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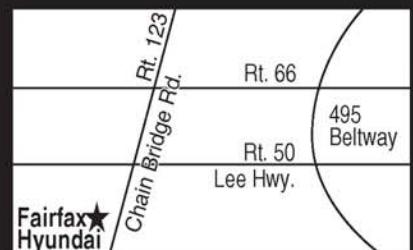
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Dreaming of a Green Christmas?

Sior Og leads annual Celtic Christmas program in Fairfax.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

While Bing Crosby made Christmas white and Elvis made it blue, for the third straight year, Fairfax-based Irish band Sior Og painted the holiday green.

Sior Og, composed of Jean Mulherin, Emily Nice, Masrha Nice and Howard Rhile, hosted the third annual "Celtic Christmas" performance, playing traditional Irish Christmas music for an audience gathered at The Space in Old Town Fairfax Saturday, Dec. 12. For the second straight year, storyteller Penelope Fleming accompanied the band, which was joined by students from the Boyle School of Irish Dance.

"The band is always so excited to play this show," said Rosemary Rhile, Howard's wife and the event organizer. "It's special because they only get to perform these songs once a year."

The show, made possible by a grant from the City of Fairfax Commission on the Arts, took place in The Space for the first time



Dancers from the Boyle School of Dance perform.

"It's special because they only get to perform these songs once a year."

— Rosemary Rhile, event organizer

not to have a storyteller. We also try to bring in youngsters, and so this year, we focused on the dancers."

Fleming made her second straight appearance at the program, telling two different traditional Christmas stories, "No More Slops for Christmas," and "Little Robin's Christmas Journey." The first tale told a traditional Irish story of a man who dumped his slop bucket over his fence everyday, only to find that it was destroying a village of small people. The other, Fleming said, had Scottish roots and had to be translated to fit Irish culture as she had few Irish Christmas stories from which to choose.

"I have a whole repertoire of stories that I choose from, but there's not many Irish Christmas folk tales, so we had to do some Scottish and Welsh ones," Fleming said. "But it's been fabulous, because most of the time I work solo, so it's great to be a part of this multimedia event. It's just a fantastic experience."

That experience was not lost on the au

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'Building Blocks' of Faith

Children of Chabad Lubavitch build 7-foot-tall menorah out of Legos to celebrate Chanukah.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Rabbi Levi Deitsch of Chabad Lubavitch knows that in order to prepare the next generation for their faith and service, they need to be involved early. Last week-

"The children are our building blocks of our future, so we wanted them to have a hand in building this menorah."

— Rabbi Levi Deitsch

end, he put his theory into action.

Deitsch and his congregation gathered at Camden Fairfax Corner on Sunday Dec. 13 for the construction and lighting of a menorah, a tradi-

tional activity for members of the Jewish faith this time of year. Standing 7-foot tall, the menorah was built by the congregation's children out of Legos.

"The children are our building blocks of our future, so we wanted them to have a hand in building this menorah," Deitsch said. "We're always making sure to keep the children's interest and they made this themselves, and they took pride in it."

The group gathered in front on Coastal Flats from 4-6:30 p.m., with the construction of the menorah taking the majority of the time. Deitsch and others brought several bins full of Legos and set up a table for the children to build it on. After an hour of work, three

separate pieces of the menorah were completed, and Deitsch, with the children's help, assembled the pieces and put candles on it. While Deitsch lit the three candles, representing the three days of Chanukah that had passed, the congrega-



The Lego menorah before it was attached to the stem and base.

tion surrounded him and sang traditional Chanukah songs.

"The event has been great," said Slava Uchitel, who brought his three children, ages 20 months, 6 and 10, to the event. "The kids go to school with people from different faiths, so it's nice for them to have an event like this to get connected."

In addition to many of Chabad Lubavitch's members, several people who were not Jewish also took part in the event. Christina Sy, who brought her two young children, said that taking her children to an event for people of a different faith was important,

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WEEK IN FAIRFAX



Paul VI sophomore Megan Anderson hangs an ornament on the Christmas Tree of Kindness after completing a nice task for someone else. Students and teachers doing kind gestures for one another filled the bare tree in a few days.

