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Bulova's Victory

Herrity concedes, loses by only 1,217 votes.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
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Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) won the special election for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Feb. 3 by a narrow margin of less than two percent.

In a countywide race where 107,713 votes were cast, Bulova beat Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) by 1,217 votes, ac-

ording to unofficial results reported by Fairfax County.

Bulova will be sworn in as the county chairman Feb. 6. She follows U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), who resigned from the position in early January to join the U.S. Congress.

As chairman, Bulova, a 21-year board veteran, has her work cut out for her in 2009.

Fairfax County must close a projected \$650 million budget hole in next year's budget and the supervisors would have to raise the property tax rate 14 to 15 cents just to keep most residents' property taxes approximately the same.

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Westfield High Holds International Night

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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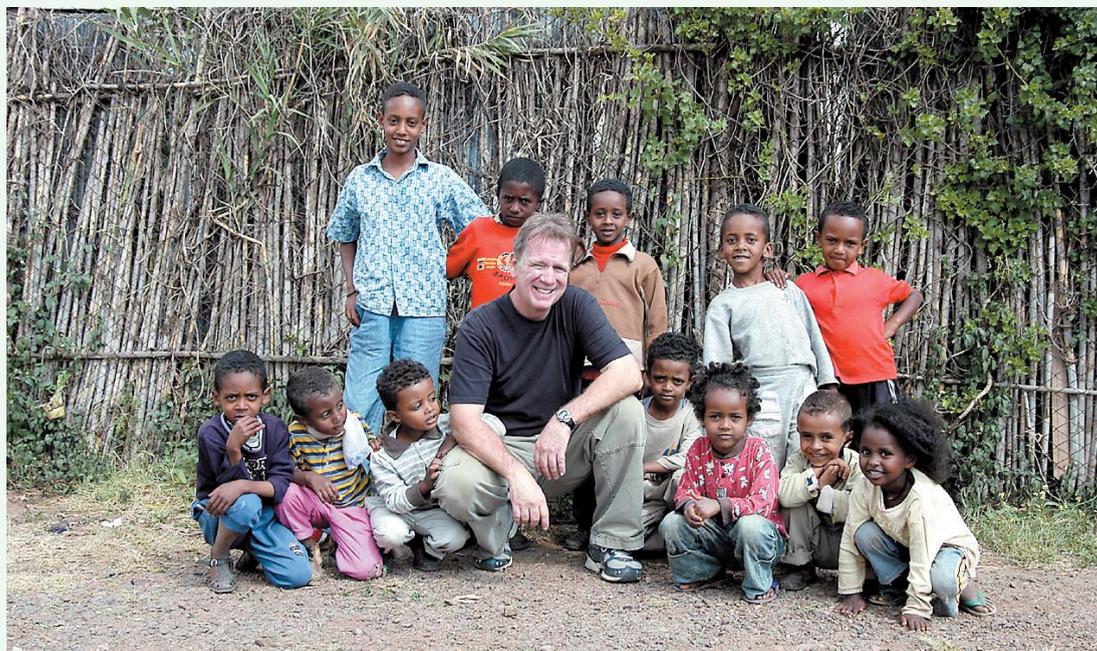
Featuring musical entertainment from around the globe, Westfield High presents its seventh annual International Night.

It's slated for Friday, Feb. 13, from 7-9 p.m. in the school auditorium, and an array of international food will be sold during intermission. Tickets are \$5 at the door or during lunch periods in the cafeteria.

"The students are really proud to display their cultures," said ESOL teacher Carmen Danies, sponsor of Westfield's International Club. "It's also a bridge between them as they grow to respect each other's culture and learn from each other."

The performers will represent Iran, Iraq, Persia, India, Pakistan, Peru, Bolivia and the Philippines. They've been rehearsing since Thanksgiving, and Danies says they're coming along nicely and

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Dr. Chris Walters had fun playing soccer with these children in Eritrea.

A Physician for Peace

Local doctor helps bring medical care to people in Eritrea.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Dr. Chris Walters has been a foot-and-ankle surgeon and podiatrist at Kaiser Permanente in Fair Oaks for 18 years. But his care for others extends way beyond the local area.

For the past three years, he's been a member of

Physicians for Peace — a humanitarian, nonprofit organization that brings medical care, education, training and supplies to developing nations all over the world.

PFPP wants to build peace and international friendships in those nations with unmet medical needs and scarce resources, and it regularly sends teams of medical volunteers to places where they can help the most. In September, Walters was on a team that went to Eritrea, in the northern horn of Africa, and he's sharing his experiences with the local community for a particular reason.

"I hope that, if someone reads this and it touches them, they'll contribute to Physicians for

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Caputo and Herring Give General Assembly Update

They talk with constituents in town hall meeting.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Virginia's budget shortfall and its potential impacts on local residents took center stage at a town hall meeting held by Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) and state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33rd), Saturday morning, at the Sully District Governmental Center. First, though, the legislators gave updates on the progress of several bills making their way through the General Assembly.

"Mark and I overlap in four precincts — three in Fairfax and one in Loudoun County — so it gives us

a regional outlook about what's going on," said Caputo to the 60 or so people attending.

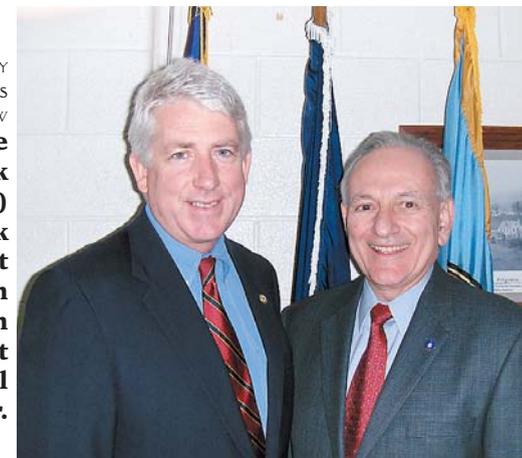
"It is important that we recognize that there's one commonwealth, with more in common than separates us," said Herring. "Regardless of your point of view, there's so much at stake for the country, the commonwealth and the world that we need to work together to solve our problems."

So far, he said, Northern Virginia and Virginia as a whole are faring a bit better than the rest of the country, but serious challenges must still be faced. "The economic downturn is having a severe impact on us,

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From left are state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33rd) and Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67th) at Saturday's town hall meeting in the Sully District Governmental Center.





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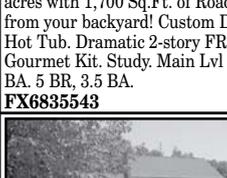
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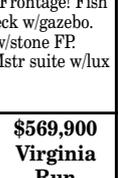
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Everyone equates February with Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day but you may not know that **February is also National Pet Dental Health Month for our pets.** That's right; Punxsutawney Phil may need help from a veterinary dentist to keep those teeth pearly white. We all work hard to keep our pets happy and healthy: we bathe them, walk them and buy them new toys. We should also include dental care. Did you know that dental disease is the most common disease in dogs and cats? Over 68% of all pets over the age of 3 have some form of periodontal or dental disease. Most pets will show few signs of dental disease.

It is up to the animals' family and veterinarian to uncover this hidden and often painful condition. So how can you tell if your pet has dental needs? Check your pet's breath. Bad breath is one of the first signs of dental disease and is the result of bacteria building up in the mouth. Be on the lookout for tartar. Tartar is the yellow-brown crust on the teeth you may see near the gum line. This tartar, also known as calculi, is where harmful bacteria can dwell eventually leading to cavities and tooth loss. Bacteria growing in the mouth can have damaging effects for other organs in the body such as the heart and the kidneys. Always look at your pet's gums. If your pet is suffering from periodontal disease you may see red and bleeding gums that are swollen or painful. If your pet is shy about you looking in their mouth, you may notice gum disease by other subtle clues such as seeing small traces of blood on their toys. Another symptom of gum disease is a decrease in their appetite because it hurts to chew. And of course be on the lookout for loose or missing teeth.

From an early age, it is our job to take care of our pet's teeth. All animals benefit from teeth brushing just like humans. Many of the human toothpastes contain whitening agents that can upset your pet's stomach. Special tooth paste is made just for pets. There are a variety of flavors designed to be enjoyable and edible. Try to brush their teeth once daily- occasional brushing is better than none. Encourage both dogs and cats to eat dry food or treats, the crunching action will act like a toothbrush. And of course, see your Veterinarian who is also your pet's Dentist. Let the Doctor check your pet's mouth and see if a professional cleaning is required or if there are any areas of concern. Remember to celebrate National Pet Dental Health Month in February, and be proud of your pet's smile!

