to create a powerful bomb out of something called quadium. "He's energetic and always thinks about science," said Sasha. "He's also smart and, at times, thinks others are inferior to him."

Sasha's enjoying his role because "He's a funny character who overreacts to things a lot." Overall, he said, "The audience will like the show because it's well thought out and has funny dialogue."

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Sharing

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for holding off a line of German soldiers with a Browning automatic rifle and an M-1 rifle.

The incident occurred about a week before the Battle of the Bulge began on Dec. 16, 1944. That battle was still raging in January 1945 when Holt sustained a serious head injury. But he avoided a fatal heart injury thanks to his money belt which he was wearing folded up four times across his chest.

Said Holt: "A bullet went through it, but didn't get to my heart." He later received the Purple Heart but, to this day, he still has shrapnel in his back and a steel plate in his head. And he displayed the bullet-torn money belt at Saturday's event.

The war also led him to something happier — his wife, whom he'd met in Holland before he was injured. The couple corresponded for six years, until 1951, when Holt went to Holland and married her on the Fourth of July. "I'd sent her my Purple Heart as an engagement ring, and she accepted," said Holt. "She died, 3 1/2 years ago, but we were married almost 55 years.



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Veterans Day

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Family members say Bill Cahir had a kind of indomitable spirit, one that propelled him through difficulties toward accomplishing a goal, reported Michael Lee Pope earlier this year.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound sustained while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

On April 8, 2006, Cahir married Washington lawyer Rene Brown at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. The couple settled in Rosemont on West Cedar Street. Brown was pregnant with twins at the time of Cahir's death.

MORE THAN 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and nearly 800 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 35,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veteran. In the past year, the new GI Bill provides a giant step to pay for college for veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, championed by Virginia's U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D), dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally.

Efforts to improve health care, employment and housing for veterans are also underway and deserve meaningful commitment of resources.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We

repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

EDITORIAL

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

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

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

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

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

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

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkham, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Chantilly High Presents 'Goldilocks on Trial'

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ridge expert, Robbie Novak and Connor Haggerty; Police Officer Clorox, Caleb Koluder and Charlie Folsom; and Merwin the big, bad wolf, Shaan Sharma and Barry Coleman.

Sharing the role of Goldilocks are Alex Johnson and Angela Virostek. "She's not the typical Goldilocks," said Johnson. "She tries to act innocent, but realizes she did something wrong. She's hardcore — tougher, stronger and not so perfect. When the bears got

home, they found her in their bed, called the police and had her arrested."

A sophomore, Johnson said she's not like her character, but is having fun with her role. "A lot of what happens onstage is centered around me, so it's really exciting because it's my first lead," she said. "It's hard going outside my comfort zone and being more rough, but it's great to be in a children's show — the kids are dying laughing. It's a hilarious show; the dialogue's so witty, and both children and parents will get the jokes,

so it's good for all ages."

Tahlya Angba and Lindsay Barnes play Mama Bear. "She's really sweet but, when she gets annoyed, she loses her temper and has a tantrum," said Angba, a junior. "She's also jolly and tries to be nice and comforting to her family. It's really fun because some people look at Mama Bear as just sweet and nice. But when she blows up, it's a shock to the audience, so you won't expect it."

IT'S SOMETIMES tough distinguishing between her character's

happy and angry moods, said Angba, because Mama Bear is always "hyper." But to show that she's a bear, Angba does "bear movements, with big paws and feet and stomping. And I'm noisy and messy when I'm eating." Being in a children's play is enjoyable, she said, because "You get to be a kid, yourself, and have fun with it and with the audience. And everyone will like the different characters — they're all goofy in their own way."

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Goldilocks

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Portraying the judge are Ahryel Tinker and Grace Gardner. "Goldilocks is on trial for breaking and entering," said Gardner, a sophomore. "She's accused of eating all the porridge and smashing a chair. But the judge doesn't want to be at the trial. She's hungry and wants to find reasons to cut it short, but the lawyers persuade her to keep on. She's also silly and jokes a lot."