Paul VI Students Trimming Tree with Acts of Kindness

Students at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax are getting into the Christmas spirit by decking the halls with acts of kindness.

Recently, the Student Government decorated the cafeteria with Christmas lights and other festive decorations to help fill the school with Christmas spirit.

It was sophomore class president Brendan Muha's idea to decorate a Christmas Tree of Kindness. The Student Government cut out ornaments for the tree and then challenged their classmates and faculty members to do small acts of kindness, such as picking up trash, helping a student study for exams or holding the door for someone.

Once a student has performed a kind act, he or she writes the task on the back of the ornament and hangs it on the tree.

"At the beginning of the week when we put it out, the tree was bare and looked like Charlie Brown's Christmas tree," said Katie Grim, moderator of the Student Government. "But within three days, it was full of ornaments of kindness."

This year, the PVI Student Government has been incorporating a theme each month. November's theme was "giving thanks" which coincided with Paul VI's Canned Food Drive.

"The idea is that kind acts are free and can be small," said Eileen Hanley, director of Admissions and Student Life. "The Ton of Love Canned Food Drive last month was big. This is about the little things."

Fairfax Man Pleads Guilty For Sexual Offenses

In July, Fairfax County Police charged a 45-year-old Fairfax man with four sex crimes against a minor. Now, John M. "Mark" Creager of the 10600 block of Fiesta Road, has pleaded guilty to two offenses.

Det. Iva Robertson presented details of the case against him in a July 8 affidavit for a warrant to search his home for particular evidence of this crime, including sex toys and lingerie.

The detective explained that, during the course of an ongoing, child-abuse investigation, the victim — a 14-year-old girl — told police that Creager, a friend of her family's, had "numerous, unwanted sexual contacts with her." Robertson also wrote that Creager had showered the girl with gifts such as cell phones, an iPod, iTouch, cash, din-

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NEWS



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The staff at InovaCares Clinic for Children in Falls Church sets out books for clients arriving to choose from as gifts for their children at the Falls Church center.



Holiday Care

InovaCares Clinic packs gifts for patients and families.

Heather Williams and Sandra Principe take a moment with Santa.



The staff of the InovaCares Clinic for Children partners with Lockheed-Martin to prepare gifts and treats for the Friday, Dec. 11 holiday party.

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Green Day

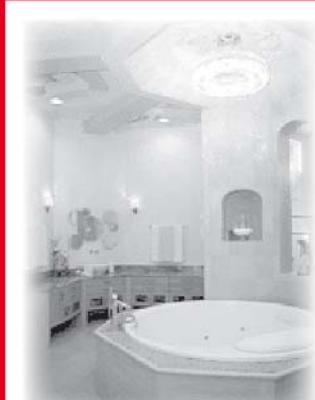
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dience, which, for the third consecutive year, filled the venue to capacity. Throughout the show, adults and children joined in the music with clapping and singing. During the storytelling portions, the children voiced their amusement and excitement with the stories.

"It's such a cute event," said Fairfax resident Amaresh Boekholt, who attended the show with her husband and young daughter. "The dance, the stories, the music, it's a great mix. We're from Europe and we miss things like this, so I love that they have things like this for the community."

If Rhile and the rest of Sior Og have their way, the community will have many Celtic Christmases to look forward to in the coming years. Rhile said that the group would love to make the performance a city tradition. Based on the sizes of the audience and the growth of the program, it appears as if the band is on the right track.

"I hope it's becoming a tradition in the city," Rhile said. "And it seems to be headed that way."



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OPINION

Clearing the Air

Non-smokers and families looking to eliminate exposure to second-hand smoke got an early and unlikely Christmas present from Gov. Tim Kaine and Virginia General Assembly on Dec. 1, when substantial restrictions on smoking in restaurants and bars went into effect.

Restaurants and bars in the Commonwealth are required to go smoke free. But many establishments will still be able to offer a smoking area.

If the business has the space and the financial ability, it is allowed to construct a separate smoking area, if it is completely walled off and has its own ventilation system.

This exception is unfortunate for several reasons.

