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Westfield High choral students enjoy themselves during a rehearsal of the song, "We're All in this Together," from "High School Musical."

## Choral Students Dazzle with Disney

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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Featuring happy music, colorful costumes and a whole lot of fun, Westfield High's Choral Department will present its annual "Disney Dazzle" show. With a cast of 80, this bubbly, Broadway-style, musical revue is geared not just for children, but for the

entire family.

The curtain rises next Thursday-Friday, Jan. 15-16, at 7 p.m. each night, and Saturday, Jan. 17, at 2 and 7 p.m., in Westfield's auditorium. Tickets are \$7, adults; and \$5, children and senior citizens. Ticketing information is available at [www.westfieldhschoral.org](http://www.westfieldhschoral.org).

"It's a song-and-dance show with music from Disney movies," said Choral Di-

rector Jessica Lardin. "It will feature large groups; small, ensemble production numbers; plus lots of solos and duets."

The students will perform songs from Disney hits including "Beauty and the Beast," "Newsies," "Pocahontas," "The Lion King," "Mulan," "The Hunchback of

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## Guilty of Gang Charges

Jury recommends five years in prison.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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In May 2007, a group of males in Reston beat up a teen-age boy who they believed was a member of an opposing gang. And now a Centreville man has been convicted for his role in that crime.

He is Brian Swain, 22, of the Singleton's Grove community, and after a two-day jury trial, he was found guilty of malicious or unlawful wounding by mob and participation in a criminal street gang, knowing one of its members is a minor. The jury of five men and seven women then

"A group of guys came and asked us if we were in a gang."

— Victim

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## MLK Festival on Sunday

Local students honor his life and legacy.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

The sounds of joy and hope will fill the air during the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festival. It will be held this Sunday, Jan. 11, from 4-6 p.m., in the Centreville High auditorium.

This special celebration is presented jointly by the Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) and Centreville High. The pro-

gram is open to the public and admission is free, and the majority of the entertainment will be provided by local school children.

"We do it every year to honor Martin Luther King's memory," said Wanda Tanks-Gregory, organizing the event along with Kim Graham, Brenda Johnson and Deneen Vaughn. "And this year, with the inauguration [of America's first black president], it takes on added meaning — with all the

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A group of elementary-school students performs during last year's Martin Luther King Jr. Festival.



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## Crash Kills Centreville Man

A 23-year-old Centreville man, Mohamad Khalid, died as a result of a vehicle crash on Saturday, Dec. 27, on the Fairfax County Parkway. According to Fairfax County police, he was driving a 2007 Toyota Scion southbound, around 1:30 p.m., but lost control of the car as he approached Burke Centre Parkway.

His vehicle crossed over the median, flipped as it entered the northbound lanes of the county parkway and landed on the hood of a 2001 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck. Khalid, of 13969 Sawteeth Way, was ejected from the car and suffered severe trauma to his upper body. He was Medevaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he later died of his injuries.

The driver and passenger of the pickup truck were not injured. Police say speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the crash, but the case is still under investigation.

## Teen Charged with Setting Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department investigators on Dec. 18 charged a Centreville boy with burning personal property in excess of \$200. The arrest was in connection with a vehicle fire, Aug. 30, at 5752 Pleasant Valley Road in Centreville. There were no injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$7,800. The 16 year-old boy was released to his parents pending his court hearing. If convicted, he could be sentenced to as much as 10 years in prison.

## Police Charge Teens with Theft

Fairfax County police have charged two 17-year-old boys, of Centreville and Herndon, with stealing alcoholic beverages from a man's garage. They say the incident occurred Friday, Dec. 26, around 9:10 p.m.

The victim, 40, heard noises in his garage in the 14300 block of Emerald Pool Drive in Centreville's Sully Station community, went to investigate and reportedly discovered one of the boys leaving the garage and carrying something in his hand.

This boy then walked to a parked vehicle with another teen waiting inside. But the victim followed him and detained both boys until police arrived. The boys were released to their parents and the incident was referred to juvenile court.

## Charges Go to Grand Jury

The criminal charges against a Centreville man are moving forward in the legal system. He is Taurus Finley Dean Jr., 19, of 14626 Outpost Court in Centre Ridge, and he's accused of robbery and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony.

Fairfax County police believe he's one of three people who participated in a July 10 armed robbery near London Towne Elementary. Police say the trio threatened the victim with a semi-automatic handgun and a baseball bat and took his belongings.

Dean was arrested Oct. 28 and appeared in General District Court on Dec. 23. At that time, Judge Donald McDonough certified both his charges to the grand jury for possible indictment.

## One Charged with DWI

Fairfax County police officers from around the county conducted a multi-agency sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers from Friday, Dec. 19, at 11:30 p.m. until Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 a.m.

All motorists were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, Virginia State Police and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) also participated in the checkpoint.

Approximately 800 motorists passed through the checkpoint at Route 50 and Pleasant Valley Road. One arrest was made for DWI. Seven traffic summonses were issued — four for driving without a license and three for driving on suspended licenses. Additionally, one misdemeanor criminal charge was placed.

Eight Fairfax County Police officers, six Virginia State Troopers and 12 auxiliary police officers participated. The checkpoint was dedicated to Kathleen Becker, a Leesburg woman who was struck and killed by a Westfield High girl, 17, who had consumed alcohol after a football game at her school in September 2007.



**The Tri-M student board includes, from right to left, Orchestra Vice President Jihyun Kim (grade 12), Orchestra Vice President Soyeon Kang (grade 12), Guitar Vice President Dorin Methfessel (grade 12) President Danny Lucas (grade 11), Band Treasure Jin-Min Lee (grade 12), Guitar Historian Marlo Clingman (grade 11), Band Secretary Eunice Ko (grade 10), and Choir Vice President Alice Hong (grade 11).**

## Students Inducted in Tri-M Honor Society

Some 79 Centreville High School music students were inducted into the Tri-M Honor Society on Dec. 22. Tri-M is the international honor society recognizing secondary music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service. Sponsors for the CVHS Chapter are Melissa

Hall and Lynne Babcock.

Guest speaker was Anthony Maiello, director of Instrumental Studies at George Mason University.

Performers for the ceremony included the CVHS Madrigal Ensemble, the CVHS Guitar ensemble, pianist, Jisung Kim, and saxophone duet, David Kim and Alexandra Zeller.

## Six-Day Sentence for Gamarra-Cavero

In February, Angel Arturo Gamarra-Cavero was one of five people charged by Fairfax County police in connection with a string of thefts from members at Life Time Fitness in Centreville. Now, he's been sentenced to six days in jail.

Police said 21 larcenies were reported at Life Time Fitness between August 2007 and Feb. 7, 2008. In each case, patrons' property was taken from locked lockers. Stolen items included iPods, BlackBerries, cell phones and a diamond ring.

An investigation by detectives from the Sully Dis-

trict Station allegedly led to a family employed by Life Time Fitness. And on Feb. 25, police charged Gamarra-Cavero, 19, of 7642 Chadds Landing Way in Manassas, with five offenses.

Only one charge of grand larceny went forward and, on Aug. 19, he pleaded guilty to it in Circuit Court. He returned for sentencing Dec. 12 and, at that time, Judge Jonathan Thacher sentenced him to 365 days in jail, with 359 suspended. He also placed Gamarra-Cavero on one year's supervised probation.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## Zuiker Pleads Guilty to Narcotics Crime

Kevin Zuiker, 20, of Centreville pleaded guilty in court last week to possession with intent to distribute Xanax. Before accepting his plea, though, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Dennis Smith made sure Zuiker was entering his plea freely and voluntarily and because he was, in fact, guilty.

