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The student directors of Westfield's "Ho Ho Holiday Show," plus stage managers Shannon Roberts and Taylor Aucott, cutting up after a long rehearsal.

Holiday Spirit Alive at Westfield

High school presents 'Ho Ho Holiday Show.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Snowmen, reindeer, Chanukah candles and Santa — they're all part of Westfield High's annual "Ho Ho Holiday Show." The one-hour performance features six, student-directed, one-act plays with caroling between each, plus a visit from Santa at program's end.

A sweet treat for children of all ages, the show will be presented Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 10 a.m. and noon. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The plays are: "The Chanukah Story," "Frosty the Snowman," "The Grinch," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Charlie Brown" and "Twas the Night."

Chanukah Story

"The Chanukah Story" is directed by seniors Kimberly Perrow and Sarah Polson. "It's the class

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Forum Advises Day Laborers

Information, advice shared with Hispanic workers.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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The first time members of the Centreville Immigration Forum invited local day laborers to a meeting, about eight showed up. But when they met again, Dec. 1, at the Centreville Regional Library, 90 Hispanic workers packed the room.

Most of the meeting was conducted in Spanish, with Edgar Aranda both moderating and translating. He's an advocator with the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church and is also affiliated with the Charlotte-based Immigrant Advocacy Program. Besides answering questions posed to him by the laborers, he also translated questions and transmitted information from Alice Foltz of Well-spring United Church of Christ, which sponsors the forum.

"We are very concerned now, especially because the economic conditions are not good for you, and we want to find out if there are ways we can make things bet

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Edgar Aranda and Alice Foltz discussed resources available to the workers.

Gas-Station Heist Yields Driver Six Months in Jail

Three co-defendants are now serving decades in federal prison.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Defense and prosecuting attorneys often reach a plea or sentencing agreement before a judge officially rules on their case in court. And that was so in the criminal case of 20-year-old Nadia Childs.

She and three men were convicted of rob-

bing a Centreville gas station on Oct. 30, 2007. The men were prosecuted in federal court and — due in large part to Childs's testimony — they were given long prison terms.

In return, Childs expected to receive a suspended sentence in Fairfax County Circuit Court for her role in the crime. But that's not the way things turned out. Instead, she was sentenced to six months in

jail.

Said Judge Randy Bellows: "I believe there has to be some incarceration, given the seriousness of the offense."

The incident occurred at the Sunoco gas station at 14010 Saint Germain Drive in Centreville. Two men — one, armed with a shotgun — entered the station around 1 a.m., demanded money and struck a male employee with the butt of the gun.

They fled with the cash in a car. But the victim, 26, of Centreville, wasn't seriously injured and was able to describe the two suspects and their car to police. Officers searching the area stopped that vehicle on Westfields Boulevard at Route 28.

Police charged Marshall Monroe, then 18, of Temple Hills, and James Tyler, then 25, of Oxon Hill, with robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a sawed-off shotgun in the commis-

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NEWS

Six Months Jail for Robbery

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sion of a crime. Tyler was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and a third Maryland man, Christopher Rogers, was charged as well with the robbery.

But their charges were dropped in January so they could be prosecuted federally. On Oct. 9 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Monroe and Tyler were each sentenced to 25 years in federal prison for four armed robberies committed a year ago in Fairfax and Arlington counties. These included the Oct. 30, 2007 robbery in Centreville. Rogers received 20 years in the state penitentiary.

Childs, of Temple Hills, Md., was their driver during the Centreville crime. Police initially charged her with robbery, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a sawed-off shotgun in the commission of a crime.

Her case was continued several times and, on Sept. 15, the grand jury indicted her on only the robbery charge. She pleaded guilty to a lesser offense, conspiracy to commit robbery, Sept. 24, in Circuit Court and returned Dec. 5 for sentencing.

AT THE OUTSET, defense attorney Kimberly Phillips said there was a sentencing agreement in Childs's case. She also told Judge Bellows about the co-defendants' prison sentences and said Childs cooperated in their prosecution at her own risk.

"She was instrumental in the federal prosecution of the co-defendants," said Phillips. "And she received written and oral threats to her safety from them and their associates."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Brandon Shapiro then read an e-mail out loud from Mike Rich, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia. It, too, stated how critical Childs was to the conviction of the three men.

"The commonwealth agreed to a suspended sentence," Shapiro told the judge. "But I'd ask you to put a significant amount of suspended time over her head, plus probation."

However, Bellows was unconvinced. "Explain to me why she should get a suspended sentence, when the others received so much time in prison," he said.

"Because of her role in [the crime]," replied Shapiro. "She was just the driver of the vehicle. I

don't know the extent to which she knew what was happening. She didn't touch the gun, [participate in the robbery] or enter the building."

Phillips noted that, when Childs pleaded guilty, a police detective testified that her role in the robbery was "limited, and she wasn't involved in [its] planning. Rogers was her boyfriend. Once she started driving, she learned what was happening, and that's why she's charged with a felony."

But, said Phillips, Childs led police to the location of the gun involved and, until she did so, police had "weak evidence" against the three men. Stressing that Childs's cooperation "has come with threats to her and to her family," Phillips asked Bellows to uphold the sentencing agreement.

Childs then stood and said, "If I'm given a chance, I won't be put in this situation ever again." But the judge had the final word, and he said the state sentencing-guidelines of a maximum of six months jail for this crime struck him as "low," under the circumstances.

"The defendant's cooperation should be recognized, and it was — she was allowed to plead guilty to a lesser offense, and in state court, not federal," said Bellows. "But I believe there should be a punishment, so I'm going to sentence her to six months — at the high end of the guidelines."

He then advised Phillips to see if Childs wished to withdraw her plea and appear before a different judge. After a brief recess, Phillips said they'd go forward, but requested her client serve her sentence in the jail's Women's Recovery Program so Childs could receive substance-abuse treatment there.

BELLOWS THEN sentenced her to 10 years in prison, suspending all but six months, and placed her on 10 years probation. He ordered substance-abuse evaluation and treatment for Childs and said he'd recommend her to that program, but it wouldn't reduce her sentence.

Afterward, outside the courtroom, Phillips said, "It's always disappointing when your client has to go to jail, especially at Christmastime. And one of the co-defendants wouldn't have been prosecuted, probably, without her help. But as always, we respect the court, its view of the case and its decisions. Miss Childs is very young, and I think she's now on the right path."

"... she received written and oral threats to her safety from them and their associates."

— Kimberly Phillips, defense attorney



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Some 90 day laborers attended the meeting with the Centreville Immigration Forum.

Sharing Advice with Day Laborers

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ter," said Foltz to the workers. "We're also concerned about your safety and security in the community."

Foltz noted that, at the earlier meeting, someone spoke to them about bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as who to contact when they have problems with authorities. And she and Bill Threlkeld, Reston Interfaith's Neighborhood Resources director, distributed reflective armbands for the men to wear while riding their bicycles after dark, plus reflective stickers for their backpacks.

Foltz also advised them that, the following Wednesday morning, native-Spanish-speaking forum representative Connie Rojas would be at the corner where the laborers gather, outside the library, waiting for work. "So if you have some problems or questions we can help with, she'll be ready to pass on some information," said Foltz. "She can also tell you about services available to you."

IN ADDITION, Foltz mentioned the Grace Ministries program at Centreville United Methodist Church, explaining that the workers and their families could receive free food, clothing and diapers there. And Threlkeld discussed Reston Interfaith's emergency services and self-sufficiency program, as well as its food bank where they may obtain groceries once a month.

Aranda told the laborers that, if they have problems with employers refusing to pay them for work they've done, his organization has two lawyers to help them. He then passed out booklets containing information and phone numbers to help the workers deal with various situations and telling them their rights in the workplace. He also gave them small notepads in which to write the name and license-plate number of any person picking them up for work, in case they have problems getting paid what they've been promised.

"I wonder if anyone needs help with legal paperwork, such as the documents needed to obtain work permits," said Foltz. "If you know some people who have this problem, we know some people who can help." In response, one man said they need someone to help them file taxes.

Aranda spoke of a future march about immigration reform in Washington, D.C., and he had Foltz tell the men about the ESL classes available to them

at many of the local churches. "In the library, you can also meet with free tutors, one on one," she said. One day laborer told the others about the books, Internet and newspapers they can also use for free in Centreville's library.

