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And they're off! Runners hit the pavement in last week's 20th annual Virginia Run Turkey Trot.

Record Turnout for Turkey Trot

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

The 20th annual Virginia Run Turkey Trot 5K race and 2K fun walk is now history, and this year's event was a record-setter. "We had almost 2,800 runners, alone," said event Chairman Dominic DeVincenzo. "That's more than 400 more than we've ever had." Adding in the approximately 850 people who walked, that's about 3,650 participants total.

"It turned out even greater than I ever expected," he said. "And we were able to handle the crowd really well."

Proceeds benefit Life with Cancer, Inova Health System's nonprofit program for cancer patients

and their families. And with the money from last week's Thanksgiving-morning race, the event will have raised more than \$500,000 for Life with Cancer, over the past two decades.

This year's race was run in honor of Virginia Run resident Judy Jacobson, who succumbed to breast cancer, Jan. 20, at age 52. And DeVincenzo is thrilled that it was so successful.

"The numbers are just gigantic," he said. "I'm hoping to exceed my goal of raising \$55,000, and I think I will."

First-place finisher overall in the 5K was Matt Kroetch, 20, of Herndon, with a time of 15:29, followed by Aaron Church of South Riding, Kevin McHale of Burke, Mark Hogan of Clifton and Ryan

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Trying To Help Local Immigrants

Forum sees jobs and ESL classes as answers.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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At the end of their last meeting, members of the Centreville Immigration Forum compiled a list of ways they could help immigrants in the local community. At their Nov. 18 meeting, they added to it and discussed their next moves.

"When we have food-pantry day, I could survey people to find out if they need jobs," said Hilda Rexach of Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM). She also suggested Barb Shaiko of Centreville United Methodist Church (CUMC) do likewise during her church's Grace Ministries program, which furnishes food and clothing to those in need.

Alice Foltz of Wellspring United Church of Christ said her church wants to hire a Spanish-speaking person to stand on the corner outside Centreville Regional Library, where day laborers gather for jobs, and distribute information about English classes available to them.

"A volunteer asked them if they wanted to learn English, and they all said yes," said Foltz. "But it's difficult to take classes if you're outside waiting for a job." Noting

that, one morning, of 40 hopefuls, only a few were hired, she said, "We also need to find out if there are families in crisis so we could refer them [to organizations which could provide help]."

For instance, Shaiko said various groups could help families whose gas or electricity is turned off for nonpayment, "but it's hard when they don't speak the language [or] are afraid to go to the government for help."

WELLSPRING'S Mike Morse suggested the group put together a packet or booklet with information needed by immigrants, all in one place, and hand it out. "It would list all types of resources and give information about hooking up with advocacy people and getting other kinds of help," he said.

"A dream of mine is to have a hotline people could call if, for example, they get evicted or their power is turned off," added Foltz. "To me, that would be helpful, but

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PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS
Esteban Garces

More Families Seek Our Neighbor's Child's Help

Local need deepens as December begins.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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December is here, along with more requests than ever for holiday help from Our Neighbor's Child.

Each year, this nonprofit group of local residents provides new toys and clothing for families in need in Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton and west of Fair Oaks mall. But this

time – with the economy in a freefall and more people facing dire straits — ONC's task is even tougher.

"We have over 700 families now and are thinking we'll hit 800," said ONC Executive Director Kelly Lavin on Monday. "I got 97 more families last Tuesday [Nov. 25]."

The referrals come from Fairfax County social workers and school guidance counselors. And often, it's difficult for ONC vol-

unteers to reach these parents to find out the presents they'd like for their children. Lavin said that was the case with 70 of the newly added families, but they'll eventually succeed. And, she said, "Figuring they have three children each, that's 210 children who aren't yet on the giving trees — but who'll need gifts, too."

Volunteer Kathy Sposa has made hundreds of these calls, and the details of the families' circumstances have touched her heart. Four families, alone, were living out

of their cars.

"One of them was a disabled woman and her 16-year-old son," said Sposa. "She asked for a bike for him so he could possibly get a job, and a bike rack to carry it [on the car]. And because of her disability, he's homeschooled, so she wanted some algebra and geometry books so he could study. It was just heartbreaking, but I was able to find people to help them with the books."

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ROUNDUPS

Men Charged with Thefts

Fairfax County police charged four men from Maryland with stealing items from a store at Fair Oaks Mall. On Nov. 19, around 3:15 p.m., an employee of the Apple store alerted a police officer that two men just stole items from that business.

The employee followed them as they left the mall in a car. And the officer tried to stop the car outside the mall, but the driver and its occupants fled. Officers pursued the car for several miles until it stopped on Wakefield Chapel Road, just prior to Braddock Road. All four men were taken into custody and transported to the Adult Detention Center. The driver, Victor Jackson, 37, of 5657 Sergeant Road in Hyattsville, was charged with speeding to elude, grand larceny and grand larceny with the intent to sell.

Edwen M. Primrose, 27, of 6408 L St. in Capitol Heights, and Corey E. Tilghman, 28, of 1002 Cypress Tree Drive in Capitol Heights, were each charged with grand larceny and grand larceny with the intent to sell. Anthony W. Cruso, 36, of 8505 Greenbelt Road in Greenbelt, was charged with grand larceny.

Grand Jury Indicts Three

A Fairfax County grand jury Nov. 17 indicted three people for crimes in the local area. They are Elias Rush, Kevin Zuiker and Boris Salmeron.

❖ Elias Luqman Rush, 22, of 12230 Apple Orchard Court in Fair Oaks, is accused of being involved in the July 2, 2007 theft of three, 42-inch, Sony flat-screen televisions from the fitness center of the Marriott Hotel in Fair Oaks. He was arrested Aug. 31, 2007 and charged him with one count each of grand larceny and attempted burglary. Only the grand larceny was sent to the grand jury, and that case will now head to Circuit Court for trial or plea. A date was not set at press time.

❖ On May 5, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office arrested Kevin Zuiker, 20, of 14704 Baugher Drive in Centreville's Country Club Manor community. He was charged with driving while under the influence of drugs and possession with intent to distribute a schedule IV drug (Xanax). Police say a search of his person incident to his arrest for the driving offense allegedly yielded some 1,300 pills and \$515 cash. Following his indictment, he's now slated to enter a plea, Dec. 30, in Circuit Court.

❖ Fairfax County police believe Centreville's Boris Nelson Salmeron robbed a 24-year-old Chantilly woman, Aug. 17, at 2:49 a.m., outside a bank in the 14200 block of Centreville Road in Chantilly. Authorities said she'd used an ATM card inside the bank lobby and, when she left, Salmeron allegedly approached her and demanded money. Police said he reportedly grabbed her, knocked her to the ground and took her cash. Salmeron, 23, of 14452 Rustling Leaves Lane in The Meadows community, is scheduled to enter a plea, Dec. 10, in Circuit Court.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Dec. 4 and 11, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900, in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Cuccinelli Qualifies for Ballot

Sen. Ken Cuccinelli's (R-37th) campaign for attorney general qualified for the May 30, 2009, Republican Convention. According to Republican Party officials, Cuccinelli submitted more than 20,000 signatures to the Republican Party of Virginia on Monday. This was more than any other candidate for statewide office and nearly twice as many signatures as the other candidates for attorney general. The filing requirement was 4,000 signatures. The petitions will be certified Dec. 5 by the Republican State Central Committee.

NEWS



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/CENTRE VIEW

Performing last year at Clifton Presbyterian Church are Chantilly High School's Elite Singers (front row): Christina Smillie, Leah Van Blaricon, Christina Kruger, Bethany Kroese and Lani Kroese. (Back row): David Harsh, Chris Smith and Anicka Pathammavong.

Christmas in Clifton

Holiday homes tour, carolers and horses on parade.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Get ready for some holiday magic — Clifton-style. The Historic Clifton Candlelight Tour will take place this Saturday, Dec. 6, in downtown Clifton. Co-chairing the seventh-annual event are Jennifer Chesley and Lynne Garvey.

"This has always been one of my favorite town

traditions," said Chesley. "Every year I walk around I hear the ooohs and aaahs, and the positive comments. It gives me a great feeling."

It all begins Saturday from 2-3 p.m. with the Caroling on Horseback Parade along Main Street followed by costume judging, cookies and caroling at King Field on Chapel Street.

From 4:30-7 p.m., five festively decorated homes

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Welcoming the Holidays with Music

Chantilly High School to present two holiday extravaganzas.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

As the holidays near, Chantilly High catches the Christmas spirit, presenting two holiday extravaganzas for the community's enjoyment.

"Next week is our annual week of holiday shows, starting with four presentations of the Tiny Tots Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 10," said Chantilly Choral Director Glenn Cockrell. "It's a condensed version of our Holiday Spectacular, designed for young children, and most of the audience members are in preschool."

This show features more than 300 students in Chantilly's band, chorus, orchestra and theater programs. "There are lots of holiday favorites, including Charlie Brown, plus a [shortened] performance of 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas,'" said Cockrell. "We always have a Disney-themed medley; this year's will feature 'Aladdin.' And of course, Santa always makes an appearance."

