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The women of Bella Voce rehearse for the upcoming spring concert.

## CVHS Offers Broadway Pops

Annual choral program to be presented June 3-4.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Some 130 students will take the stage next weekend when Centreville High's Choral Department presents its annual, Broadway Pops spring concert.

"There are so many talented kids," said Choral Director Lynne Babcock. "And it's such a fun show, with lots of wonderful singing and dancing."

Show times are Thursday-Friday, June 3-4, at 7:30 p.m. in the school theater. Tickets are \$3, students; and \$5, adults, at the door.

All of Centreville's choirs are participating: Bella Voce, Concert Choir, Men's Ensemble, Madrigal

Ensemble, Women's Ensemble and Symphonic Choir, along with senior soloists.

Bella Voce will perform a medley from the show, "Rent," including the title song, "Seasons of Love," "One Song Glory" and "La Vie Boheme." Concert Choir is singing a medley from "Guys and Dolls." These numbers include "I've Never Been in Love Before" and "Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat."

The Men's and Women's ensembles together will perform a variety of crowd-pleasing tunes with which the audience will be familiar. There'll be music from "Mary Poppins," "Tarzan" and "Aida" and a medley of Disney songs. Among the highlights are "Circle of Life" from "The Lion King," the title song from "Beauty and the Beast" and "She's in Love" from "The Little Mermaid."

Singing a vocal jazz set will be the Madrigal Ensemble. Featured numbers are "A Nightingale

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## Tizon Found Guilty of 2nd-Degree Murder

Jury recommends 14 years in prison.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Ahmed Chouaib was shot and killed last summer at the hands of his Centreville lover. Now a jury of five men and seven women has convicted her of second-degree murder.

The woman is Maria De Las Mercedes Tizon, 64, of 14325 Climbing Rose Way, in the Sanderling apartments in Centre Ridge. The victim, of Fran Place in Alexandria, was 34 when he died.

Tizon stood trial for four days, last week, May 17-20, in Fairfax County Circuit Court. Although she never took the stand in her defense, her own words immediately after the shooting — coupled with Chouaib's dead body — were what ultimately did her in.

It was Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009. Tizon's neighbor, Pam Parnell, had just gotten home from work when there was a knock at her door. "Maria was crying, so I opened the door and stepped out," testified Parnell. "When I asked what was

wrong, she said, 'I shot my boyfriend; I killed him.' Then she pointed down to a gun outside my door."

Parnell took Tizon inside her apartment and called 911. "Maria was really shaken," she said. "I asked, 'Did he hit you?' and she said, 'He pushed me in the heart.' Then she lost it and was crying and rocking back and forth."

When police arrived, Parnell directed them to Tizon's apartment, some 15 feet away, where they found Chouaib's body. But there were no signs of a struggle. "Officers tried to get information from

Maria, but she was incoherent," said Parnell. "They placed her under arrest and read her her rights."



Tizon

The day of Chouaib's murder, said Parnell, Tizon never denied shooting him. "While I was on the phone with 911, Maria said, 'They should take me,'" said Parnell. "She was very emotional." The neighbor also noted that Tizon had no injuries.

After seeing the body, police Officer William Coulter asked Tizon what had happened. He testified that she answered, 'He messed with my head; he takes my car and never returns it.'

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## Police Ask Public's Help in Finding Murder Suspects

\$26,000 reward offered for helpful information.



Suspects

Fairfax County police have released sketches and additional details of the two suspects in last week's homicide on Compton Road in Centreville. In addition, \$26,000 in reward money is being offered for information leading to an arrest — \$1,000 from Crime Solvers and

\$25,000 (until Nov. 24) from a private source.

The tragedy occurred last Monday, May 17. Police were called to a home in the 14200 block of Compton Road at 10:45 a.m. Fam-

ily members and their handyman confronted two unknown men who'd entered the garage. A fight broke out and one intruder shot the handyman, Jose Ramiro Rosales Cardona, 39, of Manassas, in the upper body and killed him. Originally from Guatemala, he died at the scene, leaving behind a wife and two sons.

Both suspects then fled on foot through a wooded area adjacent to the property. A nearby witness told police he saw someone jump into the bed of a pickup truck and pull a tarp over himself between

10:50 and 10:55 a.m. The truck then fled east on Compton Road toward Union Mill Road.

The suspects were described as black, about 5 feet 10 inches tall. They both wore dark-colored

shirts and work pants. One suspect was older, in his late 20s to mid 30s. He had a darker complexion

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# Tizon Guilty: Second-Degree Murder

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his death. He was also able to determine, by gun-powder-fragment marks on the body, that both bullets were fired from no more than 3 feet away.

The weapon used was a Taurus .38 special, double-action revolver. Firearms expert Gary Arnsten examined it for the police and testified that "only one bullet at a time would exit the muzzle with one pull of the trigger." That meant that, for Chouaib to be shot twice, Tizon had to fire the gun two, separate times.

Altogether, Mellen called 10 witnesses. Greenspun called none, but the burden of proof was on the prosecution. In her closing argument, Mellen told the jurors there's no doubt Tizon killed Chouaib and that malice may be inferred when a deadly weapon is used.

Regarding premeditation, she noted the gun's purchase, five weeks earlier, and said Tizon placed "not one, but five, cartridges in it and then got it from its box in the closed to the bathroom. Premeditation formed when she shot him the second time."

**GREENSPUN, HOWEVER,** said his client bought the gun for protection. "[Chouaib] was coming after her and had hit her on a prior occasion," he said. "Does it sound like something premeditated and done with malice, or a situation that came out of passion — if it's criminal, at all?"

He said Tizon "didn't try to hide, cover up or mislead law enforcement. This would have been guilty conduct. There's no evidence that he didn't come after her, after the first shot. We don't know why he came to the apartment [that day] and if he brought the gun with him and it somehow got into Tizon's possession. That's reasonable doubt ... and I ask you to find her innocent."

In her rebuttal, Mellen said, "There's no evidence [Chouaib] was going after her; we know this by the [position] his arm was in. There's no struggle in the apartment and no evidence of self-defense. It's a cruel act and [Tizon] was emotional afterward, but it does not mean she didn't mean to do it."

Judge Smith told the jurors Tizon is presumed innocent. "You are the judges of the facts, the credibility of the witnesses and the weight of the evidence," he said. "You are entitled to use your common sense."

He explained that, to convict Tizon of first-degree murder, they must believe that she killed Chouaib and did it maliciously. The crime must also have been willful, deliberate and premeditated. Second-degree murder has the same criteria, but without the last three elements. Smith also explained voluntary manslaughter and said the jurors could find Tizon not guilty if they believed she acted in self-defense.

After deliberating four hours, the jurors returned Thursday, May 20, and declared Tizon guilty of second-degree murder, plus use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. They recommended she receive 11 years in prison for murder, plus three years for the gun charge, for 14 years total. Sentencing is Aug. 20.

Prior to the start of the trial, defense attorney Peter Greenspun tried to have statements Tizon made to police Officer Marta Goodwin suppressed. At police headquarters, Tizon was so upset that a doctor was called; while awaiting his arrival, Goodwin escorted her to the bathroom. There, the Centreville woman "spontaneously made several statements," said the officer.

"She said [Chouaib] took her car to see other women and had assaulted her and been violent toward her," said Goodwin. "She even said he'd raped her before." Reading from her notes, Goodwin said Tizon stated, "I'm sorry for everything that happened. I've never been in trouble before. God forgive me — too many years with him that were bad. He's beat me, raped me and now he has another woman. He drives me crazy."

Greenspun contended Tizon hadn't received her full, Miranda rights and was having an "emotional crisis" when she said those things. But Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Erin Mellen said Goodwin "wasn't questioning Tizon, in any way. She was merely trying to keep her calm, pending the arrival of the medics."

Judge Dennis Smith had the final word, saying, "The statements Tizon made were voluntary and I will not suppress them." Those statements later explained to the jury Tizon's motive for the crime.

Mellen said Chouaib came to the U.S. from Morocco in 2002 and he and Tizon were involved romantically for three or four years. He was attending NOVA and Tizon had just retired from a food-services job at Inova Fairfax Hospital. They'd met when, at some point, they'd worked together.