Then library manager Patricia White Williams came in and said the library has books, newspapers and magazines in Spanish. "We also have books that will help you with the U.S. citizenship test and with learning English," she said. "You can get a free library card; just fill out an application with your name and address on it. [Then] you can check out books, DVDs and books for children, and you can learn whatever you'd like. Your library card also allows you to have Internet access twice a day, at least 30 minutes per time."

Williams said the library offers an ESL conversation group, Saturdays, from 4-5 p.m., and an ESL book group that meets every week. "There's also a one-on-one English group where you can practice English with one person, four times a month," she said. "If you have kids, we have homework help, plus an online homework tutor."

Foltz then told the laborers about the previous meetings they've had about immigrants in the local area. "Some people were angry," she said. "But some of this tension and anger had to do with the election. And there's also more tension because the economy is difficult for many people."

"But we're trying to help people realize that immigrants are not a threat to the community," she continued. "And I think that, when people in the community know about your stories, it makes it easier for them to accept you."

Foltz warned the laborers, however, about the importance of following the rules. Therefore, she said, "Cross streets where you're supposed to, so people don't get angry. Although sometimes it's hard to know what the rules are, so we hope to help you with this."

Noting the "no loitering" signs that have been placed outside the library, the workers said these signs made them feel bad. So Threlkeld advised them that, if they're on public property, they have a right to be there, as long as they're not blocking pedestrian or vehicular traffic.

Regarding legal matters, Aranda said the DMV works with ICE to verify people's identities. He also told the workers that, if they're arrested, they have

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"Immigrants are not a threat to the community."

— Alice Foltz, Wellspring United Church of Christ

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PEOPLE



Sean Mauk

Sean Mauk Completes Eagle Project

Sean Mauk, 14, of Centre Ridge, finished his Eagle project on Sept. 27. The son of Steve and Suzi Mauk of Munster Court completed a 6-foot by 1,189-foot walking path in the Centre Ridge community on top of the Colonial Pipeline.

About 40-50 volunteers helped put down 1,300 feet of landscape fabric and 60 cubic yards of mulch. They also put down a chemical compound that stops weeds from growing.

"I had the idea of mulching the path and making it a nicer area," said Sean.

Volunteers worked in three different teams that gathered mulch, put it into wheelbarrows, brought it down the path and spread it.

He said the most challenging aspect was the planning. "Considering I had so many people, it was really hard to keep them having a job to do," he said.

But he was happy after about six hours when it was all finished. Sean still has three merit badges to complete before earning his Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 717.

A Centerville High freshman with a 3.7 GPA, Sean is also active in soccer and swimming.

Special thanks go out to the Centre Ridge Homeowners Association, Meadows Farms Nursery, Betty's Azalea Ranch, Mr. Weston, Troop 717, Centre Ridge neighbors and the Patriots Football Club.



Cub Scouts of Packs 1858 and 1861 at the control pads preparing to launch their rockets.

Rockets Soar High for Cub Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 1104, in Clifton, recently helped the Cub Scouts of Pack 1858 (Willow Springs Elementary) and Pack 1861 (Clifton Elementary) aim high and shoot for the stars when they hosted a rocket launch. Boys of all ages launched rockets high into the sky and then waited anxiously to see where their rockets came down. The launch took place in the flood plain of the town of Clifton.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 1104 presented each Cub Scout with a

rocket and then helped them start the building process at a "how to" clinic presented to each Pack of Cub Scouts and their parents. Each Cub Scout then took on the task of completing their own rocket and painting or decorating it as they wished prior to launch day. At the launch site, the Boy Scouts then loaded the engines into the rockets, set up each rocket on the launch pad and then showed the younger scouts the process to launch the rocket. At that point,

each of the Cub Scouts then proceeded to launch their winged wonder into the great blue sky.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 1104 meet on Wednesday evenings at the Clifton Presbyterian Church from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The Scoutmaster, Bo Reese, can be reached at 703-830-0048 or blreese1@cox.net. Also visit the web site, www.troop1104.com. Cub Scout contacts are Ken Fried (Willow Springs) at 703-631-6417 or Rob Jones (Clifton) at 703-752-0290.



Stone Middle Thanks Pacino's

Stone Middle School Principal Scott Phillips (right) gives a warm thanks to Sam Zaher, owner of Pacino Ristorante Italiano, for his support of the school's recent Stone PTA Dinner Fundraiser.



Holiday Mail for Heroes

Madison Vanderlip, 9, of Centerville hosted a "Card Party" for her friends on Dec. 13. They wrote notes and holiday cards as part of Holiday Mail for Heroes, sponsored by the American Red Cross. The Red Cross collects more than 1 million holiday cards to distribute to American service members, veterans and military families in the United States and around the world. Attendees included Zoe and Talia Costanza, Rachel Martin, Rebecca Skouby, Sarah Vinter, Katie Hunter and Erika Vargo. Their kind and compassionate words will help bring joy to many people this holiday season.

Holiday Spirit Alive at WHS

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...sic story of Chanukah with the Maccabees and King Antiochus," said Perrow. "The Maccabees' oil was gone and was only supposed to last for one night, but it lasted for eight."

In this version, a husband, portrayed by Josh Braunstein, is telling his wife, Phoebe Dillard, the story. "Josh's real-life twin, Daniel, plays the king who's persecuting the Jews," said Perrow. "And they're both Jewish in real life, so it's been nice having their insight on the project."

She was in the show last year and says acting is fun, but directing is "cool because you get to add your own twists to the show. It's hard to direct your peers and be in charge of them, but it's also a lot of fun. I thought I was destined for acting, but this is fun as well."

For those who don't celebrate Christmas, said Perrow, this play is "a nice change from the other shows. It's enjoyable, while also being a learning experience."

'Twas the Night

Seniors Jeremy Rommel and Meredith Murgia direct "Twas the Night." While they read the poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas," other students act it out through dance, with music by the Transsiberian Orchestra.

"Some dancers are sugarplum fairies and some are reindeer and evil rats," said Rommel. "There's also an epic guitar battle between the Nutcracker and the rat king."

About 16 people are in the cast, and the story begins with a family whose children fall asleep and dream the story. "We've been doing it this way at Westfield for several years, so it's a tradition," said Rommel. "I was in it one year as the Nutcracker, and Meredith was in it for several years, so she knows the dances really well."

He's in charge of the family and other actors, and she's doing the choreography. "In my opinion, it's always the best show every year," said Rommel. "It's always the last one, and it's really exciting — with awesome acting, superb dancing and great lighting. It puts me in the holiday spirit, so it should do the same for the audience."

Frosty the Snowman

Featuring a cast of 18, "Frosty the Snowman" is directed by seniors Leslie Roth and Claire Manship. Musa Ghaznavi plays Frosty; Taylor Reese, Karen; and Dan Mehan, Professor Hinkle.

"It's the tale of the magic, silk hat that turns Frosty into a living snowman on Christmas Day," said Manship. "Leslie and I rewrote the script, this year, to bring new and creative ideas to it and make it more of an ensemble show. We tried to delineate between the essential parts and those that had become boring, and we got down to the core events of the show."

Manship said she loves directing. "I'm a better director with small casts and Leslie's expertise is with ensembles," she said. "We take turns between supervising and actual, artistic direction."

"I think the audience will appreciate all the new and unique gags and bits the cast has come up with on their own," continued Manship. "We wrote the script to help them come up with their own, funny moments, so a lot of them were made by the en-

semble members, themselves."

Charlie Brown

Directing this 15-person play, "Charlie Brown," are seniors Samantha Henry and Jordan Wilson. Bradyn Heck portrays Charlie Brown; Deanna Hughes, Lucy; Eric Mitchell, Linus; and Daniel Hepler, Snoopy.

"Charlie Brown isn't really into the holiday season," said Henry. "He's kind of a pessimist, so he gets a scrawny Christmas tree that's kind of an outcast, like himself, but he likes it. The others make fun of him and his tree. But Linus tells the story of Christmas and teaches them its true meaning; then they all decorate Charlie's tree."

