

# CENTRE VIEW

SOUTHERN EDITION



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW

Most of the cast of Centreville High's production of "Stage Door."

## It's 'Stage Door' at Centreville High

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Centreville High's winter play comes with a distinguished pedigree. "Stage Door" played on Broadway and was also a film starring Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rodgers and Lucille Ball.

And now, it'll be presented in the Centreville theater, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 4, 5 and 6, at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$10 at the door, with half-price tickets on opening night for those 62 and older.

It's set in the 1940s at a girls' boarding house, and the occupants are all struggling entertainers. The

play also features a cast and crew of more than 50 – which is why Director J. Mark Rogers chose it.

"There are very few shows written for a female cast, and this one has over 30 speaking roles for girls," he said. "And there's always a shortage of guys in theater classes. It's a wonderful show – one I've been wanting to do for a long time – and I finally had the right group of girls to do it."

The play contains an eclectic mix of personality types, including quirky, glamorous, flirtatious, romantic and nerdy, and Centreville has girls who can play each part. And, added Rogers, "The girls in my class want to make it on Broadway, too, just like the characters

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**"It's a perfect blend of comedy and drama."**

— J. Mark Rogers, director

## Cut, Cut, Cut

County Executive's budget proposal targets all areas, including schools.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
CENTRE VIEW

Christine Niemann likes to check out work books, nonfiction and mysteries from the Sherwood Hall Regional Library. But she also has more unusual reasons for visiting the Mount Vernon facility at least once every couple of weeks. Niemann likes to shop online on the computers at the library.

Niemann, who was browsing Zappos.com for shoes one recent afternoon, understands why the Fairfax

County executive Anthony Griffin has proposed cutting back on library branch hours, given Fairfax's budget shortfall next year of more than \$250 million.

In tough times, Niemann knows library patrons like her will be able to adjust to the cuts. But Niemann worries about people who may be relying on the library, particularly its computers, for more pressing matters.

"[A cut to library hours] is not

the worst thing except for what it does to all the kids who come here after school because they don't have internet access at home," said Niemann.

**IN ADDITION** to students, the Sherwood Hall staff has also seen more adults with limited Internet access using the library's computers, said branch manager Denise Morgan.

"I have seen more and more people in here applying for jobs. Lots of companies require that you apply online now," said Morgan.

**"Our top concern is the school resource officers. We have to have a presence in our middle schools."**

— Police Chief David Rohr

Climbing to over 5 percent last summer, Fairfax County's unemployment rate reached its highest point of the last three decades during 2009. The latest numbers suggest Fairfax currently has about 27,100 unemployed residents, a 34 percent increase over the number of unemployed people living the county at the same time last year.

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## Alliance Theatre To Present Disney's 'Aladdin Jr.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Featuring lively songs, colorful costumes and The Alliance Theatre's first-ever, all-student cast, Disney's "Aladdin Jr." is set to burst upon the stage.

"It's a musical with singing, dancing, magic carpets and a magic lamp," said Director Maggie Swan. "It's a positive, family show with a happy ending and something for everyone."

Performances are Saturday,

March 6, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m.; Saturday, March 13, at 4 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 14, at 2 p.m., at Mountain View School. It's at 5775 Spindle Court, off Braddock Road and behind Old Centreville Crossing Shopping Center, in Centreville.

Tickets are \$10 via 703-220-8101 or [www.thealliance theatre.org](http://www.thealliance theatre.org). Group discounts are available, and special Girl Scout performances are March 6 at 7 p.m. and March 7 at 2 p.m.

There's a cast and crew of nearly 45 and, because of the snow and school closings, rehearsals have been held in various homes and even at the Sully District Governmental Center. But, said Swan, "The kids and parents have been flexible and adapted to it all."

Students are even helping with the production. Assistant director is Tayler Fischer; assistant music director, Alan Schlichting; and assistant choreographer, Brittany LeKang.

The story's about Aladdin, a teen

living in the streets of Agrabah, in the Middle East, and a pampered princess. Her father, the sultan, is choosing a husband for her, but she falls in love with Aladdin.

Jafar, the sultan's evil assistant, wants to take over the city. Meanwhile, Aladdin finds a genie who's

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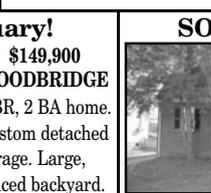
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Dancing to the song, "America," are (from left) Breana Hobbs, Marion Lonstein, Clara Bigelow, Avery Hobbs, Ally Geary and Zoe Tippl.

## 'West Side Story' Is Rescheduled

Due to the snowstorms, the Feb. 11-14 performances of Westfield High's production of "West Side Story" have been rescheduled to March 5-7. The new performance schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Friday, March 5, at 8 p.m. (replaces Friday, Feb. 12).
- ❖ Saturday, March 6, at 2 p.m. (replaces Sunday, Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m.)
- ❖ Saturday, March 6, at 8 p.m. (replaces Saturday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m.)
- ❖ Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. (replaces Sunday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m.)

All tickets for postponed shows will be honored at rescheduled shows for the reserved seats that were originally purchased. No action is required of patrons holding tickets for Feb. 12, 13 and 14.

However, the Thursday, Feb. 11 show is cancelled and will not be rescheduled. Ticket holders for Feb. 11 have several options; see [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com) for details.

Online ticket sales for "West Side Story" resumed Feb. 19.

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## ROUNDUPS

### County Employee is Arrested

Fairfax County police have charged a local resident and county employee with six offenses. She is Deborah Sterling, 58, of Clifton. She worked in the office of the county Clerk of the Court and, on Wednesday, Feb. 24, she was arrested and charged with four counts of embezzlement by a public official and one count each of computer fraud and forging a public record.

