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# NEWS

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**Junior Delaney Fetzer (left) at the mic and senior Sydney Degnan (right) produce sound effects for the live radio broadcast "It's A Wonderful Life - A Live Radio Play" by West Springfield High School Spartan Theatre.**



COURTESY OF WEST SPRINGFIELD SPARTAN THEATRE



**From left, West Springfield senior Grace Duah, junior Delaney Fetzer and senior Scott Burrows rehearse their audio-only parts for the Spartan Theatre production of "It's A Wonderful Life - A Live Radio Play."**

## Spartan Theatre to Perform Live Radio Broadcast of 'It's A Wonderful Life'

Using just microphones and their voices — and a few audio tricks — members of West Springfield High School Spartan Theatre are bringing the 1946 classic movie "It's A Wonderful Life" to life as a live radio broadcast on Friday, Dec. 18.

The event is not only meant to provide nostalgic holiday entertainment, but also a fundraiser to finance the students' trip to perform at the Edinburgh International Fringe Festival in August 2016. Three sessions of a silent auction will bookend and bisect the performance, with items ranging

from local theatre tickets and gift baskets to restaurant gift cards and other raffle items.

Auction item viewing and bidding begins at 6 p.m. on Dec. 18 in Spartan Hall at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road in Springfield. The performance is sched-

uled to begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door or online via [www.spartantheatre.com](http://www.spartantheatre.com). Auction items will be listed in advance on the same website.

—TIM PETERSON

## Tying Down Time for Tying Up

### New dog tethering law limits the amount of time a dog can be tied outside to one hour a day.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

"Man's best friend deserves legal protection," said Peggy Marshall, who adopted her best friend, Bianca.

Bianca endured a life on a chain for years until stray dogs attacked her.

"She tried to defend herself but couldn't run away and was badly bitten," said Marshall. Marshall's testimony at the Nov. 17 public hearing of the Board of Supervisors covered the intent of the board's proposed amendment regarding cruelty to animals, including dog tethering.

Bianca was then dropped off at an animal shelter to be euthanized. An animal care assistant intervened, got Bianca a week of medical attention and from there a rescue group intervened.

"Happily, Bianca's story ends with an unchained life and Boar's Head roast beef every day," said Marshall.

Tethering a dog for more than one cumulative hour during any 24-hour period, unless the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian, is now prohibited in Fairfax County. The Board of Supervisors voted Tuesday, Nov. 17, to amend the Fairfax County Code to incorporate the Code of Virginia's cruelty to animals provisions along with the tethering provision.

**MORE THAN 20** people testified for more than two hours at a public hearing at the Nov. 17 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, and not all were in favor of the new regulations.

The Board of Supervisors met some resistance when proposing limits to dog tethering, the amount of time animals could be left unsupervised on a leash or a line in the backyard.

"When [Lee District] Supervisor [Jeff] McKay and I introduced this in late spring after working with some of the shelter staff," said Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey, "we never contemplated the idea that this would limit the amount of time you could walk your dog on a leash because that was tethering" or that if a groomer had a leash on a dog for more than an hour that would violate the ordinance.

Some people worried that dog groomers could be in violation of the new provision if they needed to tie a long-haired dog for more than an hour.

"That was an interpretation that never occurred to us, but I've talked with some folks and I've worked with our staff and the county attorney's office to propose an amendment that I think takes care of those concerns," he said.

Frey started the public hearing by saying the board would add qualifying language to the proposal that would allow a dog to be tethered for longer than an hour if "the dog is under the direct supervision and control of its owner or custodian."

"That will take care of some of the concerns that were addressed," Frey said.

Capt. John Naylor, commander of the Animal Control Division, said tethering can deprive dogs of their ability for survival necessities, such as water and food. Limited to a life on a chain regularly can make dogs aggressive as well as potentially cause strangulation, he said. They can be at risk for hypothermia and heat stress, which can lead to severe health problems.

But others raised concerns about the meaning of "direct supervision and control."

"I've been a dog owner my entire life," said Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity, who asked that the proposal be deferred for more consideration. He raised the example of taking his dog with him when he plays rugby, with the dog tethered in sight, but for more than an hour for the game. County staff replied that the scenario would not be allowed, and that the dog should be directly supervised by someone during the game.

Alice Harrington, legislative liaison of the Virginia Federation of Dog Clubs and Breeders, spoke in opposition.

"This bill is written and assumes all tethering is bad, and that is not true," she said. "There is no link [in this proposal] between tethering of a dog and the condition of the dog. Anyone who tethers a dog for

61 minutes can be charged with animal cruelty," even if there is no harm to the dog.

Allison Volpert, who serves on the county animal services advisory council, participates with two of her dogs in agility classes at Frying Pan Park. She regularly leaves one dog tethered for somewhat more than an hour, with a cooling pad and water in summer, while she participates with her other dog in class. But with the new provision she will no longer be able to do so.

**SHE URGED** the supervisors to delay the vote and to work with a more diverse group of animal lovers to make recommendations.

Arlington County animal control officer Jennifer Toussaint said Arlington County uses its tethering law and enforcement to educate homeowners how to be more effective dog owners.

Holly Hazard of the Humane Society of the United States testified in favor of the limits on tethering.

"Experts agree that tethering is not conducive to the well-being of dogs," she said, and is "inhumane."