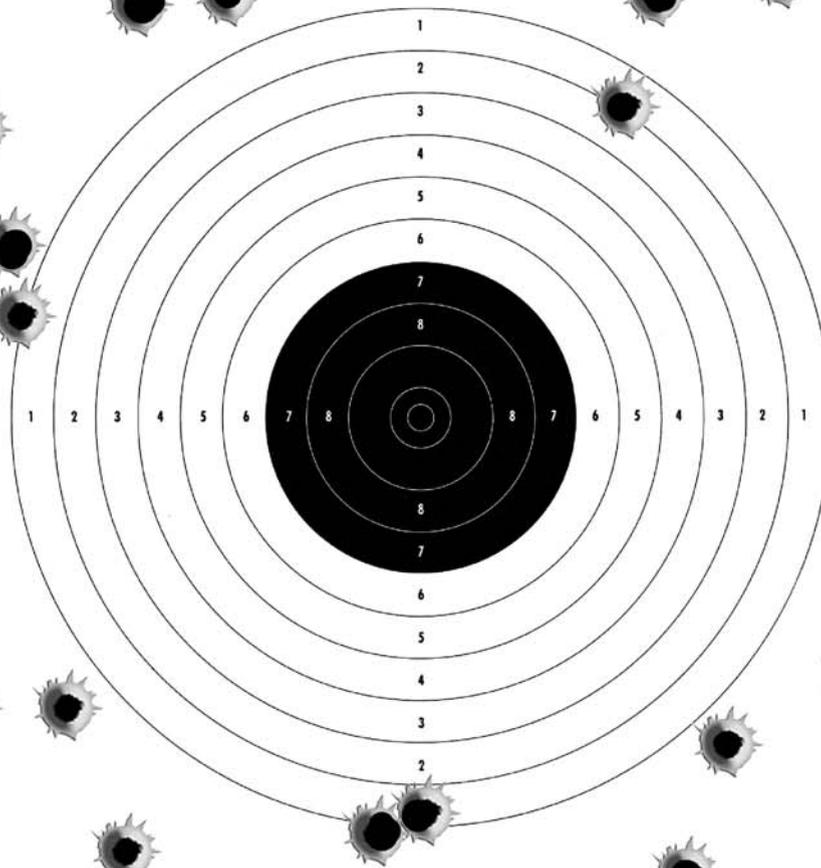
Tickets are still available for the 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. shows. Cost is \$5; contact Lynn Lull at 703-786-1126 or

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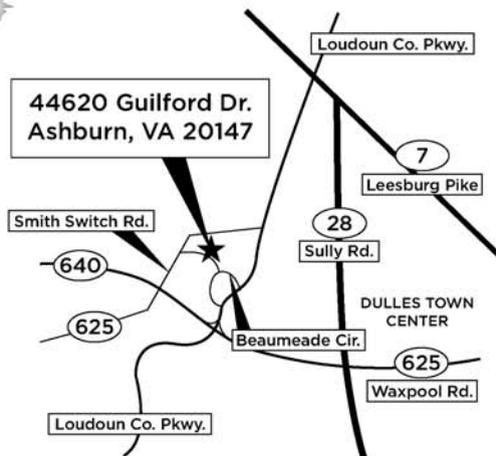
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Chantilly High Choral Director Glenn Cockrell narrates "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas" during last year's event.



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ONC Needs Community's Help

FROM PAGE 1

Sposa reached another woman at the hospital. "She lost her job because she was sick, she'd had stomach surgery the day before, but was being released because she had no health insurance," said Sposa. "And she was leaving the hospital to go home and be evicted because she could no longer pay for her apartment."

Trouble is, she has no money to move and she keeps her five, young grandchildren. Said Sposa: "She only asked for one gift for all of them — a stationary bike they could pedal and play a video/learning game on TV."

Sposa's also talked with one family that has nine children and several families who have eight each. "This year, I'm really praying that we'll get enough gifts," she said. "It's the closest I've ever come to worrying that we won't be able to do it, because of the large number of families. But we just keep plugging away."

She said another mother she spoke with has children ages 14, 12 and 10 — and they're all living temporarily at the Hanley Family Shelter. "We have several families there," said Sposa. "So it's not just families living in homes who are struggling; these people are really struggling. Some don't even know where they'll be on gift-delivery day, so we say, 'Keep your cell phone on and we'll meet you.'"

THAT'S WHY Our Neighbor's Child is hoping it can count on the community to be as generous as it's been in past years. Some 5,000 flyers were distributed this week to homes in the Stone Middle School attendance area — Country Club Manor, Sully Station I and II, Virginia Run, London Towne, etc. They're asking for donations of new toys, books or games, or new or like-new clothing for babies to teens.

Then this Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Stone students will pick up these items from residents' porches. Donations may also be brought to the school after 2 p.m., or e-mail fiala5@cox.net. And, of course, residents living anywhere in the local area are welcome to contribute.

Another way people may help is by going to any of the ONC giving-tree locations (see list below), pull-



ONC Giving Tree Coordinator Chris Hobbs and daughters (from left) Avery and Chase enjoy helping Our Neighbor's Child each year.

To Help

- ❖ Volunteers are needed to help pick up, package and deliver each family's gifts, plus bake some of the thousands of cookies that will be distributed to the recipients.
- ❖ Pick up gifts from churches, businesses, etc. Contact Chris Hobbs at hobbsfamily@cox.net.
- ❖ To help bake cookies, contact Pam Ryan at pamelagryan@aol.com.
- ❖ Packaging day is Thursday, Dec. 18, from 9 a.m.-3 or 4 p.m. Contact Kathy Sposa at sposafamily@aol.com.
- ❖ Delivery day is Sunday, Dec. 21, from 1-4 p.m. Contact Lucy Richter at relest8lucy@aol.com.
- ❖ For monetary contributions, send checks payable to Our Neighbor's Child to P.O. Box 276, Centreville, VA 20120 or contact Karen Moore at kk1mo@aol.com.

ing some gift-tag ornaments off the trees, buying these items and returning them to the giving trees where they got the ornaments.

In addition, a giving tree with ornaments containing children's holiday wishes will be in the Fair Lakes Wal-Mart through mid-December. And this Saturday, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., ONC volunteers will be outside the store beside a big box where shoppers may place the gifts they're donating.

Despite the hard work and seemingly insurmountable odds, Lavin and her ONC volunteers wouldn't dream of stopping. "How could we?" she asked. "It needs to be done and somebody's got to do it."

Giving Tree Locations

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14640 Soucy Place, Centreville ❖ Centreville Baptist Church
15100 Lee Highway, Centreville ❖ Centreville Presbyterian Church
Route 29, Centreville ❖ Centreville United Methodist
New Braddock Road and Route 28, Centreville ❖ Christ Presbyterian Church
12410 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy., Fairfax ❖ St. John's Episcopal Church
5679 Mt. Gilead Road, Centreville, ❖ Church of the Epiphany
3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon ❖ King of Kings Lutheran Church
4025 Kings Way, Fairfax ❖ Clifton Presbyterian Pre-School
12744 Richards Lane, Clifton ❖ Sully Station's Children's Center
5801 Stone Creek Drive, Centreville ❖ South Riding Children's Center
25400 South Riding Blvd., Chantilly | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ McNair Farms Children's Center
2487 McNair Farms Drive, Herndon ❖ Winwood Children's Center
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14428 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly ❖ Westfield's Play & Learn
14225 Newbrook Drive, Chantilly ❖ Minnieland at Centreville Square II
60001 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville ❖ Minnieland at Compton Village
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Kaylie is a graduate of Notre Dame Academy. She earned her bachelor's in communication from Virginia Tech.

Adam is a graduate of Bolton High School and is attending Virginia Tech. A Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, he will receive his commission in 2010.

A garden wedding in Leesburg is planned for May 2009.



Kaylie Brannan and Adam Groenhout



Father Ryan Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus councils 10947 and 12963 conducted their annual Father Ryan Memorial Thanksgiving Food Drive for less fortunate families living in the area on Nov. 22-23. With the help of family and friends, and the generosity of fellow parishioners, the brother knights collected 258 meals, 209 turkeys, 10 boxes of miscellaneous food items, and \$1,027. The food and monetary donations were distributed to families in the area, which included St. Andrew the Apostle School in Clifton, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries in Chantilly, and Securing Emergency Re-

sources through Volunteer Efforts (SERVE) in Manassas.

A special thanks to those who contributed to this year's food drive, especially K. Neal Idealease of Lorton, for donating a freezer truck to store and transport the meals; Shoppers Food Warehouse for the pie donation; McCabe's Minuteman Press of Fairfax for donating boxes, flyers, and printing supplies; and the Wulf Pak Rydz of Northern Virginia for boxing meals and purchasing needed food items. Special thanks also to PGK Al Grimmig and all of the brother knights, their families, and friends for volunteering to support the food drive.

Mark Your Calendars

The Alliance Theatre will hold auditions for "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon on Dec. 10, 11, 15, and 16 from 7:30-10 p.m. at Mountain View School, 5775 Spindle Court, Centreville. Rehearsals are held in the evenings. Character ages are one man and one woman who can play 47. Ages 2-6 actors. Two waiters or waitresses. One younger woman 20s-30s. Readings from the script. Mountain View School, Spindle Court, Centreville. Produced by Elaine Wilson and directed by Kevin Robertson. The show will be held Feb. 6-7 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 13-14 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 8 and 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$8/students and seniors at the door and the web site.

www.thealliancetheatre.org.