On May 5, the county sheriff's office charged Zuiker with driving while under the influence of drugs and possession with intent to distribute a schedule IV drug (Xanax). And in a May 7 affidavit, an undercover narcotics detective with the county police wrote

that Zuiker "is a current supplier of prescription drugs in Fairfax County."

He stated that, during a search incident to his arrest for the driving offense, police found some 1,300 pills in a plastic bag in his pants packet, along with \$515 cash. The detective also noted Zuiker told police that "the pills were Xanax and he received them through the mail. He inquired as to the penalty for selling Xanax."

After ordering a pre-sentencing report, Judge Smith set Zuiker's sentencing for March 6.

— BONNIE HOBBS

# Man Found Guilty of Gang and Wounding Charges

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recommended he serve five years in prison.

The trial played out, Dec. 15-16, in Fairfax County Circuit Court and, in his opening statement, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Casey Langan laid the groundwork for what was to follow.

"This case is about a senseless, malicious act of violence that occurred because of gang activity in Fairfax County," he said. "It happened because of the color the victim was wearing and because of the rivalry between gangs in our county."

The incident occurred May 12, 2007, around 7 p.m., outside the Burger King at 2270 Hunters Woods Plaza. Langan said Swain was "openly a member of the 18th Street gang and admitted it to the detective; 18th Street has an ongoing hatred for MS-13, whose members wear blue colors."

He said the victim was confronted and accused of being MS-13 because of his blue shirt. Then, said Langan, he was knocked down and "repeatedly kicked while he lay on the ground, defenseless."

**DEFENSE ATTORNEY** Karen Kirkpatrick, however, disagreed with Langan's account. "It's true, these people attacked the victim," she said. "But Swain was standing apart from the group and never approached the victim or spoke to him."

First to testify was the victim who, like many of the witnesses, did so via a Spanish-language interpreter. He was 16 at the time of the attack, and he said he and two friends had just left Burger King when "A group of guys came and asked us if we were in a gang." He said he was wearing a blue shirt.

"About seven approached us," he continued. "They wore black and asked if we were in MS-13 or Crips. We said no, and one asked what we'd do if one of them hit me. I said, 'We don't want any problems.' Then one hit me in the face, and then they all did."

He said he tried to run, but couldn't, because they got in front of him and cut him off. They made a circle around him, he said, and he pointed to Swain in court as being one of the members of the circle. But at the time of the incident, said the victim, Swain's hair was "bigger and [braided]."

While on the ground, he said, they struck him several times. He protected his face and they hit him on the back, on his body and on the head — which was swollen later. "My mother took me to the doctor's because I had headaches afterward for two weeks," he said. "And I bled a little, above the corner of my left eyelid."

Under cross examination, the victim said he didn't see which particular people hit him and admitted "it could be a possibility" that Swain never hit him. He also denied belonging to MS-13, but said he still hung out with friends affiliated with it.

He said the assailants only attacked him, and not his friends, because of the blue shirt he was wearing. And he said Swain made him feel scared because "he was one of them." When Langan asked him if Swain told them to stop, the victim said, "No."

**THEN FEDERAL** law-enforcement officer Serge Potopov testified that he saw the assault and called police. "I saw a mob running down approximately two young gentlemen," he said. "There were 10-15 people, and they caught up with [the victims] in the parking lot."

Potopov said Swain was one of the assailants, but had "poofier" hair then. And he said the mob delivered multiple blows with feet and fists before fleeing.

Next, William Medrano, 19, said he and another person were with the victim, but the attackers only hit the victim — and all of them participated. He also noted that, at Swain's preliminary hearing, he'd testified that the assailants threw hand signs about 18th Street and "I heard them say, '18th Street,' two or three times." After the attack, he said, "When people started honking their horns, they took off running."

Kirkpatrick got him to admit that, when detectives later showed him photos of those involved in the assault, he couldn't identify Swain as being one of them.

"How did you feel when all this was going on?" asked Langan. "Nervous," replied Medrano. "I was afraid somebody might end up dead."

Testifying next was a detective Centre View is not identifying. He's worked four years in the county police department's Gang Investigation Unit and was stipulated an expert in this field by the court.

He said more than 300 people in North-

ern Virginia are "associates and affiliates" of the 18th Street gang — named after the Los Angeles street where it originated. He said its main colors are black and gray, and the detective demonstrated some of its hand signs. MS-13, he said, primarily uses blue and white.

He said gangs attack each other to "maintain control of an area, intimidate other gangs and raise the status of the participants." He also said he's known Swain since 2005 or 2006 and "he admitted to being an active member of 18th Street." He then pointed out Swain in court.

Accepted into evidence were the criminal records of some 18th Street gang members, some of whom were juveniles. And the detective said Swain told him that a particular juvenile was a member. He also showed photos of specific, 18th Street, identifying marks and of the gang paraphernalia found in Swain's room at home.

Police executed a search warrant there, Nov. 28, 2007, and seized items including: 10 black bandanas, a black flag with a skull, a foam skull with 666 on the forehead, a bb gun, two cell phones and 10 white bandanas with black printing.

The detective further stated that Swain told him he went by the nickname, "8-Ball," and "we found items with this name on them in his house."

Then Swain took the stand and explained his version of the events of May 12, 2007. He said he didn't have a cell phone and, that evening, his girlfriend called his friend, Mike Green, to leave a message for him (Swain) to pick up Lunchables at the grocery store for their son's lunch, the next day. Swain said he met Green on the basketball court where they always hang out and was given the message.

He admitted seeing specific, 18th Street gang members there, but said he only knew their names, not them. Swain said one of them tried to provoke the victim into a fight and then threw the first punch. He said he was talking to his girlfriend on Green's cell phone, at the time, stood apart from the group and didn't participate. Instead, said Swain, he went to the nearby Safeway and bought the Lunchables.

Upon leaving that store, he testified, he saw that police had responded and shopping-center customers were "honking their cars to get [the assailants] off [the victim]."

He also told Langan the assailants ran to Green's house afterward.

Earlier, Swain said one of the reasons he'd left the gang lifestyle was because of his son, and he denied being an 18th Street member at the time of the offense. However, he admitted being stopped by police with members of that gang within the last six months.

Swain then said it's been "at least two years" since he participated in 18th Street. But he then identified a photo of himself making an 18th Street hand signal on his MySpace account in September.

**THE GANG DETECTIVE** testified again, saying that, over the past four years, Swain never told him he'd denounced his membership in 18th Street. And a Herndon police officer said that, on July 28, he saw Swain with four members of that gang.

In his closing statement, Langan told the jury that someone who's part of a mob doesn't have to actually hit the victim, himself, to be guilty of the offense. But, he added, "Medrano said everyone participated. When someone jumps an MS-13 member, everyone joins in; no one stays on the outskirts. And the only way Swain could have known [where the assailants went] after the assault is if he's a part of them."

Furthermore, said Langan, the jury also learned earlier that Swain lives in the same house with a juvenile member of 18th Street, so "there's no doubt he knows the gang includes a juvenile." He also noted that Swain got a gang tattoo while on probation for a previous felony and that police found a bb gun "in his child's crib."

Kirkpatrick admitted her client "is not a choir boy," but said neither the victim nor Medrano told police immediately afterward that Swain was involved in the beating. She said the victim belonged to MS-13 and asked the jury to "consider his motive" for fingering Swain in this offense.

"There's reasonable doubt," said Kirkpatrick. "And there's no evidence he was in the mob [that attacked the victim]."

In the end, though, the jurors found Swain guilty as charged. They recommended he serve five years in prison on the wounding charge and two years on the gang charge, with the sentences running concurrently. Judge Stanley Klein then set sentencing for March 5.