Police found Chouaib's body, half in the bathroom and half in the hallway of Tizon's home. He'd been shot twice and one bullet was still in him. "The gun found outside Parnell's apartment was the one that fired the bullets that killed him," said Mellen. "On July 8, five weeks earlier, Tizon bought that gun."

Dr. Shane Chittenden, with the Virginia Medical Examiner's Office, performed the autopsy on Chouaib and presented his findings. He said the first bullet went through Chouaib's body, entering above the right side of his chest. "It injured the right lung, perforated the aorta and then the left lung," he said. "It exited the body on the left side of the chest."

The second bullet remained in Chouaib's body. Said Chittenden: "It entered from the left side of the back and went through the stomach, diaphragm and right side of the heart." He said either wound would have been enough to be fatal; he also noted that the victim probably lived seven to 10 minutes after being shot.

Chittenden said a cut on Chouaib's palm and a scrape on his temple happened around the time of

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and spoke with a distinct, raspy voice. He may be a heavy smoker. He had a faint, thin goatee and is believed to be the gunman.

The second suspect was younger, between 20-25 years old. He had a lighter complexion and a faint, thin beard and mustache. He called the older suspect "Slim." The pickup truck seen near the home was an older-model, white Toyota with dark, tinted windows.

Detectives and Crime Solvers would like to hear from anyone who may have seen a pickup truck fitting that description in the vicinity of Bay Valley Lane between 9-11 a.m. on Monday, May 17.

Anyone with information about this crime or the suspects is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131. Callers to Crime Solvers do not have to give their names or appear in court.

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## Physician's Assistant Is Sentenced

A 49-year-old Maryland man was sentenced to a year in jail, last week, for touching patients inappropriately while working as a physician's assistant in Chantilly. He is Jorge Adolfo Sanchez of 18303 Rockland Drive in Hagerstown.

Fairfax County police said the incidents happened between July 20 and Aug. 6, 2009. The two female victims, 27 and 29 years old, were receiving care at the Chantilly Specialists office at 14121 Parke Long Court, when they were sexually assaulted. A police investigation led to the Aug. 19, 2009 arrest of Sanchez, who was charged with two counts of sexual battery.

He appeared last Thursday, May 20, in General District Court where Judge Donald McDonough found him guilty of both charges. For each offense, he sentenced Sanchez to 12 months in jail, suspending six months of each sentence. He then ran the punishments consecutively, for 12 months total to serve.



Sanchez

## Suspected Bank Robber Is Indicted

Believing Shona Jones, 21, of Rapidan, Va., robbed four local banks in less than three weeks, on March 16, Fairfax County police arrested her. The heists occurred, Feb. 26 and March 9, in Centreville, and March 2 and 16 in Chantilly. The Town of Vienna also levied charges for bank robberies there. Then, last Monday, May 17, the grand jury indicted Jones on five counts of armed robbery. She's slated to enter a plea, June 1, in Circuit Court.

## Rachel Fund-Raisers Slated

Chantilly toddler Rachel D'Andrea, 2 1/2, is currently undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Meanwhile, two fund-raisers are planned to help her family with their mounting medical bills.

Both will be held in the Colonnade at Union Mill shopping center, off Route 29 and Union Mill Road. On Saturday, June 5, from 4-8 p.m., local students will collect donations outside the Giant Foods store. On Sunday, June 6, from noon-4 p.m., students and parents will hold a carwash at the Shell station.

## Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, June 3 and June 17, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed.

However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

## Chantilly Community Coalition

The next meeting of the Chantilly Community Coalition is Monday, June 7, at 4 p.m., in the Chantilly High media center. Contact Carol Hoffman at 703-378-6155 or [cehoffman@feps.edu](mailto:cehoffman@feps.edu).

## WFCM Needs Donations, Thrift Store Volunteers

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) needs some help

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The Virginia Tech Contemporary Dance Ensemble performs at last year's Remembrance Cabaret.

# Remembering Reema Samaha

## Cabaret to be held At Westfield High.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Featuring songs, dances, bands and comedy skits, the second annual Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha will be held Saturday, June 5, from 7-9 p.m., at Westfield High. Performing will be students and alumni from both Westfield and Virginia Tech. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.

Reema and fellow Westfield grad Erin Peterson were killed in the Virginia Tech tragedy. Erin was a basketball star at Westfield, but Reema was a theater student and accomplished dancer and, each year, those who knew and loved Reema honor her with this concert.

Proceeds benefit the Reema J. Samaha Scholarship Fund, plus the Angel Fund — which addresses issues that contributed to the VT tragedy, such as privacy laws, information sharing, campus safety and security, mental health and guns. For information, call 703-402-5576, e-mail [contactus@angelfundva.org](mailto:contactus@angelfundva.org) or see <http://reemasamaha.org> and [www.angelfundva.org](http://www.angelfundva.org).

"Whenever I go to a Westfield theater performance or a dance recital, I'm always looking for Reema up there," said her father, Joe Samaha. "But it's important to the Petersons and to our family that their friends remember them. They were tremendous kids; now we can only share our love and hope and prayers."

Westfield grads Meredith Murgia and Ashley and Phoebe Dillard are organizing the upcoming cabaret, and the Dillard sisters are co-stage-managing. "There'll be a lot of unique and interesting performances," said Murgia. "And they're all in some way related to Reema, so it'll be a good way to remember her."

Emceeding will be Chelsea Stenger and Allison Wruck. Brian Moon will sing, "Heart and Soul;" and Reema's sister and brother, Randa and Omar, will do a comedy skit with Wruck and Dallas Sweezy. The band Jones Catcher — comprised of Chris McNabb, Jeremy Rommel, Jordan Wilson and Cody Jones — will rock the house. Members of Ugly Thrash Demon — Phillip Eberhart, Jed Lingat, Chris Smith, Alec Sieber and Ryan Coleman — may even join them.

Nate Peterson will perform a stand-up comedy routine, and Sarah Cowdery and the Dillard sisters will sing, "The Chain," by Ingrid Michaelson, possibly accompanied by dancers. Jon Lawlor will sing, either solo or with members of his band, and Dan Hrebenak will play guitar. Murgia and her sisters, Michelle and Monica — who was Reema's best friend — will perform a modern-dance number they choreographed together.

"It means a lot to participate in this cabaret because Reema was such a diverse, well-rounded person," said Meredith Murgia. "So I like how we have a show with singing, dancing and acting because she embodied a lot of those things. I feel it celebrates her very well."

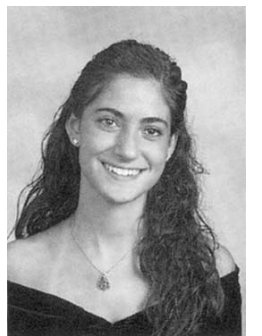
WESTFIELD THEATER veteran Adrienne Ginter, a 2007 grad, is bringing the Contemporary Dance Ensemble (CDE) from Virginia Tech, where she's a rising senior. She knew Reema from dancing with her in Westfield's 2006 production of "Oklahoma."

She's been a member of the Contemporary Dance Ensemble for two years and is the Reema J Samaha Memorial director for CDE's Remembrance Through Dance (RTD) program. This program was established after the April 16, 2007 tragedy and supports two events annually.

Each fall, there's a dance workshop in which professional dancers spend a weekend in Blacksburg teaching master classes to anyone interested. There's also the Remembrance Through Dance Performance on the anniversary of April 16, in which dance companies on campus and nearby perform together in one show dedicated to the VT victims and their families.

"Reema's legacy has allowed dancers from Tech and the Blacksburg community to come together to celebrate the lives of the victims, as well as dance as an art form," said Ginter. "Because there is no dance program at Virginia Tech, the Contemporary Dance Ensemble is very proud of our RTD program and its ability to unite so many individuals."

"The Samahas have been at every one of our RTD



Reema Samaha

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# Forum Discusses Worker Center Proposal

**Town meeting slated for Tuesday.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**A**.J. Dwoskin, who owns most of the Centreville Square Shopping Center, is serious about establishing a worker center for Centreville's day laborers. He's even offered to provide a trailer for this purpose on property he owns, behind the shopping center.

Currently, the day laborers gather outside the Centreville Regional Library, much to the consternation of library staff, local residents and nearby business owners in Centreville Square and Centreville Plaza. So if the worker center becomes a reality, employers could go there instead to hire laborers.