The Clerk of the Court, John Frey, alerted police about alleged improprieties on Feb. 17. Police say he'd detected several irregularities in the office's fee tracking system. The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be forthcoming.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

### Police Seek Bank Robber

Fairfax County police are looking for the person who robbed a BB&T bank, last week, in Centreville. The incident occurred Friday, Feb. 19, around 9:10 a.m., at the BB&T at 6130 Redwood Square Center.

Police say a man entered the bank, implied he had a weapon and demanded money from a 55-year-old teller. He took an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot. No one was injured. The robber was described as white, in his 20s, around 6 feet to 6 feet 2 inches, and 150-160 pounds. He wore a green and black cap, green jacket and blue jeans.

Detectives believe this suspect is also responsible for other bank robberies in the City of Manassas City and Prince William County. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

### Chantilly Bank Robbed, Too

A second, local bank robbery occurred Monday, Feb. 22, around 4:20 p.m., at the BB&T Bank at 13821 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Chantilly. Fairfax County police say a man entered the bank and approached a 48-year-old female teller. He passed her a note implying that he had a weapon and demanding money.

She complied and he left with an undisclosed amount of cash. She was not injured. The robber was described as white, about 5 feet 8 inches and around 190 pounds. He wore a blue jacket, blue baseball cap and dark-colored pants.

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### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Feb. 25, 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.

### Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

## NEWS



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The cast of The Alliance Theatre's production of "Aladdin Jr."

## All-Student Cast Performs 'Aladdin Jr.'

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been imprisoned, but has a magic lamp that can grant wishes and help him win the princess's hand.

Portraying Aladdin is Alan Schlichting, 16, of Warrenton. It's his 12th theater production and he'd like to someday act on Broadway. He said his character knows he's poor, but is still cheerful and doesn't take life seriously.

"He has dreams, though, and wishes he could be on the opposite side of the spectrum," said Schlichting. "Then he meets Princess Jasmine on the street, after she runs away from her home, and they run off together."

He's enjoyed having freedom to improvise his part. As the lead, you get lots more stage time and are focused on more; so if you do something wrong, you can't get away with it," he said. "But it's one of the most fun roles I've ever played because Aladdin's so energetic, and I get to be in a love story."

Schlichting's favorite song is "Friend Like Me," during which the genie's powers are first revealed

to Aladdin. "Our choreographer [Dawne LeKang] did a good job with it, and I like the acting in it because Aladdin goes from being confused to bouncing off the walls with excitement."

He says the audience will love the show because "all the actors are really strong, whether in the chorus or a lead. And the dancing is the highlight of the show."

**CHANTILLY HIGH** sophomore Courtney Swan plays Jasmine. "She's always been told what to do and who to see," said Swan. "But she wants to be independent and have a say in her own life. When she meets Aladdin, there's sweetness to her and her hard exterior goes away."

She, too, likes her role because "Jasmine's really direct in what she says, and I'm normally not, so it's nice to have that change of pace. This is my first lead role so it's really exciting. And we have a close-knit group — everybody's really supportive of each other."

Her favorite number is "One Jump," sung when Aladdin and Jasmine first begin to interact. Said Swan: "There are breaks with dialogue during the song, so you get to see more of the characters." On the whole, she said, "Because this group has so much energy and enthusiasm and is excited about the show, the audience will feed off it and enjoy the play."

Wearing blue face-makeup, Centreville High sophomore Anthony Ingargiola plays the genie. "He's really fun and outgoing, not embarrassed by anything," said Ingargiola. "But he's trapped inside a lamp and is ruled by whoever's holding it. When Aladdin frees him at the end of the show, it's an exciting moment. It's going to be a dynamite show."

His role takes lots of energy, said Ingargiola, because "The genie's bouncing off the wall, all over the place, and the dancing takes a lot of effort." He, too, likes "Friend Like Me" because "everything happening on stage is the magic set up by the genie. It's upbeat and, when I sing it, it gets me really into character."

Portraying Jafar is Chantilly High freshman Wesley Coleman. "He's the evil, maniacal, egotistical villain," said Coleman. "He just cares about himself. He feels unloved by everyone and doesn't feel like he belongs, so he takes it out on other people."

Coleman loves playing Jafar because, in his seven years of acting, he's always been the good guy, so this is a switch. "I can mold and shape the character



Showing their colors are (back row, from left) Michael Hawthorne, Courtney Swan and Alan Schlichting, and (front row, from left) Wesley Coleman, Adam LeKang and Anthony Ingargiola.

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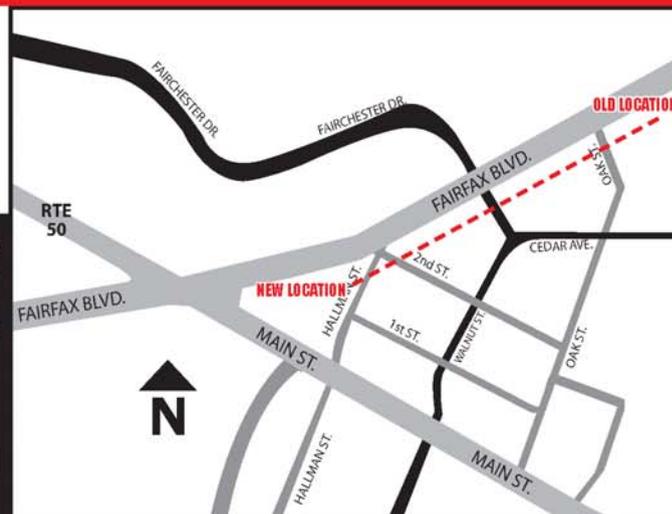
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# Centreville VFD Honors Its Own

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**Life Members (15 years of service or more) are, from left, Charles King, Marguerite Buckley, Scotty and Alice Lacey, Pete Chambers, Jim Jordan, Thomas Eisenhardt, Pete Kirby and Marva Williams. (Not pictured: Pat Reid).**