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Budget Impact

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and it seems deep and protracted," said Herring. And with the state forced to cut back aid to localities — which is half its budget — and real-estate revenues dropping, localities are having a tough time making ends meet.

Overall, said Herring, Virginia is a well-managed state, and Gov. Tim Kaine took important steps last summer to address the shortfall. He made cuts but, said Herring, "As the economy continues to slow and the recession deepens, the projected budget shortfall gets worse." However, he said he's working closely with Northern Virginia senators Chuck Colgan, Dick Saslaw and Janet Howell, who sit on the Senate Finance Committee, "to make sure the concerns of our area are well understood by them."

**"It'll put
Virginia
on the
map."**

— **State Sen.
Mark Herring (D-33rd)**

Caputo said Kaine revised the budget again in December, making proposed changes in five major areas — including taking \$500 million from Virginia's "Rainy Day Fund" and changing tax policy. But still, said Caputo, "We're looking at a major challenge to all legislators and it makes for some intensity in the General Assembly."

HERRING THEN discussed four pieces of legislation that he predicted will pass in the Senate, but not necessarily in the House. Regarding banning smoking in the workplace, he said employees should be able to breathe clean air on the job. And a bill prohibiting all but hands-free, cell-phone use while driving made it out of the Transportation Committee last week.

Closing the loophole for private dealers at gun shows is also on the agenda. It would require them to do background checks to make sure purchasers aren't convicted felons or mentally ill, and Herring's in favor of it. He said Kaine wants to increase the cigarette tax from 30 cents to 60 cents/pack — still half the national average — to fund Medicaid. "Without it, we'll have to find another \$150 million to fund it," said Herring. "And Virginia ranks 48th in

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ROUNDUPS

BB&T Bank Is Robbed

Fairfax County police are looking for the man who robbed the BB&T Bank in the Franklin Farm community, early Saturday morning, Jan. 31. The incident occurred around 9:20 a.m. at the BB&T at 13360 Franklin Farm Road.

Police say the man approached the teller, a 70-year-old Fairfax woman, brandished a handgun, jumped over the counter and demanded money. She complied and he fled out the front door. No one was injured.

The suspect is described as black, in his 30s, about 6 feet and 185 pounds. He wore blue jeans, a black ski mask that covered his face, a dark-blue, hooded sweatshirt and sneakers. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Larceny, Credit-Card Crimes

Fairfax County police have charged a 28-year-old man of no fixed address with larceny and credit-card crimes following an incident that occurred Jan. 23 in Centreville's Country Club Manor community. Police say a Centreville woman, 45, started her car in the 13900 block of Deviar Drive and left it unattended — with her purse inside — while she went back inside her house.

Some 10 minutes later, she discovered her car was gone and called police. Investigation revealed that her credit card had been used at a store in Fair Lakes, and officers found the suspect, Randolph Brooks, in a parking lot — standing next to the stolen car, a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer.

Police took him to the Adult Detention Center and charged him with four counts of grand larceny and one count each of credit-card larceny, fraud and forgery.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Feb. 5 and Feb. 12, 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.

Chantilly Community Coalition

The Chantilly Community Coalition will meet Monday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. in the Chantilly High media center. Members will review current proposals and continue planning activities for this coming year. Community support and ideas are welcome.

Joint Coalition Meeting Feb. 9

A joint meeting of the Chantilly, Centreville and Westfield Community Coalitions will be held Monday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Youth Treatment Site, 14170 Newbrook Drive, Suite 200, Chantilly 20151.

Park Authority Meeting Set

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Blood Donations Are Sought

The Inova Blood Donor Center in the Centremed I Building on Route 29 in Centreville (across from the Centreville Multiplex Cinemas) is in urgent need of blood donations — especially O positive or negative, as well as A and B. They're accepted Tuesday-Friday, noon-8 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. For an appointment to give blood, call 703-322-1970, or drop in.

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Posing during a dress rehearsal of "Plaza Suite" are (back row, from left) Ryan Ingram, Sean Wilson, Ian Burns and Jym Newton, and (front row, from left) Sarah Daniels, Anja Akstin, Kelly Cram and Janet Kohler Dueweke.

Alliance Presents 'Plaza Suite'

It's classic Neil Simon.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

When it comes to humor, it's hard to beat Neil Simon and, just in time for Valentine's Day, The Alliance Theatre is presenting his romantic comedy, "Plaza Suite."

It's a joint production with Mountain View School and will be performed in the school auditorium, Friday, Feb. 13 and 20, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 14 and 21, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 15 and 22, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$8, senior citizens and children 12 and under; purchase them at the door or at thealliancetheatre.org.

"Plaza Suite" takes place in the late 1960s at the Plaza Hotel in New York, over a year's time, in the same suite," said producer Maggie Swan. "It's a look into the lives of three different couples who stay there."

The first act shows Sam and Karen Nash on their 23rd anniversary, but he's having a secret affair. Act two reunites a Hollywood producer and his old flame. And in act three, parents are there for their daughter's wedding — but, not sure if she wants to get married, she locks herself in the bathroom and refuses to come out.

Directing is veteran community-theater director Kevin C. Robertson. He says things are coming along well and he's pleased with his actors. "They're very talented and come from divergent backgrounds," he said. "And it's exciting that a couple of them are returning to theater after a child-raising hiatus."

Calling the play a Neil Simon classic, Robertson said it's "written kind of tongue-in-cheek, showing a little slice of life as it relates to the pressures of owning your own business and living in New York." He said act one reflects a mid-life crisis: "The wife is comfortable approaching 50; she's happy she's earned that right. But her husband is not, and he fights aging, tooth and nail."

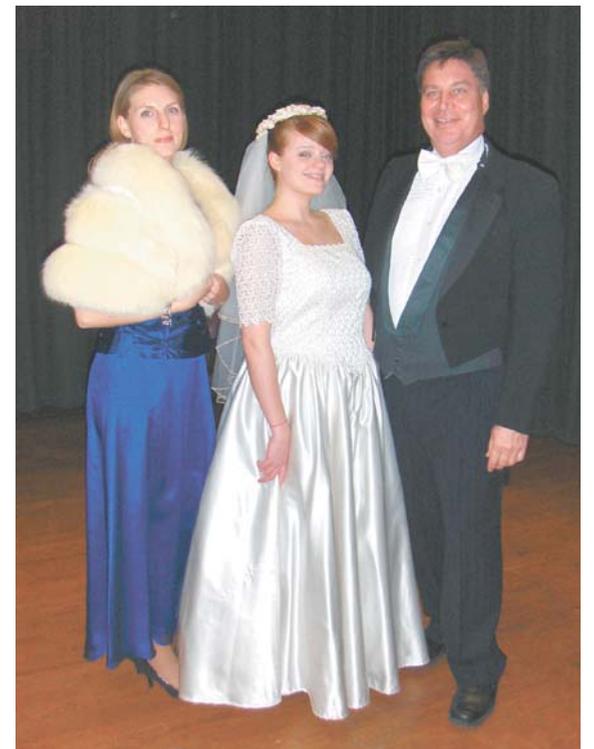
Actor John Ingargiola's Hollywood producer is sleazy. But, said Robertson, "John interprets him as

someone whose love for his first girlfriend has never died, and vice versa." And in act three, Alliance illustrates family dynamics in a non-stereotypical way.

Jym Newton plays Sam Nash. "My wife and I are in the same hotel room where we spent our honeymoon and are celebrating our anniversary," said Newton. "But my mind is on going back to my office and secretary. It's a fun role, but it's hard to find my inner S.O.B., so it's difficult talking to my 'wife' that way."

He said Nash isn't dissatisfied with his wife — and got everything he wanted in life — but he wants to start over. The best part, said Newton, is that, "unlike me, Sam can say whatever's on his mind." And he believes the audience will enjoy the funny interaction between the characters.

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From left are Sarah Daniels, Kelly Cram and Sean Wilson



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Legislators Talk with Constituents

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Medicaid funding, so it's already pretty stingy. The speaker has said it's dead-on-arrival in the House, so we'll see where it comes out in the end."

Noting some changes this year in the House, Caputo told meeting attendees that, to provide more transparency, "You'll be able to see streaming video of the sessions so you can see how your representatives are handling legislation that's proposed." He said the House has 1,285 pieces of legislation to consider, and Feb. 9-10 is crossover — when House- and Senate-approved bills go to the opposite body for consideration.

Regarding the smoking ban, Caputo said it failed in the House, 8-2, and only he and Del. Vivian Watts voted for it. "Anything that bans or prohibits smoking is always killed in the House," he said. "And in the Senate, it's going to meet the same fate."

