



Cast Named for WHS's 'West Side Story'

Westfield Theatre's "West Side Story" features a cast of more than 50 actors including: Front – Trevor Knickerbocker (Action), Nick Burroughs (Diesel), Kevin Clay (Baby John); back – Colby Dezelick (Riff), Taylor Aucott (Tony), Carey Jarosik (Maria), Avery Hobbs (Anita), Max Ehrlich (Bernardo), and Adam Thomas (A-Rab). The musical will be performed Feb. 11-14 at Westfield High School. Tickets are now on sale online at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

Hunt vs. Marsden

Voters will choose new state senator in a special election Jan. 12.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
 CENTRE VIEW

The last time voters elected a new representative to Virginia's 37th State Senate district in Western Fairfax County was during an August 2002 special election.

Republican Ken Cuccinelli, winning just over 10,000 votes, was the victor in that contest. A little over 18,000 residents participated overall, though the district included well over 100,000 eligible voters at the time.

Despite the low voter turnout, Cuccinelli was able to capitalize on the success of that first political victory seven years ago. He went on to win two more State Senate elections and, last month, Cuccinelli was elected to be Virginia's next Attorney General.

Before he can take on the duties of his new statewide office in January, Cuccinelli must step down from his State Senate seat.

Former Fairfax County School Board member Steve Hunt, a Republican, and Del. Dave Marsden (D-41) are vying to replace Cuccinelli in the 37th State Senate District.

They will face off in a special election Jan. 12, a contest that history shows us is likely to determine who is the state senator for the next several years.

THE 37TH SENATE District includes Chantilly, Centreville as well as parts of Fairfax, Fairfax Station, Burke and Springfield. Local political observers consider it to lean Republican, though its electorate has also favored Democrats in some recent elections.

Cuccinelli beat his Democratic opponent by slim margin of 92 votes during the most recent 37th District State Senate contest in 2007. In 2008, President Barack Obama also won the 37th Senate District with 55 percent of the

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Learning To Put a Human Face on Immigration Issue

BY BONNIE HOBBS
 CENTRE VIEW

Right from the start, the Centreville Immigration Forum wanted to get as close as possible to — not just the immigration issue in Centreville — but the immigrants, themselves. Here, both doors and hearts were open, and the members realized they could better help local immigrants if they knew more about them.

CIF member Al Fuentes teaches a course on Conflict, Trauma and Healing at GMU and, as part of it, he had his students interact with the Centreville day laborers. They talked with the men outside the Centreville Regional Library and learned about their struggles, hardships and challenges in this place far from their homes and

loved ones.

"The experience with the day laborers put a human face on what we'd been studying in class," said Fuentes. "It gave the students different perspectives and understanding. They learned their plight, what they're going through and how they're coping with it."

Most are from Guatemala, with some from Honduras and Mexico. The students spoke with them, one morning a week, plus one Sunday afternoon a month when the men

attended a free, English-language class at the library. One of the students, John George-Wheeler, an International Affairs major, shared what happened with the CIF.

"I lived and worked in the Dominican Republic for five months, so I was eager to use my Spanish again," he said. "I met with the day laborers twice and, at the end, we played a soccer game."

Initially participating were 15 day laborers in the ESL class, eight

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GMU student John George-Wheeler (on left) addresses the Centreville Immigration Forum while his teacher, Al Fuentes, listens.

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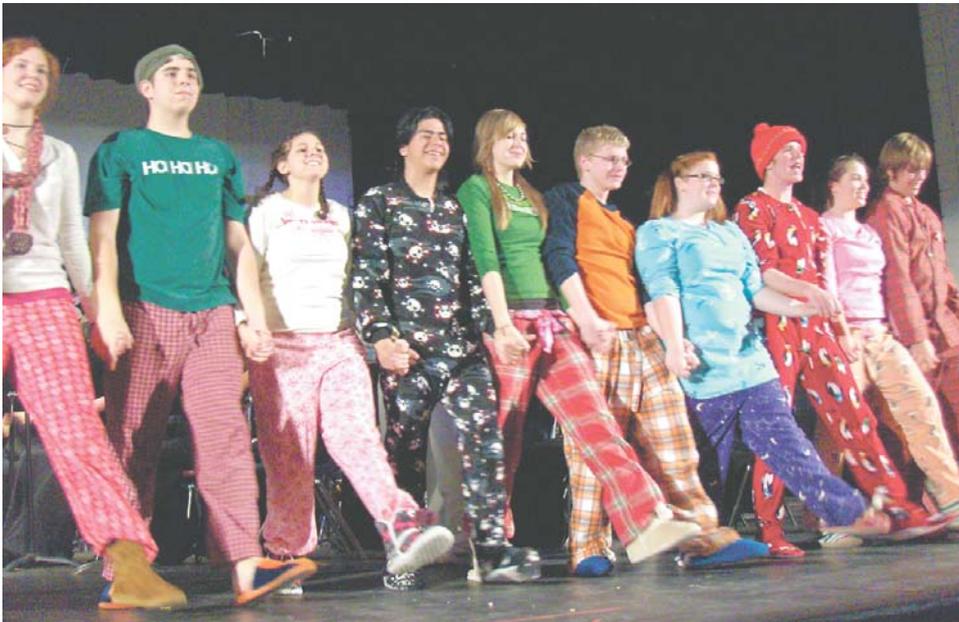


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Chantilly High Rings in the Holidays



Nearly 300 Chantilly High choral, band, theater and orchestra students entertained local children last Wednesday, Dec. 9, during the school's annual Tiny Tots holiday program.



Chantilly High Students Get Dose of 'Reality'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Students at Chantilly High don't yet have to worry about earning a living and supporting a family. But someday they will, so — with staff and program provided by Northwest Federal Credit Union — all the seniors participated recently in an exercise called Reality Store.

"We were given scenarios of our future life — family, kids, occupation, salary, daycare cost, student loans, child-support payments, etc.," said senior Shevy Chaganti. "To show us how to be fiscally responsible, we had to think about everything that goes in a normal, household budget — from entertainment to insurance."