It would get the workers off the street and also be a place where they could receive English classes, plus information about services

available to them. Dwoskin would set up the trailer and pay for utilities, but he's asked the Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) to head the worker center's daily operation.

"The CIF is at a crossroads," said its leader, Alice Foltz, at the group's regular meeting, Tuesday, May 25. "We've been presented with a big challenge as we think about the issues that lie ahead."

"Centreville is a changing community, in many ways," she continued. "It's not just Hispanics who've come here, but people from many other corners of the world. Our focus wasn't to start a day-labor center; the CIF began as a discussion about a way to incorporate all of this diversity into Centreville."

Foltz said the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Wellspring churches all have outreach programs to new, low-income immigrants in Centreville, and these churches have come together to support each other in providing services to this population.

She also noted that Edgar Aranda of the Legal Aid Justice

Center "has been a huge help to us, reaching out to the workers on the corner so we could get to know them and their needs." Then some two dozen CIF members discussed how a worker center here might operate and the estimated financial cost to run it.

**SEVERAL CIF MEMBERS**, plus some of the laborers, visited a worker center in Shady Grove, Md., last week to learn more its operation, and Marci Huntsman presented a report about it. "CASA of Maryland has operated five sites there for 25 years — so it works," she said.

"It takes a lot of care and intentionality on behalf of everyone involved," said Huntsman. "Certain things are particularly important — good relationships, information gathering and workers helping make decisions about the center's functioning."

She said trust and good relationships between the workers and center, employers and center, workers and employers, and workers among each other are crucial.

In addition, said Huntsman, the



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**Marci Huntsman**

center must obtain information about the number of workers — both skilled and unskilled — it serves, how many are hired, the hours they work, and the identification of all the vehicles coming to the center. That way, employers would be more likely to pay them for their work.

"At CASA, a manager is available 24/7," said Huntsman. "So, for example, if a worker believes a

worksite is unsafe, he can call the manager." Hours are Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m.-2 p.m., although workers may also be picked up on Sundays.

And although some Centreville residents fear a worker center here could cause problems, it doesn't have to be that way. In fact, according to the Shady Grove manager, said Huntsman, "There are no problems because the reputation of the workers, center and employers is at stake."

The center has its own rules and regulations, plus county regulations and safety standards for worksites. "People there know who's coming to the center, and from where," said Huntsman. "And the center's relationship with the police and local government is good."

Furthermore, she said, "Workers there get a photo ID card — which is recognized in Montgomery County as a second form of ID. There's also a \$25/year membership fee for the workers."

Huntsman noted, as well, that the Bank of America there offers

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# Broadway Pops

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Sang in Berkeley Square” and “Coffee in a Cardboard Cup” — which was choreographed by choral students Laurie Leaman and Danielle Wilbur.

The Symphonic Choir will sing a medley from “Les Miserable,” including “On My Own” and “I Dreamed a Dream.” The group will also entertain the audience with an original composition, “The Genesis of Butterflies,” by one of its members, sophomore

Emmie Dohse.

“I’m really excited that we get to perform this choral piece,” said Babcock. “Emmie taught it to them, has been rehearsing the choir and will conduct it on stage. I am extremely proud of her.”

All five choirs will unite to sing the opening and closing numbers together. They’ll begin the show with “On Broadway” and end it with a medley of “Age of Aquarius” and “Let the Sunshine In” from “Hair.”

Several soloists will also perform. Kevin Malachowski will sing, “Philosophy;” Jennifer Pluchinsky, “The Call;” Meredith Rigby, “Far From The Home I Love;” Amy

Williamson; “Wide Open Spaces;” Danielle Wilbur and Laurie Leaman, “Brightly Wound;” Alex Peterson, “100 Years;” Chris Fallon, “Look After You;” Danny Lucas, “The Autumn Leaves;” Nancy Milad and Angel Kim, “Imagine;” Hannah Potts, “Speechless;” and Jessie Lowman, “Smile.”

Each year, Centreville brings in a guest choreographer, Richmond’s Tara Penick-Edmundson, who’s choreographed this show for nine years now. She choreographs all over the East Coast and teaches and choreographs for the Richmond Ballet.

“She’s absolutely fantastic — a phenomenal educator and very talented choreog-

rapher,” said Babcock. “She can make anyone look good, even non-dancers. The kids love her. She makes time for us in her schedule, even when she doesn’t have it, because she loves working with the Centreville choir kids.”

In addition, a professional instrumental trio will accompany the choral students throughout the program. Adam Phillips, a music major at GMU, will be on bass; Chip Bubek, Woodson High’s jazz band instructor, will be on drums; and Babcock will play the piano. All in all, said Babcock, “This show will appeal to people of all ages. The kids are awesome.”

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# Worker Center

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So in Maryland, at least, worker centers seem to be co-existing within their communities just fine. Said Foltz, "Seeing the way that center operated made us think this is possible here."

**"THE WORKERS** who came with us had questions about how to create the center's rules, so they're engaged in this process," added Aranda. "Thirty workers also visited the site here and were interested in how it's going to work — and when they're involved, it works better."

CIF member Michael Morse discussed a possible budget for the center. He said the CIF's budget committee believes it'll cost a minimum of \$60,000/year "to attract somebody superbly qualified" to be the center's director. He also noted that two assistants would also be needed to manage the site daily and answer urgent questions on Sundays.

Morse estimated the center's annual operating cost at \$250,000 — mainly for salaries. But the public wouldn't bear any of the cost; it would be funded through private donations and grants. "We want to make this a success," said Morse. "We want it to be fair and equitable; we're concerned about justice."

"A worker center can resolve community concerns, as well as provide better safety for the workers," said Foltz. "The challenge for us now is to come together to make the idea a reality."

Agreeing, local resident Claudia Escobar said, "The workers have gone through a lot of turmoil and are so thankful that someone wants to help them. They're motivated, they can't wait until this goes forward and they're looking forward to their future. Now we need people to understand what we're trying to do for our community."

"Worker centers have been in Maryland so long that they've made friends in the community," said Clifton's O.G. Harper. "But it takes awhile to reach that point. It's a long journey, but I think — if everyone's supportive and works hard — it can be successful."



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# WHS To Host Remembrance Cabaret

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performances and are so gracious and supportive of the continuation of this program," added Ginter. "I look forward to collaborating with them more for the 2011 performance next April. CDE performed in last year's cabaret and we are honored to represent Virginia Tech once again."

CDE will be performing "Andaloosia," a belly-dancing piece choreographed by Reema. It was first performed at Tech in April 2007. The dancers are Jamie Garubba, Lee Gibaldi, Kait Gibson, Ginter, Rachel Jude, Jessica Magarelli, Heather Swanson, and Leah Zacherl. They'll also dance a Fosse piece, "I Gotcha," that Gibaldi choreographed for their spring show, this semester. Ginter describes it as "upbeat, sassy and fun to watch."

"I'm thrilled that the Contemporary Dance Ensemble can once again perform in the cabaret to convey Reema's passion for dance," said Ginter. "The Westfield community and theatre department will always hold a special place in my heart, and I'm happy

to perform on this stage again for such a worthy cause."

**ALSO TAKING PART** is Brandon Carroll, who'll discuss the anti-bullying organization, Actively Caring for People, that he started with his friend Shane. Brandon was VT's student government president and knew Reema and her siblings.

In addition, Amy Bowman will entertain the crowd with her belly dancing.

"I was Reema's bellydance instructor and also had the pleasure at performing at the Samahas' church festivals," she said. "Reema's mother, Mona, asked me to do a performance in Reema's honor and memory. I plan to start with something soulful and end with something upbeat and positive."

Bowman recalled Reema as a "tiny, slight, 15-year-old" who took her classes in Reston with her mother and sister. "Over the next few years of workshops and classes, it was obvious Reema had a real talent and love for dance," said Bowman. "Though the strongest memory I have is of the bond

that existed between the mother and daughters. They laughed and had so much fun together in all the classes. I was blessed to have Reema in my class, dancing, laughing and infusing everyone around with her joy to dance." "It means so much to me to be able to honor her memory and her family," continued Bowman. "Reema's loss has left a terrible hole in their hearts, but they have a strong, loving family bond. I remember so clearly, shortly after the tragic event, her father speaking of forgiveness. How I admired him and the entire family that — in such a time of pain — they spoke of forgiveness. I am a lucky teacher to have had my life touched by Reema's light."

