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**Jake Shively of Centreville and his dog Blizzard. Blizzard is a Rat Terrier rescue and is a year old.**

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**Principal: 'You Can Achieve Anything'**

**Success stories shared at Mountain View's graduation.**

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
 CENTRE VIEW

**M**ountain View High's motto is "Family, Love, Respect," and it was on full display during the school's winter graduation, last Tuesday, Feb. 16, at Centreville High.

It was evident when a student speaker became overcome with emotion and her peers called out words of support to her. It showed when the students thanked their teachers and counselors for all their help, and it burst from every word of Principal Gary Morris's speech.

"I'm proud to be the principal of the best school in Fairfax County," he said. Then Morris shared some



**Student speaker Covin Davis displays his diploma.**

life lessons he's learned, beginning with a summer job he hated, selling knives door-to-door, and quit

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**Grad Famina Aili with (from left) aunt Parida Abudirimu and mother Mayinuer Jaimaer after the ceremony.**

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# Succeeding Despite Obstacles

Mountain View honors four students with special awards.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**D**uring Mountain View High's winter graduation last week, four students were honored with special awards. They were Sara Mendez, Jada Jones, Reynaldo Gonzalez Martinez and Brenda Rivera.

English teacher Mary Gray presented the Citizenship Award to Sara Mendez. "This award goes to the person who builds a positive school community," said Gray. "Throughout her time at Mountain View, Sara has been a model of quiet determination. Ms. Reamer, her ESOL teacher, [told] the faculty last week that Sara went from ESOL level one to earning her high-school diploma in just four-and-a-half years, which is almost unheard of."

Furthermore, said Gray, "Sara's teachers will testify that she did it all without complaint when things got tough — without excuses and always with a positive, forward-thinking attitude. Sara's work ethic, integrity and generous personality have made Mountain View a better place."

Michele Rock, Business and Information Systems teacher, presented the Personal Achievement Award to Jada Jones. It's given to students who've succeeded academically and personally, despite tremendous pressures and challenges. "Jada has overcome many obstacles in her life," said Gray. "She's someone who perseveres, and I'm proud and honored to give her this award today."

"As Jada's teacher and mentor for the past



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**English teacher Mary Gray gives the Citizenship Award to Sara Mendez.**

two years, I've watched her overcome challenging personal issues and adverse, learned behaviors to choosing a positive-growth mindset that has allowed her to become the young lady she is today," continued Gray. "Inherently, Jada is a survivor; she refuses to give up on herself and the life she wants for herself."

At Mountain View, said Gray, "Our motto is 'Family, Love, Respect.' Always respect yourself for having the courage and bravery to face and overcome your challenges; believe that you are loved and worth loving; and know that you will always be a



**Jada Jones receives the Personal Achievement Award from Michele Rock.**

part of my and the Mountain View family."

Counselor Michael Todd then presented one of the two Faculty Awards to Reynaldo Gonzalez Martinez. "When students come to Mountain View for the first time, they usually come with a parent," said Todd. "But at our first meeting, Reynaldo was by himself; he came here on his own."

"He told me he'd been out of school since sixth grade and had been working on a farm because his family couldn't afford to pay



**Reynaldo Gonzalez Martinez receives the Faculty Award from counselor Michael Todd.**

for school in [his native] Guatemala. He came to the U.S. to help his family; his father was sick and needed treatment. So Reynaldo worked both day and night shifts in a restaurant to earn some money. He worked every day — and double shifts on weekends — but he never missed school, no matter how tired he was, because he wanted [an education] so badly."

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## Success Stories Shared at Mountain View's Graduation

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after one day.

"I just didn't want to sell people something they didn't need," he told the almost-grads. "The lesson is, be proud of the product you endorse — and being the leader of your school is something I can endorse 100 percent. I know you are quality, genuine, Mountain View-based, approved graduates."

As a high-school football player, said Morris, he dreamed of someday playing in the NFL, although he knew only a tiny percentage ever make it. But he did, despite the odds. "So never doubt that you can achieve anything," he said. "I hear about your struggles, failures and triumphs, but you didn't give up. You've accomplished and will accomplish anything you set your mind to."

