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Two Plead Guilty to Heroin Distribution

Richter, Shade appear in federal court; another person arrested.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Their cases were heard separately, but both Anna Lucille Richter and Ashleigh Lynn Shade pleaded guilty Monday in federal court to conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin. Afterward, however, Richter, 20, of Virginia Run, was allowed to remain free on bond; Shade, 19, of Fairfax, was taken into custody.

Federal authorities contend that, from June 2007 to mid-November 2008, they were involved in a large, heroin-distribution ring in Centreville, along with at least a dozen other young men and women. Six of them have now pleaded guilty in court and are awaiting sentencing. Court dates for the others have not yet been set.

After 19-year-old Alicia Lannes of Centreville's Country Club

Manor died in March 2008 of a heroin overdose, both local and federal authorities launched a full-scale investigation. In November, authorities charged 10 people — almost all from Centreville — with conspiracy to distribute heroin.

They arrested three more in December and, on Monday, Jan. 12, they also charged Matthew Greenlee, 23, of the City of Fairfax, with distributing heroin leading to the Sept. 7 death of Carmen Somers, 20, of Falls Church. According to the affidavit unsealed Monday in federal court, Greenlee allegedly gave her the drug and she took it at his home, the night of Sept. 6.

His arrest brings to 14 the number of people authorities say were involved in the heroin ring. And now, one by one, their cases are making their way through U.S. District Court in Alexandria.

On Dec. 9, in federal court,

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Some of the cast of Chantilly High's children's play, "The Princess and the Porcupine," written by Director Ed Monk.

'Princess and Porcupine' On Stage

Chantilly High presents latest children's show.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Take a king, a queen and a princess, throw in a couple knights and — a porcupine, and it's Chantilly High's latest children's show, "The Princess and the Porcupine."

With a cast of 34 and crew of 12, it'll be presented Friday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 24, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or at www.chantillyhsdrama.com.

"Things are coming along really well," said Ed Monk, director and playwright. "We have a strong group of kids who picked up things quickly, so I'm very pleased. It's double-cast and both casts are equally talented. Parents and children can watch it together, and it'll be fun for the whole family."

The story is about a competition between three knights and a porcupine. They must wrest a ruby away from a two-headed monster, with the winner getting to marry a princess in the magical kingdom of Puffinetter.

Sharing the role of Bob, the porcupine, are junior Anthony Schnetzler and sophomore Billy Baker. "As Bob, I'm shy, but sort of outgoing and not afraid to

try something new," said Schnetzler. "And I'll wear a suit with porcupine spikes."

He said the hardest part is keeping the character traits he chose for Bob, "like how I walk, talk and react to things," throughout the show. But he's enjoying himself because "it's different — a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a porcupine, and I get to do it with a group of fun people."

Baker describes Bob as a friendly, kind and happy character who wants the best for everyone. "It's a good part; it lets me play around with my voice and posture and be inordinately friendly and kind," he said. However, Baker tries not to make his upbeat attitude annoying and calls this role an interesting challenge and a fun experience.

"It's a funny show, and the whole play is extremely entertaining," he said. "Both casts are very good, and we're having as much fun as the audience will have."

Junior Candice Shedd-Thompson, the princess, says her character is "stuck-up, spoiled and bratty and doesn't appreciate what she has. It's really fun because I get to act as obnoxious and mean as I want and have temper tantrums all the time."

FOR THE COMPETITION, her suitors must fight a two-headed monster who's guarded the ruby for 200 years. "Everyone who's tried to steal it has been killed," said Shedd-Thompson. "They have to bring

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Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee held its 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festival last Sunday at Centreville High. President Johnny Nelson looks on while his grandsons (from left) Kevin and Justin Nelson, light candles in honor of their late grandmother, Shirley Nelson, who founded CPMSAC, 25 years ago. See more photos on page 4.

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ROUNDUPS

Robbery in Fair Lakes

Fairfax County police are looking for whoever robbed a 21-year-old Springfield woman, Dec. 24, in the Fair Lakes Shopping Center. While walking to her car in the parking lot, around 4:15 p.m., say police, two men appeared and one of them opened her car door and tried to steal her GPS device.

She ran to the other side of the car and removed the unit, herself, but the other man pushed her and forcefully took it from her hands. Both men then fled on foot through the parking lot.

They were described as black, in their late teens to early 20s. The first suspect was about 6 feet and 180 pounds and wore a dark-maroon hoodie and jeans. The second suspect was about 5 feet, 10 inches and 180 pounds and wore khaki pants.

Burglary at Stone Middle

Fairfax County police were called to Stone Middle School, Friday, Jan. 2, around 12:30 p.m., for an apparent burglary. Officers met with school security and determined that, the day before, around 3:30 a.m., unknown persons entered the school through an unsecured roof hatch.

Once inside, say police, they damaged computer and telephone lines in a mechanical room. The vandals also spray painted derogatory words and images in the gym.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Jan. 15 and 22, 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.

K9 School Teams Graduate

Seven new K9 teams will graduate from their 14-week, basic-training course on Friday, Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. The ceremony, to include a series of canine-handler demonstrations, will take place at the Fairfax County Police Canine Training Facility at 3721 Stonecroft Boulevard in Chantilly.

The basic training course for K9s includes sessions on patrol techniques and narcotics detection. The teams are trained in tracking and locating criminal suspects and endangered missing persons. They've also learned how to locate lost articles and conduct building and open-air searches.

WFCCA Land-Use Committee

A transportation project and a sign plan for a mixed-use project are on tap for the next meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee. It's slated for Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., in Chantilly. Agenda items are as follows:

- ◆ VDOT will give a preview of what it'll present in upcoming, public meetings regarding the Route 50 widening project. This highway will be widened from Poland Road in Loudoun County to Route 50 in Chantilly.

- ◆ The panel will review the sign plan for The Shoppes at Commonwealth Centre (formerly called BPG) — a mixed-use development off Westfields Boulevard in Chantilly. The project — already approved by the county — contains six office buildings around the perimeter, with two more inside, plus a strip of retail shops and two hotels.

Candidates Forum

Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herry (R-Springfield), the two candidates running for Fairfax County board chairman in a Feb. 3 special election, will appear in a joint forum, Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the great hall of the Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road.

Visitors should enter through the central double doorway from the Idylwood Road parking lot. Call 703-698-1748.

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NEWS



Centreville High Is Triumphant on 'It's Academic'

A team of students from Centreville High School defeated teams from Bishop O'Connell High of Arlington and Wakefield High of Arlington, on "It's Academic," the high-school quiz program. The match will be aired Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10:30 a.m., on NBC-TV, Channel 4. The Centreville team consists of Captain Carl Stankwitz, Ryan Smith and Andrew Puckett. Its faculty coach is David Campbell. The team will return later in the season for a playoff match.

Caputo Ready for Budget Battles

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Facing a budget-shortfall amount unprecedented in the state's history, Virginia's legislators have an enormous task ahead of them in the General Assembly session that began this week. And it won't be easy.

"Because of the seriousness of the budget deficit, we need to expend a significant effort getting it reconciled," said Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th). "And it's going to take hard work from both sides of the aisle."

But he's hopeful that, despite the last session's partisan politics that impeded progress and agreements on a slew of issues — most notable, transportation — the legislators will somehow be able to put their differences aside because the financial situation is so dire that they simply must.

"I think it'll bring us together in a bipartisan fashion because we know we're dealing with the same issue — \$3 billion in shortfalls — and we'll have to make it up in the 2010 budget," said Caputo. "The governor has already laid down the gauntlet in terms of presenting to the General Assembly his very-well-thought-out budget revisions for 2010."

While he can't speak for the mindset of the Senate, he said that, as a legislator representing the 67th District, "I'd like to think we in the House of Delegates can negotiate and come together on the issues. No one there doesn't want our education to be top-notch and continue to improve."

Caputo said the legislators need to examine each of the core areas — education, law enforcement, health services and transportation — "to see what is the minimum level of hurt we can apply to each of them." He's also eager to receive the results of 20,000 surveys he mailed



Del. Chuck Caputo

out last week to his constituents in the 67th.