Caputo's bill allowing clean-fuel vehicles to continue using HOV lanes passed the House on Friday, as well as his bill changing the name of the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance-Abuse Services to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. Said Caputo: "It encompasses 142 code sections and was a 117-page-long bill, but it's a step toward removing the stigmatization of being labeled mentally retarded."

ANOTHER OF HIS BILLS would give a special, personal-property tax rate for clean, special-fuel vehicles. "We'd like to promote electric vehicles to encourage the public to buy these cars," he said. "Counties like Fairfax and Loudoun would be able to enact such legislation. This bill received positive response in subcommittee." Caputo said Del. Tim Hugo (R-40th) asked to be a co-patron, so he's hopeful it'll continue being well-received as it moves forward.

Caputo's also proposing a major-facility jobs tax credit. For every job over 100 that a new company brings, it would receive a \$100,000 tax credit over three years.

Still to be heard by committee are bills including his version of the gun-show loophole closure. The Senate's considering a state-wide bill, so Caputo's would allow

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Peace through the Web site, www.physiciansforpeace.org, and that other physicians will volunteer to help, as well," said Walters. "We pay our own expenses, so any money raised goes toward medical equipment — about 90 cents of every dollar goes toward the care."

He and his wife Bonnie have lived in Centreville's Virginia Run community for two decades and have three children, daughter Lauren, 20 a junior at Clemson University; and sons Peter, 16, a Westfield High junior, and Erik, 14, a Stone Middle eighth-grader. Walters did his residency at Inova Fairfax Hospital and coached SYA house and travel soccer for 12 years.

HE BECAME involved with Norfolk-based PFP after talking with one of his former Inova Fairfax resident, Dr. Keith Goss, now with Indian Health Service in Arizona. Goss had just returned from his first trip to Eritrea in spring 2006. "I said, 'I wish I'd known,'" said Walters, "and he said, 'You can come in October ['06],' and I've been going ever since."

Eritrea has nearly 4 million people, and at least 1 million of them are refugees displaced from other countries because of the 30-year civil war with Ethiopia.

"So many of the people I took care of were injured in the war, or as a result of land mines afterward," said Walters. "I operated on a boy from Somalia and another from the Sudan. We try to send someone to Eritrea every six months, and I go every year. This was my third time."

He uses his vacation time to do it and, most recently, he took two, third-year residents from Inova Fairfax, Grant Beck and Annie Xu, with him. They began their work in Eritrea by screening patients at the hospitals there.

"Some were pre-screened, to some degree, by doctors there to identify people we could help," said Walters. "They referred, easily, 200 people, and I examined each one, made plans for them and set up our surgery schedule for the next two weeks. But there are always more patients to treat than they have time for in their two-week visit, so they place them on the next doctors' schedule."

"THE FIRST TIME I went there was really daunting — getting used to the heat, lack of sanitary conditions, flies, dust and Third World hospitals," said Walters. "But you get used to it very quickly. And there were hundreds of patients lined up, with an entourage of family members with them. I thought they were there to see other team members — some 35 different doctors and nurses — but they were all there for foot and ankle problems."

"My patients travel by foot, by camel and by bus — the length of the country — to see us because their level of expectation is so high," he continued. "A couple years ago, a guy walked 600 miles to get his arm straightened. And it breaks your heart not to be able to see them all. Despite our willingness to work from sunup to sundown, it would have been too much of a strain on the small, local hospital —



From left, Dr. Semere with orthopedic nurses Fortuna and Eferom.

which is a regional hospital and a trauma center, as well."

Walters said patients there have good outcomes and a low infection rate. "We expect to see deformed limbs as a result of injuries sustained in the recent civil war, as well as nerve damage, muscle atrophy and soft-tissue loss," he said. "We also see a lot of malformed, short limbs from polio in both adults and children."

He said this trip was somewhat unique in that the first 60 patients he screened were all children — the youngest, age 2. And he worked closely with an Eritrean orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Semere (doctors just use first names there), one of only three such surgeons for the entire nation of 4 million people.

Walters asked him where all the adults were, and Semere replied, "I know you love children, so we sent them all to you." Among them were stage four polio deformities, plus conditions that had gone untreated for years, leaving their young victims severely deformed.

"For example, a 4-year-old boy from Somalia had untreated club feet and couldn't stand," said Walters. "In the U.S., this is treated either as a newborn or at 1 year."

He speaks some Tigrinye — Eritrea's official language — so he was able to talk to the parents via a few interpreters. Said Walters: "The parents were optimistic because we were their only hope."

Besides doing relief work, he said, "Physicians for Peace is interested in the education and training of doctors, nurses and medical students for sustainable

efforts in their own countries." But sometimes, overwhelming circumstances adversely affect what's actually possible.

They're been bringing medical supplies and teaching sophisticated foot-and-ankle surgery to Dr. Semere. But one of Walters's most sobering moments came during his second trip when he asked an orthopedic staff member if Dr. Semere could use the new techniques and materials when the visiting doctors weren't there. Said Walters: "Nurse Hanouk looked at me sadly and said Dr. Semere was too busy dealing with trauma patients."

For instance, a 12-year-old boy was playing on a water wheel when it cycled around and crushed his

"My patients travel by foot, by camel and by bus to see us ... and it breaks your heart not to be able to see them all."

— Dr. Chris Walters, foot-and-ankle surgeon

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Mountain View School Winter Awards Ceremony



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All the February scholarship winners at Mountain View School gather together after the ceremony. Not pictured: Joanna Navarrete and Angelica Moore.

A week before its February graduation, Mountain View School honored its top students during a Winter Awards Ceremony, last Thursday, Jan. 29. "This is a great time in the Mountain View family when we can recognize our students'

academic achievements," said Principal Jim Oliver. "Congratulations to all the recipients for their fine performance in school, and thank you to all our generous scholarship donors." Pictured are the scholarship winners and presenters.



ExxonMobil/Berry Family: Katherine Tripus, recipient; Bob Berry, presenter.



New Directions: Natalie Briseno with Pete Garvey.



Farthing Family: Marcelo Santivanez with Jane Farthing.



Joanna Navarrete, Dream Catchers/Apple Federal Credit Union scholarship.



Angelica Moore, Reston-Herndon Parent Community Connection scholarship.

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Merritt Family: Siobhan Russell with Susan Lee.



New Directions: Julia Edmonson with Pete Garvey.



Woodruff Family: Sydney Hull with Susan Bergert.



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Mountain View: Rosa Martinez with Art Steffen.



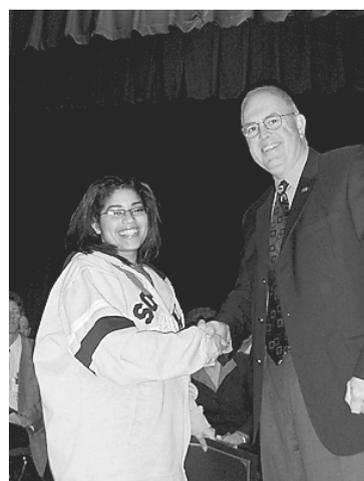
Wade Jordan Memorial: Shahzad Asif with Jennifer Klinck.



Mountain View: Deanna Lawing with Art Steffen.



Command Information: Jennifer Fong, recipient; Tom Loomis, presenter.



Dream Catchers/Apple Federal Credit Union: Melissa Sanchez with Mike Engley.



Kris Hall Memorial: Eliana Vega.



Centreville Community Foundation: Brittany Hyp with Darren Marquardt.



Terry Studt Memorial: Gary Moore with Mike Lukacs.

Westfield Holds International Night

FROM PAGE 1

are excited and enthusiastic about the show. "There's more Hispanic involvement this year because of Hispanos al Progreso, a new initiative at the school that unites the Hispanic students and their parents with Westfield staff. Said Danies: "The vice president of the [74-member] International Club is Shawn Riffe, who is Peruvian and is also chairman of the student component of Hispanos al Progreso."

Students will entertain in their native costumes and sing in their original languages. "It'll be an elegant evening," said Danies. "There will be a nice blend of both joyous songs and dances, as well as more somber numbers."