"Most citizens don't want to be bad pet owners, they need guidance, and if control officers can intervene, she said, they can eliminate tethering from becoming a punitive measure."

"Citizens need guidance," she said.

"The ordinance fulfills our commitment to treat animals with dignity and compassion," testified Timothy Parmly. "It's a good ordinance," he said. "Chaining a dog is cruel."

Fines and penalties for violating the tethering provision, range from a fine of \$500 for a first violation to being punishable by fine of up to \$2,500 and/or penalty of up to one year in jail for a third violation within the same year.

# NEWS



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY-JO MANNEY

**Franconia Elementary School hosted a fun run in November to bring in coats for the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign.**



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**Members of the Strategy and Management Services, Inc. SAMS Cares collected coats as part of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign. The coats were retrieved by Springfield-based Ecumenical Community Helping Others.**

## Businesses Help Bundle Up

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

The back of the house at Springfield's Ecumenical Community Helping Others resembles the staging area for Santa's all-nighter. Aisles upon aisles of assorted clothing, toys, kitchen equipment and other home goods wait in orderly fashion to be stocked in the nonprofit's shopping area serving clients with low or no income.

This time of year is especially hectic for outfits like ECHO, when donations around the holidays spike.

"It's chaotic, but it's wonderful too," said ECHO executive director Meg Brantley. ECHO serves about 1,500 active clients across five magisterial districts in Fairfax County, including Burke and areas of Springfield. They have 27 counselors who work one-on-one with clients on an appointment basis, figuring out how ECHO can best help them manage their food, clothing and short-term financial difficulties.

ECHO is one of two community outreach nonprofits, the other being the Koinonia Foundation in Franconia, getting a boost in clothing on-hand from the annual Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign.

**FOR ITS LONGEST-RUNNING** collection campaign, going back more than 15 years, the Chamber works with local businesses (members and non-members alike) to set up collection boxes for coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Then the two nonprofits retrieve the boxes themselves and distribute the items through their channels.

"At this time of year, you're more likely to see groups working on Toys for Tots, food collection — those are the two things generally residents think are needed at the holidays, and they are," said Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Chamber.

"But this is something different. Most of



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**Volunteer Tom Palumbo of Kingstowne processes a new donation at the warehouse for Ecumenical Community Helping Others.**

us don't realize how many kids show up at school in January and February without a proper coat on. Because so many of our local kids here in the central Springfield area walk to school, it's amazing, you see them out and they don't have a proper coat. Mom and dad send them with just a sweatshirt because that's all they have."

Manney said there are 27 participating businesses and other organizations participating in this year's campaign, which started Nov. 16 and lasts until Dec. 17. In addition to businesses, several other groups such as American Legion posts and schools, including Franconia Elementary, participated.

Springfield-based tech and information solutions company Strategy and Management Services, Inc. is one of the participat-

**Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce hosts annual winter outerwear collection.**



**Volunteers of the nonprofit Ecumenical Community Helping Others in Springfield are retrieving donated coats from businesses and schools as part of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign. The coats are checked for age and cleanliness, then hung and prepared to go into the organization's clothing store.**

ing businesses, leaning on its charitable arm SAMS Cares to drive the coat collection.

"Social service and being an active, responsible member of the community is essential to me," SAMS president and chief executive officer Staci L. Redmon said in an email. "I launched the SAMS Cares program to engage employees in community endeavors. SAMS' employees continue to come together and make amazing strides to support the advancement of members of our community."

During the last two years, SAMS Cares has participated in more than 14 different initiatives, Redmond said, putting in about 60 service hours and collecting over \$3,400 in goods. For the holidays, the group is partnering with Potter's Hands Thanksgiving Feast and New Hope Housing, in addition to the winter outerwear drive and other support for ECHO.

"Our donors and businesses are certainly up to scratch now," Brantley said. "I'm getting so many more emails from businesses saying they'd like to help, what can they be doing?"



**The Strategy and Management Services, Inc. charitable arm SAMS Cares partnered with the Ecumenical Community Helping Others to round up new winter coats and accessories as part of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign.**

**SO FAR** with coats in from three out of 13 businesses ECHO will retrieve from, they've taken in 64 items.

Brantley said she thinks even though not every business within their footprint is participating in the outerwear drive, campaigns like it help increase awareness of their mission in the community.

With fewer donations in 2014, ECHO was forced to spend \$10,000 on gift cards for food to serve the need of their client families. Whereas this year, Brantley said, "businesses have really come through. We're not going to spend nearly as much on gift cards."

Kathy Marchetti of Springfield volunteers at ECHO and is co-chair of the clothing department. "Any drive that produces quality coats for children, men and women, but especially the children, is just invaluable," she said. "It gets the whole community involved. That's why we love it."

For more information on ECHO, visit [www.echo-inc.org](http://www.echo-inc.org). More information on the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce winter outerwear campaign is available at [www.springfieldchamber.org/winter-outerwear-campaign](http://www.springfieldchamber.org/winter-outerwear-campaign).

## FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

**Pohick Church** will offer Service Lessons and Carols. This service originated in Victorian England in the 1880s as a series of scripture readings interspersed with Advent and Christmas carols, hymns and choral anthems, tracing God's love from the creation of man and woman in the Garden of Eden, through the annunciation and birth of the Christ Child. The event will be on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. Pohick Church is located at 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. www.pohick.org. 703-339-6572.