First it is unfair to the businesses that do not

have the space or wherewithal to add smoking rooms.

Other jurisdictions, like the District or Montgomery County, Md. have passed true smoking bans, leaving a level playing field for businesses. And overall, in Montgomery County and many other places, receipts at restaurants increased after the smoking ban went into effect.

EDITORIAL Second, such restrictions fail to protect workers from the serious detrimental health effects of second-hand smoke, one of the key objectives of smoking restrictions. Especially in the current job market, restaurant workers are more likely to feel compelled to continue to work in conditions that are hazardous to their health. A full ban on smoking in restaurants and bars would pro-

New rules on smoking are flawed and fail to protect many workers, but still great step in right direction.

tect more workers.

Third, even with a separate ventilation system, many smoking rooms will continue to leach smoke into non-smoking areas every time the door is opened and closed. Those who want a truly smoke-free dining environment will still have to do a little research.

But even with all its flaws, the successful implementation of smoking restrictions in Virginia remains a bit of a miracle, and a blessing.

— MARY KIMM

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Upbeat Look at 2009

Economic Development Authority has worked with firms to add 4,000 jobs to local economy.

BY GERALD L. GORDON PH.D.

As 2009 draws to a close, it will be remembered as an especially significant year for Fairfax County's economy and for those who live and work here. And, the successes achieved this year will position the county and its residents well during the economic recovery and beyond.

The national unemployment rate topped 10 percent this year, and in many communities it is much higher. Job creation in many locations is non-existent. Meanwhile, in Fairfax County, we will end the year with about a 4.5 percent unemployment rate. My office has worked with dozens of companies that have added or will add more than 4,000 jobs to the economy. Decisions by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), Hilton Worldwide and The Ignite Institute to locate their corporate headquarters in Fairfax County are especially noteworthy.

Individually, each of these new headquarters operations would be leaders in any business community. Adding another Fortune 500 headquarters — SAIC is the county's seventh — is a tremendous achievement. Hilton, perhaps the world's best-known hotel brand, and Ignite, a non-profit that is pioneering the field of personalized medicine, bring important new diversity to our economic base and business community. The same can be said of the 2007 addition of the headquarters operation of Volkswagen Group of America to Fairfax County.

Neither should we overlook the growth of the small and mid-sized firms that are the backbone of this and every economy. Of the more than 100 companies that the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with this year, a vast majority of them are small busi-

nesses with fewer than 100 employees.

The successes of 2009 have important implications for Fairfax County taxpayers in 2010 and beyond. First, there will be more job opportunities, particularly compared to many other parts of the nation. Second, a larger commercial tax base means residents bear less of the cost of providing the range of high-quality services funded by the county Board of Supervisors.

COMMENTARY Third, new workers in our community buy homes, dine in restaurants and shop in local stores. Fourth, the broader the base of companies that are here, the greater the likelihood that our economy and commercial tax base will be stable and grow. And, finally, the quality of life for which Fairfax County is known will be improved by economic stability and growth.

The mission of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority is to build the commercial tax base by promoting the county as one of the world's best business locations — attracting companies here and working with them to stay and create jobs here and fill office space.

The FCEDA is proud of its success in 2009 to broaden the economic diversity of Fairfax County. It will help ensure that Fairfax County remains one of the best of the best places to work and live for decades to come.

Gerald L. Gordon Ph.D. is president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority.



Gerald L. Gordon

Best Time To Volunteer

To the editor:

I was reading your editorial [Volunteer, Oct. 24 and Beyond, Connection Newspapers, Oct. 14-20] and I can honestly say I can agree and can relate to the story. I have an apparel business along with my husband called Future Leader of the World (FLOW). I think that if you have a business big or small it is important to give back whether it is to charity, community, helping the environment etc. With the holidays coming up and the cold weather outside this is the best time to volunteer. It is also important to involve the whole family. I have

two small children ages 3 and 7 along with my 17-year-old teen. We try to involve them when we donate some of our shirts from our company to local charities. Kids can also get involved through their school by bringing in can items for collection or even start one of their own. It is important to research the charity first before volunteering, that way you have a background of the organization. Either way I encourage everyone to "Make a Date to Donate".