Henry says the audience should really enjoy this show. "I was in it for two years, and everyone always liked it," she said. "It's one of the favorites because everybody's familiar with the story and costumes."

She's also having a good time directing. "It's fun to put your own touches on the story and change things around," said Henry. "Jordan plays piano, so he'll do it for the Schroeder scene and also when they all sing, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' at the end."

The Grinch

Seniors Shire Stein and Shaina Kohli direct "The Grinch," with Heather Doubleday in the title role. "This year in theater, our theme is change, so we thought it would be cool to incorporate change into the show," said Stein. "So we cast a girl as the Grinch, for the first time, and she is amazing."

Stein says Doubleday brings lots of energy and "a whole, different vibe, in a good way. It's something you wouldn't ordinarily expect, so I hope people will see her as the Grinch, rather than as a girl."

In the story, the Grinch steals the Whos' Christmas gifts. "He's never felt the spirit of Christmas in his life, so he thinks that going to Whoville and stealing their presents will make him feel better," said Stein. "But he learns that Christmas isn't about the presents, but about everyone coming together and celebrating with each other."

She, too, is having fun directing. "When I was a freshman, I really looked up to the directors and wanted to be like them," she said. "I really like having the privilege of working with such talented underclassmen that I wouldn't normally have the opportunity to meet."

Since this story is such a holiday classic and the Grinch is such a well-known character, Stein says children will be excited to see the Grinch on stage. They'll also enjoy the message, she said, that "Christmas is about being with family, friends and loved ones."

Rudolph

With a cast of about 20, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is directed by seniors Russell Wagoner and Eden Volbrecht. It's the story of how Santa chose Rudolph to guide his sleigh on a foggy, Christmas Eve.

"Last year, Jade Jones and Kyla Waitt directed it, and I was Rudolph, and Eden was the elf, her sophomore year," said Wagoner. "So they asked us to direct it, this year, so we bring some very personal con-

"It puts me in the holiday spirit."


— Jeremy Rommel, student director


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 In its 17th year, ONC is looking for groups or individuals that would "adopt" the special needs of local families for the holiday season. The focus this year is on winter coats. Specific family information will not be available until Thanksgiving. If you are interested in helping, email to Kathy Sposa and Tracy McInturff at Sposafamily@aol.com.

Horses and Bunnies and Dogs

Hundreds of pets abandoned as recession worsens.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
CENTRE VIEW

Cupcake is a dwarf rabbit, as sweet a small furry thing as one can imagine. She loves to lie down on her back next to you and fall asleep as you rub her stomach. She did not focus on the appeal by the U.S. automobile executives for a \$34 billion bailout or the billions pumped into the banking system, but she is a victim of the rising U.S. recession nevertheless.

Her young mistress, who dearly loved her, lost her job and had to move in with others in a building that doesn't allow animals. She brought her beloved Cupcake to the Fairfax County Humane Society with tears in her eyes, grateful that someone would try to take care of the little animal.

Now Cupcake lives with six other rabbits hoping for adoption in a time when, according to Susan Spaulding, a 20-year veteran of rescuing animals, "there is a huge drop in adoptions and that means shelters don't have the space to care for more animals."

Sugar and Spice, a pair of chestnut Quarter horses, lucked out in this dangerous world. When their 72-year-old mistress lost her farm home in Lorton to foreclosure last August, the Fairfax County Humane Society was able to take them in. The equine pair took the second ride of their lives on a horse trailer, nervously induced to go up the ramp with horse treats. Now they roam a 13-acre farm run by the Society on Route 29 in Centreville. Adoption, perhaps not together, is a possibility. There are seven other horses at the farm and six on the waiting list.

Licorice's owners brought this lovely black and white cat and her companion Candy to the Humane Society because they lost their jobs and went back to Canada. Then Candy was adopted and Licorice was so upset for a while that she wouldn't come out of her carry all. Now she's one of 39 cats awaiting new homes at the Humane Society.

Carol Relkin, who runs the Humane Society's headquarters where small animals reside, said the calls she gets everyday "are often heart-breaking," as people try to find a place for beloved pets.

THERE WERE thousands of foreclosures in Fairfax over the past year, and many people cannot afford the rent in county apartments. Michelle Hankins, number two official of the Fairfax County's government-run shelter said the number of "owner-sur-



Sugar and Spice landed at the Humane Society farm in Centreville after their 72-year-old owner lost their home to foreclosure.



The Humane Society's Vicki Kirby with Spice; Sugar is in the background.

rendered animals" is up 39 percent over 2007 and it keeps the shelter packed.

The county had 32 cats ready for adoption earlier this month and 38 other pets from gerbils and rabbits to parrots and hamsters.

But that literally is the tip of the iceberg. Hundreds of cats and dogs are being cared for in shelters and foster care while seeking adoption by animal rescue groups across



Licorice arrived at the Humane Society when her owners lost their jobs and moved back to Canada.



Cupcake's owner lost her job and had to move in with friends in a place where no pets were allowed, landing Cupcake at the Humane Society of Fairfax County.

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"Now they bring in animals because they can't afford food or vet bills or they lost their jobs or are facing foreclosure."

— Vicki Kirby,
Fairfax County Humane Society

the area.

Chris Haslam, president of the Commonwealth Cat Rescue, Inc., has 38 cats for adoption. Now he gets 10 or 12 calls a day from owners seeking to find a home for a cat they cannot afford.

The chief of NOVA Rottweilers (www.md-novarotties.org) said her group's funds are exhausted and adoptions have virtually stopped. She has two Rottweilers left, but cannot take any more until she gets more contributions and finds more foster homes.

Space and money are the factors in the humane handling of animals. Fairfax County's animal shelter, run under the direction of the police department, has an earned reputation for being one of the more the humane shelters, according to Spaulding who has moved around the coun-

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try in her husband's years as a military officer from South Texas to California and then to Northern Virginia.

"What we try to do is change the 'pound attitude' to a 'shelter attitude,'" she said, urging county authorities to view their role as helping small animals and not just waiting to kill them.

Behind the current crisis is "pet overpopulation," which Paw Prints and Purrs, Inc., a national study group, said results from people not understanding what a responsibility pet ownership is. According to the Doris Day Animal League, more than six million dogs and cats are "euthanized in shelters each year." Millions of other pets die on the streets, highways and forests from starvation, freezing and attacks by predators.

Spaulding said that owners often let cats loose when they abandon them under the theory that cats can survive more easily than dogs, but animal experts said most house cats only last a short time in the open. The critical lack of space and foster homes in this new rush of abandonment means more cats and dogs are facing euthanasia.

Haslam said that not only is the intake of animals skyrocketing, but also the adoptions have dropped off sharply meaning that the foster homes where his animals are cared for have no more space.

Two years ago, the Fairfax Humane Society refurbished its farm on Route 29, building a multi-room dog facility with fenced outdoor play areas and veterinary treatment and viewing rooms. It built new stables and refurbished the farmhouse. Here they care for nine horses as well as some dogs.

Neutering is the primary defense against pet overpopulation. All the animals that enter rescue homes or the county shelter are neutered before they can be adopted as pets and other medical needs are met. But the cost is not cheap.

"Our main expense is veterinarian care," said Haslam. "You need blood work, testing, surgery." Animal care far exceeds the small fees that they charge for adoptions.

November and December are prime months for gifts to meet the Dec. 31 deadline for tax deductions. But Kirby said that donations are coming in more slowly than past years.

OPINION

When To Chase? How to judge when benefits outweigh risks to police, public?

In the past week, there were two instances of police chasing perpetrators through multiple jurisdictions that raise some questions.

In one case, a tractor trailer driven by a man fleeing police in Montgomery County crossed the American Legion Bridge on the Capital Beltway into Fairfax County and then exited in Tysons Corner before crashing down the block from this newspaper's offices on Westpark Drive. Dozens of police cars from Maryland and Virginia participated in the chase, broadcast live on some channels via helicopter.

The chase ended with a few fender benders and the suspect being tasered. No one else was hurt.

But we wonder what kind of damage could have occurred.

When does it make sense to chase a suspect driving a vehicle with contents unknown into the center of one of the largest shopping districts in the United States during the holiday shopping season? With helicopters in pursuit perhaps this is a case where tracking the truck until it ran out of gas was a possibility.