## Students To Honor King's Life and Legacy at CVHS

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change and the president-elect and all our hopes for him — and Martin Luther King's dream of diversity finally being realized."

Guest artist Anthony Ogburn will open the program by singing, "You'll Never Walk Alone." Then, said Tanks-Gregory, "We're illustrating the cornerstones of Martin Luther King's dream — love, vi-

sion, democracy and hope."

Presentations based on the theme of love will be: Michael Wang of Oak Hill Elementary performing the piano concerto, "Sonatina Opus 13;" Floris Elementary's fourth-grade chorus singing, "Love in Any Language;" and a number by the Westfield High Dance Team.

In the vision category will be the Chantilly High Step Team; the Lees Corner Elementary fifth-grade chorus singing, "Dr. Martin

Luther King;" Brookfield Elementary's fifth- and sixth-grade chorus performing, "I am a Small Part of the World;" and a group of 10 students from various schools reading a litany of commemoration to King, titled "Let My People Go."

In the democracy section, the Mount Olive Baptist Church Dance Ministry will perform and student Alexa Quezada will sing. There'll also be musical presentations by the Westfield drumline and the Centreville High

guitar ensemble.

Taking the stage under the hope category will be pianist Kendra Song of Rocky Run Middle School, the Franklin Middle School chorus and Westfield student Martina Green, who'll sing "Hero."

Looking forward to a good turnout from the community, Tanks-Gregory described the festival as "a blend of entertainment and education to display our students' array of talents as we honor the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy."

# COUNTY LINE

## Year Ahead: State Elections '09

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he U.S. presidential election concluded only a few weeks ago but Virginia is already charging ahead into the 2009 political season.

Voters will have the chance to choose a new governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general and state delegate Nov. 3. Residents who want to vote in the election will have to register by Oct. 5.

A primary to select the Democratic Party's nominees in at least the governor and lieutenant governor's races will take place June 9. The Republican Party of Virginia will select its statewide nominees at the party's state convention in Richmond May 29 through May 30.

The following is information about candidates who have entered the race so far.

**Governors Race:** Three Democrats and one Republican are vying to replace Gov. Tim Kaine (D) as the commonwealth's top administrator in 2010.

State Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), of Bath County, is the only gubernatorial hopeful who doesn't currently live in or come from Northern Virginia but said he has always worked on behalf of people in the region.

"When there was a vote to really put money into Northern Virginia transportation, I voted yes," he said at a recent campaign fund-raiser in Great Falls.

Former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe is expected to formally enter the governor's race Jan. 7. McAuliffe, a 20-year McLean resident, was a political advisor to both Bill and Hillary Clinton.

Former Del. Brian Moran (D), brother of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), stepped down from his position representing the City of Alexandria and a small portion of Fairfax County last month to run for governor full time.

Moran was head of the Democratic Caucus in the Virginia House of Delegates until recently. He also helped raise money for several successful 2007 state campaigns, including that of Del. Margi Vanderhye.

Virginia's Attorney General, Bob McDonnell, is the lone Republican in the race. McDonnell grew up in the Mount Vernon area but currently lives in Virginia Beach. He represented that area in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1992 to 2005.

**Lt. Governor's Race:** Two Republicans and two Democrats are candidates in this race.

Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling (R), who has served in the state senate and in local county government outside Richmond, is running for a second term. In his last election, Bolling received more votes statewide than any other Republican.

Bolling's Republican opponent, Patrick Muldoon, maintains his residence in Charles City County but also owns a house in Franconia area and works in Washington D.C. Republican losses in several statewide elections indicate that the Republican Party in Virginia needs new leadership, said Muldoon.

"It is time to return the Republicans to the core values that we have," he said.

Democrat Jon Bowerbank is a member of the Russell County Board of Supervisors, a county of fewer than 30,000 people in Southwest Virginia. Bowerbank also owns an energy services company that employs 220 people and has opened a campaign office in the City of Alexandria.

Jody Wagner, the former vice-chair of the Democratic Party of Virginia, is also in the race. Wagner served as treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia during U.S. Sen. Mark Warner and Gov. Tim Kaine's administration. She and her husband also own Jody's, a small business in Virginia Beach.

**Attorney General's Race:** Four candidates, including two General Assembly members from Fairfax County, have entered the race for attorney general of Virginia.

Republican candidate John Brownlee, who graduated from Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax County, currently lives in the Roanoke area.

A former U.S. prosecutor, Brownlee worked with current Attorney General Bob McDonnell to convict the makers of pain medication OxyContin for intentionally misbranding the addictive drug. According to his Web site, the company had to pay over \$634 million in fines, one of the largest financial penalties ever imposed on a drug company.

Another Republican candidate, Ken Cuccinelli, was the only Republican in Fairfax County to retain his state senate seat in 2007.

Cuccinelli, has been a strong anti-tax and pro-gun advocate but has also been active on issues of mental health and the legal proceedings for involuntary commitment. He practices law in the City of Fairfax and represents the western part of the county.

David Foster, a former Arlington County school board member, is the final Republican in the race. Foster is a practicing lawyer who has worked on litigation and investigations involving the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission and state attorneys general, according to his Web site.

Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) is the only Democrat in the race. Shannon, who currently represents Vienna in the Virginia General Assembly, is a former Fairfax County prosecutor who specialized in prosecution of sex offenders, particularly those who harmed children. He has his wife founded the Metropolitan Washington's AMBER Alert program, designed to recover missing and abducted children.

**House of Delegates:** Virginia Democrats are just four seats shy of overtaking Republicans in the House of Delegates, making the upcoming fall elections particularly contentious.

Democrats will target the three remaining Republican delegates who still represent Fairfax County — Dave Albo, Tim Hugo and Tom Rust.

The locality has been trending Democratic in recent years. Only seven years ago, Fairfax County's General Assembly delegation was split evenly between Democrats and Republicans, with 13 from each

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## PEOPLE

# Concert for Virginia Tech Tragedy Victims



Reema Samaha



Erin Peterson

A special concert will be held at Westfield High School in Chantilly to benefit the Remembrance Projects that have been established for Erin Peterson and Reema Samaha, two of the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy. The concert will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m., and is sponsored by Loudoun Habitat for Humanity and features music performed by musicians of national and internal acclaim. The three featured musicians are: David Erlich, violinist, Teresa Erlich, pianist and Ben Wyatt, cellist. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved in advance at [benefit0111@yahoo.com](mailto:benefit0111@yahoo.com) and will also be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Erin Peterson Build and the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship program. These projects are supported by VT-ENGAGE and the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships at Virginia Tech.

## Izquierdo Earns Eagle Rank

Casimiro "Casey" Izquierdo, 18, of Waverly Crossing in Fairfax, earned his Eagle rank for Boy Scouts in November for building a path at Brookfield Elementary School.

A senior at Chantilly High, he also constructed an erosion control area around the path where he went to elementary school.

For his project, he organized a group of 35 volunteers from Troop 1548 on May 31 that built a 15x4-foot pathway made of crushed rock connecting the door to the playground.

In the erosion control area, he planted Japanese Holly bushes and a pin oak tree donated by Meadows Farms in Chantilly.

The planning, however, took six months from November until May of 2007. He said his biggest challenge was organizing the group to do several tasks at once — like digging up the trenches for the rocks and laying down the ties on the ends of the project.

Lowe's donated the stepping



Casimiro "Casey" Izquierdo

stones and the county gave him the mulch to cover the surrounding area. His grandparents also donated \$50.

In his spare time, Casey plays CYA soccer, piano and is involved in the chess club at Chantilly High. He is the son of Katherine and Casimiro Izquierdo.