Overall, Meredith Murgia said the Remembrance Cabaret should really be something special and she's pleased with the talented acts that will entertain. Still, she added, "It's a strange feeling being back on the Westfield stage because you feel like something's missing and absent — like Reema should be there. But I know she'll be looking down on us because she always loved watching our performances."

## ROUNDUPS

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meeting its increased demand from local residents for food, clothing and financial aid.

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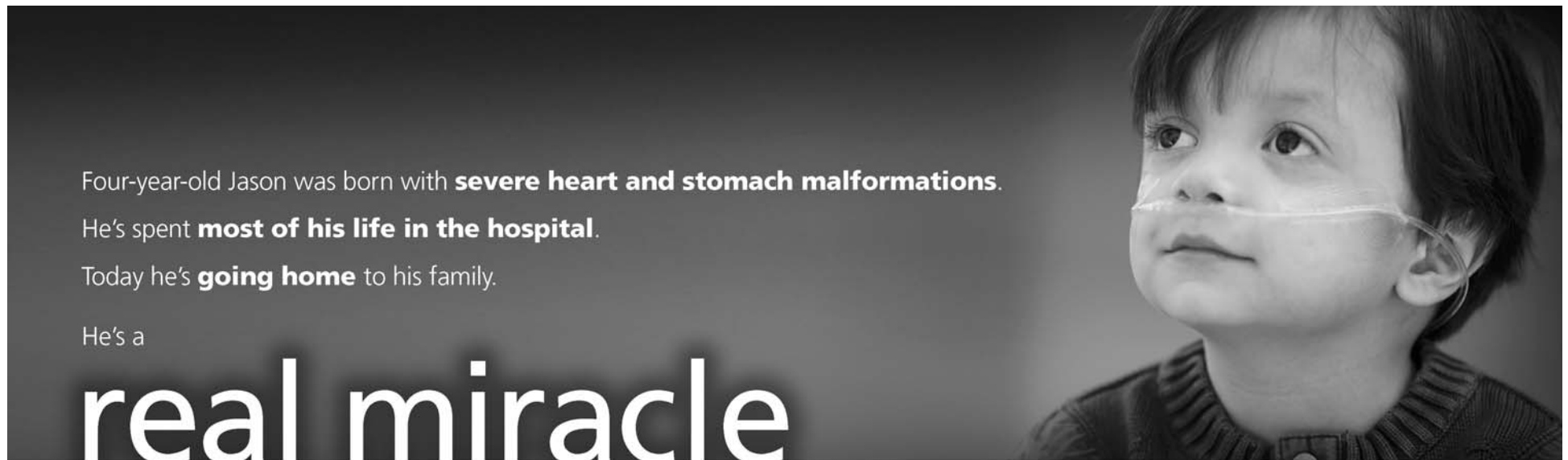
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# OPINION

## Remembering on Memorial Day

Close to home, many to honor.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, nearly 300,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

More than 160 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year. Earlier this month, on May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

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

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.

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

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting drawings every year; this year his portrait of his brother Dillon appeared on the cover of the Burke Children's Connection. Hunter, a sixth grader at White Oaks Elementary, wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

**MORE THAN 4,300** U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,000 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial 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 veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill 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. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

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.

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.

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](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

### Paying Respects

- ❖ "Flags In" at Arlington National Cemetery is scheduled to begin after funerals are complete for the day on Thursday, May 27. Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will be joined by other service members in placing small American flags, on the gravesites. Visitors are welcome during this event and are encouraged to arrive at the cemetery after 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. It will take approximately three hours to place the more than 250,000 flags.
- ❖ Fallen Heroes Project, May 29 - The Fallen Heroes Portraits Display will be placed in Section 60, where the majority of the casualties killed in Iraq and Afghanistan are buried at Arlington, and will be on display until the cemetery closes on Monday, May 31. Visitors are welcome to come visit the display in Section 60.
- ❖ Price of Freedom Sculpture, May 29 - The Price of Freedom sculpture will be unveiled on Saturday, May 29 at 2 p.m. in the Visitors Center.
- ❖ Memorial Day Ceremony, Arlington Cemetery, The annual National Memorial Day Observance to honor America's fallen military service members is scheduled for Monday, May 31 in Memorial Amphitheater. Call the Visitors Center at 703-607-8000.

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](http://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.

Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard 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.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 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.

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. Blankenbecker, 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 Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

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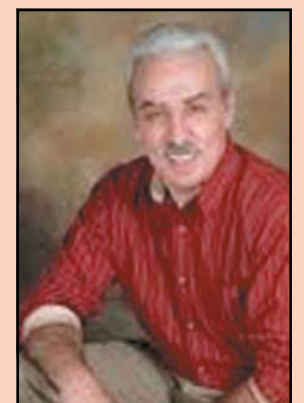
## Profile in Real Estate- Eddie Seymour

Eddie Seymour- Northern Virginia resident for over 50 years  
 Eddie Seymour has been a Northern Virginia resident since 1957, and a real estate agent since 1997, and also is a mortgage loan officer. He and a partner own a company called All In Properties that works with investors to buy homes at the foreclosure auctions, rehab those homes and resell them.  
 Mr. Seymour started his real estate career with Weichert and then in 2001 moved to Re/Max Premier.  
 In 2007, he realized that the market was changing and was quite impressed with Samson Realty and their business model of the 4.5 % listings. He joined Samson Properties in September of 2007 and has been there ever since.  
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Mr. Seymour grew up in Arlington County where he attended Wilson Elementary School and Stafford Jr. High. His family moved to Falls Church where he graduated

from JEB Stuart High School in 1970.  
 After attending college for a couple of years, Eddie decided to pursue a career in golf. He turned pro in 1975 and tried to qualify for the Pro Tour for several years. He then became a Golf Instructor and worked at his family's driving range at Northern Virginia Golf Center which was located at the corner of Braddock and Clifton roads in Clifton, working there for more than 25 years. At the urging of some his golf clients he obtained his real estate license in 1997. Realizing that being an agent required a tremendous amount of time and dedication Mr. Seymour retired from teaching golf a couple of years later.

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**Fourteen-year-old Michael Wallace with Team Rachel at Saturday's Relay for Life at Centreville High School. At far left are Rachel's dad, Jon D'Andrea, and on the right is his son, R.J. (Rachel's half-brother). Rachel and her mom, Rebecca, are currently at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York, where Rachel is receiving treatment.**

## Local Student Honored at Relay

### Rachel fund-raisers set.

**M**arion Rantis, coordinator of Centreville's Relay for Life, recognized Little Rocky Run's Michael Wallace, 14, (center) at the Fight Back ceremony during Saturday's relay at Centreville High.

Michael was honored for his efforts in organizing a carwash last year to support Rachel D'Andrea's family. Rachel is a Chantilly toddler battling neuroblastoma, and Michael was a Liberty Middle seventh-grader at the time.

During the carwash, Michael and a team of children from the community raised \$5,000 to help with the D'Andrea's medical bills. Meanwhile, Michael — who's now in eighth grade — continues to help the

D'Andrea family. It was his idea to start Team Rachel for this year's relay to show support for the D'Andrea family and raise community awareness of the event. He was able to get 35 students to participate and raised more than \$1,300 for the American Cancer Society.

He's also organized two more fund-raisers for Rachel, and both are slated for next weekend in the Colonnade at Union Mill shopping center, off Route 29 and Union Mill Road. On Saturday, June 5, from 4-8 p.m., he and other students will collect donations outside the Giant Foods store; on Sunday, June 6, from noon-4 p.m., students and parents will hold a carwash at the Shell station.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## 'Dinosaur from Planet X'

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freshman Matt Calvert. "I'm 175 million years old, but youthful," he said. "I wear a full dinosaur costume with a tail; it's green with sparkles. Aloysius is a really nice guy but, for all these years, he's been in a cage with people staring at him and taking his picture. All he wants to do is have a normal, dinosaur life back on earth where he's from, with his old, dinosaur friends."

Calvert's enjoying his role because it's so comical. "On earth, I'm on pig TV, hosting a game show, and I'm awkward and nervous, so there are a lot of funny bits. I'm an animal who's been isolated from society, so everything's new to me."

He said children will love the show because "there are lots of big, goofy characters and motions, plus choreographed bits like a swordfight with plungers and a wolf chasing a bunch of aliens."