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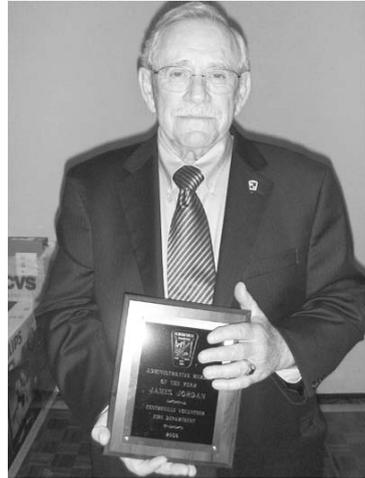
**2009 top hours of service: From left, Chief Jeffrey Sargent, 2,583 hours; EMT Marva Williams, 588; EMT Rishan Chaudhry, 1,887; Assistant Chief Pete Kirby, 1,195; James Jordan, 1,073; EMT Scott Mazza, 680; EMT Nancy Sanfacon, 679; and Firefighter Michael Wendt, 668. (Not pictured: Firefighters Christopher Giorgiani, 555, and Eric Henderson, 617).**



**Marva Williams honors Philip Sica's 10 years of service.**



**From left, Career Firefighter of the Year: Technician Debra Sparrer, with Marva Williams.**



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**For dedicated and exemplary service: From left, Pete Kirby, Nancy Sanfacon and Greg Nagelin. (Not pictured: Joe Peralis).**



**Rookie of the Year: EMT Greg Nagelin, EMS Provider of the Year: Sgt. Scott Mazza, and Firefighter of the Year: Firefighter Michael Wendt.**



**President's Award: Judy Kostelnik.**

## CVHS To Present 'Stage Door'

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in the show."

Senior Ally Nasta plays aspiring actress Terry Randall. "She's sweet, outgoing and energetic," said Nasta. "She always states her mind and doesn't care what people think of her. She also stands her ground; she believes the theater is the best thing in the world and doesn't let anyone tell her otherwise. She's trying to find that one part that's been waiting for her, her whole life."

Nasta loves her role because, although focused on her career, Terry's still "family-oriented, tries to bring out the best in people, is honest with herself and has a certain charm."

She says the audience will love the show's fast pace. "New people are entering and exiting constantly," said Nasta. "You see lots of different relationships, and the storyline's interesting because you don't

know what's going to happen next. Each person who comes into the house has their own personality and story, so there are lots of contrasts. But they all have the same goal."

**PORTRAYING MADELEINE** Vaucline, a popular girl always in the middle of things, is freshman Madison Assel. "She's bubbly, but can have an attitude; it depends on what mood you catch her in," said Assel. "She thinks she's better than everyone else and she's faithful to the popular group. Anyone not in that group isn't worth her time."

Assel says it's fun "to be able to be mean and no one can yell at you - it's awesome. I love being onstage, in general, but this is my favorite type character to play - popular, pretty and talented, just like in the movies."

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**Rehearsing a scene are (from left) Victoria Sancho-Bonet, Haley Esau, Kriza Catalfamo, Ally Nasta and Madison Assel.**

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## Consider the Long-Term Costs

Virginia's budget proposals might balance on paper right now, but future costs will soar.

Virginia, like many states, is slashing the budget in response to record decreases in revenue. Tax collections are far below expected levels because of lost jobs, lost income and consumer restraint.

The cuts, as they translate locally and personally, will range from devastating to gut-wrenching to sad.

Across the country, such budget cutting at the state level will hurt the fledgling recovery, costing hundreds of thousands of jobs. One national economist said that state budget cuts "will be a serious drag on the economy at just the wrong time."

The Federal response to the economic meltdown might well have prevented a global economic catastrophe, but it also fell short by mostly abandoning the consumer and state and local governments.

Gov. Bob McDonnell, while creating a positive image by visiting homeless shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens, has shepherded budget reductions cut disproportionately from people who are most in need. The visits gave the appearance of a man who understood the dire needs of his fellow human beings in times of crisis, but his comments were a preview. He said essentially, he was glad there were faith-based and private organizations caring for the needy, because government can't.

Many of these cuts might appear to help balance the budget right now, but will lead to higher costs.

### EDITORIALS

Cutting health services to an estimated 28,000 poor children and pregnant women in Virginia will result in more expensive crisis care, more babies born with expensive and in some cases life-long special needs, as one example.

Cuts in funds that allow people with disabilities to get the supports they need to live in the community will force some into nursing homes and other institutions, where the costs will be enormously higher, and the results the opposite of what is desired.

In Northern Virginia, more than 700 people who are on waiting lists to receive services so they can have the supports they need to live in the community now know that help will not be forthcoming this year. On the waiting list, many identified as "urgent," 55 in Arlington, 12 in Alexandria, 587 in Fairfax and Falls Church, 134 in Loudoun. But the cuts go far beyond, probably taking away funding for people who currently are living in the community, and forcing some of them into institutions.

These are just two examples of proposed cuts that will hurt vulnerable people in devastating ways, but also will likely end up costing more in the not-too-distant future.

## Using Available School Choices

While we agree with President Obama and Gov. McDonnell in encouraging more charter schools, it's also important to recognize that our schools do offer some significant options for students and families.

In Fairfax County, the public schools' high school career academies will hold open houses for students who are interested in academy courses for the next school year.

Students and their parents are invited to attend to meet academy faculty, tour classrooms, and learn about industry certifications, college credit, internships, apprenticeships, and other opportunities available to students who take academy courses. For more information about each academy's course offerings, visit the academy's Web pages or call.

Here are a few examples:

❖ **Edison Academy** — Engineering and Scientific Technology; Tuesday, March 2, 6 to 7:30 p.m., [www.fcps.edu/EdisonAcademy](http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonAcademy), 703-924-1800

❖ **Fairfax Academy** — Communications and the Arts, Thursday, March 4, 7:30 to 9 p.m., [www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy](http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy), 703-219-2226

❖ **West Potomac Academy** — Communications and the Arts, Health and Human Services, individual visits are welcome, [www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacAcademy](http://www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacAcademy), 703-718-2500

## Art Show at London Towne

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Tvisha Subhasish, Grade 2



Angie Gomez, Grade 4

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the way I want him," he said. His favorite tune is "Why Me" because it explains why Jafar's the way he is. Coleman said the audience will appreciate that the actors are in grades three to 10 and their talents will be in the spotlight.