# Delivering Holiday Joy

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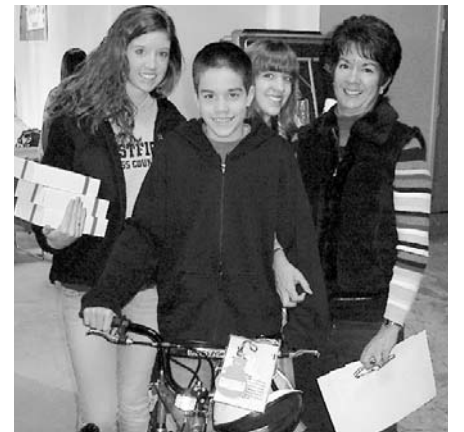
Centreville High SGA students load boxes of cookies onto vans for the Our Neighbor's Child delivery.



Westfield High School SGA students box cookies for Our Neighbor's Child delivery.



Westfield High School lacrosse players (from left): Michael Morton, Alex Kawchak, Eric Alter, Harry Van Trees and Hunter Paulette grab bags of toys and clothing to distribute to the recipients.



Geri Lightburn with children Stacy, Scott and Lisa Morrisette are delivering toys, a bicycle and cookies for Our Neighbor's Child.

## COUNTY LINE

# Connolly Sworn In for Congress

Former Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D) was sworn in as a new member of the U.S. House of Representatives Jan. 6.

Connolly won Virginia's 11th congressional district election in November and takes over for 14-year Republican incumbent Tom Davis, who did not run for re-election. He will represent most of central and southern Fairfax, as well as parts of Prince William County.

Connolly expects to serve on three House committees, even though the bulk of representatives, especially freshman, are members of just two.

The new congressman will join the committees on foreign affairs, oversight and government reform, and the budget.

Connolly will be the only freshman on either the foreign affairs or budget committees but has professional experience that has prepared him for both assignments, he said.

He developed and oversaw government budgets

as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for 13 years. Before entering public life, Connolly worked in the field international relations for 25 years, including 10 years as a staff member to the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Connolly considers his assignment to the foreign affairs committee an asset, since nearly 30 percent of residents in Virginia's 11th congressional district are foreign born.

"My district is global in its perspective," he said.

Several of Connolly's constituents may also have an interest in his seat on the government reform committee, which has oversight over federal employees and contractors. Before leaving office, Davis was the ranking Republican on the government reform committee. As a committee member, Connolly expects to be an advocate for federal employees and contractors, whose value and professionalism can sometimes be overlooked by members of Congress from other parts of the country, he said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

# Candidates Jockey for Position

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party. Today, there are 22 Democrats and four Republicans.

In 2007, Hugo, who represents the Clifton area, beat his Democratic opponent, Rex Simmons, with 57 percent of the vote. Rust, who represents Herndon, won with 52 percent of the vote.

Albo did not face an opponent in the 2007 general

election but said he has been through competitive races in the past. Albo has represents Springfield and the South County area and has been in the House of Delegates since 1994.

"I have always been in a swing district. My district didn't vote for Bush, George Allen or McCain but I have a very intelligent district. They don't just go to the polls and vote the party line," said Albo.

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CentrevilleDogs, a nonprofit group of 350 area residents and businesses, sponsored and maintains the 65,000-square-foot facility. It's free and is open from dawn to dusk. A chain-link fence surrounds the park, and it's divided into 2 1/2 acres for larger dogs and 1/2-acre for smaller dogs. And dogs need not reside in Centreville to come and have fun. All licensed dogs are welcome, since that also means their shots are up-to-date. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/offleash.htm> or visit Centreville Dogs online at [Centrevilledogs.org](http://Centrevilledogs.org). Call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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Shotgun rentals is \$11 for the day. And \$6.50 ammunition a box. Take the learn-to-shoot class for \$30/person. Group and corporate shoots can handle 6 to 120 people. Archery lanes are \$5.25/hour. (Must bring archery equipment). The shooting center is open Wed.-Fri. 4-8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 9-5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Go to: [nvrpa.org](http://nvrpa.org), click on the Bull Run shooting center link.

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**Laurel Vaccaro plays with her beagles, Newton and Summer at the Centreville Dog Park.**

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Bowl America Chantilly offers reasonable rates and plenty of lanes. Cost to bowl: Mon.-Fri. before 6 p.m. is \$2.79/person per game. Sat. & Sun. \$3.69



**The Cub Run Recreation Center has a 4,860-square foot leisure pool with two huge slides, plus a competitive pool and fitness equipment.**

per game. After 6 p.m. it's \$5.25/per person. Shoe rentals: \$3.75. Leagues play every evening. For schedules, call Bowl America Chantilly at 703-830-2695.

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### Annual Centreville Day Celebration

Mount Gilead Road and Wharton Lane, located in Centreville's Historic District  
Centreville

The annual Centreville Day community celebration held on the first or second Saturday in September is sponsored by the Centreville Community Foundation (CCF). There's a parade, living-history performers, tours of historic buildings and artifacts, live music, children's games and rides, business booths and food from local restaurants.

Volunteer your time and talents to help continue a great tradition by joining in any of the committees: Parade, vendor, entertainment, permits/permissions, children's art contest or local history. Go online at [www.centrevilleday.com](http://www.centrevilleday.com) or call Cheryl Repetti at 703-830-5407.

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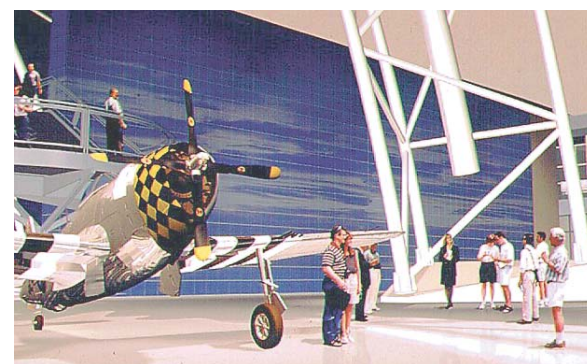
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### Giddy Up, Pony

The Clifton Horse Society: P.O. Box 183  
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owners, but membership is open to all horse lovers. Although founded in Clifton, the society's hundreds of members now include people throughout Virginia, in other states, and overseas. Activities cover every base including recreational, social, educational and service.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES — Organized monthly trail rides with fast and slow groups are on local trails or those within a short trailer drive of Northern Virginia. Other mounted events throughout the year have included horse/fun shows, Judged Pleasure trail rides, the Fairfax Fourth of July Parade, and Christmas caroling on horseback in the Town of Clifton.

SOCIAL — Activities include spring and fall social parties, Knowdowns (a "Trivial Pursuit/Pictionary" type of event) and Christmas caroling. Although this is not a children's riding club, social activities frequently include the whole family.

EDUCATIONAL — CHS sponsors clinics on horse care, training, vetting, safety, trailering, purchasing and maintenance of tack, and other aspects of quality horsemanship.

SERVICE — In cooperation with local park authorities and landowners, the club maintains trails and develops new ones. Funds raised support worthy causes such as Therapeutic Riding and scholarships for those pursuing equine studies.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP — Provides camaraderie with others of similar interests and fosters sharing, learning, and meeting new friends. CHS' monthly newsletter, Lead Line, includes articles about horse care and horsemanship, trail and pasture maintenance, other articles of interest, classified advertisements, and a calendar of CHS events and other area horse organization's activities. Members also receive a club roster with members' telephone numbers and addresses (postal and e-mail). Yearly dues are \$20 for individual or \$30 for family membership.

For more information or to get a complimentary copy of the Clifton Horse Society's monthly newsletter, write to CHS, P.O. Box 183, Clifton, VA 20124. Call Mary Flowers at 703-250-6188. The Web site is [cliftonhorsesociety.org](http://cliftonhorsesociety.org).