Ben Kekoler was a loan officer at a bank and was married, with a child on the way. "You got to choose your house, type of car, amount of insurance and determine your monthly expenses," he said. "But you had to decide, for example, how much you wanted to eat out vs. eat in, go to movies or join a gym."

He chose a condo, kept his old, paid-off car and bought a new, but cheap, Honda Civic. He made \$77,000/year and his wife stayed home, but he still had financial problems. "At the end of the month, I had \$91 left over," said Kekoler. "So once the baby came, we couldn't eat out anymore or go to the movies. And we had to buy cheaper cell-phone and cable ser-

vice."

Colleen Cook was married and had three children; together, she and her husband made \$112,000/year. "I factored in health, dental and life insurance and then decided to live in a house," she said. "We were buying a three-bedroom, two-bathroom house for \$450,000."

She cut back on entertainment, spending just \$9/month on Netflix because "the \$1,600/month babysitting fee for my kids was killing my budget. I put money into a savings account, my husband took a bus to work and I kept my old car. So we took the cheapest transportation possible and ate in, at least five meals a week."

Chaganti and her husband both worked and had two children. "He was a truck driver and, together, we made about \$77,000/year," she said. "I had flexible hours because I couldn't afford to pay for daycare for my preschool and toddler kids."

They took out certain percentages of their total income, after taxes, for savings and retirement. And they rented a two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment that came with a free, gym membership — "which was our only entertainment," said Chaganti. "And we kept our paid-off car, had no vacations and ate at home."

They, too, had tough times. Said Chaganti: "We had \$900 in savings and didn't use credit cards. But at the end of the month, we were at

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— Shevy Chaganti

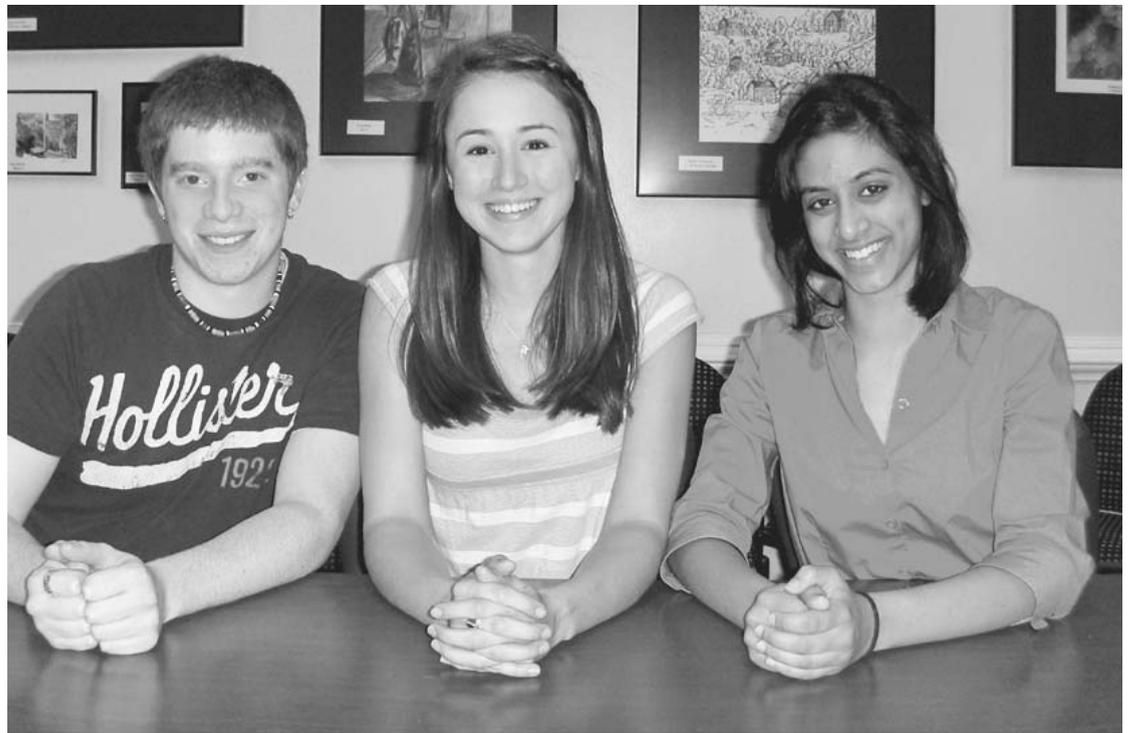


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From left are three Reality Store participants, Chantilly High students Ben Kekoler, Colleen Cook and Shevy Chaganti.

minus \$15, so my husband had to get a part-time job."

Kekoler called the exercise eye-opening: "To us, it was a game; but our parents have to go through this every month to figure out how they're going to pay for us."

"I learned that you have to be smart and not spend your money on every, little thing you want — or as soon as you get your paycheck, it's gone," he said. "After high school, life gets a lot harder. High school is safe; afterward, you have to figure out how you're going to live and how you're going to keep your money."

"You need to have a plan, and it's advantageous to start early, like in high school," said Cook. "Growing up in Fairfax County — the

richest county in the country — I lived in a bubble and always assumed everyone had a nice house and lots of money and didn't have any trouble paying their bills."

"But that's not what the real world is like," she continued. "The lady putting on the session said the scenarios we were given were people's actual, real lives. I was surprised by all the little things you pay for, like cell phone, cable and utility bills."

Chaganti learned it helps to have a savings account. "We got chance cards, giving us, for example, a broken toilet," she said. "And after that, and entertainment, we didn't have any money left. And things like bad credit and student loans restrict you for life and af-

fect you, many years into the future."

"It's the awareness of 5 bucks here and \$14 there," she said. "All these things we take for granted, and ask our parents money for, really add up. It's really important to keep track of what money you're spending — especially with credit cards, because it's so easy to fall into debt — and that idea isn't prevalent with teen-agers."

Right now, said Chaganti, "We're on the brink of looking at colleges, and our parents are taking care of us. But we're about to be responsible for our own lives and we don't have the experience, yet, to say no to people trying to sell us stuff. So it's really important to know what's coming up in our lives."

