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Cast members of "Going to School," directed by Chris Creane (standing on far right).

One-Act Plays at Centreville

Four student directors prepare productions for upcoming theater festival.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Instead of acting, four Centreville High theater students are trying their hands at directing, and the result is their school's upcoming One-Act-Play Festival. Four plays will be presented, each lasting 30-45 minutes.

Show times are Thursday-Friday, Feb. 26-27, at 7:30 p.m. each night, in Centreville's theater. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

'Going to School'

Senior Chris Creane is directing "Going to School," a play written by Chantilly High's theater director, Ed Monk. It's about a boy who's starting college and his family going with him to orientation.

"Along the way, there are a lot of mishaps," said Creane. "For example, the car breaks down. But in the end — even though the family members get on

each other's nerves — everything comes together." Junior Stephen Belden plays the college student, and senior Mike Scrafford, his alter ego, in this 11-person comedy. Said Creane: "The audience will like it because it's funny, and they'll be able to relate to it because it's about a family."

He said the toughest part of directing is managing everybody. "Directing is definitely challenging," said Creane. "You have to get your point across; and sometimes the actors don't see it, so you have to go into detail to explain it."

But he's having fun. "I love directing," said Creane. "It's a new experience and really worth it; I enjoy watching my ideas come alive and making something I hope the audience will like as much as I did making it."

He's also pleased because his cast members are already mastering their parts. "They're all prepared and off book [script]," he said. "And Mike Palermo and Jonathan Reynolds — both working on lighting — are doing a great job."

'Alice in Wonderland'

Directing "Alice in Wonderland" is senior Samantha K. Johnston, who added "a more mature element"

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"It's a new experience and really worth it."

— Chris Creane, directing "Going to School"

Grand Jury Indicts In Heroin Cases

Schnippel, Kacvinsky, Harper face federal charges for distribution.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A federal grand jury last Friday, Feb. 13, indicted Skylar Marti Schnippel, 20, of Centreville's Virginia Run community, on a charge of distribution of heroin resulting in the March 2008 death of his girlfriend, Alicia Lannes, 19, of Country Club Manor in Centreville.

He was also indicted on conspiracy to distribute one kilogram or more of heroin resulting in death, possession with intent to distribute heroin resulting in death, and obstruction of justice. Antonio Harper, 33, of Waldorf, Md., was indicted on those same charges, plus possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug-trafficking crime.

The grand jury indicted Centreville's Andrew Woods Kacvinsky, 21, as well, on conspiracy to distribute 100 grams or

more of heroin. All three men were nabbed by the FBI and Fairfax County police in a targeted investigation dubbed by authorities as "Operation Smackdown," which yielded arrests of 15 alleged members of a Centreville heroin-trafficking ring.

Schnippel is now facing a possible 50 years in prison. Two of his charges of heroin distribution resulting in death each carry mandatory minimum 20-year sentences. And his new

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Schnippel



Kacvinsky

Federal Prison Sentence For Receiving Bribes

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

For awhile, Clifton's Gerardo Chavez, now 46, lived the good life. He'd risen high in the ranks of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials and was a supervisory spe-

cial agent and attaché in Caracas, Venezuela.

But when he gave in to financial temptation, he threw it all away. He's lost his job, his family, his home, his reputation and, as of last Friday, his freedom, when he was sentenced to 7 1/2 years in

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NEWS

Costly Bribes

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federal prison for receiving bribes as a public official and conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering.

"He steered about \$2.86 million [in U.S. government contracts] to a Venezuelan company [known as Blincar] so it could put armor on vehicles used by ICE there and in other countries," said Judge T. S. Ellis III during Chavez's sentencing, Feb. 13, in U.S. District Court in Alexandria. "He received \$171,000 in kickbacks from the company owner, and this money was sent to the defendant's bank accounts in Laredo, Texas or to his brother-in-law's bank accounts in Palm Desert, Calif."

Chavez served in Caracas from August 2003-August 2007 and, if the FBI and Inspector General's office hadn't exposed his illegal dealings when they did, he was earmarked to receive another \$87,000. "We're talking, roughly, \$250,000 in unreported income which he used to make purchases of real estate [in California] and to go toward renovation of his house in Clifton," said U.S. Attorney Neil Hammerstrom Jr.

When Ellis questioned Chavez's motives, he stood and, voice breaking, said, "There's nothing I can say to change what I did; I committed a crime. The money is all gone."

"Why did you do it?" the judge asked again. Replied Chavez: "I think I was in a place where, unfortunately, I got carried away, being there in that environment."

But Ellis believed otherwise, saying, "I'm suggesting you did it because it's nice to have a lot of money — and it's greed. We all want that, but you succumbed to the temptation."

Crying, Chavez said, "I lost my career — something I did well for 23 years. I lost my law-enforcement retirement, my home, car, wife, kids. I've disgraced my family — which is the worst part. I know you're obligated to send a message to others. I only ask that you leave me hope to be reunited with my kids within a reasonable amount of time. There's no excuse and no explanation."

Defense attorney Joseph Rosenbaum said that, during his client's long and mostly distinguished career, he went from border-patrol agent to special agent, worked in internal affairs, was sta

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ROUNDUPS

Home Invasion in Centreville

Fairfax County police are looking for a man who forced his way into a home in the 5600 block of Virginia Chase Drive in Centreville on Saturday, Feb. 14. The family — a man and woman, both 58, a 16-year-old girl and a 22-year-old woman — were inside the home around 7:45 p.m. when they heard a loud bang at the door.

As the father went to investigate, the door was forced open and a man armed with a handgun entered. He demanded money and personal items from the victims. But as the 22-year-old began to comply, officers arrived and confronted the suspect inside the house.

He fled into a wooded area nearby and escaped. He's described as black, about 6 feet and 200-220 pounds. He wore a black ski mask, dark jacket and dark sweat pants. The homeowner was treated for minor injuries at the scene; the other victims didn't require medical attention.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26, 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.

Attorney General Candidates

The Republican Women of Clifton will host the three Republican candidates for Attorney General on Monday, Feb. 23, at Clifton Elementary, 7010 Clifton Road. Social time is at 7 p.m., with the candidates speaking at 7:30 p.m. John Brownlee, Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37th) and David Foster will each present his vision for the Virginia Attorney General's office. For more information, call Bonnie Fite at 703-449-7751.

Sully District Council Meeting

The Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee will meet Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

The keynote speaker will be a representative from Fairfax County Public Schools to discuss the school budget. The panel will also consider a land-use matter concerning the Chipotle restaurant in Franklin Farm. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131.

Discuss School Start Times

The Fairfax County School Board will hold a meeting about school starting and dismissal times next Wednesday, Feb. 25, from 7-9 p.m., at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly. Parents and interested citizens are invited to comment on potential changes being considered to start and end school later. These changes would affect elementary, middle and high-school students and could also impact parents' work schedules and child-care arrangements, as well as after-school activities, including athletics.

Park Authority to Meet

The Fairfax County Park Authority will meet Wednesday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m., in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 900 in Fairfax. Call Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662.

Route 50 Public Hearing

VDOT will hold an open-forum public hearing on the Route 50 widening project in Fairfax and Loudoun counties, Thursday, Feb. 26. It will be at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway in Chantilly. Hours are from 6-9 p.m., with a VDOT presentation at 7 p.m., followed by question-and-answer period.

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Next

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum is Tuesday, Feb. 24, from 7-9 p.m., at Centreville Presbyterian Church, 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville.

Forum: Seeks Help for Immigrants

Participants hope for more community involvement.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Efforts to help the local immigrant community, and discussions about what's still needed, were the topics of the Feb. 3 meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum, at Centreville Baptist Church.

Barb Shaiko, director of missions at Centreville United Methodist Church (CUMC), spoke about the Grace Ministries program her church offers, the second Saturday of each month. It provides Hispanic immigrants with emergency food, clothing and diapers, plus healthcare and spiritual guidance, and Shaiko said the response has been overwhelming.

"In January, 195 families — about 700 people — came," she said. "Most are coming from Centreville, Chantilly, Herndon, Reston, Manassas and Manassas Park, plus some from Fairfax and Alexandria. In our area, 95 percent [of those we help] are Latino immigrants."

Shaiko said CUMC is buying food from the Capital Area Food Bank, and CUMC's Joe Gillen said Panera, Starbucks and Manhattan Bagel have also contributed food items to Grace Ministries.

Alice Foltz of Wellspring United Church of Christ, which sponsored the forum, said that, when she visited the ministry recently, she saw there was "a need for clothing." Said Gillen: "We especially need medium to small clothing for the men."

Agreeing, Shaiko said that, because of the huge demand, "We're running out of clothes, and I'm thinking of having schoolchildren collect for us. Word-of-mouth will also help."

So will clothing donations to CUMC for the ministry from local residents. Said Foltz: "It's really important for the whole community to adopt this program, if it's going to work."

She said Wellspring continues doing what it can to help Centreville's day laborers. "We're paying Connie Rojas to go to the corner of Machen Road and St. Germain Drive, Wednesday mornings," said Foltz. "She gets to know the day laborers and, in emergencies, she can pass on information, and they really seem to appreciate it."

"You just see how desperate these people are, particularly with the economy now," added Wellspring moderator Sara Little. "They don't have jobs."

"In December, we took them warm coats and invited them to help themselves," said Foltz's husband Jerry. "[So donations of] coats, hats, scarves and gloves are really helpful."

