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More than 100 alumni and current students are performing in Westfield Theatre's 10-Year Cabaret, Jan. 16. They include (from left) 2008 grads Lindsay Thomas, Ben Reese, Jade Jones and Allison Wruk, plus 2009 grad Samantha Henry.

'A Decade of Excellence'

Westfield High presents 10-year cabaret.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Westfield alumni Branson Reese and Reeves McElveen re-creating their Cappie-winning scene from "Hamlet," theater grad Jade Jones belting out a song from "The Wiz" and a sneak peek at the school's upcoming musical, "West Side Story." All this and more are part of Westfield High's "10-Year Cabaret - A Decade of Excellence."

For one night only — Saturday, Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. — (snow date, Jan. 23), Westfield's Theatre Arts Department will celebrate a decade of the school's memorable performances as more than 100 former and current theater students reprise some 25 songs and scenes from past productions. Seating is reserved and \$10 tickets may be ordered online at www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com. Proceeds will go toward

upgrades of the auditorium's sound system.

"Alumni will be here from all over the country," said director Lori Knickerbocker. "we have kids flying in from Utah, Chicago and up and down the East Coast. Rehearsals were when they were home over Christmas break." Her son Kevin and Sarah Cowdery, both theater alums, helped her organize the show.

"We've been working on this several months because the logistics were pretty challenging," said Knickerbocker. "But it's been rewarding to see and catch up with everybody. It's really great to see the older and younger students together and know they're all part of the Westfield Theatre family. It doesn't matter what year they graduated — they all speak the same language."

"... it's been rewarding to see and catch up with everybody."

— Lori Knickerbocker, director

Some of the students' favorite numbers from 10 years of shows will be presented, with the original cast, where possible. "We picked things that would appeal to the general public," said Knickerbocker. "And the featured soloists are either still studying this or doing it professionally. The caliber of

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Festival To Honor Martin Luther King

CPMSAC holds annual event on Jan. 17.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Hundreds of students from local elementary, middle and high schools will gather Sunday, Jan. 17, in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achieve-

ment Committee (CPMSAC) will hold its 16th annual King Festival from 4-6 p.m. in the Westfield High auditorium. (Snow date is Jan. 24).

The free event is a blend of entertainment and education, as well as a showcase of the students' array of talents as they honor King and everything for which he stood. Co-chairs are Kim Graham, Brenda Johnson, Wanda Tanks-Gregory and Deneen Vaughn.

"This program is a way of carrying on Dr. King's legacy and main

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Food for the Needy

Nearly 10,000 cans donated.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
CENTRE VIEW

Usually, Paisano's is in the business of selling food — pizza, pasta and other Italian specialties. But for three weeks after Thanksgiving, it also focused on collecting food to give

to local people in need.

"People often give to national organizations, but we wanted to do something to help Fairfax County residents — people in our own backyard," said Fouad Qreitem, Paisano's president.

So he contacted St. Andrew the

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PHOTO BY ED FULGINITI
Shaking hands in front of some Paisano's automobiles filled with food are (from left) Father John Kelly and Fouad Qreitem, Paisano's president.

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The Westfield Dance Team performed "I Have a Dream" at last year's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Festival.

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

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taining awareness of his contributions," said Tanks-Gregory. "CPMSAC wants to invite the community to celebrate his life."

This year's theme is "We Dream a World of Love, Vision, Democracy and Hope," and each group or individual performing will illustrate one of these concepts. Westfield High Principal Tim Thomas will welcome the crowd, and two Chantilly High seniors, Malcolm Gregory and Alexis Askew, will be, respectively, the master and mistress of ceremonies.

The program is still being finalized, but several performers have already signed up. Franklin Middle School eighth-grader Jonesha Fullerton will sing, "When You Believe," and a 25-member chorus from Colin Powell Elementary will sing, "The Quest for Peace."

Greenbriar East Elementary's 30-person chorus will perform "Amani Utupe" (Grant us Peace, Grant us Courage). And the Virtuous Dance Ensemble will dance to Seal's version of "A Change is Gonna Come."

ROUNDUPS

Man Sentenced For Assault

A Penderbrook man has been sentenced to six months in jail for a Sept. 9 assault in Fair Oaks. He is Daniel Jimenez Munoz, 25, of 3909 Penderview Drive in Fairfax.

According to police, an 18-year-old woman was walking outside an apartment complex in the 12100 block of Polo Drive, around 10 p.m., when a man approached her and tried engaging her in conversation. She ignored him and continued walking, but he grabbed her and threatened her with a small knife.

The victim struggled with him and was able to break free. The man then fled on foot toward Monument Drive. The victim did not require medical attention. Police later released a composite sketch of the suspect and, on Sept. 15, a Fairfax County police officer recognized Munoz from that sketch. A subsequent investigation led to his arrest on assault and abduction charges.

Bringing 80 students each are Lees Corner and Brookfield elementaries. Lees Corner's fifth-grade chorus will perform, "I Have a Dream," and Brookfield's chorus will sing, "I Am But a Small Voice."

Rocky Run Middle seventh-grader Kathryn Young will perform a classical number on the piano, and the McNair Elementary Singers and Recorder Club will entertain with "There Will be Peace."

Three students, Elanna Gregory, Cameron Vaughn and Trent Pace, will read a poem in honor of King. Professional singers Tara Boyd, Anthony Ogburn and Elemeria Buckholder will also perform.

Several Westfield students will also take the stage. Devin Simpson will dance, as will the school's dance team, coordinated by coach Cindy Kilmer. The Westfield drumline will perform, guitarist and singer Clayton Mouzon will entertain, and Avery Hobbs and Taylor Aucott will sing a duet.

Also participating will be students from Centreville and Chantilly high schools, plus Oak Hill Elementary.

Munoz appeared Nov. 9 in General District Court and, at that time, his abduction charge was dropped. However, Judge Mitchell Mutnick found him guilty of assault and sentenced him to 360 days in jail, with 180 days suspended.

H1N1 Shots at Fair Oaks Hospital

Inova Health System is offering 2009 novel H1N1 vaccinations as well as seasonal influenza vaccinations to children and adults at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital.

❖ Saturday, Jan. 16 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the Medical Plaza Building Conference Room, 3700 Joseph Siewick Drive, Fairfax.

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The cost for the seasonal flu vaccine is \$25 per

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Sorting toys for packaging are (from left) Ross Lavin, Jeremy Ryan, Shawn Mordhorst, Steve Crouse and Kevin King. Crouse lives in Chantilly Highlands and the others are all college students and Westfield High grads.



Holding their home-baked cookies are Centreville High students (from left) Katie Dudzik, Allison Blumer, Emily Bullard, Molly MacDonnell, Danielle Stoffelen, Haley Esau, Shelby Reingruber, Gina Masters and Amanda Smith. Some 200 members of Centreville's SGA each made three dozen cookies for ONC.



Westfield High students gather to package the homemade cookies they baked for ONC. Each of the 100 SGA members made three dozen cookies.

Bringing Holiday Joy to Local Families

Because of Our Neighbor's Child and its volunteers, nearly 800 local families in need — including more than 2,300 children — received Christmas gifts this year. The photos show Centreville and Westfield students readying homemade cookies for each family, plus ONC volunteers packaging toys.



From left: Sue Kiely, Kym Sunday and Suzanne Olijar sort clothes for the ONC clothing "store" for recipient families.