Suspect Dies in Fairfax County Jail

A 44-year-old inmate at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center died two days after being arrested at Fair Oaks Mall. Police say Paul Antonio Calvan of 4873 A South 28th St. in Arlington, was found unconscious, Monday, Dec. 14, with a bed sheet wrapped around his neck.

Around midnight, a deputy made a routine check and found the inmate fine and nothing amiss. But about 12 minutes later, Calvan was discovered with one end of the sheet around his neck and the other end tied to a metal grate in the cell door.

Authorities entered the cell, untied the sheet and immediately began CPR. Calvan was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he was pronounced dead at approximately 9:56 p.m. Police say no foul play is suspected, but crime-scene technicians and detectives are investigating the death.

He came to the jail after police arrested him last Saturday, Dec. 12. Police say a 20-year-old woman reported a man videotaping her while she was in the

dressing room of a specialty store at Fair Oaks Mall on Friday, Dec. 11, shortly after 7 p.m.

She heard a noise, looked down and noticed a bag with a hole in it under the door of her dressing room. When she realized there was a camera in the bag, she opened the door and saw a man carrying that bag while running from the dressing-room area. She notified store management who called police, and his description was given to officers assigned specifically to the mall.

Then on Dec. 12, around 5 p.m., mall officers were alerted to a man matching that description in the same store. Officers assigned to the plain-clothes, Retail Anti-theft Team responded. They located and arrested the man, who was still in possession of the video camera.

They identified him as Calvan and transported him to jail, where he was charged with two counts of unlawful filming, videotaping or photographing another person.



Historic Society's Dinner

Members of the Historic Centreville Society gather at their Dec. 7 Holiday Dinner, held at Mt. Gilead in the historic district. Above are, from left, Mildred DeBell, Ted McCord and Brenda DeJarnette.

Race To Replace Cuccinelli: Hunt vs. Marsden

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vote.

However, this past November, 37th District voters appeared solidly in the Republican camp. Virginia's Gov.-elect Bob McDonnell (R) won 57 percent of the vote in the State Senate District during the 2009 general election.

Approximately 1,900 people also showed up to participate in the seat's Republican primary on Dec. 1, a much higher turnout than local Republican activists expected.

In a three-way race, Hunt won the Republican primary with 955 votes, just over 50 percent of all ballots cast. Opponent Marianne Horinko garnered 479 votes, approximately 25 percent of all ballots cast, and another candidate, William Nance, collected 469 votes, also about 25 percent of all ballots cast.

Fairfax County Republican Committee Chairman Anthony Bedell said Hunt's large primary victory over two other people should give the candidate momentum headed into the special election. The Republican, who was an at-large member of the School Board from 2004-07, also has more name recognition than many other candidates would.

But many people said the Republicans can take nothing for granted in a special election, where very few people are expected to show up at the polls.

"Special elections are always unpredictable."

— Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield)

"Special elections are always unpredictable. It is always about who comes out," said Supervisors Patrick Herry (R-Springfield), who is backing Hunt in the election.

MARSDEN, who has been a member of the House of Delegates since 2005, is also an unusual Democrat. The candidate was, in fact, an active Republican for most of his life.

Marsden worked for his Republican predecessor in the General Assembly, Del. Jim Dillard (R-41). He also served as a political appointee, the head of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, in former Republican Gov. Jim Gilmore's administration.

Marsden decided to switch political parties as a result of his experience working for both Gilmore and Gov. Mark Warner (D). The candidate



Del. Dave Marsden (D-41) is running for state senate.

was still running the commonwealth's juvenile justice agency when the Warner replaced Gilmore in 2002.

"I was in the Gilmore administration and they were very narrowly focused on some very ill-advised public policy matters. The Warner administration was so good when it came in. ... They were interested in helping those of us who were running agencies. They wanted to make us better at what we did and that was very inspiring," said Marsden.

MARSDEN considers himself a political centrist who said he could appeal to moderate Republicans and independent voters.

As a Democrat in the House of Delegates, he voted to eliminate the estate tax, which he saw as barrier for people who want to pass on small family businesses and farms to their children to run.

In the midst of this economic downturn, Marsden has also said he would be very reluctant to raise taxes. Instead, he thinks the General Assembly should focus on providing incentives to the business community, which would create new job and ultimately improve Virginia's economy.

Even when Virginia is short on state funds, Marsden is in favor of preserving the "Governor's opportunity fund," which provides financial help to businesses willing to bring new jobs to Virginia. Unlike many other Democrats in the State Senate, Marsden is opposed to raising the gasoline tax to help fund transportation, he said.

"We are going to using less and less gasoline. It is not the world's greatest source for transportation funding," said Marsden.

The Democrat's re-election this past November also proved that he is appealing to some Republican voters in the 37th State Senate seat. As a state delegate, Marsden currently represents just about 28 percent of Cuccinelli's district already.

During the 2009 election, Marsden won re-election by a slim margin of just 1 per-



Former At-large school board member Steve Hunt, a Republican, is running for state senate.

cent. But McDonnell won Marsden's seat by 10 percentage points on the same day, indicating the several hundred voters who favored McDonnell also decided to vote for Marsden.

BUT SEVERAL REPUBLICANS said Hunt is a far better choice than Marsden for people who are interested in keeping taxes low.

Hunt has signed a "no new taxes" pledge, a commitment that Marsden has not made. Other Republicans point out that Marsden has voted to raise taxes and fees several times over the last four years as a member of the House of Delegates.

For example, Marsden voted in favor of the 2007 transportation-funding package, which allowed local governments to implement an array of new taxes, including those on commercial real estate and vehicle repairs.

"I am hearing that people want government to stop intruding in their lives," said Hunt. "They want government to stop trying to do things for them and to let them do things for themselves."

If elected, the Republican said his priorities for the state budget would lean toward "core services" like public safety and transportation, which only the government can provide.

Hunt also considers education to be a core service of the government, though he said a lot more could be done to spend public education dollars more effectively.