Morris said he's constantly reminded that

he's reached this point in life because of the groundwork laid by others. "My father taught me about treating people fairly, and my brother was my mentor," he said. "And people like [former Chantilly and Westfield High Principal Dale] Rumberger provided opportunities for me to be the best I could be. And I owe it to you to provide you with the best opportunities and teachers so you can continue to strive for excellence."

But he also praised the students, them-

selves. "It is you who've conquered the English language in record time and found a way to succeed despite [sometimes] not having a place to stay," said Morris. "So it's not time for you to sit back and relax — because the people who helped you get here expect you to continue to push forward."

So, he told them, "Think and ask yourself, 'How can you stop now?' Puff Daddy

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**Graduate Bridget O'Boyle with family and friends: (Back row, from left) Monica Megivern (grandmother), Molly O'Boyle (mother), Patrick O'Boyle (father) and Dorothy O'Boyle (sister); and (front row, from left) Bridget O'Boyle, Suzanne O'Boyle (grandmother), Kathy Haynes (aunt) and Bobbi Olson (friend).**



**Grad William DaCosta Jr. with (from left) dad William DaCosta Sr., grandmother Dorothy Townsend, mom Patrice DaCosta and sister Taylor DaCosta.**

# Centreville High Grad Wins Second Grammy

## Michael League's band has Best Contemporary Instrumental Album.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**A** 2002 Centreville High grad, Michael League is a living example of the importance of fine arts in the school system. Besides being a four-year member of Centreville's Theater Department, he played bass in the school's orchestra, jazz band and choir back-up band.

A creative and talented musician, he later began his own band, Snarky Puppy, while majoring in bass jazz performance at the University of North Texas. And on Monday, Feb. 15, his band won its second Grammy award.

In 2014, Snarky Puppy scored a Grammy award for Best R&B Performance for its cover of Lalah Hathaway's song, "Somethin'." This time — in collaboration with the Dutch ensemble Metropole Orkest — it captured the Grammy for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album for "Sylva."

The 58th Annual Grammy Awards ceremony was held at night at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. But earlier in the day,



PHOTO BY JEFF KRAVITZ, GETTY IMAGES

### Surrounded by Snarky Puppy and The Metropole Orkest, Michael League gives his Grammy Award acceptance speech.

Snarky Puppy and Metropole Orkest received their award.

"It was one of 75 awards presented online during the pre-telecast show," said League's mother, Sylvia, formerly of Little Rocky Run. "I watched it and was ecstatic — over the moon."

Playing a mix of jazz, funk and world music, Snarky Puppy is a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based, instrumental-fusion band led by Michael League, 31, an award-winning bassist, guitarist, composer, arranger and producer. It's comprised of some 43 musicians who play a variety of instruments ranging from guitars to pianos, keyboards, strings, woodwinds, percussion and brass.

"Sylva" was the group's ninth album and its first with Metropole Orkest. It was a live recording done last year in New Orleans, just before Mardi Gras. League wrote most of the music for it and arranged it together with Metropole Orkest's conductor, Jules Buckley.

"The album's about people walking through different forests in their lives, some real and some metaphorical," said Sylvia League. "We were hoping they'd win. And a couple of their contenders were bands they looked up to, so they were honored



"Sylva" brought Michael League and his band their second Grammy.

just to be nominated in the same category."

Their album, "Sylva," was also a hit with the fans, topping Billboard Jazz, Billboard Contemporary Jazz, Billboard Heatseeker and iTunes Jazz charts. And Snarky Puppy's newest album, "Family Dinner, Vol. II," was just released Feb. 12.

Snarky Puppy also serves as a production team and session band for other performers. It's held workshops, music clinics and master classes for aspiring, young music students throughout the world. And some of its members are doing their own albums.

League, for example, also performs with the jazz band, FORQ.

Snarky Puppy's members rotate performing with the group, according to their schedules, with a core of about 13 — including League, their only bass player — onstage at any given time. They also have an intense tour schedule; over the past eight years, they've given more than 1,200 performances.