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BONNIE HOBBS/
CENTRE VIEW

Sisters Kacey and Molly Cronin (from left) organized bikes, scooters and skateboards and matched them with helmets (pictured). Kacey is a Westfield High 2008 grad and Molly is a Westfield junior.



Verifying package-delivery information are (from left) caller Veronica Delaney of Sully Station II and Virginia Run residents Nicole Rogers, project leader for packaging day, and Melissa McKee, project leader for calling volunteers.



From left: Virginia Run's Bob Biagi and Victoria View's Bob Hager of Ourisman Automotive helped organize bikes. Biagi took over as bike coordinator this year, when last year's coordinator couldn't do it, at the last minute, and Ourisman donated several bikes.



ONC treasurer Karen Moore (on left) hands ONC clothing coordinator Denise McInerney a check from a local resident. Donations from the community helped furnish these coats for families in need.

ROUNDUPS

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person (cash or check accepted). The cost for the H1N1 vaccine is \$10 per person (cash or check accepted). Medicare Part B is also accepted for influenza and H1N1 vaccinations.

Call 703-750-8818 (or call 1-877-895-5BUG, toll-free) or visit inova.org/flu.

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.

Westfield Community Coalition

The Westfield Community Coalition will meet Monday, Jan. 11, at 6 p.m., at Moe's Southwest Grill, 505 Westone Plaza in Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com.

Man Pleads Guilty to Abduction

A Fairfax man has pleaded guilty to abducting a 25-year-old Fairfax woman. He is Wilson Boteo Barahona, 22, of 12111 Polo Drive, No. 124. The crime occurred Aug. 18, around 6:15 a.m., in the 12200 block of Pender Creek Circle.

Fairfax County police said the victim was exercising in the community gym and, as she left, a man grabbed her from behind. She screamed and he covered her mouth. A brief struggle ensued and he fled without injuring her. However, several hours later, witnesses directed officers to a bicycle-riding man who matched the suspect's description.

Police charged Boteo Barahona, 22, with assault and abduction by force. On Nov. 4 in General District Court, the assault charge was dropped, and Judge Stuart Davis sent the abduction to the grand jury. Boteo Barahona was indicted for that offense on Nov. 16 and pleaded guilty, Dec. 8, in Circuit Court. He's slated for sentencing, Feb. 12, by Judge Charles Maxfield.

Bad Check Yields Jail, Probation

In July, City of Fairfax police charged an Oak Hill man with attempting to obtain money by false pretenses from a Fairfax business. Now, Donovan Antoine Myers, 20, of 12818 Wrexham Road, has been sentenced to jail and probation for his actions.

According to police, on July 31, around 10:27 a.m., an employee of Cash for Less at 9766 Fairfax Blvd. reported that a man was trying to cash a fraudulent check. Police responded and arrested Myers. He appeared Nov. 17 in Fairfax County General District Court and, at that time, his charge was reduced to a misdemeanor offense of bad-check larceny. Judge Mark Simmons then sentenced Myers to 180 days in jail, suspending 178 days, and placed him on a year's probation.

Man Pleads Guilty to Robbery

In May, Fairfax County police charged two Centreville residents with robbing the BB&T Bank at 13360 Franklin Farm Road in Chantilly. Now both have been convicted and will be sentenced in February. They are Zoghanno Holmes, 50, and Marlon Negassa, 37, both of 14547 Golden Oak Road in The Meadows community. On Oct. 15 in Circuit Court, Holmes pleaded guilty to robbery. Judge Robert Smith then set her sentencing for Feb. 26. Negassa was scheduled to stand trial Dec. 1 in Circuit Court, but instead pleaded guilty to use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, plus an amended charge of robbery on or near a street. He's slated for sentencing, Feb. 5, by Judge Michael McWeeny.

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PHOTO BY ED FULGINITI

Father John Kelly and Fouad Qreitem (middle) are flanked by Paisano's store managers (from left) John Qreitem, Norman Taweel, Pierre Chahine and Sam Saah.

Collecting Food for Those in Need

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Apostle Catholic Church, on Union Mill Road in Clifton. "It was close to one of my stores, I have friends who attend there and I knew they work with a couple organizations in need of food," Qreitem said.

The restaurants involved in the food drive were the Paisano's in Chantilly, Fair Lakes, Fairfax City, Reston and Herndon, plus Bella Pizza (also owned by Qreitem) in Centreville. When customers called to place an order, employees taking their calls told them about the food drive and asked — in a low-key way — if they'd like to help.

"I was thinking, if we could collect 500 cans per store, it would be a good thing," said Qreitem. "But they all did great. The first two days we did it, we raised 1,500 cans."

By the time the drive ended, Paisano's had amassed nearly 10,000 cans — as well as boxed food items and 20 bags of clothing.

"A real thank-you goes out to our clients and customers," said Qreitem. "They were so gracious and generous. Some would order food from us, four days a week, and would donate four days a week. It was truly humbling and amazing."

Each restaurant served as a drop-off site, but Qreitem said about 85 percent of the contributions were given when Paisano's employees delivered food to customers. "It was great to know that people helped other people," said Qreitem. "The office was just stacked with cans. We estimated that we had enough food to feed a couple thousand people."

Then, the morning of Dec. 22, several automobiles from Paisano's delivered the food to St. Andrew, with Father John Kelly there to receive it. The church then shared the bounty with Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM), House of Mercy, Choices and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge.

WFCM runs a food pantry and thrift store in Chantilly for people in need in Western Fairfax County, and House of Mercy provides food and clothing for the poor in Manassas. The latter, said Kelly, was "established by Jack Fullen, a priest formerly from our diocese."

Choices operates a shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge is a Catholic parish in Madison, Va. "A lot of the people in the mountains there are very poor," said Kelly. "So we send them food, clothing and baby supplies all year long, plus gifts and gift cards at Christmas."

Therefore, he said, when Qreitem contacted his church about its food drive, he was overjoyed to learn about the effort and delighted to channel the food items to those needing them most. St. Andrew also accepted non-perishable food donations at the parish office, weekdays, and in the parish hall after all Sunday masses, and those, too, added to the total collected.

"We've seen a big increase, in the past six months, in people needing assistance with food," said Kelly. "The effect of the economy is still being felt here. So when Paisano's said they wanted to do this, we were more than happy to jump on the bandwagon with them."

Kelly said the response from Paisano's customers was remarkable, and their generosity "confirms the goodness in people's hearts and their willingness to share and help others less fortunate, even when their own financial picture isn't as stable as it once was."

All in all, he said, "We were touched that a business would reach out to the community at large, and the [four recipient organizations] were impressed and grateful for the help. They were overwhelmed by [all the food that was donated] and were happy to be able to help the people that were depending on it."

But Qreitem, for one, wasn't surprised. "I was 100-percent confident this food drive would be a success," he said. "I know the capacity for caring among the greater Fairfax County community is second-to-none."

He, too, was pleased knowing what had been accomplished. "It was as gratifying to my managers, and us as a unit, as it was to the people who received the food," said Qreitem. "The community supports us, year 'round so, for us, it was the least we could do. We went home at night feeling like we'd really done something to help."

"It was truly humbling and amazing."

**— Fouad Qreitem,
Paisano's president**

Business Community Meets with Candidates

Candidates for vacant 37th District State Senate seat meet with constituents at a networking breakfast.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
CENTRE VIEW

The candidates for Attorney General-elect Ken Cuccinelli's vacant 37th District State Senate seat kicked off their last week of campaigning before the special election with a meeting with local business leaders Wednesday, Jan. 6 at a networking breakfast.