"We have to make sure more education money is getting into the classroom. You don't get a more effective education system by just continually throwing money at it," said Hunt, who added that he has first-hand knowledge of Fairfax County Public Schools' wasteful spending as a former School Board member.

Hunt is also in favor of promoting charter school alternatives, an initiative

McDonnell and Obama have also publicly supported.

"I think there needs to be an alternative in the way we present public education, and I think charter schools are good options, especially in areas where the regular school system is struggling," said Hunt.

Hunt's other proposals for education reform include more "pay-for-performance" measures for public school teachers and principals. Specifically, Hunt would like to create a bonus or incentive pay system for elementary school principals whose former students excel academically in middle school.

"If students from an elementary school are performing particularly well in middle school, a principal should be awarded for that," said Hunt.

HUNT is considered a conservative when it comes to social issues.

The Republican has worked as an abstinence counselor for high school students, asking them to wait until after marriage to have sex. As a School Board member, he advocated to have some references to contraception and birth control removed from a sexuality pamphlet distributed to Fairfax County students.

While on the Fairfax County School Board, Hunt also pushed for speakers who described themselves as former homosexuals to come speak to local high school students.

The Republican is pro-life and would likely favor most legislation that restricted access to abortion in Virginia.

Hunt also said he would support bills that allowed people to carry concealed guns into Virginia bars and restaurants, as long as they refrained from drinking alcohol. Currently, restaurant and bar patrons are required to wear a weapon "exposed" when they enter a bar or restaurant so that other patrons and the establishment's staff can see that they were armed.

"We need to stop treating law-abiding citizens as if they were guilty first. We should treat people who have not broken the law as people who have not broken the law," said Hunt about the conceal weapon issue.

Marsden and other Democrats said Hunt's views on social issues are out of the mainstream, particularly for residents living in the 37th Senate District. But Hunt points out that Cuccinelli shares many of Hunt's conservative views on social issues and has represented the district for seven years. He also added that the 37th State Senate District voted in favor of Virginia's constitutional ban on gay marriage.

Moreover, Republicans insist that social issues are not a priority for voters in turbulent economic times like these.

"The issues that matter right now in Northern Virginia are the budget and taxes and how we are going to deal with funding transportation and education. ... I don't know any survey of top issues that includes the divisive social stuff Dave Marsden seems to want to focus on," said Herry.

OPINION

Happy Holidays

A time to reflect, a time to share.

For the observant of any faith, and even for the more secular among us, the close of the year brings ritual, magic, reflection and hope.

In events around the area, a sense of community has infused holiday parades, Christmas tree lightings, menorah lightings, choral performances, singing of carols, and other traditional events with warmth and joy.

In Great Falls, it was the 19th lighting of the Christmas tree, with holiday songs by the Langley Madrigals. In Reston, Santa arrived by boat across Lake Anne in a snow squall. In Alexandria, the Scottish Christmas Walk announced the beginning of the season despite the wet snow. In Clifton, the Christmas spirit was celebrated in a candlelight homes tour, among other events. In Fairfax, one congregation built a 7-foot-tall menorah out of Legos. And in every community, volunteers have come together to provide food, clothing and some holiday cheer for the needy.

2009 has been a challenging year for many families, businesses, schools, charitable organizations. As the year comes to an end, we can count our blessings. Here in the Washington suburbs most of us have been spared the intense difficulties of the economic downturn. We'll all likely to welcome 2010 with optimism

and relief.

Next week between Christmas and New Years, look for our annual Children's Connection, when we turn our entire paper over to the contributions of area students — artwork of many kinds, poetry and other writing. Our next regular edition will come out the week of Jan. 4, 2010.

From the all the staff here, we wish you a merry Christmas, a happy Hanukkah, joyful holidays and a wonderful beginning to the New Year.

— MARY KIMM

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Give Locally

Remember that more local families are in need right now than ever before; thankfully, most of us are in a position to help. It's not too late to brighten the holidays for a needy family as many organizations are reporting record demand for holiday meals and help with providing children at least one present. The need will continue into the New Year as well.

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(Top row, left to right): Mrs. Claudia Wolf, Christophe Perdu, Robert Dinh, Tom Chester and Zac Gorak. (Front row, left to right): Jenny Jung, Sabrina DeWald, Alejandro Valenzuela, Shannon O'Grady, Erin Mason, Maria Barrios, Dan Rowen. Not pictured: Min Suk Kim.

PVI Debate Team Starts Strong

The Paul VI Catholic High School Debate team recently competed in the monthly competition for the Washington Arlington Catholic Forensics League at Westfield High School. Under the guidance of moderator Claudia Wolf, the PVI teams performed extremely well. Seniors Shannon O'Grady and Zac Gorak placed 6th out of 26 Varsity teams. An Honorable Mention went to junior Maria Barrios and sophomore Alejandro Valenzuela for ranking 20th out of 68 JV teams.

Paul VI Junior Classical League Places in Certamen Competition

Paul VI Catholic High School's chapter of the Junior Classical League recently competed at the Riverbend Certamen. The PVI teams had a great time, and brought back a trophy. The Latin III team of Juan



Thanksgiving Together

Colin Powell Elementary celebrated Thanksgiving on Thursday, Nov. 19 with a lunch for parents and children. Pictured are: Kindergartner Jenna Cha with her mom Joanne.



Pictured are Juan Fernandez, Hope Racine and Lucy Holden with their trophy, along with JCL moderator Mr. Matthew Moore.

Fernandez, Lucy Holden and Hope Racine took fourth place, and the AP Team of Will Mecklenburg, Dana Chessman, Nicole Simon and Clare Smith took seventh.

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SCHOOLS

Pranavi Kotagiri of Centreville graduated from the 2009 Governor's School of Agriculture held at Virginia Tech on June 28 to July 25. Kotagiri, a junior from Centreville High School, was one of 96 rising junior and senior high school students from across the commonwealth selected to participate in the month-long summer residential program.