Clifton Presbyterian Church is offering a **Grief Support Group**. Offered for eight sessions on Thursdays from Dec. 3-Feb. 3 from 10:30 a.m.-noon for those who have experienced a recent death and loss in their lives. This group will offer a safe and supportive place for participants to explore ways to walk the journey of grief and to "wrestle" with difficult, and sometimes unanswerable, questions. Dec. 3, 10, 17; Jan. 7, 12, 21, 28; Feb. 3. Clifton Presbyterian Church is located at 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. office@cliftonpc.org. 703-830-3175.

Experience the Philippine traditional night mass, "Simbang Gabi," at the **Nativity Catholic Church**, 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Service starts at 7:30 p.m. with reception. <http://www.filminnova.org/filipino-ministry-parishes/>.

Join **Harvester Presbyterian Church**, 7800 Rolling Road, Spring-

field, for Light of Hope, a traditional Christmas Eve service with candle-lighting on Thursday, Dec. 24 from 8-9 p.m. [www.harvesterpca.org](http://www.harvesterpca.org). 703-455-7800.

**Temple B'Nai Shalom** at 7612 Old Ox Road, Fairfax Station is offering **Tot Shabbat** on Friday, Dec. 11 from 7-7:45 p.m. This service is especially designed for newborns through second graders and their parents. It includes music, child-friendly prayers, stories and activities. The service is followed by a special kid-friendly oneg. 703-764-2901. [www.tbs-online.org](http://www.tbs-online.org).

**Fairfax Baptist Temple**, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or [www.fbtministries.org](http://www.fbtministries.org).

**The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center**, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

**Lord of Life Lutheran** offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and

10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or [www.Lordoflifeva.org](http://www.Lordoflifeva.org).

**First Baptist Church of Springfield** offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or [www.fbcspiritfield.org](http://www.fbcspiritfield.org).

**Clifton Presbyterian Church**, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

**St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church**, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or [www.st-andrew.org](http://www.st-andrew.org).

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or [www.poplc.org](http://www.poplc.org).

**Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register. 703-451-5320.

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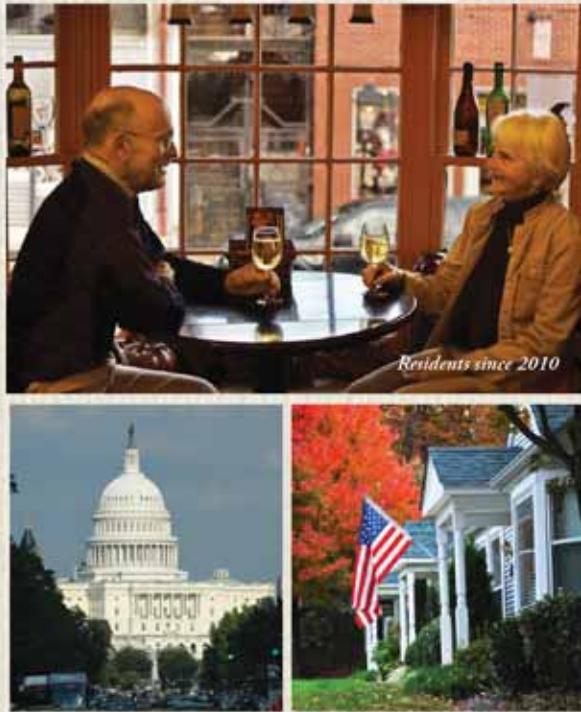
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# OPINION

## Safety Net for Holiday Celebrations

**It's an opportunity to talk about responsibility, alcohol and planning ahead.**

The holiday party season is here, and we will almost all be celebrating in some way. Some ways will involve celebrations that include alcohol.

It's up to you to make a plan to get home safely.

Plan to bring a designated driver. Plan to party (and live) where you can take public transportation. Plan to celebrate at home or someplace where you can spend the night. Plan to abstain.

And if all of that fails, the Washington Regional Alcohol Project has a safety net for you.

WRAP, a local nonprofit organization, will offer free cab rides to would-be impaired drivers throughout Northern Virginia during the winter holidays.

The annual Holiday SoberRide program will operate nightly from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. starting Friday, Dec. 11, 2015, and continuing until Thursday, Jan. 1, 2016 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period.

During these times, area residents 21 and over, celebrating with alcohol can call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a no-cost (up to \$30 fare), safe way home. Callers will be responsible for fare amounts

over \$30.

WRAP also offers free cab rides for other holidays, including Halloween, Independence Day, Cinco de Mayo, and more.

Concerns about consequences of driving under the influence are well founded.

In Fairfax County in 2014 there were 740 alcohol-related crashes, which included 12 alcohol related fatalities and 476 alcohol related injuries. (Overall in Fairfax County in 2014, there were 13,680 total crashes including 32 fatalities and 7,649 injuries.)

In 2014, there were no fatal vehicular accidents in the City of Alexandria. But of the 1,777 total crashes, 99 were alcohol-related; and of the 757 injuries in crashes, 60 were alcohol-related.

In Arlington in 2014, there were 235 alcohol related crashes, with two alcohol-related fatalities and 78 alcohol related injuries. (Overall in Arlington in 2014, there were 2,469 with five fatalities and 1,094 injuries.)

In 2013, 10,076 people were killed in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, accounting for nearly one-third of all traffic-related deaths in the United States, according to the CDC. Tens of thousands more were injured. Holidays lead to an increase in impaired driving, the Christmas through New Year season in particular.

### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Climate Scientists Warnings Go Unheeded in Congress

To the Editor:

In this vituperative political age of partisanship, it is no wonder that 86 percent of voters disapprove of Congress, a body in which the national good seems to be trumped by political ideology, grandstanding, name-calling, pandering, and distortion of the truth—all of which gets in the way of common-sense governance.

Some of this elbowing justifiably begins with legitimate differences of opinion. How big should the government be? How much should the government regulate? What should be our national position on social issues such as abortion, gay marriage or gun regulation? What trade-offs are we willing to accept to protect ourselves from terrorists? How do we respond to the income gap between rich and poor? How do we stimulate job growth and deal with compensation for work? How robust should our military be? How should our health care system be structured?

Answers to these and multiple other complex questions often start with our values, our history, and our notions of fairness.

Like most of us, I have strong feelings about how best to proceed

on many of these issues. At the same time, I recognize that others have very different but equally impassioned views. Our political process is supposed to be about sorting out differences like these. The majority of us presumably hope we could marshal at least some civility as we struggle to find a way forward that is in our national best interest. The goal for most of us, it would seem based on the record of Congressional approval, is for Congress to give us outcomes that work.

Sometimes, however, an issue comes along that so defies common sense and incontrovertible fact that it should make open-minded people wonder if Congress can resolve anything. Who would imagine that despite dire warnings from virtually every climate scientist in the world, a majority of members of the House of Representatives would vote to embarrass the United States during the world's most important conference on climate change by voting to limit the Environmental Protection Agency on its rules to lower power plant emissions? The evidence that our world's climate is rapidly changing in ways that will lower

the life-expectancy of our children is overwhelming. And yet the majority of our elected representatives in the House, driven apparently by narrow party ideology, has actually impeded solutions. Do campaign contributions from carbon industries and other special interests have anything to do with it?

Those members of Congress (including, regrettably, our own representative in the 10th Congressional District of Virginia) who vote to trivialize or combat this issue, are putting their credibility and judgment on the line for dealing with almost any issue and

thus, I would hazard, are risking their endorsement from us, the voters, to hold their seats. Their incomprehensible votes on climate change help to explain why we think so little of Congress and particularly so little of the House of Representatives. Climate change is an issue in which the stakes are so clear-cut and the facts so convincing that there should be no hesitation about moving forward with the enthusiastic backing of our elected representatives in both parties.

**Jonathan Fisher**  
Great Falls

## Dispelling Confusion

To the Editor:

I so much appreciated Tim Peterson's article, "Special Bible Exhibit at First Church of Christ, Scientist" (Christian Science church in Springfield), published in the Nov. 26 issue of The Connection. It told the story of a local historian's research into the origin of the King James translation of the Bible. As a practicing Christian Scientist, I also very

much appreciated the clear explanation that this denomination is based entirely on the Bible, particularly the words and works of Jesus, and that it is in no way related to Scientology. In my public practice of Christian Science healing, I often see a need to dispel confusion on these points.

**Richard Geiger**  
Arlington

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## CAPPIES REVIEW

# A Comedic Masterpiece

BY BEN BERISS  
MONTGOMERY BLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

**A**doo-wop serenade, an adorable bromance, and a biker gang are almost as far as you can get from traditional Shakespeare. But West Springfield High School manages to bring all these elements, and more, together with the Bard's classic dialogue in their production of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona," set in the Ivy League-esque "Milan College" during the fabulous 50s.

One of Shakespeare's earliest works, "Two Gentlemen" was first performed sometime between 1594 and 1595. As part of Shakespeare's oeuvre, it's a theater classic despite being considered one of his weakest works. It follows the love lives of the two gentlemen, Proteus and Valentine, as they go through the trials and tribulations of the bromance and romance of college.

Despite the difficulty of Shakespeare's language, which was exaggerated by the way sound dipped in and out at times, the actors consistently conveyed their message through their excellent facial expressions and movement. The actors' comedic physicality was further highlighted by several silent scenes at the top of every setting change which had remarkable focus and comedic value for minute-long skits. This expertise in silence was continued through-