Steve Hunt and Del. David Marsden prepare to speak at the networking breakfast.

"I'm looking [to vote] for the person who is going to stand up for the small business owner."

— John Faith

Hosted by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, the breakfast was the only joint appearance for

Del. David Marsden (D-41) and Republican challenger and former School Board member Steve Hunt leading up to the Jan. 12 election. The candidates each spoke on the significant issues facing the district and took questions from the attendees. As expected, jobs and the economy dominated the discussion.

"I think we need to have our House of Delegates and State Senate be more pro-business," said Chamber of Commerce member Kathleen McDermott. "We need to

have less regulation and more of an effort to support developing small businesses."

McDermott's feelings echoed the sentiment of many of the event's attendees, many of whom are small business owners, and the candidates seized the opportunity to reach out to their audience. Marsden and Hunt were given 10 minutes to speak before taking questions, and both focused their speeches on economic recovery, including job growth, taxes and government regulation.

Special Election

The 37th State Senate District is comprised of parts of the Sully, Springfield and Braddock Districts. All registered residents of this district can vote in the special election on Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at their normal polling places.

Marsden repeatedly stressed Virginia's rating as the "best state to do business in," as selected by Forbes Magazine, and outlined his plans on how to maintain that rating. He said that the state needed to keep the rating intact so that new small businesses would have incentive to open their doors in this area and to do that, he said, Richmond must take a pro-business, pro-growth stance. A pro-business stance, Marsden said, would include less regulation as well as ensuring that the governor's Opportunity Fund has money in it and that the Small Business Financing Authority remains able to guarantee small business loans.

"Job growth has not been strong," Marsden said. "We need to make sure our new governor have money in the Opportunity Fund and we need a small business loan guarantee to get [the number of] jobs back up. Small business is the engine that drives Virginia and I'm your partner in Richmond that will make sure you are not hindered."

Hunt, on the other hand, said that a mar

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Will Richmond Yield Deeper Cuts for Schools?

Freezing state funding would add \$50 million to the schools' projected budget shortfall.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
CENTRE VIEW

The Fairfax County School Board was already discussing the elimination of elementary school foreign language instruction, most full-day kindergarten classes and the majority of the county's summer school program as a way to cope with a projected budget shortfall of \$100 million to \$200 million during the 2010-2011 school year.

Now, they may have to come up with a longer list of program cuts thanks to Gov. Tim Kaine's latest state budget proposal, announced in December.

Kaine (D) recommended freezing the state education funding formula, a move that would result in Fairfax schools losing an additional \$50 million to \$60 million in financial help from Richmond during the next school year.

Fairfax County already provides the majority of its school system's budget. In 2010 for example, the locality covered approxi-

mately 73 percent of Fairfax Public Schools \$2.2 billion operating budget.

If Fairfax County wants to make up for a state funding cut of that magnitude, the local Board of Supervisors would have to raise the local property tax rate approximately 2.5 to three cents this spring.

"No other region of Virginia would tolerate this type of discriminatory treatment."

— State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

Fairfax's foreign language in elementary schools program costs about \$2.5 million and the foreign language immersion program costs about \$2.1 million annually. The school system spent just under \$5 million on traditional summer school and about \$30 million on full-day kindergarten this year.

"If we had \$50 million, we might be able to avoid an increase in class size," said

school board member Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill District).

VIRGINIA'S education funding formula takes into account several factors but largely relies on localities' property values and median household income to determine how much money each school district receives from the commonwealth.

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— School board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill)

Described by legislators as a "complicated algorithm," the formula is designed to cover a larger portion of public education costs in Virginia's school districts with the fewest financial resources. The formula assumes that jurisdictions like Fairfax — considered one of the wealthiest localities in the country — can more easily afford to fund its own education systems through local taxes.

As a result, the state covers relatively little of Fairfax County Public Schools budget when compared to what they provide for other localities.

Virginia provides approximately \$23.47 for every \$100 spent on public education in Fairfax County. In other Virginia school districts which reap the most from the current funding formula the state provides \$84.47 for every \$100 spent on public education, according to Fairfax County documents.

"Any time you have a state funding formula that is based on relative wealth, we don't do very well," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who represents Lorton, Springfield, Fairfax Station and Burke.

BUT FAIRFAX, Loudoun and Prince William counties were expected to benefit financially from a scheduled recalculation of the state education funding formula this year.

Though property values and average household incomes remain high in Northern Virginia overall, Fairfax and these other local jurisdictions saw a more substantial drop in home prices when compared with

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Happy New Year

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We invite you to send letters to the editor or to send an e-mail letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or some-

thing you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show.

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We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at

least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM.

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Get Involved

The first day of the 2010 General Assembly session is Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will hold a Regional Public Hearing on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. The hearing will focus on the Governor's proposed 2010-12 Biennial State Budget and is open to the public.

Fairfax County's delegation to the General Assembly will hold a pre-session public hearing on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Sign up to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

EDITORIAL

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Get Northern Virginia Moving

To the Editor:

I chose to move to Fairfax County 15 years ago for its great quality of life, excellent schools, and business opportunities. However, this standard of living is being threatened by a transportation crisis.

Over the past 10 years the population in Northern Virginia has almost tripled, while our road and transit systems largely remain the same. Little progress has occurred during the Warner and Kaine administrations, whereby decades-old transportation formulas were still being used that neglected the changing population patterns of the Commonwealth. This is not good news for Northern Virginia. The announced budget reductions will not only halt construction, but will halt maintenance of our worn roadways and bridges. The upcoming McDonnell Administration should face these challenges by finding alternative revenue sources such as the sale of state-owned liquor stores and public-private partnerships.

The most drastic traffic concern is Route 66 — it is almost a daily occurrence that the highway is backed up for 10 miles or more during rush hour. Widening Route 66 is not just a matter of easing

traffic flow, but is also an issue of national security. If a terrorist attack were to occur in Washington, I-66 would be the primary means of evacuating the city. Considering that this route cannot handle rush hour on any given weekday, it's hard to imagine the chaos in a mass evacuation. As I have witnessed disasters in my career, whether it be September 11th or Hurricane Katrina, strong evacuation routes are of supreme necessity. Widening 66 inside the beltway has been discussed for decades, but now is the time a "shovel has to be placed in the ground." Congressman Frank Wolf has been aggressively fighting for federal dollars for this project and we need to support his efforts to do so.

For new projects, raising revenues can be done without raising taxes, through existing methods such as maintaining the "trust" in the Virginia trust fund and innovative ideas such as selling our state-owned ABC liquor stores. The liquidation of our state-owned ABC liquor stores could raise as much as \$500 million in sale revenue and save the Commonwealth over \$115 million in annual overhead costs by eliminating a state bureaucracy. What's more, Virginia is only one of 18 states that does not allow private liquor sales.

Public-private partnerships should be a key part of our trans-

portation plan including HOT lanes. An example of this in Western Fairfax is the Route 28 Expansion from I-66 to Leesburg Pike, a project being completed between VDOT and Clark Construction. This project will help expand Route 28 from six to eight lanes and add several interchanges on this vital corridor. Another option that needs to be explored are High Occupancy Toll (HOT)-Lanes. Plans have been put in place for 395, I-95 and 495 Capital Beltway Corridor and should be implemented. Unfortunately Governor Kaine ordered a halt to construction for HOT Lanes on the 395 and I-95 Corridor — this move dismayed many, including Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova. The Chairman wrote a letter in September to the Governor arguing that Hot Lanes are "... the only viable opportunity to secure the critical infrastructure needed in the I-95/I-395 corridor in the foreseeable future." HOT Lanes and other forms of public-private partnerships are a way of moving transportation projects forward while maximizing scarce tax dollars during this economic downturn.