Last week, a 19-year-old bank robbery suspect from McLean was shot dead by police within sight of a middle school after a foot chase led them to an Arlington neighborhood.

Last February, a Fairfax County Police Officer drove her police cruiser through a red traffic signal on Richmond Highway on the way to answer a call, striking the car of 33 year-old Ashley McIntosh and killing her. The officer was cleared of charges of reckless driving.

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We don't pretend to understand all of the factors that come into play in making such decisions in general or these decisions in particular. We do know that we would like police to be open with the public about their policies.

— MARY KIMM.

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More on Poor Students

Several thoughtful emails were sent responding to our editorial, "Don't Lump Poor Students Together." (Dec. 3, 2008, www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=322904&paper=65&cat=110)

Some writers pointed to many factors besides concentration of student poverty that affect the quality of a school.

For example, Graham Road Elementary, with a high percent poverty rate, performs comparably to many schools with wealthy student populations. Graham Road, at least one writer said, is a good school because of great principal, great resources and parents who care.

The way the editorial was written does present too simplistic a picture.

While concentration of poverty in schools creates significant and often unnecessary chal-

lenges, and decreasing the concentration has benefits, this is far from the only factor involved in creating a successful school and student achievement.

Absolutely a great principal can inspire staff and parents; teachers and parents who care can make an incredible difference. And it is also quite possible for a school populated by affluent families to be mediocre.

Any yet, as the school system draws new boundaries, it is a mistake to create this additional challenge of concentrating poor students in one school.

But there is much more work than that involved in creating great schools.

— MARY KIMM.

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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. Substance use by minors is unlawful and absolutely can lead to other, increasingly dangerous drug consumption. Once kids reach the point where they are actively using and the law catches up with them, we need to make sure that treatment continues to be in place and let the law take its course.

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. To be on our email list to be notified of upcoming training events, 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

Jennifer Campbell

Westfield PTSA 1st Vice President

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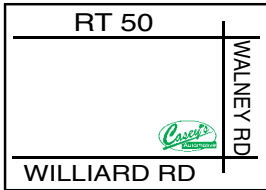
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Forum Addresses Day Laborers

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the right to remain silent. "Be quiet – don't say anything," said Aranda. "And don't carry false documents because that's a crime."

In answer to a worker's question, Threlkeld ex-

plained why the day labor center in Herndon closed, and another man asked when there'd be a day-labor center in Centreville. "Many people at our meetings think it would be a good idea, but we don't have the money or place," replied Foltz. "So I don't think it's possible right now, but we won't forget about it."

ROUNDUPS

Man Robbed at ATM

Fairfax County police say a 31-year-old Centreville man was robbed at gunpoint, last Thursday, Dec. 11. The victim was completing his transactions at a Wachovia Bank ATM at 14011 Saint Germain Drive in Centreville when a man approached him from behind.

The suspect displayed what appeared to be a handgun and demanded the victim's money. He complied and the suspect left with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect was described as a black or Hispanic man in his 20s, about 6 feet 4 inches and 240 pounds. He wore a gray sweatshirt, black coat, black pants and a white cloth covering his face.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Free Carseat Inspections

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Fair Oaks Citizens Advisory Council

The Fair Oaks District Police Station Citizens Advisory Council will meet Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. in the roll-call room of the Fair Oaks District Police Station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway.

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Show times are Friday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m. at Mountain View. Tickets are \$10, adults, and \$8, students and senior citizens. Call 703-834-0200 or go to www.thealliancetheatre.org.

In his 10th Alliance production is Jim Mitchell as

Ebenezer Scrooge. "At the beginning, he's a miserable, old miser who doesn't like anyone or anything, except money," said Mitchell. "But by the end, he's discovered he really loves his fellow man and wants to enjoy life."

Meganne Johnson, who plays two roles, including Scrooge's maid, believes this version of the Charles Dickens classic will really resonate with the audience. Said Johnson: "Everyone will find something different to like about the show — the music and dance, the message of hope, the humor and the way the actors make their characters come to life."

'Ho Ho Holiday Show' at Westfield

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nections to the characters."

Wagoner says he's obsessed with Christmas in real life, so co-directing this show is "Nirvana, heaven and absolute perfection" for him. Trevor Knickerbocker plays Rudolph and, said Wagoner, "He's better than I was, and I don't know how I feel about that. He does a stunning job."

He says Ben Nelms is really funny as the elf and Taylin Frame, as Vixen, sings a cute, jazzy version of the title song.

Wagoner says Audelia Solorio does an "awe-

some" job as Blitzen, and the audience will love the relationship between Rudolph and Amanda Durso as Cupid because "they're adorable, little reindeer."

AS AN ACTOR, said Wagoner, "In the end, it's up to you to pull off your role. Being a director is daunting because you don't have that control." But he's pleased with how well this play is coming along. "It's so funny and has the holiday spirit," he said. "It brings out something special in people. I've seen it a million times, and I still love it."

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Deer Park Holds Fund-raiser for Books

The Deer Park Elementary School SCA held a bake sale during Family Movie Night on Friday, Nov. 14. The proceeds from the bake sale are being used to purchase books for hospitalized children at Fair Oaks Hospital. The bake sale was held in conjunction with a fundraiser at Deer Park's Book Fair. Over \$500 was raised at both events. Pictured are SCA Sponsor, Catherine Arzt, and SCA Officers Joey Cronin, Jessica Swanson, Brooke Roberson and Jessie Heise.



Deer Park's Buddies Program

Lee White, reading specialist, and Karen Nelson, sixth-grade teacher, have teamed up to create a buddy program for sixth-graders and kindergartners at Deer Park Elementary. These sixth-graders work with their buddies every Wednesday afternoon on a variety of activities including reading, writing and word study games. Pictured are Meghan Howard with kindergartners Jenifer Mayorga-Garcia and Leslie Osorio.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Fairfax County student journalists and publications recently won awards from the Journalism Education Association (JEA) and National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) at the JEA-NSPA Fall Journalism Convention in St. Louis. Winning Best of Show awards were:

❖ Yearbooks (325+ pages): The Guardian, Westfield High School, first place, Hillary Bray and Victoria von Rinteln, editors, Gary Bender, advisor; Odyssey, Chantilly High School, eighth place, Mary Kay Downes, advisor.

❖ Junior High Yearbook: The Sentry, Robinson Secondary School, second place, Madison Benfield and M.K. Kosycki, editors, Pat Hinman, advisor.

❖ Literary Magazine: Andromeda, Chantilly High School, seventh place, Alex Ott, editor, Bretton Zinger, advisor;

Newspaper Pacemaker Finalists: The Purple Tide, Chantilly High School, Alex Ott, editor,

Fairfax High School Theatre Department is offering a three-day winter break Drama Camp for grades 1-8, Monday through Wednesday, Dec 29-31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501, Rebel Run, Fairfax.

Campers may sign up for mornings or afternoon sessions (\$75 for 3 half-day sessions) or both sessions (\$165 for the full 3-day camp.). Newly added activities include musical theatre and puppetry. See www.fxplayers.org for more information and a registration form, or call 703/818-0926.

All proceeds benefit the FHS Theatre students' trip to London.

The State Board of Elections announced that Jamie Hong, 12, will serve as a page for the Electoral College on Dec. 15.

The duties of a page for the Electoral

College include acting as an usher, assisting electors in signing of documents and delivery of correspondence within the House Chamber.

Jamie Hong is a sixth-grader at London Towne Elementary School in Centreville. She is the daughter of Sam Ja Heo, who is a reporter for The Korea Daily-Washington, and Doo Pyo Hong, an interior designer and carpenter.

The Centreville High School Choral Department will be performing its Winter Concert on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. All six choirs in the program will perform on the concert: Bella Voce, Concert Choir, Madrigal Ensemble, Men's Ensemble, Symphonic Choir, and Women's Ensemble. The director of the Centreville High School Choral Program is Lynne Babcock. The piano accompanist for the concert will be Michael Maher. Cost of admission will be \$3 for students and \$5 for adults.

Fairfax High School Theatre Department is offering a three-day winter break Drama Camp for grades 1-8, Monday through Wednesday, Dec 29-31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501, Rebel Run, Fairfax.