"They're basically six, broad questions, and I'm looking forward to the feedback and will act accordingly in the General Assembly," said Caputo. He plans to hold a town hall meeting, Saturday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center. At that time, local residents may respond further to him about the issues on their minds and he'll be able to tell them how things are going in the General Assembly.

"It's going to take hard work from both sides of the aisle."

— Del. Chuck Caputo, (D-67th)

REGARDING HIS OWN legislation, he's working on a bill requiring background checks for private sales at gun shows. Currently, he said, federally licensed firearms dealers are required to conduct a background check on potential purchasers "so they don't sell guns to felons, the mentally deranged or people who are convicted of domestic violence or are under restrain-

ing orders."

But sellers at gun shows have no such obligations,

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Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

The 15th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festival was held Sunday, Jan. 11, at Centreville High. This celebration of King's life and legacy was presented jointly by the Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement Committee (CPMSAC) and Centreville High.

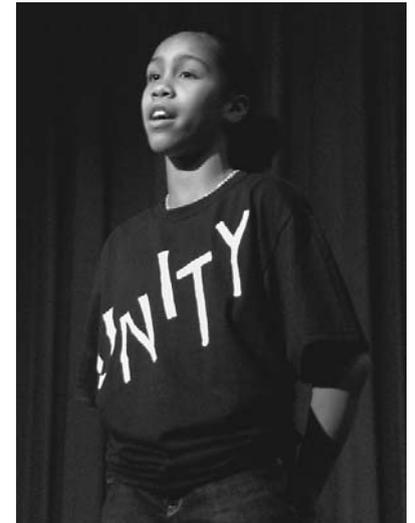


Westfield High's Martina Greene puts her heart and soul into the song, "Hero."

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CENTRE VIEW



Lees Corner's fifth-grade chorus sings, "Dr. Martin Luther King."



Franklin Middle seventh-grader Jonesha Fullerton sings "Celebration of a Dream Come True" during the step team's performance.



Oak Hill Elementary's Kendra Song performs a classical, piano selection.



The Chantilly High Midnight Step Team performs "We Have a Dream."



Franklin Middle School's step team sends a message.



"Deep River" is performed by Rocky Run Middle School's Chamber Ensemble.



The Centreville High Wildcat Guitarists perform "Swinging the Changes" and "Portraits of Spain."



The Westfield Dance Team performs "I Have a Dream."



Brookfield Elementary's fifth- and sixth-grade chorus sings, "I am a Small Part of the World."



These two students drummed together.



The Westfield High Drum Line electrifies the audience.



(From left) Westfield High's Martina Greene and Taylin Frame sing "I Have Nothing" and "His Eye is on the Sparrow."

Children's Show at Chantilly High

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me this ruby — that's how I know they're brave enough to marry me."

She said the princess eventually becomes nicer, and it's a bit tough making the switch quickly, but she's having a good time. "Like the show in general, I get to be outrageous and make big motions," said Shedd-Thompson. "There are also jokes in it that parents will get — about the current economy and other things — so adults will enjoy the show, too."

Sharing the role is junior Beverly Ellis, who describes the princess as self-absorbed and believing the world revolves around her. "When she realizes it's not really about her, she doesn't like that," said Ellis. "She's bankrupted the kingdom because the king always buys her expensive gifts, so she thinks she'll marry a wealthy knight who'll win the contest and her parents will no longer have to take care of her."

While having lots of lines to memorize, Ellis likes her role because "I get to yell at people and wear an over-the-top, ridiculous, fluffy, white dress, and I always like dressing up."

Classmate Kelsey Martin portrays the queen, who rules her husband without him realizing it. "She's a cool queen and wants to help her daughter have the best life," said Martin. "Because she's kind of a blonde ditz, it's hard to know if I should play her as serious or chilled; but I found a medium. And Beverly is my best friend." Martin also loves children's shows because "they're silly and you don't have to be serious."

AS THE KING, junior Alex Bedont is "kind, but absent-minded. It's fun and it's my first lead role in a high-school play." Bedont says it's hard playing an authority figure, but he's pleased that the king is "very loud, so I get to have a big, booming voice." He, too, likes being in a children's show: "You get to be a lot more expressive because you're acting to little kids."

Also playing the king is junior Barry Coleman. "He's a little snobby and thinks he's superior and smarter than he really is," said Coleman. "I like playing him because I have a positive attitude in real life, so I work with it to make him funny. The best part is commanding people, but getting corrected by the queen or prime minister when the king says something wrong."

Coleman likes acting in children's shows, too, because "I like seeing the children enjoying themselves and the parents watching them have fun."

Portraying one set of the two-headed monster's heads, Abby and Margot, are sophomores Adrian

Tafesh and Spencer Parkinson. "It's a comedic character," said Tafesh, who plays Abby. "Abby and Margot are always fighting and arguing about things — and they're connected, which adds to the comedy. Abby has bigger dreams than just guarding the ruby's lair; he wants to go on a Disney cruise."

Tafesh said it's tough moving around on stage since they're attached to each other. But it's unique because "you don't usually get to play a two-headed monster, so it's a new experience." Regarding the play, he said, "There's comedy for everyone, so people of all ages will really appreciate it."

Playing Margot, Parkinson said the heads are guys with girls' names, making them even funnier. "Margot is ditzzy and out there — you don't know what's going to come out of his mouth — and he also mocks people," said Parkinson. "It's pretty cool — a really goofy role I can have fun with."

He said doing physical movements "with another person attached to your hip" is challenging but, in this role, "I don't have to be myself; I can be as loud as I want."

MEANWHILE, senior Ryan Pratt leads the villagers. "I direct Cabbage Festival games for them, and there's also a comedic Cabbage Festival dance that sets the mood for the beginning of the play," said Pratt. "I'm glad I got cast in this role because Mr. Monk gave us the opportunity to create the games and dance. We get to do what we want with our characters, so we can connect to them a lot more."

Freshman Robbie Novak and sophomore Shaan Sharma play a knight named Sir Prize. "He's sort of geeky," said Novak. "He tries to be brave but, when he's alone, he's kind of scared. It's a fun character to play, and I get to go into the monster's lair and try to take the ruby."

Sharma calls him an "upstanding, English knight who can completely lose it, under the slightest bit of tension. So I can be creative because he can be serious, but can also go crazy on stage. He doesn't use weapons; he uses his mind, instead."

Sophomore Jonathan Fruitman portrays another knight, Sir Jun the Brave. "He's a little off balance and off his rocker, but sees nothing wrong with himself," said Fruitman. "So I emphasize random words, twitch after saying things and make odd motions to make him noticeable."

He has to make sure he stays in character, the whole time, but he's pleased because he can do a lot with this role. "I can mold him into my own creation," said Fruitman. "I also like putting myself out there, making people happy with my acting and making them glad they came to see the show."

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Mallory Hacker, formerly of Virginia Run

Hacker Stars in “Thoroughly Modern Millie”

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Former Centreville resident Mallory Hacker, 21, is starring as the lead as Millie Dillmount in the musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie” in Fountain Hills, Ariz., Fountain Hills community theater. The show runs Jan. 15-Feb. 8.

“It’s about a small-town girl from Kansas who moves to Manhattan to marry a millionaire, but she ends up falling in love with someone else who she didn’t plan,” says Mallory. The movie version starred Julie Andrews, Mary Tyler Moore and Carol Channing.

A senior at Arizona State University, Mallory is working on her B.A. in theater education and plans to pursue her MFA when she graduates in May.

“I think what I like most about acting is the ability to play something else that’s not yourself,” she says. “...The ability to explore something new and different.”

She says her biggest challenge is the actual singing. “It’s very demanding,” she says. “There are a lot of songs that have a lot of emotion and power in them.”

Originally from New York, Mallory moved to Centreville when she was 1. She is the daughter of Mary Ann and Peter Hacker. While living here, she attended Followspot Theater Camp at Ormond Stone Middle School. She also danced with Centreville Dance Studio, Bright Lights Dance Studio and Creative Dance Center in Chantilly. The family moved out of Virginia Run in 2000.