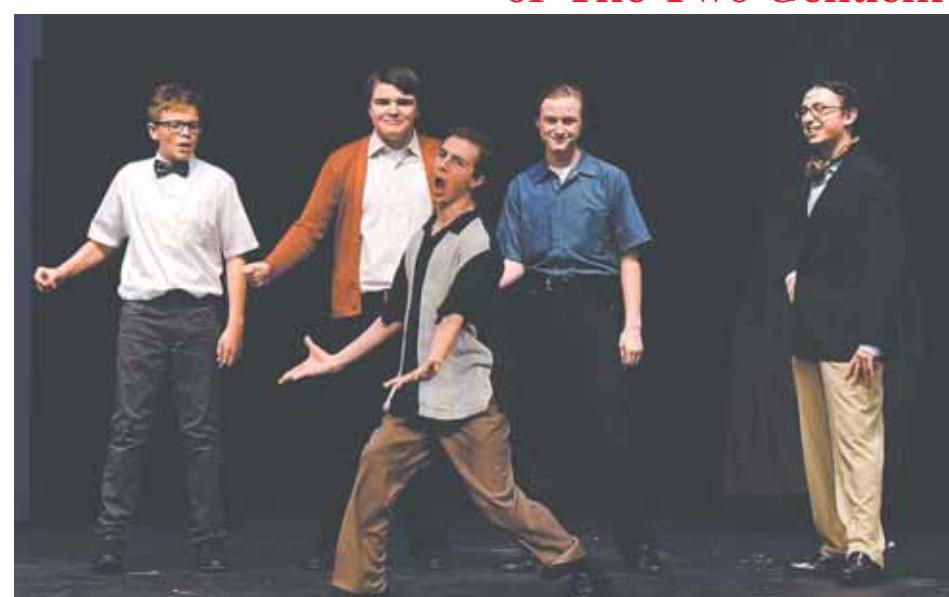


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**From left: Jonas Wagner, Craig Goeringer, Scott Burrows, Will Boone and Carden Warner in West Springfield High School's production of 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona.'**

out the show - even while not speaking all stayed in character and added to the scene, whether that involved looking cartoonishly astonished when one character steps out of a disguise or chuckling together while watching two awkward lovers talk.

Though all the actors displayed this thorough grasp of their craft, there were sev-

**West Springfield High School's production of 'The Two Gentlemen of Verona.'**

Sylvia, played by Grace Duah, who is pursued by both friends while her father tries to force her into marriage with the greasy Thurio, played by Carden Warner IV, does a remarkable job of showing the stress she is placed under in one of the truly emotional performances of the show.

The technical aspects of the show were similarly impressive. The set was simple with only three or four set pieces for every scene, but they all came together to create a solid setting. The expert dance routines choreographed by Jane Schwartz, also did an excellent job of placing the play solidly in 1952 as well as providing a chance for the actors to show off their dancing skills. Relevant music also helped situate the play, as well as making scene transitions seamless. Period-appropriate costumes and makeup helped establish the setting and the characters, especially the boy's greased and the girl's curled hair.

The show's one major weakness was its emotions. "Two Gentlemen" relies heavily on long monologues to develop deep emotions and, though these were delivered with energy, much of their depth of emotion was lost in the multitude of jokes. Despite this, West Springfield's latest production is a sidesplitting comedic masterpiece, which manages to make Shakespeare comprehensible and comical.

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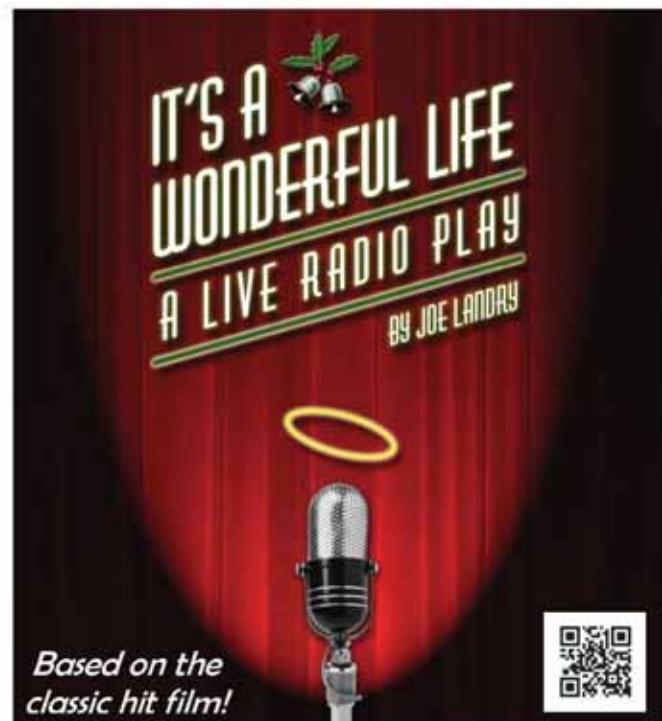
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# HomeLifeStyle

Designers at Merrifield Garden Center spend almost one year creating holiday displays.



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## Ideas for Decking the Halls

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

**F**rom traditional to glamorous, fresh to faux and high-end to old school, local tastemakers tell how they create dazzling holiday design extravaganzas.

Karen Velehoski and the rest of the design team at Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks spend nearly a year planning and building the holiday displays that overtake

each store during the Yuletide season.

In creating the holiday wonderlands, the designers assemble each space around a theme, maintaining consistency in style, color and texture. Their goal is to dream up design concepts that will inspire.

"We hope that people will get ideas for their own homes, but the first step is to focus on color," said Velehoski. "You can incorporate family heirlooms or decorations that you've had for years if you coordinate the colors. You can really use ribbons to tie

the colors together easily."

For example, they designed a rustic space that draws inspiration from a snow-covered forest. "It's decorated with things like branches, berries, birds and other outdoor animals," said Velehoski. "And we used red, plaid ribbon to keep the outdoorsy feel."

There's another winter scene that sparkles with décor in hues of gold, copper and platinum, and a classic display that pays homage to time-honored traditions. "It appeals to people who like greens, reds and poin-

### Local designers create opulent holiday designs.

settias," said Velehoski. "This year we incorporated a little bit of black with that red, white and green which is pretty."

There's even inspiration for those with a penchant for pastels. "It has an icy look," said Velehoski. "It has an icy, frozen winter wonderland feel with snowflakes and icicles. We used a lot of pale blue, pink and a touch of silver."