The Alliance Theatre and Westfield Theatre Boosters is presenting "A Christmas Carol" Dec. 19-21. The showtimes are Dec. 19, 20 at 7:30 p.m.; and Dec. 20-21 at 2 p.m. at Mountain View School in Centreville. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/students and seniors. Produced by Elaine Wilson and directed by Matt Lanoue-Chapman, the show features adorable Tiny Tim, those spooky Christmas ghosts, and a multigenerational cast of dozens of actors. For tickets, call 703-834-0200 or visit www.thealliancetheatre.org. Mountain View School is at 5775 Spindle Court, Centreville.

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Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and \$8/students and children. For tickets, call Linda Peterson at 703-830-8302 or Patti Kelly at 703-830-0195.

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www.virginiaballetcompany.org. Group pricing is available for groups of 10 or more for the same performance. The limited number of \$10 open seating tickets for the working stage rehearsal on Dec. 26 at 6:30 p.m. must be purchased in advance. Call 703 249-8227.

The Washington Ballet presents The Nutcracker from December 11-28 at the Warner Theatre. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the Warner Theatre, ticketmaster.com or 202-397-SEAT. Tickets for The Nutcracker at the THEARC can be purchased at 202-889-8150 or washingtomballet.org/thearc.

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First-place 5K female finisher Alisa Harvey.

Record Turnout

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Donahue of Centreville. Alisa Harvey, 43, of Manassas was the fastest female finisher with a time of 18:11. Cheryl McMurray of Fairfax came in third, and Linda Foley of Oak Hill, fifth.

The top three racers from Virginia Run were Gregory Hall, Curt Cimino and Sean Barry. Amanda Cameron was the fastest woman from the community.

DeVincenzo said people from as far away as California and Arizona participated in the 5K. "People visiting here for the holidays and looking for a race Googled it and came," he said. And local residents like the event, said DeVincenzo, because "it's for a good cause and the money raised stays in the community."

He's also pleased because many participants told him how well-organized the event is — and that's due in large part to the efforts of DeVincenzo and Fairfax County public safety personnel and Virginia State Police on race day. Besides that, he added, "It's a short race and people like the fact that, by 9:30 a.m., they're home."

'Savior of the World'

With a cast of 140, the sacred musical drama, "Savior of the World: His Birth and Resurrection," will be presented by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Centreville, 14150 Upperridge Drive. Show times are: Friday, Dec. 5 and 12, at 7:30 p.m. each night; and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 13, at 3 and 7:30 p.m., each day. Tickets are recommended via centreville-musical-production@comcast.net or 703-624-1614.

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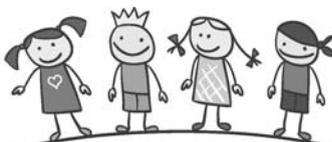
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Holiday Opener Yields Mixed Results

Loyal customers help some independent shops weather tough times.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

George Adeler's specialty jewelry shop in Great Falls experienced a "traumatic slow down" in October so it was quite the surprise when sales surged in November.

"Right now, I am in an up-swing. This November's sales are ahead of last year's," said the independent business owner whose store, Adeler Jewelers, focuses on one-of-a-kind and custom-made items. He designed more than 95 percent of the jewelry on display in his small showroom. His shop has a track record of doing well in times of uncertainty.

When people are unsure of the future, they focus on their loved ones. They are more likely to buy a personalized necklace than, let's say, a plasma television, said Adeler.

"If the economy goes sour up here, it has a dramatic effect on the rest of the state."

— Vince Callahan,
former chair of House of Delegates
budget committee

"One of my best Christmases was the one after 9/11. People wanted to express their emotions," he said.

OTHER FACTORS may allow Adeler's business to flourish when others appear to be struggling.

Even in tough economic times, Adeler's customers are also the people who still have money to spend. Most live within an hour's drive of the store and are from the "upper end," of the income spectrum, he said.

The jeweler has been around for 30 years and has an established, loyal customer base.

"Eighty percent of my clientele goes back with me more than 10 years. My goal is to maintain relationships. That



Shoppers swarmed Tysons Corner Mall in McLean Nov. 28, the day after Thanksgiving.

PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/CENTRE VIEW

is part of why I do well in moments of distress," said Adeler.

A FEW other Fairfax County stores that reported positive returns at the start of the holiday season share these characteristics with Adeler Jewelers.

Davelle, a locally owned store in the Reston Town Center, has seen only a slight downturn in revenue. The clothing shop, which opened 17 years ago, specializes in upscale and custom-made suits and sees a lot of repeat customers.

"We serve upscale professionals. ... Most of our new business is referral," said Marc Soules, the company's chief operating officer.

The Fairfax Surf Shop, which opened in the City of Fairfax 32 years ago, also had steady sales in the weekend following Thanksgiving. The store focuses on skiing and snowboarding equipment and clothing.

"We were kind of afraid of that at first, but [the economic downturn] doesn't really seem to be affecting us that badly," said Kevin Hughes, an employee.

South Moon Under, a regionally owned upscale clothing chain at the Reston Town Center, and Maison Du Vin, a Great Falls wine shop, also said sales were good over the weekend.

"This past week was pretty crazy. We are doing better than expected," said Vital Hiek, the wine shop owner. Hiek's sales are up so much that he is expanding and opening a second store, called Market Cellars, in the

Reston Town Center.

But some small businesses and specialty stores are also struggling in the current economy.

In a shopping center across the street from Adeler Jewelers and Maison Du Vin, another locally owned shop, BedHeaders Home, has not seen the same bump in sales. The store carries items like seasonal serving dishes, Christmas decorations and balsamic reduction salad dressings.

"Things are going really slowly," said owner Joan Barmat, about the post-Thanksgiving sales.

Games Workshop, which sells figurines used in popular science fiction and fantasy board games, did not meet its sales mark. The store in Springfield Plaza is one of about 50 in the United States and several hundred worldwide, said employee Mike Amon.

DEPARTMENT stores and other "big box" retail chains also account for a large portion of the local sales.

Many of these national retail outlets will release detailed information about their countrywide sales later this week, but management at the local outlets appear pleased with their sales.

"We are on pace with sales from last year on black Friday," said Omar Gordon, an assistant store manager at the Barnes & Noble bookstore in the Tysons Corner mall.

Sales at Macy's in the Springfield Mall were "trending very well," said floor manager Jason Monk and employees at the Home Depot across the street said sales at the home improvement super-chain were

only slightly down from last year.

THE COUNTY and the state governments partially depend on consumer spending to pay their bills. Virginia levies a sales tax of 4 percent and Fairfax County collects an additional sales tax of 1 percent.

The county, Virginia's largest locality, is the biggest source of sales tax revenue in the commonwealth. The state collected a little over \$3.4 billion in sales tax revenue in Fairfax from April to June 2008. Henrico County was a distant second during the same time period, with \$1.2 billion.

"If the economy goes sour up here, it has a dramatic effect on the rest of the state," said former Del. Vince Callahan, a McLean Republican who led the House of Delegates budget committee for a decade before retiring last year.

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) has warned that actual sales tax revenue may not be as high as the state initially projected and that mid-year budget cuts could be coming as a result. The state will not know how much money was generated during the holiday sales until February

2009.

"This is the worst budget in at least 20 years. ... I think it is safe to say that every program is going to have to be cut and programs that we have never cut are going to have to be cut," said Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), who has sat on the State Senate budget committee for 12 years.

THE FAIRFAX County government does not rely a great deal on the sales tax. Real estate taxes, the car tax and business and professional license fees all generate more for the county than the sales tax, according to Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock), chair of the county's budget committee.

Still, the county is worried about the downward trend they have seen in sales tax revenue.

"It is not one of our primary sources of revenue but it is an indicator of how other things are doing," said Bulova.

The drop off in sales statewide also could profoundly impact Fairfax County Public Schools.

The school system anticipated receiving about 7.2 percent of its budget, or \$155 million, in sales tax revenue from the state this year.

After Kaine warned of a downturn in consumer spending, school officials reduced the amount of sales tax money they had included in the system's budget by \$5.5 million. Even if sales hold steady for the coming year, the school system could still be facing as much as a \$220 million shortfall.

"Every dime is a concern these days," said Paul Regnier, schools spokesperson.

Don't Lump Poor Students Together

Boundary changes should not create schools with high concentrations of poverty.

Under one proposal, one new elementary school in Fairfax County, Coppermine in Herndon, would open next fall with almost 60 percent of its students poor enough to qualify subsidized meals.

Meanwhile at Oak Hill, the most affluent of the six elementary schools in this boundary change decision, the percentage of poor students would drop from 4.4 to 3.4 percent.

At the other end of the county, the opening of another new school, Laurel Hill, will bring a boundary change there as well. In one proposal, Lorton Station would see its percentage of poor students increase to 41 percent, up from 35, while another school in that boundary study, Silverbrook, would see its percentage of poor students drop to 3 percent from 11 percent.

Students achieve more in schools that do not have high concentrations of poor students, and the county should use boundary change opportunities to improve these ratios.

There is no easy way to change school boundaries, as members of the Fairfax school board can no doubt attest. They are in the midst of another round of redrawing school boundaries, this time because of the imminent opening of two new elementary schools.

Some of these families have been through multiple boundary studies and changes. In the last decade, homes in the northeastern Floris district have undergone six major school

boundary changes.

But some of the proposals on the table both in the north and south part of the county should never have made it to the drawing board, because they would cluster poor students in schools at a much higher rate than the county average.

Overall, about 20 percent of students in Fairfax County are poor enough to receive subsidized or free meals. These are students from families who are poor by any reasonable measure.