There are lots of lines to memorize, said Gardner, "But it's a big part and I'm honored to be in this production. The decision rests on the judge and she also gets to comment on all the witnesses. In children's shows, you don't have to be serious and it's great to make little kids laugh. And since they're only open to Drama I and II students, you don't have to compete with the older kids for roles. The audience will really enjoy it; it's a well-known fairytale, but a different take on it."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY Wombat is played by Kelsey Monk and Lia Dimaiuta. "I'm the nerd with the attitude," said Monk. "I can be a little harsh and really push the characters to the limit when I try to get them to confess. So I have to be mean and nasty to them, but loving and caring to my client, Goldilocks. I really like it because I can yell and scream and be nice — and I even pretend to die, at one point."

Hardest, she said, is "being genuine about everything and really getting into character when you're reading all these crazy lines. But I love it because, when you're acting for little kids, they really let you know they like it; they laugh and don't hold back. This story has all the classic characters everyone knows, but they all have an edge, so it's nothing like the audience has seen before. The characters aren't like you'd expect them to be."

BUSINESS NOTES

Centreville Chiropractic Center will be collecting non-perishable food items for Western Fairfax Christian Ministries; WFCM is a local non-profit organization. On Monday, Nov. 23, new patients who bring in 20 items for donation will receive a free exam and therapy (\$130 value). Call 703-266-0505 for an appointment.

P. Wesley Foster, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of The Long & Foster Companies Inc. of Chantilly announced recently that Darryl Schroeder has been selected to serve as controller of affiliated businesses, a newly created position within the organization.

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Neighborhood Watch Training

Dates — The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering four training dates in 2010, for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room and will last approximately two hours. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course. We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010
- Tuesday, April 20, 2010
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The Western Fairfax County

Woman's Club is selling the 2009 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors our 24th President, Grover Cleveland. The ice blue and white oval ornament depicts a view of the White House from the south lawn. The first White House Christmas tree to be adorned with electric lights can be seen in the upstairs window. The cost of the ornament is \$18 and all profits benefit charity. Order yours now by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

Our Neighbors Child (ONC) is the local organization coordinating holiday assistance (new toys and clothing gifts) for children of families in financial crisis in Centreville, Chantilly and Western Fairfax. Assistance is made possible through the generous support from local churches, schools, businesses and individuals each year.

In its 18th year, ONC is looking for groups or individuals to "adopt" the special needs of local children this holiday season. There is an especially urgent need for winter coats, blankets and other warm clothing. Specific information (sizes, etc.) will be available by Thanksgiving. If you are willing to help, contact Denise McInerney, ONC Clothing Coordinator at oncdenise@aol.com. For other volunteer opportunities or to make a donation, visit www.ourneighborschild.org.

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Craft Vendors are needed for the Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road. Leased spaces for vendors are going quickly. Book your vendor space now! Contact novemberbazaar@hotmail.com or 703-830-2684.

The Western Fairfax Alumnae

Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha is making available Monthly Self-Breast-Exam Stickers for your calendars as of Oct. 1. These stickers can be found in all branches of the Fairfax County Public Libraries and are located in the Libraries' Community Information Racks. Supplies are limited so please stop by and pick-up a free set today!

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Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha in connection with Yoplait is collecting the yogurts' pink lids to support Breast Cancer Awareness. Pink Yoplait/ZTA drop boxes can be found at local Giant grocery stores including: 1) Sully Station at Stone Road in Centreville, 2) the Colonnade in Clifton. A drop box is also located at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road.

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The Centreville Wildcat Band department is holding its annual citrus sale. Band students and the wildcat band boosters will be taking orders from Nov. 4-23, 2009. Fruit will be available for pick-up at the school in the band room on Friday, Dec. 4.

A full case contains 50 to 56 oranges or 30 to 35 grapefruit and sells for \$30. A half case contains 25 to 28 oranges or 15 to 20 grapefruit and sells for \$20. New this year are mixed full cases selling for \$35 and mixed half cases selling for \$25.

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Tourism Cares, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the travel experience for future generations, awarded the Holland America Line Scholarship worth \$2,500, to Colleen Cherico from Centreville. Each year, the prestigious scholarships are presented to deserving travel, tourism and hospitality students at schools across the United States and Canada. Cherico, a student at The University of South Carolina, is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in the Science of Hospitality. Also a recipient of scholarships from the Hospitality Association of South Carolina and her school, she is expected to graduate in May 2010.

Jonathan Tyler Schmick of Chantilly a senior majoring in mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering, was chosen to be a resident advisor for the Galileo Community at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year.