Simple, clean and fresh are words that Gretchen Fuss, an interior designer with Tchoupitoulas Furnishings in Alexandria,

uses to characterize her holiday design aesthetic.

"I don't like to over do it when it comes to holiday design," she said. "I love the mood and ambiance of white lights. It changes the feel of a room. I like candlelit rooms."

Fuss says she uses a minimalist approach to incorporating family heirlooms with new acquisitions. "I do little vignettes where I'll have a piece, for example, that my mother once used to store ornaments in, and I'll use that to display fresh greenery."

The designer has even created holiday adornments of her own. "I've made holiday sculptures," said Fuss. "I even made little

flower-shaped sculptures that I put together to make a six-foot tall Christmas tree."

Fuss adds white back-lighting, which shines through each flower petal, illuminating the tree.

Candles, ribbons and bows hanging on a mantle, swags of greenery and garlands draped over wall art and mirrors are what visitors who enter the spaces created by the designers of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria will see.

"... A string of lights combined with ornaments might flow down the center of a table, or shine inside a cloche combined with a winter wonderland theme," said designer



PHOTO COURTESY OF GRETCHEN FUSS

Gretchen Fuss, an interior designer with Tchoupitoulas Furnishings, created this holiday tree.

Amanda Mertins.

For an exterior space, Mertins advises using a twinkling wreath or a lit arrangement in an urn to greet guests at the front door.

Maintaining thematic consistency is a precept that designer Jenne Whitlaw, of GTM Architects in Bethesda, Md., recommends when conceiving ideas for holiday spaces. "Pick a central focal point, and echo the sentiment around the space, for both indoor and outdoor," she said. "This allows the eye to bounce around your holiday canvas, experiencing asymmetrical visual harmony and balance."



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Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living advises using an urn to greet guests at the front door.

For those who prefer holiday decor in muted hues, Whitlaw suggests, "neutrals [like] winter white and pale greys, when paired with light, reflective metallics and sparkle add elegance and a sense of timeless wonder to every room."

For a touch of whimsy, Whitlaw recommends adding decorations to unexpected places. "For a surprising embellishment, how about placing ornaments around the vanity in your powder room?" asks Whitlaw. "Chandeliers are also a perfect theatre in the round for cascading trinkets and greenery."

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**Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Workhouse Arts Center will partner with Occoquan River Communities during Occoquan's WinterFest holiday celebration. Free shuttle between Occoquan and the Workhouse. <http://www.workhousearts.org/event/2nd-saturday-art-walk-3/>.

**Community Irish Ceili and Set Dance.** 6:30-10 p.m. Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Call for directions, 703-437-9101. Wear flat, comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing. Holiday headgear for a chance at an extra door prize ticket. \$15. 703-631-9179.

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### SATURDAY/DEC. 12 AND 19

**Brunch with Santa at the Pub.** 9-11:30 a.m. The Pub by Wegmans,



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The Vienna Boys Choir will perform a range of music for the holidays at George Mason's Center for the Arts on Friday, Dec. 18.

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**Annual Clifton Children's Christmas Party.** 5-7:30 p.m. The Town Hall, 12640 Chapel Road

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**Luis Miguel.** 8 p.m. Eagle Bank Arena, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$53-\$180. [www.eaglebankarena.com/](http://www.eaglebankarena.com/). 703-993-3000.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 18

**Vienna Boys Choir, Christmas in Vienna.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. The choir performs a broad range of music for the holidays, from sacred hymns and traditional Christmas carols to holiday pop favorites and folk songs from across the globe. These Austrian lads belong to one of the best-known boys choirs in the world, and are known for their ethereal vocals, glorious harmonies, pristine tone, and a broad repertoire spanning centuries and genres. \$32-\$54. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu), 888-945-2468.

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# NEWS

## Holiday Dance Thrills At Center for the Arts

**Captivating tap with Savion Glover.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

Bursting with holiday cheer the Tony Award winning Savion Glover returns to the Center for the Arts with a memorable evening of miraculous tap footwork and plenty of charm and wit called "Savion Glover with "DANCE HOLIDAY SPeCTaCULaR."

"Savion Glover is unquestionably the best tap dance artist in the world. I was also very pleased that this production allowed us to bring variety to our holiday offerings," said Thomas Reynolds, the Center's director of artistic programming. One way to describe tap as a performing arts form is that the dancer's feet move on stage making their own music even if no other instruments are heard.

Glover first captured national attention before he was even a teenager dancing in the Broadway musical, "The Tap Dance Kid." In 1996 he won Tony Awards for Best Choreographer and for Best Actor for "Bring in Da Noise, Bring in 'Da Funk," a musical that recounted events in African-American history through tap/rap.

"At the center of all dance is rhythm and tap is the most direct, powerful and exciting living expressive rhythm with the human body acting both as dancer and instrument," said Christopher D'amboise, professor, Mason School of Dance. D'amboise is a renowned dancer in the local area, and a recipient of a Helen Hayes Award for his choreography in pro-



Savion Glover.

### Where and When

Savion Glover and "DANCE HOLIDAY SPeCTaCULaR" at George Mason University, Center for the Arts, Fairfax. Dec. 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$32-\$54. Call 888-945-2468 or visit [www.cfa.gmu.edu](http://www.cfa.gmu.edu). **Note:** This is designated as a family friendly performance. All children, regardless of age, must have a ticket.

fessional theater.