Research shows that performance lags in schools with high concentrations of poor students, and one set of guidelines suggests that school populations should be no more than 40 percent students who are poor.

There are places where this is nearly impossible, whole school districts that have high concentrations of poverty. Not so here in Fairfax where the average household income is more than \$100,000, the wealthiest county in the country by recent measures.

Yet in 31 elementary schools in Fairfax County, more than 40 percent of the students are poor. That's 31 out of 137 schools, or more than 22 percent of the county's elementary schools with a student body with a very high poverty rate, defined as 40 percent or more students receiving subsidized lunch.

Seventeen elementary schools in Fairfax County have a poverty rate of more than 50 percent, with some much higher.

It's one more reason for the school board to

Poverty Concentrated

On average, about 20 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools are poor. Some schools with high concentrations of poor students:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL POVERTY RATE

Annandale Terrace, Annandale 57.19%
 Bailey's, Arts and Sciences 54.09%
 Beech Tree, Falls Church 41.81%
 Belvedere, Falls Church 43.06%
 Braddock, Fairfax 49.33%
 Bren Mar Park, Alexandria 47.76%
 Bucknell, Mount Vernon 53.85%
 Cameron, Alexandria 55.61%
 Crestwood, Springfield 55.51%
 Dogwood, Reston 60.28%
 Garfield, Springfield 42.90%
 Glen Forest, Falls Church 67.44%
 Graham Road, Falls Church 76.76%
 Groveton, Mount Vernon 58.44%
 Hollin Meadows, Mount Vernon 44.48%
 Hutchinson, Herndon 45.29%
 Hybla Valley, Mount Vernon 81.11%
 Lynbrook, Springfield 67.92%
 McNair, Herndon 41.66%
 Mount Eagle, Mount Vernon 75.17%
 Mount Vernon Woods, Mount Vernon 77.99%
 Parklawn, Alexandria 59.22%
 Riverside, Mount Vernon 60.61%
 Timber Lane, Falls Church 51.91%
 Washington Mill, Mount Vernon 42.64%
 Westlawn, Falls Church 47.95%
 Weyanoke, Alexandria 67.73%
 Woodburn, Falls Church 41.39%
 Woodlawn, Mount Vernon 55.41%
 Woodley Hills, Mount Vernon 55.39%

consider a county-wide boundary study. (Another big reason: some schools are overcrowded while others have many open seats.)

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Look for Warning Signs of Drug Abuse

To the Editor:

The recent drug bust involving some Centreville teens who had attended Westfield High School is horrifying and sad. Substance abuse has been and is an issue among teens throughout Fairfax County, regardless of which school they attend. Parents need to use the unfortunate circumstances of those accused as teaching points with their families, educating themselves and their children about the warning signs of substance use. They need to utilize resources available for help, get to know their children's friends and their friends' parents.

The Westfield High School administration works closely with the PTSA and the Fairfax County Public School's Westfield Community Coalition to offer parent programs aimed at awareness and prevention. This was the purpose of the recent co-sponsored "Drug Awareness Program" offered in conjunction with Chantilly and Centreville High Schools, and the annual "Saturday Night in the Suburbs" program held in mid-March at Westfield High School. Offering a variety of free

parent programs for over five years with the full support of the school system, I wish I could say our function rooms were filled to capacity with parents. We continue to try, knowing it is worth the effort to educate even a few parents who can help their kids and hope the knowledge will spread to others. The Westfield Community Coalition, under the Fairfax County School's Unified Prevention Coalition has a new prevention web site, offering free information on programs and resources for parents: www.unifiedpreventioncoalition.org. Parents need to educate themselves about substance abuse, whether or not they believe their own child is involved. Even a child that doesn't use can probably identify five others who abuse substances. Reading the articles offered on the web site and in the newspaper aloud to your kids can serve to open up dialog with them about the issue.

It is unfortunate for current Westfield students to be confronted with negative press and scrutiny surrounding the arrest of a heroin

ring. It is not fair to Westfield students when a handful of students previously attending the school have marred their reputation. Students at school are talking about the recent drug arrests and emphasize that the accused are not representative of the majority of Westfield students. Rarely does the media recognize Westfield students who do well, such as the 243 sophomores, juniors and seniors who were honored recently for maintaining a 3.75 grade point average this past year or the 1,500-plus students who made the First Quarter Honor Roll.

My heart goes out to the parents and siblings directly impacted by the recent arrests, as I know this all must be extremely painful for them. I applaud parents who have come forth to share their stories in the hope that it will help another family's struggle with substance abuse, perhaps spurring them to deal with the problem early on. We all need to work together to keep our kids safe, to help them make good decisions and make sure that we're not a part of the problem.

The impact of our role as parents

needs to continue even after our kids reach 18. Research tells us that parents, not peers remain the biggest influence in a teen or young adult's life. However, prevention needs to start early if it is going to be effective. It is not acceptable for kids to smoke cigarettes, smoke pot or drink alcohol. Adolescents become addicted more quickly than adults because their bodies and brains are still growing until they are in their mid-20's.

The Westfield Community Coalition is a volunteer group of dedicated adults whose goal it is to increase community awareness of substance use amongst our teens. Membership is free. Contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at the Sully Governmental Center on Stonecroft Blvd. at 3 p.m. We welcome your input and include resources below that may help the community

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Teen Charged in Armed Robbery

Centreville youth, 16, to be tried as an adult.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Julio Cesar Montenegro is currently being held in Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center. But when it comes time for him to face those who've accused him of two grownup crimes, he'll be doing it as an adult in Circuit Court.

Believing Montenegro, 16, of 14119 Honey Hill Court in Centreville took part in an armed robbery in which three people threatened the victim with weapons, police charged him with robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. And he's been officially certified as an adult in the eyes of the court system. Also charged with the same two offenses in connection with that event is Taurus Finley Dean Jr., 19, of 14626 Outpost Court in Centreville's Centre Ridge community. He was arrested Oct. 28 and is being held without bond in the Adult Detention Center. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 23 in General District Court.

In a Sept. 19 affidavit for a warrant to search Montenegro's home for possible evidence, Det. Eric Deane of the Robbery Squad presented details of the case against him. He wrote that, on July 10, around 12:40 a.m., a person was walking along a sidewalk near London Towne Elementary in Centreville when the incident occurred.

"He was approached by three individuals who

threatened him with a semi-automatic handgun and a baseball bat and demanded his belongings," wrote the detective. "All three robbers were wearing black and white bandanas which partially covered their faces, and black, white and gray clothing and shoes."

Items taken from the victim included a black shoulder bag containing a Motorola radio; a black leather wallet containing credit cards; an 80-gigabyte Apple iPod in a black case, with headphones; photos, records, documents and identification; plus a silver Omega Speedmaster Professional watch with a black face and three posts on the side.

DEANE WROTE that, during the third week of September, he received information from a detective with the county's Gang Intelligence Unit that Montenegro was allegedly involved in the robbery and is reportedly "affiliated with the Caminos Locos street gang." Deane further noted that investigation revealed Montenegro later allegedly bragged about "robbing an old guy" near London Towne Elementary in July.

He also wrote that the teen reportedly told someone that a gun was used during the robbery, showed off the stolen items and — a couple days after the event — was "wearing an expensive, new, silver watch with a black face and three posts on the side." The detective noted, as well, that all three assailants allegedly "wore gang colors during this robbery."

Police arrested and charged Montenegro on Sept. 19, and he was certified as an adult, for prosecution purposes, on Oct. 30. The next day, he was returned to the Juvenile Detention Center, where he's being held on \$20,000 bond, pending his Dec. 17 jury trial in Circuit Court.

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NEWS

Seeking Help for Immigrants

FROM PAGE 1

I don't know how the phone line would be managed."

"You could get one number and assign one organization per week to man the line," said Rexach. "And I can get you Spanish-speaking volunteers." CUMC's Joe Gillen said the hotline could be advertised in the information package.

Foltz asked the church representatives if they believe their churches are meeting the immigrant needs they're trying to fulfill. "We're sponsoring a Spanish congregation at our church that will start soon," said the Rev. Bill Hatcher of Centreville Baptist.

JANE KIRSCH of Centreville Presbyterian Church said its ESL program has been running for 1 1/2 years. "We're certainly meeting the need of teaching them the language," said CUMC's Ann Gillen. "They want to learn it so they can get jobs."

Morse suggested asking local businesspeople what jobs are available, and Foltz said Cheryl Repetti of the Centreville Community Foundation favored establishing an Internet job bank. Foltz also recommended perhaps training the day laborers for jobs other than construction.

Rexach said technicians and nurses' aides are always needed, but the training takes time and money. And, she warned, immigrants must have a green card or work permit to be employed.

"Immigrants could be part of the rebuilding of the economy," said Esteban Garces of Tenants and Workers United. "With the new administration, there'll be a big push to go green. A lot of government buildings all across the nation aren't green, and they could [help change that]."

"I personally would like to see a workers' center so employers would register and there'd be a way to get back to them if they didn't pay workers what they owed them," said Foltz. "That's the only way we could give the workers some protection. But the problem of our declining economy makes that difficult to do."

And when she asked whether the community would support a workers' center, Pat Hood of Centreville Presbyterian Church replied, "It would really be a hard sell."