Last year, she played the lead role of Peggy Sawyer in “42nd Street.” She won a Prism Award for Best Actress in a Musical and was nominated for an AriZoni Award (a version of the Tony).

The show opens Jan. 15 and closes Feb. 8. Showtimes are Sundays at 2 p.m., and Thur.-Sat. 8 p.m. at Fountain Hills Community Theaters in Fountain Hills, Ariz., a suburb of Phoenix. For more, go to the theater’s web site, www.fhct.org.



Kelly Clifton and John Hack

Kelly Clifton Weds John Hack

The marriage of Miss Kelly Marie Clifton, of San Francisco, Calif., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clifton of Centreville, to Mr. John Frederick Hack III, of San Francisco, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hack, Jr. of Estero, Fla., took place on May 31, 2008 on the grounds of Whitehall Manor, in Bluemont, Va. The Bishop Michael Carroll officiated.

The bride, escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, is the granddaughter of Mrs. Margaret Brantley of Colfax, N.C., and the late Mr. Walter F. Brantley, Jr., and the late Mrs. Marianne Clifton and the late Mr. Jonas Clifton.

Miss Ashley Clifton of Arlington and Miss Lindsay Clifton of Centreville were their sister’s Maids of Honor. Bridesmaids were Ashley Bland of Alexandria, Amy Chellino

of Arlington, Merissa Gamba of Duluth, Ga., Joy Knighton of Charlottesville, Ashleigh Slawski of Charlottesville, and Katie Swearingen of Washington, D.C.

Mr. Corey Benjamin of Richmond and Mr. James Hanson of Morrisville, N.C., were the Best Men of the groom. Groomsmen were Jonathan Drillings of San Francisco, Calif., Winston Eaton of Boston, Mass., William Gamba of Duluth, Ga., Edward Rosenwasser of San Francisco, Ca., Gregory Solarz of New York, and Brandon Van Grack of Washington, D.C.

Wedding music was provided by guitarists Robert Solarz of Richboro, Pa., and Justin Dantonio of Chicago, IL.

The readers were Laura Howell of Arlington and Amy Minton of Atlanta, Ga.

The rehearsal dinner, hosted by

the groom’s family, was held at Hillsboro Vineyards, Hillsboro, Va. The reception, with dinner and dancing, was held at Whitehall Manor. Entertainment was provided by The Wrest of Richmond.

The bride, a 1999 graduate of Chantilly High School, received a degree from the University of Virginia and was employed as Assistant Merchant for Levi Strauss in San Francisco until the wedding date. She is currently employed in New York as Merchant with J. Crew. The groom, a 1997 graduate of James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury, Md., is a graduate of Duke University and was a Project Manager with Accenture in San Francisco and is currently a Software Architect for the D.E. Shaw group in New York.

After a honeymoon in Greece, the couple resides in New York.

Students Advance in Lions Intl’ Peace Poster Contest

Three local students have taken the first step to becoming internationally recognized artists by winning a local competition sponsored by the Fairfax Host Lions’ Club.

The posters by Miranda Hudson, a seventh-grader at Rocky Run Middle School; Israel Rodriguez Jr., an eighth-grader at Stone Middle School; and Kathleen Tran, an eighth-grader at Lanier Middle School, were among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 21st annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs sponsor the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people.

Winning posters were selected on the basis of originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the contest theme, “Peace Begins With Me.”

Fairfax Host Lions’ Club President Steve Haywood said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students. “It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I’m so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.”



Students Miranda Hudson, Israel Rodriguez and Kathleen Tran

Winning posters advanced to the Lions District 24-A competition, where Israel earned the top prize and received a \$200 check. Israel’s poster will advance to the state competition, and the state winner will advance to the international competition.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,000 plus a trip for the winner and two family members to New York City for the awards ceremony at Lions Day at the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

Ball Tickets Are Available

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Tickets are still available for the Virginia Inaugural Black Tie and Blue Dominion Ball being held Monday, Jan. 19, from 7 p.m. to midnight, at the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

Between 3,000 and 5,000 people are expected for the black tie and blue event. "We want as many people as we can get," Cindy Wright, media coordinator, said. "And part of the proceeds go to the Washington USO and Virginia Tech to support their programs."

Tickets start at \$150 for military personnel, \$250 for individuals, \$400 for couples and \$1,000 for VIPs. They include an open bar on all levels, gourmet catering provided by Windows Catering Company of Alexandria, "spontaneous dancing" all around the museum and a five-star, sit-down dinner for the VIPs near the Space Shuttle Enterprise.

"We wanted to plan an inaugural event where we celebrated where Virginia is emerging as its own political force," Del Walters, executive

producer, who used to anchor for WJLA-TV, said. "Some 1.95 million Virginians went to the polls and changed the state from red to blue and we're celebrating that fact."

PROVIDING THE musical entertainment are the Commodores and Gentlemen of Leisure, one of Obama's favorite Chicago bands, as well as April Ellington, daughter of Duke Ellington, and Michael Girdy of GI Entertainment.

A highlight of the night is artist Michael Israel who is painting a portrait of Barack Obama on a 4-by-6 canvas near the Blackbird.

He'll be working inside a bubble, reminiscent of illusionist David Blaine. "It's a high-energy show to music," Walters said.

Some of the invited guests are Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine, former Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, Attorney General-designate Eric Holder, Congressman Jim Moran, former Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Kate Hanley and U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Roger Nadeau. Celebrities include former astronaut Buzz Aldrin, former Washington Redskins Charles Mann and Brian Mitchell,

actors Jasmine Guy and Jenna Elfman.

Decorated in an aeronautical theme, blue and silver linens will adorn the tables with floral pieces and center replicas of the U.S. Capitol and Washington Monument, said Debbie Smith, senior event planner with Windows Catering. Windows is actually preparing two different menus.

For the VIPs' seated buffet dinner, guests will feast on beef short ribs, Virginia Chicken Roulade, pear and onion tart, green salad with apples, bacon and manchego cheese. For the general audience, there's sliced London broil with a variety of horse-radish and béarnaise sauces, porcini ravioli, haystack potatoes and anti-pasto platters. Lighting will be provided by Williams Gerrard.

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Candidates Look at Raising Tax Rate

Bulova, Herrity take different approaches on other budget issues.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Both major political party candidates for Fairfax County chairman agree the Board of Supervisors will have to at least consider raising homeowners real estate tax rate to address the locality's looming budget crisis next year.

"When we adopt a budget, there will be a reconciliation to close the projected shortfall and it will include a discussion of a tax rate adjustment," said Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova, the Democratic nominee for the position.

The Republican nominee, Springfield District Supervisor Patrick Herrity, said it is likely the county will have to raise the tax rate. But Herrity also committed to lowering the actual amount of taxes most residents pay, a promise Bulova did not make.

This year, real estate assessments will have dropped significantly for many households, enough that the county could raise the real estate tax rate but not the actual amount of taxes paid by citizens, according to Herrity.

"Due to the extent of the shortfall, it is likely the tax rate (but not the actual taxes paid by homeowners) will need to be increased this year," he said on his Web site.

THE TWO major political party candidates will face Independent Green Party candidate Carey Campbell and Fairfax business owner Christopher DeCarlo in a special election for county chairman Feb. 3.

The previous chairman, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), vacated the position earlier this month to join the U.S. Congress.

Fairfax County government's leadership has to close the \$650 million funding gap in Fairfax's \$3.3 billion budget for fiscal year 2010, which starts July 1. The financial hole is larger than the combined budgets of the police, fire and rescue, sheriff, library, parks and recreation and health departments.

"This is the most serious downturn I have experienced since I have been on the board," said Bulova, who was first elected in 1987.

The circumstances surrounding the county chairman's special election are similar to 14 years ago when, in 1995, the sitting county chairman, Tom Davis (R), left the Fairfax board to join the U.S. Congress, triggering a February special election to replace him.

Just like the Democrats in 2008, the Republican Party had made significant gains at the national and local level in 1995 and appeared to have the advantage in chairman's race. Fairfax County's budget and economic situation, like today, was also tough and residents had just endured a round of cuts to county services.