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# WHS Presents 'Disney Dazzle'

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Notre Dame," "High School Musical," "The Little Mermaid," "Aladdin" and "Hercules."

"The choral students are primarily from two ensembles, Chamber Singers and Chorale, with some from the Men's and Women's Choruses," said Lardin. "And professional musicians will be accompanying them."

"It's a highly entertaining production that showcases the talents of the students, both singing and dancing," she continued. "And now that this is the fourth year we've done it, people come to see it each year and it's become a tradition. People [in the audience] know the songs, and it's definitely the most well-attended show we do all year."

Noted local choreographer Yvonne Henry choreographed the show with an assist from senior Emily Joseph. "Yvonne gives them movement that enhances their singing and doesn't distract from it," said Lardin. "Emily choreographed the 'Newsies' medley and has done an awesome job."

Although the students have been rehearsing since the beginning of the school year, Joseph started working on the choreography, two weeks before then. Besides "Newsies," she also choreographed "Seize the Day" and "Under the Sea" and helped revise the dance moves for the "Beauty and the Beast" song, "Just Around the Riverbend," from last year's show.

"It takes up a lot of my time," said Joseph. "I've spent 50-100 hours coming up with the choreography, learning it and teaching it to the others. The hardest part is teaching my peers because they're hyper-

**"Once you get out there on opening night, it all pays off."**

— **Howie Bouchat, performer**

critical, a lot of the time, and they're also my friends. But I put so much of myself into the choreography and it's a piece of work. So at that point, I have to step up and be in a leadership position."

What she likes best is "seeing what happens in my head — and every-

thing I've tried to create — come to life on stage. Probably my favorite part, this year, is a section of the 'Newsies' medley that I choreographed where we actually slide off stage — it's so much fun."

Joseph says adults will recognize and enjoy all the classic Disney songs, and "little kids will like the bright colors. 'Under the Sea' is done

in black light, and all of the fish glow; that's always a crowd-pleaser."

Senior Laurice Attia is a dance captain. "I help teach the moves to the songs," she said. "I target people who don't know it, yet, to help them out. My favorite number is 'Go the Distance,' it's a very powerful song, from 'Hercules.' I also like 'I Won't Say I'm in Love,' from that movie. It's a solo with three dancers and I'm one of the dancers. It's really goofy and cute."

Hardest, she said, is "getting people to listen" when she's teaching them. But, she added, "It's nice being able to help these other kids learn the dances." Attia says the audience will have fun singing along with songs they know, such as "We're All in this Together" from "High School Musical" and "Be Our Guest" from "Beauty and the Beast."

Junior Howie Bouchat sings and dances. "I'm in the Westfield Chorale, which is new this year and is a step up from the Men's and Women's Choruses," he said. "And I have a small solo in the 'Newsies' medley."

He was in "Disney Dazzle," last year, too. "It's really stressful but, once you get out there on opening night and everyone's there, it all pays off," he said. "And the show's a blast. Then afterward, you dress up as a character from your favorite dance and the kids [from the audience] come up and meet you."

Bouchat's favorite number is "I'll Make a Man out of You," from "Mulan," because he and senior Alex Kruszewski choreographed it together. Said Bouchat: "I think it's going to look the best it ever has."

"Howie and I looked at the previous year's choreography and polished it up so it's our version, and it looks really great," said Kruszewski. "It's definitely an accomplishment of teamwork." Kruszewski also sings a couple solos, including "I'll Make a Man out of You."

But, he said, "What I'm most excited about is that, in the song, 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight' from 'The Lion King,' Rachel Shirley and I get to do a classical ballet dance. I studied ballet for a long time, but haven't been able to use it on the Westfield stage — to the level I was taught — until now. I get to do several lifts and turns, so it's very exciting."

"I love to sing and dance and, when you're combining the two, there's always a point where you can't do one without the other, and they go together perfectly," said Kruszewski. "It's a nice moment to experience and definitely adds to the energy of the performance. I hope everyone comes to see us all in 'Disney Dazzle' at Westfield High."



**Colby Dezelick, left, and Marlys Anwah practice the dance break from "We're All in this Together."**

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# OPINION

## Happy New Year

Let's have some fun.

The news as we begin 2009 can be daunting, even with the excitement brewing over the inauguration of President Barack Obama later this month.

While there are a lot of serious things to be concerned about, at the Connection, we'll start the year with a look at fun things to do.

From visiting Great Falls (if you haven't, you really should) to playing Frisbee golf in McLean's central park or Burke Lake park, favorite bars, fun local festivals to mark on your calendar, spots for laser tag, skeet shooting practice, dog parks, equestrian opportunities, sailing lessons, and many fun things to do for free, over the month of January, The Connection will compile hundreds of ways to have fun.

Be sure to share your tips for fun things to do in your orbit.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community that you are not likely to get anywhere else — to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones in community and people's lives.

We begin 2009 by looking for more input from our readers. Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community.

We invite you to send letters to the editor, or

just to send us an e-mail letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government. If you know of a person or an organization that is interesting, doing important work, and might make a good feature story, let us know.

If someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout,

raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show, these are all things that we want to know. E-mail or mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events in local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you in 2009.

— MARY KIMM.

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## More Serious Stuff Ahead

❖ In Fairfax County, a critically important election is coming up in less than a month.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 all polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to choose a replacement for Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly, who begins representing much of Fairfax County in the U.S. House of Representatives this week.

Two current members of the Board of Supervisors are vying to replace Connolly, Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herryty (R-Springfield). Both candidates are dedicated individuals with excellent experience and ample intellects.

Their approaches to handing the county as it heads through a period of economic crisis

would be quite different. You'll read more about them in the pages of the Connection. See their Web sites for more in the meantime: <http://sharonbulova.com>, and <http://herryty.balancegroup.us>

❖ The Virginia General Assembly begins its annual session with a budget train wreck next week. Go to the Virginia General Assembly Web site for more at <http://legis.state.va.us>.

The House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia operate a toll-free message center to accept calls from citizens who want to express an opinion on legislation. The messages are relayed to the members' offices as requested. Call the Constituent Viewpoint line at 800-889-0229.

## Mia Saunders School of Ballet Says Thanks

To the Editor:

The Mia Saunders School of Ballet presented its annual benefit performances of The Nutcracker on Dec. 13 and 14, 2008, at the Centreville High School Theater. These performances would not have been possible without the help of many people.

We especially would like to thank Centre View Newspaper, the Little Rocky Run Homeowner's Association, and the Virginia Run Homeowner's Association for their help in advertising these events.

This year, a total of \$7,387 was raised, with half of those proceeds going to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation and the other half to the Centreville High School Drama Boosters Scholarship fund. Additionally, we would like to thank all of our sponsors who helped to make this benefit a wonderful success.

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## Enforce Our Immigration Laws

To the Editor:

If the Wellspring United Church of Christ thinks it is such a great idea to have a day laborer sight in Centreville, why don't they use their church? Let these people stand in front of their building rather than loiter in front of someone else's place of business. It's interesting that Mr. Aranda and Ms. Foltz want to make sure that illegal immigrants are not taken advantage of. Why not? They are taking advantage of the United States?

I am sure I would rather live in the United States than any other place, but I would not enter another country illegally nor would I believe that the another country would "owe" me anything. I am hoping that the next Congress comes to their senses and enforces our immigration laws. I don't want illegals taken advantage of either. Just say no. Don't hire them.