Elizabeth Reed of Centreville was selected to play Mae for the University of Mary Washington production of "Reefer Madness." Reed is the daughter of Paul and Carroll Reed of Centreville and is a 2007 graduate of Westfield High School. She is a junior English and elementary education major. She has previously appeared in the UMW productions of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" as Protean, "The Tempest" as Prospero, "bobrauschenbergamerica" as Bob's Mother, and "Elegies: A Song Cycle."

More than 700 students at Chantilly High School learned the importance of saving and spending money wisely when the Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation (NWFCU Foundation) presented the Reality Store to the senior class of Chantilly High School on Oct. 14.

The Reality Store, a budget simulation workshop, assigns individuals a future life scenario that includes financial and familial status. Using the life scenario, students create a budget by making choices on expenditures for everyday living expenses, such as housing, transportation and food. Students attending the workshop faced the reality of making real life budgetary choices and the importance of making wise financial decisions. The students were assisted by 56 volunteers including NWFCU employees and members, local school teachers and administrators, parents and community volunteers.

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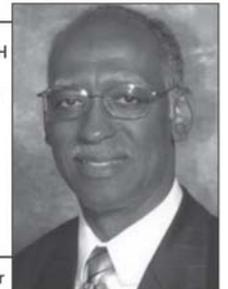
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WORTH NOTING

To have community events listed in Centre View, e-mail to centreview@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412.

WINTER BREAK

Winter Break Animation Camp. Stop Motion Animation Camp for children ages 8-11. Children will create their own cartoon character, motion toys, take pictures for their production and develop an art project. Two sessions of two days each: Dec. 23 and 24, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Dec. 30-31, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. At Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church, Chantilly. Cost is \$130 for one; \$220 for both sessions (includes supplies). Call 703-327-9370 or visit www.artsmartstudio.biz.

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ONGOING

Music Education Program. Offered through St. Johns Episcopal Church through the Royal School of Church Music. Learn to sing, read music and music theory. Grades 1-5 meet Sundays at 12:15 p.m. for rehearsal and study; Grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for rehearsal and study. At 5649 Mt. Gilead Road,

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Neighborhood Watch Training

Dates — The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering four training dates in 2010, for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 p.m. in the roll call room and will last approximately two hours. These opportunities are designed for communities that want to expand their existing Neighborhood Watch participation, those who wish to begin a new Watch program or those who would like a refresher course. We look forward to serving you and maintaining the quality of community and police partnerships that we have both come to depend on and enjoy.

The training dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010
- Tuesday, April 20, 2010
- Tuesday, July 20, 2010
- Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 23

“Ho-Ho Show.” 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. A student-directed and produced children’s theater show with 100 students comprised of snippets and well-loved holiday stories. Presented by Westfield High School theater. Tickets are \$5/person; \$12/families up to four. At Westfield High School.

THURSDAY/DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Services. Three services: 5 p.m. is for preschool age and young children; 7:30 and 11 p.m. are traditional candlelight services. At Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224

night Shabbat service with Cantor Zucker at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3 on Jan. 15, 2009 at 8 p.m.

For more information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit www.yadshalom.com.

Temple Beth Torah is a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) that meets at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Centreville. Religious school is held at the Goddard School in Chantilly. The congregation offers the Northern Virginia Jewish community services that provide numerous spiritual, educational, support and social opportunities including religious school for member children age 3 through Bar/Bat Mitzvah and confirmation. The congregation welcomes all members of the community to attend any of

Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. Go to www.cof-umc.org or call 703-620-1977.

TUESDAY/DEC. 29

IONA Performs. 1 or 2 p.m. Celtic group with Scottish fiddling. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Call 703-427-1794.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 30

Ship’s Company Chanteymen. 1 or 2 p.m. Performing songs of the sea and soulful ballads to Sully. Tickets are \$10. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Call 703-427-1794.

FRIDAY/JAN. 1

Swing Dancing Pajama Party. 8:30-9 p.m. beginning swing lesson; 9 p.m. to midnight dancing. \$15 admission. With the theme, Milk and Cookies Pajama Party and the band, Eight to the Bar. (Wear your pajamas). At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Visit www.gottaswing.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Open House. Sponsored by Centreville Preschool Inc. Registration packets will be available for the 2010-2011 school year. Morning and afternoon co-op and non co-op classes are available to children who turn 3 or 4 by Sept. 30, 2010. A beginners non co-op morning class is offered to children who turn 2 1/2 by Sept. 30. At 13196 Braddock Road, Centreville. Call 703-830-5656 or email register@centrevillepreschool.com.

our services or events. For more information, a newsletter, or a membership package, call 703-263-2252 or visit www.BethTorah.net.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church’s second location, 13421 Twin Lakes Dr., Clifton, is now open. Everyone is invited to worship services at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Call the church office at 703-323-9500 or go to www.lordoflifelutheran.com.

Shalom Jewish Children is a fun, hands-on Jewish educational program for young children based on experiential learning. Each session is about Jewish holidays, values and celebrations. Meets in Centreville at the Rocky Run Recreation Center. Contact Gloria Pioso at yadshalom@yadshalom.com or call 703-579-6079.