"I cut everything except [information

PATRICK HERRITY (R)

Age: 48
Current Home: Clifton/Centreville
Hometown/Grew Up In: Springfield, Va.
Education: Virginia Tech., B.S. in Accounting (1982)
Family: Wife Nancy and two high school children
Professional experience: chief financial officer at Arrowhead Global Solutions, government contractor (2005- present)
Political experience: Springfield District Supervisor (2008-present)
Civic experience: former executive committee of Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, former board member of Northern Virginia Technology Council, youth athletics coach



CAREY CAMPBELL (I)

Age: 52
Current Home: North Springfield
Hometown: North Springfield
Education: University of Maryland, B.A. (European Division) University of Freiburg, Germany University of Kentucky – business and accounting
Professional experience: Accountant
Political Experience: State Chairman, Independent Greens of Virginia; National Chairman, Draft Michael Bloomberg
Civic Experience: North Springfield Civic Association Board Member, North Springfield PTA member, past vice president of the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations



technology] and economic development," said Davis, about the 1994-1995 county budget.

With a voter turn out of 17.8 percent, the Democrat, Providence District Supervisor Kate Hanley, beat the Republican, Springfield District Supervisor Elaine McConnell, to become county chairman that year.

Davis said this year's special election for chairman could be a referendum on the supervisors' approach to the budget, especially since Bulova has been intimately involved with the county finances as the board's budget committee chair for more than a decade.

"When it comes to the budget, voters will get a say very early on because of the election," he said.

The two major political party candidates, Bulova and Herrity, agreed that the integrity of Fairfax County Public Schools, which normally receives more than half of Fairfax's annual budget, should be a top priority.

BULOVA said human services would also be another budget priority if she were to become county chairman.

Fairfax has seen a greater demand and need for human services programs, especially since the region started to face a financial downturn. With the faltering economy, it is likely people will need even more from those programs than they have



SHARON BULOVA (D)

Age: 60
Current Home: The Cloisters of Fairfax
Hometown/Grew Up In: Pikesville, Md.
Education: University of Virginia (classes via Fort Belvoir extension campus), Northern Virginia Community College, business management (1977)
Family: husband Lou DeFalaise, two adult children, three grandchildren
Professional experience: book keeper, sales and office manager
Political experience: Braddock District Supervisor (1987-present), former aide to Annandale District Supervisor Audrey Moore (1984-1987)
Civic experience: founding member of Virginia Railway Express Operations Board (1989 – present), Governors Commission on Rail Enhancement for the 21st Century (2004 – present)

CHRISTOPHER DECARLO (I)

Age: 50
Current Home: Fairfax
Hometown: Greenwich, Ct.
Education: Georgia Institute of Technology, coursework toward electrical engineering degree; George Mason University coursework toward business administration degree; North Virginia Community College
Family: wife Kathleen and five children, ages 2 years old to 10 years old
Professional Experience: president of DeCarlo Enterprises Inc., which sells propane gas to over 1,000 customers in Fairfax County.



in the past, said Bulova. "The increase in demand and spending in these areas has nothing to do with inflation," she said.

In terms of cuts, Bulova said she hopes to take actions similar to the 1990s when there was a major downturn in revenue and board members eliminated services like satellite tax offices and small "storefront" library kiosks, she said.

Without seeing county executive Tony Griffin's budget proposal, the supervisor could not point to specific cuts she would support at this time.

"It's still a little bit early. We need to give the county executive his opportunity to put something on the table first," she said.

Bulova is pleased with the way county officials and the board addressed the county budget crisis so far. Fairfax started hosting community meetings about the budget in the early fall and has engaged residents earlier than the county usually does, she said.

The supervisors recently implemented more programs focused on preventing home foreclosure and purchased 10 foreclosed properties, with the intention of fixing the

houses up and selling them.

The foreclosure crisis has a direct impact on the county budget since Fairfax County acquires the bulk of its revenue through residential real estate taxes and those collections are linked to home value and assessment.

HERRITY, who is one of just two Republicans on the Board of Supervisors, is more critical of the way Fairfax has handled its budget crisis.

The county should have been more willing to make cuts in its current budget cycle as soon as next year's financial picture began to look so dire. Instead, Bulova and other supervisors opted to wait until the situation got worse, he said.

Herrity has called for more budget transparency. He proposed a county "blue ribbon" budget commission, where a group of citizens would provide advice on how to adjust Fairfax's budget. Herrity also wants to put details of county expenses online for residents to peruse, he said.

When it comes to budget cuts, Herrity has proposed scaling back Fairfax County's affordable housing program – which has received over \$20 million annually in recent years. He wants to limit the scope of Fairfax County's housing program to focus only on people "really in need," such as those with mental disabilities or development challenges that would make it difficult for them to take care of themselves.

The county currently offers housing to some people near or below the county's median household income. The Springfield supervisor also voted against the board's decision to purchase foreclosed homes.

"We are competing with the private sector. ... We need to focus on the people that truly need help," said Herrity.

Over the long term, Herrity hopes to help the county budget by increasing Fairfax's commercial tax base. Commercial property owners tend to contribute more money in real estate taxes than they use in county services, he said. Currently, only 17 percent of Fairfax's tax base is commercial. Herrity would like to increase that number to 25 percent, he said.

In addition to education, Herrity said he is most concerned about cuts to the public safety budget.

AS FOR the two independent candidates, Campbell said keeping Fairfax County Public Schools "strong" would be his number one priority. He would also focus on

trying to build one lane of light rail on the Capital Beltway.

DeCarlo, who announced his candidacy Jan. 10, said the county's main problems were "outrageous taxes" and over-regulation. He also said elected officials had ceded control of the government to special interest groups.

"We need to focus on the people that truly need help."

— Pat Herrity

"This is the most serious downturn I have experienced since I have been on the board."

— Sharon Bulova, elected in 1987

It's Not Grade Inflation

Fairfax and Loudoun should change to 10-point grading, add weight for advanced classes; more than 90 percent is an A.

Fairfax County Public Schools, along with Loudoun County schools, have been grading students in a way that puts them at a disadvantage for scholarships, college admissions and college credit compared to other similar school systems.

Right now there is a proposal on the table in Fairfax that would remedy many of these concerns, and the School Board should take this opportunity to do so.

Fairfax has been grading students on a six-point scale, meaning that a student scoring

more than 90 points out of 100 could get a B instead of an A; it takes a 94 for an A, and a 64 to pass.

While most comparable school systems offer extra points for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and some honors classes, Fairfax has not been doing so.

Will changing the grading scale mean that more students from Fairfax County will head to Harvard? Not at all; many top colleges make their own adjustments to applicants' grade point averages, but not all. While it's easy for some to dismiss this push on helicopter parents who would do anything to further the success of their gifted children, there are some important issues at stake.

There is no question that a lower grade point average as reported by an applicant's school can result in fewer opportunities for merit

scholarships. Given the cost of college tuition and the economic challenges facing all families right now, putting Fairfax students at a disadvantage for scholarship money is unfair and unwise.

And at the margins, how the schools calculate and report a grade point average could affect which colleges accept a given applicant,

homelessness in the county. Supervisor Herrity looked at my crisis as an opportunity to end homelessness for me. Because of his intercession on my behalf, I have a home. Supervisor Herrity was there for me when I needed him the most — he refused to turn away from a difficult problem and did not ignore my plight. He called attention to a discretionary decision made by the housing staff and ensured that I was provided an opportunity to have a home. He listened and was responsive. The end result, a roof over my head instead of tree tops. Supervisor Herrity is now in a campaign for Chairman of the Board. I will support him because he has the wisdom and compassion that is needed by the leaders of this county. He changed my future and I'm certain he has the vision for a better Fairfax County.