Sophomore Kelsey Monk portrays a pig named Kielbasa. "She's very manly, angry and bitter," said Monk. "She wanted to run a frozen-yogurt stand, instead of a TV station. I love this part because it's so different from all the crazy, old women I've played. And I love the costume — it's adorable, shiny and pink, with snazzy ears."

With all the plot's craziness, she said, the show should be a big hit with audiences. "There are aliens, a dinosaur, talking pigs and game shows," said Monk. "And the audience members will get to interact with different members of the cast. Children's plays are great because, when the audience reacts, you can

see their faces. Children laugh and yell and get into the show as much as the actors, which is really fun."

Also playing a pig — named Hamhock — is sophomore Amanda Miesner. "I'm a girl and the aggressive, boss pig," she said. "I'm really frustrated when things don't go well, and I try to make everyone do what they're supposed to." Most challenging, said Miesner, is integrating pig noises into her performance, plus "trying to get the right physicality to portray a different species."

With children's shows, she said, "You can play over-the-top characters; there's no limit. The audience will like these huge characters and the play, itself, is funny, so it should go well."

Freshman Michael Hawthorne plays Merwin, the big bad wolf. "He thinks he's scary, but he's kind of pathetic," said Hawthorne. "All he really wants is to have a family. He's out of shape and can't blow down the house or capture the pigs or dinosaur. He's really a sweetheart and likes all the boys and girls in the audience."

Merwin has "lots of fun, physical stuff to do," said Hawthorne. "He's supposed to be scary to the other characters, but no one's afraid of him, except the aliens. As the wolf, I have a big voice and get to roar, but I ask the audience [for suggestions on] how to knock down the pigs' house. And I chase the space zoo rangers through the audience, which is also fun."

Overall, said Hawthorne, "Both kids and adults will be laughing a lot. And it has a relaxed, happy ending to a very energetic show."

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### ONGOING

#### Trinity Centre Farmer's Market —

The Trinity Centre Farmer's Market is located at 5875 Trinity Parkway Centreville. It will run May 7 - Oct. 29 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Come enjoy local produce from the finest farmers and specialty vendors in Virginia. Check out the website at [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

#### New Neighbors League Club of

Northern Virginia is looking for women who are new to the area, looking to reconnect, or just interested in meeting new people for fun and friendship. Attend one of its monthly coffees or luncheons, then join one of a number of clubs such as bridge, couples bridge, mah jong, gardening, quilting and stitching, bible study, bowling, bunco, Southern living dining, movie outings, cards or board games, couples mixers, book club, nursing home sing-a-longs, and many other activities. For more information visit [www.newneighborsvirginia.com](http://www.newneighborsvirginia.com)

### MAY 19 TO JUNE 23

#### Credit Smart Course. 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Free. A six-week course offered by the non-profit Our Daily Bread. Dinner and child care will be provided at each meeting. Spaces are limited. Call Our Daily Bread at 703-273-8829 or visit the web site, [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://www.our-daily-bread.org). At Chantilly High School, Room 253, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

### FRIDAY/MAY 28

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight.

Admission is \$15. With the band, JP McDermot and Western Bop. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

### MAY 28-30

#### "The Merchant of Venice." At

Westfield High School. Show times are May 28 and 29 at 8 p.m.; May 30 at 2 p.m. Admission is \$10 and seating is reserved. Buy tickets online at [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com) or at the door. The cast also features Adam Thomas, Meredith Freeman, Connor Scudder, Zoe Tippl, Max Ehrlich, Joey Biagini, Amanda D'Urso, John Walsh, Daniel Braunstein, Trevor Knickerbocker, Colby Dezelick, Andrew Oquendo, Nick Burroughs, Serene Peterson, Zach Nordwall, and Eric Mitchell, plus an ensemble of more than 20 students. Student musicians are Matthew Fries, Perry Cowdery, Taylor Aucott, Carey Jarosik, and Jenna Randall. The student production leaders are Phoebe Dillard (Stage Manager), and Kevin Clay and Elisabeth Bloxam (Assistant Stage Managers). Costume designer Maria Vetsch has created costumes that reflect Venetian fashion during the early 1800's. Also, English teacher Mike Greiner is the assistant director of the show as part of a co-curricular SOL initiative with Westfield's English Department. Visit [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com) or call 703-488-6430.

### SATURDAY/MAY 29

**Clifton Wine Festival.** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Some 20 different Virginia wineries will be on hand to showcase

their wines. The festival will include activities for the family including live music, arts and crafts, and gourmet cuisine from Virginia-made products. Paradise Springs, Clifton's newest winery, will unveil its wine bottled only a stone's throw from the Town. Other wineries include Gadino Cellars, Rebec Vineyards, Horton Vineyards, Fincastle Vineyard, Old House Vineyards, Loudoun Valley Vineyard, North Gate Vineyard, Cooper Vineyard, North Mountain Vineyard, Davis Valley Winery, Lake Anna Winery, Fabbioni Cellars, The Winery at LaGrange, Pearmund Cellars, Three Fox Vineyards, Kluge Estate Winery, Philip Carter Winery, Delfosse Vineyards, and Vino Curioso. To be held in the Historic Town of Clifton. Taster Tickets (21+ only) are \$22 before the event and \$25 at gate. Designated Driver Tickets (ages 16 and up) are \$12 before the event and \$15 at gate. Children (ages 5-15) are \$2 before the event and \$5 at the gate. Visit [www.cliftonwine.com](http://www.cliftonwine.com).

### JUNE 4, 5, 6

#### Quilters Unlimited 37th Annual

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### FRIDAY/JUNE 4

**Swing Dancing.** 9 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$15. With the band, The Fabulettes. Beginner swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. At the Hilton

Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 5

**Remembrance Cabaret for Reema.** 7 p.m. Free. Donations will benefit either the Reema J. Scholarship Memorial Fund and/or the Angel Fund. Westfield and Virginia tech students and alumni will be performing songs, dance and comedy skits. There will be a bake sale, a silent auction of artistic works, including visual arts, photography and musical CDs. At Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Call 703-402-5576, write [contactus@angelfundva.org](mailto:contactus@angelfundva.org)

#### DAR Meeting.

Lane's Mill Chapter of DAR. Ladies interested in learning more about DAR are welcome to attend. At Sully Government Center, Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Smith at [jsmithtot@aol.com](mailto:jsmithtot@aol.com).

#### Explore Life In Walney Pond.

10 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$10/family. Meet with a naturalist and explore the life in Walney Pond. . Identify tadpoles, dragonfly nymphs, water scorpions and other creatures we may catch. At E.C. Lawrence Park, 4050 Walney Road, Chantilly. . Call 703-631-0013 to register.

#### Study the Stars.

8 to 9:30 p.m. Come to the Constellation Campfire at Sully Woodlands. Learn about the constellations, the visible planets and meteors. Sample the world of science through the beauty of the night sky around a campfire. Come early and bring a picnic or roast hotdogs. Bring toasting sticks, blankets and a flashlight. S'mores will be provided. Reservations are required. The fee is \$5 per person. Call 703-817-9607 to register. Sully Woodlands is located in

the Cub Run Stream Valley behind Cub Run RECenter at 4630 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

### JUNE 5-6


**Rose Show.** Saturday, June 5 from 1-6 p.m.; Sunday, June 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Arlington Rose Foundation. Locally and nationally recognized rose exhibitors, growers, hybridizers and judges compete in over 50 categories of rose excellence. Novice, junior and photography categories are offered. Free admission. At Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Call 703-371-9351.

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**Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.** 90 concerts and performances on six stages, family programs, science and technology, history, carnival rides and fireworks. **Festival Hours:** Friday 6 p.m.-12 a.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-12 a.m., and Sunday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Visit [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com); 703-324-FAIR (3247).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 12

**Clifton Caboose 5K.** 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Clifton Betterment Association. Features two races: the 5K and one-mile fun run. Registration is \$24 for the 5K and \$18 for the one-mile. Participants can pick up their race packets and register prior to race day: Friday, June 11, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and on Race Day, Saturday, June 12, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Barn at 7139 Main St. Visit [www.cliftonva.org](http://www.cliftonva.org) or email Michelle Stein at [michellestein@cox.net](mailto:michellestein@cox.net).