In addition to innovative funding ideas, Delegate-Elect Jim LeMunyon has proposed signage indicating the available parking spots along the I-66 Metro Stations: Vienna, Dunn Loring and

West Falls Church. Commuters drive towards these Metro stations where the lots are often filled by mid-morning, wasting time and stalling exit ramps. This notification process could help ease headaches before additional parking becomes available.

We need a plan and we need it implemented, as the current state of stagnation cannot persist. Without this, we will lose employers and jobs, and the value of our homes will continue to fall. When we are stuck in traffic we are not making meetings, purchases, working or spending time with our families. This traffic is a drain on our economy and our quality of life.

Marianne Horinko
Chantilly

Good Citizen; Smart Business

To the Editor:

I live on a 180-foot pipe-stem and was leaning on my snow shovel huffing and puffing, barely making a dent in the "hump" as the Northerners call it — the pile of snow left by the snowplows and creating a bulwark between road and driveway. I see a pickup truck driving by with a snowplow blade in the up position and the driver looked over at me. I motioned to

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have him come down the driveway and shouted "100 bucks." The driver stopped, backed up and started plowing. In about 5 minutes he did what would have taken me days to do. I walked over to give him my tip which he refused and just said "Merry Christmas! The money is not necessary but here's my card. Check us out and tell your neighbor." (He meant the neighbor I share the pipe-stem with.) He was Bill Casey, owner of Casey's Automotive in Chantilly.

I said, "You may have just saved a life today. Thanks." And off he went.

I've actually been a customer of Casey's and have always been treated well there. I'm taking the "neighbor" request a little further with this letter — hoping you will patronize this fine business and one of our community's many Good Samaritans.

Mark Searle
Chantilly

Support Schools In Bad Times Too

To the Editor:

Fairfax County Public Schools face yet again another budget shortfall. With the 2009-2010 school year nearing the halfway point, county leaders are already preaching gloom and doom for next year. As an educator in Fairfax County, this concerns me. Most teachers can barely afford to live in the communities that we teach in; an-

other year without a step increase or COLA adjustment will drive more and more of us out of the district. Having been born and raised in Western Pennsylvania, how this county cannot come up with sufficient funds to meet the needs of its students is beyond my understanding. Unemployment stands at 4.8 per cent in the county; the average family income is \$122,000/year; 59 per cent of county residents hold at least a bachelor's degree. Let us compare this with Allegheny County, whose population is about the same as Fairfax County. Unemployment stands at 7.3 per cent; average family income is \$46,402; only 28 per cent of county residents hold a bachelor's degree. It is considered a disgrace to the district if a teacher cannot afford to live where they teach — in Fairfax County, it is assumed that they will not live within.

Unlike Fairfax County, schools in Pennsylvania are sustained by the local community; any budget shortfall must be made up by the residents who live within the school district (whether they have children in the schools or not). Education is seen as something of extreme importance — it's a way out of the factories that our parents and grandparents have labored in all of their lives. It is the reason that I did not follow the path of my father — I do not have to stand at the same machine like he has for the past 37 years. My father worked Saturdays and holidays so that I could receive a college education and an out from the mindless daily toil that he has faced. I can never

thank him enough. While residents may complain about the costs, they step up and fund their schools. My 85-year-old grandmother, whose only income comes from Social Security somehow comes up with nearly \$5,000 every year to pay her school taxes. How can a county where 59 per cent of its residents have achieved academic excellence not put every penny they have back into education? The parents of Fairfax County want their children to receive a Cadillac education but are only willing to pay for a Pinto.

Homeowners in Fairfax County have serious decisions to make about where their priorities are. When times were good and their house values were overinflated, no one was complaining. Instead they were flipping houses in a mad dash to make a few extra dollars (while at the same time laying the foundation for the market collapse). Now that reality has set back in, residents simply want to use the drop in the value of their home as an excuse for not having to pay higher taxes. Candidates running for office all seem to think they can offer a tax reduction — how is that possible? Do people actually believe that this shortfall can be closed with a tax cut? We cannot have it both ways — the county cannot continue to educate children at a high level without the funds needed to do so. Further, as teachers get priced out of living in the area, they will move to communities where they are respected and taken care of. Parents want excellent teachers — raise their salaries and

you will get them. I have four college degrees — I could be making much more in the private sector; however, the future of this nation and its youth is much more important to me than the greed that comes with an inflated income. I simply want to be able to live in the community that I teach in. The nation elected a president who talked about change and commitment to community — Fairfax County voted for this "change." It is time to step up and act — as Ernest Gains wrote "Words mean nothing. Action is the only thing. Doing. That's the only thing."

Thomas Demharter

Hold Line on Taxes

To the Editor

I proudly support Steve Hunt for State Senate for the special election on Jan. 12. Steve is a retired Naval Flight Officer who has served our nation and community well for years. From working with Habitat for Humanity, to serving on the Fairfax County School Board, Steve has been a selfless servant of our community. Now, more than ever, we need a principled, conservative leader like Steve Hunt in the State Senate. Steve will hold the line on taxes, offer tax cuts to small businesses that help them create jobs, and fight wasteful spending in Richmond.

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Westfield High Hosts 10-Year Cabaret

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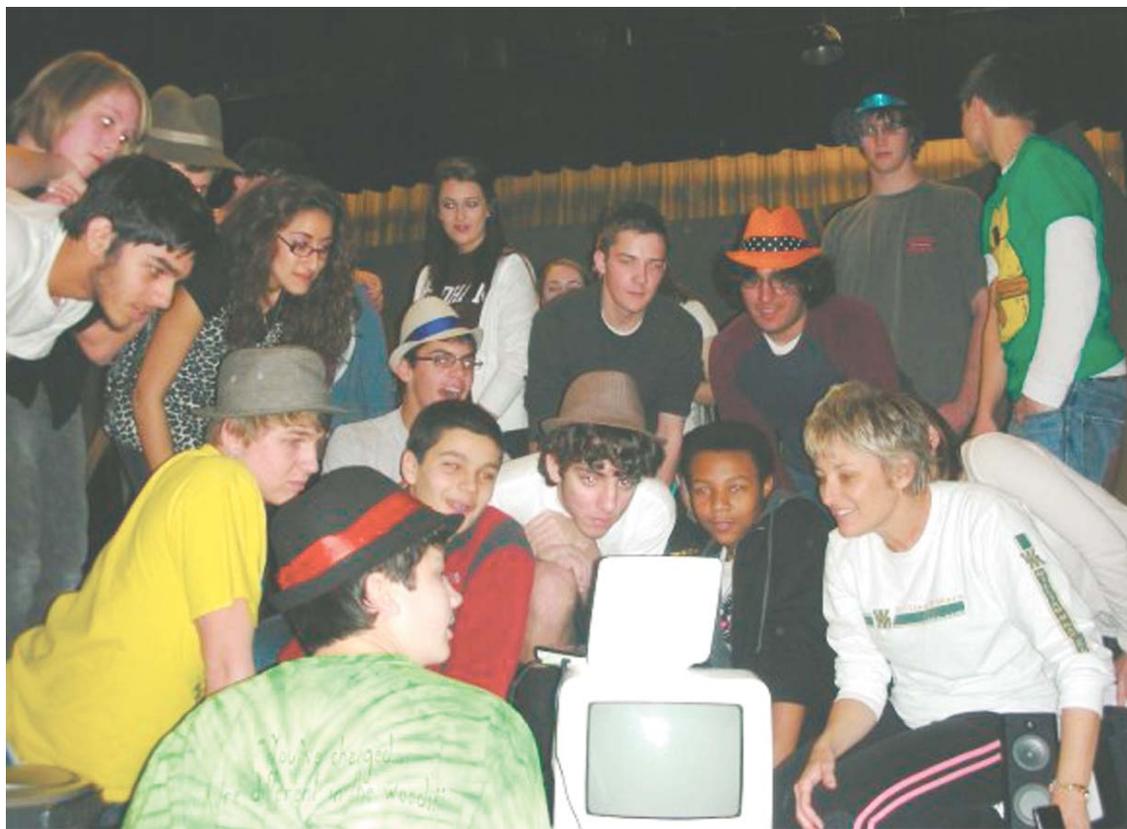
the talent is phenomenal.”