Alice Foltz said church members have also come into contact with some day laborers who are homeless and living outdoors, even in below-freezing weather." She noted that FACETS operates a hypothermia shelter in two locations that rotate from church to church. "People get hot meals and a bag lunch before they leave at 7 a.m.," she said.

Sarah Allen, a regional director with Fairfax County's Department of Systems Management for Human Services, said mental-health outreach workers for the county "can also make site visits to people living outside. No one needs to sleep outside, at all,



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Dan Choi (on left) listens while Arnoldo Borja speaks during the last meeting.

ever."

Foltz said the day laborers requested English-language classes on Sundays so, as of last Sunday, Feb. 8, Rojas began offering them free, each Sunday, from 1-3 p.m., at the Centreville Regional Library. Foltz hopes other churches will follow suit, and Allen said she could also have a Spanish-speaking social worker come and talk to the day laborers on Sundays, as well.

IN ADDITION, Jane Kirsch with Centreville Presbyterian Church said her church's ESOL program offers beginning, intermediate and advanced English classes. "We'd love more students," she said. "And a Sunday class is appealing to me."

Next, Dan Choi and Arnoldo Borja, with the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church, talked about the problems they're seeing. "Day laborers, restaurant employees, taxi drivers — the numbers of people who aren't getting paid are rising," said Choi. "Subcontractors aren't getting paid, so they don't pay their workers."

Borja, who tries to organize Annandale's 500 day laborers, said he helps them see that "It's a high price to leave their families behind. We came to this country with the illusion of a better place to live. We've come from countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Peru. Now, we're all in the same place and it's helping us understand each other. But we also have to learn to trust

each other."

Choi said Borja takes little booklets to the day laborers so they can learn English, plus the rights they have in the U.S., while waiting around for jobs.

Pleased, Foltz said, "I think it's wonderful that you're getting them to talk together, develop groups and take leadership roles. That way, they feel better about themselves. The day laborers [here in Centreville] asked us why people didn't like them, and we didn't have an easy answer."

Jenn Vaz, with the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, said her organization offers both tutoring and classroom programs. Tutoring is for those who can only speak basic English, but can't read or write it. The classroom program is for adults and families and is geared toward creating a community.

"Adults and their children come twice a week," said Vaz. "Classes meet at various places in Herndon, anyplace that'll partner with us. We teach basic literacy and things such as how to fill out apartment leases, apply for jobs and find different resources."

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"We came to this country with the illusion of a better place to live."

— Arnoldo Borja,
Legal Aid Justice Center

Salmeron Given 6 Months Jail for Robbing Woman

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

A Centreville man who originally came to America seeking asylum has been sentenced to six months in jail for robbing a Chantilly woman. He is Boris Nelson Salmeron, 23, of

14452 Rustling Leaves Lane in The Meadows community.

The incident occurred Aug. 17, at 2:49 a.m., outside a bank in the 14200 block of Centreville Road in Chantilly. According to Fairfax County police, the woman, 24, had used an ATM card inside the bank

lobby and, when she left, Salmeron approached her and demanded money.

He then grabbed her, knocked her to the ground and took her cash. But a police K-9 unit found him nearby and he was arrested and charged with robbery and abduction. The latter charge was eventually dropped and, in December, Salmeron pleaded guilty in Circuit Court to the robbery offense.

He returned to court Feb. 6 for sentencing before Judge Bruce White and a Spanish-language interpreter translated the proceedings

for him. At the outset, defense attorney Joe Thelin said his client "has pending ICE hearings regarding whether he'll be granted political asylum here, since there was a murder attempt on him by MS-13 back in El Salvador."

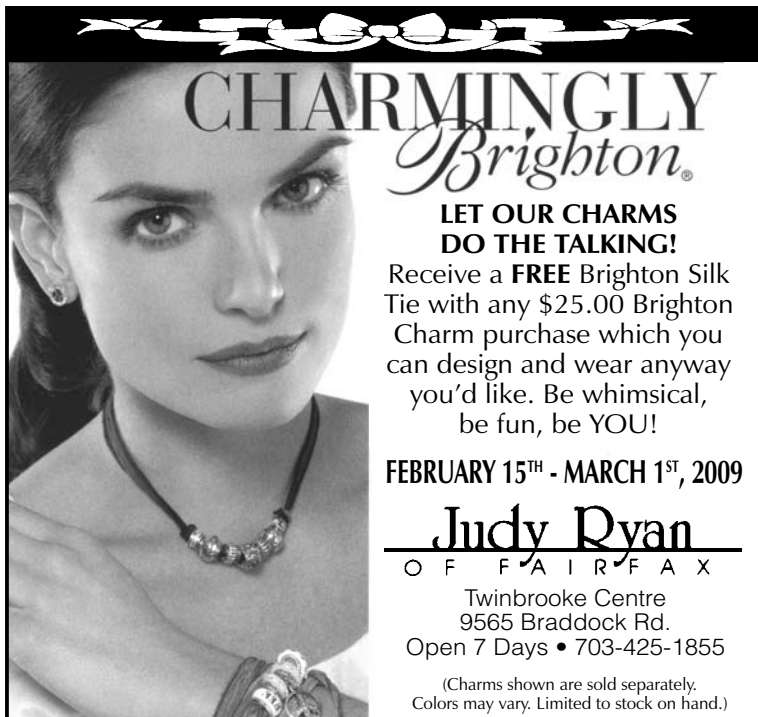
Thelin said he and Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Brandon Shapiro had reached an agreement whereby Salmeron would be sentenced within the state sentencing guidelines — which, in this case, ranged from probation to six months jail.

"We're just asking the court to accept the agreement," said Thelin. "He's al-

ready served six months. This is his first offense ever and there was intoxication involved. It wasn't a planned, well-thought-out offense, and he'll never do anything like this again."

Thelin also said that, if allowed to stay in the U.S., Salmeron will live with his father, who's an American citizen. The defendant then stood and, via his interpreter, said, "I've never done anything like this before and I apologize."

White then sentenced him to five years in prison, suspending all but six months and placing him on five years active probation.



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Indictments Made in Heroin Cases

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charge of obstruction of justice is punishable by as much as 10 years behind bars.

The indictment states that from the summer of 2006 through November 2008, Schnippel and others worked together to obtain heroin in Washington, D.C., and Maryland to use and distribute to others, including juveniles in Fairfax County, with Harper being the conspiracy's primary heroin supplier. As a result, say authorities, there were multiple, heroin-related overdoses and at least four heroin-related deaths.

According to the indictment, members of the conspiracy "commonly pooled money with other co-conspirators to obtain heroin in greater quantities and at lower prices." It was then often sold in Northern Virginia in single-use, .1-gram bags at twice the price (\$40) they paid for them (\$20) in the District.

The document states that, on July 28, 2007, police found Schnippel in possession of heroin, a portion of which he allegedly admitted intending to distribute to two others. Two days later, he was again stopped by police while reportedly possessing some 60 bags of heroin supplied by Harper.

According to the indictment, from January 2008 through March 2008, Schnippel allegedly obtained heroin from Centreville's Joshua "J.R." Quick. "On multiple occasions, Schnippel would further distribute heroin to Alicia Lannes," the indictment states. "On March 4, 2008, Schnippel sought to obtain heroin from Quick for use and for distribution to others, including Lannes."

Quick obtained heroin, gave some to Centreville's Daniel Nash and told him to give some to Schnippel, which he reportedly did. Authorities say Schnippel then allegedly distributed that heroin to others, including Lannes — who used it, overdosed and died

Parents' Drug-Awareness Meeting Set for March 5

The Fairfax County Police Department is working with schools and other community partners to educate parents on what to look for at home that could indicate their child is using heroin or other drugs.

Toward that end, police will host a public meeting Thursday, March 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, off Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville. Information will be presented from the law-enforcement, medicine and prevention communities. Call 703-814-7048.

on March 5.

Nine months later, Dec. 9, 2008 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Quick and Nash, both 19, pleaded guilty to distributing the heroin that caused Lannes' death. They could each receive as much as 20 years to life in prison when they're sentenced next week.

Regarding Schnippel's obstruction of justice charge, the indictment alleges that on at least three occasions, he asked a witness to lie on his behalf by "concealing his distribution of heroin to the witness." Cell phone text messages included in this document relay a conversation between them, with Schnippel allegedly telling that person, "U could lie to them if u want" and "try not to [*#@*!] me please."

The indictment states that, on Jan. 14, Schnippel learned via text message that authorities wanted to talk to the witness concerning potential testimony before the grand jury. The texts were retrieved and reportedly included Schnippel advising the witness, "Don't say anything."

When the witness asked him, "Won't that get you in trouble if I say what I've done with you?" Schnippel allegedly replied, "Plead the fifth."

"U could lie to them if u want."

— Text message allegedly from Schnippel to a witness

Bribery Case Yields Prison Sentence

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tioned at the Mexican embassy, headed a multi-agency office and supervised 250 employees. "When the search warrant was served on his home, Mr. Chavez spent four days with the agents, laying out this story, and is continuing to cooperate with the U.S. government," said Rosenbaum.

However, noted Ellis, "I under-

stand that [Blinicar official] Perez — the main person he could help [incriminate] — is beyond the reach of this court."

Still, argued Rosenbaum, "[Chavez] has given \$340,700 to the government, \$217, 000 from the sale of property in California and, from the sale of a residence in Clifton, the government should receive \$93,000." He said Chavez

also forfeited \$6,700 from his bank accounts and sold a Hummer for \$24,000 and gave that money to the government, too.