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# SCHOOLS

**Colleen Knight**, 18, a graduating senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, was named a semifinalist in the 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Colleen is also a National Merit Scholar Finalist and received a NOVEC Scholarship for academics and community service. She won the Hope Award in the Girl Scouts for community service. She was also named Most Valuable Student in the Elks Foundation, a national contest. Colleen will be attending Princeton University in the fall where she will major in molecular biology. She is the daughter of Gail Gardner of Little Rocky Run in Clifton and Dennis Knight of Bristow.



**Colleen Knight**

**Young actors** in the Northern Virginia area can learn about the theatre arts at Young Actors' Workshop June 28 – July 2, from 9 a.m. to noon. This workshop is open to elementary school students in rising grades 3-6. Tuition is \$125 and classes will be held at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

Through word, movement and music, students will engage in individual and group activities that culminate in a shared experience between the actors and their audience.

Sponsored by Westfield Theatre Boosters and led by Herndon High School Theatre Director Zoë Dillard, Young Actors' Workshop teaches students basic acting, music and movement skills. Westfield Theatre students will serve as counselors in the camp.

Westfield Theatre Boosters is now accepting registrations for Young Actors' Workshop. For enrollment information about camp, visit the Westfield Theatre Boosters website at

[www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com), e-mail Patti Dezelick at [patti@dezelick.com](mailto:patti@dezelick.com), or leave a message in the Westfield Theatre Boosters' voice mailbox at 703-488-6439.

**Colin Powell Elementary and Liberty Middle School** won Wellness Awards for their efforts to promote wellness in school and in the community during the 2009-10 school year. The Wellness Awards are based on the wellness policy adopted by the Fairfax County School Board to promote student

health and contribute to reducing childhood obesity.

**Westfield High School** is hosting its annual Pyramid Art Show June 9 and 10 in the school gymnasium at Westfield High. This will feature Westfield High School's Portfolio level students' One Person Shows as well as the work of general art, computer graphics and photography students. The work of rising students will be displayed from Stone Middle School, Coates, Cub Run, Deer Park, Floris, London Towne, McNair, and Virginia Run Elementary Schools. The show is open to the public on the evening of June 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is free.

**On Thursday, June 10**, Bull Run Elementary is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from 6:30-8 p.m. If you attended BRES in its first decade, you are invited back to an evening of reunions that include a retrospective of the memorable plays and characters that graced the stage "Bull Run on Broadway", dedication of a new learning center, and featured guest speaker, Mr. Clements. RSVP to 703-227-1400. Bull Run Elementary is located at 15301 Lee Highway, Centreville.

**On Saturday, June 5**, Fairfax County Middle School principals will gather over 800 middle school boys and girls for their annual "Recognizing Your Potential" Leadership Conferences at George Mason University. Students have been nomi-

nated by their schools, and both girls and boys will hear guest speakers, attend career seminars, and take a tour of the campus. The guest speaker for the morning girls conference is Sarah Swanson, event coordinator for Civic Entertainment Group, LLC in New York, and the guest speaker for the afternoon boys conference will be Mr. Eric Konkel, men's assistant basketball coach at George Mason University. Adult volunteers from the Fairfax County business community, higher education, and Fairfax County Middle Schools will give of their time and effort for these special young adults.

**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Preschool** is currently accepting applications for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Parents and their preschool children are invited to attend the Preschool Parent-Child Information Session on Wednesday, June 2 at 10 a.m. Mrs. Ralston, 4-year-old preschool teacher, and Mrs. Sigg, Principal, will be available to provide information and answer questions regarding our three- and four-year-old preschool programs. Visit the website at [www.standrew-clifton.org](http://www.standrew-clifton.org) or call the school office at 703-817-1774.

**Westfield High School** will host the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Group AAA Spring Jubilee June 8-12. The Spring Jubilee will determine state AAA champions in baseball, softball, and boys' and girls' tennis, soccer, and lacrosse. Westfield High is located at 4700 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

Baseball and softball competitions will be held at Westfield High beginning with semifinals set for Friday, June 11, and finals scheduled for Saturday, June 12.

Tennis matches for boys and girls will be played at Jefferson District Park, 7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church, on Thursday, June 10; Friday, June 11; and Saturday, June 12.

Girls' and boys' soccer semifinals are scheduled for Friday, June 11, and finals will be held on Saturday, June 12. Boys' and girls' lacrosse semifinals are scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 (girls' semifinals), and Wednesday, June 9 (boys' semifinals). Finals are set for Saturday, June 12.

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# Westfield High, Behind Thorpe, Garners Concorde Baseball Title

Right-hander tosses shutout in 6-0 win over top-seeded Wildcats.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

In the season's biggest game thus far, Westfield High baseball pitching ace Danny Thorpe simply did what he has done effectively all season long on the mound — consistently hit his catcher's glove and put opposing batters behind in the count.

The end result was a brilliant complete game shutout by the right-hander and a 6-0 Westfield victory over Centreville High in the championship contest of the Concorde District tournament. The postseason affair took place at Chantilly High School this past Monday night, May 24.

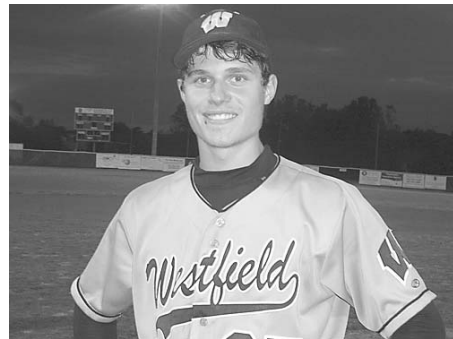
"Same thing as always — throw strikes," said Thorpe, of executing his game plan against the No. 1-seeded and regular season champion Centreville team. "When you throw to spots, strikeouts will come. And my defense helped me out."

The Westfield senior, who improved his record to a perfect 11-0 on the season, allowed just three hits, struck out five — all the strikeouts coming after the fourth inning — and walked one. He also hit a batter with a pitch. Centreville got runners as far as third base on four occasions but could never come up with that timely base hit to knock anyone home.

"Danny was very, very impressive," said Westfield head coach Chuck Welch, whose team entered the six-team district tournament as the No. 2 seed. "He's 11-0 and kind of did what he's been doing all year. His ERA [of 1.20] is dominant."

"What Danny does best is compete," said Welch. "And one thing we've been doing very well is we've played great defense behind Danny all year long."

Monday was no exception as Westfield committed no defensive errors in the field.



Westfield pitcher Danny Thorpe



Aaron Scoville blasted a three-run home run in the Bulldogs' title game win.

The Bulldogs' best defensive play of the night came in the bottom of the third inning when first baseman Aaron Hoover made a diving snag of a groundball off the bat of David Delorimier before making an underhand toss to Thorpe covering the bag at first for the nifty put-out.

Centreville head coach Morgan Spencer, whose team, following a first round tournament bye, had beaten No. 5 Robinson, 8-2, in a semifinals round game on Friday, May 21 to make it to the championship game, credited Thorpe with pitching a gem against his team.

"Their kid pitched well," said Spencer. "He doesn't throw anything straight and he's tough to hit. He's a good player. "We just didn't get it done at the plate on offense tonight."



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Westfield High baseball players receive their district championship medals during postgame ceremonies following the Bulldogs' finals win over Centreville Monday night at Chantilly High School. The players here are, from left, Nathan Colonna, Hayden Ferington, Justin Simpson and Wade Arduini.

Thorpe allowed three hits — an infield single to Mark McCormick to lead off the bottom of the first, a pop fly single into left field off the best of Centreville's Kevin LaChance to lead off the third and a seventh inning, one-out opposite field double down the right field line by Chris Mandell. His best inning came in the sixth when he struck out the side in order, getting the Wildcats' No. 2, 3 and four batters. Thorpe, in the seventh, got the game's final out on a strikeout.

**WHILE WESTFIELD** was truly outstanding both on the mound and in the field, the Bulldogs (17-4) also put together enough offensive firepower to give Thorpe plenty of run support. Westfield had seven base hits in the game, all of them coming in the third and fourth innings combined when the Bulldogs scored all of their runs — two in the third and four in the fourth.