Chantilly sophomore Jessie Bogert is two of the show's five narrators. "We start the show and then fade out, but we return with musical solos," she said. "We're involved in the story and the scenes. I love musical theater; we've all become like a family and have fun together."

Her mom, Michelle Bogert, heads up costumes and props. Jessie said the audience will like the characters' colorful outfits, plus the sets of the marketplace, the genie's cave and a balcony. Said Jessie: "The sets are cool and the audience will also like our interaction with them."

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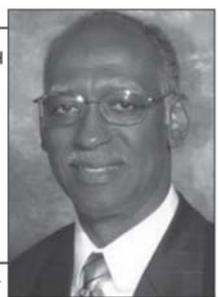
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## THURSDAY/FEB. 25

**Chick-fil-A Fund-raiser.** 5-8 p.m. **New Life Church** will be hosting a fund-raiser at Chick-fil-A at Chantilly Place, near the Dulles Expo Center to benefit the Northwest Haiti Christian Mission. Some 20 percent of proceeds will be donated to the cause.

**The Southwestern Regional Planning Study Committee.** 7 p.m. At Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. This meeting is open to the public. Additional meeting dates, times, and locations have been added to the Southwestern web site at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/swcountyschls.htm>.

## FEB. 25-28

**Capital Home and Garden Show.** At the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. The show offers a selection of home improvement-related businesses. Get ideas, investigate new products, gather information and meet the professionals. Cost is \$9/online, \$12/door, \$3/children. For tickets, go to <http://www.capitalhomeshow.com/ME2/Sites/>

## FRIDAY/FEB. 26

**Swing Dancing.** With the Cutaways. 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.

## FEB. 26, 27, 28

**"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"** Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.;

Sundays at 7 p.m. The cast includes: George: Chip Rome; Martha: Wynn Creasy; Honey: Erin Anderson King; Nick: Scott Pafumi. Directed by Shannon Khatcheressian. At the Waddell Theatre on NOVA's Loudoun Campus, 1000 Harry Byrd Highway, Sterling. Tickets are \$10/students and seniors. \$15/general admission.

## SATURDAY/FEB 27

**Peter Douskalis Performs.** 7-9 p.m. Free. At Pacino Ristorante, 5653 Stone Road, Centreville. Reservations not required but recommended. Call 703-222-5885.

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**Conservation Advocacy Workshop.** 1-5 p.m. Panels on Energy Efficiency and How to Talk about Climate Change, followed by hands-on advocacy skills training. The first panel will focus on energy efficiency in businesses and homes; the second will discuss a recent Yale/GMU poll on Americans' views on climate change and how to address them. Hosted by NoVaCAN, a Coalition of NoVa environmental non-profits at the Fair Oaks branch of Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Go to [www.chesapeakeclimate.org/NoVaCAN](http://www.chesapeakeclimate.org/NoVaCAN).

## MARCH 4, 5, 6

**"Stage Door."** 7:30 p.m. Directed by J. Mark Rogers and produced by the CVHS Drama Boosters. Admission is \$10. The Senior Citizen Preview Night is Thursday, March 4 with half-price tickets for ages 62 and older. At Centreville High School.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 5

**Swing Dancing.** 8:30- 9 p.m. is beginner lesson; 9 p.m. to midnight is dancing. Admission is \$15. With The Fabulettes. At the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road (Route 28 near the airport), Herndon.

**London Towne Art Showcase Fund-Raiser.** Student artwork will be exhibited throughout the school. At London Towne Elementary School, Stone Road, Centreville.

**Concert for Haiti.** 7 p.m. With the Aura String Quintet. Tickets are \$10/ adults, \$5/students. Sponsored by Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. Call 703-620-1977.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 6

**Lane's Mill Chapter DAR Meeting.** Prospective members are welcome to attend. At Sully Government Center, Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Smith at [jsmithtot@aol.com](mailto:jsmithtot@aol.com).

## MARCH 6, 7, 13, 14

**"Disney's Aladdin Jr."** Presented by The Alliance Theatre. Performances are March 6 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; March 7 at 2 p.m.; March 13 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.; March 14 at 2 p.m. At Mountain View School, 5775 Spindle Court, Centreville. For tickets, visit [www.thealliance theatre.org](http://www.thealliance theatre.org) or call 703-220-8101.

## SCHOOL NOTES

### Highlights from Centreville High:

❖ The annual Mr. Centreville Competition has been rescheduled to March 25 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.

❖ The Jason Linett Comedy Hypnosis Show will be held Tuesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and will go on sale during lunch periods beginning on March 1. Tickets will only be sold at the door for \$8 if they are not sold out during lunch.

❖ Blood Drive: CVHS will be hosting a blood drive at the school on March 12. The SGA will be holding an information session to let students 16 and older know whether they can or cannot donate blood for this event.

❖ Sadie Hawkins Dance with a preceding Spirit Week: Spirit Week will run April 12-16, and the Dance will be in the cafeteria on Friday, April 16.

❖ Congratulations to Hye Won Lee who won an Art Award at the American Visions Awards for Best in Show for her drawing "Baby Elephant"

❖ Students and parents are invited to attend Fairfax Academy's Information Night on Thursday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m. (Snow Date: 3/9). Meet teachers, visit classrooms, learn about career and college support. Fairfax Academy offers courses in Chinese, Dance, Fashion Design, Korean, Music & Computer Technology, Pro Graphics Studio, Pro Photography Studio, Pro Musical Theatre & Actor's Studio, and Pro TV Production. Call 703-219-2226.