"He's given to the government twice the amount he received in kickbacks," said Rosenbaum. "This shows his remorse and rehabilitation have already begun. He knows he's going to prison, and


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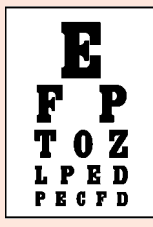
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14350 HAYSICKLE CT	4	3	1		CENTREVILLE	\$287,000	Townhouse	0.05		CENTRE RIDGE
6107 ASHER CT	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$285,000	Townhouse	0.04		CENTRE RIDGE
13677 WATER SPRINGS CT W	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$273,000	Townhouse	0.06		LITTLE ROCKY RUN
14712 BONNET TER	2	3	1		CENTREVILLE	\$269,000	Townhouse	0.05		PENDELTON PARK
6209 BELLA DR	3	2	2		CENTREVILLE	\$264,500	Townhouse	0.03		CENTRE RIDGE
14370 HAYSICKLE CT	4	3	1		CENTREVILLE	\$260,000	Townhouse	0.03		CENTRE RIDGE
6023 CREEKSTONE LN	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$259,000	Townhouse	0.06		WOODGATE VILLAGE
5816 WATERMARK CIR	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$252,000	Townhouse	0.05		SULLY STATION
14181 AUTUMN CIR	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$235,000	Townhouse	0.03		GREEN TRAILS
6109 BEDDINGFIELD CT	2	3	0		CENTREVILLE	\$234,900	Townhouse	0.04		CENTRE RIDGE LAND BAY 1B
6220 WILLIAM MOSBY DR	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$230,000	Townhouse	0.05		SINGLETONS GROVE
6921 HOVINGHAM CT	3	2	1		CENTREVILLE	\$195,000	Townhouse	0.03		CROFTON COMMONS
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PEOPLE

Matthew Thomas Earns Eagle Rank

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Chantilly High School sophomore Matthew S. Thomas, 16, completed his Eagle Scout project and attained the rank at an Eagle Court of Honor on Jan. 7.

The son of Kathy and George S. Thomas of Chantilly organized a dozen scouts from Troop 695 in Chantilly in adding a tree line and shrubs at E.C. Lawrence Park near Walney Pond last April.

Matthew met with his advisor Ken Garlem, purchased wire and tubing, six trees, and transplanted existing trees at E.C. Lawrence Park. He also organized his helpers to do the project on a certain day.

"I learned that it's good to over-prepare so then you can expect the worst and then all you can do is be happily surprised," he said.

He said the most enjoyable part of the project was the actual day



Matthew Thomas

of the work, "because I felt it was getting wrapped up and had this relief when it was all finished," he said.

Matthew has been involved in scouting since first grade at Popular Tree Elementary. He is also a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Besides Scouting, Matthew enjoys playing on his computer, reading books, doing puzzles and hanging out with his friends.



Members of Ugly Thrash Demon play at the 9:30 Club on Sunday. (From left to right): Christoph Lejeune (trumpet), Andy Crumpler (sax), Philip Eberhart (accordion), Chris Smith (guitar), Elbert Danger Kim (violin), Jed Lingat (bass), Alec Sieber (cello), Dan Hrebenak (lead guitar), Ryan Coleman (In back, on drums).

Ugly Thrash Demon Takes Third Place in 'Next Big Thing'

BY STEVE HIBBARD
CENTRE VIEW

Nine students at Westfield High who make up the band, Ugly Thrash Demon took third place in the invitation-only Next Big Thing Rock Band Contest at the 9:30 Club in the District on Sunday, Feb. 15. The bands played 25-minute sets at four different venues: DC Nine, Rock and Roll Hotel, Town and the 9:30 Club. The first place band was Kilgore Trout and second place was Fire in the Hole.

"We didn't expect to win anything," said Ryan Coleman, 17, a junior at Westfield High. "We just thought it would be a good experience. We were ecstatic it was more than we ever expected."

He adds: "We've never really worked with profes-

sional sound and lights before, and they had a whole crew.... We just all kind of felt empowered being on stage in a bigger venue. It was probably our best that we've ever done."

The contest started on Sunday, Feb. 15 at 11 a.m. and ended at midnight. Ugly Thrash Demon went on at 12:45 p.m.

The band's sound can be described as "soft folk rock," says Coleman. It's a mix of banjos, mandolins, cellos and horns in addition to the guitars and drums.

The bandmates have been together for a year and a half but have known each other their entire lives, starting in elementary school at Deer Park, and middle school at Stone Middle and then Westfield High.

Members of the band include:

- ❖ Ryan Coleman, 17, a junior at Westfield High; lives in Virginia Run; plays drums and guitar;
- ❖ Chris Smith, 17, a senior at Westfield High; lives in Sully Station II; plays guitar and banjo;
- ❖ Philip Eberhart, 18, a senior at Westfield High; lives in Sequoia Farms; plays piano, mandolin and accordion;
- ❖ Jed Lingat, 17, a junior at Westfield High; lives in Sequoia Farms; plays bass;
- ❖ Alec Sieber, 17, a senior at Westfield High; lives in Virginia Run; plays cello;
- ❖ Elbert Kim, 17, a senior at Westfield High; lives in Herndon; plays violin;
- ❖ Andy Crumpler, 17, a senior at Westfield High; lives in Sully Station; plays saxophone and ukulele;
- ❖ Dan Hrebenack, 18, a freshman at Georgetown; lives in Pleasant Valley; plays lead guitar;
- ❖ Chris Toph, 17, a senior at Westfield; lives in



(Left to right): Christoph Lejeune, Andy Crumpler, Philip Eberhart and Chris Smith.



(Left to right): Phillip Eberhart, Chris Smith and Jed Lingat.



(Left to right): Phillip Eberhart, Chris Smith, Elbert Danger, Jed Lingat, Alec Sieber and Dan Hrebenak.



Merv and Judith Rosen of Clifton hosted the fourth-anniversary party for the Democratic Women of Clifton.

Democratic Women Celebrate Anniversary

The Democratic Women of Clifton (DWC) celebrated its fourth anniversary at a party hosted by DWC member, Judith Rosen and her husband, Merv, of Clifton, on Sunday, Feb. 8.

Hundreds of photographs depicting the organization's first four years were displayed around the Rosen home, which prompted much reminiscing and sharing of stories.

Formed in February of 2005, the DWC was the idea of Jane Barker, wife of Virginia State Sen. George Barker (39th District), and Donna Netschert, both of Clifton. They envisioned an organization that would unite Democratic women in a friendly, social atmosphere to discuss and learn about current issues and the political process, increase awareness in their communities, participate in political campaigning, and work towards needed change.

The DWC is active in service to the community. As part of the National Day of Service, DWC members participated in two ongoing, year-round projects: a roadside clean-up of Clifton Road with the Adopt-a-Highway program and, in

partnership with Our Daily Bread (ODB) in Fairfax, a donation of food gift cards.

On Feb. 26, DWC members will attend an ODB fundraiser titled "Empty Bowls," at which attendees will select hand crafted pottery bowls created by local artisans and enjoy a supper of soup and bread served in the bowls. Proceeds from the food-card donation and Empty Bowls fund-raiser will provide food for low-income families in Fairfax County. For the last two years, the DWC has also donated, packaged, and mailed holiday care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The DWC sponsors a monthly book club and publishes a monthly newsletter to keep members informed of current issues and events. Mid-month updates and frequent Political Action Alerts also advise members of imminent legislation and encourage political awareness.

The DWC hosts its 2009 Candidate Forum on April 19, 3-5 p.m., at the Clifton Community Hall. The Democratic candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been invited to participate. Call 703-830-1355.

Forum Discusses Resources

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Classes are \$35, but people attending every class get to go for free, the next semester — and get a Target gift card. “We give incentives,” said Vaz. “I’ve been pushing for us to come to Centreville. If anyone knows of a site where we can meet, contact me at jenn.vaz@gmail.com.”

Foltz said she still hopes to put together a package of resource information and emergency phone numbers people may call when they need help. “We still have families in crisis,” she said. “We should also make a list of individuals who’d be the contact people — temporarily — for families in need.”

Furthermore, she wants to draw more churches into the Centreville Immigration Forum meetings. “We have a lot of churches in our community — and

other groups, as well — who aren’t represented,” said Foltz. Shaiko then volunteered to write a letter to the various pastors “to introduce ourselves and let them know what’s going on.”

Sandy Chisholm, with Fairfax County government, said County Executive Anthony Griffin will release the new county budget on Feb. 23. Then, on March 11, from 2-4 p.m., in rooms 2 and 3 of the Government Center, Deputy County Executive Verdia Haywood will explain how the budget cuts will affect programs coming under the umbrella of Human Services.

“We know there’ll be budget cuts and they could impact what we do,” said Foltz. “But on the other hand, it makes it more important to work together to try to find creative resources to be helpful.”

Judge Cites ‘Public Corruption’

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this [also] resulted in a divorce and his wife and two, teen-age children moving to Albuquerque, N.M.”

“He had a great career, on the fast track,” Rosenbaum told Ellis. “He made bad choices, but has accepted responsibility. Look at him as a whole and fashion a sentence that’s reasonable and just.”

But, countered Hammerstrom, “This is a defendant who knew better. He went from border patrol agent all the way to ICE headquarters. But this behavior wasn’t an aberration, when you look at all the bribes he took.” The prosecutor said the deal to armor the vehicles was struck in August 2003 and, “For four years, [Chavez] received these payments and was supposed to get another \$87,000 from Perez, the president of Blincar, for future contracts.”

