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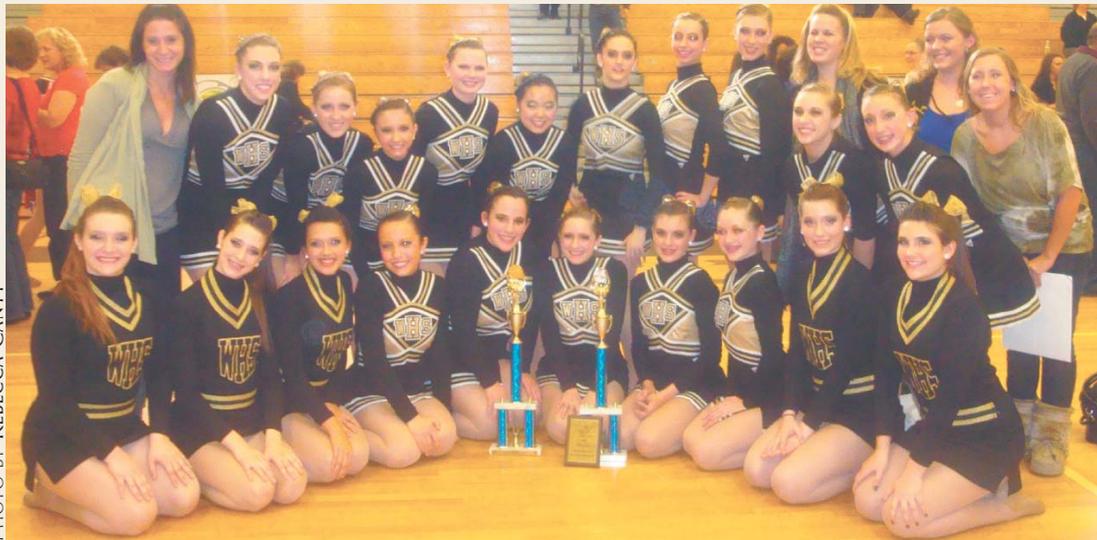


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WHS varsity coaches Rebecca Canty and Cindy Kilmer, with WHS JV coaches Samantha Edwards and Danielle Edwards, and their first-place pom trophies.

## WHS Dance Racks up Victories

Teams place first among 19 at invitational.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

In high school, sports teams often get all the glory. But Westfield High's dance teams are grabbing their own share of the headlines with first-place finishes in the recent Fairfax Dance Invitational.

Competing against 19 other teams, Westfield placed first in both the varsity and JV divi-

sions. In addition, sophomore Alie Hughes was number one in the senior solo division, and varsity coach Cindy Kilmer received the overall best choreography award.

"Overall, the Westfield Dance team couldn't be happier with the outcome," said Kilmer, who coaches with Rebecca Canty. "The hard work and dedication of the team and coaches has paid off and allowed the dance team to bring several more first-place trophies back to Westfield."

"First place is extremely exciting to achieve, considering how technical and difficult dance has gotten over the past several years," continued

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## Helping in Haiti

Fairfax County Search and Rescue Teams dispatched.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Following the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team (Virginia Task Force 1) was sent last week to look for and rescue victims.

Under the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), a 72-member team left last Tuesday night, Jan. 12, arriving the next day. And it quickly achieved success.

"We had a save Thursday morning [Jan. 14]," said county Fire and Rescue Department spokesman Dan Schmidt. "A U.N. security officer of Estonian descent was detected in a rubble pile and extricated in good condition by members of Virginia Task Force 1. And that's the essence of why firefighters do what they do — they want to save lives. So when they did, it was an incredible,



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS / CENTRE VIEW

Fair Oaks resident Richard McKinney, captain of the Fryling Pan station, begins the check-in process.

adrenaline-booster for them."

But with the situation there still so dire, said Schmidt, "The USAID asked us to send a second team, and County Executive Anthony Griffin and Fire Chief Ron Mastin approved the request." So a 42-person contingent left Thursday, Jan. 14, arriving early Friday morning.

It's comprised of two doctors, structural engineers, paramedics,

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## Muslim Youth Groups Blaze Alternative Path

After almost a decade of raising awareness since 9/11, groups are focusing more on developing a sense of community among Muslim youth.

BY SOFIA SAIYED  
CENTRE VIEW

After their last class on Friday afternoons, as other students rush home to start the weekend, a group of 20 or so Muslim students line up to pray together in a classroom at Chantilly High School. Male and female students line up separately according to Islamic tradition.

After prayer, students discuss topics ranging from how Muslim youth should treat their parents (with love and respect, they said) to biased portrayals of Muslims in the media and their reactions to events such as the Fort Hood shooting. By 3 p.m., most of the teenagers have rushed off to part-time jobs and to hang out with friends.

The Muslim Students Associa-

tion of Chantilly High School is one of at least 15 Muslim student groups at Northern Virginia high schools, most of which have sprung up in the past 10 years. Group activities typically include school wide events, community service and recreational events for members. At Chantilly High, students founded the Muslim Students Association in 2005 so that they would have a place together

for Friday prayers.

At South County Secondary School, the Muslim Students Association formed in November 2009 to "help improve people's view of Islam and educate out Muslim and non-Muslim youth," said Anam Mian, president and founder of the South County

group.

Similarly, at Lake Braddock Secondary School, a group of students founded the Muslim Students Association around the time of the Sept. 11 attacks to increase awareness about Islam and Muslims,

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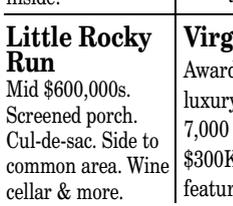


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**NEWS**

**Teams Place First at Invitational**

FROM PAGE 1

Kilmer. “A first-place routine must include all the technical elements, be fast-paced and have the correct level of difficulty. The girls must also perform the routines with complete energy and personality — which takes a lot of practice and confidence.”

Regarding her own, overall award for choreography for the entire competition, Kilmer said receiving such an honor is “always gratifying because it goes beyond the division your routine was entered in and ranks you among every routine performed that day.”

Paul VI Catholic High School hosted the event, run by Universal Dance Association — a national, training organization for high-school and college dancers. Both Westfield squads prepared for it for weeks by learning, breaking down and polishing their pom routines while still learning and fine-tuning other routines to finish up the Bulldog football season.

**AS WESTFIELD’S** only entrant in the high-school solo division, Hughes vied against 40 top solo dancers from other schools and all-star dance squads. She performed a contemporary piece to the instrumental, “Solid Ground.”