Deborah Leggett
Centreville

A Centreville Treasure

To the Editor:

Centreville is lucky to have Mr. and Mrs. Lee of Centreville Square Barber Shop as business owners in our town. All four members of my family have gone to Mr. Lee's Barber Shop for 12 years now and have received superior service at each visit. Mr. Lee greets every customer as they enter his shop with an enthusiastic, "Hi Doug,"

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I have sat in his green chairs lined against the shop's windows many a day just listening to Mr. Lee chat with a client about his job, family, or even about a new car he noticed parked out front. He knows what my kids are involved in and always asks them for updates. His gentle humor always brings a smile to one's face. He can chat with customers in whatever language they feel most comfortable. Mr. Lee has a special talent and patience with toddlers who aren't quite sure if they want a haircut. He has the child sit on his

Thanks From the WFCM

To the Editor:

As a new year dawns, the board and staff of Western Fairfax Christian Ministries would like to offer our most sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our ministry to the poor and underprivileged in our community. While 2008 posed a great challenge to WFCM, it was also a year of blessings.

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and these small differences can have a dramatic affect on a student's college experience.

Giving extra weight for the extra rigor and work of AP and IB classes is also critical for our students.

Fairfax County also should ensure that its graduates arrive at college with the most college credit possible for their college level studies in high school. Students taking IB exams should also take the most similar AP exam. In many cases, no additional preparation is required. While IB courses are just as rigorous as AP classes and should result in college credit for the students who have successfully completed them based on test scores, many colleges do not yet recognize IB test scores for credit.

But a student who scores well on the IB test will likely score just as well on the most similar AP test, and almost every college will give credit for high AP scores.

Again this is not a nicety for parents to brag about or students to put on their résumé. Arriving as a freshman in college with college credit gives students a leg up on more advanced coursework, and can in some cases reduce the cost of college by a semester or more.

mother or father's lap with a cape draped around the both of them. Mr. Lee distracts an uneasy child with happy talk, his Thomas the Train toy, and of course a lollypop, while administering the best of haircuts. It is amazing to me that Mr. Lee is just as engaging with a 1-year-old child as he is with an 81-year-old fellow. He treats each one with the utmost respect and dignity. Mr. & Mrs. Lee have always made it clear that they value each customer, and I want them to know that Centreville values Mr. & Mrs. Lee!

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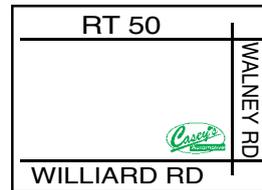
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Richter and Shade Plead Guilty

FROM PAGE 1

Centreville's Joshua "J.R." Quick and Daniel Nash, both 19, pleaded guilty to distributing the heroin that caused Lannes' death and are both facing sentences of as much as 20 years to life. They and Centreville residents Lokesh Rawat, 19, and David Schreider, 20, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin. Rawat and Schreider could receive anywhere from five to 40 years in prison.

Virginia Run's Skylar Schnippel, Lannes's boyfriend, is also charged with giving her the heroin that caused her death. He's slated for possible, grand-jury indictment on Feb. 13, unless he enters a plea before then.

Also charged with heroin dealing here are Centreville's Tayler Leigh Gibson, Kevin Zuiker, Angela Aycock and Andrew Kacvinsky, plus Jessica Remington of Fairfax and Antonio Harper, but their cases have not yet come to court for trial or plea.

BUT MONDAY AFTERNOON, Jan. 12 — before Lannes's parents and their own families — Shade and Richter each pleaded guilty as charged. In response to questions from U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema, Shade said she's under the care of a psychologist and a psychiatrist, and Richter said she's seeing two therapists for her drug addiction.

Both women waived possible indictment by a grand jury, are now legally bound by their individual plea agreements and won't be able to change their minds and appeal their convictions or sentences. Brinkema said Shade's agreement was 14 pages long, and Richter's, 13.

With defense attorney Mark Miller by her side, Shade pleaded guilty to "unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally" conspiring to distribute 100 grams or more of heroin between March and July 2008.

"Do you understand that, for this offense, there's a mandatory minimum term of five years' incarceration and a maximum term of 40 years?" asked Brinkema. "Yes," replied Shade. Brinkema also said the court could impose a fine of up to \$2 million, besides the automatic, \$100 special assessment for the Victims' Compensation Fund.

The judge said the same things to Richter and told both women they're each likely to receive at least four years supervised probation after they're released from incarceration. And if part of their sentence is suspended, Brinkema told each one, "The key fact you need to understand is that, if you violate any condition of your supervised release, the court could revoke any amount of your time suspended."

Brinkema said Shade's plea agreement contained a "safety valve" clause, meaning that — with good conduct — she might receive less than five years in prison. Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Grooms said Richter's agreement didn't contain this clause because it hadn't yet been determined whether she was eligible for it.

"You've agreed that you were either personally involved in the distribution of — or that it was reasonably foreseeable to you that others in the conspiracy distributed — 100-400 grams of heroin," said Brinkema to Shade. In Richter's case, said the judge, this amount was 400-700 grams of heroin.

She told both women that, in exchange for their guilty pleas, the court agreed not to prosecute them further in the Eastern District of Virginia in connection with anything contained in their plea agreements

or statements of facts. However, she added, "If you were going into Maryland or the District of Columbia to obtain drugs, those jurisdictions could still prosecute you."

BRINKEMA ALSO read aloud pertinent passages from the statement of facts within each woman's plea agreement. To Shade, she said, "From the summer of 2007 through March 2008, you joined Remington and others in obtaining heroin for use by yourself and distribution to others. You obtained heroin from Joshua Quick, also known as J.R., and you both were aware that he was supplying it to others."

"From March to July 2008, after Quick was arrested, you and Remington began distributing heroin to people previously supplied by Quick," continued Brinkema. "You obtained it from Tayler Gibson and sources in Washington, D.C. How many sources of supply did you have in Washington?"

"Two or three," answered Shade.

Brinkema noted that authorities eventually seized some of the heroin, and Shade said, "Yes, we were in a car and they pulled us over." She also admitted that she and Remington distributed heroin to two people who turned out to be confidential informants, and that she both paid and received \$160 for each transaction." Miller said they'd buy one more gram than they'd sell and use that gram for themselves.

The judge accepted Shade's guilty plea, saying,

"There's more than enough evidence to find you guilty of this charge beyond a reasonable doubt." She set sentencing for April 10 and then ordered Shade taken to jail.

"This is a sad case," said Brinkema. "Last Thursday [Jan. 8], the defendant was a passenger in a vehicle she shouldn't have been in, and the car was stopped by authorities. She wasn't arrested, but she failed to report it. She also tested positive for the presence of opiates in her system — the results came back today."

Since Shade therefore violated the terms of her supervised release, Brinkema said she could no longer remain free and she revoked Shade's bond. Shade waved goodbye to her family as she left for jail with the bailiff, but first, she listened to a warning from the judge.

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THEN IT WAS Richter's turn, and the first part of the proceedings was similar to Shade's, with Brinkema explaining the legal ramifications of her plea. However, the specific details of Richter's case were different, and her heroin distribution was over a much longer period — between June 2007 and March 2008.

Noting that Richter's statement of facts was three pages long, the judge said Richter admitted that, in fall 2007, she traveled to Baltimore on multiple occasions with several individuals, including Quick and Schreider, to purchase heroin from her source there.

"You introduced that source to Quick and Schreider, knowing they'd sell that heroin in Centreville," said Brinkema. "You received a portion of it for your personal use; how much?"

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— Leonie Brinkema, U.S. District Court Judge, speaking to Richter

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THURSDAY, JAN. 15

Braddock Supervisor Sharon Bulova and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity will face off Thursday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon, to share their plans for representing Fairfax County as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. To be held at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus. Contact Robby Demeria at 703-752-7544 or rdemeria@fairfaxchamber.org.

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.

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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

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. ♦ Friday, Jan. 16 — Inaugural Dance with Rockin' Bones. Red, white and blue decorations, patriotic snacks.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

Celebrate the 248th Birthday of Richard Bland Lee on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m., at Sully Historic Site in Chantilly. Half-price admission. Birthday cake will be served. A tour of Lee's 1794 home is included in the fee of \$3 per adult, \$2.50 per student and \$2 per senior or child. Call 703-437-1794.

Join Cub Run RECenter and Roots and Shoots to learn about Recycling and Saving Energy on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 1-2:30 p.m. Ages 5-12. To register or for more information contact Debbie Lodato, Volunteer Manager at 703-817-9423 or Deborah.lodato@fairfaxcounty.gov. The RECenter is located at 4630 Stonecroft Blvd. Roots and Shoots is a program developed by Jane Goodall to connect youths of all ages who want to make the world a better place.