She didn't want to reveal specifics of the program — preferring, instead, to surprise the audience. But she did unveil a few tidbits. Large, dancing groups from India and Pakistan will perform, and students from Bolivia and Peru will sing a romantic duet. A student from Iran will sing a wistful song, and there'll be a guitar duet played by Philippine students. "There's more balance this year between the

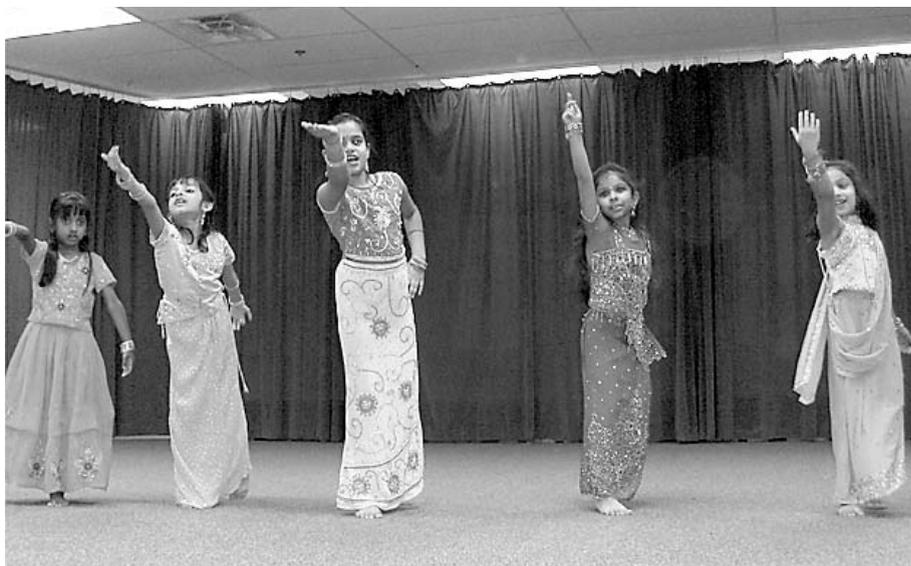


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Sahithi Mankala, Pooja Gupta, Anoushka Chintada, Medha Boddu and Rithika Balguri perform an Indian Bollywood dance at last year's International Night.

Bollywood kind of music and slow, tranquil ballads," said Danies. "There'll also be solos, plus something new: An American boy is doing an Indian dance that's traditionally done by a female, but he's very good."

Proud of all her talented and hardworking students, Danies said the program has extra meaning beyond its entertainment value. "Most of the performers have been in the

U.S., an average of five or six years, and have been assimilated into the American culture," she said. "So it's important to showcase their nationalities so the faculty, other students and the community can see that they also have their own, cultural identities. If we didn't have this event, no one would get to see them in a different light."

Legislators

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Fairfax County to enact this legislation "because the Dulles Expo Center has some of the largest gun shows in the nation."

Giving a tax credit for the installation and operation of energy-efficient heating and air-conditioning equipment is still on the table, as is providing a tax deduction for adoption expenses up to \$4,000.

Herring said the Senate passed a bill Friday that would rewrite incentives to encourage start-up and high-technology businesses to come to Virginia. "It'll put Virginia on the map and help us compete [in this arena] with other states," he said. "I believe it could bring to Northern Virginia businesses involved in bio-science, energy, conservation and other high-technology fields."

One of his bills would insure that "people producing their own energy from renewable resources, such as solar panels, would get reimbursed at the same rate the utility company charges its customers for renewable electricity." He also proposes a bill requiring Virginia to implement plans to reduce its energy consumption by 19 percent from what it planned it to be in 2025.

In addition, Herring has bills protecting the vulnerable. One would make it a crime for "using undue influence to take an elderly or incapacitated person's money. The other would crack down on predatory and car-title lending. Said Herring: "To me, it's unconscionable and our state shouldn't allow it."

Note: Caputo and Herring answer residents' questions. See Centre View at www.connectionnewspapers.com.

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In Fairfax County, the public schools absorb more than half the county funds available. In Loudoun, the percentage is much higher. Spending per student in Arlington and Alexandria demonstrate those localities' commitment to their public schools as well.

Another critical component of the quality of life, education and the economy here is the Northern Virginia Community College. While it's hard to overstate the importance of NOVA, the second largest community college in the nation with more than 60,000 students, will play an even bigger role in the decade to come.

While NVCC (or NOVA as it is more commonly known), along with local school districts, has taken its share of budget cuts, the General Assembly should not take steps to cap

its tuition. Northern Virginia Community College offers access to high quality college classes and degree programs at a very affordable price (well under \$3,000 annual tuition for a full-time student) and also offers support to students with financial need in a variety of ways. The school must have some flexibility to manage its revenues to continue to meet growing demand.

EDITORIAL

NOVA is one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States, with students from more than 180 countries; international students make up about 20 percent of student population.

The community college conducts significant outreach to the many students in Northern Virginia high schools who could be the first in their family to go to college, many of them immigrants. This is a critical link to the American dream.

NOVA provides an affordable path to a four-year college degree, plus provides certificates and training in careers high in demand like nursing and health care, "green" technologies.

With even many affluent families feeling the effects of the economic crisis, many students in Northern Virginia will need to find alternatives to paying full freight for four years of college education.

NOVA accepts IB and AP credits, so an advanced student from Fairfax County could arrive at NOVA with a year's worth of college credit, get an associates degree in one year at an affordable rate, and then transfer to a four-year college, finishing in three years and potentially cutting their college costs in half.

Students who graduate from NOVA with an associate's degree and a minimum grade point average are guaranteed admission to other Virginia colleges and universities, including George Mason University, the University of Virginia, and the College of William and Mary.

NOVA has campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge along with educational centers in Reston and Arlington. NOVA offers more than 160 certificate programs and degrees at the associate's level, along with distance learning programs.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change Start Times for School

To the Editor:

My name is Sam Jugus and I am in the eighth grade at Ormond Stone Middle School in Centreville. I am writing about the SLEEP proposal before the Fairfax County School Board to change the start time for schools. I think they should pass it, not just for me but for everyone. Here's why:

1. If high schools open up later in the day, teenagers like me would have a good night sleep. A good night sleep will help us to do better at school.

2. Elementary school kids usually wake up earlier than teens do and it makes sense to send them

to school earlier in the day. SACC is available to watch young kids after school.

3. Another benefit to the SLEEP proposal is for the school's budget because we would need fewer buses. This will help Fairfax to save money in this time of financial crisis.

4. If teens get home later from school, there is less chance for them to get into trouble.

Next year, I will go to high school and will benefit by more sleep. In conclusion, I support the SLEEP proposal to change the start time for schools and believe it should be passed by the School Board.

Sam Jugus

Bromfield Trace
Centreville

quality of sleep.

My bottom line is that you can not sacrifice thousands of other students and families by changing start times to favor high school students. It is not as simple as the SLEEP organization seems to want to make this. I want the school board to look at all of the children and families before they make any changes. The proposed changes negatively impact elementary students and middle school students and families and that is a significant number. The staffs at elementary and middle schools are also impacted negatively. It also changes the traffic patterns in and around each neighborhood school as well as putting middle school buses on the roads much later in the evening during the worst of rush hour traffic. If the county could afford more buses to give each level of school better bell schedules, I am all for it. But the proposed changes only make life worse for younger students and their families. They don't help the entire school system and the overall problem of not having enough buses to transport the children at the best time of day for all students. Why are we making a change if it only shifts the problem to another group of people instead of solving it for everyone? The proposed time changes in the latest on line report raise more problems than it solves. That is

my concern.

Mary Bankert
Centreville

Wolf supports Wall Street but not Main Street

To the Editor:

This morning I learned from Americans for Democratic Action that our hometown Representative voted against the Economic Recovery and Job Creation Act proposed by President Obama to address the current economic crisis. Last September I recall Rep. Frank Wolf supported giving away \$700 billion in tax dollars to bailout Wall Street. I am outraged that some of our lawmakers consider the welfare of the people who created this mess more important than their constituents. This important legislation is desperately needed to create the jobs and provide the tax relief we need here at home. I will remember these votes on Election Day in 2010 and urge my neighbors to as well.

Don Kusler
Jarnigan Street
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Changing Start Times Raises Problems

To the Editor:

I wrote a lengthy opinion piece in the Centreville version of The Connection newspapers in January. I also have followed all of the opinion pieces after that piece was published. I respect the concerns of high school parents and the SLEEP organization. I respect your statistics and studies about

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Everyone Affected By Late Start Times

To the Editor:

I feel that I need to respond to the letters in the Jan. 29 Connection with an opposing point of view, because not everyone in the county is in favor of the SLEEP proposal.

I teach high school and I will be the first to admit that I do not like getting up in the dark, but I see huge problems with the proposed start time changes. Next year I will have a child in elementary school and one at secondary school. A later start time for me (and them) would disrupt our afternoon activity schedules. They currently play sports, attend religious school (once a week), and participate in activities at school, such as chorus and band. The later start time for these activities would mean young children getting home at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m., allowing no free time for free play in their day — as well as causing homework to be pushed closer to bedtime. I believe this would also be the case for high school students. The purpose of starting later is to allow teens to get more sleep. But if their activities end later, their bedtimes will probably be later as well — and we have solved nothing, and we will have created a bigger problem with younger students being exhausted.