She believes she won because her dance was “different than what the judges expected. I have more techniques than most dance-team girls because I also perform at a competitive dance studio, Creative Dance Center in Chantilly. I was really excited; it was my first time doing a solo at a dance-team competition.”

Hughes joined Westfield’s team to be involved in the school and because she “also wanted to learn new routines and make friends.” Toughest, she said, is the stamina required during performances, but she especially loves being part of a close-knit group and dancing at Westfield’s football and basketball games. Said Huges: “The crowd gives you adrenaline and it’s fun.”

Varsity captain Leah Rothenberg has been on the team all four years. “I love dancing, and my teammates and coaches are really nice,” she said. Rothenberg leads warm-ups at practices and will choreograph a routine for Senior Night. Of the recent victory, she said, “The hard work we put in with stamina runs paid off. And the last few weeks before the competition, we really stepped up our game.”

She said the team was “ecstatic” to win. “As soon as they named who was second place [Oakton

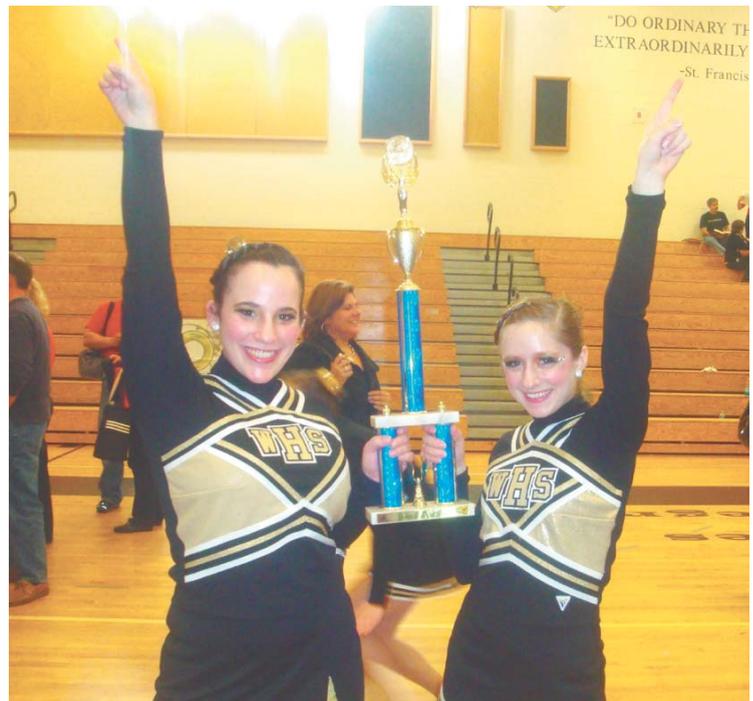


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**WHS Varsity Seniors Leah Rothenberg and Stephanie Turner with the first-place trophy in varsity pom.**

High], we all started screaming,” said Rothenberg. “It was unexpected because our competitors were really tough.”

**THE GIRLS FOCUS** mainly on pom routines — a group number at competitions, plus solos. Next up is the Reach the Beach competition in February in Ocean City. Said Rothenberg: “It’s our final competition and we’ll compete against different teams than we’re used to seeing.”

Junior Sara Abruzzo has been on varsity since freshman year and got her previous training at Rhythm Street dance studio. “I love it,” she said. “We all get along well and it’s fun.”

At competitions, the girls use gold pompons and do a two-minute routine. At Paul VI, the songs in their routine included “Boom, Boom Pow” by the Black-Eyed Peas, “Shake It” by Metro Station, “That’s Not My Name” by the Ting Tings and a remix of “Kiss Him Goodbye” by Steam.

Abruzzo said they were thrilled to win. “Our team did a good job of staying together in our moves and keeping our energy high,” she said. Regarding Reach the Beach, she said, “We’ve never done this one before but, hopefully, we’ll do well.”

JV captain Katie Johnson, a sophomore, also danced at a studio, but wanted to do it on a school team. The varsity has 17 members, and the JV, seven. Johnson said the JV triumph at Paul VI was terrific.

“We were really excited, and surprised — because we’d just finished the dance, that week,” she said. “So we were really happy. Some people think dancing’s easy

or a sissy sport, but it’s not — you have to work really hard.”

The squad had 90 seconds for its routine, but that was enough. “Games and competitions are nerve-wracking because there are people watching you and you really don’t want to mess up,” said Johnson. “But we have fun as a team and bond to make new friends.”

The dance teams also competed Dec. 13 at GMU. This time, Westfield’s varsity was second, but the JV — under coaches Samantha and Danielle Edwards — captured another victory. “We didn’t want to get overconfident so we practiced just as hard,” said Johnson. “We had a good routine and brought it on strong.”

JV member Hayley McDonnell, a freshman, especially likes performing at games. “I’ve been dancing since I was 7 and friends told me about Westfield’s dance team, so I tried out and made it,” she said. The hard part, said McDonnell, is balancing her time between homework and practices.

“I like the routines and coaches,” she said. “And we get to wear our costumes to school on game days.” At GMU, Westfield’s JV routine was a mix of “Walk this Way” by Aerosmith and “Back in Black” by ACDC. “It was faster than the other teams’ routines and that made it more difficult,” said McDonnell. “But we worked hard on it to perfect it.”

So to what does she attribute her team’s win? Said McDonnell: “It was probably the fast music — and our coach, Samantha Edwards, told us to stay energetic and keep smiling, the whole time, no matter how tired we got.”

## ROUNDUPS

### Park Authority Listening Forum

Park Authority Director John Dargle is hosting a listening forum in the Sully District at Cabell's Mill, in E.C. Lawrence Park, on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. This forum gives Sully residents the opportunity to talk about the parks and park services and offer their ideas.

### Free Carseat Inspections

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

### Recycling Event, This Sunday

Fairfax County residents may now recycle fluorescent light bulbs and tubes in addition to televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices including keyboards, speakers, keyboards, printers, scanners, etc. Accordingly, the county's first "Electric Sunday" event for 2010 is this Sunday, Jan. 24, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

### Indoor Farmers Market Opens

An indoor farmers market opened this week in a storefront within the Fairfax Corner shopping center, off Monument Drive in Fairfax. The address is 11895 Grand Commons Ave., between the Lucy and Il Vino stores, and the market will be open every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. A wide selection of products will be offered, including winter fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products, baked goods, gluten-free products and a large variety of prepared foods. It'll be run by Smart Markets which operated last summer's farmers market in both Centreville and Fairfax Corner. The market will be there through April, when it will return to its site in the shopping center's parking lot.