"They perform in the U.S. and internationally," said Sylvia League. "And at one point last year, they did 120 gigs in 121 days. They've been at it for 12 years now, and it's a very tough business. Our family is just thrilled and so proud that they're having so much success after all their hard work."

## Michael League, in His Own Words

**F**ollowing Snarky Puppy's Feb. 15 Grammy victory for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album, the band's founder and leader, Centreville High grad Michael League, participated in this interview:

**Q:** How do you feel about your second Grammy win?

**A:** "When we won our first Grammy two years ago, we were all shocked. I have to say that, this time around, I was even more surprised. We were in the same category as two of my musical heroes, Marcus Miller and Bill Frisell. I almost felt guilty accepting it. But you have to remind yourself that you have nothing to do with the award, and that it doesn't reflect on the value of your band or any other of the nominees."

**Q:** What made your album worthy of this award?

**A:** "The category was Best Contemporary Instrumental Album, so it's a wide-open category. The only prerequisites are that it isn't traditional or vocal. 'Sylva' is a very ambitious project, and very contemporary. It fuses elements from many different forms of contemporary music — from electronic to hip-hop — in an orchestral setting. As far as what makes it worthy of the award, if there is such a thing, is the amount of work that the entire team put into it. We had 64 musicians and over 20 administrative and tech-

nical crew [members], all working as hard and fast as they possibly could."

**Q:** What's the toughest part of your job?

**A:** "The hardest part of band-leading is psychology. A band is a group of individuals, many of them strong personalities, and a band that tours relentlessly for over a decade strings an intricate web of complex relationships. We're brothers and we love each other; that keeps us together. But as the leader, you'll never make a decision that makes every last person happy. And it's hard to come to terms with that. All you can do is try your hardest to make the right call for the greater good, and hope that your peers trust you."

**Q:** What's the best part of your job — what gives you the most satisfaction?

**A:** "It's hard to say what my favorite part is. I love the family atmosphere that we have as a group. I love traveling and experiencing new cultures and people. I love creating and seeing it affect people around the world. I couldn't choose one thing if I had to."

**Q:** What's next for the band?

**A:** "There is a lot on our plate right now. We just released our 10th album, 'Family Dinner - Volume Two,' which features eight guest vocalists, including David Crosby and Laura Mvula. And our 11<sup>th</sup>, 'Culcha Vulcha,' a 13-track instrumental album, comes out

at the end of April. I know, we're crazy.

"We're touring for three months throughout North America, Europe, Asia, New Zealand and Australia, beginning in late April, including a Washington, D.C.-area show and a clinic at Jammin' Java [in Vienna], where I used to play as a high-schooler! Then I'm opening a studio in Brooklyn in the fall and producing seven records for different artists, as many of the Snarky Puppy guys make solo albums. We're in work-mode right now, for sure."

**Q:** When you were a student at Centreville High, did you ever imagine you'd go so far in your music career and someday be a world-famous composer and musician?

**A:** "Even reading that question makes me laugh! I don't think of myself that way, at all. I make music and people around the world listen to it, but it's the same for anyone who posts a video on YouTube. The Internet has made the world a smaller place, and I love that.

"When I was in high school, and even to this day, I try to never expect anything. I do what I think is best and plan for it to succeed, but I never expect it. Expectation breeds entitlement with success and resentment with failure. And to me, success is merely the byproduct of thousands and thousands of tiny decisions. So I focus on the little things."

### ROUNDUPS

#### Garza's 2016 Listening Tours

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen K. Garza will hold five listening tours in 2016, and invites students, parents, employees, and community members to participate. The local session will be held at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 29 at Chantilly High School.

Those planning to attend are asked to register in advance online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016ListeningTour6YZ7PCY](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016ListeningTour6YZ7PCY) and indicate if an interpreter is needed.

#### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, March 3, 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.

Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

# OPINION

## Bad Bills General Assembly has potential to do lots of damage in a short period.

**F**rom pressing for use of a barbaric form of execution, the electric chair, to codifying discrimination, to stripping localities of the major tool for ensuring infrastructure is in place for new development, to hiding more and more critical public information from the public, the Virginia General Assembly is poised to do harm to the Commonwealth. (We'll look at good bills in a future editorial.)