Many teachers who are parents schedule doctor appointments after school for themselves and the children. Later start times will cause teachers and students to take more leave from school for these appointments, because the medical offices are closed after 4:30 p.m. This will be inconvenient and disruptive to the schools.

Another problem is going to be child care before and after school. The SACC program at our elementary school currently has a wait list of over 100 students. This will be a bigger problem with the delayed start times because most parents can't wait until 8 or 8:30 a.m. to get on the road to the city or other

parts of the county. The same applies for the afternoon. Child care is going to be negatively impacted by this change in schedule. It could even result in more young children being left at home unattended. That is a problem that the community would then need to deal with.

I see another disruption to the general community. By starting and ending schools later, general public commuting headaches are going to increase. There is already a problem with the volume of cars on the roads, so imagine throwing buses, teenage drivers, and thousands of teachers into the commuting mix.

Teenagers will always be tired no matter when they start school. The use of computers, televisions, and cell phones are usually the cause for late night activity. I see no reason why a high school student should be staying up past 11 p.m., even with the busy schedules. This schedule change is an adjustment to meet the convenience of families who don't have the discipline to keep kids on schedule and go to bed on time.

I think the residents of Fairfax County need to be made aware of these ramifications, because everyone will be affected — not just students, teachers, and the parents who drive their kids to school.

Lorenda Wieder
Fairfax (Robinson Secondary)

Early Start Times Are Best

To the Editor:

As a high school student, I'm obviously very interested in the current debate that would delay the start times of Fairfax County high schools. However, most letters to the Centre View appear to be from parents who, as far as I know, are no longer attending high school.

Many write that their children simply can't function in the morning or have trouble waking up. Personally, I have trouble waking up in the morning whether it's 5 a.m. or 9 a.m. Others say their children are exhausted by the time they come home from school, pre-

venting them from doing other activities. I'm a sophomore taking honors and AP classes, so I'm surrounded by my fair share of sleepless teenagers. However, when teachers ask us, "Do you guys think we should delay start time?" the answer is a resounding "No." Delaying the time we start school also delays the time we come home. In the winter, the sun sets only a few hours after I get off my bus; students returning home an hour or more later have even less time for activities like soccer or football. It also limits the amount of time that students have to do homework. One could argue that, since students have the opportunity to sleep in, they can stay up later to finish their homework — but what does that solve? The more you delay the start of school, the later students will be awake at night; it's a cycle caused by the most dreaded word in the high school vocabulary: homework.

I require at least five hours of sleep a night to feel totally refreshed; six is nice, seven is wonderful, and eight is impossible. Even on the weekends, I get around seven or eight hours max because that's all my body needs to feel good throughout the day. I will often take naps throughout the day, which aren't bad, as many parents claim; studies show short naps actually increase productivity! I may feel relatively comfortable with my level of sleep, but I know students who routinely get between three and four hours of sleep and often pull all-nighters to finish homework assignments. Would they get more sleep if they could? Probably not; the extra hour would be used to cram in more homework the night before. They're still alert at school and pay attention in class because they have to. Parents who complain about their children don't realize the flexibility of the teenage mind and body. Responsible students will rise to the occasion. Waking up early might not be enjoyable every day of the week but it's the best system for the county.

Elisabeth Bloxam
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Air Force Airman Bumjin Kim has arrived for duty at Dover Air Force Base, Del. The airman, a traffic management helper with four years of military service, is assigned to the 436th Airlift Wing. He is the son of Yunnan Kim of Centreville. Kim is a 2004 graduate of Massanutten Military Academy, Woodstock, Va.

Marine Corps Pvt. Thomas J. Sowa, son of Thomas P. Sowa of Fairfax, recently graduated from the Basic Distribution Management Specialist Course at the Marine Corps Combat Support Service School's Supply School located at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N. C. The mission of the supply school is to conduct resident training for officers and enlisted personnel in the

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NEWS

Bulova Declares Victory

FROM PAGE 1

"This is going to be a tough time and I am going to need you to be understanding," said Bulova to the crowd during her victory speech.

THE BULOVA-HERRITY race is the closest high-profile county-wide contest between a Democrat and Republican in several years. With the exception of U.S. Sen. John Warner's last race, Democrats have typically dominated top-of-the-ballot elections in Fairfax for the past eight years.

Mark Warner and Tim Kaine won their respective races for Virginia governor in 2001 and 2005 with 54 percent and 58 percent of the vote in Fairfax County. Democrat U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) beat incumbent U.S. Sen. George Allen (R) with 58

percent of Fairfax's vote in 2006. Both Democratic presidential candidates — John Kerry and Barack Obama — also won Fairfax County, with 52 percent of the vote in 2004 and 59 percent of the vote in 2008.

The last two Fairfax County chairmen, Connolly and Democrat Kate Hanley, also won Fairfax County chairman's race by a larger margin than Bulova.

Hanley beat former Supervisor Elaine McConnell (R-Springfield) in a 1995 special election with 52 percent of the vote and approximately 3,500 ballots. During her 1999 re-election campaign, she faced minimal competition from other candidates.

In 2004, Connolly won his first chairman's race by nine points and approximately 17,000 ballots. Connolly then beat Republican candidate Gary Baise by over 20 points and 45,000 votes in 2007.

Fairfax County Chairman Special Election Results:

*Fairfax County provided these unofficial returns for the Fairfax County chairman special election Feb. 3.

District	Voter Turnout (Percentage)	Bulova	Herrity
Braddock	22.7	8,750	5,849
Hunter Mill	15.5	6,655	5,129
Dranesville	17.1	5,810	6,252
Lee	13.3	4,665	3,489
Mason	15.7	4,510	3,519
Mount Vernon	14.7	5,066	5,256
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"The play ends on a laugh, a high note and a lot of hope." — Sarah Daniels

Alliance Offers Simon Comedy

FROM PAGE 3

Portraying Karen Nash, Janet Kohler Dueweke says her character, too, got all she wanted from life. "This is 1968 — we were married in 1945 — and I didn't have high expectations," she said. "But I didn't know they weren't high. We have a nice home and two kids, and I'm ditzzy and carefree. I don't want to upset anybody — I'm a nurturing doormat — and have gotten frumpy."

Dueweke's also "having a blast" with her part. "I majored in theater and taught theater, but this is my first acting role in a long time," she said. It would be easy to just make Karen a caricature, said Dueweke, so she doesn't. "She has wonderful lines and snappy comebacks," said Dueweke. "But she's also bittersweet and there's more to her than just schtick."

She said the play's challenging, and also great fun: "There's a lot of comedy and silliness, but it parallels real life. People will recognize pieces of themselves or people they know in it."

Westfield senior Ryan Ingram portrays the bellhop. "I talk about how the Plaza Hotel might be torn down for a new, luxury hotel," he said. "It's a perfect role for me because it's my first theater production. It may be a small part, but it suits me because, in real life, I'm a hardworking man."

Kelly Cram plays two roles — Jean McCormick, the secretary, and Mimsy, the bride. She describes McCormick as "very proper and subtle in the way she makes eyes at Sam. And she holds her own around Mrs. Nash, too. It's

awesome; I love it. This is so much fun — it's the first play I've done since high school at Paul VI."

Hardest, she said, is "trying to keep a straight face and not laugh while Mrs. Nash is cracking all these jokes. Best, said Cram, is "making moves on Sam that Mrs. Nash can't see, but the audience can."

AS MIMSY, her character is "very defiant," much to the dismay of the groom, Westfield High grad Ian Burns, and her parents, played by Sarah Daniels and Sean Wilson. "I get to wear a pretty dress, and Sarah and Sean are fun to work with," said Cram. "I think this is the funniest act. The way Sean yells — the whole thing is hysterical."

Playing the bride's mother, Norma Hubley, Daniels says Norma's been waiting for this day, her whole life. "She's the first one in her family to be able to give her daughter a wedding at the Plaza, and it's for her, too," said Daniels. "So she's emotionally invested in the day; but she's also a superficial person and wants everything to look just right."

She said Norma's most-endearing quality is how much she loves her family, especially her husband Roy. "They are meant for each other," said Daniels. "Even with their yelling and fighting, there's never a question that they truly love each other. There's something very grounded about them."

She likes Norma's biting wit and being loud and boisterous. "Even though she's not the brightest bulb, she gets off some zingers, so she's fun," said Daniels. "All the

yelling challenges my vocal cords, but I really enjoy interacting with Sean, who's such a good sport."