### Centreville Immigration Forum Meets

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum is Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., at Centreville United Methodist Church, 6400 Old Centreville Road in Centreville.

### Fair Oaks CAC to Meet

The Citizens Advisory Council of the Fair Oaks District Police Station will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., in the roll-call room of the police station. It's at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly.

### Sully District Council Land Use

Sully District Park Authority representative Hal Strickland will address the next meeting of the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations and its Land-Use Committee. It's set for Wednesday, Jan. 27, at 7 p.m., in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Call Jeff Parnes, evenings, at 703-904-0131. Strickland will give a Park Authority status report.

### Relay for Life Meeting

The kick-off party for Relay For Life of Centreville-Clifton is slated for Thursday, Jan. 28, at 7 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, at Union Mill and Twin Lakes roads in Clifton. The community is invited to join the fun and learn how to be a part of Relay 2010, a unique fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society. RSVP to CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com.

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The Lees Corner Elementary fifth-grade chorus performs "I Have a Dream."

## Festival Honors MLK Jr.



The Westfield High Chamber Singers perform three songs.



Westfield's Colby Dezelick sings "Tell My Father."



Westfield Choral Director Jessica Lardin sings "Steal Away Jesus."



Colin Powell Elementary's All-School Chorale performs "The Quest for Peace."

# Search and Rescue Teams Helping in Haiti

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specialists in search-and-rescue and hazardous materials, plus a search canine and handler. The structural engineers include rigging specialists who help shore up unsafe areas using block and tackle, plus other methods, so firefighters can continue to extricate people.

As of Sunday night, Jan. 17, the two teams have rescued 15 people.

"The federal government funds all costs associated with training and deployment," said Schmidt. The team will be in Haiti, 10-14 days, while other firefighters fill in for them here. They flew on a chartered aircraft, with their bags of personal items, while a second plane carried their equipment, such as jackhammers, cameras, listening devices, concrete-cutting saws and medical supplies. Water and military MREs (meals, ready-to-eat) also went along.

"This team deployed to Haiti in November 2008 for a school collapse, and many of those same members are returning," said Schmidt. The team's first mission was in December 1988 when it responded to an Armenian earthquake with a small, technical-rescue team. Since then, the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team has been deployed all over the world, including to Kenya, Iran, Taiwan, Turkey, Oklahoma City and the Pentagon after 9/11. It also responded after Hurricanes Katrina and Isabel.

**LAST THURSDAY**, team members reported to the county's Fire and Rescue Academy throughout the day. Some were accompanied by family members; each brought one red and one yellow bag. Lt. Diron Powell — who works at the Franconia, Kingstowne, Springfield and West Springfield stations — helped them check in.

Each person's bags had to be less than 90 pounds total for the two, and Powell made sure they contained all the necessary gear. Filling the red bags were uniforms, toiletries and personal items. The yellow bags were stuffed with operating gear such as flashlights, batteries, gloves, safety glasses, hearing protectors, rain gear, insect repellent and hand cleaner.

Team members went through several, check-in stations. They started with medical and passport checks and turned in their cell phones, keys and pagers. Deputy Fire Chief Mike Reilly, of Centreville's Virginia Run community, worked as the mobilization manager, in charge of sign-in reception, food, equipment and getting everything to the departure point.

"I coordinate with the Family Support Services Team (FSSST), making sure people get a checklist of everything required of them," he explained. "If something's missing — such as their shot card, ID or equipment — they'd be non-deployable. So they come to me and I see that their issue is handled." Reilly also had a canteen unit bring the members hot and cold beverages and ordered dinner for them from Firehouse Subs.



**From left: Rescue squad officer Rodney Vaughan and hazmat specialist Mark Menton, who works the Alexandria-Lorton corridor, confer about the deployment.**

**Mary Anne Zandall, (on right), with the Family Support Services Team, checks the passport of canine search specialist Teresa MacPherson.**



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CENTRE VIEW

Teresa MacPherson of Catlett is the canine search specialist. She's not a member of the fire department, but has been on the team since 1993. Her partner's a 5-year-old black Labrador named Banks.

"We were in Haiti in '08 for the school collapse," she said. Before Banks begins a search, MacPherson unclips his leash so he's unencumbered. "We don't want any snagging," she said. "He can go places we can't. I say, 'Go find,' and he starts looking for live, human scent in the rubble. He covers a lot of area in a short amount of time. Where he finds the strongest scent, he starts barking; then someone will start searching."

MacPherson was eager to leave and get busy. "We train hard for this," she said. "We want to go and help."

Lt. Rodney Vaughan is a rescue squad officer on the team. Formerly of Centre Ridge, in Centreville, he now lives in Gainesville and has been a team member since 1998. He responded to numerous hurricanes, including Katrina, plus Taiwan in 1999 and Iran in 2003. In Haiti, eight to 10 people

will be assigned to him.

"When Technical Search locates victims — through listening devices, dogs or hearing them yell out — we'll confirm how deeply they're embedded," said Vaughan. "For example, they could have been on the first floor of a six-story building that collapsed, so we coordinate the rescue effort."

"If we need heavier equipment than we have, we'll work with heavy riggers, de-layering [debris] 'til we get to them," he continued. "We're not going to stop 'til we get to them."

**THEY'LL** probably work in 24-hour shifts, to start, with down time, here and there. Normally, half the team would work days, and the other half, nights. But, said Vaughan, "Due to the amount of work, it's 'round the clock now."

He, too, helped with the mobilization, "pushing paperwork, getting everything in order," and looked forward to "getting down there and doing what we train relentlessly to do — rescue people. It's a lot like a sol-

dier trains for a war — not that you want one — but when that time comes, you want to be able to put it to good use."

Vaughan said they'd all "done this enough" so that they can quickly assess whatever situation they encounter and proceed accordingly. Hardest, he said, was wanting to get there as fast as they could, but understanding that it takes six to 14 hours to assemble all the gear, get the plane ready and the equipment on board.

"It's a huge undertaking — and we'd like it done in 30 minutes," he said. "Then, once we're on the ground, the physical work and sleep deprivation will eventually take a toll on us. But when we're working, we don't let it bother us."

Vaughan will miss his two daughters and wife Erica, though. But, said Erica Vaughan, "I'm so proud of what he's doing. He's been training to do this and I hope he'll save some lives." She said she never gets used to his deployments and worries about him while he's gone. But, she added, "I know he's in the Big Man's hands and [the fire department] does a good job of keeping us updated."