“We have no doubt this defendant would have continued receiving bribes and getting more money,” said Hammerstrom. “Blincar was the gift that would have kept on giving, had it not been exposed.”

“When we lose the honest services of our public servants, we lose a great deal,” said Ellis. He also noted that these vehicles “were not really well-armed,” after all.

“Right,” said Hammerstrom. “The government’s cost for replacing [them] was \$5 million. There was also deception in the information [Chavez] provided the GSO about these vehicles. Had he not done this, perhaps the two other competitors might have won the contracts.”

Addressing Chavez, the judge commented on his “remarkable career” and called him a person of intelligence and ability. But, he said, “Public corruption is truly a cancer on the body politic, and we

need a sentence that stands as a beacon, a deterrent and a warning to other public officials that corruption will not be tolerated.”

Ellis then sentenced Chavez to 90 months in prison on the bribery charge and 60 months on the conspiracy charge, running both sentences concurrently and placing him on three years supervised release afterward. However, at Rosenbaum’s request, he allowed Chavez to delay surrendering to

authorities until May 12, so he could attend his daughter’s high-school graduation, May 10.

In addition, Ellis ordered Chavez to perform 100 hours of community service, “perhaps, talking to groups of young people about resisting temptation and making the right decisions. Mr. Chavez, if you’d made a conscious decision to live an honest life, then no amount of temptation could have altered that.”



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THE COUNTY LINE

Schools Float Second HQ Building Proposal

Supervisors will discuss project at Feb. 23 meeting.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

Fairfax County Public Schools has revived a proposal to purchase a second building for its central office staff after initial efforts to acquire the property stalled last fall.

According to school staff, the new office building would allow the school system to consolidate many of its central administration functions on one Merrifield campus and could result in cost savings.

But following a closed door meeting in September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors rejected the school system's first plan for building acquisition. Several said they were skeptical that the \$110 million purchase was fiscally prudent, particularly in the current economic downturn and as the county faced a projected \$650 million budget deficit.

"The deal that was presented before I felt very strongly was something we should not do. I thought they were paying too much for the building," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

On Feb. 23, school officials will return to the supervisors with a new, cheaper plan to purchase the property at 8111 Gatehouse Road. In a matter of months, the cost of the project has gone from \$110.1 million to \$94.5 million and the savings estimate associated with the project has grown from \$22.2 million to \$62.2 million over the next 30 years, they said.

ACCORDING to the school system, these additional savings were realized primarily because the owner agreed to drop the price of the building from \$52 million to \$45 million. Officials have also agreed to scale back their renovation plans for the building from \$58.1 million to \$49.5 million by eliminating plans to acquire new furniture, add parking and improve traffic flow on the site at this time.

The school system had also identified one more leased building, the Instructional Center Support Systems warehouse, which could be vacated if the school system moved into the new Gatehouse property. The rent on the warehouse is currently about \$502,000 annually and could go toward covering the cost of the building purchase instead, said officials.

Since school officials brought forward the proposal this fall, the number of positions that would be eliminated as a result of the move has also increased from 18 to 28. By



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/CENTRE VIEW

The school system is coming back with a proposal to purchase this building for administrative purposes.

cutting 10 more jobs, the school system would gain an extra \$2 million annually in cost savings, according to documents explaining the merits of the building purchase.

YET SEVERAL PEOPLE, including at least two supervisors, are still skeptical of the plan. They question the merits of the school system's business case and wonder whether purchasing administrative offices during the county's worst financial crisis in history is politically palpable.

Many argued that too much of the discussion about the building's purchase has taken place out of the public eye in "back rooms." Some critics said that the school board should have conducted more outreach to the public on the project.

"I would think spending \$100 million would be something that they would want the community to respond to. I don't see why they can't take this out to the community before making a decision on it," said Michelle Menapace, president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D) said she is attempting to make the dialogue over the building purchase more transparent. Instead of having conversations about the project behind closed doors, the supervisors and school officials will discuss the new building acquisition proposal in public Feb. 23.

"I think it is appropriate and long overdue for us to have that discussion out front," said Bulova, who added that holding a public hearing on the project did not seem necessary.

The supervisors are unlikely to vote on the proposal directly after hearing the school system's presentation next week and would probably make a final decision about the building at a later meeting. In the mean-

time, Bulova said the school system has set up meetings with community stakeholders to brief them on the revised building purchase plan.

"I encouraged presentations to be made to as many community organizations and groups as possible," said Bulova.

FCPS Chief Operating Officer Dean Tistadt added that many major county organizations, including the local federation of civic associations and chamber of commerce, had endorsed the previous plan.

"These are not groups that were going to support anything we put in front of them," he said.

STILL, THERE are some groups and supervisors who said it is not likely that they will be talked into supporting the purchase of a building for central administrators under any circumstances.

"I don't understand why anybody would think it was a good thing to do," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

Herrity questions much of the school system's analysis of the cost savings the project would achieve.

Some of the cost savings show up because the building purchase has only been compared to one other option — the construction of a new administrative building, said Herrity. According to the Springfield supervisor, the financial picture, and savings, could change drastically if the building purchase was compared to other scenarios — such as maintaining the status quo.

The school officials' numbers also assume that the school system would have to continue leasing office space for the same price it currently does if officials did not have the opportunity to move into the newly purchased building. But many of the school system's leases are up for renewal next year and it is likely officials could negotiate better rates at that time, said Herrity.

And though the price of the building has come down, Herrity added that it is still too high. The property's present owners paid \$45 million for the building in 2006 and the school system should not be paying the

exact same price in 2009, when the commercial real estate market is in decline, he said.

"Their financial model is off. They are making the numbers work to justify what they want to do," said Herrity of the current proposal.

Scott Chronister, who helps lead the Fairfax Coalition of Advocates for Public Schools (Fairfax CAPS), agrees with Herrity. He is concerned that many of the cuts to bring the project's cost down will reappear in future years.

Chronister said he anticipates the traffic changes that were originally planned as part of the project will be completed at a future date and that the school system will eventually purchase new furniture for building, even if they took out those expenses in their recent proposal.

"We are going to pay for those traffic changes as a result of [the project.] They are just taking it off the books and not reflecting it in the project right now so they can show some additional savings," said Chronister.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM had predicted its first administrative building, Gatehouse I, would save them over \$20 million. Instead, the building ended up reducing costs by \$10 million, in part because they were unable to eliminate as many positions as they had originally planned.

"The first cost savings weren't what they said they were going to be," said Herrity.

Tistadt said the school system is likely to "realize" most of the costs savings that they had originally slated for the first administrative building project when they purchase the second office building.

At the request of Herrity and other supervisors, the school system will also present "status quo" and "lease" options along with the building purchase and building construction scenarios next week, he said.

But the school system also has pressing facility needs that would make the purchase of second administrative building advantageous, said Tistadt. The school system intends to convert many of the smaller office buildings where central office workers are currently housed into schools sites to deal with the county's growing student population, he said.

Some of the supervisors still think the administrative building purchase will be a tough sell to the public in a year when county residents are being asked to make large sacrifices in other areas of the budget.

"I think [the project] is a concept that has come at the completely wrong time. The perception of this matters. When you are increasing class sizes and cutting police services, I don't see how you can agree to purchase a new office building for administrators," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

"I just don't know that this is the right time to invest \$100 million in an administrative building. It definitely sends a wrong signal," said Foust.

OPINION

No to Gatehouse II

Almost \$100 million for second school HQ building is pre-meltdown thinking.

Superintendent of Schools Jack Dale and other Fairfax County Public school administrators persist in pressing for the purchase of a new, additional building next to its current headquarters.

School Board members and Board of Supervisors members should push back against this proposal.

So far, proponents of buying the 275,000-square-foot building next door to the 210,000 square foot existing headquarters say that this is the only way they can vacate 15 properties.

Vacating those buildings will save millions of dollars they say by terminating leases and avoiding renovations; plus some are needed for new schools. These savings lead proponents to call this program "self funded."

But now that we are in a different economy, local government will have to learn to think differently about such problems.

Leaders will have to find a way to vacate 15 buildings without spending nearly \$100 million, thereby reaping the savings without going into debt for part two of a school Taj Mahal.

There are some 600 employees in Gatehouse I, and plans to move some 700 more to

Gatehouse II. That's nearly half a million square feet of top quality office space for administration. There will be no teachers or students in these buildings.

We should note that this proposal comes from good intentions. We hear that camaraderie, synergy and communication have all improved from having a critical mass of administration and services located in a single place. It's a benefit Dale, Dean Tisdadt and others rightly would like to expand.

But administrators of the Fairfax County Public School system do not need office space fit for a top-flight law firm. Space inside Gatehouse I could be reconfigured so that almost all employees had their own cubicles — not offices. A few small conference rooms could make room for private conversations and phone calls as needed.

Many employees already telecommute, or could, on some days, and others spend most of their time in a variety of schools. These employees should share space; a cart for their files and a laptop should enable them to use modular space, greatly increasing the number of workers who could be accommodated in-

side the existing building.

FCPS also purchased three acres next to Gatehouse I where the original proposal was to build Gatehouse II. Now the proposal is to purchase an adjacent existing building.

Instead, the schools should install modulars (trailers) on the three acres to accommodate any employees who need to vacate the 15 buildings but don't fit inside a reconfigured Gatehouse I.