Thanks for your publishing your volunteer article and keeping everyone aware with open hearts and minds.

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NEWS

Menorah

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as it exposed her children to new cultures and ideas.

"It's a great way to bring everyone together and for children to learn about these festivities even if they are not members [of the congregation]," Sy said. "They don't get to learn about it in school, so it's important that they come to events like this."

Following the menorah lighting, the guests were treated to donuts, chocolate and hot cider, and each of the children was given a ticket for a raffle.

With all of the excitement from the children, it was clear that Deitsch had accomplished his goal of making the youngest members of his congregation feel every bit a part of the Chanukah season.

"I had a lot of fun building the menorah," said Eden Neifeld, 8. "I liked everything we did tonight, except for getting my hands cold."

MILITARY NOTES

Navy Lt. j. g. Travis F. Daugherty, brother of Lauren E. Daugherty of Fairfax and brother of Stephen G. Daugherty of Carrboro, N.C., recently graduated from the Basic Naval Flight Officer Program.

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PEOPLE

Sillaway Named to Academy Board

In October, Dr. Kimberly A. Sillaway was made a member of the St. Johnsbury Academy Board of Trustees. Sillaway, a 1982 academy graduate, is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Fairfax.

After graduating from the academy, Sillaway earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville, and a dental degree from the Medical College of Virginia, in Richmond.

A standout basketball player at both the high school and college levels, she is a member of the Vermont Principals Association Hall of Fame, University of Virginia Women's Basketball Hall of Fame and New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

Sillaway has also been included in Washingtonian



Dr. Kimberly A. Sillaway

Magazine's annual list of the "Virginia and Washington Metro area's best Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons" every year since 2003.

Sillaway is the daughter of Dr. Frederick C. Sillaway, an academy trustee from 1990 until his death in 2003. She has been an executive committee member of the Virginia Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Society and Northern Virginia Dental Society. She has also been president of the Fairfax County Dental Society.

Sillaway has also performed extensive civic service and charitable care through the Virginia Mission of Mercy, which provides surgical care for underprivileged state residents; Christian Mission Alliance, serving needy people in Gabon,

Niger, and Ghana in Africa; and a Mission program in Paraguay, South America.

11th District Committee Honors Harris

Former Congressman Herb Harris received the Northern Virginia Service Award from the 11th Congressional District Committee at its annual awards ceremony Saturday, Dec. 12. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) presented Harris with the award "for distinguished and honorable service to our communities, our commonwealth and our nation." Harris was elected to Congress from Virginia's 8th District in 1974. He served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) presents Service Award to former Congressman Herb Harris.

FAITH NOTES

Virginia Filipinos Celebrate Simbang Gabi, one of the nine traditional pre-Christmas Masses, on Saturday, Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette Parish, 7602 Old Keene

Mill Road, Springfield. www.arlingtondiocese.org.

Burke Presbyterian Church events are open to everyone, at 5690

Oak Leather Drive, Burke. All events are free. Contact 703-764-0456 or www.BurkePresChurch.org.

Christmas Eve Services on Thursday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Children's Pageant