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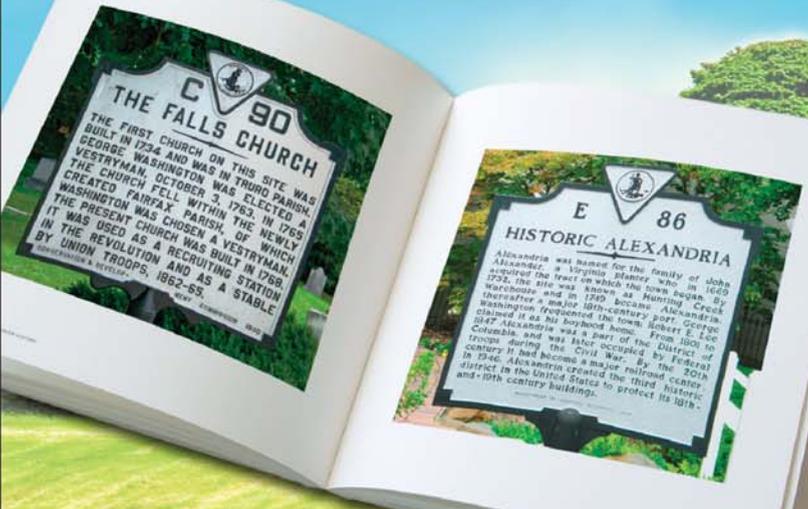
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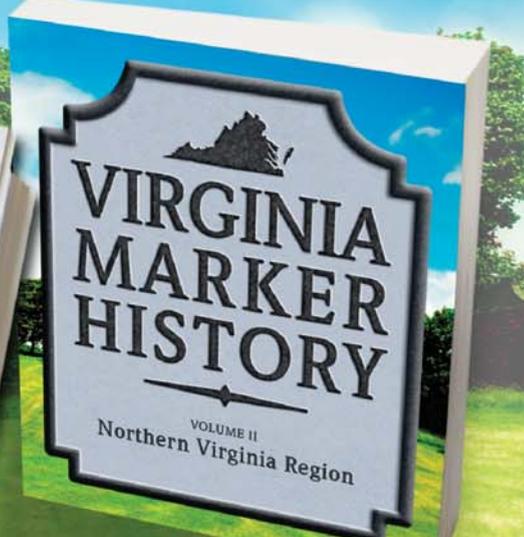
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NEWS

Human Perspective on Immigration

From students, Fuertes and Spanish-speaking CIF member Connie Rojas. "In the beginning, we weren't all comfortable," said George-Wheeler. "But the day laborers' interest and eagerness to learn English made it easier for us to teach them."

"We wanted to delve into their stories and backgrounds and find out about their countries and families and how they liked the U.S.," he continued. "At first, they were reluctant to answer, but eventually they opened up a bit. They said things I could relate to when I was away from home. They missed their families, foods, weather, mountains or beaches, depending on where they were from."

The students found out why the men left their homes in the first place and, said George-Wheeler, "That really gave the immigrant problem a face and more depth. Later, during the soccer game, we stepped into their comfort zone because they were so much better at it than us — and that was cool."

Fuertes said the students and day laborers were able to establish rapport and, at the end, "The ambience between them became very warm and friendly."

"I wasn't surprised that we could have some camaraderie," said George-Wheeler. "But I was a little surprised that we were trusted and accepted by the day laborers as people who didn't want anything from them, except to learn. That was also the best part."

THROUGH TRANSLATOR Rojas, Guatemalan immigrant Jose Luis Lucas said the day laborers weren't afraid "because they were students, so they knew they weren't going to turn them in to the police."

Also via Rojas, another day laborer, Jacinto Sanchez, called it "a nice, pleasant experience — not strange in any way. It's a blessing from God that we're able to learn English for free. We can't pay you money for it but, someday, God will pay you."

Similarly, immigrant Domingo Guzman expressed his thanks, saying he believes God sent the CIF members to help him with food and medicine. In exchange, he sent them all "many blessings." And Fuertes said the whole discussion inspired him to continue studying the local immigrants in another class he's teaching next year.

Alice Foltz of Wellspring United Church of Christ, which sponsors the forum, said hearing the day la-

borers' stories was "also a way we could know each other and heal. We learned some of them had fled from difficult situations and seen family members killed. Another man came here so he could get money to send his children to college. I think it's a way of respecting each other as human beings that we listen to each other's stories. It makes for a healthy community."

Fuertes said the experience made his students question themselves and think again about their advantages and what it means to be an American. "Many said they had previously identified with their parents' positions on the [illegal] immigrant problem in America. But once they got to know the day laborers, they saw them as human beings. Some also said there should be a day laborer center where they could gather."

Lucas said he thought amnesty would be best because "then we could start paying our taxes and supporting our community." Add Rojas: "You don't leave your native country if you can survive. You leave because you're poor and it's dangerous there."

VOLUNTEER ESL teacher Jennifer Timmons said, "I think the compassion is here for undocumented people without papers. But there has to be some kind of protection for them. If they're sick and need treatment, they need to be able to get it, or we're doing them a disservice."

Agreeing, Foltz said, "Sometimes they work and don't get paid, so that's not humane and not good. Something should also be done to help their home countries to better them so they won't have to flee. We need to do this by changing our policies so we can help their countries."

Locally, she said, there are four churches that offer ESL classes, but more Spanish teachers are needed. She also noted that the Jeannie Schmidt Free Clinic is expanding and moving to Old Centreville Road in Herndon, "so it'll be closer to Centreville and more accessible for people here. But it mostly serves children."

Now that the weather is so cold, Foltz told the forum members, "There's also a need for shelter, so we should think about where the day laborers can go during the day, to keep warm, if they can't get into their homes 'til night. Think and pray about this and maybe we can come up with some solutions."

ROUNDUPS

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 7 and Jan. 21, 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. However, because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be

inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the proper use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

Clarification

In the "Parents Examine Boundaries" story in the Dec. 17 Centre View, Al Francese was misidentified; he represents Union Mill Elementary and is co-chair of the Liberty and Other Sites Subcommittee that's part of the Southwestern Regional Planning Study.

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The Centreville Rotary Club has moved its meeting location from the I-Hop in Centreville to the EggsSpectations Restaurant in Chantilly. The Rotary Club meets Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 p.m. for lunch.

There is a new guest speaker every week with topics ranging from estate planning to how the Rotary helps during emergencies. Contact Gregg Caldwell at gregg@gandcauto.com.

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Slow Starts Befuddle Bulldogs

Despite strong second-half play, Westfield lacks first-half production.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

In Marcellus Holley's career as a Westfield basketball player, he's never experienced a more frustrating start to a basketball season.

With the team at 1-6 and losing their games by slim margins after poor first-quarter play, no one can blame the senior for being disheartened.

"We're not used [to] starting games like this," the senior said. "I haven't seen us start a season like this either."