Campers may sign up for mornings or afternoon sessions (\$75 for 3 half-day sessions) or both sessions (\$165 for the full 3-day camp.). Newly added activities include musical theatre and puppetry.

See www.fxplayers.org for more information and a registration form, or call 703/818-0926.

All proceeds benefit the FHS Theatre students' trip to London.

Clifton Children's Academy will be holding a registration open house for Kindergarten and morning, afternoon

and full-day preschool classes on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. This is for registration for Fall 2009. Bring your child and come to tour the school.

The school is located at 14315 Compton Road in Centreville. Call 703-968-8455. Visit the Web site at www.childrensacademy.com.

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.

The Centreville High Wildcat Music Department presents the following concerts:

❖ Band /Jazz — Feb. 19, May 7, May 14;

❖ Choir — Dec. 18, March 18, June 4, June 5;

❖ Orchestra — March 12, May 21;

❖ Guitar - Jan. 30, May 8;

To help keep the music playing, keep an eye out this fall for CVHS Wildcat Band Scrip cards, car washes and fruit sales. Be sure and join us for the Wildcats' home football games and the halftime entertainment your generous support provides.

Andrew Barstow of Centreville, a senior majoring in aerospace engineering, is the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Alpha Company Executive Officer for the 2008-09 academic year.

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Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2008 USLBA Award Program focused on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the USLBA and data provided by third parties.

The Herndon Chamber of Commerce announces a series of special programs for 2009 to celebrate its 50th anniversary. The Chamber turns 50 years old in January. Launching the celebrations will be the Birthday Party Mixer, taking place at the Herndon Municipal Center on Jan. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center, located at 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. \$15 Members; \$20 Non-Members;. Reservations can be made at www.dullesregionalchamber.org/events.

The Chamber will stage its premiere celebration with an Anniversary Gala titled Hour Story: Eat, Drink and Dance Your Way Through Five Decades. This will include silent and live auction, a scrolling visual history of the Chamber events and leaders interspersed with major events of those decades. The event is being held on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 7 p.m. to midnight, at Westfields Marriott in Chantilly.

The Chantilly-Centreville Chamber hosts the monthly Power Networking Breakfast on Thursday, Jan. 22 from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select - Dulles Expo Center, 4335 Chantilly Shopping Center. Cost for members is \$25; non-members \$30. Contact the Chamber at 571-323-5304; or to register online, visit www.dullesregionalchamber.org/events.

The Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and Title Sponsor Access National Bank invite new and prospective members to be their guests for lunch at Chamber 101 on Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. To RSVP, contact Vickie Walton, Membership Director, 571-323-5308. Chamber 101 will be held at the Dulles Regional Chamber's Chantilly Office, 3901 Centerview Dr., Suite R, Chantilly.

The Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce and Network Solutions present a program aimed at taking financial mastery to the next level with a better understanding of the power of QuickBooks. The speaker is "**The QuickBooks Guru**" Armit Khalsa who, over the last 18 years, founded, managed and sold two successful service companies. This Brown Bag Luncheon takes place on Friday, Jan. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Chantilly-Centreville Chamber presents these monthly luncheon seminars at the Dulles Regional Chamber's office, 3901 Centerview Drive, Suite R, Chantilly. Register online at www.dullesregionalchamber.org or by calling 571-323-5304.

The ITT Chantilly campus at 14420 Albemarle Point Place, Chantilly, is collecting Toys for Tots now through Dec. 22. Donations are accepted Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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Yoplait Pink Lids are being collected by the Western Fairfax Alumnae of Zeta Tau Alpha. Yoplait will donate 10 cents to the Susan G. Komen Foundation and 5 cents to the ZTA Foundation for every lid sent in by Zeta. A pink drop box can be found in the Centreville United Methodist Church narthex (intersection of Route 28/New Braddock Road) on the mission table until Dec. 9.

DEC. 18

Mothers First - Chantilly/Centreville 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.

DEC. 19-21

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.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

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 Center Road, Herndon. Go to www.gottaswing.com for details etc.

- ❖ Dec. 19 — King Teddy (and the Winter Wonderland Dance with decorations, desserts and lots of sparkle!);
- ❖ Dec. 26 — JP McDermott and the Bop, also the annual PJ party so wear your Pajama's!

DEC. 20-21

Encore Theatrical Arts Project presents "Over the North Pole," its 12th Annual Holiday Spectacular. Written by Brandon Kalbaugh and directed and choreographed by Raynor

van der Merwe. See www.encoretap.org. The dates are Dec. 20 at 1, 4, 8 p.m.; and Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Harris Theatre, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Cost is \$15/students and seniors; \$17/adults; \$15 Scout Special (includes behind-the-scenes tour, pre-seating and snack). Visit www.encoretap.org or call 703-222-5511.

SATURDAY, DEC. 20

The Fairfax County Park Authority is freeing up some shopping time for busy parents this year. Drop the kids off (ages 6 to 11) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park on Saturday, Dec. 20 for food, fun and holiday shopping. Adults can use this time to finish their last-minute shopping and wrapping. Reservations are required and the cost is \$20 per child.

On Tuesday, Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon, the staff at E.C. Lawrence Park will watch children ages 3 to 5. The kids will be kept busy and entertained with nature stories around the campfire, a snack, and they will make a holiday craft. Reservations are required and the cost is \$12 per child. E.C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Call 703-631-0013 to reserve a spot for either activity.

Get a glimpse of historic Christmas celebrations at Sully Historic Site on

Saturday, Dec. 20 from 1-4 p.m. During the afternoon tour, visit with members of the recreated 54th Engineers Battalion as they do their best to enjoy a holiday while on duty during World War II. Inside the house, a World War II Washington Post correspondent works to report the latest news. In the exhibit room, gather 'round the Christmas tree as costumed interpreter recalls a childhood holiday spent at Sully. The nine-foot cedar tree sparkles with gilded walnuts, and boughs bend as they enfold dolls, pop-guns and toys of a bygone era. Tours are given on the hour. The cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, and \$4 for seniors and children. Call 703-437-1794. Sully Historic Site is located at 3650 Historic Sully Way in Chantilly, near Dulles Airport.

DEC. 27, 28, 29

The Virginia Ballet Company and School will present the classic Nutcracker ballet in its 59th consecutive season. These performances are at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. each day at the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Campus in the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$20 for children, students and seniors. Group pricing is available for groups of 10 or more for the same

performance. Tickets may be purchased through the web site, www.virginiaballetcompany.org or at the door. A limited number of \$10 open seating tickets is available for the working stage rehearsal on Dec. 26 at 6:30 p.m. They must be purchased in advance and may be purchased through the Web site. Go to www.virginiaballetcompany.org or call 703 249-8227.

THURSDAY, JAN. 8

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THURSDAY, JAN. 15

La Leche League of Centreville/Chantilly will hold its January meeting on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 10 a.m. The topic is "The Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby". Pregnant and nursing women as well as their children are welcome to attend. Meeting location is the Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive. Free. Call a La Leche League Leader at 703-471-7762 or 703-449-0131.

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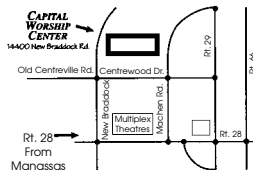
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FAITH NOTES

Congregation Yad Shalom of Centreville provides a variety of programs in a traditional format with a modern flair. It openly invites inquiries about participation in these activities by the community. There are a number of activities for the family for the new year:

- ❖ Join in a Saturday morning service with Cantor Zucker on Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Ctr. # 3.
- ❖ Enjoy dinner with the congregation at Sino's Inn at 5 p.m. in Centreville Plaza, Machen Drive.
- ❖ Come light the candles at a special Chanukah event on Sunday, Dec. 28 — see the Web site for further details.
- ❖ Join us for a Friday night Shabbat service with Cantor Zucker on Jan. 9, 2009 at 8 p.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3.
- ❖ Ask about the K-2 Hebrew school for the children for the fall semester. Check out an extensive variety of educational opportunities with the congregation.
- ❖ Check out the Web site — keep up with the activities scheduled throughout the year.

For further information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit the Web site at www.yadshalom.com.