Ashley Elmore

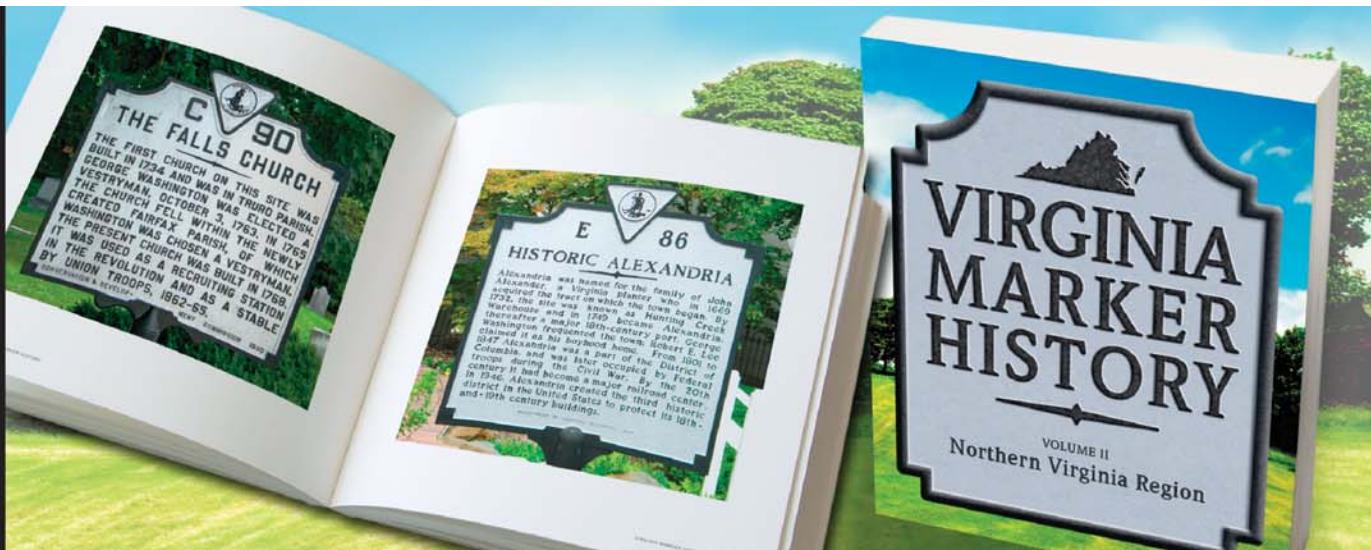
Local Teacher 'Bachelor' Contestant

Ashley Elmore, 30, a marketing teacher at a Fairfax County high school, is one of the contestants on "The Bachelor" television series, which airs Monday, Jan 4, at 8 p.m. on ABC.

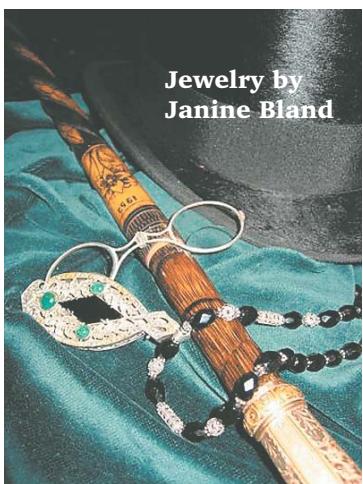
Elmore graduated cum laude from Virginia Tech, with a B.S. in marketing management. She received her MBA from Duquesne University with summa cum laude honors. She is currently a Ph.D. student at Old Dominion University. She was a top 10 contender in the Miss Virginia Pageant and the youngest person ever to win the Toyota and WJLA Channel 7 Working Woman of the Year award in 2006.

Her parents, Dr. James and Mrs. Peggy Elmore, reside in Pennsylvania. Ashley Elmore's sister, Erin Elmore, is an attorney in Philadelphia and was on "The Apprentice 3" with Donald Trump.

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CALENDAR



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Artists' Showcase

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THURSDAY/DEC. 17

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Fairfax High School Music Department Winter Concert

7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Orchestra and chorus students performing Mozart's Te Deum, seasonal music and Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Admission is free. www.fhschorus.net.

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Gallo Is Woodson's Coach on the Floor

Behind senior's leadership, Cavaliers begin 2009-10 season strong with 2-1 record.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

In one year's time, W.T. Woodson basketball player Melissa Gallo expects to be playing with Boston University's basketball team, hoping to make an impact in her freshman year.

But before Gallo can start thinking about draining jump shots as a Terrier, she still has unfinished business as a Cavalier.

"I'm looking forward [to college]," she said. "But I have things I need to work on here."

The talented guard has been an offensive catalyst for the Cavaliers in her three years of varsity play. For her final season at Woodson, the senior is looking to add another element to her game.

"I've really tried to focus on defense," she said. "I'm a scorer, but working on my defense is a priority."

"I'm being more of a leader on the court."

— Melissa Gallo

ship?

"I'm being more of a leader on the court," she said. "It's my senior year and it's a role that I've been in before, but I need to do it for the younger players."