The Chamber Singers and Bel Canto choir of Westfield High school performed the masterwork concert, Of Poetry and Praise, at Pender United Methodist church on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The choirs, under the direction of Jessica Lardin, were accompanied by Stephen Kogut, Organist; Jennifer Himes, Violin I; Maribeth Frank, Violin II; Gregory Rupert, Viola; Steven Fraser, Cello; and Aaron Clay, Bass. Bel Canto, the advanced women's choir, performed Five Hebrew Love Songs by Eric Whitacre, currently on of the most prominent choral composers in American music. In the fourth movement, Jessica Bur had a spoken solo and Mary Burke sang the soprano solo.

The Chamber Singers performed Mozart's Missa Brevis in F Major K. 192, written in 1776 it is often referred to as the "Little Credo Mass" because of the intricacy of this particular movement. Soloists in the five movements were Felicia Francois, Melanie Robinson, Jenna Randall, Hanna Park, Lisa Cox, Carey Jarosik, Michael Gulette, and Russell Michelson

Matthew Simpkins of Centreville, a senior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was chosen to be a resident advisor for the corps of cadets at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year. In order to be chosen as a resident advisor for the corps of cadets, students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, complete at least 30 credit hours, take a training course, and go through an extensive interview process.

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NOV. 20, 21, 22

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Foley Breaks 15-Min. Mark at Regionals

Chantilly senior claims first in Northern Region cross country final, sets personal best time at Burke Lake Park.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

The final stages of the Northern Region Cross Country Championship at Burke Lake Park on Nov. 5 seemed all too familiar to Chantilly High School Senior Chris Foley.

One week before the race, at the Concorde District finals at Burke Lake Park, Foley watched as Oakton High School's Andrew McCullen pulled ahead near the end of the 2.98 course, snatching first place from Foley.

But at the Northern Region Championships, Foley knew what to expect out of his rival.

"I wasn't sure because [McCullen] pulled up on me about the same place where he did at [the district meet]," Foley said. "But then I knew it was narrow at the last turn, so if I got through it first I could hold him off."

As the two runners ran grimacing through each exhausted step to the finish line, Foley positioned himself slightly in front of McCullen for the final stretch.

One hundred meters turned into



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly High School senior Chris Foley edges out Oakton High School's Andrew McCullen in the Northern Region Finals on Nov. 5.

50, then 10 and then the finish.

McCullen was unable to jostle past Foley, but finished neck-and-neck with the Charger, both recording a time of 14:59.

Because Foley crossed the finish line just tenths of a second before McCullen, he was credited with the victory.

Foley said that his knowledge of the course's turns and layout helped give him an edge in the competition.

"There's a lot of narrow points on this course and if you give a gap, it's hard to make it up," Foley said. "I didn't want to be the last one to go through the narrow curves."

But for Foley the victory wasn't just about claiming the Northern

"I told my coach I really wanted to go for sub-15 ... It's been a goal of mine since freshman year. Getting the win was important, but I was going after the time."

— Chris Foley

Region title or defeating a rival runner, his time of 14:59 also was a personal goal.

At the Concorde District finals, Foley turned in a time of 15:14, making his Northern Region finals race time a significant improvement of 15 seconds.

"I told my coach I really wanted to go for sub-15," Foley said. "It's been a goal of mine since fresh-

man year. Getting the win was important, but I was going after the time."

As the exhausted Foley took a moment to catch his breath and take a swig of water, Chantilly head coach Matt Gilchrist ran towards Foley and embraced him with a congratulatory hug.

"[Foley's] the hardest worker I've ever been around," Gilchrist

Top Five Finishers

1. Christopher Foley - Chantilly - 14:59
2. Andrew McCullen - Oakton - 14:59
3. Kevin Dowd - Fairfax - 15:04
4. Yazid Zouaimia - Centreville - 15:24
5. Natnael Meseret - Robert E. Lee - 15:25

said. "This was one of his goals and he wanted to win."

Gilchrist said that he was proud of his senior runner and that the competition from Oakton's McCullen helped drive Foley through practice. "Andrew McCullen is a great runner," he said. "But [Foley] wanted to prove something today. He wanted to see his workouts start to make a difference.

Gilchrist also said that the Regional Title win caps off a season for Foley that was tainted by an injury.

"It's been up and down this season because of an injury that cost him two weeks," he said. "But [Foley] never lost confidence in himself."