Foltz suggested recruiting jobs such as house cleaning, yard work or painting, from church members. They could then be listed with the Lincoln Lewis Multicultural Center, which could do job matches.

Joe Gillen asked about the needs of the families left behind after ICE raids. "Some of them must be in a terrible situation," said Wellspring's George Crossman.

Garces said they need rental and utility assistance, plus food and clothing. "They need bond assistance, too, to help get family members out of jail," he added.

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"It's like the rug was pulled out from under them."

— **Esteban Garces, Tenants and Workers United**

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Jane Kirsch (on left) and Pat Hood (on right) listen while LeeAnna Bryant speaks.

Forum: ESL Classes, Jobs Needed

FROM PAGE 12

“Bond ranges from \$1,500 to \$20,000, depending on their stake in the community. So I’ve been seeing if I can get them three months of food, rent and utility assistance from area churches. It’s like the rug was pulled out from under them, and it’s abrupt. One day, their life is fine; the next day, everything is torn up.”

“So if you had a list of churches saying we could sponsor a family, in the event of a raid, that would help?” asked Foltz. “Right,” answered Garces. He also stressed the need for immigration reform, and

Wellspring’s Sara Little recommended “mobilizing” church members to write letters advocating that to their political representatives. She also suggested “having some process whereby illegal immigrants could become legal and get work permits.”

Shaiko said Fairfax County’s requests for rental assistance have increased more than 40 percent in the past two years. “There are a lot of people around here — low-income, disabled, on Social Security, etc. — who are never going to be able to survive without assistance on a regular basis,” she explained. “But if they can be trained for a job, they should be.”

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The bi-monthly Business Owners Round Table, sponsored by Citibank-Greenbriar and the Chantilly-Centreville Chamber, takes place on Friday, Dec. 5 from 7:30- 9 a.m. The topic is Effective Communications. The presentation and discussion will be facilitated by Michael Parkinson and Danny Vargas. The Business Owners Round Table is intended for business owners to learn and share best office practices for enhancing one's business practices. Members \$20, Non-Members \$25. Pre-registration required. Visit www.dullesregionalchamber.org/events or contact us at info@dullesregionalchamber.org. The program takes place at Dulles Regional Chamber's office, 3901 Centerview Dr., Suite R, Chantilly.

Anuradha N. Ralapati, MD, of Centreville has been named Medical Director for VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Northern Virginia. In this role, Dr. Ralapati directs patients' medical care, including pain and wound management protocols; supports interdisciplinary care teams ensuring quality care and assessing hospice-appropriate patients; and educates healthcare providers and the public on the qualities and values of hospice care.

Learn how to go against the odds and thrive in troubled times at the Dulles Regional Chamber Brown Bag Lunch on Friday, Dec. 12 from noon to 1 p.m. David MacGillivray, ActionCOACH certified business and executive coach, will review SWOT analysis, strategy selection, goal setting, implementation and accountability. The Chantilly-Centreville Chamber, part of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, presents these monthly luncheon seminars for small business at the Chamber's office, 3901 Centerview Drive, Suite R, Chantilly. The programs are free but pre-registration is required. One can register online at www.dullesregionalchamber.org or by calling 571-323-5304.

Melissa Slocum, a career-long Marriott employee, has been named director of finance and accounting for Westfields Marriott Washington Dulles in Chantilly.

Slocum has been a Marriott employee since beginning her career in 2002. Most recently, she worked as the director of finance for Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church, where she received acclaim as the "Best New Talent — Director of Finance" in 2006.

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Chantilly High School's SGA is working with Our Neighbor's Child to collect toys, supplies, sort holiday gifts, and by holding a wrapping paper drive. Donations of toys and wrapping paper may be dropped off at the main office. Or bring wrapping paper to the girls basketball games on Dec. 9, 12, and 19th. Each roll is \$1 off the ticket price.

Stone Middle School's Stone Players present "Seussical Jr.", a musical based on the literary works of Dr. Seuss. The times and dates for the play are as follows: Thursday, Dec. 4 at 3:15 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Call the school at 703-631-5500, or contact Emily Altadonna at emily.altadonna@fcps.edu.

Westfield NCAA Night. The WABC will host NCAA Night on Monday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. in the lecture hall at Westfield High School. This is an informative evening for parents and student athletes interested in pursuing athletics at the college level. A panel including parents who have gone through the process, as well as Paul Bowden, NCAA Associate AD for compliance from George Mason University, will discuss Clearing House regulations, the recruiting process. Contact WABC President, John Cleveland at

gorebels1@verizon.net

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School will have its Open House on Monday, Dec. 8 from 9:45-11 a.m. at 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton. Call 703-817-1774. Email: office@standrew-clifton.org.

Chantilly High School's Performing Arts Department presents its annual Tiny Tots holiday concert for preschoolers on Wednesday, Dec. 10. Tickets (\$5) are still available for the 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. shows. Contact Lynn Lull at 703-786-1126 or LRLull@cox.net.

A new Chipotle restaurant is opening at the Marketplace at Centre Ridge at 6317 Multiplex Dr., Centreville. To celebrate, Centreville High's Wildcat Band is holding a fund-raiser there on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 5-9 p.m. The following day, Thursday, Dec. 11, the SYA is holding its fund-raiser there from 5-9 p.m. A \$5 donation is good toward any meal. All proceeds (100 percent) will be given to the respective organizations. The Chipotle is scheduled to open to the public on Friday, Dec. 12.

TJHSST will perform "Oklahoma!" on Dec. 12, 13, 14. The show times are Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door. This is TJ's Cappies production.

The Centreville High School Wildcat Drama Boosters have the annual 2008 White House Christmas ornaments for sale. The price is \$18.50, or just \$18 if you buy five or more. Available by contacting Sandy Clingman at clingman05@cox.net.

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The Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2008 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors the 23rd President, Benjamin Harrison. The cost of the ornament is \$18, and all profits go to charity. Orders may be placed through any club member or by calling 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216.

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

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is a nonprofit support organization dedicated to helping women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children at home. Meetings are first and third Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St Germain Dr., Centreville. Contact 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 5

The 20th annual Santa's Ride for Children will take place Dec. 9-11 throughout the area. The Fairfax County Police Motorcycle Squad, in cooperation with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police, Fairfax City Police, Falls Church City Police, Town of Herndon Police and Town of Vienna Police will be escorting Santa on his 20th annual Ride for Children. Anyone wishing to make a donation should bring a new, unwrapped toy, game, book, stuffed animal or other gift to any county police station. All donations should be made before 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

Swing Dances are held every Friday night at the Dulles Hilton in the Red Fox Room with Sue and Gary Caley. Drop-in beginner lesson included in price of admission from 8:30-9 p.m. Live music from 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. All ages welcome, large dance floors, air conditioned. Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park

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The Arc of Northern Virginia is holding a Holiday Festival Fun(draiser) on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Gather for relaxed mingling and holiday shopping, a Switch Toy Adaptation Workshop (RSVP), educational books and toys, photo sessions (RSVP), wreaths, baked goods and more. Located at 98 N. Washington St., Falls Church. Call 703-532-3214 or info@thearcfnova.org.

RE/MAX Gateway in Chantilly will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring Santa Claus for families in the Chantilly community, to collect toys to be shared with those in need this holiday season. RE/MAX Gateway has set a goal to collect 500 toys, all to be donated to the Marine Corps Toys for

Tots Foundation for distribution to the children. Santa will make his grand entrance to the event on a fire truck courtesy of the Chantilly Fire & Rescue Co. 15. The RE/MAX Chantilly Office is at 4090B Lafayette Center Drive, Chantilly.

Local artist Elaine Florimonte will be participating in a Jewelry Show and Sale on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 1-8 p.m. at the Broadway Gallery in Fair Lakes. Visit the Broadway Gallery web site at www.broadwaygalleries.net/events.php. See samples of jewelry at www.elaineflorimonte.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 7

Rocky Run is holding a festive Holiday Fair on Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. at Little Rocky Run Recreation Center #2, 6201 Sandstone Way, just off Union Mill by Centreville High School. Bring a friend and join the fun with door prizes. Vendors include: A Great Candle (Mia Bella), Silpada Design (Jewelry,) Stampin-Up, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Card Cottage and Tupperware.

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DEC. 10-11

Fairfax Area League of Women Voters Gives Input to State and Regional Leagues. In December, at unit meetings throughout Fairfax County and City, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) members will be discussing issues of importance to the League for the next biennium. These meetings afford the "grassroots" a chance to sound off about topics that the state and regional Leagues should explore during 2009-2011. These meetings are open to the public. Call 703-658-9150 or go the LWVFA Web site: lwv-fairfax.org.

❖ Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 12 noon at Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Centreville. Contact: Susan, 703-391-0666

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DEC. 12-14

The Sugarloaf Crafts Festival will take place Dec. 12-14 at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. The event includes more than 350 artists and designers exhibiting their handmade works in sculpture, glass, jewelry, fashion, fine arts and home decor. The hours are Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.sugarloaf-crafts.com or call 800-210-9900.

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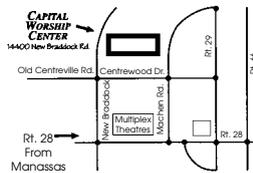
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FAITH NOTES

A "Mission Fair and Gospel Concert" will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly. The Promised Land Quartet will perform. Cost with dinner is \$25 with proceeds going to missions. The church is located at Sullyfield Circle and Route 50 in Chantilly. Call 703-631-1799.