In the top of the third, Westfield knocked around three doubles — the two-baggers coming from leadoff hitter Kevin Corwin (2 hits), clean-up hitting catcher Hayden Ferington and senior second baseman Nathan Colonna. Ferington's extra base hit, a line drive pulled down the left field line, plated a

pair of runs to give Westfield a 2-0 lead.

The following inning saw Austin Redman start things off with a flair single down the right field line. Following a sacrifice bunt by No. 9 batter Danny Bulas, Centreville starting pitcher JT Hampel (3-1/3 innings, 4 hits, 2 strikeouts) was taken out of the game for southpaw reliever Connor Bach (3-2/3, 3 hits, 1 K), who would pitch the remainder of the game for the Wildcats.

Westfield greeted the talented Bach with three consecutive hits — singles from Corwin (RBI) and Hoover, followed by a towering three-run home run over the left center field fence by No. 3 Westfield hitter Aaron Scoville to make the score 6-0. Bach would retire 10 of the next 11 batters he faced thereafter, but the damage had been done.

"He was throwing me good curve balls and I was fouling them off," said Scoville, of his home run at-bat. "Finally, he hung one and I put a good swing on it. It felt good off the bat."

Both Westfield and Centreville (15-6) will host first round Northern Region playoff games this Friday night. Westfield will take on W.T. Woodson and Centreville will be playing South County. Both games are set to begin at 7.

## CENTREVILLE HIGH SPORTS NOTES

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**Varsity Men's Soccer:** Congratulations to the following players for being selected to the 2010 All-Concorde District teams. 1st Team: Calder Street (MF), Pat Luke (MF), Adam Garrity (D); 2nd Team: Jake Straub (D), Tyler Lawrence (M), Mike Froom (G), Connor Coward (F).

**Varsity Boys Lacrosse:** Congratulations to the following players who were chosen for the 2010

Concorde All-District Teams: 1st Team: sophomore Zach Sikora - Midfield; 2nd Team: sophomore Chase Walter - Midfield; senior Steven Blaney - Goalie; Honorable Mention: junior Greg Eubanks - Long Stick Midfield; senior Jordan Lilly - Attack.

Also, congratulations to Oliver Small, the head JV boys' lacrosse coach and assistant varsity coach who was recently named Concorde District Assistant Coach of the Year. CVHS also earned the Boys Lacrosse Sportsmanship Award for the 2009-2010 season.

**Varsity Girls Lacrosse:** Congratulations to the following athletes, named to the 2010 All-Northern Region Teams: 1st Team All Region - senior Rachel Behne, defense; Honorable Mention All Region - sophomore Hayley Anderson, Midfield.

Further Congratulations to the following players

for being selected to the 2010 All-Concorde District Teams: 1st Team: Hayley Anderson (MF), Rachel Behne (D); 2nd Team: Solange Duong (F), Maggie Dulkerian (F), Flo Duong (MF), Molly Donovan (D), Mackenzie Johnson (D), Carolyn Macek (GK); Honorable Mention: Emily Bollman (MF), Katrina Wright (F), Jessie Dagata (F).

**Wildcats' Softball:** Congratulations to the following softball players for being selected to the 2010 All-Concorde District Teams: 1st Team: Courtney Burke (P), Katie Sokol (1B), Cara Donovan (OF), Alexis Murdock (At large); 2nd Team: Karen Johnson (C), Haley Holmes (2B), Kara Love (SS).

**Baseball News:** Congratulations to the following baseball players who were named for the 2010 All-Concorde District Awards - 1st Team: Cam Walter-1B, Ryan Ashooh-P, Andy Viands-2B, Mark

McCormick-UT, Connor Bach-OF; 2nd Team: Chris Campbell-SS, David DeLorimier-OF, Chris Simpson-OF; Honorable Mention: Chris Mandell-C, Leo Montoya-DH.

Concorde District Player of the Year: Cam Walter; Concorde District Pitcher of the Year: Ryan Ashooh; Baseball Operations Director of the Year: Chris Barron; Concorde District Coach of the Year: Head Coach Morgan Spencer.

Finally, congratulations to the varsity baseball team for finishing the regular season with a record of 14-5 (8-2 in the Concorde District). Centreville won the regular season for the first team in school history and was runner-up in the district tournament.

— KAREN FULKERSON





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The first lap of the relay is the "Survivor's Lap." Cancer survivors and those battling cancer are invited to take the first lap around the course. They provide inspiration for all the teams to "get their relay on." Here, they are cheered on by the "Super Cool Kids!", a team of 54 with 42 members under the age of 12.

# Relay Raises \$100,000

In the battle against cancer, "Happy Birthday is a Victory Song." On Saturday, May 22, Centreville High School hosted the 2010 Relay for Life, a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. More than 500 participants in 35 teams committed to walk through the night, "because cancer doesn't sleep." The effort raised \$100,000.

**Gail Roman of Clifton, Meryl Bisaga and Sarah Shea of Centreville. Three of the four cancer survivors on Team Touchdown Club.**



Members of Team "Touchdown Club," all football players at Centreville High School: back row, from left, Brian Snow, Matt Seabrook Matt Walen; middle row, from left: Vinny Santoni, Nick Ziegler, Brendan Willis; front row from left, Stephen Fairbrother and Stephen Pugh.

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# Even In Affluent Suburbs, Concerns

**Studies in Maryland and Virginia point to large number of children with weight problems.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**W**est Springfield High School's varsity distance running women's team is what they refer to as "soda sober."

They have an informal pact not to drink soda when they are in season, which is pretty much all year round, since most run cross county in the fall, indoor track in the winter and outdoor track in the spring.

Abstaining since she was a freshman, high school senior Alex Watt doesn't even enjoy drinking soda any more.

"Drinking a can of Sprite is gross now. It's way too sweet and you can feel it between your teeth," she said one after at track practice.

"I feel bad for waiters at restaurants. We all just order water with our food. They get less tip," said Watt.

The girls also exercise more than the average teenagers, running five to six miles most days. To do that, they have to pay close attention to when and when they eat, said the student athletes.

"You have to know the right time to eat and you can't eat too much junk," said junior Marlena Allen.

But the runners said most other teenagers at West Springfield do not necessarily pay attention to what they put in their bodies. Even other athletes are not necessarily as careful.

"People just walk into the lunch line and pick up whatever they see," said freshman Maddie Whittick.

**THE TRACK** team appears to be the exception to the rule as Washington D.C.'s suburbs continue to struggle with a growing population of people who are obese or overweight.

Experts say there are no comprehensive local studies about children who are overweight or obese but the small amount of information available about children is troubling.

The Virginia Foundation for Health Youth, formerly the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation, released a survey last month that indicated 20 percent of children ages 10 to 17 years old in the commonwealth's

"northern region" are considered overweight or obese.

A 2007 survey, sponsored by Inova Health Systems through the Northern Virginia Health Kids Coalition, also looked at children ages two-to-18 years old and found even more dramatic results.

According to the Inova survey, 40 percent of children in the City of Alexandria and 25 percent of children in Arlington and Fairfax counties were either overweight or at-risk for being overweight.

The study also concluded almost 70 percent of children in Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax did not eat enough fruits and vegetables.

Thirty percent of children in Alexandria, 35 percent of children in Arlington and 50 percent of children in Fairfax do not get enough exercise. Fifty percent of Alexandria children and 40 percent of Fairfax children spent four or more hours per day in front of a television or computer screen.

In most cases, parents of overweight children in Northern Virginia do not recognize the problem.

According to the study, only a quarter of those with children who are overweight thought that their child had a weight problem. And only 21 percent of children surveyed who were overweight were actively

trying to drop pounds.

Though the Inova survey and the more recent one conducted statewide are informative, George Mason University professor Lisa Pawloski said there is a need for more comprehensive data. Most of the information included in these previous surveys was either self-reported or given by a family member.

"I would like to see a follow up where health professionals go out and actual take information. In self reports, people tend to underestimate their weight," said Pawloski,

## Northern Virginia Health Facts

The following are the results of a study commissioned by the Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition, an initiative supported in large part by the Inova Health System Foundation. The survey was conducted in 2007 and information was self-reported by the families of children two-to-18 years old.

- over 100,000 children in Northern Virginia are overweight or at risk of becoming overweight.
- 286,000 Northern Virginia children do not eat enough fruits and vegetables
- 227,000 do not engage in vigorous or moderate exercise on a daily basis
- 232,000 spend four or more hours per day in front of the television or a computer screen
- only 24.6 percent of parents of overweight children perceive their child as being overweight



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# about Childhood Obesity

who works on issues of global obesity as a nutrition and anthropology expert.