The Chantilly boys' cross country team finished in eighth place at the Northern Region race with an average time of 16:13.

Chantilly's Sean McGorty finished 26th overall with a time of 16:08, and Matthew Cumpian finished 35th overall with a time of 16:16.

While Oakton's McCullen did not take first place in the individual competition, his team did manage to win the Regional Title.

Oakton placed first with a total of 79 points and an average time of 15:47.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Virginia AAA Division 6 Northern Region Playoff Picture

No. 1. Woodson (9-2) will host No. 8 Oakton (5-5). Woodson enters the playoffs as co-Patriot District Champions with Lake Braddock.

The Cavaliers did not play Oakton during the regular season and are coming off a 35-0 shutout of No. 5 seeded South County on Nov. 6.

No. 2 Robinson (9-1) will host No. 7 Chantilly (5-5). Robinson defeated Chantilly 35-21 during the regular season. The Rams' only loss this season was to No. 4 seeded Westfield, who beat them 21-20 in overtime.

Robinson's last game was a 42-7 defeat of Centreville on Nov. 6.

Chantilly can send its thanks to Robert E. Lee High School, whose 27-13 victory over T.C. Williams High School on Nov. 7 allowed Chantilly to enter the playoffs as the No. 7 seed.

No. 3 Lake Braddock (7-2) will host No. 6 Fairfax (6-4).

This is the first post-season berth for Fairfax since 1999 when current Westfield head coach Tom Verbanic coached the team.

Lake Braddock previously defeated Fairfax 42-7 in a scrimmage on Aug. 28, and is entering the

playoffs hot on both sides of the ball.

The Bruins have scored 166 points in their past four games and have only allowed 25.

No. 4 Westfield (6-4) will host No. 5 South County (6-4).

Westfield just might be the tournament tables' dark horse. After starting the season 1-4, the Bulldogs battled back to go undefeated in the Concorde District and secure their sixth district title in nine years.

The Bulldogs defeated Herndon 30-10 to finish the regular season on Nov. 6.

South County started the season in fine form, going 5-1, but lost key games to Patriot District opponents such as Lake Braddock, T.C. Williams and Woodson.

South County's last game was a 35-0 loss to W.T. Woodson on Nov. 6.

Chantilly Blast Holding Training Sessions

The Chantilly SC Blast (U14 NCSL Division 4) soccer team will

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Premier soccer players interested in exploring the possibility of working out with the Blast should contact Coach Edz (Edge) by email at edz@crsoftwareinc.com or by phone at 703-395-6372.

The Blast is professionally trained by Roberto Parada. Additional information on the team can be found at www.leaguelineup.com/chantillyblast.

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Rehearsing a scene from "Brighton Beach Memoirs" are (back row, from left) Adam Thomas, Kevin Clay and Sarah Bowden and (front row, from left) John Walsh, Phoebe Dillard, Emily Howell and Elisabeth Bloxam.

'Brighton Beach Memoirs' at WHS

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Portraying Eugene is junior Kevin Clay, in his first WHS leading role. "His family's Jewish, not well-off, and he's starting to think about girls — especially his cousin Nora," said Clay. "He thinks he's in love with her. He's a good speaker and writer, with a sarcastic wit, always cracking jokes."

Clay says Eugene ties the story together and "I see a lot of myself in him. I identify with his sense of humor and his relationship with his older brother because I'm the younger brother in my family." In addition, said Clay, "These memoirs are actually written by my character so, during a scene, I'll narrate what's happening."

He said the show will make the audience laugh, but "They'll also sympathize with characters going through pain or difficulties. The awkward moments when the brothers are talking about girls are the funniest — and my favorite scenes."

Senior Phoebe Dillard plays the mother, Kate. "She's loud, worries about everything and loves her sons more than life," said Dillard. "She's good-hearted and would do anything to keep her family happy and stable. But she has so much on her plate — and there's so much tension between her and her younger sister — that when things bubble over, she completely explodes."

Dillard said the role stretches her dramatically, making her focus intently when she must yell and cry. But, she said, "The cast makes it so much fun, I look forward to every rehearsal. It's making me a better actress, and I'll have these memories my entire life."