Daniels said the audience will like how things eventually work out. "The play ends on a laugh, a high note and a lot of hope," she said. "And the audience will go home feeling good about themselves."

Sean Wilson describes Roy Hubley as "an explosive guy who handles things well in his corporate job, but is insecure personally. This is his only daughter heading out into the world. Even under the best conditions, he's nervous and a wreck, but things aren't going well."

He, too, loves his part. "If there was any character I could figure out, it's this one," he said. "I've got a teen-age daughter, and I can see this happening, in a few years. And the relationship I have with my wife is not a far stretch to Roy and Norma's, so it's a perfect role for me. And Sarah's fantastic and a great motivator."

Toughest, said Wilson, is putting together "the right look with the right line with the right move. That's the challenge, and the fun, of it — especially when you get it right and get a laugh. When you hear your director laughing, you know you're doing something well."

He said married couples will be able to identify with aspects of the characters and single people will find hilarious "the discomfort that arises from the silly situation." Overall, added director Robertson, "The audience will like the actors and the comedy. It's a top-flight production."

ROUNDUPS

FROM PAGE 3

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Doctor Helps Bring Medical Care to Eritrea

FROM PAGE 5

legs. One had to be amputated and, after six surgeries, doctors were trying to save his other one.

STILL, PFP KEEPS trying. Each visit, Walters brings three bags of donated medical supplies and leaves it all there. Between himself and Dr. Goss, said Walters,

“We’ve probably taken \$1 million worth of American medical equipment generously donated by its manufacturers.”

He said the only pain relief for patients after surgeries is Tylenol. “I went over there with a jar of Tylenol from Costco, and you would have thought it was manna from heaven,” said Walters. “I also take several cases of antibiotics

and anesthetics donated by Americares and Medical Bridges — nonprofit organizations that I count on.”

He was in the capital city of Asmara at Halibet Hospital, and he called the situation “clearly challenging.” Said Walters: “The need is overwhelming and the resources are extremely limited. If you need it, you’d better bring it. You also

need patience, flexibility and cultural awareness — understanding that people there are ecstatic to have us and are doing the best they can with what they have.”

Most satisfying, he said, is “if we’ve restored a child’s ability to walk, or walk without pain. For some girls, we’ve made them marriageable; and for the boys, we’ve made them employable.”

Although PFP isn’t a faith-based organization, Walters said many of the doctors are Christians and “we feel compelled” to volunteer in it. “We clearly see the need and wish we could do it more often,” he said. “Ten percent of the world has 90 percent of the medical assets — and 90 percent of the world shares the other 10 percent. Eritrea is one of the poorest countries on the continent and had the longest civil wars in that continent’s history.”

The per-capita income is under \$200 a year, but there’s now a medical school there and, said Walters, “Keith Goss and I hope to eventually establish a permanent, limb-deformity center in Asmara that he and I would staff. And we hope the medical residents we’d take there would feel inspired to come back and serve. But all this would be made possible through generous donations of medical equipment, supplies and funds — and prayer.”

Walters has also made many friends in Eritrea and, when he arrived this time, a nurse named Fortuna hugged him and said, “Welcome home, Dr. Chris.” Now, he said, “It feels like part of my life; for me and others who work in the Third World, some of our most meaningful experiences have been there. And we know that, if not for us, nothing would get done because this country has been pretty much ignored by the rest of the world — including our own government.”

Besides treating patients there, Walters also teaches the Eritrean doctors and medical students and has grown fond of the people there.

He says he’s just a “small part” of what happens there, but feels “blessed” to do his part. “It’s so rewarding; I get much more out of it than I give,” he said. “And Physicians for Peace is a great organization — it makes it easy to do this kind of work.”

And sometimes, he gets help from home. “Because of my interest in soccer, I usually take 20 or 30 deflated soccer balls and give them to the sports federation there for the kids,” said Walters. “So Sam Hoehn, a boy on my son Peter’s soccer team, made it his Eagle Scout project to collect soccer shoes for the 3,000 or so kids in the city who play soccer barefoot or in sandals. So in October, along with a shipment of medical supplies, Physicians for Peace sent about 275 pairs of shoes there.”

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Centreville High grad Jamal Crowelle is one of eight Emory & Henry College students heading to the 10-state Region IV competition of the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Feb. 3-8, in Greensboro, N.C. Winners will advance to national auditions at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in April 2009. The nominees are required to select acting partners and prepare two contrasting scenes as well as a monologue for the three-part competition.

The Fairfax High School Chorus Department will present Cabaret Night Monday, Feb. 9 at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The show begins at 6:30 p.m. and will feature chorus students performing individually and in small groups. Tickets are \$7 in advance (\$8 at the door) and cover admission, sandwich, chips, dessert and drinks. For ticket details and information on other Fairfax High School chorus events, check out the Performances page at www.fhschorus.net.

St. Timothy School Open House. Feb. 12 from 7-8 p.m. Family Open House for families interested in touring the Preschool, Elementary and Junior High. An art show and science fair projects will be on display. More information is available at www.sainttimothyschool.org or by calling Kim Kovac at 703-378-6932. Address: 13809 Poplar Tree Rd., Chantilly.

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

to other clubs here at Westfield High.

Cadet Michael Sean Lawrence, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lawrence of Clifton, has successfully completed six weeks of comprehensive new cadet training at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. The new cadet is a member of C Company.

School Superintendent Col. James J. Doyle, USMC (Ret.) personally recognized Cadet Lawrence for the achievement.

Cadet Lawrence joined over 300 other new cadets who swore to uphold the Cadet Resolution during a Recognition Day ceremony held on Oct. 4 at the Wayne, PA, campus. At the ceremony, he was recognized as a full-fledged cadet and was awarded his cap shield. The day is one of the proudest moments for a young cadet, acknowledging that he has successfully learned to place the concept of duty above his own personal desires.

One of the editors of the Bridgewater College yearbook, Ripples — Lindsay Nash — is from Centreville. The yearbook has earned a first place award in an annual national competition sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association, which is based in College Point, NY. The 2008 edition of Ripples competed with hundreds of college yearbooks from across the nation in the category of colleges with fewer than 5,000 students. It was judged on criteria that included page design, story layout, graphics, headlines, cover design, advertising placement and photography.

Gary Bender, a yearbook advisor at Westfield High School, received a Spe-

cial Recognition Adviser in the Yearbook Adviser of the Year competition from the Journalism Education Association. Bender advises the Guardian at Westfield, and he has been advising yearbooks for 13 years, including five years at the junior high level. He will become a full-time journalism teacher next year when he will also start advising the school's newspaper. The National Scholastic Press Association has recognized the Guardian five times as a Pacemaker finalist, and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association has awarded the book its Silver Crown rating. Bender has been the only yearbook adviser at Westfield since the school opened. He intended to become a history teacher, not a journalism teacher. He has a B.S. degree in European and American History.

Centreville resident Sophia Bonadies, a junior majoring in athletic training at Bridgewater College was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester. Students on the Dean's List have attained a 3.4 or better grade point average of a possible 4.0.

Molly B. Bridenbaugh of Chantilly directed the one-act show "Ferryboat" by Anna Marie Barlow as part of the Lynchburg College Theater Department's One-Act Festival Dec. 11-13. This show was part of the requirements for a course in directing, and Bridenbaugh has been working on it since September.

Bridenbaugh was also elected official "rapporteur" of the European Parliament. She was part of the Lynchburg College team that participated in the Mid-Atlantic European Union Simulation in Washington, D.C.

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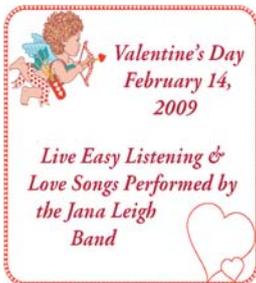
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Centreville Regional Library will be offering AARP Tax-Aide to walk-in clients on Tuesdays from 1-8 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Feb. 1 through April 15. The library is at 14200 St. Germaine Dr., Centreville. This year, all tax returns will be electronically filed. All taxpayers MUST bring a government issued picture ID and Social Security cards for all persons included on the tax return. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 (AARP NOW) or visit the Web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

THURSDAY/FEB. 5

Book author Anthony Pitch will

hold a discussion and signing for *They Have Killed Papa Dead!*, *The Road to Ford's Theatre*, *Abraham Lincoln's Murder*, and *The Rage for Vengeance*, on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Borders in Fairfax, 11054 Lee Hwy., Fairfax. Call 703-359-8420.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

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.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Chocolate Lovers Festival, Old Town Fairfax, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Some events require a fee, and other events are free. Contact 703-385-1661 or www.chocolatefestival.net for details.