Technician Kevin Dabney of Vienna has been on the team more than 10 years. A rescue specialist, he helps with team organization and works under the Task Force leaders, Fire Chiefs Jim Strickland and Robert Zoldos.

"I'll command others to do search and rescue, and we'll help in any way we can," said Dabney. "We're 100-percent self-sufficient and don't need anything from the local government."

After receiving a geographical location to search, the Command and General Staff Team that Dabney's on determines which people should go where and sees that they're properly equipped. It also handles safety, logistics, medical, planning and operations matters.

We ask, "Is there medical transport? Where do we send survivors?" said Dabney. "What about security issues — are there roadblocks?" So behind the scenes, there's a whole lot of work."

When they hear of possible survivors needing rescue, first a small reconnaissance team assesses whether it's a workable location. Then, if it's a go, six to 80 people — including medical personnel, technical search specialists, dogs and structural engineers — would respond. The size of the response depends on the size of the site and the suspected number of victims needing rescue.

**SINCE THE FIREFIGHTERS** communicate by radio, Lt. Wes Rogers's specialty is also crucial. Rogers, of Oak Hill, works in communications in the Massey Building in Fairfax and also on the USAR team.

"I set up repeaters, enabling the radios to talk further than line of sight," he said. "Depending on the terrain, we could have a 4-mile range. I'll also set up satellite communications to talk to our Operations Center

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# Developing Sense of Community

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said Haider Dost, co-president of the Lake Braddock MSA.

But after almost a decade of raising awareness, groups are starting to focus more on their members and developing a sense of community among Muslim youth.

According to Dost, a senior who splits his time between Lake Braddock and Northern Virginia Community College, the Muslim Students Association now primarily serves as a support group for its members: "The MSA is meant to foster unity for the Muslim students at Lake Braddock, make Muslims comfortable at school, and give them a place to hang out." Through weekly meetings, Dost said students build unity and strength through their shared experiences as Muslims growing up in America.

The MSA's role as a support group has been particularly important for female students who wear the hijab, or head scarf. According to Dost, girls wearing the hijab were most likely to experience stigmatization.

More recently however, Muslim students have reported only positive experiences within the school community, which Dost attributes to the work of the Muslim Student Association in dispelling myths about Islam.

Muslim students from Chantilly High School and Westfield High School also noted the support and respect they received from the school community.

**YOUTH GROUPS** often also provide teenagers with a space to discuss sensitive topics they would feel uncomfortable discussing with adults in the community who often grew up outside the U.S., said Dost.

The Lake Braddock Muslim Students Association has held discussions on the topics of dating in Islam, and the choice of whether to wear the hijab.

The Youth Group of the Mustafa Center, an Islamic center and mosque in Annandale, is planning a debate over whether certain types of music are permissible in Islam, a controversial topic within the Islamic community of particular interest to teenagers.

Dost and other young Muslim leaders in Virginia founded the Virginia High School



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**One of the Muslim students at Chantilly High School says the call to prayer as other students sit in rows behind him, waiting to pray.**

MSA Council in October 2009. The council supports students starting new Muslim Students Associations, and coordinates events where members of the Muslim groups from different schools can come together to socialize and educate themselves.

Currently, the group covers only Northern Virginia, though it intends to reach out to Muslim Students Associations throughout Virginia.

In addition, there are current Muslim student groups at West Springfield High School, Thomas Jefferson High School, T.C. Williams High School, McLean High School, Madison High School, and Park View High School.

**MUSLIM YOUTH GROUPS** are also aware of the important function they play in today's religious climate. Though the five young men from Alexandria arrested in Pakistan last month have not been formally charged with terrorism, the case highlights the importance of moderate Muslim outlets

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Some sobering numbers as we celebrate the day of hope and aspiration that is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Sobering statistics as we inaugurate a new governor who has many good ideas, but no plans for new revenue. Cuts in the state budget will affect everyone in Virginia, even those who are not needy.

In November, more than 68,000 unemployed people were looking for full time work here in Northern Virginia, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from just under 50,000 in November, 2008.

Later this month, officials and advocates will conduct the annual "point in time" census of homeless. Last January, there were 1,730 homeless people in Fairfax County at the "point

in time" count, more than 1,000 of those are members of families, most of the adults with jobs. In the City of Alexandria, there were 360 homeless people. In Arlington, 527 homeless, about 200 of those were people in families.

According to the latest U.S. Census numbers, from 2008, there were about 200,000 people (under 65) in Northern Virginia without health insurance. These are people who can't get preventative care, can't get routine care for minor illnesses.

In Arlington County 38,018 or 21.1 percent of the population lacked health insurance. That number jumped to 62 percent of those living below 200 percent of poverty line.

In Fairfax County, 149,642 people or more than 16 percent of the population lacked health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, 22,399 people lack health insurance, or 18.2 percent of the population. In the City of Fairfax, 3,685 people lack health insurance, or 18.8 of the population.

Another measure of need, and a way of identifying concentrations of poverty, is to look at students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals in public schools.

In Alexandria more than 50 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

In Arlington, more than one-third of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

More than 37,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are eligible for free and reduced meals, that's 22 percent of the student body. And the needy students also tend to be concentrated in particular schools. For example, some schools, like Wolf Trap Elementary, had no students qualifying for free or reduced meals. Then consider Graham Road Elementary, with more than 78 percent of its students qualifying for free and reduced meals, Lynbrook Elementary with more than 76 percent of its students qualifying; Mount Vernon Woods, more than 75 percent; Mount Eagle more than 74 percent. The uneven distribution showed dozens of schools with very high rates of poor students lumped together; dozens with poverty rates in the single digits.

Food for thought. These numbers don't indicate a tiny population of needy people, they indicate a region with ongoing problems of "haves" and "have-nots." Those 15-30 percent of our populations in local jurisdictions who "have not" are about to have quite a bit less as the state and local budget processes move forward.

— MARY KIMM,

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EDITORIAL

## General Assembly Opens Its 2010 Session

BY JIM LEMUNYON  
STATE DELEGATE (R-67)

The 2010 legislative session is off to swift start. The House of Delegates has 20 newcomers, the most in recent memory. As one of the 20 freshmen, I feel energized to make an early and meaningful contribution on issues such as transportation, education, government reform, and balancing the state budget.

House Speaker Bill Howell announced committee assignments for each member on opening day. I was assigned to three committees important to Northern Virginia: the Education Committee, the Science and Technology Committee, and the Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns. These committee assignments will allow me to address in detail issues related to K-12 education and Virginia's public colleges and universities, the creation of technology-related jobs and economic opportunities, and land use and development, among other issues.