SPONSORED BY the Westfield Theatre Boosters, the event is part of the school’s year-long, 10th-birthday celebration. Westfield’s first principal, Dale Rumberger, will join current Principal Tim Thomas, Assistant Principal Dave Jagels and Westfield Theatre Director Scott Pafumi as hosts. Knickerbocker and Charlie Manship (music director) are directing, aided by Ashley Dillard, Carol Jones (vocal director), Emily Howell, Yvonne Henry (choreographer), Susie Pike, Zoë Dillard and others.

“Things are going wonderfully,” said Henry. “The best part is having all the kids I’ve been fortunate enough to work with, the last 10 years, come back and share their love of theater, one more time. We’re having so much fun, and they even remembered the original choreography from these shows.”

Alumni performers include Pat Mitchell (’02), Courtney Reed (’03), Reaves McElveen (’04), Kevin Knickerbocker (’04), Kevin Pearson (’04), Jon Lawlor (’04), Carolyn Agan (’05), Megan Meadows (’05), Michelle Murgia (’05), Laura Fraase (’06), Branson Reese (’06), Michelle Polera (’05), Dallas Sweezy (’06), Kevin Manship (’06), Ashley Dillard (’06), Sarah Cowdery (’08), Ben Reese (’08), Daniel Calabrese (’08), Sarah Pike (’07), Jonathan Goldsmith (’08), Jeremy Rommel (’09) and Claire Manship (’09), plus current students.

There’ll be vignettes from Westfield shows including “Once Upon Mattress,” “The Glass Menagerie,” “Into the Woods,”



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Choreographer Yvonne Henry works with the “Guys and Dolls” cast to re-create the production number, “Sit Down You’re Rockin’ the Boat,” for Westfield’s cabaret.

“Brighton Beach Memoirs,” “South Pacific” and “Guys and Dolls.”

Ashley Dillard’s done theater workshops and studio gigs in Washington, D.C., since graduating in 2006 and is assistant directing the cabaret. “This is a great collaboration of Westfield’s tremendous amount of talent and excellence, over the years, and to come,” she said. “It’s a broad spectrum from Shakespeare to musicals.”

Noting the songs Kevin Manship, Jade Jones and Martina Green will perform, Dillard said, “Their voices are amazing — they’ve gotten even better since high school.” Dillard and four others will sing “Matchmaker” from “Fiddler on

the Roof.” One of them, Carolyn Agan, is now a professional, Equity actress.

DILLARD CONTACTED the alumni and helped rehearsals run smoothly. She called the show “a celebration of how much we’ve achieved over the years, all our hard work and the dedication of our theater teachers, choreographers and parents.”

2006 grad Branson Reese is currently doing standup comedy and improv in New York and studying with the Upright Citizens Brigade. He has an improv group called Cookie Puss and is in a children’s theater company that takes stories children write and turns them into sketch comedies.

He and the other alumni keep in touch on Facebook but, said Reese, “It’s cool to see everyone in person. Dallas [Sweezy], Reeves and I are doing comedy sketches from ‘Monty Python.’ It’ll be interesting to see the old shows done with new casts and some original cast members. I’m really looking forward to performing with my friends that I haven’t performed with for years.”

Classmate Kevin Manship is a senior, majoring in musical theater, at Elon University in North Carolina. He plays in a rock band that hopes to go professional. “If that doesn’t fly, I’ll use my degree and start auditioning,” he said. “In some way, I’ll be performing professionally.”

In the show, he sings “Kansas City” from “Oklahoma,” a number from “Forever Plaid” and a duet with alumni Jon Lawlor. “We’ll do ‘Halleluia’ by Leonard Cohen that Jon and I — in different years — performed in cabarets,” said Manship. He called it “kind of weird” returning to Westfield because he’s older and doesn’t know many of today’s theater students.

“But it’s good to see the adults who are still doing the same thing,” he said. “And it’s good to see my old friends. I think this’ll be a lot of fun and something many people will come out of the woodwork to attend.”

2007 grad Sarah Pike is a social work major and nonprofit studies minor at JMU. She hopes to be a social worker who creates system changes in food justice and evaluates programs for nonprofits. In the cabaret, she’s doing a mother-daughter scene from “Our Town” and is among the singers in “God Bless the Lord, My Soul” from “Godspell.”

“I feel I almost haven’t left [Westfield] because my mom [theater teacher and director Susie Pike] is still here and gives me updates on what’s happening in the department,” said Sarah. “But there were lots of people I haven’t seen since graduation; and it’s cool to see so many generations of people who’ve shared the same passion on the same stage.”

“I think all the acts will be amazing, so it should be a really enter-

taining show for everyone of all ages,” she continued. “Anyone who enjoys theater will enjoy watching this production because there are so many people in it who love theater.”

Jade Jones, 2008 grad, is studying theater at Ferrum College in Ferrum, Va. She acted in “The Good Person of Setzuan,” a musical called “Baby” and “The Vagina Monologues” and is artistic director for The Black Mask improv team. In this show, she’ll sing “Don’t Nobody Bring Me No Bad News” from “The Wiz” and will be in the “Bless the Lord” number from “Godspell.”

She said it’s “absolutely wonderful being back because, in college, you don’t have the same feeling and closeness that you have on stage in high school. It feels like I haven’t seen most of these people in years, but I’m so familiar with everything here; nothing’s changed in the theater.” Jones said the audience will enjoy seeing scenes from the older shows, such as “Godspell,” “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Our Town,” because “they haven’t been revisited in awhile, and seeing them all will bring people back home.”

2008 grad Kevin Knickerbocker has a business degree from UVA and works at a law firm in Chicago. He’s also taking classes at Improv Olympic. He’s excited about being in the “Bless the Lord” ensemble because “it’ll be a reunion of people who were in Westfield’s ‘Godspell’ plus people who were in sixth grade then and attend the school now.”

He hopes to combine song sections from every Westfield musical and put them all together as a tribute. He said it seemed like the only thing that’s changed at the school is the number of theater posters on the wall. “When I was there, we’d only done eight shows,” he said. “Now, they’ve done about 22.”