Head coach Pat Neri said the lessons Gallo can teach now will be echoed throughout the program in future seasons.

"[The younger players] see her working

High School Rifle League competition this season.

Rams Wrestling Second in Annapolis

Robinson head wrestling coach Bryan Hazard doesn't have his sights set on hanging a particular championship banner, but his expectations for the 2009-10 Rams mirror the program's success over the last decade.

"Our goals are always to be the best," Hazard said. "I don't know if we ever set it for a district, region or state title, but we definitely want to be the best."

Hazard had 22 points, a career high for the senior, in the loss to Woodson and Alex Young set a career high with 18 points.

Fairfax Boys' B-ball Falls to 2-2

After opening the season with two victories against Dunbar and Dominion high schools, the Fairfax varsity boys have fallen into a slump, dropping their past two games.

On Dec. 8, the boys lost 70-59 to cross-town rival Woodson marking the Rebels' 11th straight loss to Woodson.

Jordan Kuchel recorded a double-double with 10 rebounds and a team high of 16 points in the loss.

On Dec. 11, the Rebels were felled by former Concorde District rival Robinson, 80-69.

Kuchel had 22 points, a career high for the senior, in the loss to Woodson and Alex Young set a career high with 18 points.

The Rebels will be looking to break out of their funk against Langley on Dec. 15, Marshall on Dec. 18 and Herndon on Dec. 22.

Robinson Rifle Team Starts 2-0

The Robinson Rams Rifle team defeated Yorktown 1141-1083 on Dec. 9.

Lauren Alman shot a 295 out of 300 to help the Rams overcome the Patriots.

The Rams are now 2-0 in Potomac

WEEK IN SPORTS

During the weekend, Robinson sent its varsity team to the Ed Perry Invitational in Annapolis, Md. The Rams finished second, one point behind Archbishop Spaulding, and captured six individual championships.

Dallas Smith (103 pounds), Jake Smith (112) and Jacob Crawford (130) each finished first in his respective weight class and remain undefeated on the season. Roman Perryman (140), Mickey Bennett (145) and Ben Stallings (152) also won individual tournament titles for Robinson.

Shon Topper (125), Charlie Vannoy (135) and Wes Jones (160) finished runner-up for the Rams.

"Our top 10 guys are wrestling great," Hazard said.

Robinson also sent several young grap-



said.

"I tell them to go ask her," Neri said. "Ask her how to handle the ball, or shoot or do what she does."

The older-sister vibe Gallo gives off at practice is the result of her own experiences as a budding freshman basketball player.

"I was a freshman on varsity, so I know how to treat [younger players]," she said. "I want to treat them the way I'd want to be treated if I were them."

Another attribute that Neri sees in Gallo is her ability to act as a coach on the floor.

"She can look up at the clock and recognize the situations," Neri said. "She knows exactly what I want without me telling her and [she can] get the kids to play that way."

With a 2-1 start to the season, Neri said he's impressed with how his older players have meshed with younger players.

"I'm really excited about the young kids and the way they've blended in," Neri said. "There's a very good chemistry on the team with our seniors and our freshmen."

The Cavaliers have five seniors on the team, but with Gallo's guidance and continued chemistry between the two freshman and two sophomores, Woodson's team could be building something special.

"This is the best depth we've had in a few years," Neri said.

Popcorn, Soda and Basketball

Students looking for a cheap date or a fun event to enjoy on Friday, Dec. 18 should look no further than a doubleheader basketball match between Lake Braddock and Robinson.

At the upcoming Lake Braddock and Robinson Varsity Basketball Challenge, students wearing a Burke basketball shirt will be admitted inside the game free and receive a coupon for a free soda and box of popcorn.

The T-shirt admission is good for both the boys' and girls' varsity basketball game.

Tip-off is set for 5:45 p.m. for the girls and 7:30 p.m. for the boys. Both games will be played in the main gym at Robinson Secondary.

Tournament Of Champions

Lake Braddock will be hosting its annual basketball tournament from Dec. 28-30 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Games start at 2:15 p.m. on Dec. 28 and 29, with the championship game played Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m.

plers to the NOVA Classic in Fairfax.