Celebrate at Centreville United Methodist Church

❖ **The Virginia National Guard** will present its Holiday Celebration on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Centreville United Methodist sanctuary. The evening will feature the 29th Army Band performing holiday music. This is for the families of the Virginia National Guard and their communities. The concert is free. Come enjoy refreshments, children's activities and a visit from Santa.

❖ **Don't miss "Winnie the Pooh, A Christmas Tale"** at CUMC! Tickets are on sale for the CUMC Youth Drama Christmas production. Performances will be on Friday, Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 6 at noon and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$12 adults (ages 11 and up), \$8 children (ages 2-10) and children under 2 are free. Tickets include the price of dinner or lunch. Call 703-830-2684.

Unity Life Center is holding its Holiday Craft Fair on Sunday, Dec. 7 from noon to 4 p.m. The fair features

local artists and crafters, handmade craft items, pottery, and jewelry. Holiday specials in the book store; Christmas Fairy face painting; seated massage, polarity, Reiki and on-site gift wrapping by the youth. Unity Life Center is at 14088-C Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-263-7645. Go to www.unitylife.org.

The Children's and Music Departments at Jubilee Christian Center will be presenting a Children's Christmas musical, "Angels Aware!" on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. The musical drama depicts the story of why Jesus came to earth as a baby. Free admission. Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, www.jccag.org

Holiday Craft Fair, Unity Life Center, 14088-C Sullyfield Circle (next to Chantilly Dance Academy), Chantilly. Sunday, Dec. 7, noon-4 p.m., featuring local artists and crafters, pottery, jewelry, specials in the bookstore, face painting, seated massage, polarity and reiki energy work. Go to www.unitylife.org.

The Jewish community's Northern Virginia Legislative Reception will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The 2009

state legislative agenda will be unveiled. Top issues for the Jewish community include: funding social services, health care and environment protections in austere budget times; divesting from Iran and Sudan; supporting the Virginia Israel Advisory Board and 1st amendment religious freedom; combating bias; and more. Contact Debra Linick, dlinick@jcouncil.org 703-893-4007.

St. Veronica Catholic School, located at 3460-B Centreville Road in Chantilly, is hosting a Kindergarten Open House on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 9:30 -11 a.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the principal, teachers and parents as well as see the classes in session. Call 703-773-2022 or visit www.stveronicaschool.org. St. Veronica Catholic School is located at 3460-B Centreville Road, Chantilly.

Chantilly Bible Church is hosting a free holiday Model Train Display on Saturday, Dec. 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is especially for families with children, and will feature train displays including a large Lionel display, Lego display and an HO Modular display. Chantilly Bible Church is at 4390 Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly.

Choralis, the acclaimed mixed voice chorus under the direction of Gretchen Kuhmann, will present a joyous holiday

concert, "A Classic Brass Christmas" in two venues. On Saturday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., the group will sing at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road, Centreville, and on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m., they will present the concert at Falls Church Presbyterian Church, 225 East Broad St. (Rt. 7), Falls Church. Joining the chorus will be guest performers: The Classical Brass Quintet, the Choralis Youth Choirs (on Dec. 13), and the McLean High School Madrigals (on Dec. 14). Tickets are \$25/general admission; \$35/premium seating; \$5/students 22 and under with ID; and children 2 and under free. Call 703-237-2499 or visit www.choralis.org.

Centreville Community Bible Church will present its annual cantata, "On This Very Night," Sunday, Dec. 14, at 6 p.m. at Deer Park Elementary School, 15109 Carlbern Drive, Centreville. All are welcome to attend free of charge. Call 703-815-8860.

This Christmas season, don't miss the opportunity to receive the greatest gift of all — one filled with hope and life! Join Centreville Community Bible Church to celebrate the real gift of Christmas!

❖ **Christmas Cantata**, "On This Very Night", Sunday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. A Special Pre-Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Sunday, Dec. 23, 7 p.m. The

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A Magical Chanukah will be presented at the Fairfax Corner Chanukah World on Sunday, Dec. 21 from 5-6:30 p.m. at Fairfax Corner, 4245 Summit Corner Dr., Fairfax. The evening features: The Lighting of a giant Menorah on the outside stage ❖ Chanukah children's chorus ❖ Grand raffle❖ Free Chanukah refreshments ❖ Free dreidels ❖ Free balloons ❖ Paint-your-own Dreidel or Menorah at Color Me Mine ❖ A Chanukah themed class at The Little Gym ❖ Chanukah Storytelling at Tree Top Toys. Suggested donation \$5 per person. Separate fee for Chanukah programs at Fairfax Corner vendors. Reservations and information at www.chabadva.org or call 703-426 - 1980.

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A Pitcher's Quick, Motivating Decision

Centreville junior Ryan Ashooh to play baseball at the Univ. of Virginia.



COURTESY PHOTO/ALBERT JACQUEZ

Pictured here during an international tournament in Germany, Centreville junior Ryan Ashooh recently committed to play baseball at the University of Virginia.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

Ryan Ashooh knows what works. As a left-handed pitcher for the Centreville baseball team, Ashooh routinely decides whether his fastball, curveball, changeup or splitter will work best against an opposing hitter and ultimately throws that pitch.

Or, in the case of Ashooh's most recent move, he decides what works and makes the commitment. Though only a junior, Ashooh recently gave a verbal commitment to play the sport he loves at the University of Virginia. "It's everything that I wanted,"

Ashooh said. "You get a degree from Virginia ... you can go anywhere after that. And it's a good baseball program."

Ashooh is now the third player under head coach Morgan Spencer to play at the Division I level, joining Mickey Bozek (Army, 2008) and Ryan Barefoot (VMI, 2007).

Ashooh first traveled to Charlottesville this fall for a showcase camp. With a fastball clocked in the upper 80s, he drew instant courtship from Virginia's coaching staff.

After one of his performances, Virginia head coach Brian O'Connor approached Ashooh and asked if he was attending the next

"It was fast. Everything was fast."

— Ryan Ashooh



COURTESY PHOTO/ALBERT JACQUEZ

Ashooh, a left-handed pitcher, struck out 40 batters this past spring in 36 innings of work. He also posted a 3.01 ERA.

day's games. From there, assistant coach Karl Kuhn followed Ashooh and later invited him to attend a fall scrimmage where the scholarship was offered.

"It was fast," Ashooh said. "Everything was fast."

He should be used to it. Ashooh made Centreville's varsity squad as a freshman and had his breakout year this past spring as a sopho-

more. In 36 innings, Ashooh accumulated 40 strikeouts and allowed only 18 walks. His 3.01 ERA was one of the lone bright spots on a team that finished 4-17.

IN THE Concorde District quarterfinals, Ashooh carried a shutout into the sixth inning against Westfield — one of Northern Region's top offensive teams

— before allowing a late two-run homer.

"I was kind of hoping [to find out that] he was moving from Centreville, but I guess that's not the case," joked Westfield coach Chuck Welch. "He's got good composure, and it's very hard to pick up his pitches. He's probably going to be one of the better pitchers in the region much less the district."

Over the summer, Ashooh was part of a select squad of area baseball players that played overseas in Germany, picking up two wins and striking out 15 batters against international competition. He also played for the Vienna Mustangs of the Old Dominion League — not exactly the normal summer routine for someone entering his junior year in high school.

Spencer has been working extensively with Ashooh this off-season — sprinting workouts on Tuesday and Thursday mixed with long toss to build arm strength — and admits that his star pitcher still has significant improvements to make.

Though Ashooh has developed a reputation for attacking hitters with an array of quality pitchers, Spencer would like to see him spot his fastball better and improve his ability to hold runners on base.

But if Ashooh's demeanor since the commitment is any indication, none of the minor adjustments should become too much of a burden.

"He's really focused on becoming the best he can be, and he's not taking the fact that he's already committed to a school for granted," said Spencer, whose team will return 17 lettermen this spring with hopes of winning the school's first-ever district title. "If anything, I think [the commitment] has motivated him to work harder and really set some goals for himself here at the high school level."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Bulldog Bash Holiday Basketball Tourney

Westfield High School hosts its Seventh Annual Bulldog Bash Holiday Basketball Tournament on Dec. 27, 29, and 30, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 per day, good for all games that day. A three-day tournament pass is \$12. Free admission will be granted to children under age 6, adults over age 60, and any travel or house youth basketball players wearing their uniform top and accompanied by a paying adult.

Naber Leads Dukes at Bucknell

At the Bucknell Invitational over the weekend, James Madison junior P.J. Naber was involved in five top two finishes for the Dukes' second-place swim and dive team. Naber, a 2006 Chantilly High School graduate, won the 100-yard freestyle event with a time of 51.40 seconds and finished second in the 200 freestyle (1:51.84). She also swam the lead leg on the 400 freestyle relay team, which finished first with a mark of 3:30.77. In the 200

freestyle relay, the former Charger's lead leg was just .15 seconds off of the school-record mark of 23.63. At Chantilly, Naber was named the team's most valuable swimmer during her sophomore and senior seasons, leading the Chargers to a Concorde District title in 2006. She earned All-America honors in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Benecki Signs With Minnesota

On Wednesday, Nov. 26, Chantilly senior Matt Benecki signed a National Letter of Intent to swim next season at the University of Minnesota. As a junior last winter, Benecki won a state title in the 500-meter freestyle event with a time of 4 minutes, 30.16 seconds, shattering a Virginia High School League record in the process. Benecki was also a 2008 Olympic Trials participant in the 1,500 freestyle and will join a Gopher team that has had four members participate in the same event during the past two Olympic Trials. "Matt is the second Olympic Trial-caliber distance swimmer we have signed this fall," assistant coach Bill Tramel said in a press release. "We are very excited to reload our tradition with Matt."