I'd like to highlight three bills I have introduced related to education. House Bill 781 aims to elimi-

nate unnecessary reports that local schools divisions must file with the state about compliance with regulations and other matters. While no estimate of cost savings has been made on this bill, it is important that our tax dollars be focused as much as possible on students and teachers in the classroom, not unneeded bureaucracy. This is especially true at a time when the recession has reduced tax revenues from expected levels and schools face budget cuts.

**I'VE ALSO SPONSORED** House Joint Resolution 100, to support the establishment of additional math, science, and technology Governor's Schools. Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, a magnet high school located in Alexandria, is one of Northern Virginia's most significant educational success stories in recent years. "TJ" draws students from across Northern Virginia and in the most recent admissions cycle, 2,500 students competed for 485 seats. Certainly, many qualified students were among the more than 2,000 who were not admitted. This figure alone makes a strong case for a

second science and technology magnet high school in Northern Virginia, and other such schools throughout the Commonwealth.

**RICHMOND REPORT**

Recent school boundary changes and proposed changes in Northern Virginia have created anxiety for many families. Unlike most states, Virginia does not have an open enrollment statute that allows parents and students to choose the public school they wish to attend. This is permitted in some form in 46 states.

In keeping with a campaign promise, I've introduced House Bill 780 to enable parents and students to select a school of their choice within their current school system (e.g. Fairfax County Public Schools, Loudoun County Public Schools) that is different from their assigned school. No "permission" from the school system would be required. Open enrollment would not apply when the desired school is overcrowded and transportation would be the responsibility of the students and parents. Students in small jurisdictions with fewer school choices would be permitted to attend a

school in an adjacent locality.

**FINALLY, IN ADDITION** to these bills, I have cosponsored a proposed amendment to state budget legislation to restore the funding that was reduced for Fairfax and Loudoun Public Schools. In particular, the proposed budget would make changes to the "local composite index," which is the formula that allocates education dollars to localities across the Commonwealth. These changes would short change Northern Virginia by \$30 million to \$40 million. One message I heard loud and clear during the campaign was that more of our tax dollars need to stay in Northern Virginia. I agree, and I'm happy to cosponsor this amendment on your behalf.

Please feel free to send your questions or requests for assistance on any matter related to government. Please contact me at DelJLeMunyon@house.virginia.gov or 703-264-1432, and your call will be forwarded to my Richmond office.

*Del. Jim LeMunyon represents the 67th district, which includes Chantilly, South Riding, and parts of Centreville, Fairfax, Oak Hill, and Oakton.*

# LETTERS

## Expectations Exceeded

To the Editor:

Here's praise for a suburban transit system. Though no transit system is perfect, the Fairfax Connector service started June 29, 2009 in Centreville and Chantilly with even weekday midday and evening service in some areas ran by its new contractor MV Transit replacing Metrobus has exceeded my and other passenger expectations reflected in ridership increases.

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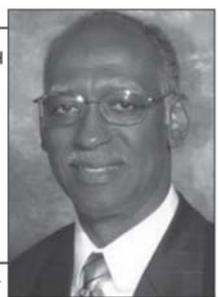
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**Neighborhood Watch Training Dates** — The Fair Oaks District Police Station is offering four training dates in 2010, for the Neighborhood Watch Program. They will be held at the police station, located at 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, at 7 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.

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

### 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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**National Christian Choir Concert.** 6 p.m. At Jubilee Christian Center. NCC has 24 recordings, including hymns, spirituals, inspirational, Christmas songs, patriotic, and others over the past 25 years. Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Rd., Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, or visit [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

**Democratic Women of Clifton.** 3-5 p.m. Former Delegate Margi Vanderhyde will address the group on the subject of Virginia's 2010 General Assembly Session. Will also discuss the election of officers. Meets at Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Visit [DemocraticWomenofClifton.org](http://DemocraticWomenofClifton.org).

### THURSDAY/JAN. 28

**Relay for Life Kick-Off.** 7-8:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, be inspired by a cancer survivor's personal story, and learn about the American Cancer Society's signature fund-raiser, coming to Centreville High School in May 2010. RSVP to Committee Chair, Marion Rantis at [CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com](mailto:CentrevilleRelay@gmail.com). Visit [www.CentrevilleRelay.com](http://www.CentrevilleRelay.com). At Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton.

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### SATURDAY/JAN. 30

**Peter Douskalis Performs.** 7-9 p.m. Free. At Pacino Ristorante, 5653 Stone Road, Centreville. Reservations not

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### FRIDAY/FEB. 5

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### SATURDAY/FEB. 6

**Super Saturday.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Workshop on Financial Aid and FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Financial aid information presentation from 9-10 a.m.; FAFSA completion between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. with help by trained counselors. At Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton.

**Choral Cabaret.** 7-10 p.m. At Centreville High School. Will feature a variety of musical acts performed by students; a dessert assortment of cakes, pies, cheesecakes and cookies served table-side; a raffle; and a silent auction. Tickets are \$10 general, and \$5 students. To order tickets, contact Lana Zarger at [lanazarger@cox.net](mailto:lanazarger@cox.net).

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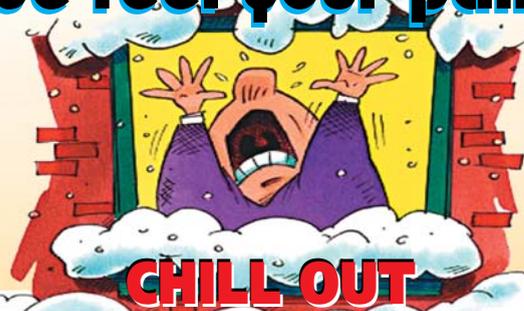
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**Catherine Lightburn of Centreville** made the dean's list at High Point University in North Carolina for the fall of 2009 where she is a sophomore. Students on the dean's list are those who have attained a 3.5 GPA for the semester. She is a 2008 graduate of Westfield High School and the daughter of Bob and Jeannine (now deceased) Lightburn of Kentwell Circle in Centreville.

**An Open House** at The Boyd School is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Boyd School has seven campuses in Northern Virginia serving infants through middle school. The Boyd School is fully accredited with the American Montessori Society and The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. It is licensed by the Virginia Department of Social Services and maintains many affiliations with Montessori and academic organizations throughout the area. Visit the Web site [www.theboyschool.com](http://www.theboyschool.com) or call Herndon/Oak Hill at 571-203-8686 or Westfields/Chantilly at 571-321-0362.