MONDAY, JAN. 19

GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club invites all women over the age of 18 to their meeting on Monday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. This month's meeting will be an arts and crafts show and competition and Joan Morton, past president of the Northern District of the GFWC will sing as an accompaniment. Call Cheryl at 703-818-0042.

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; alnorthernva@yahoo.com; www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org.

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

Black Women United for Action (BWUFA) is hosting a Pre-Ball Inaugural Black Tie Dinner on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott in Arlington, at \$115/person. This event is planned for adults who want to celebrate and be with friends prior to those attending official balls. In addition, a Pre Inaugural Youth Ball will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18 from 5:30-9:30 p.m., for our children ages 7-18 at the Crystal City Gateway Marriott in Arlington. Tickets are \$50.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

New Neighbors League Club of DC

Metro, a non-profit organization, is looking for those women new to the area or newly retired and looking for activities and friends. The club offers Bridge, Mah Jong, Bunco, Book Clubs, Bowling, Movie outings, Bible study, Gardening, Quilting & Stitching, Southern Living dining, Nursing Home sing-a-long and much more. Attend the monthly coffee on Wednesday, Jan. 21, held in Clifton this month. Call 703-392-4641.

Sharon Bulova and Pat Herrity, the two candidates running for Fairfax County board chairman in a Feb. 3 special election, will appear in a joint forum Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 7:15 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Held in the Great Hall of the Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road. Visitors should enter through the central double doorway from the Idylwood Road parking lot. Call 703-698-1748.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

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.

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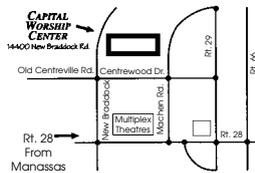
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FAITH NOTES

Wellspring Church joins the prayers of people around the nation and world, for wisdom and strength for President-elect Obama in this inaugural week. Pastor Al Fuertes will preach on the power of prayer. 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 today there will be a potluck lunch, and visitors are welcome to join in.

A "Living the Questions" daytime Bible study meets on Jan. 21 in Centreville, and the Immigration Forum meets at Centreville Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. Check the Web site, 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 and orientations. Worship is informal.

Rabbi to Discuss the Jewish Wedding. The Hazak Active Retirees Chapter of Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon, will present Rabbi Leonard Cahan, on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 1 p.m.,

for a discussion of the origins of Jewish marriage customs. The Jewish legal requirements for marriage represent only a small part of the rituals that take place at a Jewish wedding ceremony. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

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

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

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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 Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3.

- ❖ Celebrate the change of seasons with the congregation with a special Tu B-Shevat Seder on Saturday, Feb. 7 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.

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.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

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 Thursday, 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 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 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.

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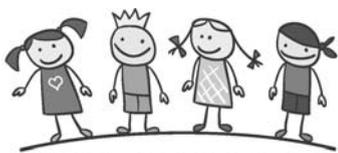
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The women's game is at 6 p.m., followed by the men's game at 8 p.m. Both games are in Fredericksburg against Arlington's Marymount University.

Admission is free, but the players are accepting donations for the Erin Peterson Fund, which sponsors college scholarships. Information about the fund is at www.erinpetersonfund.org.

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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 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.

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. 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.

Pleasant Valley Preschool will be holding its annual Open House and Registration on Monday, Jan. 26 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. A cooperative preschool with classes available for 3 and 4 year olds, the school is located in the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Call 703-378-6911 or visit the Web site at www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com.

St. Joseph School in Herndon is inviting parents to an Open House from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27. St. Joseph School received the Blue Ribbon of Excellence in 2007 because its students consistently score in the top 10 percent in the nation. It is the highest award given by the Department of Education. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the Principal, Joan Cargill, tour the state-of-the-art facility, including new classrooms, science lab, computer lab, inner courtyard playground, and more. Tuition assistance available. Principal Cargill's presentation at 9:30 a.m., with guided tours to follow. Call 703-880-4350.

Westfield High School International Night will be held on Friday, Feb. 13 from 7-9 p.m. in the auditorium. Intermision offers international food and henna designs as well as exposure to other clubs here at Westfield High.

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Tackling the Hardwood

Westfield's Ryder delivers on both the basketball court and football field.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

At one point during practice on Monday evening, Westfield's Jacob Ryder bent his knees and quickly flung himself toward the basketball hoop overhead. In an action directed at nobody in particular, he wanted to try and at least touch the rim.

Ryder nipped the backboard. Linemen — what can you do?

For the past four years, Ryder has played offensive line for Westfield's football team and transitioned to the basketball court after the season. It's not uncommon for high school athletes to perform double duty — Centreville's Warren Denny excels in both — but most of those football players aren't offensive linemen.

And they certainly aren't offensive tackles.

Ryder helped the Bulldogs win the 2007 Virginia AAA state title and blocked for 1,964-yard rusher Jordan Anderson this past fall. On the basketball court, Ryder prides himself in getting to loose balls and causing havoc on defense. He also averages around nine points and four rebounds per game.



PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/CENTRE VIEW

An offensive tackle on the football field, Jacob Ryder has also been an effective guard for the Westfield basketball team, averaging nine points and four rebounds a game.

"He might be an offensive tackle playing guard, but he's an *athletic* offensive tackle playing guard," said Westfield coach Doug Ewell.

"With Jacob, his work ethic is different than that of anybody I've ever met," said senior center Chris Kearney. "He's a big football player, but as soon as he's off the field he switches mindsets like a light switch.

"He gets in that frame of mind for basketball, and I'm pretty sure that no other lineman is out here playing basketball at the guard position like he is."

RYDER CLAIMS he's more of a football player playing basketball than a basketball player playing football, and his size supports that argument. Generously listed at 5-foot-11 and ungenerously listed at 215 pounds, Ryder looks like a football player.

Ewell ribs Ryder annually for his player's lack of fitness come basketball season. Football, Ewell says, consists of five-second plays followed by 35 seconds of downtime. Basketball? A different story.

This leads to the increased running program that Ewell puts his players through at the beginning of every season. Sure, there are benefits on the court, but it also helps his football players mold themselves into basketball shape.

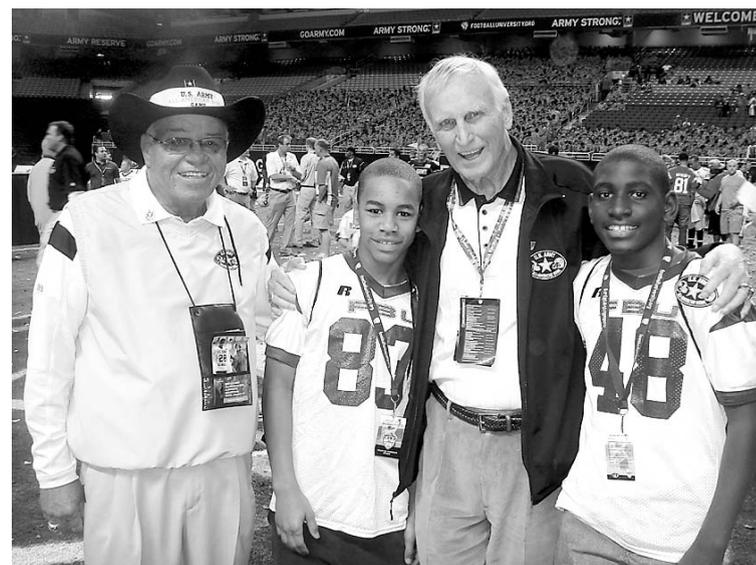
Despite his considerable size and the lack of running that belies the life of offensive lineman, Ryder, like several other football players on the team, has fulfilled his commitment to the basketball program.

"There's a little adjustment period after football is over," Ryder said. "After a couple weeks I'm usually pretty good. It's just different muscles and different athletic skills. I have to work on my conditioning and stamina because in basketball there's no break."

"He comes to practice like it's his job," Ewell said. "He's going to be real successful in the workforce because he treats practice like a job."