The Lane's Mill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Sully Government Center. Those interested in the DAR and attending are welcome and should

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ON SUNDAY, FEB. 8

The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will present a one-hour slide program, with Q&A, introducing the newest mum cultivars being offered for the 2009 season, and a review of the Best Exhibition Mums offered by Ted King. The meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church. Open to the public. Free Admission and refreshments. Call Jim Dunne at 703-560-8776.

MONDAY, FEB. 9

Special story time with Susan Crites, children's author of "I Love You More Than Rainbows," on Monday, Feb. 9 at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library. All ages welcome. Go to www.susancrites.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11

Pre-Schoolers Plus, chapter of Mothers First, a support group for women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children.

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FEB. 13-14

The Alliance Theatre will present "Plaza Suite" on Feb. 13-14, 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday matinees on Feb. 14 and 22 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held at Mountain View High School, 5775 Spindle Court, Centreville. Tickets are \$10 with group discount pricing available and \$8 for seniors and children under 12. For tickets, order

online at TheAllianceTheatre.org. This play is directed by Kevin C. Robertson and produced by Elaine Wilson and Maggie Swan. The small cast includes old and new faces including Jym Newton (Sam), Janet Deweke (Karen), Kelly Ingram (Jean/Mimsey), Ryan Ingram (Bellhop), John Ingargiola (Jesse), Anja Akstin (Muriel), Sean Wilson (Roy), Sarah Daniels (Norma) and Ian Burns (Borden.) For more information about how to join The Alliance Theatre, family visit TheAllianceTheatre.org or call Elaine Wilson at 703-830-1078.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

Local dance instructors Sue and Gary Caley of Gotta Swing have volunteered their time for the St. John Neumann Theatre Ministry fund-raiser dance party, the Dancing Thru The Decades Swingtacular on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the St. John Neumann Parish Center, 11900 Lawyers Road in Reston. Admission is \$15 and includes a smorgasbord of delectable desserts, coffee, tea and beverages, and dance instruction from 8-9 p.m. Music appealing to all ages will be featured, dance partners are not required and "just watching" seating will be available. Call 703-860-8510, or www.sjnthatreministry.org.

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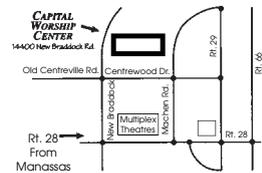
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- ❖ Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m. — Shabbat Shira service — Historic Chapel
- ❖ Feb. 7 at 9:30 a.m. — Children's service — Historic Chapel
- ❖ Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. — Learner's service — Historic Chapel
- ❖ Feb. 8 at 9/10:30 a.m. — Religious school/Tu B'Shevat/Open House — Goddard School

Wellspring Church welcomes Susan Hayward, speaking on "Social Justice and Resurrection" as part of Women's Week celebration. Susie is a staff member with the United States Institute for Peace, and does special work

in Colombia, Iraq and Sri Lanka. She will share experience with peace-building among religious groups in these conflicted parts of the world. 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" evening Bible study meets on Feb. 5 in Manassas, and a special meeting with immigrant workers will be Feb. 5 at Centreville Library. A dream interpretation workshop will be Feb. 28 in Fairfax. 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.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (Braddock and Cranoke) welcomes community members to an evening meditative service of prayer and song on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 7 p.m. with music beginning at 6:45 p.m. The service will end at 7:45 p.m. followed by singing of songs as requested by those in attendance. The theme this month will be

based on "You are my beloved, my favorite rests on you." Call 703-830-2768.

The public is invited to a southern gospel concert by Brenda Braswell from Smithville, Tenn., at Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. The church is located at 14001 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly, on Route 50 across from the Bob Evans Restaurant, call 703-631-1799. There is no admission fee; however, a free-will offering will be received.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is offering ESL classes. 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 Tuesday, 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.

Centreville Community Bible Church invites the community to a special Valentine's Day Movie Night on Friday, Feb. 13. The movie "Fireproof", starring Kirk Cameron, will be featured. This event is free and concessions will be served. Come join us at 7 p.m. at Deer Park Elementary School, 15109 Carlbern Drive, Centreville. Go to www.ccbc-va.com.

BUSINESS NOTES

Stacey Joedicke of Centreville has upgraded her membership in the Association of Bridal Consultants. She operates Monumental Events Inc., and is a full-service wedding planner serving brides in the Orange County metro area. As an Association member, Joedicke works to improve her professionalism and that of others in the wedding business. She has been a member since December of 2006. At Monumental Events, Inc. Stacey has completed the Professional Development Program given

by ABC to earn her Professional Bridal Consultant Designation. She also teaches wedding planning classes for brides through the Fairfax County Adult and Community Education program.

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Bulldogs Bounce Back

Westfield girls basketball able to follow losses with wins.

BY JASON MACKAY
CENTRE VIEW

It's a label that Westfield girls basketball coach Pat Deegan would surely like to shake. Well, maybe not entirely. Just a minor tweak here and there.

When things have gotten tough this season for the Bulldogs — maybe a two-game losing streak, a bad quarter or two losses to district rival Oakton — Westfield has consistently managed to dig itself out of the hole.

The problem? Such resilience wouldn't be required had the team not put itself in the aforementioned positions to begin with.

Regardless, Deegan has his team at 13-6 overall, 7-2 in Concorde District play entering Friday night's game at Robinson. And though the Bulldogs have twice suffered back-to-back losses this season, both sets were negated by three-or-more-game winning streaks.

"They like to play the game," Deegan said. "If you like to play the game, resilience is something that comes along with it because it's fun."

"Even off the court we're all really good friends," junior point guard Shelby Romine said. "It makes it a lot easier to play together."

WESTFIELD FOUND itself trailing Oakton by eight after the

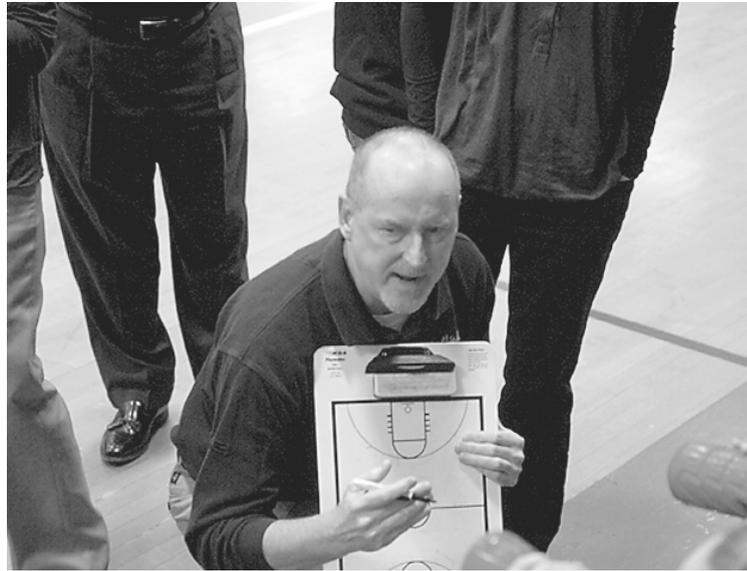


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Eighth-year coach Pat Deegan has his team at 13-6 overall, 7-2 in Concorde District play. After a loss to Oakton last Thursday, Westfield has now won two straight.

first quarter of Thursday night's 51-43 loss. But all of a sudden the Bulldogs opened the second quarter on a 5-0 run, climbing to within three and prompting an Oakton (20-0, 9-0 Concorde) timeout.

Cougars coach Fred Priester has led his team to the past four Concorde District titles, as he was denied a fifth consecutive title thanks to a not-so-pleasant gift from Westfield in 2004. Furthermore, out of Oakton's past 77 district games, the Cougars have only lost three times — all to Westfield.

"They have a nice, young team," Priester said of Westfield. "I have a feeling that they're not going to go away. They're getting better every year, and if we play them again it'll be another war."

After Oakton built a 25-16 lead

at halftime, Westfield bounced back. And this time a 7-0 run prompted another Oakton timeout. The Cougars would go to close the third quarter on a 12-2 spurt.

"You get a moment to collect," Deegan said of the beginning-of-the-quarter runs. "You get a moment to sort of recognize what was going on out there. They've got their composure and they come out and do the things they were supposed to do."

Westfield opened the final frame on a 5-0 run of its own before Oakton held strong the rest of the way. But in the Bulldogs' next two contests — home games against Fairfax and Centreville — Deegan's team bounced back with a pair of wins.