❖ Congratulations to Science teacher Heather Fehr on winning the 2009 Siemens Award for Advanced Placement Teachers. She was the only teacher selected in the state of Virginia to receive this award.

❖ The Cappies of the national capital area announces that Mark Rogers' production of "Senioritis" was nominated for the Best Musical Film Award at the International Family Film Festival, which celebrates films with a family message for all people.

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## Profile in Real Estate – Buck Simpson

Northern Virginia-based Realtor Buck Simpson is surrounded by females: one fabulous wife of 33 years, four lovely daughters, a 4 year old granddaughter, two female Dachshunds and, finally, 5 turtles. However, Buck Simpson is not your everyday Realtor. He is a man intent on good works and enjoying a good life. "I care about my customers," he said. "I always do the best I can, and 99.9 percent of the time, I succeed. In fact, he offers a 100 percent money back guarantee if the customer is unhappy for any reason.

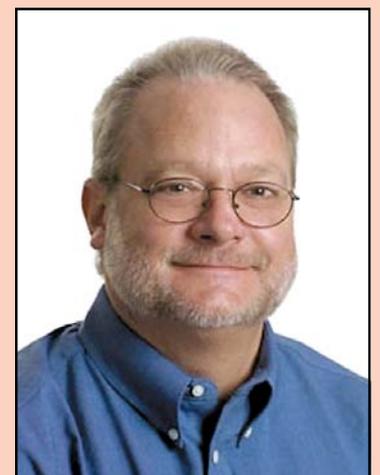
Simpson also is heavily involved with Rock & Wrap It Up. He is one of the many volunteers for the 500-city program that helps to feed the homeless and hungry.

Mr. Simpson shows up after concerts at Nissan Pavilion and other venues and wraps up food that has not been consumed by the band or crew members and then delivers it to local homeless and battered women shelters. Food packed at Wolf Trap goes to Reston. Nissan Pavilion's goes to a Manassas shelter.

When Simpson is done with real estate for the day, he goes home to his "real boss," his wife Sue. The two like to go out to dinner and the movies. But what they really like to do is go to Las Vegas. His business, which is mainly both sides of the Route 28 corridor, is booming.

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## PEOPLE

### Spealman, Nadworny Wed

Teddy and Wayne Spealman of Clifton and Carol and Ed Nadworny of Duck, N.C. are proud to announce the marriage of their children, Alyson Spealman and Matthew Nadworny. The wedding took place on Feb. 5, 2010 in New York City and was attended by close family. The bride and groom both graduated from Centreville High School and attended the College of William and Mary.

The bride graduated from the College of William and Mary in 2006 and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in pharmacology at Cornell University. The groom graduated from the College of William and Mary in 2005 and went on to graduate with honors from New York University School of Law in



**Alyson Spealman and Matthew Nadworny were married Feb. 5.**

2008. He is now a practicing corporate attorney in New York City where the couple resides.

### Hartnett and Salvias Are Engaged

Maureen and Tom Hartnett of Centreville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Megan Elizabeth Hartnett to William Earl Salvias, son of Pamela and Peter Salvias of Saco, Maine.

Megan graduated from Westfield High School in 2003 and received her master's degree in education from Goucher College in 2009. She is currently an elementary school teacher with Cecil County Public Schools.

Wes graduated from Thornton



**Megan Elizabeth Hartnett and William Earl Salvias**

Academy in 2004 and received his B.A. in history from Goucher College in 2008. He is currently a

police officer with the Bel Air Police Department.

A fall 2011 wedding is planned.

### Centreville's Choral Cabaret Rescheduled

The area's historic snow storm may have postponed Centreville High's Choral Cabaret, but it didn't dampen any of the fun in store for those planning to attend. Music, desserts and entertainment are on tap for the school's sixth annual Choral Cabaret, this Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

"It's a relaxed atmosphere — not as formal as a concert — and a fabulous event," said Choral Director Lynne Babcock. "The cabaret also provides an opportunity to highlight individual singers in the Choral Department."

Tickets are \$10, adults, and \$5, students (including college students with valid student IDs.) Tickets sales at the door will be limited, so people are encouraged to pre-order them from Lana Zarger at lanazarger@cox.net.

"We completely decorate and transform the cafeteria into a club setting, and Choral Department members are the wait staff," said

Babcock. "Desserts and beverages are included in the ticket price, so those attending will be sitting at tables and eating during the show." An assortment of cakes, pies, cheesecakes and cookies will be offered, and a raffle and silent

auction will also be part of the fun. "The students find their own material, rehearse it, prepare and stage it," said Babcock. "We're very excited about the amount of talent in this year's show."

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# Budget Plan

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the 1990s and 2001, Fairfax's unemployment never got above four percent. Given that economic climate, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) seemed skeptical of Griffin's recommendation to reduce library hours and services next year, even during a difficult budget cycle.

"When I drive by the Sherwood Hall Regional Library in the morning, I see people already lined up to use it when the doors open. I think lots of people are using the library to try and find jobs," said Hyland.

**THE DOWN ECONOMY**, driving Fairfax's unemployment, is also behind Griffin's recommendations to cut funding to libraries, parks, public safety, social services and virtually every other department, agency, program or service that gets local dollars.

In the county, residential home values, which account for more than 80 percent of the county property tax revenue, have declined approximately 5.5 percent this year. Commercial real estate has taken an even bigger dive of 18.2 percent, creating a far weaker revenue stream for Fairfax's 2011 budget.

Proposed budget cuts would result in the loss of approximately 280 county positions, not including those in the school system, and force the county to lay off approximately 100 employees, said Griffin.

After a series of public hearings on April 6, 7 and 8, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors will mark up the budget and adopt it formally later that month.

Fairfax school funding has traditionally accounted for between 50 percent and 55 percent of the county's government spending each year. With a 3 percent reduction in the county general fund overall next year, Griffin said it would have been very difficult to maintain the school system's funding at least year's level.