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The following local schools were recognized with the Governor's Award for Educational Excellence: Carson Middle, Franklin Middle, Greenbriar West Elementary, Oak Hill Elementary, Rocky Run Middle, Virginia Run Elementary, Willow Springs Elementary.

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# A Sense of Community

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for Muslim youth.

The Mustafa Center Youth Group seeks to meet just this need. One of the men arrested in Pakistan had been active in the Mustafa Center Mosque.

In response to the arrest of the former community member, the Mustafa Center Youth Group, made up of Muslim college students who plan recreational and educational events geared toward high school students, invited a panel of prominent American Mus-

lim scholars and imams to speak at an event called "Calling all heroes: the error in terror." According to Ali Baluch, vice president of the Mustafa Center Youth Group, the event had initially been titled "the error in terror," but the group decided to focus on a positive message rather than categorize the event as "anti-this and anti-that."

Baluch, a resident of Fairfax who studies sociology at Northern Virginia Community College, said the

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# Chantilly Boys Experience Rare Concorde Loss

Centreville, behind Denny's big night, knockoff Chargers.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

Even exceptional teams have to refocus at times. That might have been the case for Jim Smith's Chantilly High boys' basketball team last Friday night following the Chargers' 66-62 Concorde District home loss to talented area rival Centreville.

The district setback was the first for Chantilly in two seasons. A year ago, the Chargers went unbeaten in district play during both the regular season schedule as well as in the postseason tournament on way to capturing the district crown. And this winter, Chantilly (9-5 overall) won its first two district games — victories over Robinson and Oakton — before finally stumbling in district play against the Wildcats.

Following Friday's game, Smith talked to his team about re-gaining the winning mentality that helped the Chargers fare so well a year ago in the district. Smith, despite having most of last year's players back on the team this season, indicated his squad has not been as sharp or hungry of late.

"Some good things came out of the [post-game] meeting," said Smith, earlier this week. "We haven't been working as hard in practice. Maybe we've gotten a little bit spoiled and overconfident. We've had two real good days of practice [this week]. I'm hoping we'll come out with a real sense of urgency."

The Chargers were scheduled to play district games this week versus visiting Westfield on Tuesday and at Herndon this Friday night.

**SMITH EMPHASIZED** that the loss to

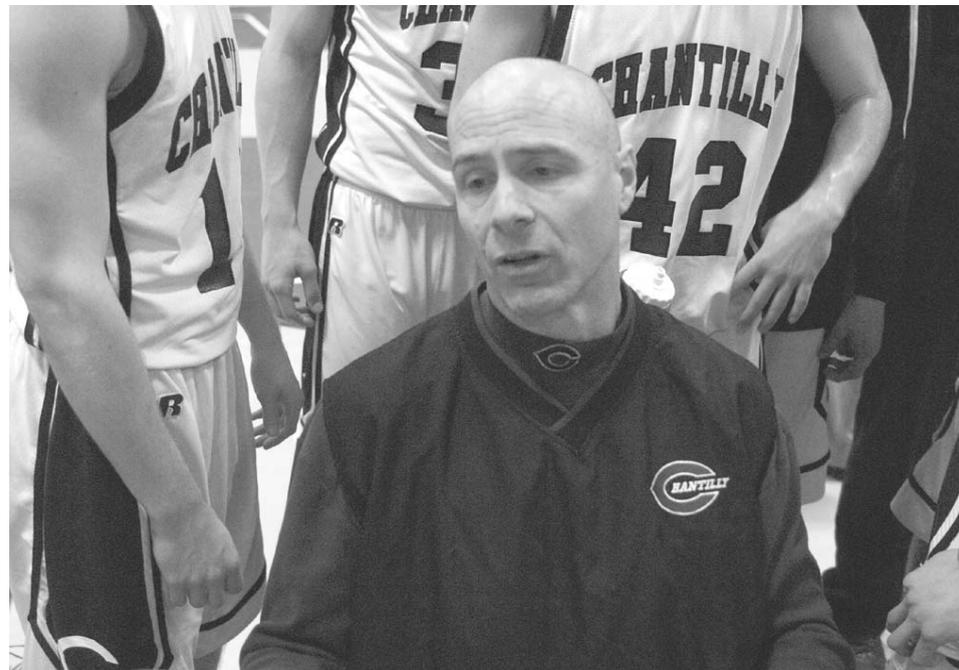


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**Chantilly coach Jim Smith and the Chargers will be at Herndon High this Friday night.**

Centreville was the result of the Wildcats (11-2) playing superb basketball.

"I give Centreville a lot of credit," said Smith, whose team defeated the Wildcats in all three meetings last year. "They have a group of seniors with Warren Denny, Bobby Warhurst [and others] and they play extremely well. They came into our gym and played with a lot of energy and poise. They hit their shots."

Chantilly led 15-11 after one quarter before Centreville outscored the home team 20-12 in the second quarter to take a 31-27 halftime lead. The Chargers were within one after three quarters but Centreville played a good fourth quarter to earn the win.

For Centreville, Denny, a forward and one of the better players in the Northern Region, scored a game-high 29 points, including four three-point shots. Warhurst, also a forward, tallied 12 points for the Wildcats and junior forward Cameron Owens scored

11.

For Chantilly, four players finished in double figures scoring. Guard Kethan Savage led the way with 14 points, while teammates John Manning, Matt Howerton and Jamie Danehower each had 10 points. Devin Ballam, a junior guard, and Adam Fridy, a senior forward, each contributed eight points.

**SAVAGE**, averaging 14 points per game, has been a solid backcourt presence throughout the season. He is one of the area's better defensive players. In Chantilly's 74-60 win at Oakton early last week, Savage, who is 6-foot-2, scored 15 points. He also had 10 steals — more takeaways than coach Smith can recall one of his players having in a single game.

"He's been pretty close to All-Region status for us," said Smith, of the junior backcourt player. "He's outstanding on defense. He's very long and quick and has very

good instincts."

Chantilly's go-to player is Manning, a seven-foot junior pivot player who is being heavily recruited by top college programs. Manning, a third year varsity starter, earned Second Team All-District honors two years ago as a freshmen and was a First Team All-Region selection last year as a sophomore. He is having another good season and is the team's force both offensively and defensively.

"John is obviously the key to everything we do on both ends of the floor," said Smith. "Defensively, he's a game-changer and the best shot blocker in the region and maybe the state. Offensively, our first option is always to get the ball inside."

Manning is averaging 10 points, nine rebounds and five blocked shots per game. Smith said his center's scoring numbers are not higher due in part to playing fewer minutes in lopsided games.