THAT ATTITUDE has rubbed off on his teammates. With a 69-51 win over Robinson Tuesday night, the Bulldogs improved to 12-1 overall, 4-0 in the Concorde District. They've won 10 straight games

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COURTESY PHOTO/BRIAN NEWELL

Raeshawn Smith (far right) and Jamon Cofield, pictured here with Herman Boone and Bill Yoast of the 1971 T.C. Williams Titans, played in the Football University Youth All-American Bowl on Jan. 4 in San Antonio, Texas.

'A Little More Contact'

Jamon Cofield and Raeshawn Smith travel to Texas for all-star game.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

The hardest thing, Jamon Cofield said, was getting used to the contact again. His team had wrapped up a 10-0 season, winning the Washington D.C. Area Metropolitan Youth Super Bowl, and he had been chosen to play in a prestigious all-star game.

Trouble was, Cofield hadn't hit someone or been hit for weeks. He was trying to adjust to life on the basketball court. But when the all-star game you're chosen for features 48 of the top seventh-graders from across the country, you don't mind the return to contact.

"I was actually trying to get into basketball this year," Cofield said. "But when our coach got me in [the Football University Youth All-American Bowl] I said, 'What the heck, I might as well have a little bit more contact in my life.'"

One of Cofield's teammates from the Chantilly Youth Association 95-pound American Vikings, eighth-grader Raeshawn Smith, was chosen to play as well. Head coach Brian Newell and assistant Ray Gordon were picked to help lead the team and the foursome traveled to San Antonio, Texas to

gether.

Football University is an invitation-only camp for higher-level youth football players, and the event was held in conjunction with the U.S. Army All-American Bowl for high school players. The five-day event featured 144 players — split into six teams — from across the country.

Cofield, Smith, Newell and Gordon arrived at San Antonio's Alamodome on Wednesday, Dec. 31 and started with a 10 a.m. practice the next morning — New Year's Day. In all, participants soaked in more than 11 hours of practice time.

"They really saw how great the level of competition was around the country," said Newell, who worked with the running backs and defensive line on Cofield's team. Gordon worked with the wide receivers and linebackers.

PLAYERS AND COACHES met Pro Football Hall of Famers Ken Houston and Roger Wehrli. They also spent time with Herman Boone and Bill Yoast of the 1971 T.C. Williams Titans and heard a motivational talk from former Philadelphia Eagle Vince Papali.

On Sunday, after four practices

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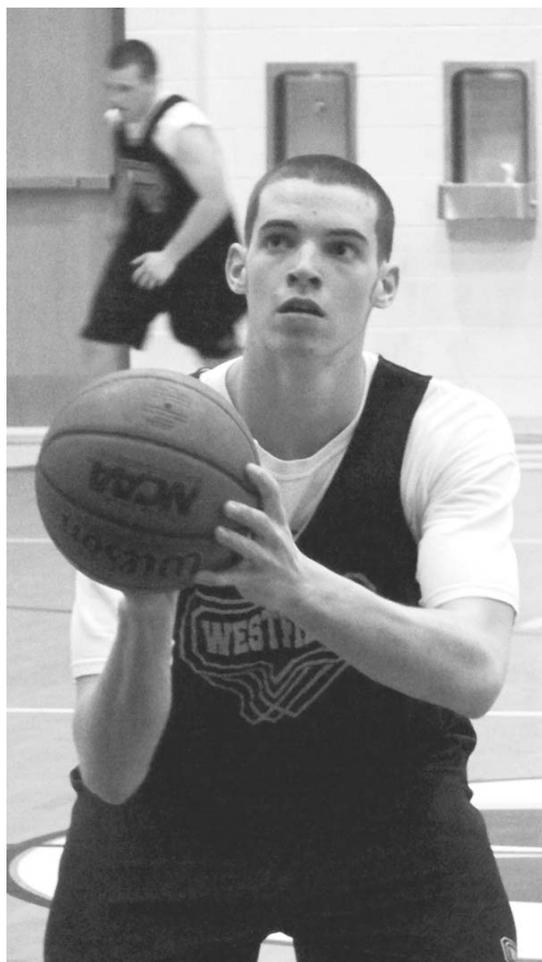


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Westfield senior center Chris Kearney has averaged 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks for the Bulldogs this year.

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and a walk-through, teams hit the field for three bowl games. Cofield's team took the field first but dropped a 21-14 decision to the West All-Stars. Playing in the first of two eighth-grade games, Smith helped his team to a 16-14 win.

"My favorite part was playing football," Smith said. "I like to play. The week of practice was pretty tough with the schedule and I was pretty tired, but during the game I had a lot of fun."

Cofield, a fullback and line-backer this past season for the Vikings, accumulated 1,008 rushing yards and scored 16 touchdowns. He also posted 77 tackles. Smith played tailback and outside line-backer, piling up 1,393 all-purpose yards with 61 tackles.

"I didn't expect to have two-a-day practices for around two hours or so, but it was all worth it at the end," Cofield said. "It was fun to compete with people from around the country and to meet new people and to meet new friends."

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Paul VI Helps Out

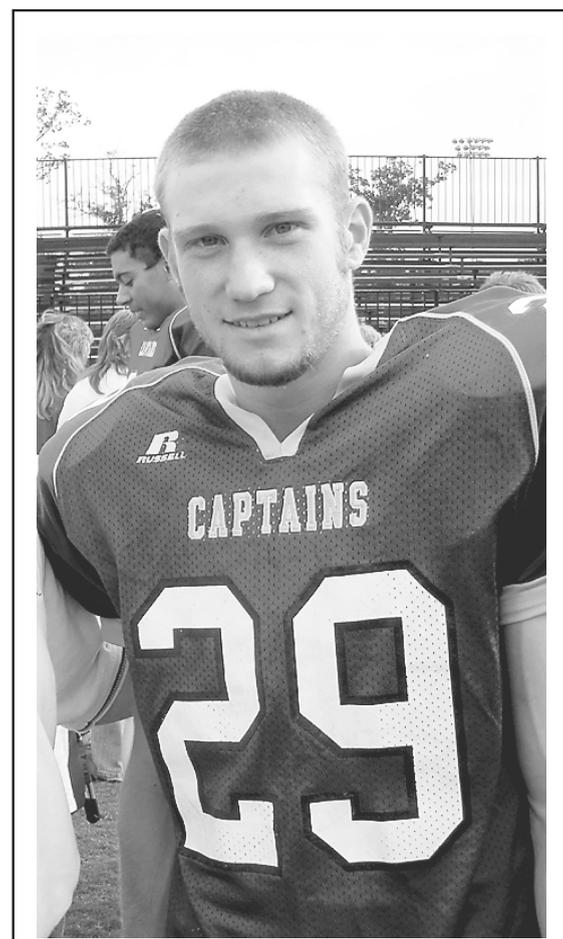
Three women from Paul VI High School have been chosen from thousands of worldwide applicants to attend the Global Youth Activation Summit this February in Boise, Idaho.

The summit will take place during the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Attending will be junior Natalie Mills (athlete), junior Nicole Simon (peer mentor) and Mary Jo Gregory (teacher/chaperone). Fifty athletes and 50 mentors were chosen for this honor.

Started in 2001, the Fifth Global Youth Activation summit brings together young people with and without intellectual disabilities from around the world who are committed to making a difference in their schools and communities through the Special Olympics.

"What a wonderful experience this is going to be," Gregory said. "We will have the opportunity to share with the rest of the world that the partnership formed between students with and without intellectual disabilities has created acceptance, dignity, respect and friendships throughout our community at Paul VI."

Delegates will have the opportunity to interview participants in the Special Olympics World Games and then broadcast on a Global Webinar. To be part of the Webinar, contact mjgregory@paulvi.net.



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Westfield graduate Ryan Wever, a sophomore defensive back at Christopher Newport, snagged three interceptions this season for the Captains.

Dale Makes Proposal

With little surprise or fanfare, Fairfax County schools superintendent Jack D. Dale last week made public his budget drafted for the fiscal year 2009-10, cutting funding for girls gymnastics but not indoor track and field.