He has called for a 1 percent reduction to the schools annual transfer, which typically amounts to approximately \$1.6 billion. But earlier this year, the school system had indicated that they would ask the county to increase their transfer by approximately 5 percent, or \$82 million. If the Board of Supervisors adopts Griffin's suggestion to reduce school funding, then the School Board would have to cut approximately \$98 million out of its budget for next year.

School Superintendent Jack Dale has indicated that programs such as foreign language immersion, elementary band and strings, and most full-day kindergarten classes would be eliminated.

Under the county executive's proposal, public safety would also have to make major sacrifices. Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohr would have to eliminate 67 positions from his department, including 33 sworn officers. Griffin has proposed eliminating the middle school resource officers program, where uniformed officers are stationed in the county's public middle schools. "Our top concern is the school resource officers. We have to have a presence in our middle schools. It is big part of our anti-gang initiative," said Rohr.

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## I've Been Wondering...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Perhaps some of you regular readers have noticed of late, but recently – for the first time in six months or so of commentating – I have strayed occasionally from my cancer-related norm. And I suppose that's a good thing, a sign or an indication that no longer am I consumed, mentally, by the condition in which I find myself so heavily involved. Apparently, I have assimilated having cancer into my routine. Not so much coordinating my weekly labs, my every three-week chemotherapy infusion, every three-week appointment with my oncologist and miscellaneous other scans, procedures and evaluations into my daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly schedule, all of which becomes (or has become for me) second nature, despite their primary – and ongoing – importance; but more so into the activities of my daily living: reading, writing and arithmetic, etc.

Life goes on, believe it or not, even after receiving devastating news. And though I might not have imagined normalizing it (the diagnosis) as I have (especially after that first weekend at home after meeting with the oncologist the previous Thursday), but I have, and the evidence has been in my writing, specifically the non-cancer subject matter (that once again matters). Though the material is still as I see fit to write it, I seem to be a bit more fit than I have been and the proof is in the prose.

Don't get me wrong, the column is still about me, as it always has been. But it's less about the struggles of dealing with a cancer diagnosis, subsequent – and continuing – treatment, plus all the related effects not unique to me, as it has been since June. Obviously, I'm still very caught up and consumed by my health situation/status (and will continue to be), but subconsciously my brain has rewired itself a little bit and compartmentalized/segregated some (definitely not all) of the cancer thoughts thereby enabling me to mentally meander once again and literally lose my my mind in some more ordinary and mundane minutiae, the kind of which has characterized my column for the past 12 years.

And as I find myself writing about nonsense once again, I'm feeling empowered, sort of, by its appearance; I'm me again. I'm not Kenny-with-cancer; I'm just, Kenny, who happens to have cancer, who writes about it regularly but not exclusively. And deviating from this most recent 'ab-norm' of late has re-routed me. No longer am I on the cancer train. No longer am I on the road to God-help-me. I'm simply back on the same road as everybody else, back dealing with and managing the same myriad problems as everybody else (with one major exception, of course). But the cancer thing doesn't define me anymore (yeah, right?). Oh sure, it precedes me, it categorizes me, it may even be me, but no more does it control me.

My brain (and my body) has persevered through it all now: the initial testing, the shock of the diagnosis, the chemotherapy which followed, the regular medical activities/appointments/scans which continue and the lifestyle changes, have all been integrated into my/our routine. Onward we go. I feel like I'm myself again and since I've always liked myself, I'm happy to be back (heck, as a cancer patient, I'm happy to be anywhere). I'm not cured of anything, though; I'm just more comfortable (subject to change, of course).

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# Westfield Prevails at Region Wrestling Championships

Four Bulldogs capture region crowns; Centreville's Seneca, Chantilly's Carlson reach finals.

BY RICH SANDERS  
CENTRE VIEW

It was fitting that Westfield High's success at the Northern Region Wrestling Championships on Feb. 16-17 at Fairfax High School mirrored what has been a fantastic overall season for the Bulldogs.

Westfield, which was 30-2 in dual meets over the course of the regular season while also capturing first place at five in-season tournaments, proved to be just as dominant at regionals. There, coach Chuck Hoskins' squad captured its third team title in school history while also qualifying a team-record 14 wrestlers for the state AAA championships, which took place Feb. 19-20 at Robinson High.

Westfield, at regionals, won the title with 345.50 points, finishing ahead of second place and Concorde District rival Robinson (286). Finishing third was another Concorde opponent - Centreville High (126), followed by fourth place Woodson (123) and fifth place Langley (121.50). Other strong team showings at the 31-school meet came from Marshall (8th place), local Chantilly (10th), McLean (14th) and South Lakes (tied for 18th).

Robinson was one of just two opponents that defeated Westfield in dual meets this season - a 28-24 Rams' victory over the Bulldogs on Jan. 8. So for Westfield to best the runner-up Robinson squad in the team standings at regionals was particularly gratifying.

"It's a great rival between us and Robinson," said Hoskins. "They beat us in the dual meet and had a leg up on us."

"The kids just wrestled incredible [at regionals]," said the coach. "I never saw anything like it - from the early rounds all the way through."

Top four individual finishers in each weight class at regionals earned seedings at the state tournament. Twice in the past, Westfield had qualified 10 wrestlers for states, so last week's 14 qualifiers was exceptional for a program that has known vast success.



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**Westfield wrestler Austin Fallon (top) captured both the Northern Region and state AAA titles at the 189 weight class last week.**

**FOUR WESTFIELD WRESTLERS** captured region titles and six more finished second. Bulldog champs were: Kyle Arnold (140 weight class), Kevin Koch (152), Austin Fallon (189), and Tyler Deleon (heavyweight).

At the 140 finals, Westfield's Arnold bested Robinson's Charlie Vannoy, 3-2. Arnold, a senior, went on to finish third at states. "Kyle became a starter last year," said Hoskins. "He worked hard during the offseason and, as a senior, put it all together. He peaked at the right time and wrestled real well."