Wellspring Church celebrates Christmas this week, with special worship and dinner on Sunday, and a candlelight service on Christmas Eve. There will be

special music by the choir, and Pastor Richard Thayer will preach. Sunday worship is at 11 a.m., at the chapel on Route 29, 13510 Lee Highway, Centreville. The chapel is on the north side of Route 29, just west of the Lee Highway-Union Mill Rd. intersection.

Sunday School for children meets during the worship hour. Following worship there is a potluck dinner, and visitors are welcome. During the fellowship time, there will be special recognition for founding members of Wellspring.

A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held at the Centreville Fire Station No. 17, Old Centreville Rd., on Dec. 24, 7 p.m.; and the Immigration Forum meets in January. Check the Web site, wellspringucc.org, or call Sara Little at 703-257-4111 for information on these and other special events.

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Drive, Centreville. Call 703-815-8860 www.cccb-va.com.

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.

Temple Beth Torah is a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) that meets at St. John's Episcopal Church in the heart of Centreville. Religious school is held at the Goddard School in Chantilly. The congregation offers the Northern Virginia Jewish community services that provide numerous spiritual, educational, support and social opportunities including religious school for member children age 3 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation. The congregation welcomes all members of the community to attend ser-

VICES or events. Call 703-263-2252 or visit www.BethTorah.net.

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The ACC Three

Three women's soccer players from Chantilly, Centreville excel in ACC.

BY JASON MACKAY
CENTRE VIEW

Their alma maters sit less than five miles apart down Stringfellow Road, and they grew up playing with and against each other at the club level. So Mary Casey, Amy Smerdzinski and Emily Jukich — three Division I-A women's soccer players — should all be fairly close friends, right?

Sure, just not *before* a game. Only after it. That's how the trio's current situation has come about with three intense and talented soccer players all starring in the same high-profile conference.

Casey, a junior goalkeeper on the Maryland women's soccer team, graduated from Chantilly in 2006, which is one year after Smerdzinski, who recently wrapped up her career as a midfielder at Wake Forest, graduated. Jukich, a junior forward at Virginia Tech, graduated from Centreville in 2006.

"When we're playing, we don't really talk that much because we know during a game that it's all about the game," said Jukich, who notched 15 goals and one assist for the Hokies (10-9-4) this season. "It's all about competing."

Casey, Smerdzinski and Jukich shared two meetings apiece this season, with Smerdzinski's Demon Deacons posting two wins and Casey's Terrapins suffering a pair of losses. Jukich split the series as her Hokies went 1-1.

AFTER THE SEASON, all three earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. Casey, who allowed only 11 goals and had a .90 goals against average for the Terrapins (7-10-1), earned first team honors, while Smerdzinski (six goals, two assists) and Jukich were second team picks.



Mary Casey, a junior goalkeeper on the Maryland women's soccer team, was a first team All-ACC pick this season. The 2006 Chantilly graduate allowed 11 goals all season.

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Emily Smerdzinski, the oldest of the three and a 2005 Chantilly graduate, recently finished her soccer career at Wake Forest with 16 goals and seven assists.

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"I think the ACC is just a great conference because every team is a quality team and you never really play a bad team," said Smerdzinski, who team finished 13-8 this year. "Having any success in such a competitive conference is rewarding."

So how did this success come about? For all three, the answer is simple: club soccer. It's hardly a secret that Northern Virginia possesses a wealth of quality club soccer opportunities, as Casey, Smerdzinski and Jukich were perfect beneficiaries of that.

Casey suited up for the PWSI Cardinals and was eventually joined by Jukich. Smerdzinski, meanwhile, played for Chantilly Milan until her junior year in high school at Chantilly and then switched to RFC Milan, where Jukich joined her before transferring to PWSI.

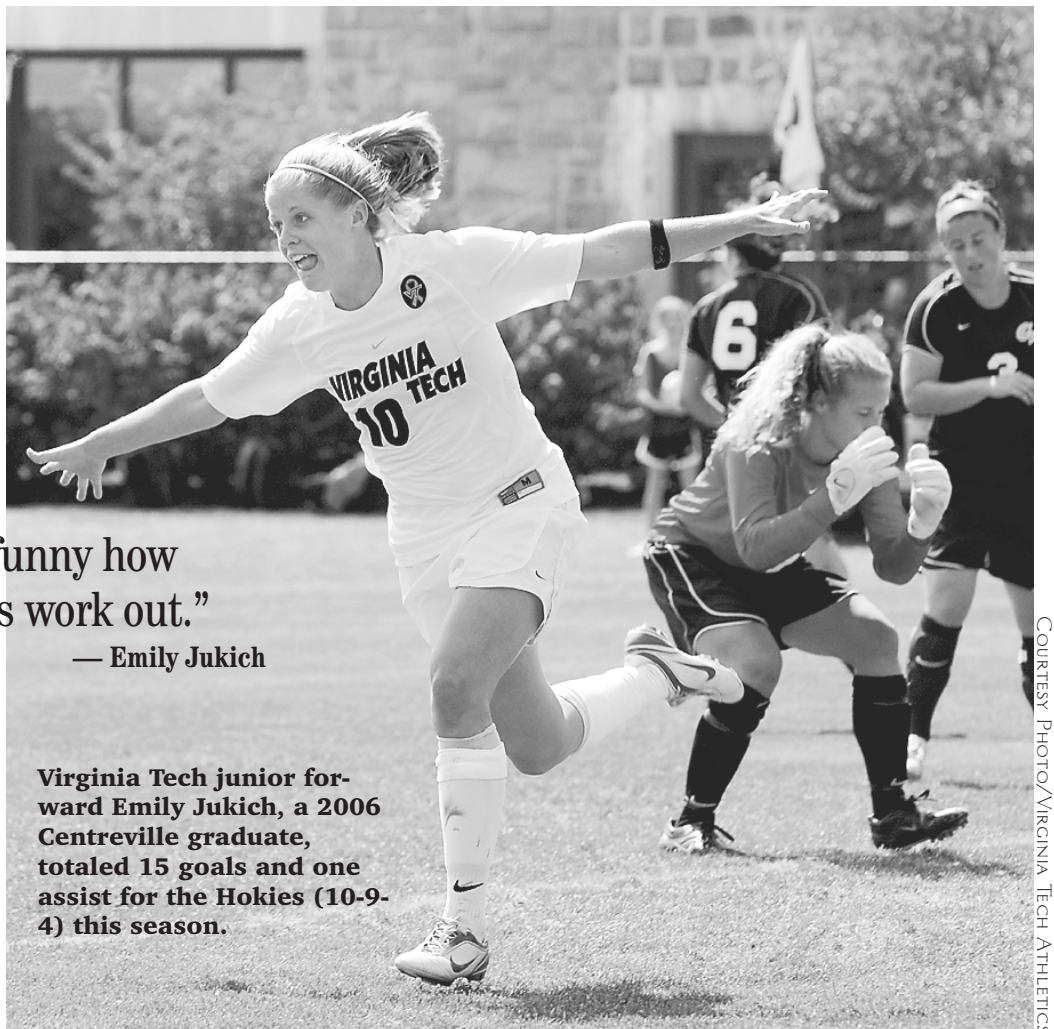
"Club teams around here always seem to have a lot of quality players, but they're diverse enough to make it really competitive," Smerdzinski said. "You don't have a mass team of great players, so you kind of have to compete together, which really showcases the area and allows players to get showcased to Division I schools."

BUT CLUB SOCCER alone didn't lead these three to the ACC; their high school accomplishments are staggering. Casey was a four-time All-District selection and was an All-State pick in 2003 and 2004. Jukich scored a total of 72 goals

"It's funny how things work out."

— Emily Jukich

Virginia Tech junior forward Emily Jukich, a 2006 Centreville graduate, totaled 15 goals and one assist for the Hokies (10-9-4) this season.



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and 37 assists for the Wildcats and was an All-State pick from 2004-06. Smerdzinski scored a staggering 90 goals and 50 assists at Chantilly.