In recent games, the crisp three-touch passing plays the Bulldogs execute during the first half don't produce points and shots careen of the rim instead of draining through the net. Breakaways and turnovers lead to points in transition for the opposing team and before long Westfield finds itself clawing out of a deficit.

"We just come out slow and flat and get in a hole," head coach Doug Ewell said.

In the second half, the problems from the first half seemingly vanish as the Bulldogs bring themselves within striking distance of their opponent.

"I guess we just need to start acting like we're losing by 10 at the start of the game," Holley said. "It seems like we don't wake up until we get smacked in the mouth. We're never giving the first

blow, we're always taking it."

THE BULLDOGS ENDURED another slow-start turned late-finish on Dec. 16 against South Lakes.

After falling behind 24-8 in the first quarter, the Bulldogs rallied behind Zach Elcano's 19-point performance and outscored the Seahawks in the remaining three quarters 60-47.

"We had nothing to lose so we had to leave it all on the court," Holley said. "We needed have some respect in our game [and finish hard]."

With 18.9 seconds left, the Bulldogs came within one point but were not able to wrestle the lead away from South Lakes.

The comeback attempt fell short as the Bulldogs went on to lose 71-68.

"[The team] needs to come out with the same intensity and emotion in the first half as they do in the second half," Ewell said.

WHATEVER THE PROBLEM is, Ewell is looking for answers from his team.

"I've been saying it's inexperience after each loss," he said. "But it's got to come to a point where it's not experience."

Sophomore Elcano, who is starting on the varsity for his first season, recognizes the team's tendency to start slow.

"We need to learn how to start a game off better," Elcano said. "We need to figure out how to play 32 minutes. It's just what we need to do to win."

The problems aren't just limited to a lack of hustle in the first half.

"Finishing around the basket would help out a lot," Elcano said. "Maybe we can get better shot selection or get the ball closer to the rim."



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Danny Fenyak closely guards South Lakes' Ramin Shaheedian in the Bulldogs 71-68 loss on Dec. 16.

By the Numbers

Despite the 1-6 record, Westfield has managed to keep its games close, but in the Bulldog's losses, first quarter play has been their stumbling block.

5 points — average point differential in losses.

1-5-1 — team's record if only the first quarter of play were counted.

8 points — average deficit after first quarter of play in losses.

7.5 points — average points after one quarter of play in losses.

With the slow start still plaguing the team, Ewell is hopeful his team's strong second-half play will become the norm.

"We're getting close," he said. "It's all about finishing and if we just start better, it will make finishing easier."



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Westfield's Rashaad Gadson looks down court for a passing line while being defended by a South Lakes player.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Cardinals End Season on High Note

The Cardinals Red U-9 SYA youth soccer team finished a stellar youth soccer season with by winning the Bethesda Soccer Tournament in Poolesville, Ma., claiming the title of Chesapeake Division champions. The Cardinals also claimed a tournament victory in August when they finished first at the Dulles National Tournament.

Championship Season for SYA Wildcats

On Nov. 14, the SYA 110-pound Central A Wildcats ended their 2009 football season with a County Championship at Marshall High School.

The Wildcats defeated the Vienna Tigers 8-6 to claim the title. The team's final record was 8-1, which includes four shutout games against opponents.

The Wildcats were coached by

John Hagan, Doug Peterson, Tom Healy and Terry Green.

U-13 Soccer Try Outs

The U-13 South Riding Storm girls soccer team that currently competes in Washington Area Girls Soccer Division 4 will be holding try-outs throughout the winter season.

If you are interesting in trying out for this Chantilly/Centreville/South Riding based team, please contact coach Jeff Rush at jeffrush@verizon

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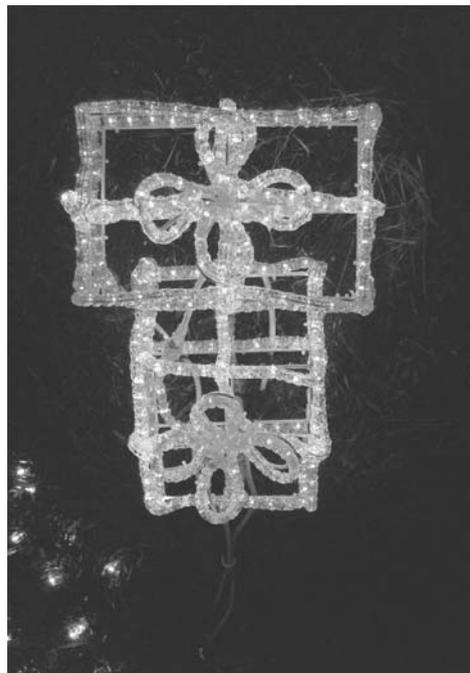
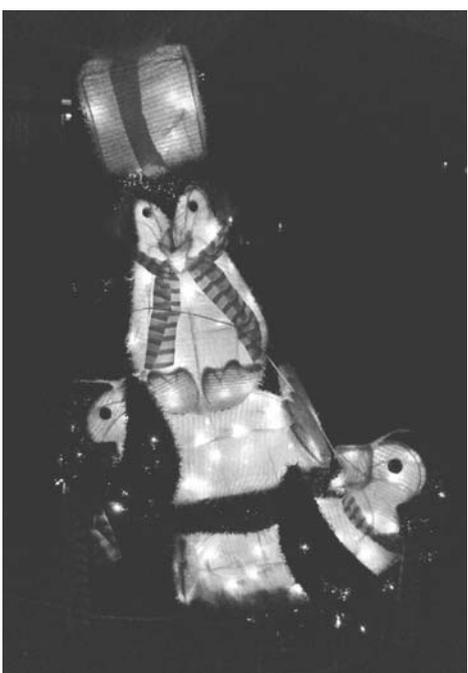
The Cardinals Red won two tournaments in their fall 2009 season.

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'Tis the Season...



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

To be thankful. Let's be realistic; I'm a stage IV lung cancer patient/survivor, eight months into a treatment protocol with a life expectancy initially projected out to between 13 months and two years, so jolly isn't really in the discussion – or in my vocabulary any more. Still, I'm not complaining, just providing a little context for the rest of this column.