**Diane Powers**  
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## SCHOOLS

# Your Life Counts Day at Mountain View School

Centreville Long & Foster Realtor Darren Marquardt reviews Mountain View High School senior Ronnie Flores' electronic portfolio as part of "Your Life Counts" Day on Dec. 18. The electronic portfolio is a graduation project for Mountain View seniors. Before graduation, each student completes a portfolio that includes a personal statement, a resume, examples of academic work and skills acquired while in high school, a reflection on his/her high school experience and a transition plan for life after graduation. Six weeks prior to graduation, local business and community professionals spend time reviewing students' portfolios, and providing feedback. The review process is one of the most popular senior



Realtor Darren Marquardt reviews Mountain View High School senior Ronnie Flores' portfolio.

activities. As one student put it, "The best part of the portfolio process was finishing with portfolio reviews."

Another said, "The portfolio re-

viewer gave very helpful information on finding and applying for a job ... he also provided information on what employers are looking for."

### ROUNDUPS

## Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Jan. 8 and 15, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

## Speak Up About Session

Fairfax County's General Assembly Delegation is holding a public hearing this Saturday, Jan. 10, at 9 a.m., so area residents may comment on the upcoming 2009 legislative session. It's at the county Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, in Fairfax.

To sign up in advance to speak, call the Office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151, TTY 711, by noon on Friday, Jan. 9. Speakers also may sign up at the hearing.

## Six-Year Roads Program

The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) has scheduled public hearings around the state in January so citizens may review potential revisions to the Six-Year Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2009-2014. The next local meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center.

This mid-year revision of the fiscal year 2009-2014 program is in response to transportation revenue reductions of more than \$2.6 billion resulting from the downturn in the economy.

CTB members will host the hearings, and representatives of VDOT and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will be present to provide information and answer questions.

## Park Authority To Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

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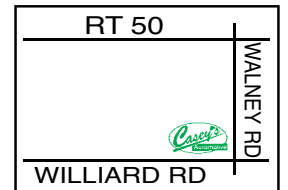
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The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festival will take place on Sunday, Jan. 11 from 4-6 p.m. in the Centreville High School auditorium. The program is free, open to the public and sponsored by the **Mark Your Calendars!**

Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC). The Festival is a blend of entertainment and education to display the students' array of talents. Performances may include choirs, bands, orchestra, vocal and instrumental soloists, dancers (group or solo), and orators. The 2009 MLK Committee is made up of Kim Graham, Brenda Johnson, Wanda Tanks-Gregory and Deneen Vaughn.

A special concert will be held at Westfield High School in Chantilly to benefit the Remembrance Projects that have been established for Erin Peterson and Reema Samaha, two of the victims of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. The concert will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, at 4 p.m., and is sponsored by Loudoun Habitat for Humanity and features music performed by musicians of national and international acclaim. The three featured musicians are: David Erlich, violinist, Teresa Erlich, pianist and Ben Wyatt, cellist. Tickets are \$10 and can be reserved in advance at [benefit0111@yahoo.com](mailto:benefit0111@yahoo.com) and will also be available at the door. All proceeds will benefit the Erin Peterson Build and the Reema J. Samaha Memorial Scholarship program. These projects are supported by VT-ENGAGE and the Center for Student Engagement and Community Partnerships at Virginia Tech.

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](http://www.childrensacademy.com).

The Fairfax High School Theatre Department - The F/X Players will present "Singing in the Rain" Jan. 23, 24, 30, and 31 at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Showtimes for the Friday and Saturday evening performances are 7:30 p.m. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Tickets may be purchased online at [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

Fairfax County Public Schools is searching for teachers, counselors, speech pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, social workers, and psychologists for the 2009-10 school year. A Secondary School Instructional Job Fair will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, (snow date Jan. 31) and an Elementary School Instructional Job Fair on Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009, (snow date Feb. 28), at Oakton High School. The job fair interviews are by invitation only. Candidates interested in being considered for an interview should follow the Job Fair Guidelines found at [www.fcps.edu/DHR](http://www.fcps.edu/DHR). Candidates interested in the secondary school instructional fair must complete all steps by the close of business on Jan. 16, 2009, and candidates interested in the elementary school instructional fair must complete all steps by close of business on Feb. 13, 2009.

The Fresh Air Fund is looking for local families to host inner-city children from New York City for two weeks next summer. Contact Susan Kennedy at 202-832-5366 or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or visit The Fund's Web site at [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

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LEE LARSEN/CENTRE VIEW



## Union Mill Students Study Cubism

Union Mill Elementary sixth-graders recently finished a project with the Greater Reston Arts Center Art in the Schools program (GRACE) on cubist self-portraits using both drawing and collage techniques. This followed a PowerPoint parent volunteer presentation on Picasso and Cubism. Union Mill's art coordinators were Laurie Aexelrod and Aileen Anderson.

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## THURSDAY, JAN. 8

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## JAN. 10-11

**The D.C. Big Flea** will be held Jan. 10-11 at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Show hours are 9-6 p.m. Saturday; 11-5 p.m. Sunday. The Dulles Expo Center is located at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Admission is \$8 and is good for both days. Call 757-430-4735, or visit the Web site at [www.damorepromotions.com](http://www.damorepromotions.com).

## SATURDAY, JAN. 10

**The 36th Green Breakfast** will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Old Country Buffet in Fairfax City. The speaker is Kevin Munroe, Huntley Meadows Park Manager, who will discuss the Huntley Meadows Wetland Restoration Project, an attempt to reverse wetland succession hastened by the effects of development in the watershed. Cost is

\$9. No reservations are necessary. The restaurant is in Fair City Mall at Route 236 and Pickett Road, next to the Cinema Arts Theater. Email [nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-1420.

## SUNDAY, JAN. 11

**The Democratic Women of Clifton** monthly meetings are open to all Democratic women in Northern Virginia. The meetings are held on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. At its next meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11, guest speakers will address issues facing those with mental and physical disabilities. Janet Carver, the 11th District representative to the Electoral College, will be speaking, as well as local legislators before they leave for the beginning of the General Assembly on Jan. 14. For more information, visit the DWC website at <http://www.democraticwomenofclifton.org/> or send an email to [cliftonwomendems@aol.com](mailto:cliftonwomendems@aol.com).

**The Fairfax County Animal Shelter** will host a low-cost rabies clinic Sunday, Jan. 11 from 2-4 p.m. The January clinic will be held at the animal shelter located at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The cost for rabies vaccines at the clinic is \$12 per pet. The clinic is held for dogs, cats and ferrets. Fairfax County 2009 dog

licenses will be sold separately at the clinic and cost \$10 per dog. Call 703-830-1100.

**The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC)**, is holding its 15<sup>th</sup> annual MLK King Festival on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 4 p.m. The event will be held at Centreville High School, with performances by Chantilly, Centreville, Oakton, Westfield Pyramid students. The snow makeup date is Sunday, Feb. 8 at Centreville High.

**The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society** will present a one-hour slide and descriptive program on Sunday, Jan. 11 with a Q&A on "Landscaping with Chrysanthemums," describing the steps to take now for the planting, caring for the beds and plants, etc., to produce a profusion of Fall colors in your garden. The meeting will be held at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, starting at 2:30 p.m. Open to the public. Free Admission and refreshments. Call 703-560-8776.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 13

**The Republican Women of Clifton** is hosting Supervisor Pat Herrity as he runs for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Meet and Greet event is Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center building. Go to [www.CliftonGOP.com](http://www.CliftonGOP.com).

**The International MOMS Club of Centreville North** is hosting a Pre-School open house on Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the community room at the Sully Government Center. Over 25 local pre-schools were invited, and will be on hand to talk about their school, and answer questions. This event is for both existing MOMS Club members and the community. Contact Courtney Wenhold 703-307-3953.