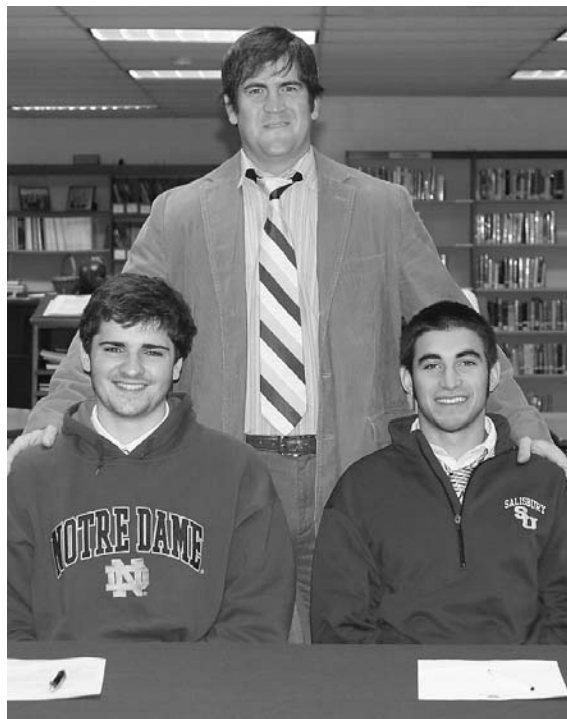
Despite all the success, the trio remains cordial and regularly exchanges pleasantries *after* the

game. It would just be out of character to do it at any other time.

"It's pretty cool to have friends from the area that are from other ACC schools," Jukich said. "It's fun to see each other when we play against each other, and it's funny how things work out."

"I know I'm a very competitive person, and I know that Amy and Mary are too. The environments that we've played soccer against each other in were always very competitive with each other and with the teams, so I think that definitely led us to the ACC."

Nieves and Miller Sign Letters of Intent

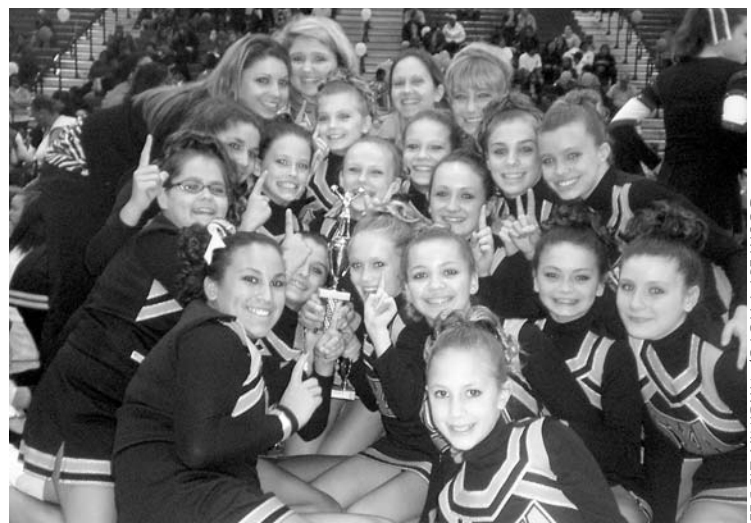


Senior lacrosse players Alex Nieves (right) will play for Salisbury University and Matt Miller (left) will play for Notre Dame.

Notre Dame Academy is pleased and proud to announce the collegiate signings for two of its stellar student-athletes. Senior lacrosse players Matt Miller and Alex Nieves signed their National Letters of Intent recently in a school-wide ceremony at Notre Dame Academy.

Alex Nieves of Centreville has been a standout midfielder for the Dragons over the past two seasons. A shifty dodger, Alex was second on the team in scoring last year, and first in assists (15). Alex was a First-Team All-MILL performer last season, and was voted co-captain for the upcoming spring season. Alex has committed to play for eight-time, and defending NCAA Division III champions, Salisbury University. He is the son of Troy and Mo Nieves.

Matt Miller of Warrenton is a four-year starting defenseman at Notre Dame Academy and has accumulated numerous honors at Notre Dame Academy. Matt is 2007 All-State Performer, a two-time First-Team All-MILL (Maryland Independent Lacrosse League) selection, as well as a 2008 Under Armour All-American. Matt holds career records at NDA for takeaways and groundballs, and is a co-captain for the 2009 season. Matt will be furthering his academic and lacrosse careers at the University of Notre Dame, a 2008 NCAA Division I Quarterfinalist. He is the son of Nancy and Eric Miller.



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Members of SYA Extreme are (front row): Claire O'Neill; first row: Robyn Lewis, Kristen Houhoulis, Kaitlyn D'Andrea, Chaliss Berry, Jackie Williams, Micaela Charter; (second row): Nickie Bruley, Medina Khatib, Madison Rethman, Kylie Guckert, D'Arcy Sampson, Michelle Jocz, Lauren Liddle, Allie Carson, Sarah Kormeluk; (third row): coach Jessica Hardy, coach Cami Ragano, coach Jenny Pittman and head coach Bobbie Helbringer.

WEEK IN SPORTS

SYA Extreme Takes First Place

The new competition squad for the Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) Extreme was awarded first place in the Youth Small Recreation division in the 2008 Olympia Cheer and Dance competition on Saturday, Nov. 8. The competition was held at South Lakes High School and drew cheerleading squads from all over the Washington, D.C., metro area, as far south as Newport News and as far north as Prince George's County. The SYA team is off to a great start and will be competing through March with its final competition (the area's largest) at George Mason's "Battle of the Capital" on March 22.

Open Soccer Sessions

The Chantilly SC Blast (NCSL U-13 — Division 4) will be conducting open training sessions throughout the winter. Those premier players interested in exploring the possibility of working out with the Blast should contact coach Edz (Edge) Sturans at edz@crsoftwareinc.com or coach Bob Cochran at cochran378@aol.com. Go to www.leaguelineup.com/chantillyblast.

Tillman Honored

Centreville native Ryan Tillman, now an offensive tackle on the Marshall University football team, recently earned Conference USA All-Freshman Team honors. Tillman started 12 games this season for an offensive line that permitted only 13 sacks. The Thundering Herd went 4-8 this season. The 6-foot-5, 282-pound Tillman helped Westfield to its 2003 Virginia AAA state title and

later attended the Hargrave Military Academy in 2006-07. At Westfield, Tillman earned second team All-State, first team All-Northern Region and first team All-Concorde District honors.

Softball Team Seeks Players

The Leesburg Revolution, a U-10 girls fastpitch softball team, is actively recruiting girls from all over Northern Virginia who are interested in playing travel softball. The Revolution has two open roster spots, and to try out for the spring team, contact Dave Carver at 10Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org. The Revolution will hold an open tryout in early March. For more information, including dates and a location for the tryout, visit the team's Web site at <http://www.revolutionfastpitch.org/>.

Westfield Second in Wachovia Cup

With the fall sports season now completed, Westfield High School has a hold of second place in the Virginia High School League's Wachovia Cup, an annual award that tracks each school's athletic performance on the state level. The Bulldogs trail Frank W. Cox of Richmond, 130-122.5. Westfield was helped by a second-place finish in volleyball and picked up additional points with field hockey and golf success at the state level. A Northern Region team last claimed the award in 2005 when Lake Braddock won its fourth such award since 1990. Centreville High won in 2002 and 1995. The winner of the Cup is determined by a point system, between 15 and 50 points awarded to teams that finished eighth and first in the state, respectively.

SYA Storm Black Goes Undefeated

The SYA Storm Black, a U10 girls travel soccer team, capped off an undefeated (8-0-1) ODSL Division II championship season with a first-place finish in the Hunt Country Classic tournament held in Warrenton on Nov. 22-23. The team was undefeated for the tournament (4-0) and scored 15 goals while holding their opponents to only a single goal. The Storm Black is currently looking to add one additional player to their roster for the spring season as they move to ODSL Division I. Interested players should contact mgregg@hotmail.com.



MICHAELA ESTES/CENTRE VIEW

(Front row, from left): Alex Waniel, Katie Le, Tori Judd, Hannah Estes, Jamilah Odeh, Molly Cripe, Jordan Abramczyk. (Back Row) Asst. Coach Terry Estes, Rebekah Gregg, Carolyn Ziegler, Isabella Gordon, Haley Winter, Allison Tickner, Head Coach Mike Gregg.