Smith said Manning has taken his share of physical poundings inside the paint this season. On one occasion, he needed 16 stitches for his tongue. Another time, he required several stitches above an eye. Against Centreville last week, the Wildcats, at times, had as many as four players sagging in defensively around Manning in order to keep him in check.

Smith said his standout frontcourt player sometimes gets frustrated when referees don't blow the whistle more often.

"He doesn't get a lot of calls for whatever reason," said Smith, who remarked that Manning's game is getting better and better as the season moves on.

Things might even be tougher physically for Manning in the paint if he didn't have 6-3 senior forward/center Matt Howerton around him. Howerton's presence around the basket takes some of the pressure off of Manning.

"Matt's one of those great high school players," said Smith. "He's a captain and leader. He does much of the dirty work for us. He takes charges. He's one of those team players and complements John real well."

## SPORTS NOTES

**Connor Bach** of Centreville High has signed a collegiate letter of intent to play baseball at Virginia Military Institute (Lexington) next school year. Bach, who resides in Clifton, is a three-year letterman for the Wildcats. Last year as a junior, he earned All-Concorde District honors as both a left-handed pitcher and an outfielder, helping the Wildcats qualify for the Northern Region playoffs. This past summer, Bach was a member of the USA Select team that traveled to the Dominican Republic.

Bach plans to major in mechanical engineering at the VMI.

VMI baseball coach Marlin Ikenberry looks forward to Bach being a part of the Keydet program.

"Connor throws a fastball between 82-86 mph and can throw all three pitches for strikes," said Ikenberry. "Offensively, he has gap-to-gap power and is projected to play first base and corner outfield for us. He comes from a very good high school program at

Centreville, which is well coached by Morgan Spencer. Connor also comes from the same high school as [current VMI pitcher] Ryan Barefoot."

The annual **Westfield Bulldog Bash** girls' and boys' basketball tournaments were a success. The girls champion was the host Westfield High team.

The Bulldogs, in the finals, defeated the Freedom Eagles (South Riding), 54-42. In the third place game, the Potomac Panthers defeated James Madison, 51-39. The boys' champion was Centreville, which defeated the Langley Saxons, 66-44, in the finals. Finishing third was Patrick Henry, which defeated Westfield, 64-54.

The 2009 Bulldog Bash All Tournament boys' team was made up of: MVP Warren Denny (Centreville), Outstanding Tournament Player Austin Kriz (Langley), Troy Thomas (Flint Hill), Martez Redfern (West Potomac),

Darius Smith (Woodbridge), Brian Orr (Freedom High of South Riding), Terrell Wilson (Patrick Henry of Roanoke), Zach Elcano (Westfield), Austin Vasiliadis (Langley) and Bobby Warhurst (Centreville). The girls' All Tournament Team was made up of: MVP Shelby Romine (Westfield), Outstanding Tournament Player Kelsey Buchanan (Freedom of South Riding), Kayna Jacobs (Potomac), Erin Kavanaugh (Madison), Eireann Anastasi (St. Hubert's of Philadelphia), Audrey Dotson (Flint Hill), Madison Hahey (McDowell High of Erie, Pa.), Dionna Scott (Freedom of South Riding), Jessica McNamara (Westfield) and Jessica Andre (Westfield).

**Northern Virginia Baseball Umpires Association** is in need of officials for baseball and volleyball. Umpires are needed for college, men's leagues, high schools and youth recreational leagues. Experience is helpful

but not required.

Formal classroom and on-the-job training will be provided. Classes will begin in mid-February. Umpires are needed for all communities in the greater D.C. area. Call Ken Williams at 703-400-3232 for more information or go to [umpires.org](http://umpires.org) to fill out a "New Ump" form.

**Fairfax Adult Softball** is seeking umpires for its adult slowpitch softball leagues in Fairfax County. Umpires are paid monthly.

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**The Cardinal Girls Lacrosse League** offers a year-round program for girls from the fifth through eighth grades. Northern Virginia girls from areas including Reston, Great Falls, and Leesburg, are encouraged to try out. The organization will likely fill two teams per age group. Cardinals Girls Lacrosse, in its fourth year, is a non-profit, travel lacrosse organization. All the league money goes to uniforms, coaches and fields.

The senior coach is the women's coach at Georgetown University, while the junior coaches are players or alumni from Catholic University, James Madison University, Virginia Tech or the University of Virginia. Practices are held at Our Lady of Good Counsel School in Vienna. The league Web site is: [www.cardinalgirlslacrosseclub.com](http://www.cardinalgirlslacrosseclub.com).



**Sock Snowmen** Third-grade students at Lees Corner Elementary School had fun making Sock Snowmen.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ics. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/> is useful to obtain bus schedules and service updates. When needed, I and others have received timely and responsive customer service.

For the previous sometimes unreliable and customer service issue ridden Metrobuses we had here before, WMATA running Metrorail and Metrobus in other areas could take lessons from the new service.

**Scott Purkey**  
Fairfax

**Support More Funding**

To the Editor:

For the first time in anyone's memory, Fairfax County Public Schools is in the midst of a perfect storm. On the revenue side, the country is in recession, state revenues are down, and county home values have fallen. This year we are educating 4,000 more students than last year, with \$20 million less. The situation would be even worse had we not received nearly \$50 million in federal stimulus funds — and those funds will run out in a year. The new Governor and the General Assembly have to cut \$4 billion just to balance the state budget. The County Board of

Supervisors funded the schools this year at the same level as last year — despite our increased enrollment — and threatens either the same or lower funding next year.

On the spending side, enrollment is up dramatically and the number of our neediest children — who cost more to educate — is growing even faster. In response, over the past two years, the School Board and Superintendent have taken prudent measures to control costs, including cutting central administration by 15 percent, and streamlining and consolidating programs.

However, when we spend 85 percent of our budget on instruction, there is a finite limit to what we can cut without impacting teaching and learning. And the cuts that save the most money — freezing pay and raising class sizes — are both counterproductive and unsustainable. But that is where we have to cut to get to the numbers needed to balance our budget.

And so we face a crossroads. We can keep cutting — freshman sports, elementary band and strings, full-day kindergarten, more teaching positions that will raise class sizes, and again freezing all pay. Or we can advocate for the funding we need to maintain the world class school system that is not only nationally renowned, but which also fuels the economic engine that drives the county, and

which contributes to the abundant quality of life we moved here to enjoy.