**THOUGH THE WASHINGTON** suburbs have higher than acceptable obesity rates; suburban communities in general have lower percentages of overweight children.

According to Pawloski, minority populations, particularly African Americans, and low-income residents are at higher risk for being obese or overweight.

“We see the most extreme levels of obesity in Alexandria, which is consistent with greater rates of obesity in urban areas. There are definitely lower rates of obesity in wealthier counties,” she said.

But parents in affluent suburban communities should still be on alert and looking for warning signs for obesity, said Pawloski.

In fact, studies show that wealthy, educated residents in the suburbs often struggle more with weight than their counterparts living in urban environments, said the professor.

“Suburbia can contribute to obesity because you walk less. It is difficult to use walking as a mode of transportation in some areas and people actually look at you strange if they see you out walking home from the grocery store. They ask you if you need a ride or something,” said Pawloski.

The large percentage of immigrants living in Northern Virginia and Montgomery County could also have an effect on rates of childhood obesity. Studies show that the children of immigrants in other parts of the country — including those who are Latino, Korean and Vietnamese — are at greater risk for developing a weight problem, said Pawloski.

“The first generation that comes to this country tends to be much healthier than your average American. But the children start to eat like Americans because they want to assimilate,” she said.

“The large number of immigrants and wide range of places they come from is going to make it much more complex to determine the factors that influence obesity and how to address it,” said Pawloski.

**IF A PARENT** is concerned about their own child’s weight, their first move should be to take that child to the pediatrician to see if there is a problem, according to experts.

Once a doctor determines a child should lose weight, it is often best to consult an expert, like a registered dietician, about how to address the weight problem.

Kathy Glaser, a registered dietician located in Falls Church, usually starts with trying to get the child to become more ac-

tive, rather than adjust their diet.

“I stress physical activity and exercise. I try to get kids to ride their bike or join a sports team. Kids are not as active as they used to be because of video games and the computer and texting,” said Glaser, who works with younger clients.

Glaser might also recommend a small change in the family and child’s eating habits, such as cutting out soda and other sugary drinks from the diet.

“Many children can see a big difference without having to radically change their diet. It is also probably better for the family to make the changes together and not just for the child,” said Glaser.

Ann Gerber, a Bethesda dietician that also works with children, warns that parents want to be careful not to micromanage what their child is eating.

“It is the parent’s responsibility to provide a healthy meal but not to decide how much of that healthy meal the child should eat. Normally, it should be the child’s responsibility to determine how much of that healthy food they want,” said Gerber.

Gerber also said parents should not force a child to eat everything on their plate. Most children need to learn to pay attention to their internal hunger regulator, which tells them when they are full and should not eat



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**Experts say children and teens should maintain an active lifestyle to prevent gaining weight.**

any more food.

The dietician also recommends that parents not try to force their children to eat vegetables. Instead, the parents should keep offering or recommending the child eat healthy food.

“Be patient and keep exposing your children to them. Some kids have to be offered a vegetable 60 times before they will try it,” said Gerber.

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# What Could Be In A Name



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I want to put the cart before the horse, but I have taken notice recently of public things identified with names of previously deceased private-type people: highways, bridges, overpasses, schools, etc. Unlike the commercialization and common revenue-generating naming rights of professional and collegiate sports Arenas, Stadiums, Centers and Fields, these properly-named, public-type Works projects don't generate revenue like FedEx Field, The Verizon Center or Chevy Chase Bank Field at Byrd Stadium do. However, since I don't know many of the names I've seen signed and "plaqued," I'm guessing they are being so honored based on merit and/or their meritorious service. Now whether Gloria Spellman or Bishop Melvin R. Peebles, as but two examples, had any real connection to the roads that bear their names, I do not know. Perhaps these naming rights/dedications were compensation, so to speak, for past wrongs. Or perhaps, the business of municipal politics does not get done/agreed to without the benefit/inclusion of honoring the individuals so named - for the good of the community. Not being involved in the political process, other than as a regular voter, I am clueless as to the process and/or steps necessary to propose, budget, agree, secure financing, award and sign contracts, and ultimately break ground and actually see the project through to its final construction/ceremonial grand-type opening. I would imagine though, that the "greater good" is often not quite "good" enough.

Nevertheless, seeing names on more things than I can remember seeing previously got me thinking (I know, always dangerous). Given my rather precarious health predicament/prognosis, would it be presumptuous on my part to be thinking about my name potentially appearing on something (other than my headstone/marker) after the sun goes down for that final time? Do average people like me, ones that are not politically/socially/spiritually/commercially connected, ever get their names considered for such posterity-defining placement? Not that I'm maneuvering for such recognition, but if the momentum is in the finished projects needing a name/being named, then isn't my name as good as any other?

Most of the ordinary-sounding names (not political, not military; not famous) I see associated with these Public Works projects seem unfamiliar to me, totally unknown, so their presumptive pursuits, accomplishments, sacrifices, etc., while they were alive which earned them the posthumous honor bestowed on their family name could just as easily/similarly be bestowed on my family's name, couldn't it? I don't know what the two Troopers "plaqued" (on two overpasses on Interstate 95 in Virginia) did to have their names so honored any more than their families would know why my name was affixed to some municipal project. Nevertheless, names are appearing and attached to all sorts of completed Public Works.

Granted, I wouldn't want to be associated/named with a Sewage Treatment Plant or a Waste Disposal Facility, but perhaps my family wouldn't have a choice. Perhaps the powers that be, for whatever reason, would see honor in connecting Lourie with The Shady Grove Transfer Station (see waste disposal in Montgomery County). But if the "greater good" would be served then let me state for the record, unequivocally, I'm all for it. As much as my columns have been about me, I haven't mattered nearly as much as the subjects written about have mattered. I've merely been the voice of semi reason. It's helped me to write them. I hope it's helped others to read them. Thanks for your time.

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**OBITUARY**

**Frederick Andrew Brown**



92, a decorated Naval Officer, died of cardiac arrest March 15, 2010 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia. He was an Alexandria resident.

Mr. Brown was a career officer working in the Navy Intelligence Department specializing in Russian.

After retiring from the military in 1968 he worked at the Library of Congress and then with the Defense Department until 1987. He was honored with the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, along with many other achievement awards.

Mr. Brown was born May 28, 1917 in Marinette, Wisconsin. Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri. From 1939-1943 and 1945-1951 Mr. Brown worked at the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company in East St. Louis as a chemist.

At the outbreak of World War II he attended Cornell University receiving his officer's commission.

From 1943-1945 he served aboard the destroyer USS Nicholson in the Pacific. The Nicholson earned four battle stars; seeing action during the Philippines Sea, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

Mr. Brown received a handwritten letter from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy commending him on his article "U.S. Navy Weather Stations in Siberia", in the Naval Institute Proceedings (July 1962).

While serving in the Navy, Mr. Brown was stationed in Naples, Italy; Tokyo, Japan; London, England and Washington, D.C. He also taught Naval Science, machinery and navigation at Ole Miss University. After his retirement from the Defense Department he taught English at the Adult Education Program in Fairfax County.

Mr. Brown enjoyed traveling, coin collecting and spoke five languages, Russian being his specialty. He had been researching and writing a book on the life of Alexandra Feodorovna Romanova, the last Tsarina of Russia. He was a Third Free Mason and a life long member of the Arcadia Fraternity.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frances V. Brown of Alexandria, Virginia; three sons, Frederick Vincent Brown (Jean) of Water Valley, Mississippi, Thomas Richard Brown (Sue) of Honolulu, Hawaii, Walter Christian Brown (Marsha) of Wausau, Wisconsin; two daughters, JoAnn Brown (Alfriend) of Falls Church, Virginia and Nancy Jane Williams (Ed) of Oak Hill, Virginia; three brothers, George E. Brown of Brownsboro, Alabama; Richard Brown of Sebastopol, California, and William Brown of Fallsbrook, California; a sister, Louise Wolfe preceded him. He was Grandfather of 11, Great Grandfather of 17 and Great-Great Grandfather of one.

Funeral service at Ft. Myer's Old Post Chapel on Wednesday, June 16 at 9am where interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

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