"It's a mentality," added Romine, who scored 10 points against Oakton. "We take the loss that night and we do what we have to do to fix it next time."

A THREE-YEAR varsity player, Romine is now the face of Westfield's team. She saw signifi-



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Shelby Romine, a junior point guard on the Westfield girls basketball team, is averaging 16.2 points, four rebounds and four assists per game this season.

cant playing time during her freshman season and became a full-time starter as a sophomore. But this is the first year where Romine has been counted upon for everything.

And saying everything, that's not an exaggeration. In the first two minutes last Thursday, Romine grabbed a defensive rebound, initiated a fast break, set up the team's half-court offense and deflected a pass in the lane.

"I don't think there's a better point guard in the region," Deegan said. "We ask her to do everything."

We ask her to rebound, defend, score, dribble and pass. We ask her to go to the cleaners."

Dry cleaning in hand, Romine is averaging 16.2 points, four rebounds and four assists per game this season. And on a roster that features only one senior, Romine is one of a select few with significant varsity experience.

No matter. Others have stepped up to fill out the box scores, which Deegan joked do not include grade levels when appearing both online and in print. One of those secondary scorers, sophomore guard Jessica McNamara, broke out of a shooting slump against Oakton and connected for a pair of 3-pointers.

"I was really excited because I've been off almost all season, and over the weekend I went and shot for a while," McNamara said of her 12-point outburst, which came after a weekend shooting trip with Romine to Hoop Magic in Chantilly to iron out some kinks.

"I finally got my shot back," McNamara added. "I was just confident, and I knew I had to let it go to keep us in the game."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Jukich Named All-State

Centreville graduate Emily Jukich, now a junior forward on the Virginia Tech women's soccer team, was named first team All-State by the Virginia State Sports Information Directors Association (VaSID) on Wednesday, Jan. 28. In addition to earning second team All-Mid Atlantic honors, Jukich was also a second-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference pick this season. She led the Virginia Tech with 15 goals — the second-best such mark in school history and her 31 points had her fourth in the ACC. Jukich is now Virginia Tech's all-time leading scorer with 25 goals and ranks fourth with 52 career points. At Centreville, the Clifton native notched 72 goals and 37 assists, leading the Wildcats to three Concorde District titles and one Northern Region crown.

Hubbard a Quick Study

As a true freshman, Westfield graduate Maurice Hubbard has averaged 16 minutes per game for the Ball State men's basketball team this season. Making four starts and playing in 18 of the Cardinals' 19 games, the 6-foot-6 forward is averaging 2.5 points and 3.6 rebounds per contest. The Cardinals improved to 10-9 overall, 5-2 in the Mid-American Conference with a 51-44 home win over Ohio this past Saturday and traveled to face Miami (OH) on Wednesday night after this edition went to press. As of Wednesday morning, Hubbard's 64 rebounds ranked fourth on the team and his .6 steals-per-game and 1.0 assist-per-game averages were fourth on the team. At Westfield, Hubbard scored more than 1,400 points and led the Bulldogs to a pair of Concorde District championships.

Vitamin Efficiency



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Partially due to doctor's orders, partially due to advancing age and partially due to friends', relatives' and educated opinions I've heard on radio and seen on television, I have begun, over the last year, to gradually supplement my vitamin- and nutrient-challenged diet with an assortment of pills, capsules, gels, liquid gels and soft gels to provide healthy sustenance that so far has escaped me. Since I cannot beat them on my own, I have decided to join them. If I've learned anything in life, it is that!

Surely exercise would help, as would dropping another 20 pounds (only 20?). Completely changing my eating habits, and I mean, 180 degrees, likely would contribute as well to a healthier and more fit me. But it's rather difficult to turn an ocean liner around after it's headed out to sea, and so far as I can see, the horizon is in my rear view window.

However, I imagine a few unexpected and discouraging results in my next quarterly blood test would most assuredly get the captain of my ship to turn tail and return to port. And even though my current and birth-to-date eating habits would seem to indicate that I don't yet know port from starboard, if I was unfortunate enough to receive "the talk" from my primary care physician and/or his nutritionist, I'm sure my interest and predilection to focus on the inside aisles at the supermarket (pre-packaged, bottled, canned; generally speaking, manufactured foods) would change rather quickly to a more concerted re-focus on the outside aisles at the supermarket (fresh and prepared foods, produce, dairy, meat, poultry, fish, etc.).

In lieu thereof, I have been pill-popping in one form or another going on 18 months. And for all I know, and for all my lab results seem to indicate, there may actually have been some benefit to the 10 to 12 pills a day regimen that I've maintained and even added to recently: multivitamin, a few prescriptions, baby aspirin, fish oil, Resveratrol of late, and possibly COQ-10 in the future, all in an attempt to stem the biochemical tide and imbalance caused no doubt by the life, liberty and happiness that I pursue.

And even though I've never characterized these pursuits as any kind of declaration of my independence, in effect, they were, and continue to be so. Now whether this pursuit has caused irreparable harm or in fact created an internal environment in which these manufactured and presumably concentrated supplements have no counter-balancing effect, I certainly don't know. Nor do I imagine that even the health care professionals who speak so knowledgeably and eloquently on the subject know exactly how the human body will ultimately respond for sure. One thing I know for sure, however, I'm not getting any younger. Nor am I, unfortunately, able to go back in time and start all over. Therefore, I have to make the best of the hand — and the health — I've been given. From my perspective, it's certainly nothing to complain about, it's just a dozen pills a day — or more eventually, I'm sure — likely for the rest of my life. A life that, because of, in spite of, all these supplements, will last longer and maybe even be healthier than I have a right to expect.

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Five Centreville athletes signed National Letters of Intent Wednesday morning. Signing were, from right to left, Sara Reeves (volleyball, USC-Aiken), Zach Glatter (football, Princeton), Luke Bowanko (football, Virginia), Mike Upham (football, Monmouth), Christiana Hambright (soccer, Virginia Commonwealth).

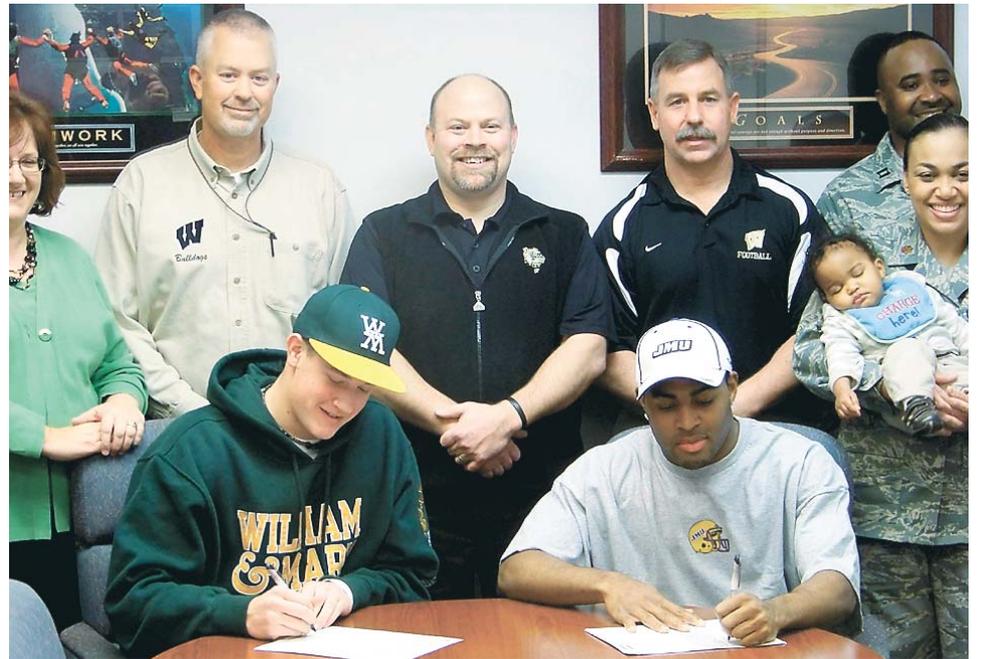


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Pictured here on Wednesday morning with (left to right) baseball coach Chuck Welch, principal Tim Thomas and football coach Tom Verbanic, Westfield seniors (left to right) Ryan Williams and Jordan Anderson sign National Letters of Intent to play baseball and football and William & Mary and James Madison University, respectively.



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With his parents by his side, Chantilly senior Torrian Pace signed a National Letter of Intent on Wednesday afternoon to play football at Youngstown State University. Pace, one of the area's most sought after recruits, ran for 2,717 yards and 33 touchdowns this season, including 353 yards and five scores during a Northern Region semifinal win over rival Westfield.



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