## THURSDAY, JAN. 15

**Larry King of CNN's "Larry King Live"** will host a panel discussion in "Beyond the Secret," on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. The movie screening takes audiences beyond the fundamental teachings of the book, "The Secret." It will be shown at Fairfax Towne Center Theatres, 4110 West Ox Road, Suite 12110. Tickets are available at presenting theatre box offices and online at [www.FathomEvents.com](http://www.FathomEvents.com).

**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.

## MONDAY, JAN. 19

**Assistance League**, a volunteer organization that promotes literacy and well-being of women and children in Northern Virginia, would like to ring in 2009 by welcoming new members. ALNV runs two reading programs in Fairfax and provides layettes to newborns and comfort items to sexually assaulted women and children. A meeting, followed by a workshop putting together layettes, will be held on Monday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly. Call Beth at 703-648-1822; [alnorthervna@yahoo.com](mailto:alnorthervna@yahoo.com); [www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org](http://www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org).

## SATURDAY, JAN. 24

**Celebrate the 4707<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year** on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. with the New World Bilingual Institute. The event will be held at GMU's Dewberry Hall on the Fairfax Campus. The celebration includes a variety of dance performances, including Broadway dance, Jazz, ballet, NWBI Dragon Dance, Lion Dance, traditional Chinese dance, TJ Chorus, GuZeng performance, Hawaiian dance, Asian Indian dance, American country dance, break dance. Contact Terry Wang, president, [nwbi1@yahoo.com](mailto:nwbi1@yahoo.com) /703-978-7905; Gloria Yeh 703-764-1154).

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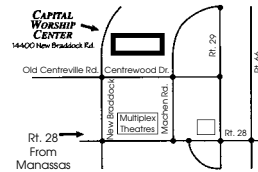
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# FAITH

**New Women's Bible Study at Jubilee Christian Center.** A new weekly Women's Bible Study will start at Jubilee Christian Center, on Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 13 from 9:45 a.m.-12 noon, and lasting three months. The study will focus on the book, "Spirit, Soul, and Body," by Andrew Wommack. Cost is \$10 per person. Nursery is provided for children who are registered. Call 703-383-1170 or go to [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org)

**Wellspring Church** shares in the extravagant opportunity of God's gifts. Especially when times are tough, Christians know that "God is still speaking" and showing new ways of hope. Dynamic worship leader Myra Flemister will be the preacher. 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 will be a fellowship hour with fair trade coffee and treats.

A "Living the Questions" daytime Bible study meets on Jan. 21 in Centreville, and the Immigration Forum meets at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m., Jan. 27. Check the web site, [wellspringucc.org](http://wellspringucc.org), or call Sara

Little at 703-257-4111 for information on these and other special events.

Wellspring United Church of Christ is thoughtful, prayerful, justice-seeking, and Open and Affirming to seekers of all backgrounds. Worship is informal.

**Yiddish Club Forming in Herndon.** Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon, will convene a Yiddish Club for the entire community to meet on the first Tuesday of each month, starting Jan. 6. Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and enjoying the company of other Yiddish speakers. There is no cost and one need not be completely fluent to attend the meetings, which will be held at Congregation Beth Emeth, located at 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, 2.9 miles south of the Dulles Toll Road, Reston Parkway Exit. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127

**Rev. Dr. David Anderson**, from the Youth and Family Institute, will speak about Navigating the Hazards of Raising Families in the 21st Century on Sunday, Jan. 11 from 3-5 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-323-9500 or go to [www.lordoflifelutheran.com](http://www.lordoflifelutheran.com).

**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 Friday night Shabbat service with Cantor Zucker on Jan. 9, 2009 at 8 p.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3.

❖ Join in a Saturday morning service with Cantor Zucker on Jan. 24, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3.

For further information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit the Web site at [www.yadshalom.com](http://www.yadshalom.com).

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church** is offering ESL classes. Registration is Tuesday, Feb. 3 from 7-9 p.m. Cost of the textbook is \$35. Three levels of ESL: basic, intermediate and advanced. Class schedule is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. Starts Feb. 10 and ends April 23. School-Age Childcare is provided. Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Call 703-323-9500 or visit [www.lordoflifelutheran.com](http://www.lordoflifelutheran.com).

**The Dulles Leadshare Central group** of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce has organized a networking party to celebrate 2009 on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Staybridge Suites on Centerview Drive, Chantilly, will host the event. Leadshare is open only to members of the Dulles Regional Chamber. For more information, contact Vickie Walton at [membership@dullesregionalchamber.org](mailto:membership@dullesregionalchamber.org).

**The Environmental Committee** of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce invites business people to join them on Tuesday, Jan. 13, for a discussion of energy efficiency in the office. Energy efficiency is a key component to greening your business, and in these tough times it can provide the added benefit of cost savings. The speakers will discuss energy audits, behavioral changes that you can make to save energy and money, and technology options to build energy efficiency into your office space. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and will include wine, cheese, and time for networking. The event takes place at the Dulles Regional Chamber's Chantilly office, 3901 Centerview Drive, Ste. R.

**Partial Scholarships Available for New ESL for Employment Courses.** If you have advanced your English skills and have U.S. work documentation, but are still stuck in a low-paying job, you may qualify for a 50

percent matching scholarship for upcoming ESL for Employment classes! Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and The Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce are now enrolling qualified participants at many Northern Virginia locations for new ESL for Employment classes that start in February 2009. To qualify for the matching scholarship, applicants need to be from moderate-income households, complete NOVA's ESL screening test and present documentation needed to work for U.S. employers.

An Open House will be held Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 7-9 p.m. at the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, 3901 Centerview Drive, Chantilly. Just show up, or call NOVA at 703-450-2551

**Abilities Network** has received a \$1,493.38 grant on behalf of the ExxonMobil Employees' Favorite Charities Campaign completed by the Fairfax facility. The money donated will directly go towards the services Abilities Network provides.

Abilities Network provides individualized services to children, adults, and their families with differing disabilities, including epilepsy, autism, and other developmental disabilities. Abilities Network focuses on one-on-one support to foster broadened, more inclusive communities through education, training and advocacy throughout the state of Maryland.

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# SPORTS

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## At Frozen Ropes, Link Delivers

Chantilly's Jon Link, now with the White Sox, conducts two youth baseball clinics.

BY JASON MACKEY  
CENTRE VIEW

Standing at the altar on Dec. 6, 2008, Chantilly native and current Chicago White Sox reliever Jon Link wasn't nervous. He couldn't be. Better yet, in his profession he's not allowed to be.

"I can't get nervous," Link said. "My wife probably doesn't want to hear that, but I wasn't nervous ... I was ready. That's what I tell her."

Link recorded a league-best 35 saves last summer for the AA Birmingham Barons of the Southern League and was added to Chicago's 40-man roster on Nov. 20. In addition to marriage, he and

his wife recently purchased a house near Fair Oaks Mall.

Conducting two youth baseball clinics last Saturday at Frozen Ropes Training Center in Chantilly, Link lectured on everything from basic mechanics and pickoff moves to arm and body care and how to field the position. He closed the session with a 15-pitch bullpen session to his high school catcher, Billy Cushman.

"One of the things that impressed me and our staff about Jon was his knowledge," said owner and general manager Craig Koch. "It's a matter of access to the proper information to help these kids stay injury-free and give them a competitive edge."

"When I talked to people about doing this everyone said, 'That's such a great move for your career,' and I had to explain to them that it's not about me. It's about the kids," said the 24-year-old Link, a 2002 graduate of Chantilly High School.

"If I can see one of these kids on TV one of these days in my shoes," Link added, "I will have felt a part of that, and as a coach that's what you want."



PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/CENTRE VIEW

Jon Link, a 2002 graduate of Chantilly High School, conducted two youth baseball clinics last Saturday at Frozen Ropes Training Center off of Walney Road.