There are also problems with the process being used in this decision. There have been no public hearings on the subject. And the Board of Supervisors is scheduled to consider this in closed session next week. When we modernize or build schools here, voters get to weigh in by means of a referendum, and Fairfax voters have overwhelmingly supported school projects. Why don't voters have a say on this, which has been in the works for years?

This way, the schools can save \$100 million twice.

Don't just take our word for it, read the school system's arguments in favor of buying Gatehouse II at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/office.htm>.

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EDITORIAL

General Assembly 2009 Half Time Report

To the Editor:

The 2009 legislative session reached halftime this past week with the event known as Cross-over. This is when both the Senate and House of Delegates complete work on each chamber's own legislation with the exception of the state budget. Now, we in the House can only consider the Senate's bills (and vice versa). About 2,300 bills and resolutions were introduced this year and about half are still alive. So, here's a rundown of some of the significant pieces of legislation:

Smoking ban. Legislation that would ban smoking in restaurants and bars was amended to allow smoking during hours minors are not admitted; to permit smoking in a room separated from the rest of establishment only by a door; and, to permit smoking when rented for private parties. The ban would begin Jan. 1, 2010. This is a much weaker version of what Gov. Kaine proposed in agreement with the Speaker of the House, Bill Howell. However, it is understood that the Governor and the leadership of both chambers will try to amend the current legislation to put forward a much tougher ban.

For your information, my recent survey of the 67th District resulted in almost 80 percent favoring a prohibition of smoking in all public places.

Autism insurance. The bill that would require insurance companies to cover the diagnosis and treatment of autism for children failed to pass in either chamber. I am a co-patron of this legislation and am very disappointed that this bill failed to get out of the Commerce and Labor committee.

Gun show loophole. The bill would have required private sellers of firearms at gun shows to have a criminal background check performed on the purchaser before completing the transaction. This Senate bill made it out of Committee, but was killed on the floor of the Senate. I have worked hard in both the 2008 and this session to have this bill pass in both the Senate and the House. Last year, despite the impassioned testimony of aggrieved Virginia Tech families and anti-gun organizations, my legislation was killed by the Militia, Police and Public Safety Committee. This year I proposed similar legislation and the Chair of this

committee wouldn't even allow the bill to be heard.

Cap on the number of Out-of-State Students in Public Colleges and Universities. A number of bills failed that would have required most colleges/universities to have at least 70 to 80 percent in-state enrollments. This is of serious concern to so many Northern Virginia parents whose children are denied admission to our fine institutions of higher learning because of the lack of capacity and the large number of out-of-state students who are willing to pay higher tuition.

The Governor's proposed budget (HB1600) was passed on Feb. 12 with several amendments by the House of Delegates. These amendments were created by the House Appropriations Committee and resulted in unsuccessful objections by House Democrats to several harmful amendments in such areas as education (K-12 and higher ed.), stem cell research, energy, and water quality improvement. The Senate has decided to wait until at least Feb. 18 before considering the Governor's introduced budget. The Senate wanted to

wait until the January revenue data was available and for the details of what Virginia would receive from the recent Federal economic stimulus package. The Speaker of the House decided to not wait.

During the budget amendment deliberations, I attempted to restore the \$500 per year increase in the community college transfer grant that the Governor had proposed in his budget. Currently, students transferring from a community college with an Associates degree, a 3.0 GPA and demonstrated financial need can get \$1,000/year for two years (\$2,000/year for specialties like engineering and nursing). It seemed appropriate to attempt to raise that amount, given the increased financial needs of families during this current economic disaster.

So, now we are heading into the final two weeks of the session, which will be full of heavy lifting to reach a final budget that must cover the more than \$3.2 billion revenue shortfall.

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SCHOOLS

Centreville High Holds Gumbo Concert

Bill Burke, head of the guitar department at Centreville High, held a Gumbo Concert on Jan. 30 at the school. The mixture of different genres of music provided one energy-filled event. Afterwards, Burke prepares gumbo soup to thank and congratulate students who played in the show.

Haden Olmstead, Dean Hawk, and Sean Bell (Forst) play "The Longevity of Running Shoes."



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Donavan Nourn plays a bass solo interlude.



Jeff Roland



Bill Burke



Elesa Jones sings "Free."



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REBUILDING A BRIDGE

I-495 HOT LANES PROJECT UPDATE: MAJOR CONSTRUCTION COMING TO BRADDOCK ROAD

As part of Virginia's five-year-long I-495 HOT lanes construction project, the Braddock Road (Route 620) bridge—which passes over the I-495 Capital Beltway—will be demolished and completely rebuilt.

Although Braddock Road will remain open throughout the entire project, motorists traveling through the area should expect delays when construction begins in late February.

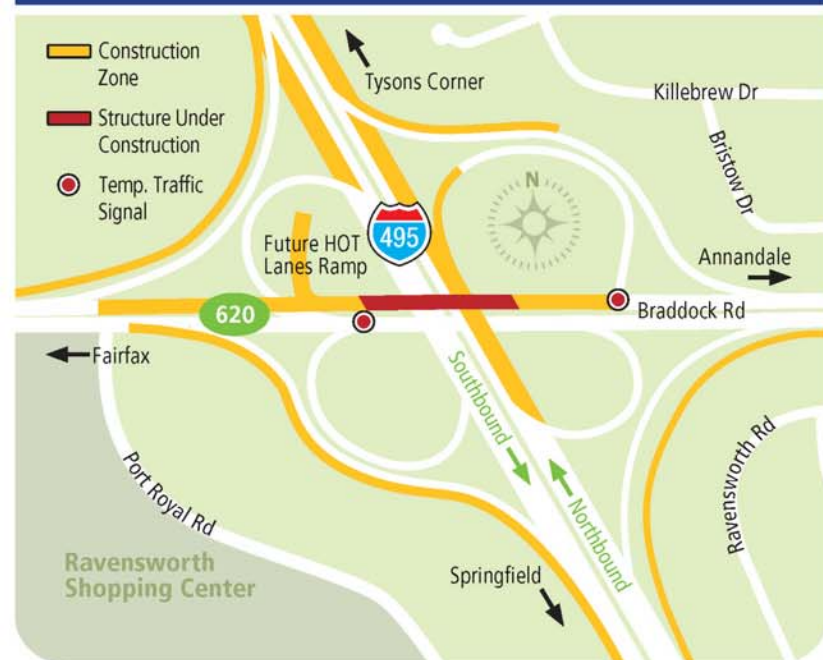
Drivers—what to look for now:

- All traffic will shift onto the eastbound Braddock Road bridge, which will be modified to provide two lanes of traffic in each direction during construction, so be prepared for lane shifts
- Temporary traffic signals will be installed for I-495 south traffic exiting to Braddock Road east, and for I-495 north traffic exiting to Braddock Road west
- The westbound Braddock Road bridge will be completely demolished and replaced, a process expected to take about one year
- Demolition work will take place from 9:30 p.m.–5:00 a.m. for about six weeks, so expect multiple Beltway lane closures in both directions near the Braddock Road interchange during overnight work hours
- Expect eastbound delays of about 6–8 minutes in the a.m. peak hours, and westbound delays of about 10–20 minutes in the p.m. peak hours

The I-495 HOT lanes construction is part of the Virginia Megaprojects—a series of large-scale transportation improvements designed to ease congestion and provide you with new choices and better ways to get where you need to go.



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For more project information, go to VAmegaprojects.com

SCHOOLS

Three bands — Centreville High Symphonic Band, Liberty Middle Symphonic Band and Centreville High Wind Ensemble will perform on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at Centreville High School's auditorium.

A community dialogue meeting, "Say No to the Proposed Bell Schedule," about the early school start time will be held Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. To see a list of start times, see: <http://www.fcps.edu/news/start.htm>

To see a list of some of the items that will be effected by the current proposed bell schedule, see: <http://wakefairfax.googlepages.com/home> and <http://www.chantillysports.org/index.cfm?action=main.adnews&ID=84356>

If you are opposed to the current bell schedule proposal, sign the petition (<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/NLST2009/>).

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. 20 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10, adults; \$8, senior citizens and children 12 and under; purchase them at the door or at thealliance theatre.org.

Westfield High will present two Bertolt Brecht plays, "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" and "The Good Woman of Setzuan." Directed by Susie Pike, "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" will be presented Friday, Feb. 27 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Directed by Scott Pafumi, "The Good Woman of Setzuan" will take the stage Saturday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 1 at 2 p.m. \$10 tickets are good for one showing of both plays; buy them at the door, during school lunches or at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

Centreville High School and the CVHS Drama Boosters will present The Laramie Project on March 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Roy A. "Skip" Maiden Theater at Centreville High School. The play, by Moises Kaufman and the members of the Tectonic Theater Project interviewed the people of Laramie and created this work. Tickets are \$8.

Chantilly High School All-Night Grad Party presents the third annual Basket Bingo Fund-Raiser featuring Longaberger on Friday March 13 from 6-10 p.m. in the Chantilly High Cafeteria (Doors close at 6:30 p.m.) There will be loaded baskets, a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, food and refreshments. Advance tickets are \$12 each; \$15 at the door. Call or email Kimberly McDonald 703-362-

8942; kmbrylmc@cox.net; Dannette Wolfe 571-213-6869; dannette@bookkeepingbydesign.net

Registration is taking place now for an eight-week session that begins March 16 at Northern Virginia Community College. Students may enroll 24 hours a day at www.nvcc.edu or by telephone at 703-323-3770. In-person registration is available during normal office hours at NOVA's campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 or visit www.nvcc.edu.