The School Board will make its choice on Feb. 4 when we will adopt a budget that seeks the resources we need to serve all 174,000 children who will walk through our doors next September. But then it is up to others — the General Assembly, the Governor, and the Board of Supervisors — to decide whether we actually get those resources. You have a unique opportunity to affect the future of our children, schools and our community. Please join us in letting our elected officials know that you support Fairfax County Public Schools, and want those elected officials to provide us with the resources we need to maintain our very successful system. We invite you to learn more at [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu) and step up to let your voice be heard.

**Kathy Smith**  
Chairman, Fairfax County School Board

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# Not Able Without Cable



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's only now, the Sunday afternoon following the previous Thursday night, that I'm able to recount the difficulties and demands of the 15-day, eight-hour period beginning 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16 and ending at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, New Year's Eve. It had nothing at all to do with my cancer and/or any consequences there to (not really, anyway). It had to do with my Cable. Specifically, not having Cable service, meaning no television and computer for over two weeks.

Let me try to explain as patiently as I am able to do so, now, the events leading up to and the ultimate conclusion to some of the worst two weeks of my life (death, taxes and health-related news notwithstanding).

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, a contractor for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission began digging up my neighborhood street to solve a much-needed browning-of-our-tap-water problem. Days before the initial dig, I noticed spray paint markings on the street and on my driveway indicating Miss Utility had been contacted. (Little did I know that certain colors were missing; had I known that, the subsequent pain and suffering that we endured could have been avoided. But alas, poor Yurik, I know very little of what I'm talking.) Within an hour of the beginning of the dig, sure enough, the unmarked ground did not direct the construction crew away from my cable and phone lines and as a direct result, I received one (two, actually) of the most unkindest cuts.

I will spare you the details of the many phone calls made by yours truly to rectify the problem because that's not really the point of this column, and besides, I can't do the story justice in print as I can in voice. The point of this column is to discuss how one survives when they lose something that is most crucial to their day-to-day existence and lose it not because of anything they said or did, but lose it (and then not have it repaired or responded to in a reasonable time) due to the negligence of others. Collateral damage is how I found myself characterizing my circumstances.

If truth be admitted to, I barely survived. Every day that the problem persisted, I fell deeper into an emotional hole. Every day that the much-needed connections to the outside world remained disconnected, I fell even deeper into that abyss. Every day that progress was supposed to be made to repair the lines (and then ultimately wasn't) took an ICC-type toll on my psyche. Every day that I couldn't resume my routine: work, play, business, banking, hobbies, areas of interest, areas of need, etc., via the television and computer and thus fill my day accordingly was yet another day spent not in paradise (we did borrow DVDs from a neighbor, one of which included the first two seasons of Magnum PI; he was in paradise, literally and figuratively) but one spent in a blackening hole, cratering more and more every day.

When the third (fourth? fifth? I've lost track) cable technician/team knocked on my door on Dec. 31st at 8:15 and asked if I had a picture, I thought I had died and ended up back on my couch watching television. It wasn't until 30 minutes later that my service was 100 percent restored, finally; you can't imagine the emotional release I experienced when that service returned to normal. It's still taken me a few days to regain my composure, resume my routine and get myself back on track, however.

In retrospect, I don't know how I managed, really. Given that I'm a homebody, not a reader and connected to the outside world electronically (like most people), being cut off as I was, without any warning was almost too much; in fact, it may have been one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I may be reconnected now, but I feel like I've lost two weeks of my life, two weeks that I really didn't have to lose.

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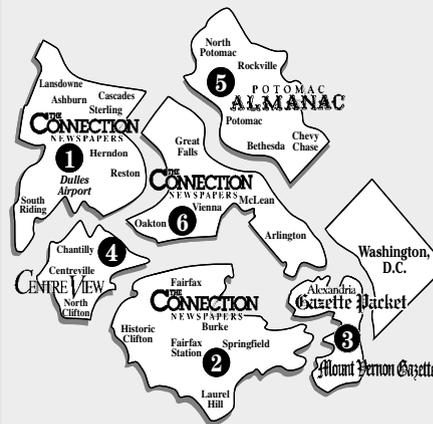
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# Rescue Teams

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 at the Fire and Rescue Academy and will establish communications with our USAR team already in Haiti."

Typically, team managers receive radio updates about the victims, plus the status of the search teams — where they are, if they're all right and if they need anything.

Last Thursday, Rogers could hardly wait to get there already and start helping. "Everybody here has that attitude," he said. "I'm proud of the team; everybody works together and we all want to save some lives."

Squad officer Richard McKinney of Fair Oaks is captain of the Frying Pan station. He's a 30-year member of the fire department and has been on Task Force 1 since its inception.

"We'll search buildings, going in void spaces and looking for trapped people," he said. "USAID will tell us which buildings and areas to check." What makes it so dangerous, said McKinney, is the unknown. "You really don't know what you're getting yourself into," he said. "Once an earthquake's destroyed a building, it's unstable."

But he's glad to do what he can and he likes the camaraderie among the people on the team. "Most of them I've known, my whole career, so they're just like a second family," he said. He's been with them to Oklahoma City, Taiwan and the Pentagon after 9/11.

Toughest, said McKinney, is "the death and seeing people at their worst." But he finds satisfaction in "the chance of finding someone alive — or even finding deceased people so their families can have closure."

# Muslim Youth

FROM PAGE 11  
 title called on moderate Muslim youth to educate themselves about Islam and raise their voices against extremism, "because that's what we need right now, not more suicide bombers."

More than 100 students, parents, and community members attended the event, held Jan. 9, at the Mustafa Center. Panelists spoke about the reasons why some Muslim youth may be tempted by extremist voices on the internet, citing difficulties in reconciling Muslim and American identity, frustration caused by American foreign policy, and low self-esteem, can make some young people more vulnerable to extremist recruiters, similar to gangs. The event focused on positive solutions to these problems.

"We tried to show how you can still be patriotic and still be a Muslim," said Baluch.

Speakers highlighted community service as an alternative to violence that would enable young people to improve the world around them. Peace was a recurring theme of the event, said Baluch.

"One speaker mentioned that there are over 100 verses in the Quran that mention peace, and just one verse about violence. One tiny verse about violence and everyone takes that one verse and twists it for their own ends."

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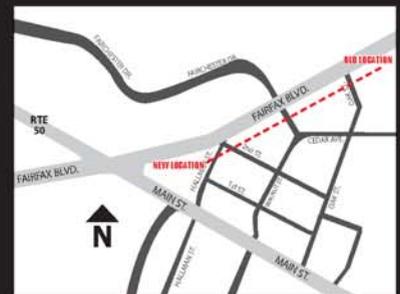
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