Classmate Sarah Cowdery, a sophomore at Temple University, is studying film and communications and doing some improv in Philadelphia. “I’ll be in the Monty Python sketch with Dallas and Branson, and the balcony scene from ‘Romeo and Juliet’ with Jeremy Rommel,” she said. “[Returning to Westfield], it was kind of surreal to see all the different generations there together, but cool.”

For more information, contact www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com, call 703-488-6439 or see Facebook events at www.facebook.com/home.php#/event.php?eid=177053315661&ref=ts.



From left: Michelle Polera (’05), Sarah Cowdery (’08), Ashley Dillard (’06) and Carolyn Agan (’05) rehearse the song, “Matchmaker,” from “Fiddler on the Roof.”

SCHOOLS

St. Andrew Lutheran Preschool is accepting applications for enrollment in 2010-2011 classes for 3's, 4's and Pre-K. A preschool information night will be held Monday, Jan. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the school, which is a great time to meet teachers, ask questions and get application information. The preschool is located in St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 14640 Soucy Place, Centreville. Go to the preschool Web site, www.saintandrewlc.org/preschool.html or call the preschool office 703-266-7744.

Pleasant Valley Preschool will be holding its annual Open House and Registration on Friday, Jan 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. PVP is a non-profit cooperative preschool with half day programs for 3- to 5-year-olds. The school is located in the Greenbriar Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Email info@pleasantvalleypreschool.com or 703-378-6911 or visit the Web site at www.pleasantvalleypreschool.com.

Carol Coulter, a second-grade teacher at Colin L. Powell Elementary School, has successfully renewed her certificate for National Board Certification, the highest credential in the teaching profession. The number of new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) increased by nearly 8,900 in 2009, bringing the total number of accomplished teachers and school counselors certified by NBPTS to more than 82,000. Nearly 1,700 NBCTs successfully met the standards to renew their National Board Certification.

The Goddard School located at 5001 Westone Plaza in Chantilly has chosen **Carmen Wilson** as 2009's Teacher of the Year. The School opened in October 2006 and is owned and operated by Brad and Risa May. The school accommodates 140 children, ages six weeks to private kindergarten. Ms. Carmen is originally from the North of England. She achieved her Bachelors in English and Education from Lancaster. Following her graduation

Ms. Carmen taught in London before she moved to Dubai, U.A.E. where she taught for seven years. She has been a part of the Goddard team since September 2007. She is the Lead Teacher in the Pre-Kindergarten II Classroom and serves as a Teacher Trainer for new employees.

Centreville Preschool Inc. (CPI) is hosting an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration packets will be available for the 2010-2011 school year beginning in September. Morning and afternoon co-op and non co-op classes are available to children who turn 3 or 4 years of age by Sept 30, 2010. A beginner's non co-op morning class is offered to children who turn 2 1/2 by Sept 30th. Established in 1969, CPI is a non-profit cooperative preschool located in a renovated Victorian house at 13196 Braddock Rd. in Centreville. Bring your child's birth certificate and meet the staff of professional teachers. Call 703-830-5656 or register@centrevillepreschool.com.

BUSINESS NOTES

The Inova Breast Care Institute at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital is one of the first in the D.C. region to earn a three-year accreditation in breast care from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), part of the American College of Surgeons, which sets the standard for how breast cancer patients receive care.

The Inova Breast Care Institute at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital earned accreditation by meeting or exceeding 27 standards of breast cancer care during an on-site review. The Institute was evaluated during an on-site review of its

imaging, radiation oncology and medical oncology treatments, surgery, survivorship programs, leadership, research, genetic counseling and breast care navigator program, among other programs.

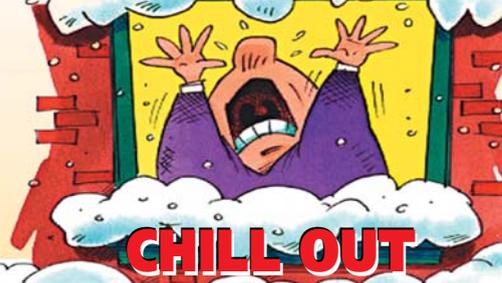
Clifton resident William McCauley Arnold is one of 11 lawyers from McCandlish and Lillard recognized by Virginia Business magazine as being among Virginia's "Legal Elite" in 2009.

Arnold, a principal at McCandlish & Lillard, was named among the best in the category of Construction Law. Vir-

ginia Business determines the "Legal Elite" designation from a survey conducted with the Virginia Bar Association, which polls thousands of Virginia lawyers to determine whom they consider the very best in certain defined practice categories.

Commonwealth Orthopaedics, the largest orthopaedic surgery group practice in Northern Virginia, will be opening its newest office on the campus of Inova Fair Oaks Hospital on Jan. 4. The office is located at 3620 Joseph Siewick Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax.

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WORTH NOTING

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Swing Dancing. Night of 1,000 Elvises with King Cadillac. Elvis costume contest, his favorite food and Elvis Trivia. Cost is \$15. Swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/JAN. 9

Birds of Prey. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cost is \$32. Visit the local "hot spots" in search of wintering and resident hawks and owls. A van will leave from Walney Visitor Center for the day trip. Meets at E.C. Lawrence Park, Walney Visitor Center, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Call 703-631-0013.

Lane's Mill Chapter DAR Meeting. Prospective members are welcome to attend. At the Chantilly Library, Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Smith at jsmithtot@aol.com.

JAN. 9-10

Book Signing. 1-4 p.m. Author Steven Craig Reynolds will be signing his book, "Where Do We Get Such Men." At the Udvar-Hazy Center, National Air and Space Museum Store, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Call 703-572-4170.

D.C. Big Flea — an Antiques and collectibles event. Show hours are: 9-6 p.m. Saturday; 11-5 p.m. Sunday. The Dulles Expo Center is located at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Admission is \$10 for both days, free to those under 30 on Sunday. Call: 757-430-4735, or visit www.damorepromotions.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

Celebrate Twelfth Night. 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20/person. Tea party and craft making. For children ages 8 and up. At Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Call 703-437-1794.

TUESDAY/JAN. 12

Seminar on Weight Loss. 7-8 p.m. Guest speaker Dr. Lucky Bennett talks on the Secrets of Weight Loss for Women. At the Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-817-0700 or register at womensclub@aol.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 15

Swing Dancing. The Grandsons. Cost is \$15. Swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

SATURDAY/JAN. 16

Yoga for Weight Loss. 12-1 p.m. With Master Yoga Instructor Kathy Duke. At the Women's Club Fitness Center and Day Spa, 14175 Sullyfield Circle, Chantilly. Call 703-817-0700 or register at womensclub@aol.com to reserve your space.

SUNDAY/JAN. 17

Search for Owls. 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10/family. Join a Fairfax County Park Authority naturalist at Cabell's Mill in E.C. Lawrence Park for a brief evening hike to search for owls. Return for a roaring campfire to roast marshmallows. At 5235 Walney Road, Centreville. Call 703-631-0013.

FRIDAY/JAN. 22

Swing Dancing. The Cutaways and Jack and Jill Dance Off. Cost is \$15. Swing lesson from 8:30-9 p.m.; dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With Sue and Gary Caley. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon.

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CENTRE VIEW

Deeper Cuts for Schools?

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other Virginia localities.

The result should have been that Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William received a larger slice of the state's overall education funding next year.