Pleasant Valley Preschool is a non-profit cooperative preschool that

holds its classes in the Greenbriar Community Center. It offers programs for 3-5 year olds and is enrolling for the 2009-10 school year. Call the school at 703-378-6911 or visit the web site at www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com for more information. The Community Center is located at 4615 Stringfellow Rd. in Fairfax.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic School is holding an Open House Session on the following dates:

- ❖ Sunday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to noon.
- ❖ Thursday, March 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ Sunday, March 15 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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- ❖ Sunday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to noon.
- ❖ Tuesday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

St. Andrew the Apostle School is now accepting new student registrations to fill student vacancies for the 2009-2010 school year for Preschool thru Grade 8. A non-refundable application fee of \$100 will be required at the time of registration. Please submit all applications and fees to St. Andrew the Apostle School, 6720B Union Mill Road, Clifton, VA 20124, or you may drop off applications at the school office.


All registration forms and additional information about St. Andrew the Apostle

School may be found on the school's web site, www.standrew-clifton.org.

The Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool is accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. It offers classes for the 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Call the preschool office at 703-830-3175 or email: gretchen-cliftonpc@vacoxmail.com.


Victoria Lee Raabe of Centreville, a junior at Washington and Lee University, has earned dean's list status for the fall term. Dean's list status represents a term grade average of at least 3.4 on a 4.0 scale. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lyn Raabe of Centreville.

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'It's a Great Day for Wrestling'

With four individual winners, Westfield wrestling earns second straight region title.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

There's a fine, imaginary line that exists between having a team under your thumb and losing it entirely. There's another make-believe, disciplinary line coaches often flirt with, and it's located somewhere between tough-mindedness and insanity.

Westfield wrestling coach Chuck Hoskins has been able to straddle the latter while staying far, far away from the former. Though he runs as physically demanding a workout as common practices will allow, the Bulldog grapplers gravitate toward Hoskins.

"He's like my second dad."
— Westfield senior **Brandon Berling**

"He's like my second dad," senior Brandon Berling joked.

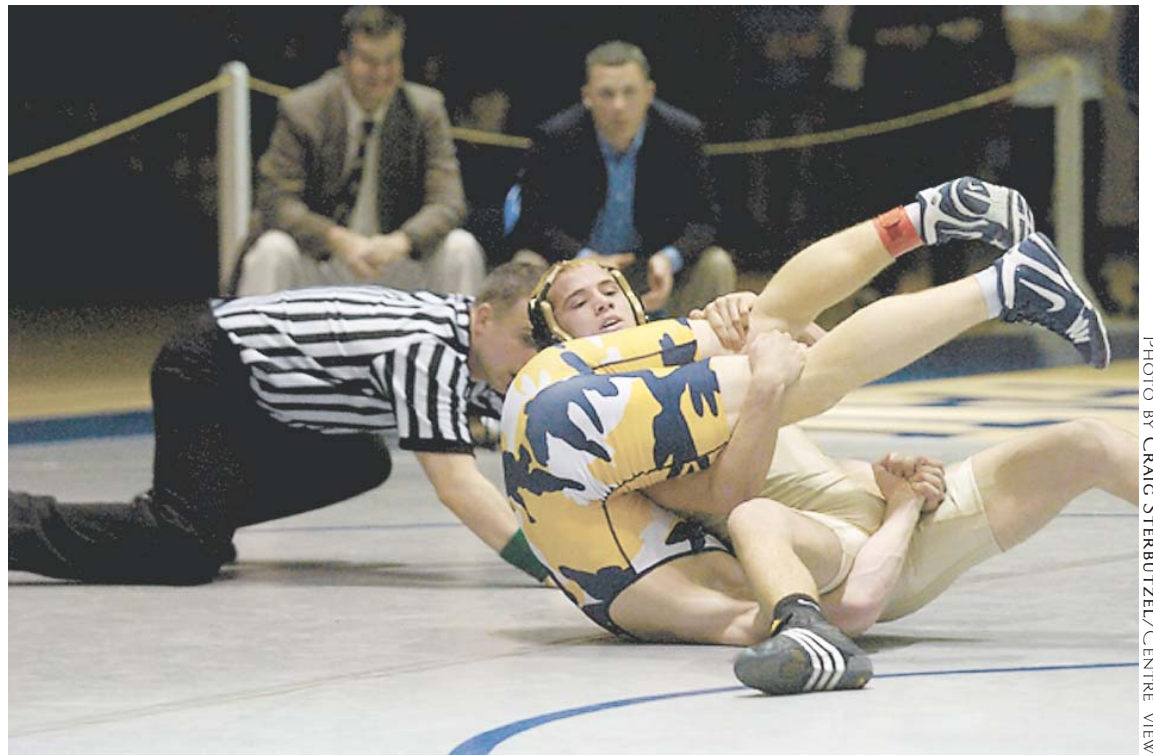
"It's a fine line," Hoskins said of his team's demanding practice routine. "I tell them in practice that it's OK to be upset. It's OK to hate me under your breath. But don't be disrespectful and know that it's all about you guys and me wanting you to reach your goals."

"He knows how to push us to the max, and sometimes that's hard to handle because you don't know how to react," junior Nick Grinups said. "You're put in certain situations that most coaches wouldn't put you in, but it always benefits you and helps you wrestle to the best of your ability."

THIS PAST Saturday afternoon at Fairfax High School for the finals of the Northern Region wrestling tournament, Westfield's hard work paid off. The Bulldogs held off rival Robinson, 220.5-198, to win their second straight region title. And for the first time in the program's history, four wrestlers won individual region titles.

Jeremy Ryan, a 112-pound senior, earned a 5-0 win over W.T. Woodson's Bob Hauser.

"It's expected of me, which puts more pressure on me, but it feels great coming through it and rising up to the challenge," Ryan said of the win, his second in two weeks after capturing the Concorde District



Westfield's Nick Grinups, a 145-pound junior, pinned Robinson's Reid Brown in 3 minutes, 40 seconds last Saturday to win a Northern Region title.

112-pound title on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Berling, wrestling at 130 pounds, earned a 9-3 win over Robinson's Charlie Vannoy. Grinups (145) pinned Robinson's Reid Brown in 3 minutes, 40 seconds and 189-pound Austin Fallon scored a 4-2 win over Robinson's Marcus Hathaway.

"We wrestled four times this year, and this time I came out tough," said Fallon, who held off a final charge from Hathaway with

less than 30 seconds to go. "I think that's how you win matches ... you don't stop wrestling."

Next up for the Bulldogs will be this weekend's Virginia AAA state tournament, with the finals scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake.

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Centreville Seniors: Five to Remember

Special group will be missed after turning Wildcat girls basketball program around.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville's Wally Horton has coached both boys and girls basketball for 22 years. He's seen quite a few wins, quite a few losses, program reclamations and programs struggling to find direction.

But one thing Horton hasn't seen all that much of is a group like the one he coached for the last time on Tuesday night. With a 44-38 loss to Chantilly in the Concorde District quarterfinals, the Centreville girls basketball team's season came to a crashing halt.

The Wildcats concluded the year with a 12-10 record, but the wins and losses aren't what Horton will remember most. Alysha

Watson, Kate Vennergrund, Jessica Ferrick, Victoria Marvin and Erin Ryan were all sophomores when Horton took first over.

Centreville hadn't had a winning season in five years and those players, according to Horton, were chiefly responsible for the Wildcats' turnaround.

"In terms of commitment to each other, chemistry, working together and loving each other, this is the best group of kids I've ever had," Horton said. "They're all competitors at heart. They all want to succeed."

"But they have what I think is a real healthy view of the bigger picture — that when you commit to something, you sell out. You give it your best."

That first year Centreville was 14-7. The next was even better, as the Wildcats went 19-5 and Horton was named the Concorde

District's Coach of the Year for the second straight season and was also recognized as the Northern Region's Coach of the Year.

And this season, Vennergrund, a first team All-Concorde District selection, was the team's leading scorer at 12.5 points per game. She also grabbed an average of 5.5 rebounds per game. Marvin, another three-year starter, added nine points per game this season.

Ferrick, who like Ryan was praised by Horton for her blue-collar work ethic, is starting for the first year but has provided a spark with her energy and defense.

"She's never seen a loose ball she didn't go after," Horton said of Ferrick.

Alysha Watson sacrificed her own personal stats to solidify the team's point guard spot, limiting herself to only 27 turnovers prior to the Chantilly game.

But again, despite any of the honors or wins that his team achieved, Horton will instead be coming to practice everyday with Watson, Vennergrund, Ferrick, Marvin and

"They have what I think is a real healthy view of the bigger picture."

— Wildcats coach **Wally Horton**

Ryan.

As the third-year coach likes to say, quoting the words of Cervantes which were later made famous by legendary UCLA coach John Wooden, "The journey is greater than the inn," meaning those practices, to Horton at least, are what will be missed the most.

"You win games and lose games, but the toughest part about [Tuesday] is the finality of it with this group of seniors," Horton said. "We said all along that the journey is greater than the inn, and I wouldn't trade the journey for anything with these girls."