## Chargers Fall in Final

Landon's star too much for Chantilly boys to overcome in Pohanka Classic.

BY TIM CHAPMAN  
SPECIAL TO THE CENTRE VIEW

Chantilly sophomore John Manning looked primed for a true breakout performance in the first half of Tuesday's championship game at the Pohanka Chantilly Classic.

Just over two minutes into the second quarter, the lanky, 6-foot-11 center briefly hung on the rim after throwing down a thunderous two-handed dunk over Landon junior guard Delonte Wellington.

Manning converted the following free throw — after being fouled on the slam — and tied the score at 24. But with momentum teetering in favor of the host Chargers (9-1, 2-0 Concorde), the Bears (7-2) quickly regained the

lead and did not relinquish it in their 72-60 win.

"I'm always excited to see somebody dunk," Chantilly coach Jim Smith said. "It was one of those things where he was actually winded at the time and then he got that dunk in transition, and I'm like OK, I'm gonna keep him in a little longer."

The Chargers were down by as many as seven points on two occasions in the first quarter but fought back while trying to contain Christian Webster, Landon's own attention-demanding senior star.

Webster, one of last year's leading scorers in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area, scored 28 points in the final game and finished with 85 in the three-game tournament, earning a second consecutive tournament Most Valuable Player honor. The 6-foot-4 guard scored 43 points in the 2007 final, a 94-86 loss to the Chargers.

**WHILE MANNING'S SIZE** alone led to two of Landon's forwards — Darion Atkins and Stephen Matthews — fouling out,

Webster also forced some whistles.

Late in third quarter, Manning and Webster even traded fouls on each other. Chantilly's giant picked up his third and would eventually foul out in the fourth quarter. The sophomore made only two of his 10 field goal attempts, finishing with just 12 points.

Chantilly senior Hinga Wuya came off the bench to lead the team with 16 points, while sophomore Matt Howerton's 10-point, four-rebound outing helped him earn All-tournament honors alongside Manning.

The Chargers shot just 4-of-17 from long range, possibly an indication of the next couple of weeks, as junior sharpshooter Adam Fridy is serving a 30-day athletic suspension.

On the girls side, Chantilly (7-3, 2-0 Concorde) faltered in the semifinal against Mills Godwin of Richmond, losing 42-34. The Eagles lost the championship game to West Springfield.

"If you took our three-point percentage, our free throw percentage and our field goal percentage,

SEE CHARGERS, PAGE 19



## SYA Velocity Goes Undeclared

The SYA Velocity, with an undefeated record, became the 13-year-old Division 2 champions of the Braddock Road Youth Club Holiday Basketball Tournament, held Dec. 29-30. The team went 4-0 to capture the tournament win. The Velocity has an overall record of 13-0 with two tournament victories going into 2009. Pictured are: (kneeling, front) Lamar Hardy, (second row) Nathan Kiley, Christian Gray, Ryan Wittman, Marcus Prater, Brian Murphy, (back row) head coach Bernard Gray, Will Sheahan, Will Biagi, Sam Clark, assistant coach Chris Mullins, Christopher Mullins.



# Growth in a Growing Man



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

So I need some new underwear, so what? It's not like I'm undertaking some Herculean task. It's fairly simple. In fact, it's as simple as simple gets. It's not a style issue. It's not a color issue. It's not a brand issue. It's not even a where-to-buy issue. And thankfully, it's definitely not an issue that involves my wife, Dina. In this one unique and rather personal choice, I don't need, nor do I want, my wife's input. I know what I want, where I should go to buy it, and quite frankly, don't need to be told when it's time to buy it.

I will spare you the details (because my editor wouldn't allow it), but the time is now! And if my wife was indeed involved in the selection process, and her opinion was of some importance to me (with respect to this very private and personal matter), the time to buy would have been months ago. But I'm a big boy and I make my own decisions.

And it's that bigness that has partially delayed this much-needed purchase. You see, I'm not quite the same man — or size — that I used to be. Nor am I the size that I would like to be, and I'm definitely not the same weight I said I was nearly 10 years ago when I last renewed my driver's license (a renewal for which I recently received notice in the mail) and had to answer the ever-unpopular weight question. (Oddly enough, the height question never really bothered me as much as the weight question, even though its answer often has something to do with the less-than-honest weight answer.)

Ordinarily I wouldn't care about such weighty matters, and wouldn't have hesitated concerning this rather mundane purchase, if I were not having to decide between the waist size that I once was and the waist size that I actually am. And though the difference is only one even-numbered increment up, it is nonetheless a bit of a mental reality check.

What I am referring to is, a "threshold," a precipice-type break through, to wider and heretofore uncharted territory. Territory that, once reached, might never be retreated from again, sort of like base camp at Mt. Everest. Once I step my left leg into that expanded universe, I fear the crossover will be permanent, and the elastic waistband designed as much for future expansion as it is for current comfort, will become a crutch on which my entire body, both physically and mentally, will rely forever more.

But who am I kidding, really? Just as I'm not getting any younger (with each passing year), neither is it likely that I'll be getting any thinner. I'm not out of control yet, but I wouldn't say I'm in control either.

Still, I am aware of my limitations and cognizant of the fact that in many instances size does matter, but also realizing that in this weight context, bigger is definitely not better.

It's only a slippery slope if I allow it to be. However, once I'm comfortable in my new underwear, there may be no stopping me. And that's what worries me.

*Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.*

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Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

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The SYA Mustangs recently enjoyed a trip to see the Westfield girls basketball team. "It was awesome," Kelly Mackmin said.

## SYA Girls Visit Bulldog Locker Room

The Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) Mustangs, a third grade girls basketball team, attended the Westfield girls varsity game against Gar-Field on Monday, Dec. 22. The team was introduced by the game announcer, treated to a great win and became regular visitors at the concession stand. After Westfield's 59-34 victory, Bulldogs coach Pat Deegan invited the Mustangs to visit the locker room for a postgame talk. When asked what she thought of the experience, Kelly Mackmin, a third grader at Virginia Run, replied, "It was awesome."

## Holiday Tournaments

Both Westfield basketball teams reached the finals of the 2008 Bulldog Bash with the boys team pulling off a 54-49 win over Woodbridge. The title was the team's third straight. On the girls side, Westfield (7-5, 1-1 Concorde) suffered a 64-50 loss to Erie McDowell of Pennsylvania.

Chris Kearney was named the boys tournament's Most Valuable Player, while Shelby Romine was named the girls tournament's Outstanding Player. Jessica Andre also made the girls all-tournament team.

At 10-1 overall, 2-0 in Concorde District play, the Westfield boys team will host Centreville Thursday night for a 7:30 p.m. tip. The girls teams will clash at Centreville with a 7:30 p.m. tip time as well.

The Centreville boys team, now 4-7 overall, 1-2 in Concorde play, also competed in the Bull-

dog Bash, with the boys team finishing sixth behind Warren Denny, who made the all-tournament team.

Meanwhile, the Centreville girls (7-4, 1-2 Concorde) scored wins over Broadneck and South River to win the South River Shootout. Erin Meador was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and Kate Vennergrund and Alysha Watson were named to the all-tournament team.

## Chargers

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you didn't even get above 50 percent when you added them all together," said Chantilly girls coach Valerie Allen about the Godwin loss.

The Chargers rebounded in the third-place game with a 46-45 comeback win over Yorktown.

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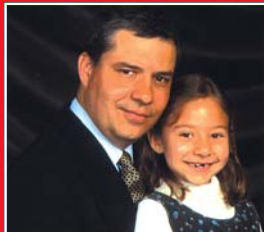
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