While Robinson has been one of the more competitive programs in the Northern Region, the Rams last won a region title in 1991. The team's last district title came in 2005.

Strong Showing at NOVA Classic for PVI

The Paul VI Wrestling team competed at the Northern Virginia Classic wrestling tournament on Dec. 12 and finished 14th out of the 32 teams in attendance.

Paul VI had the highest finish of any private school in the tournament and had four top-10 finishes in the meet.

Sammy Ojjeh and Ben Pfotenhauer finished in fifth place of their divisions and Chuck Carlton and Damien Ashley placed sixth in their divisions. The team's current record is 3-0 and is ranked third among Virginia's private schools.

Paul VI Cheerleaders Take Second

The Paul VI cheerleading squad attended the Pocono Regionals Tournament on Dec. 12 and placed second in their division. The second place finish has earned the team a trip to the 2010 National Competition in Atlanta.

CALENDAR

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Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celtic melodies and classic Christmas carols. Tickets are \$23-\$46. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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The D.R.A.M.A Kings at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

A Rockapella Holiday. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. George Mason University Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$21-\$42. Youth through grade 12 half price. Pre-Performance Discussion held 45 minutes prior to the performance. 703-993-8794.

Animal Lovers Event. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Brochures, magazines, books and more with information on pets and wildlife. Free. 703-293-6227 or 571-236-9056.

Santa at Lake Accotink. Santa wants to take pictures with visitors' pets from 1-2 p.m. Take a photo of a dog, cat or other pet with Santa. Bring own camera and get the shot you want. The registration fee is \$5 per pet. Santa offers hayrides from 3-8 p.m. on Saturday, too. Enjoy a horse or tractor-drawn wagon ride with Santa and tell him what's on your wish list. Bundle up for the ride and have a steaming cup of hot chocolate while you wait to board the ride or to warm up afterwards. Call early to get your preferred hayride time. The fee is \$8 per person and babies on laps are free. Registrations must be made in advance. Call 703-569-0285 to make a reservation or for more information. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. For more information about Lake Accotink Park, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/>.

SUNDAY/DEC. 20

NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting. 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. restonbell7@gmail.com.

1-2-3 Imagine! with Elmo & Friends. 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. At the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

Eric Hutchinson. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/DEC. 21

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/DEC. 22

Todd Wright. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Teen Book Group. 6 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. What's hot and what's not. Age 12-16. 703-644-7333.

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Sandra M. Polin M.D.

Sandra Polin M.D. Joins Washington Radiology Associates

Sandra M. Polin M.D., a breast and body-imaging specialist has joined Washington Radiology Associates. Recently, she served as an assistant professor of radiology at Georgetown University where she participated in national studies on the utilization of breast MRI technology in the detection and management of breast cancer. Polin's recent publications include a review of the effects of Tamoxifen on the endometrium.

Certified in diagnostic radiology by the American Board of Radiology, Polin performs a full complement of diagnostic imaging procedures including body CT, mammography, ultrasound, breast MRI, and biopsies. She will practice at Washington Radiology's private offices in Fairfax, Bethesda, Chevy Chase, Sterling and Washington, D.C.

Polin has earned numerous awards throughout her career beginning in medical school. At Eastern Virginia Medical School she earned the McGraw-Hill Book Award for Academic Achievement in 1994 and the Sigfred Award for Achievement in Radiology in 1997. During her residency in diagnostic radiology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, Polin served as chief resident and was selected for the Toshiba Resident Program for the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound (2000). During her fellowship in breast and body imaging at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, she was awarded the 2003 RSNA Roentgen Resident/Fellow Research Award. At Georgetown University, she was awarded the 2008 Georgetown Special Procedures Teacher of the Year.

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ners, lingerie and sex toys and allegedly gave her marijuana and LSD, plus drug paraphernalia.

Police executed the search warrant July 8, and items seized included marijuana, sex toys, a computer and mushrooms. Creager was arrested the same day and charged with one count of carnal knowledge of a juvenile and three counts of object sexual penetration by force or threat.