But if incoming Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) and the Virginia General Assembly take up Kaine's suggestion and decide to "freeze" the state's education funding formula, Fairfax and others will not see an increase in education funding.

Ninety-seven of the commonwealth's 136 school districts — and constituents represented by the majority of the Virginia General Assembly's members — would be negatively impacted by the scheduled change in the formula, so it is likely that the freeze will be seriously considered and approved in the upcoming session.

The situation may be particularly tense because the General Assembly will likely have to cut state

education monies across the board anyway, as the result of an overall budget shortfall.

"Any time you cut education, people are trying to get as much money as they possibly can," said Albo.

ALBO and other local members of the General Assembly said they are ready to fight any proposal to freeze the formula, even if they are outnumbered by their colleagues in the state legislature.

"The [funding formula] is used to measure the wealth of a locality and, for years, it has been used to jerk us around. Now, for the first time, the numbers are actually moving in our direction. Now that the system is actually starting to benefit Fairfax, they are asking us to freeze it out," said state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34).

"No other region of Virginia would tolerate this type of discriminatory treatment. ... We must fight against it," he added.

Senate Candidates Talk Business

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ket-based solution is needed for job growth and economic recovery instead of government involvement. Hunt said that government stimulus packages only result in tax increases and budget deficits and that the government should try to curb spending by examining programs and services to see which ones are effective and cutting the ones that are not. Keeping the budget in check, Hunt said, would do the job of maintaining a positive environment for small business growth, which he believes is the key element of the economy.

"I'm not going to Richmond to create jobs, because that is creating governmental jobs," Hunt said. "I'm going to Richmond to create an environment where you, the people, create jobs. My role is to represent the community to the government, not to justify the government's actions to the community."

WHILE THE ECONOMY was the focal point of the breakfast, the candidates also addressed tort reform, and by proxy, healthcare, as well. Marsden praised the state's actions in regards to tort reform, noting that Virginia has a \$2 million cap on malpractice law-

suits. The cap, he said, along with the Birth Injury Program, which pays out money that doctors contribute in the event of an injury during the birthing process, help to keep health care costs relatively low. Hunt, in turn, said that while the cap places a limit on lawsuit payouts, it still does not alleviate doctor's and insurance companies' fears of lawsuits and therefore, does not help to keep healthcare premiums in check.

Time restrictions limited the candidates to a 10-minute speech and two questions to answer, but for those in attendance, it was more than enough time to cover the issues that mattered most to them. Though most would not divulge their favored candidate, they acknowledged that the issues discussed were the ones that would sway their vote and that they got a good idea of which would be their best ally in office.

"Regulation, taxes and health care. Those are the important issues," said John Faith. "Those are the areas that will allow us to either do business or tie our hands. It's hard to separate those issues when small business is your livelihood, and I'm looking [to vote] for the person who is going to stand up for the small business owner."

Candidate Forum For State Senate

The Fairfax Family Forum is hosting a 37th State Senate District Candidate Forum on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. The event is organized by the forum's "Northern Virginia Candidates Forum Steering Committee," an interdenominational group of local clergy and lay leaders.

The forum will give citizens of the 37th State Senate District a chance to hear from the invited candidates, Del. Dave Marsden (D) and former Fairfax County School Board Member Steve Hunt (R). It will be held at Fair Oaks Church off West Ox Road. The event moderator is Fair Oaks Church Senior Pastor, David R. Stokes.

The forum will include individual interviews of each candidate by the moderator. Each interview will be followed by questions from the audience at the forum.



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Stories To Watch for in 2010

With 2009 over-and-done, here's a look at some of the teams to follow and how they fared in 2009.

BY REED S. ALBERS
CENTRE VIEW

Basketball Play Heats Up

With the holiday tournaments over and just about every local high school basketball team about to enter the bulk of its district play, the basketball scene is primed to heat up the frigid month of January.

Fresh off their victory at the Pohanka Chantilly Classic Basketball Tournament, the Chantilly boys' basketball team is entering January with a 7-3 record.

The boys' are lead by a talented group of juniors and 7-foot center John Manning.

Chantilly's girls' team is off to strong 6-3 start to its season. After losing the season opener on Dec. 3, the girls' surged back with four straight wins.

The girls' team will begin the majority of its Concorde District play with a Jan. 8 bout with Robinson.

The Westfield boys' basketball team is still struggling to find consistency, but will look to January's district play earns some wins.

The Bulldogs have a 2-7 record and will face Robinson on Jan. 12.

For the Lady Bulldogs, the 8-2 record the team earned in December has helped Westfield set itself

apart from local teams.

Westfield's girls' team will face-off with Centreville on Jan. 8.

Centreville's boys' basketball team almost escaped December with a perfect record, but will have to settle for 8-1 following a Dec. 18 loss to West Potomac.

The boys' team did manage to win the Westfield Bulldog Bash holiday tournament during the winter break.

For the girls, the Lady Wildcats sit at an even 4-4 and face stiff tests in early January opponents W.T. Woodson and West Springfield.

Baseball and Softball in 2010

With the winter sports season nearing the midway point, it's not too soon to be thinking about spring training and the upcoming baseball season.

Here's how the local teams fared in the 2009 season.

Chantilly's baseball team enjoyed a dominating 18-6 season in 2009. Despite the strong season, the team's region title aspirations were

cut short in a 1-2 loss to West Springfield in the Northern Region tournament.

The Lady Chargers' softball team endured a losing season in 2009, but will be seeking a chance to rebuild from their 4-12 record.

Westfield's historically strong baseball season continued its winning tradition with a 21-2 season that saw the Bulldogs capture the Concorde District title.

The Bulldog boys' weren't the only team enjoying a strong 2009 season. The Lady Bulldogs' softball team capped the 2009 campaign with a



FILE PHOTO

The Centreville girls' softball team won the Concorde District title and finished with a dominating 21-7 record in 2009.

16-6 record, but were unable to capture the Concorde District title last season.

Centreville's baseball team is poising itself for a run at the Concorde District title after finishing 2009 with a 10-13 record and reaching the semi-finals in the district tournament.

The team will be led by a batch of four talented players who are committed to play NCAA baseball.

For the Centreville softball team, 2009 proved to be a banner-year for the Lady Wildcats.

The girls' softball team captured the Concorde District title, reached the Northern Region finals and ended the year with a 21-7 record.

Area baseball and softball teams will also be looking to battle for home-field advantage in the state playoffs.