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Despite a tumultuous season, the Centreville cheerleading squad persevered, earning a trip to the Virginia AAA state competition for the first time in seven years.

Wildcats' Wild Ride

Centreville Wildcat varsity cheerleading overcomes every imaginable obstacle during fall season.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

She'd probably have some thing similar anyway, but Centreville cheerleading coach Tootie Rivera's color-coded spreadsheet, which details her team's roster and the status of those on it, was especially handy during this recently-concluded fall season.

It's just been *that* kind of year.

With all of the injuries, suspensions and lost team members that the Centreville squad has dealt with, Rivera's document looks more like a box of Trix than an organizational tool.

"They've overcome so much this year," Rivera said. "I've been coaching for over 20 years. I've done college and I've done high school, and I've never seen a team this dedicated, this determined and with such spirit."

Five yellow boxes highlight those that are no longer on the team and a red box surrounds the name of Haley Esau, who was lost early on with an injury.

But the five losses didn't happen at once. That might've been too easy.

The first came two nights before the Concorde District semifinals; two cheerleaders were suspended and would miss 15 days of compe-

tion.

In turn, Rivera summoned two girls from her junior varsity squad, and Lina Harfoush and Lauren Johnston miraculously learned the routine that helped the Wildcats to a fourth-place finish.

"Our team has actually gained a lot of positivity," said sophomore Melissa Clubb, who earned All-Northern Region honors. "That brought a new confidence to our team. From that point, we kept encouraging each other so every obstacle that came on we knew we could face it."

— Tootie Rivera

And it's a good thing.

At the Northern Region competition at Robinson Secondary School, Centreville was seeded seventh in the first session of the day. About 10 minutes before the Wildcats were scheduled to perform, junior flyer Ally Nasta landed awkwardly after a Teddy Bear stunt and, though she didn't know it at the time, broke her ankle.

NASTA WENT to see a trainer and had the ankle wrapped heavily. Meanwhile, Rivera told her team the story of Kerri Strug, the Olympic gymnast whose performance in the 1996 Atlanta Games will forever be

etched into Americans' memories.

"That got us all positive and pumped up," said sophomore Mariah Rivera, who was the team's second All-Region honoree along with Clubb. "We all cheered her on and she got through it."

"I was really worried about not being able to compete because I love cheerleading so much. The first thing in my head was, 'No, I have to compete,'" said Nasta, who performed anyway, willing her team to a third-place finish.

"Some people are like, 'Wow, I can't believe you did that.' I can't even remember," Nasta added. "I just remember walking out so satisfied. I knew that if I wasn't going to be able to compete, we probably wouldn't have moved on."

The gusty performance would be Nasta's last of the season. She's been confined to a boot for the past four weeks with two more still to go, but the ankle appears to have progressed just fine.

In the Virginia AAA state meet, with Nasta unable to compete, Mariano Mastriano stepped up from the junior varsity squad and the Wildcats delivered an 11th-place finish in their first state-level competition in seven years.

"We've learned to stay positive and that we can overcome anything," Clubb said. "If we set goals one at a time and do things one at a time, we can do anything."

SPORTS BRIEFS

The Paul VI Varsity Swim Team competed against Bishop Ireton at St. Alban's on Nov. 25. The meet was a great start to the Panthers' season. The PVI boys' team, led by seniors Pat Lytle, Alex Spina, and Joe Clarke, dominated the Cardinals by winning nine of the 11 events. The final score for the boys was: PVI - 110 and Ireton - 60. The girls' team, led by seniors Natalie Fitz, Jackie Orsa, and Michelle Young, also had a number of strong performances and personal best times. The final score for the girls was PVI - 61 and Ireton - 109. The Panthers' next meet will be against St. Alban's and National Cathedral on Dec 10 at 4 p.m. at St. Alban's.

HERN Fusion is seeking motivated players looking for the opportunity to improve their skills and work hard on an emerging team. Year round training/competition with Fusion's new coach, USSF "B" licensed Jamie Rayner. To schedule a tryout, contact Jean Knotts at smknotts@verizon.net or 703-266-7268. Visit us at www.hernonfusion.com.

SYA Travel Baseball will be holding tryouts for its 8-U through 12-U travel baseball teams now through Saturday, Dec. 6. All baseball players within the SYA boundaries are eligible to attend the tryouts. For more information on the tryouts and the travel program check the SYA Travel Baseball web site at www.syabaseball.org.

The CYA U11 Scorpions (boys) are looking for talented and dedicated players to join their squad for the spring season. The Scorpions currently play in NCSL Division 2. The team plays year round and is professionally trained and coached by Adam Baumgardner. Contact Coach Baumgardner at cyascorpions@yahoo.com.

CYA Phoenix, an elite U14 girl's team competing in WAGS, are looking to add a few impact players. Interested players are encouraged to join in the upcoming training sessions. Contact Coach Cristian Linte at linte@verizon.net or 703-894-7390. Visit: http://www.eTEAMZ.com/cyaphoenix.

SYA Wrestling is holding on-line registration for the 2008-2009 Winter Season for youth ages 7-14. Practices are held at Centreville and Westfield High Schools beginning the second week in November and run through February. Weekly tournaments are held beginning in December. The fee for the 2008-2009 season is \$120 (\$20 late registration fee). To register, visit www.syasports.org. Volunteers are needed in order to ensure a successful season. Coaches, Equipment Coordinator, Spirit-wear Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Christina Bennett at 703-489-9018 or via email syawrestling@aol.com.

Registration for SYA winter sports is now available online at www.syasports.org. Winter sports include basketball, wrestling and track & field. Registration will be ending soon so register now to ensure team placement. Contact the SYA Office at syasports@verizon.net.

Play Soccer in Italy — AC Cugini Soccer, affiliated with Italian premier league club ACF Fiorentina, is conducting tryouts in Reston through December for guest spots on its special Italy tournament teams traveling to Florence, Italy, the Italian Adriatic, and Bologna, June 18-July 3, 2009. A 5-day ACF Fiorentina training camp is included in addition to tournament play. Boys and girls ages 9-16 are eligible. To request a tryout, contact Cugini President Fabio Diletti @ 703-477-5957; president@cuginisoccer.com. Complete details and brochure: www.cuginisoccer.com.



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Holiday Homes Tour, Horses on Parade

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will be open to the public. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$5/children under 12, and are available at most Clifton shops. Call Garvey at 703-322-1811 or Chesley at 703-830-2129.

There'll also be strolling Dickens Carolers, live music in the town churches and luminarias decorating the neighborhoods. The Clifton Baptist Church will host a flute and harp duo, followed by Marcio Botelho's string trio. Chantilly High's choral singers will perform holiday favorites at Clifton Presbyterian Church.

From 7:30-8 p.m., there'll be caroling in Ayre Square on Main Street, marshmallow roasting, hot chocolate and the lighting of the town Christmas tree at 8 p.m.

"Not only do you have the lovely homes, we have the choirs, the tree-lightning events and the strolling Dickens characters," said Chesley. "They dress up in costume and sing Christmas Carols."

HOMES ON TOUR are:

❖ Tom and Wendy Burdette, Clifton Heights Lane. This warm and inviting home is a "newcomer" to Clifton — sitting at the end of a pipe-stem situated at the edge of the Town of Clifton proper. Decorated in a Country French style with antique oak accent pieces, the owners prefer a traditional Christmas and holiday

theme. The ornaments on the Christmas Tree have been collected for 23 years and reflect the life of a growing family.

❖ Jim and Becky Witt, Clifton Heights Lane. As one steps into this home, one will hear the music of harpist Robin Brinkmann. Note the copper accessories throughout the home, which were bought while the couple traveled overseas to Greece and Turkey. The over-sized ceramic teapot in the living room is from Japan — setting the stage for a number of Asian decorative elements found through the home: six woodblock prints in the living room and one in the dining room by Japanese artist Kiyoshi Saito as well as antique cast iron Japanese teapots in the family room.

❖ Paul and Arlene Posner, Main Street. This charming Clifton home's architecture is typical of the early farmhouse style seen in abundance throughout the town. The first mayor of Clifton, Robert R. Buckley built this home in 1896 — he later served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. It is a home with many fun "secrets" and "treasures." Of significance was a previous owner, Jeffrey Arch — who wrote the book, "Sleepless in Seattle" while living there. The Posners have traveled the world and the treasures they have found abroad now adorn their home.

❖ Steve and Kim Bittner, "Mayhugh Tavern" on Chapel Street. The Bittners are relatively newcomers to Clifton and have found the his-

tory of their home and decorated it in a complementary fashion. The home was moved to its current location in the 1970s — it originally faced the railroad tracks. It was originally a tavern and the exterior window and door combinations attest to a door for the tavern and a door for sleeping rooms.

❖ Brant Baber and Kathy Kalinowski, Ford Lane. This Victorian-era home was built by the Ford family in 1880. The Fords owned the General Store in Clifton which was located on the site now occupied by the Heart in Hand Restaurant. The Babers have lived here since 1980. In 1987, local architect Jim Hricko designed an addition for the Babers that created a library for the first floor and extended the basement apartment. In 2002, Jim Hricko designed a new kitchen and dining area within the confines of the original structure.