At 152, Koch defeated Robinson's Ben Stallings in overtime, 2-1. It was the first region crown for Koch, a two-time district champion during his career.

Fallon, the Westfield 189 standout, defeated Marshall's Mark Bergenholtz, 7-2, in the championship match to gain his second career region title. He then went on to capture the state title as well later in the week

- his second career state crown.

Hoskins said repeating as region and state champion was no easy task for Fallon, who will be wrestling collegiately at Bucknell University (Lewisburg, Pa.) next school year.

"He did a phenomenal job [this season] and worked hard," said Hoskins. "I've seen in the past when kids came back as champions their work ethic was not as good and they weren't as motivated. Austin worked harder this year. He was focused and wanted [to repeat as champion]."

At heavyweight, Deleon of Westfield was a 5-1 finals victor over West Potomac's Sami Ahmady.

Deleon wrestled mostly at the 215 weight class during the season but was moved up to heavyweight for the postseason and excelled.

"He got hot at the right time and his confidence was high," said Hoskins, of Deleon. "He wrestled smart and did a great job. He was definitely the surprise of the region going from 215 to heavyweight."

Westfield's Brett Campbell finished second at 103 weight class, falling to Robinson's Dallas Smith, 1-0, in the finals. Other Bulldogs who finished second were: Stephen Aiello, who reached the 112 finals before losing to Annandale's Dane Harlowe by major decision; Dennon Carranza-Kee, who fell at the 125 finals to Madison's Albert Schultz, 4-0; John Orchard-Hays, who was defeated by Robinson's Jacob Crawford in the championship; Beau Donahue, who lost to Robinson's Roman Perryman, 8-4, in the 135 finals; and Nick Grinups, who lost a tough 4-3 decision to Lake Braddock's Ross Renzi in the 160 finals.

Westfield's Harry Van Trees finished third at the 145 weight class, defeating Lee's Omar Ezzeddine, 4-2, in the consolation finals. Other place finishers for Westfield were Rapheal Bamezon (4th at 215), Dylan Doty (4th at 171) and Karl Tanner (4th at 119).

Westfield, at states, finished an outstanding third in the team standings and had six place finishers.

**FOR CENTREVILLE HIGH,** Martin Seneca made it to the 171 region finals where he lost to Annandale's Stacey Anderson, 9-4. Seneca reached the championship with victories over Cam Bowen of Stone Bridge, Austin Murga of Oakton, Mac Tunick of Woodson and Bernabe Mejia of Chantilly. (Mejia ultimately finished fifth).

Centreville had two third place finishers: Jackson Islin, who pinned Mount Vernon's Dusty Floyd in the 140 consolation finals; and Daniel Johnson, a 3-1 overtime winner over Westfield's Bamezon in the 215 consolation finals. Also for the Wildcats, Ricky Williams finished fourth at 135 weight class.

**CHANTILLY'S** Jack Carlson went all the way to the 145 finals before losing a close 5-4 decision to Robinson's Mickey Bennett. Carlson reached the finals with wins over Said Matan of Falls Church, Brennan Reeder of Hayfield, Will Pyrak of Jefferson, and Omar Ezzeddine of Lee in the semifinals.

## CENTREVILLE HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

**Yazid Zouaimia, a senior member of the Centreville High track and field team, captured a Northern Region title in the 1,000-meter run at last Saturday's region championships meet held at George Mason University's fieldhouse. The Wildcat boys finished a strong fifth place overall in the team standings. For more about the Centreville team's success at states, go to Centre View South Sports at connectionnewspapers.com.**



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The **Centreville High boys' basketball** team fell to Chantilly, 66-53, in the semifinals round of the Concorde District Tournament on Feb. 19. Despite leading by four points at halftime, the No. 5-seed Wildcats struggled with shooting and foul trouble in the second half. Senior Warren Denny led Centreville in scoring with 15 points while senior Bobby Warhurst added 12 points. Centreville (13-6) was scheduled to play at Langley in a first round Northern Region playoff game on Wednesday of this week (Feb. 24.).

"We just need to knock down shots, do what the coaches say and play hard," said Denny, of keys to success at regionals.

Congratulations to Warren on being named the Concorde District's Co-Player of the Year. Also, congratulations to Cameron Owens (All Concorde Dis-

trict 1st Team), Chris Campbell (All Concorde District Defensive Team), Bobby Warhurst (All Concorde District Honorable Mention), and Nick Tisinger (All Concorde District Honorable Mention).

The **Centreville Lady Wildcats** ended their season with a hard-fought but disappointing 57-45 loss to the Herndon Hornets last Wednesday in first round action of the Concorde District Tournament. After leading by seven points in the first half, the 'Cats watched Herndon go on a 16-2 run, resulting in a 7-point C'ville halftime deficit. Centreville missed several second half opportunities to tie or take a lead before Herndon went on another big run. The Cats narrowed the gap to 9 points with two minutes to play and had possession of the ball but could get no

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closer. C'ville was led by junior guard and All-District player Erin Meador with 14 points. Sophomore Chaney Forbush had 12 and senior Lauren Catalano, playing her final high school game, had a career-high 9. The Wildcats finished their year with a record of 6-13.

Congratulations to Erin on being named to the Girls Basketball All-Concorde District 1st Team; and sophomore Chaney Forbush on being named to the All-Concorde District 3rd Team. Kudos also go to junior Haley Diamond (Honorable Mention, All-Concorde District) and junior Taylor O'Hara (Honorable Mention, All-Concorde District). Meador and Forbush were also named to the All-Concorde District Defensive Second Team.

**Congratulations to the following swimmers** on their performances at the VHSL State meet on Feb. 19-20 in Virginia Beach. This is the 5th consecutive year Centreville was represented at the state meet.