SYA Wildcats Win BRYC Tourney

Congratulations to the seventh grade SYA Wildcats Boys Travel Basketball Team for winning the BRYC Thanksgiving Tournament sponsored by the Braddock Road Youth Club. This was a two-day, four-game tournament with a total of twelve teams competing from around the Northern Virginia area. The SYA Wildcats finished 4 - 0 with an exciting 50-49 finish in the championship game to win the seventh grade boys division.



Pictured left to right are (bottom row), Ben Kandel, Chris Nicoll, Brian Garland, R.J. D'Andrea, (top row), Jake D'Ercole, J.C. Cutlip, Deion Gresham, Matthew Sedlock, Coach D'Andrea not pictured, Kevin Grimm, Ryan Vierregger, Coach Sedlock

SPORTS

The 16th Pohanka Chantilly Classic Holiday Basketball Tournament will take place Saturday, Dec. 27, Monday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Dec. 30 at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

This year's tournament will feature 16 teams from Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the Richmond area in an exciting and intense three-day chase for the title. Last year's tournament featured some of the best and exciting basketball in its history, and several individual records were shattered.

This year's Landon boys basketball team returns Christian Webster, last year's Pohanka Chantilly Classic Most Valuable Player. Webster, one of the most sought-after recruits in the country and a top scorer in the D.C. area, poured in 46 points in the 2007 Championship game in a losing effort. The defending champion Chantilly Chargers return 2008 Concorde District Most Outstanding Player Justin May, as well as 6'11" sophomore center John Manning and have high expectations following a 21-4 season last year. Riverbend of Fredericksburg plays an up-tempo, exciting brand of basketball, and Jefferson, South County, George Mason, Falls Church, and West Springfield feature improved and dynamic squads.

The girls tournament also features an exciting array of teams, including the defending champion Chantilly Chargers and West Springfield, traditionally a Northern Region powerhouse. Yorktown also had a top Region team last season and Bishop Ireton, Jefferson, Mills Godwin, and Bishop Ireton all play an exciting brand of basketball that could make this season's tournament the best in Pohanka Chantilly Classic history.

Admission is \$5 for an all-day pass, and refreshments will be sold. Any CYA basketball player wearing their team shirt gets a \$2 discount with a paying adult. (Limit three players per one paying adult) And Chantilly Students with a valid student ID are admitted for \$3.

Saturday, Dec. 27th:

- ◆ 9 a.m. (Girls) Yorktown v. Hylton
- ◆ 10:45 a.m. (Girls) West Springfield v. Bishop Ireton

- ◆ 12:30 p.m. (Boys) South County v. Falls Church

- ◆ 2:15 p.m. (Boys) Landon School v. Riverbend

- ◆ 4 p.m. (Girls) Thomas Jefferson v. Mills Godwin

- ◆ 5:45 p.m. (Girls) Chantilly v. George Mason

- ◆ 7:30 p.m. (Boys) Thomas Jefferson v. West Springfield

- ◆ 9:15 p.m. (Boys) George Mason v. Chantilly

Monday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Dec. 30 - Call Charger Hotline at 703-448-4909 or check the web site <http://www.chantillysports.org> for updated bracket information.

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The **10U Leesburg Revolution Girl's Fastpitch travel team** has now completed a very successful Fall 2008 season and they will return to action in January to start preparing for the Spring season. The Revolution are actively recruiting girls from all over Northern Virginia who are interested in playing travel softball. The Revs have two rosters spots that need to be filled. If you are interested in trying out for the Spring team contact Dave Carver at 10Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org.

10U Revs will be holding an open tryout in early March check the Web site <http://www.revolutionfastpitch.org/> for dates and locations for the tryouts.

The **12U Revolution** is looking to fill out their Spring roster. If you are interested in playing with the 12U Revolution, contact Roger Turner at 12Urevolution@leesburggirlssoftball.org to arrange a tryout.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I rescued a damsel in distress earlier today and I did it by sitting on my rear end and thinking (remembering, actually). I received the semi distress call from my wife, Dina, at 9:25 this morning. I was in McLean, she was still in Burtonsville, 45 minutes away by car. Dina was calling to say that she had accidentally locked her keys in her car, and did I have any suggestions or words to that effect.

Being an experienced husband, I knew that inquiring (I use that term loosely) as to how such a thing, accidental though it may have been, could have possibly happened would serve absolutely no purpose, and most likely exacerbate an already unpleasant and inconvenient situation, so I refrained.

It happened. Why/how is irrelevant. Finding the solution was the proper course of action, at that particular time, anyway. And so we discussed our options: calling AAA, yours truly driving home to unlock her car with my key, attempting to use her car's second key-less entry key fob (the one I had on my key chain) to transmit a signal via cell phone in a technological trick to unlock the door while she held her cell phone against the car (something I had read somewhere — unfortunately, it didn't work), calling a locksmith, or even consider alternative modes of transportation: neighbor, taxi, subway, etc. After discussing all these options, I said I would call her back in five minutes after asking around the office in the event there was some idea that we hadn't considered.

A few minutes later I called her back. After speaking with other car owners in my office, some of whom had actually experienced the identical keys-locked-in-the-car problem, the consensus was that Dina should just call AAA. I called Dina back and advised her how best to proceed, and so she called AAA, with whom we've been members going on 25 years. I hung up and told her to call me back if she encountered any problems. At which point I figured my assistance was no longer needed so I resumed my morning duties and re-focused on the newspaper tasks at hand.

And as I returned to my desk and sat back down, I felt my car/house keys in my pant's pocket where I had put them in anticipation of possibly driving home after Dina had initially called to explain her plight. And while doing so, I felt again, saw again, the key fob to her car that I had on my key chain, that moments ago, in crisis mode, we had used (via our cell phones) unsuccessfully to unlock her car, and it hit me.

Dina doesn't use her car's key fob. She doesn't even carry it on her key chain. In fact, I think I remembered seeing it in the house, by itself, in an ash tray under a mirror in our living room where, if I wasn't mistaken, it had taken up permanent residence, so I called her back immediately, and somewhat excitedly, with news I thought, if true, would eliminate whatever cost and inconvenience waiting for AAA to arrive would cause.

And, before I could even finish my thought, Dina had, per my suggestion, looked in the ash tray, found her key fob and was already on her way outside to her car, a mere 10 yards or so from where the key fob was (and the front door is) and voila, one button press later, "presto chango," like magic, or shall I say exactly like key-less entry technology was designed to do, the car door opened. Dina quickly called to cancel the AAA Road Service and off to work she drove, with nary a hint of the disaster/delay that might have been.

Mighty Mouse would have been proud as I "saved the day!" And though I didn't exactly swoop down from the sky like he often did, it sure felt like it. For a low-tech, mechanically declined, tool twit like me, this rescue was as good as it gets.

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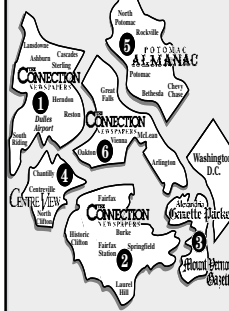
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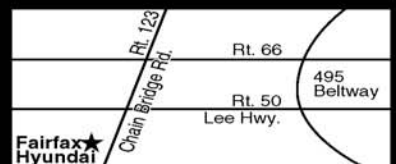
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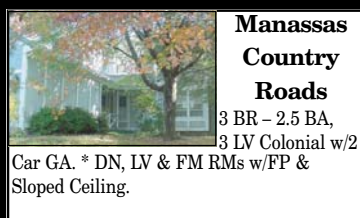
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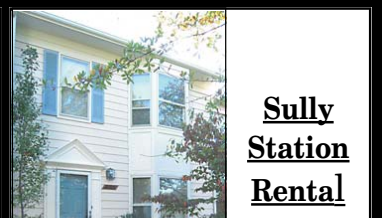
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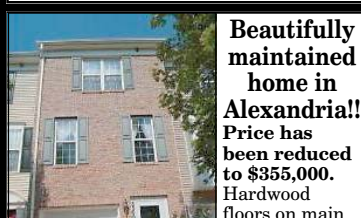
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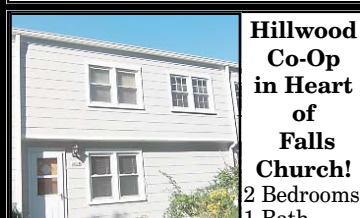
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