"Savion Glover, in particular, has changed the art of tap forever by freeing it from external choreographic constraints and allowing it to be a spontaneous expressing coming from the inside out. He is not just a tap dancer, he dances as if infected with rhythm and the beat is dancing him," added D'amboise.

Glover's other performing credits include a starring roles in the motion picture "Jelly's Last Jam" for which he made history as the

youngest ever recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant. He holds the credit as the live dancing motion behind Mumble the penguin in the Disney Academy Award-winning animated feature "Happy Feet." Glover has also appeared on "Sesame Street."

**DANCE HOLIDAY SPeCTaCULaR** will celebrate the wonders of the holidays. "I chose this Savion Glover performance as it represents the chance to do what we hope to do as often as possible, present the best artists in the world in their respective disciplines," added Reynolds.

Savion Glover promises to bring an evening full of bright lights, joyous music, holiday cheer through fast steps and marvelous rhythms.

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# SPORTS

**South County running back DeMarcus Ramsey is wrapped up by Westfield defensive lineman Zach Jewell during the 6A North region championship game on Dec. 5.**

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## South County Falls to Westfield in 6A North Region Final

**Conference 7 champion Stallions finish with 13-1 record.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The South County football team's 2015 season will be remembered as one of the program's best.

The Stallions went undefeated during the regular season, beating Lake Braddock in triple overtime in the finale to win the Conference 7 championship.

After a trio of playoff wins, South County reached the 6A North region championship game, setting up a rematch with Westfield.

While the Stallions defeated the Bulldogs 26-19 back on Sept. 11, Saturday's postseason meeting ended on a decidedly sour note for South County.

Westfield captured the region title with a 40-8 victory over South County on Dec. 5 in Lorton. It was Westfield's fifth consecutive region final appearance. After four straight losses, the Bulldogs won their first region championship since 2007.

The Stallions, who had produced at least 20 points in each of its first 13 games and at least 40 points on eight occasions, did not score until quarterback DeAndre Clayton connected with Chu Chu Enechionya for a 35-yard touchdown with 4:08 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, Westfield led 13-0 at halftime and scored on its first five possessions of the second half.

"We came in to the first game with zero chance to win and that motivated us that much more to beat [Westfield]," Clayton wrote in an email. "This go-around, we knew we'd already beaten them and we thought it'd be a nice win."

South County trailed 10-0 in the second quarter when the Stallions started a drive at their own 20 with 8:36 remaining. South County marched 78 yards in 18 plays, but came away with no points after running back DeMarcus Ramsey was stuffed at the line of scrimmage on fourth-and-goal from the 2-yard line.



**The South County football team lost to Westfield 40-8 in the region championship game on Dec. 5. The Stallions finished the season with a 13-1 record.**

"It kinda shocked us, because we do so well in the red zone and to get stopped on the goal line was abnormal," Clayton wrote. "With that being before halftime and us going in the locker room with nothing to show for [it] had us feeling funny."

Westfield would add a 49-yard Brian Delaney field goal late in the second quarter and enter halftime with a 13-0 advantage. The Bulldogs eventually led 40-0 when quarterback Rehman Johnson scored on a 1-yard sneak with 4:32 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Clayton completed 20 of 37 passes for 219 yards and a touchdown. Ramsey carried 16 times for 40 yards. Dillon Spalding had seven receptions for 85 yards.

Westfield running back Tim Beard carried 23 times for 227 yards and a touchdown. Delaney made four field goals.

Westfield (13-1) will face Oscar Smith (13-0) in the 6A state championship game at 4:07 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the University of Virginia's Scott Stadium in Charlottesville.

South County finished with a 13-1 record.

"I'm extremely proud of what we did from the first undefeated regular season record to getting to the region final," Clayton wrote. "I'm proud of all of the things we overcame over the course of the season. We were a very resilient team."



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION  
**Robinson guard Tyler Jones attempts to in-bound the ball against Madison on Dec. 4.**

## Nelson: Rams Struggling with Effort, Composure

While many coaches prefer to experience rough patches earlier rather than later during the course of a season, Robinson's Brian Nelson is dealing with a problem he said rarely plagues the Rams.

Robinson lost to Madison 64-51 on Dec. 4 during the second day of the "Readers are Leaders Tip Off" at South Lakes High School, dropping the Rams' record to 1-2. After the game, Nelson gave credit to the Warhawks, but said his team contributed to its own demise.

"We flat out got beat," Nelson said. "Madison did exactly what they wanted to do. I give Coach [Kevin] Roller and those kids all the credit ... but we played with zero effort at the defensive end and zero composure at the offensive end. ... Composure and effort are two words I've had to use way too often in a negative connotation and that is not a problem Robinson teams are accustomed to having."

Robinson opened the season with an 80-65 loss to Woodson on Dec. 1 and beat South Lakes 63-56 on Dec. 3.

"Even when we're not as talented as some other teams we might play, we're always going to give effort, we're always going to have composure," Nelson said. "What we're having a hard time with this week is figuring out how we get both of those

things, that have been hallmarks for us, how do we get those back? Because it's going to be a long season if we're not able to."

While the Rams work to solve their December issues, one player who has excelled is Markos Eyob. The junior guard scored a team-high 15 points against Madison and averaged 18 during Robinson's first three games.

"I don't like singling people out, but when your team's having a hard time and one guy is really going to the mat for you, I'm going to give credit where credit is due," Nelson said. "I think he's doing an outstanding job."