SPORTS

WEEK IN SPORTS

Region Swim Roundup

At this past weekend's Northern Region swim and dive championships, held at Oak Marr RECenter, the Centreville girls team placed ninth (106 points) and the boys team was 21st (30). Susie Lesniewski led the Wildcats, finishing third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.10 seconds, and she also anchored the 200 medley relay team (Sana Alloo, Natalie Leake, Taylor Avery), which was third at 1:49.16. Leake grabbed fourth in the 100 breaststroke (1:05.95). ... The Westfield girls team took 14th place and the boys grabbed 16th. Rebecca Rice led the girls team with a fifth-place finish in the 200 freestyle, touching the wall with a time of 1:57.73. On the boys side, Kurtis Ratcliff took third in the 100 butterfly (51.15) and C.J. Fiala finished fifth in the 100 breaststroke (1:00.04).

Football Summer Camp

The NOVA "NFL" Youth Flag Football League will hold its 12th annual Flag Football Summer Camp in Ashburn the week of June 22-26, and there will be a second week Aug. 3-7. Both camps run from 9 a.m. until noon for children ages 6 to 12. The camps, aimed at teaching football in a fun environment, will feature experienced adult head coaches as instructors, local high school and college foot-



PHOTO COURTESY OF BILL WALTER

The VISTA Patriots FC, a boys U-16 travel soccer team that competes in the Old Dominion Soccer League (ODSL), won the Randy Rawls Sportsmanship Award for the fall 2008 travel season. Pictured are the VISTA Patriots and coach Bill Walter.

ball players as camp counselors and visits by current and former Washington Redskins and other guest speakers. The camps will conclude with end-of-the-week flag football games and a speed, power and agility training session performed by certified fitness instructors from Dynamic Sports Performance. There will be visits by current and former Washington Redskins players and other guest speakers. To register, visit www.novafalg.com.

Senior Softball Seeks Players

Northern Virginia Senior Softball (NVSS) seeks men ages 50

years and older and women over 40 (with an average age 65) for fun, fitness and fellowship, playing two seven-inning, slow-pitch softball games on Fairfax County fields. Games are on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from April 15 to Aug. 7. NVSS will have 25 teams organized into three conferences according to players' skill level, which is determined by an assessment not a tryout. Eleven fielders are on defense and everyone present bats. An indoor conditioning program for members runs from Feb. 17 through April 9. After Labor Day, September through October fall season begins. For more information, call Dave at 703-524-5576 or Ted at 703-913-0028.

'It's a Great Day for Wrestling'

FROM PAGE 12

BERLING POINTS to one precise moment where Westfield's grapplers know that Hoskins means business, and it occurs the moment he walks in the door.

"Every day he walks into the [wrestling] room and says, 'It's a great day for wrestling, baby,'" Berling explained, "... every single day since I was a freshman."

"You have to start out in a positive frame of mind," Hoskins countered.

In practice, Hoskins' favorite patience-tester involves announcing to everyone that the next drill will be the last; push yourself for two minutes and everyone can go home. Then, as Westfield's wres-

tlers stagger toward him, he announces that the match now requires overtime.

"There are points where I cannot stand him," Berling said. "I can't even look at him."

But as Hoskins said, it's OK to hate him. Just don't be disrespectful. And besides, Berling's, like many Westfield wrestlers' feelings, tend to dissipate quickly. As much was evident on Saturday as Westfield celebrated yet another region title, advancing to a more desirable version of overtime: the state tournament.

"It makes us mentally tough," Grinups said. "In a match, if we're up by two with 30 seconds left and we get taken down, it's overtime. "We know that we're in that condition and we know not to break or anything. Most people break, but because he pushes us, we know we can do it."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Paul VI placed 6th in the VISAA State Wrestling Tournament. Noteworthy performances by the Panthers included: Chuck Carlton, 2nd place; Donny Baumgart, Ben Pfothenauer and Sammy Ojje, 3rd place; Benen O'Brien and Charles Bull, 5th place and Vinny DiGilio and Dan McGroarty, 7th place.

Chantilly High School Cheerleading workshop will be held Sunday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Chantilly gym. Learn stunts, tumbling, motions, cheers, chants, jumps, and spotting. Open to grades 2-8. Cost is \$25, payable to CHS Cheerleading. To reserve space, email Gillian.Flewellyn@fcps.edu.

Learn to enjoy running, improve your pace, learn form and strengthening drills at the EZ8 Women's Running Camps. Begins Monday, March 2 at Fairfax Corner and Greenbriar Park. Mondays and Wednesdays, 5:45 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. Visit www.ez8chicks.com. Contact andrea@seemommyrun.com or 703-586-5037

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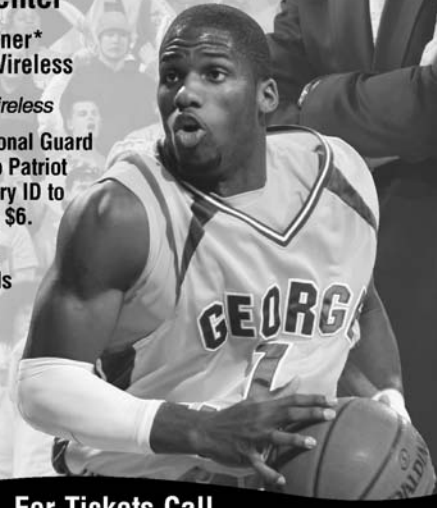



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Centreville Regional Library will be offering AARP Tax-Aide to walk-in clients on Tuesdays from 1-8 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. starting Feb. 1 through April 15. The library is at 14200 St. Germaine Dr., Centreville. This year, 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. 19

The Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club will host Del. Tim Hugo on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Hugo will be speaking on Virginia's General Assembly and how most of us are more concerned about how short our pocketbooks will be

with a reported \$3 billion shortfall. The address is 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. For details, go to www.wfrwc.org.

La Leche League of Centreville/Chantilly will hold its February meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. The topic is "The Family and the Breastfed Baby". Pregnant and nursing women as well as their children are welcome to attend. Meeting location for February is the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Rd. Free. Call a La Leche League Leader at 703-471-7762 or 703-449-0131.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

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.

The public is invited to celebrate African American History Month at the Fairfax County Government Center on Friday, Feb. 20, at a free event sponsored by the county government, Cox Communications and TV One Lifestyle & Entertainment Television. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with a

reception and musical performances by the Antioch Baptist Church Gospel Choir, Alfred Street Baptist Church Male Chorus and the Cheyney Thomas Trio. The feature entertainment, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is the play, "A Rose Among Thorns: A Tribute to Rosa Parks," performed by award winning actress Ella Joyce. Contact Emma Marshall with the Department of Family Services at 703-324-7483; TTY 703-222-9452 or by e-mail at emma.marshall@fairfaxcounty.gov.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

Peter Douskalis, Westfield High graduate and senior at Shenandoah University, is performing at Pacino Ristorante, on Saturday, Feb. 21 from 7-9 p.m.; Admission is free. Peter specializes in many aspects of the guitar such as jazz, classical, rock, and pop. Pacino Ristorante is located at 5653 Stone Road, Centreville. Reservations not required, but recommended. Call 703-222-5885.

Campfire Night Hike: Predators Who Hunt at Night

Not all predators are sleeping. On Saturday, Feb. 21, enjoy a night hike with your family at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and learn about nocturnal hunters. Listen to taped calls of owls and coyotes before trying to catch a glimpse of them in the forest. Afterward, return to

a warm campfire for hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows. The cost is \$5 per person. Call 703-631-0013.

MONDAY/FEB. 23

The Republican Women of Clifton will host the three Republican candidates for Attorney General on Monday, Feb. 23 at Clifton Elementary School 7010, Clifton Rd. John Brownlee, Ken Cuccinelli and David Foster will each present his vision for our Virginia Attorney General's Office. Social time is 7 p.m.; Candidates speak at 7:30 p.m. Call Bonnie Fite at 703-449-7751.

Help Feed Animals and Search for Sleeping Bugs. Monday, Feb. 23 is Feeding Day at the Walney Visitor Center in Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. From 3 to 4 p.m., join a naturalist and youth volunteers for a demonstration on how to feed the hungry reptiles and amphibians. Participants will help collect worms and insects, and then assist in serving the exhibit animals their dinner! Reservations are required for this all-ages event. The cost is \$1 per person. Call 703-631-0013. Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly.

FEB. 26-MARCH 1

The Capital Home & Garden Show will take place Feb. 26 - March 1 at the

Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. The region's largest consumer home show offers one-stop shopping for deals on products and services, including the latest eco friendly green items and cutting-edge technology, spread over two large exhibit halls. Hours are Thursday 5-9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$12 adults, \$3 children (6-12), free kids 5 & under. Save \$3 off of adult admission when you buy your ticket online at www.CapitalHomeShow.com.

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TUESDAY/MARCH 3

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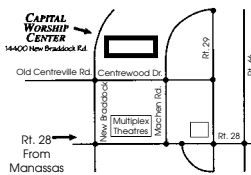
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FAITH

Christ the Redeemer Church of Centreville announces a 10-week study for those struggling with depression and those who love them, Set Free: Biblical Hope and Help for Depression. The weekly class runs from March 5 through May 7 and meets on Thursdays from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer offices located at 5900 Fort Drive, Suite 300 in Centreville. The class, which takes a biblical look at the spiritual components of depression, is free and open to residents of Centreville, Manassas, and neighboring communities. Contact Rev. Sue Hardman at shardman@ctrchurch.org or by phone at 703-502-1732.

Mount Olive Baptist Church is sponsoring a Black History Program Saturday, Feb. 28 at 4 p.m. The church is at 6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. Call 703-830-8769.

Mount Olive Baptist Church is sponsoring a Spring Revival March 9-13 at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The church is at 6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. Contact Audrey Washington at 703-338-3762 with questions.