The eighth place girl's 200-meter medley relay (senior Susie Lesniewski, junior Taylor Avery, senior Sana Alloo, senior Natalie Leake)

The girl's seventh place 200-free relay (Susie Lesniewski, Taylor Avery, Abby McCranie, Natalie Leake)

Junior Johnny Germanis - 50-freestyle, 13th place

Natalie Leake - 100-breast stroke, 14th

Wildcat swimmers competed at the Northern Region swimming championships on Feb. 16 at Oak Marr Recreation Center. Junior Johnny Germanis led the boys' team with a 7th-place finish in the 50-free and a 14th-place finish in the 100-fly. The boys' 200-free relay finished 16th and included Johnny, junior Mitch Cole, sophomore Mike Helme, and sophomore Connor Culleiton. On the girls side of the meet, senior Susie Lesniewski and junior Taylor Avery finished in the top 16 in each of their respective events. Susie placed 11th in the 50-free and 12th in the 100-free, while Taylor notched two 13th-place finishes in the 50-free and 100-fly. Senior Natalie Leake finished 7th in the 50-free, narrowly missing the top 6 to advance to states. The girls 200-free relay of Natalie, Taylor, freshman Abby McCranie, and Susie finished 4th. The same four girls took a shot at the state cut in the 400-free relay, but missed it by 0.53 of a second.

Congratulations to the 17 CVHS swimmers who scored at least one point for the team total. Double top-16 finishers included: Johnny

Germanis in the 50-free (3rd) and 100-fly (5th); Taylor Avery in the 100-fly (3rd) and 50-free (5th); Susie Lesniewski in the 50-free (4th) and 100-free (5th); Sana Alloo in the 100-back (6th) and 200-free (13th); Abby McCranie in the 50-free (6th) and 100-free (11th); Connor Culleiton in the 50-free (10th) and 100-back (12th); and Mike Helme in the 100-fly (16th) and 100-back (16th). The following swimmers finished in the top-16 in one of their events: junior Bobby Kelly in the 100-fly (13th), freshman Katie Schwindt in the 500-free (15th), freshman Shannon O'Donnell in the 100-breast (9th), and junior Erin Hessler in the 100-breast (16th). Just missing the top-16 (17th or 18th): senior Yoona Kim (200 and 100-free), Katie Schwindt (100-fly), Shannon O'Donnell (200-IM), senior Jenn Hagan (500-free), and junior Nick Cole (200-free).

Congratulations to the following **wrestlers** who helped CVHS finish third at the Northern Region Wrestling Meet in Fairfax on Feb. 17:

Ricky Williams - 4th place, 135 pounds

Jackson Islin - 3rd place, 140 pounds

Martin Seneca - 2nd place, 171 pounds

Dan Johnson - 3rd place, 215 pounds

David Chenevey - 6th place, 189 pounds

Those who placed 4th or higher advanced to the VHSL State Meet.

On Feb. 19, at the Virginia State Wrestling Championships at Robinson Secondary school, Centreville wrestling walked away with one All-State wrestler. Ricky Williams took 8th place at 135 pounds, making him one of the top eight wrestlers in the state in that class. Other notables at states included Jackson Islin (140 pounds), Martin Seneca (171) and Dan Johnson (215) each winning a match.

**Centreville Ice Hockey:** Rising 9th graders are invited to participate in spring 2010 training and 2010-2011 season. The Centreville Wildcats ice hockey team is looking ahead to the 2010 spring season (and next winter) and invites rising 9th graders who are ice hockey players to come out and represent the Wildcats. Check out at [www.wildcathockey.com](http://www.wildcathockey.com). E-mail the coach at [wildcathockeycoach@gmail.com](mailto:wildcathockeycoach@gmail.com)

— KAREN FULKERSON

## NEWS

# It's 'Stage Door' at CVHS

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She called the play "hilarious" and said the relationships between the characters are really funny. Said Assel: "You can tell that, even though the girls in the boarding house fight, we really love each other like a family."

Junior Victoria Sancho-Bonet plays Jean Maitland. "She's really pretty and kind of full of herself," said Sancho-Bonet. "The boarding house is called The Footlights Club, and she's the only one from there who's become famous. She leads her own clique within the house. Everything goes right for her and she never has any trouble. She's also a bit of a party girl and very flirtatious."

Sancho-Bonet likes her role because she's "not normally a self-absorbed person who always thinks of 'me, me, me.' Jean gets to flirt with guys and everyone's attention is on her." She said the audience will enjoy peeking inside the minds of different females, while watching them deal with family, boyfriend and work problems common to all of them.

"The play also shows a good sense of values in the different life choices made by the individual girls," said Sancho-Bonet. "It's a good show for all ages, and I think everyone will enjoy it."

Portraying David Kingsley is senior Julien Guh. "He's a big-shot movie/theater producer who finds pretty girls he thinks would

make it in the movies," said Guh. "He's devoted to his job, but doesn't always like some of the unethical decisions he has to make because of it. He's sincere and a suave, good-natured, charming guy."

Guh said it's interesting playing someone so powerful who makes huge decisions. "It's cool seeing that aspect of a person's life," he said. "When he comes onstage, the girls throw themselves at him because they know he could be their ticket to fame."

**SENIOR HALEY ESAU** plays Judith Canfield, one of the girls in the house and Randall's good friend. "She's fun, witty and really sarcastic," said Esau. "Sometimes she can be pretty mean because she doesn't like any other girls in the house, except Terry."

Esau says the character's perfect for her to play. "It's not how I am in real life, but she's so versatile that I get to play different roles within her," she said. "Sometimes, she's fun, and other times, she's down after having a fight with another character."

All in all, said Director Rogers, "It's a perfect blend of comedy and drama, seen through the eyes of a struggling, New York actress. I'm very impressed with my cast's dedication and talent. Even with the snow, they worked on their lines and persevered through difficult circumstances – and I have every confidence that, on opening night, they're all going to shine like Broadway stars."

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