It's post-Thanksgiving Sunday and now that the food and festivities are mostly finished (and work looms tomorrow, Monday, for many), reality has once again reared its ugly head. Life goes on (for me, Thank God!) but to not be thankful every day for the "above average"/relative good medical fortune I've experienced (since receiving my quite unexpected diagnosis last March) would be disrespectful to those very Gods who likely control my fate.

Whatever mental exercises in futility I employ to defeat these death-defying cancer demons, I do so without their expressed written consent. It is a battle royal every day (more so the nights) and no doubt it will be a battle to the end, or at least that's my intention. And one of my unique weapons in this war against attrition is my attitude. Inherited from my parents, I guess, programmed somehow into my DNA, I can fight this fight with positive – and realistic optimism, good humor and good sense. But "jolly" I can no longer be, regardless of the season. Thankful though, at every opportunity, I can and will be this holiday season.

And not that I think this "holiday season" will be my last. Hardly. But as a cancer patient, one of the attitudes you are encouraged to embrace is "today." I can still remember Team Lourie's first meeting with my oncologist (how can I forget?) when, after listening to the doctor's reading/reviewing of all my medical reports/scans and biopsy, ending in the diagnosis with which many of you regular readers are intimately familiar, I replied, "Wow, it doesn't sound like I should be working any more;" to which the doctor added, "And you might want to consider taking that vacation you've always wanted to." ("WHAT!?", in my head.) From that moment (the beginning, if you will), it was communicated to me/us (my wife, my brother and me) that tomorrow (the future) has now left the building. At that point, the word "jolly" also left and went right out of my brain for evermore.

But it's eight months later, almost nine in fact, much has transpired in my treatment. I have "tolerated" (a semi medical term commonly used, in my experience, anyway, to describe the body's reaction to whatever the doctor/medication is doing to it) extremely, maybe even exceptionally well, all that my oncologist has "protooled." What happens next? What scenario might play out? It depends on everything that is dependent upon. Meaning, death and taxes – as they say, are all that's guaranteed, as opposed to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. One is a declaration, the other is a decree, almost.

Every day presents new challenges, mentally and physically. My attitude remains good, great even. "Jolly" it will never be, though. Thankful, it most certainly is.

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

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More information about the Bulldog Bash can be found at www.bulldogbash.tournament.com.

2009 Chantilly Basketball Classic

The 2009 edition of the Pohanka Chantilly Basketball Classic tips-off on Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. at Chantilly High School.

The tournament will feature both the boys' and girls' basketball teams facing off against a variety of opponents from the Northern Region.

Annandale, Edison, Falls Church, George Mason, Hylton, Loudon County, Mills Godwin, Mountain View, South County, Sewickley Academy, Thomas Jefferson and West Springfield are to take to the court for the tournament.

Tickets are \$5 for general admission, \$3 for Chantilly students with a Chantilly identification card and \$2 for children wearing a CYA Jersey (maximum three per paying adult).

Specific game time can be found at www.chantillysports.org.

Westfield Athletic Hall-of-Fame

The Westfield Athletic Boosters Club has announced the inaugural year for the Westfield Athletic Hall of Fame.

The mission of the Westfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize those athletes, teams, coaches and athletic administrators who have made significant achievements in a sport or sports, or who have made significant contributions through their performance, dedication, commitment or accomplishments.

In addition, the Westfield High School Athletic Hall of Fame is intended to foster pride and promote a tradition of athletic excellence and good sportsmanship.

The by-laws and application can be found on the boosters page of the athletic Web site, www.westfieldathletics.org, under the files tab. Nominations for the first inductees must be post marked by Feb. 1, 2010.

Westfield Basketball Tournament

Westfield High School will be hosting its eighth annual Bulldog Bash Holiday Basketball Tournament on Dec. 28, Dec. 29 and Dec. 30.

The tournament will feature some of the area's best high school basketball programs including teams from Roanoke and Pennsylvania.

The Bulldog boys are looking to defend their 2008 championship in the tournament, but will be tested by: Langley, Centreville, Flint Hill, Woodbridge, West Potomac, Freedom and Patrick Henry.

In the girls' competition, James Madison, Flint Hill, Potomac, Centreville, Freedom, St. Hubert's (Philadelphia) and reigning champion McDowell (Erie, Pa.) will be competing.

The tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 28 and the championship games will be played on Dec. 30 at 6:30 p.m. for the girls and 8 p.m. for the boys.

Admission is \$6 for a single day and a three-day admission pass can be purchased for \$15.

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Indoor Lacrosse Registration

Northern Virginia West Lacrosse (NoVa West) is currently in the process of registering for its indoor lacrosse season. The group is also accepting registrations for tryouts in its summer select teams, which include U11, U13, U15 and two levels of high school play. For more information about NoVa West Lacrosse's youth sports offerings for 2010, visit <http://www.novawestlax.com>.

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'Building Blocks' of Faith

Children of Chabad Lubavitch build menorah out of Legos.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
CENTRE VIEW

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 weekend, 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 traditional 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 congregation 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, 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 as part of the Chanukah season as their parents.

"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."

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Rabbi Levi Deitsch lights the Lego menorah at Fairfax Corner Sunday, Dec. 13.



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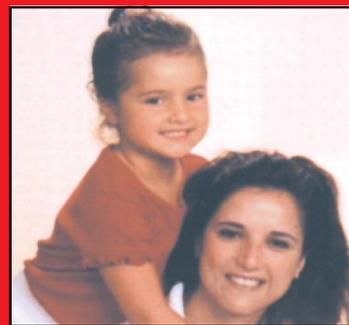
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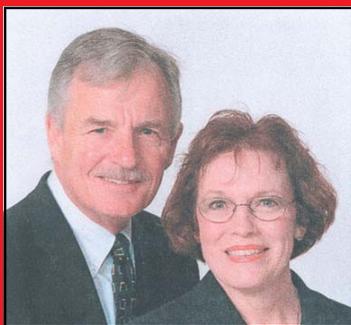
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