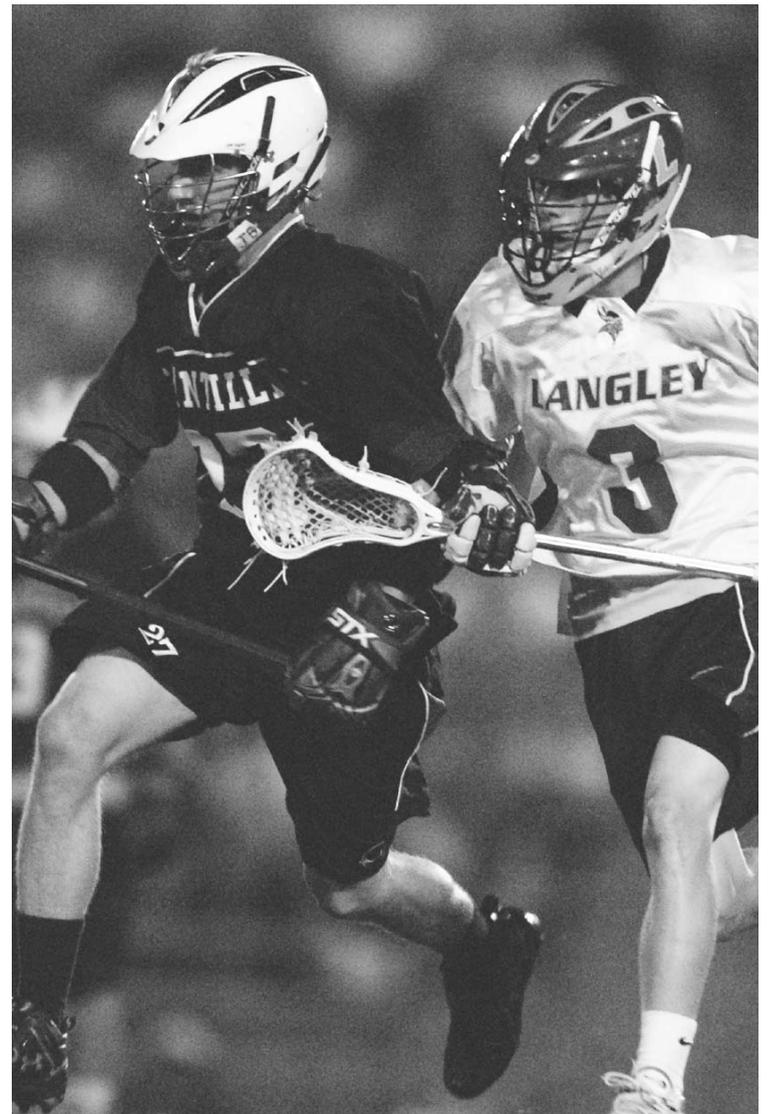
Westfield will be hosting the VHSL State Baseball Finals in 2010 and if local teams can garner top seeds, they'll enjoy playing in the comfy confines of Fairfax County instead of journeying around the state in June.

Spring Soccer Fever

Those hankering for some soccer before the FIFA World Cup in South Africa arrives in mid-June should check out the high school soccer scene.

For the first time in school history, the Chantilly Lady Chargers won the Virginia State Soccer Championship.

The Chargers defeated Mills Godwin 2-1 and finished the season with a 20-2-1 record.



FILE PHOTO

Chantilly's boys' lacrosse team reached the state finals in 2009, but were beaten by Langley 3-4.

With a state title to defend, the Chargers will be one of the top teams to watch this spring.

Chantilly's boys' soccer team will be seeking improvement in the 2010 season after their 2009 campaign ended with a 2-10-2 record.

For the Wildcats, Centreville's girl's soccer team finished 2009 with a 6-6-1 record, a minor improvement from the 2008 season's 6-7-1 campaign.

Despite finishing with a 7-6-2 record, the Centreville boys' soccer team advanced to the Concorde District finals in 2009, but were unable to defeat Robinson.

The Westfield girls' soccer team is looking to 2010 as a year for improvement. The Bulldogs opened the 2009 season with eight consecutive losses, but were able to muster four wins including a 7-1 blowout of T.C. Williams.

Local Lacrosse Action to Watch

If soccer or baseball is too slow for some spectators, perhaps the fastest game on two feet, lacrosse, might be the best sport to keep an eye on this spring.

Concorde District powerhouse Chantilly came within a goal of winning a state title in 2009, but fell short in a 3-4 loss to Langley on June 7.

With the loss serving as a motivator, Chantilly is a good place to start when watching local lacrosse action. The Chargers ended 2009 with a 16-3 record and won the Concorde District championship.

Westfield's boys' and girls' teams will use 2010 as a season to improve upon the records they earned in 2009. The boys' finished the year with a 7-8 record, while the girls found themselves at 8-6.

Along with Westfield, Centreville's boys' team will seek an improvement upon their 5-8 record in 2009. The girls' will be led by a new head coach, Brian Newell, in their attempt to avenge a 2-10 record in 2009.



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Westfield's boys' baseball team capped a 21-2 season in 2009 with a Concorde District baseball title at the end of the season.

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By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

I imagine the confession I'm about to make likely will get me banned from future similar cultural events (good!). But, since I'm sitting here (here being the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.) semi-listening to their Choir & Baroque Orchestra, I have to do something, even if some might consider writing on the very program describing the music, musicians, conductor and author to which I'm listening (I didn't say subjected; after all, it was with my consent that I agreed to this outing) a defamation of my character (or lack thereof) and a defacing of sacred text. Nevertheless, as Popeye the Sailor Man said so famously, "I'yam what I'yam." And what I am not, as has been proven by this musical interlude is, a fan of George Frederick Handel's Messiah, (God forgive me) "arguably the most widely shared musical experience in our culture. Each year the oratorio is sung by tens and perhaps hundreds of thousands of people." And it is "mid nave" that I find myself not so enthralled on Sunday, Dec. 6.

And though the National Cathedral is an elegant and magnificent environment for this most traditional of presentations, I am not sure if my eyes and ears can truly appreciate its suitability. However, as I am writing (and then pausing and thinking about what to write next) I have to admit, the music and words (many of which I can't actually discern) do provide a soothing backdrop, conducive almost, to this creative process. I don't imagine, though, that the cognoscente of this music appreciate it for its inoffensive/barely noticeable/backdrop-type white noise as I do.

I mean, the Cathedral is nearly full, at \$54 a ticket – not exactly a cheap thrill (and in a challenging, shall we say, economy to boot). Apparently, these many listeners put their money where their ears are. It's only people/non-patrons of the arts like me who don't know any better and can't process the melodies sufficiently to find joy in "them thar" notes and we're nearly two-thirds ("Part The Second") through this holiday tradition. (The extremely famous "Hallelujah!" chorus is close, I'm told.)

Let me be clear, none of this commentary has anything at all to do with the amazingly talented musicians, soloists, conductors and choir performing this evening. Nor is it a reflection of the courteous and patient staff ushering (voluntarily no doubt) the hundreds of ticket-holding Handel enthusiasts to their assigned seats. It's more about an experience I have now shared with many before me, and heard much about, that I officially "don't get." I wouldn't say attending this event was worth the money we spent (like The Allman Brothers concert I saw in October was) but in an odd way, I do feel better having experienced it.

Would I go back? No. Do I regret having gone? No. Am I planning my next cultural soiree? Absolutely not! For me, enjoying such fare is an "achored" taste. A taste which I have not yet acquired. (I did find a great parking space on Wisconsin Ave. directly across from the Cathedral, though.)

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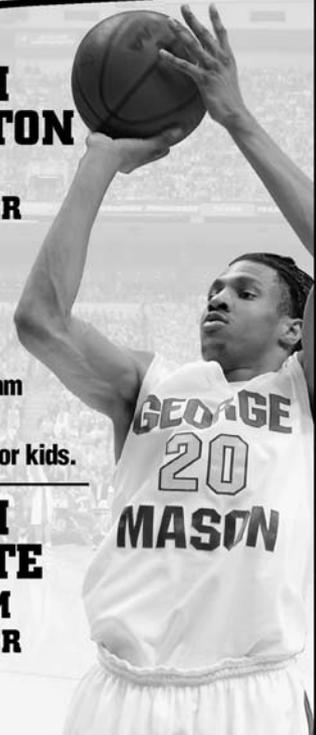
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 Phone: 703-830-8769
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