Centreville United Methodist Church invites the community to participate in a Lenten Book Read featuring *The Shack* by William P. Young. Small groups are forming now and will be

available at a variety of locations, days and times. Contact the church office 703-830-2684 to find one that works for you! Check out the CUMC Lenten Book Read blog: www.theshackcumc.wordpress.com

Centreville United Methodist Church will host a Day Retreat with Ben Pratt, author of *Seven Deadlier Sins & 007's Moral Compass*. The event will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the church. The morning of the retreat will be an overview of James Bond and the seven deadlier sins addressed by Ian Fleming in his novels. Requirement: Read one James Bond novel prior to the retreat. Cost for the day, including lunch, is \$35. RSVP to Lorraine Brown in the CUMC office at 703-830-2684.

Wellspring Church will have English-Spanish bilingual worship this Sunday, Feb 22, with songs and prayers in both languages. Pastor Al Fuentres' sermon on "God's community" will be preached in both English and Spanish. 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 this week there will be a pot-

luck meal, and all are welcome.

"Living the Questions" Bible study meets in Centreville and Manassas during the week, and the Immigration Forum meets at 7 p.m., Feb. 24. There will be a dream workshop led by Dr. Kathy Kopec on Saturday, Feb. 28. Check the website, wellspringucc.org, or call Sara Little at 703-368-7650 for information on these and other special events.

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

Ash Wednesday services at King of Kings Lutheran Church and Preschool located at 4025 Kings Way near the Greenbriar Shopping Center at Route 50 and Middle Ridge Drive. The community is invited to Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion Services on Feb. 25 at 6 and 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Following the 11 a.m. service join us for a Soup Lunch and prior to the 7:30 p.m. service join us for a 6 p.m. Soup Supper. Contact the church office at 703-378-7272, ext. 221.

"Fireproof" Movie at Jubilee Christian Center on Feb. 22. Jubilee Christian Center will be showing the feature movie, "Fireproof," on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. The movie is free, and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Nursery and separate Youth and Children's activities are available at the same time. Located at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or see www.jccag.org.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church is conducting Dave Ramsey's (of Fox News Channel) Financial Peace University, a video-based small group study, that teaches individuals and couples how to address their debt, begin to build wealth, and how to better manage their finances. Sessions are ongoing on Sunday afternoon from 4 to 6 p.m. at Lord of Life's location on Union Mill Road just south of Centreville High School. Contact the church at 703-323-9500 / www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

Westgate Chapel announces 40 Days of Relationships. In 40 days, bring new depth to all of your relationships — from marriage, to family, to friends and the workplace. You'll be equipped with insights and a practical path for fulfilling God's intention for all your relationships — even the difficult ones.

Relationship Seminars begin Sunday, March 1 at the Westgate Training Center in Chantilly and continue every Sunday through April 5.

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of Jesus, written by Rick's colleague Tom Holladay, has the potential to bring the positive relationship changes you've been looking for. 40 Days of Relationships is based on this new book.

Discussing the relationship principles with others on the same journey will bring this book and seminars to life! Discussion Groups will take place in Chantilly, Centreville, and South Riding. Each week, explore one of six foundational principles that Jesus taught and lived. You're invited to take part in a discussion group, which begin the first week of March and will meet once a week for six weeks.

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Money Matters



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

How to get by on one income while really trying? That will not only be the question but the strategy as my wife, Dina, and I, attempt to adjust to the new unemployment paradigm: she's out of work for the first time in our 30-plus years of marriage. Her long-time employer, Tivoli's Restaurant in Rosslyn (the deli and pastry shop remain open, however) closed after nearly 27 years serving the public (25 years during which Dina worked in the second floor lounge as a waitress and bartender).

To say she made friends over all those years would be an understatement of prodigious proportions. To say she networked an entire new family including the owners and their families, employees and their families, and, of course, the thousands of Tivoli customers and their families, together creating a fabric of associations and activities spanning the globe and lasting an entire generation, and then some, would be more accurate.

To characterize Dina's status as out of work is way to simple; disconnected from the only lifestyle she's really ever known and cared about her entire adult life would be more appropriate. And though the loss of Dina's income is significant (and matters more to me since I'm the business end of the relationship; she's the social director), I can certainly appreciate and understand how the loss of a lifestyle can be equally distressing. The joke among our friends has been that Dina doesn't need a new job, she needs a new lifestyle that pays.

Moving forward, the choices we have to make need to be a balance between substance and style, between money and quality of life, between fact and fiction, quite frankly. Having 25 percent fewer dollars to do it with is likely to be a challenge unlike any we, as a couple, have ever endured.

Moreover, given the middle age that we are, with the skill sets we possess, and further considering the inheritances that at present are unknown and unexpected, what we do, how we survive, what money we spend, seem unlikely to be replenished anytime soon by some financial savior riding in on a cash cow. It seems that we will have to make do riding the horse on which we rode in on.

All of which we can manage, I think. It's more that neither one of us expected to be horse-less at our present age, the age at which, accumulating for retirement becomes not only an extremely serious family business but maybe the most important, to the exclusion of all other, family business. And being left to fend more for ourselves than we had expected or anticipated was hardly the plan I had intended. Still, it's not over yet. My father made more money between age 55 and 70 than he had ever made previously, enough to fund my parent's retirement for the 15 years or so they had together before retiring for good.

If I am indeed my father's son, then I will succeed just as he did. It may not be easy but if I've inherited anything from my father (aside from his sense of humor), I've inherited his positive attitude. Dina's being out of work presents us with an opportunity. It's up to us to make the most of it.

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

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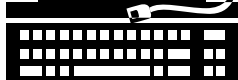
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to the story. "We're inspired by [director] Tim Burton's work and want to make it intense and trippy — like a dream, but an interesting one," she said. "Although, Alice is still an innocent girl, trying to find her way out of a mess and going on a young child's adventure."

Sophomore Taylor Givens plays the title role. Haden Olmsted is the White Rabbit; Dean Hawk, the Mad Hatter; and Kristina Rathgen, the Queen of Hearts. There's a cast of 15 and Victor Trussell is assistant director.

"Victor's been with me all the way and has been a huge help," said Johnston. "I'm happy to have him for the show and to share this experience. I love directing, especially with these kids. They're great to work with because they don't mess around and they do what they're supposed to do."

She said directing's enabled her to take on a leadership role. Since she hasn't acted in Centreville's main-stage shows, this year, she said being able to direct "lets me put my ideas on the stage."

Proud of her ensemble's efforts, Johnston said, "Our show's coming along very well. I think everyone will like it because it's a great story that people love. And to see it performed on stage will be a dream come true."

'The Swimmer'

Senior Zach Schebish directs "The Swimmer," with a cast of nine and student Danny Lucas in the lead role. "It's a contemporary tragicomedy about a man who thinks he's drowning on a park bench," said Schebish. "There's no water but, instead of trying to help him, passersby try to convince him he's wrong. It's a socially conscious play concerning our society's views on depression."

He's also enjoying assuming the mantle of director. "I've been in all the one-acts in my four years of high school," he said. "And I feel like I've taken the good and bad things [I've learned] from each director and incorporated them into my own style. Plus, I have an extremely talented cast and they're extraordinarily hard workers."

The hard part is that, because this play is so centered around one point on stage and there's not much movement, explained Schebish, "You have to really focus on good dialogue and character development to make it interesting."

But he loves working with his cast. "It's the first time I've directed and, now, instead of directors giving me choices as an actor, I'm helping these actors forge their characters," said Schebish. "It's an extremely funny show and the audience will like the emotional absurdity of it."

'Cut'

"Cut" is being co-directed by seniors Jessica Starr and Christine Tillema. "It's about professional actors rehearsing a play, and then everything goes wrong — they forget lines and miss cues," said Starr.

"But then, because someone forgets his line, they change into people portraying the people on the stage," added Tillema. "And it keeps on going when another person drops his line and they become new characters."

There's a cast of 14, with junior Ian Lyons and sophomore Mary Kate Goff in the leads. Starr says directing is "really hectic at times and there's a lot of chaos and schedule juggling, but it's entertaining, to say the least."



The cast of "Alice in Wonderland, with director Samantha K. Johnston (on far right in white T-shirt) and assistant director Victor Trussell (standing behind her).



Posing during a rehearsal break is the cast of "The Swimmer." Kneeling in front are (from left) lead Danny Lucas and director Zach Schebish.



Cast members of "Cut," directed by Jessica Starr (standing, far left) and Christine Tillema (back row, third from right).

Toughest, she said, is "getting the actors to focus after a hard day at school." Best of all, said Starr, is that "they're crazy and I love my cast."

As for the story, itself, Tillema says

the audience should have a good time watching it. "People will never know what to expect," she said. "So it's impossible to get bored because there are so many twists and turns."

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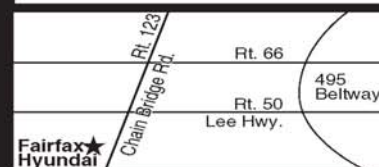
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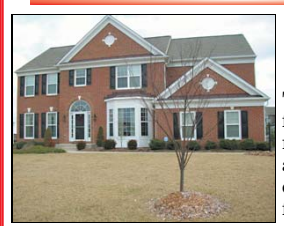
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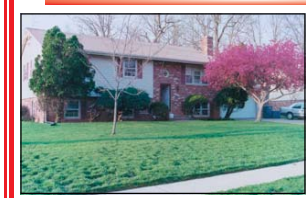
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