Also on tour are:

❖ Clifton Baptist Church. This is a reminder of American heritage and the freedom to worship together. Services were first held in the home of George W. Tillet along with other men who served with Mosby's Rangers during the Civil War.

❖ Clifton Presbyterian Church, Richardson Lane. This church has served the community as a place of worship and community life since its founding in 1870 by the families of soldiers who fought during the Civil War and settled here afterward.

Double Holiday Shows

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The Holiday Spectacular, suitable for the entire family, will be performed Thursday-Friday, Dec. 11-12, at 7 p.m. each night, in the Chantilly theater. Tickets are \$8 and may be purchased via www.chantillychoral.org. They'll also be sold at the door, while they last, but Cockrell advises attendees to buy them in advance so they'll be guaranteed a seat.

For the Holiday Spectacular, in addition to all the elements of the Tiny Tots Concert, choral students will also perform larger numbers such as "The Hallelujah Chorus" and "Russian Christmas Music."

Overall, seven Chantilly directors are collaborating on this program: Choral Directors Cockrell, Mike Fuchs and Drew Ross; Band Director Keith Taylor, Orchestra Director Aaron Mynes and Theater Directors Ed Monk and Shannon Khatcheressian.

"It's a great way to start the holiday season," said Cockrell. "It's probably the longest-running program at Chantilly High. Elaine Wilson and Tony Aversano [the former theater and band directors, respectively] started it shortly after the school opened, and it's always been one of our most well-attended, largest events of the year."

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Tired of Feeling Flat



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It turns out that one of the many automobile dealership-offered incentives that I signed up for when I financed my present car has actually paid off. The Tire Rim Care option that I selected replaces — or repairs — damaged tires for free so long as the damage results from a "road hazard" (meaning, I presume, that the damage can't appear to be owner-inflicted). Who would have thought?

I remember my thinking, though, when I was sitting in the dealership's finance manager's office. After we agreed on the price, interest rate and subsequent base payment, I then had to endure the miscellaneous dealer-recommended extras offered: extended warranties, insurance to guarantee loan payment in the event of death or disability, paint sealant protection and of course, this tire rim protection plan. As familiar as all of this was, and is to any of us who have bought vehicles from a dealership, still, I listened, just in case. And considering the fact that our driveway at home is unpaved and covered with rocks, sticks and all manner of outside debris and that flat tires, slow leaks, etc., have been an ongoing problem with our previous cars, not to mention that the driveway is at least 75 yards long, I opted for the tire rim plan. I decided that paying extra (in effect, prepaying for a repair/replacement that might never occur) might be a reasonable and prudent precaution.

And here I sit, 18 months later, the proud owner of a brand new Pirelli Four Seasons tire, approximately \$250 of free replacement rubber. The question is, however, and I don't know the answer, how much am I paying monthly for this tire "insurance?" Perhaps my monthly add-on premium has already exceeded the cost of this "free" tire and I am, financially speaking, upside down (never desirable) in my tire equity.

I can't worry too much about that, though. There's no price for peace of mind, and with respect to car repairs and automobile maintenance, etc., there are very few pieces of my mind that have any knowledge — or interest, quite frankly — of those repairs and/or maintenance, cost issues notwithstanding. So, I am extremely proud of myself for actually listening to the finance manager (rather than presuming the inevitable sales/service pitches presented at the closing meeting would be of no particular interest), and choosing an optional coverage that has come home, not simply to roost, but instead, to reward.

Granted, it's only the cost of a tire, it's not as if I bought options on Lehman Brothers, AIG and Washington Mutual, among others, and have made a cash killing on their demise, and thus can retire early and often. Hardly. Nevertheless, with respect to my car's tires, I did hedge a bet, so to speak, and have come out on top, so far as I can figure. Nothing really to write home about but I thought it might be fodder for a column.

And on the occasion of my recently deceased father's, what-would-have-been, 89th birthday, I thought it appropriate to invoke a Barry Lourie-ism to summarize my feelings concerning the decision to purchase this Tire Rim Care option: "I'm very seldom wrong, but this time I was right."

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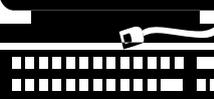
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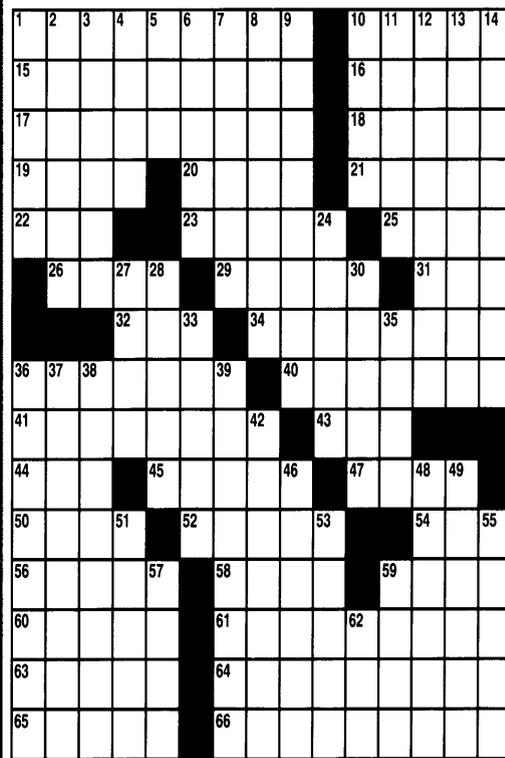
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- Put out
- World record?
- "Tell Me More" author
- Forward-looking group
- Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
- Suffix with leather
- Not novel
- Father's hermana
- Slip cover
- Kind of column
- "Rigoletto" trio
- Calla lily or cuckoopint
- Cato's craft
- "— true!"
- Never-failing
- Skipping syllables
- Like some professors
- Diana, for one
- Kind of no.
- Mushroom ends?

- Pass twice on the track
- Rifle part
- Handwriting on the wall
- Ends of the earth
- Good butter
- "Spish Splash" singer, 1958
- Flies home?
- Bring into being
- Pointed arch
- Newbie
- Mad plea?
- Goes in front of
- Elysiums
- Saga of the heart

- Alamogordo's county
- Like many landscape paintings
- Theater area
- Did a taxing task?
- Designing woman
- Work on one's knight moves?
- "You're Sixteen" singer
- Supergiant in Cygnus
- Kind of cycle

- Japanese fish delicacy
- Sci-fi writer Sturgeon
- Sifted (through)
- Gooselike
- Provided that
- City taken by Allied forces in 1943
- Two reals, in days of old
- Old radio tube
- Roof worker
- Best Actor of 1958
- Like a bluff
- Collection of brains
- Kind of brief
- Bandleader Fields
- Two or three chevron wearer: Abbr.

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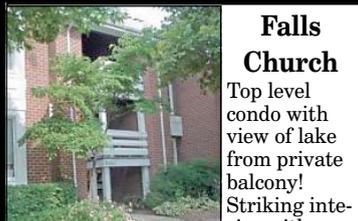
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Price has been reduced to **\$355,000**. Hardwood floors on main level with tiled kitchen. Spotless master bathroom with double sink vanity, oversized soaking tub and separate shower. Vaulted ceilings in upper level bedrooms with washer and dryer on bedroom level. Huge deck overlooking treed lot. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.



Hillwood Co-Op in Heart of Falls Church!

2 Bedrooms 1 Bath renovated Townhome.

Community situated on 19 Acres of Real Estate that you will own a part of and all Owner-Occupied homes. Co-Op Fee includes ALL Taxes and Utilities! **\$169,900**



Potomac Hunt Diamond in Potomac Falls!

4,600 Square Feet! 4-6 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths - Exquisite Custom Enhancements. NEW Everything! Pristine and a 10+ +! Easy access commuting and shopping. Don't Miss This Once in a Lifetime Chance to Own Perfection! **\$784,000**



Manassas

History abounds! Peaceful, excluded oasis in heart of Old Town Manassas. 5 BR Victorian, a striking statement of design with Authentic details. Happy spaciousness! A perfect home for family living or entertaining on a grand scale. Amid dream landscaping, generous 1.2 acre surrounding this architectural gem buffer you from the busy world yet only a short walk from charming shops, restaurants, & VRE. **\$875,000**



Clifton/Little Rocky Run Stately Colonial

Beautiful Brick Front Col in LRR. 3 Fin lvls. Great Room Extension provides Huge Entertainment Area. Kit/Dining area remodeled in 03 with new Cabs, App, Island cook top and B/I Buffets. Deck, Fenced lvl yd. **\$629,000**



Front Royal

Blue Skies, Fresh Mtn. Air! 3 BD, 2 BA Hilltop Haven with room to grow is perfectly maintained, surrounded by abundant wildlife, oodles of outdoor activities & convenient to I66. Country Kitchen, Expansive Deck, recent upgrades, can be yours with Closing \$\$\$ & quick occupancy. **Underpriced @ \$219,000!**



Fairfax

Wooded Retreat! Heart of Fx. City on 1/2+ acre, 4 BD, 3 BA home is completely new again-over \$95,000 in redesign & renovations! Gleaming hardwood floors, stone terraces, gourmet stainless kitchen, huge family room, pastoral views. Immed. settlement. **\$529,000**

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