She said the play's "for mature audiences — high schoolers and up — because of some language and vulgarity. But the audience will love it because it's about families similar to theirs in the emotions and problems every family has. There's disappointment,

anger, frustration, bliss, excitement and hope. The over-arching theme is that, if you have a loving family, you [believe] everything's possible; family gets you through."

Playing older brother, Stanley, 18, is junior Adam Thomas. "He's not a typical teen," said Thomas. "His salary helps support his family and put food on the table, so he has lots of responsibility for his age. Around his brother and father, he tries to seem tough and manly; but later, when he makes a couple mistakes, it tears him apart and you see he's really sensitive. He cares about his family and doesn't want to let them down."

Thomas especially likes the scenes between him and Clay, as Eugene, because they show a typical relationship between brothers. He said the play's crafted so well, with "tons of comic moments the audience will love. Simon's a master of witty one-liners in the midst of a dramatic scene."

Junior Sarah Bowden plays Nora, 16. "She's a dancer, full of energy, trying to prove she can be independent and, therefore, able to be in a Broadway show," said Bowden. "She can be extremely nice, but also moody and wanting to get away from her family."

"I love playing her because I'm a dancer and can totally identify with the way she feels," continued Bowden. "She also shows a wide range of emotions. [The play] has lots of "wow factor," and we'll see if the audience is ready for its mature content."

Stage manager is senior Meredith Freeman. She'll give the light and sound cues and make sure assistant stage managers Taylor Aucott and Sara Calkins have any scene changes. "I really enjoy it and love being at rehearsals, seeing the actors develop their characters and the show come together. Mr. Pafumi is great to work with, and it's fun being part of it."

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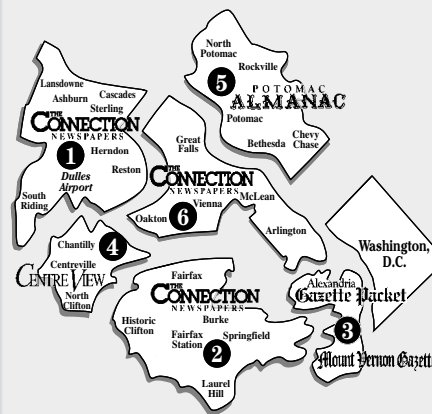
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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Do I doubt, as former Washington, D.C. Mayor and current D.C. Council member, Marion S. Barry once said (on a completely unrelated subject), "the veracity" of the insurance company's claims (the suggestion, not the department)? Probably not. I suppose if it weren't true, the company wouldn't be saying it and/or paying/advertising to say it. (Or is that a Banana Boat I just fell off?)

Do I think the car insurance companies are baiting me/us consumers so we'll switch, presuming we believe there's gold (figuratively speaking) in them that insurance hills? (Well, we certainly wouldn't bother if there's tin in them thar hills.) Yes! If we don't believe or are not lead to believe the pursuit is worth our while, it will likely be awhile before we ever call "1-800 CASH-4-ME" (made up number).

Do I believe the faltering economy and the relating cash flow (in and out) adjustments, shall we say, by consumers might be creating an opportunity for corporate America/Big Business to present/bathe themselves in an extremely soft and glowing light into which consumers might be drawn (like moths to a flame) and hopefully find some financial answers/relief? Yeah! Is that a bad thing? Hopefully not for those of us who fall victim (I mean, consider their alternatives).

It's almost unfair, really. How does one resist the temptation to say yes/make that call? Money is no longer growing on trees (if it ever did). It's hardly growing at all. Have you seen the interest rates being paid at your local financial institution? Actually, they should change the description to "lack of interest" paid. And so, in come the car insurance companies (since most of us still have cars, although some of us no longer have homes or jobs) to try and interest us. If we no longer can save money in the bank (and earn interest on that money), perhaps we would be open to the next best option: not spending it. To update Benjamin Franklin's most famous admonition; a penny not spent is like an increase in your unemployment compensation. And a lower premium for your car's insurance is similarly money well not-spent.

So what am I waiting for? Godot? This is ain't no movie. This is real life, as real as it gets when there's not enough money to pay for the too-many things with which many of us have become accustomed or worse, dependent. If saving money on car insurance was as easy as we have been advertised to believe it is, we should all be grateful to live in a country where such timely opportunity exists. I always knew, as my father often rhetorically opined: "Is this a great country or what!" Yes, it is.

Sometimes, though, you have to be careful what you wish for.

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