Nelson said he is looking for senior forward Avi Silberman, a returner who received significant playing time last season, to be a consistent double-double threat during the season. Silverman averaged 9 points during the first three games.

Senior guard Danny Krug scored 11 points in the loss to Madison.

Robinson defeated Langley 52-46 on Tuesday to improve to 2-2. The Rams faced Fairfax on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

Robinson will travel to face Lake Braddock at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11.

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Interested parties are hereby notified that the United States (U.S.) Army has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) and a Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, and regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA, 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1500-1508, and Environmental Analysis of Army Actions, 32 CFR 651.

The SEA analyzed the potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed changes to the development assessed in the "Environmental Assessment for the National Museum of the United States Army" dated September 2010. The changes include a building addition, "Founders Hall", to the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) complex. Founders Hall would be a two-story building with a 29 space parking lot situated at the entrance of Liberty Drive and would serve as a visitor center and multi-purpose facility at the NMUSA complex. The SEA is incorporated by reference in the Draft FNSI. Based on the SEA, the Army has determined that implementation of the Proposed Action would have no significant adverse direct, indirect, or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

A copy of the SEA and Draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the following libraries: Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library, Lorton Branch, Sherwood Regional Branch, and Kingstowne Branch. The documents are also available at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil/environdocssection2.asp>.

Comments on the SEA and Draft FNSI should be submitted to Mr. Felix M. Mariani, Fort Belvoir DPW Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil.

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### Notice of Public Hearing

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the consolidation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Headquarters at a new location in the National Capital Region. The DEIS has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy (NEPA) of 1969, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations (40 C.F.R. §1500-1508), and the GSA Public Buildings Service NEPA Desk Guide. As part of this DEIS, GSA is also inviting comments on historic preservation concerns under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C.U.S.C. § 100101, et seq.

GSA proposes to consolidate the FBI Headquarters at a new permanent location in exchange for the J. Edgar Hoover (JEH) building at 935 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C. The DEIS analyzes the impacts of a range of alternatives on the natural and human environment. These alternatives include:

- **No Action Alternative**—FBI HQ would not consolidate, and its staff and operations would remain dispersed throughout the NCR at JEH and other leased facilities.
- **Greenbelt Action Alternative**—FBI HQ staff and operations would be consolidated at the Greenbelt site, and the existing HQ parcel would be exchanged to an exchange partner.
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**Public Hearings**—A series of public hearings are held to present the findings of the DEIS and receive comments. Anyone with an interest in the project is invited to attend. Please refer to the project website

<http://www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation> for the dates and locations of the hearings. Comments may also be submitted by mail during the 45-day review period provided by Council on Environmental Quality regulations. The review period for this DEIS began on November 6, 2015 (date of the Federal Register publication of the notice of availability). Comments are due no later than January 6, 2016. Please send all written comments to: U.S.

**General Services Administration,**

**Attention: Ms. Denise Decker, Project Manager Office of Planning and Design Quality, 7th Street SW, Room 4004, Washington, D.C. 20407, [fbi-hq-consolidation@gsa.gov](mailto:fbi-hq-consolidation@gsa.gov).**

A copy of the DEIS is available for public review at the following locations: **National Capital Planning Commission**, 401 9<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, North Lobby, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004; **Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library**, 901 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; **Richard Byrd Library**, 7520 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150; **Greenbelt Library**, 11 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD 20770; **Glenarden Branch Library**, 8724 Glenarden Pkwy, Glenarden, MD 20706. A copy can also be downloaded from <http://www.gsa.gov/fbihqconsolidation>. If you require any additional assistance, please contact Ms. Decker at 202-748-7691 or [denise.decker@gsa.gov](mailto:denise.decker@gsa.gov).

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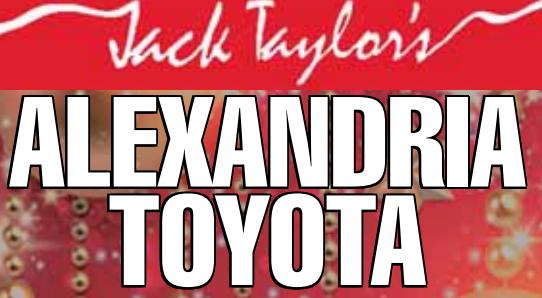
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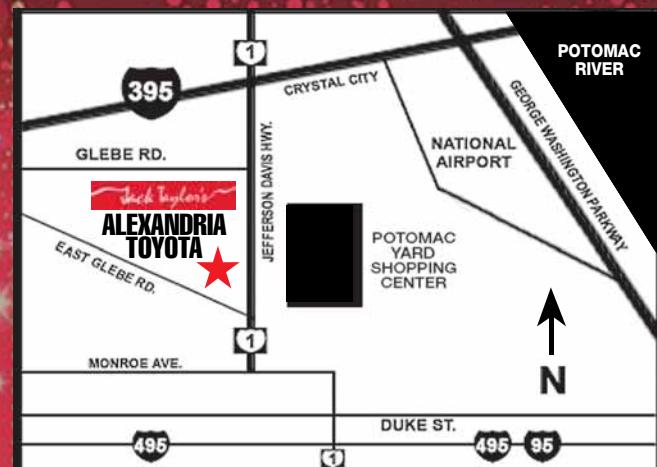
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