Both sports had been under scrutiny since a proposal was unveiled back in November that featured three best-to-worst-case scenarios. Gymnastics appeared all three, indoor track and field only on the most severe.

"The logic remains the same," Dale said of the choice to cut gymnastics. According to both Dale and Fairfax County director of student activities Bill Curran, around 125 girls compete and the two cited the sport's availability at the club level as another reason for the measure.

One thing that hasn't remained the same is the school district's budget shortfall.

It was originally expected to be around \$170 million, but if the Board of Supervisors denies a 3.5 percent funding increase that Dale asked for with his latest budget, the shortfall could trigger that most severe case in which indoor track and field is also cut.

Wever Earns Postseason Honors

Ryan Wever, a sophomore defensive back at Christopher Newport University, was named second team All-USA South Conference and to the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) All-State football team. Wever tied for the team lead with three interceptions, finished fourth on the team in tackles (48) and set a school record with a 69-yard fumble return for a touchdown. The Captains were 8-2 this year, winning their conference title and advancing to the NCAA Division III playoffs. Wever was a 2007 graduate of Westfield High School where he started for three years, helping the Bulldog football team win a pair of Concorde District championships and make two Northern Region title-game appearances.

Hardwood

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ahead of a showdown with Chantilly (12-1, 4-0) on Friday.

With five strong senior captains — Kearney, Ryder, Jay Jackson, Peter Scanlon and A.V. Lawless — Westfield has developed a closeness that results in a circle at mid-court after every practice, airing out thoughts and trying to end practice on a positive note.

During games Westfield has been equally as smooth. Despite losing

four of the five leading scorers from last year's 21-3 team, the Bulldogs have achieved a remarkable offensive balance, with the ability to score from inside and out.

Kearney, who was named the Bulldog Bash's Most Valuable Player in late December, has contributed an average of 21 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks per game, while Scanlon has been the team's second-leading scorer with around 12 points and five rebounds per contest.

Scanlon was on of the team's few known commodities entering this season after averaging 7.8 points and four rebounds a season ago.

"We play for each other and when you do that good things will happen," Scanlon said. "We start inside and that opens things up. People respect that, and that opens things up for everybody else."

You know, it's sorta like running the football to set up the pass. Ask Ryder, he'd know.

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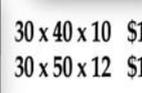
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Facing State Budget Shortfall

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so Caputo hopes passage of such legislation will be a "major, first step" at rectifying this situation. "You have to start someplace and, to me, it's just a blatant problem, right now," he said. And although a similar bill of his failed, last time, he's not giving up. Said Caputo: "I know this is a tough sell, but I'm trying again, this year."

He's also giving a second outing to a Good Samaritan bill that, last time, didn't get heard. During the last session, he said, three underage teens were drinking in the woods in South Riding, when one collapsed and became unconscious. "The others were scared so, rather than call the police, they dropped the kid's body in the parking lot of Little River Elementary School, and he died," said Caputo. "The police found him, the next day."

Caputo's bill says that, when faced with such a situation — even if their actions helped cause it — if those involved call 911 and get help for the person, it will be taken into account when they go to court. A second part to this bill would provide the same consideration, under similar circumstances, in the case of parents who host drinking parties for teens.

Another bill would allow no-excuse, absentee voting. "Right now, you have to give one of 17 reasons why you're not able to vote on Election Day," he said. "This way, you wouldn't have to give a reason."

Caputo also wants to extend the exemption for hybrid, clean-fuel vehicles to use HOV lanes for another year. He said many people bought these vehicles and, at the moment, "there's no reason to shut them off."

Last year, Caputo successfully passed a bill to replace the words "mentally retarded" with "intellectual disability" in the state code. But it needs to be reenacted and is endorsed by ARC of Northern Virginia, which advocates for those with intellectual disabilities. Caputo said federal statutes still contain the old wording, so the legislators wanted to revise this bill to make sure the wording in the state code doesn't clash with federal wording.

"This one should pass again," he said. "It's one of my primary bills because the stigma of being called a retard in this community is terrible, and we'd like to change this terminology."

In addition, Caputo's still trying to get an adoption-expense tax credit for adoptive parents. "If you're going to adopt a child, you should get some help," he said. He's also proposing an affordable-housing study to identify initiatives that can be taken by the public and private sectors to provide affordable housing for those who need it.

Obviously, he said, the toughest thing the legislators will have to tackle this session is reconciling the state budget. But since he's now in his second term as a delegate and just began his fourth session in the general assembly, he feels more confident.

"Generally, the longer you're there, you learn more about the business, you're comfortable with the procedures and you know your way around," said Caputo. "And you get to know all the other delegates and look for opportunities to co-patron bills." What gives him the most satisfaction, he said, is "to achieve some success in protecting our core services from further budget cuts."

Another Arrested in Heroin Ring

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"A couple bags of heroin — about a gram," replied Richter. When Brinkema asked her how she used it, Richter said intravenously and that sometimes she'd ingest it.

Reading further from Richter's statement of facts, the judge said that Richter and Rawat also went to Baltimore together to buy heroin for distribution and Richter's personal use. Said Brinkema: "From December 2007 to March 11, 2008, you and another person began obtaining two to three

grams of heroin per trip and traveling regularly to Baltimore to obtain it."

As with Shade, Brinkema found Richter guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. She set sentencing for March 27, but let Richter remain free until then. She said Richter had received a good report from the probation department and had no drugs in her system, so she could stay out of jail provided she cooperates in the preparation of her presentencing report and reappears for court to receive her punishment.

ROUNDUPS

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One Charged With DWI

Fairfax County police officers from around the county conducted DWI patrols throughout the Sully District, to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on from Friday, Jan. 9, at 10 p.m. until Saturday, Jan. 10, at 2:30 a.m.

Approximately 50 motorists were stopped and one person was charged with DWI. Three additional criminal arrests were made and 12 summonses were

issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

Canales's Charges Are Dropped

On Sept. 22, Fairfax County police charged Joe Canales, 19, of Chantilly's Brookside community, with gang participation and assault by mob, following a traffic altercation, that afternoon, on Route 28 at Willard Road in Chantilly. However, last Wednesday, Jan. 7, in General District Court, before Judge Lisa Mayne, both these charges were dropped.

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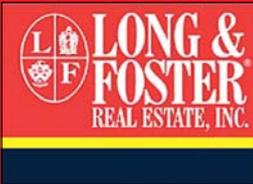
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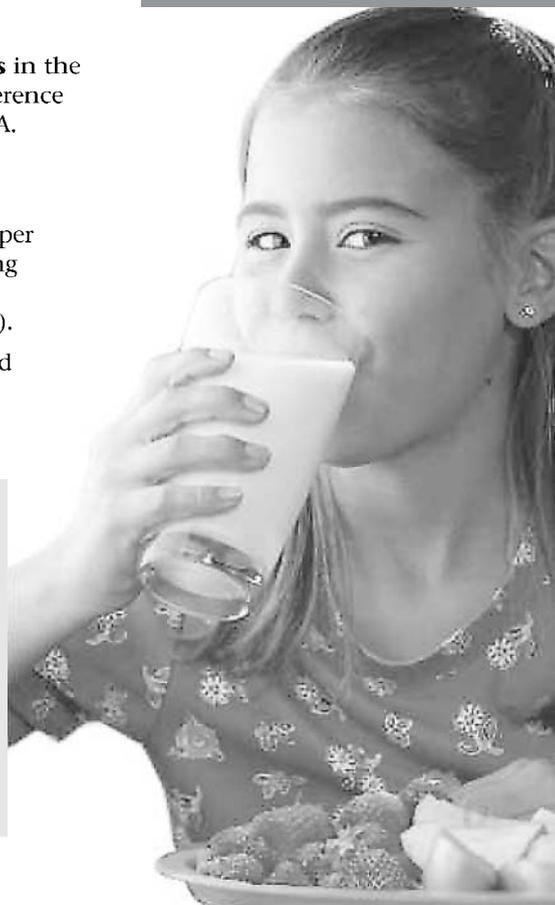
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