NEWS BRIEFS

On Aug. 28 in General District Court, his charges were certified to the grand jury. Then on Sept. 21, the grand jury indicted Creager on all four offenses. He was scheduled to have a jury trial, Dec. 8, in Circuit Court; but instead, he entered two guilty pleas.

He pleaded guilty to the crime of carnal knowledge. In addition, one of his object sexual penetration charges was amended to taking indecent liberties with a minor and he pleaded guilty to that offense, as well. In exchange for these two pleas, the other two penetration charges were dropped.

Judge Charles Maxfield then ordered a pre-sentence investigation be done on Creager and set his sentencing for Feb. 12.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Man Is Struck and Killed in Fairfax City

City of Fairfax Police are seeking the public's help in locating the next of kin of a pedestrian fatally injured last week. A 43-year-old man who was struck by a vehicle in the City of Fairfax on Tuesday, Dec. 8, succumbed to his injuries Friday, Dec. 11, at Inova Fairfax Hospital. He was tentatively identified as Ricardo Barahona Amaya of no fixed address.

Police say he was struck in the 9500 block of Lee Highway after he apparently walked into the path of a vehicle traveling southbound on Route 29. The vehicle was operated by a 58-year-old City of Fairfax man. According to police, Amaya was not in a crosswalk, and investigation revealed he was allegedly under the influence of alcohol. No charges have been placed.

Anyone having information that would assist police in finding Amaya's family is asked to call City of Fairfax Police at 703-385-7924. This was the second fatal traffic accident in the City of Fairfax, this year. Pedestrians were the victims in both instances.

Man Charged with Malicious Wounding

A fight at the Lamb Center led to the arrest of a West Virginia man on Saturday. He is Jerry Shannon, 54, of 500 block of Butler Ave., in Martinsburg. City of Fairfax police say officers responded to 3220 Old Lee

HEALTH NOTES

Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, will be offering a free Widow/Widower's support group. Haven also offers one-on-one support. A volunteer will meet with a person grieving the

Highway, Dec. 12, at 8:29 a.m., for a report of an assault involving two people.

According to police, investigation revealed that, during the course of an argument, one had cut the other in the face with a knife and the victim then struck the assailant in the head with a folding chair. After being treated at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Shannon was charged with malicious wounding and held without bond in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

The victim, Raymond C. Johnson, 47, of the 100 block of Meadows Lane, Leesburg, was also treated at that hospital. Then police served him with an outstanding warrant for trespassing and he was released on personal recognizance.

Holiday Alcohol Precautions

The City of Fairfax Police Department reminds drivers that, with the arrival of the holiday season, they're urged to consider the options available to them before they drink. They can arrange for a designated driver, take a cab or spend the night.

Many tragedies resulting from impaired driving crashes could be prevented if everyone would take a few, simple precautions. WRAP's 2009 Holiday Sober Ride program is being offered from now until Jan. 1, 2010. Hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$50 fare), call 1-800-200-8294 (TAXI).

Remember that friends don't let friends drive drunk. Take the car keys of impaired drivers and help them make other arrangements to safely reach their destinations. This is essential, not only for their own safety, but also for that of other drivers, passengers and pedestrians.

Fairfax City Police Offer Child ID Kits

City of Fairfax Police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will offer SafeAssured identification kits, Tuesday, Dec. 29, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway. Parents will receive a full-color photo ID and a mini-CD containing their children's digital fingerprints, a digital photo, video showing movement and mannerisms, a general physical description, vital personal information, and a family code word.

Private information is encrypted and accessible only by law enforcement. Missing posters can be created and printed directly from the mini-CD in English, Spanish and French. The SafeAssured ID kits are free, and an appointment is necessary. Call Sgt. Pam Nevlud at 703-385-7966 to make an appointment.

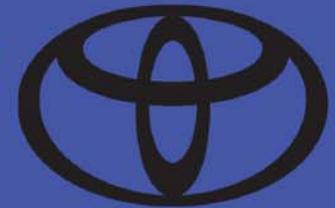
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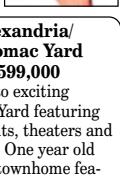
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