Here are bills that have passed either the House or Senate by crossover, and important bills that were killed, in no particular order. This is by no means a complete list.

HB815, Electric Chair, passed the House 62-33, brings back the electric chair, providing that if lethal injection is not available as a method of execution, electrocution shall be used instead and vice versa.

SB552 creates secret police departments, and moves in exactly the wrong direction. Provides that the names and training records of law-enforcement officers and fire marshals shall be considered personnel records and excluded from mandatory disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Passed 25-15.

SB549/HB770 on Proffers, uses a megaton bomb to tie localities' use of proffers to help pay for infrastructure needs with new development when what was needed was a study of flyswatters to address specific limited abuses.

HB773/SB41 - Codifies discrimination, prevents the state government from taking any action against a person or organization that discriminates based on a sincerely held religious belief that marriage is or should be recognized as the union of one man and one woman.

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Sanctuary bills: SB705 Makes "sanctuary cities" liable for "full amount of any personal injury or property damage caused by an illegal alien within such locality." SB270 The General Assembly shall reduce state funding to the extent permitted by state and federal law to any locality found to be a "sanctuary city."

Senate killed several bills on title loan oversight, even after investigative reporting showed interest charges exceeding 200 percent, bait and switch tactics and many poor Virginians losing their cars.

HB 2 - No "right to breathe." Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to receive approval from the General Assembly for a state implementation plan to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing power plants prior to submitting the plan to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

HB 1090 - Defunds Planned Parenthood  
HB 143 allows high proof grain alcohol sales.

HB 560 - Makes it more difficult to convict someone of brandishing a firearm by requiring proof that a person pointing, holding or

brandishing a firearm or similar weapons had the intent to induce fear in the mind of another.

HB 766 - Allows any protective order to be used as a de facto concealed carry permit, without requiring the holder to receive any training in the safe handling of a firearm, or show any proficiency with a firearm.

Advocates for victims of domestic violence say what is needed is to remove weapons from such situations.

Killed SB67, would have added discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity to the Virginia Fair Housing Law as an unlawful housing practice.

Killed SB12, would have prohibited discrimination in public employment on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Killed bills that would have required notification of oil spills.

Outlawed living wage requirements for contractors of local government.

HB 4 Anti-union, proposed constitutional amendment putting Right to Work in the constitution.

HB 3 - Charter Schools Constitutional Amendment - removes local control over local schools and spending, doesn't belong in the constitution.

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## General Assembly Reaches Halfway Point

By JIM LEMUNYON  
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**T**he 2016 General Assembly session has passed the halfway point. The House of Delegates is considering 552 bills

that passed the Virginia Senate. The Senate is considering 983 House bills. Among these, the House passed 24 bills and one resolution that I introduced — more than any other member of the

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House and Senate. I appreciate the support of Republicans and Democrats in the House of Delegates in passing these initiatives.

You can read about these bills and the resolution at [www.LeMunyon.com](http://www.LeMunyon.com). Most are related to transportation, education, making government more transparent, and ensuring the efficient use of your tax dollars.

Also at [www.LeMunyon.com](http://www.LeMunyon.com) are the results of the 2016 issue survey. Many thanks to the more than 500 residents in our area who took the survey. Your responses and comments have been helpful to me during the General Assembly session.

As a member of the House Education Committee, I'm involved in legislation pertaining to K-12 public education as well as Virginia's public colleges and universities. One of the most significant bills we are considering this year is referred to as the "redesign of high school." This is HB 895 and a companion Senate bill SB 336.

This legislation directs the state Board of Education to review and possibly revise high school graduation requirements and college and career educational tracks by September 2017, and move immediately toward implementation, which would begin in the 2018-19 school year. While I believe it makes sense to review course work and graduation require-



### Zilla

**Zilla, a St. Bernard and Anatolian mix, will be 5 years old in June. She was a rescue from HART when she was 10 months — and already 100 pounds. From left are Niko LaMay, Zilla, Finn Taylor and, in back, Erin Taylor.**

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# Principal: 'You Can Achieve Anything'

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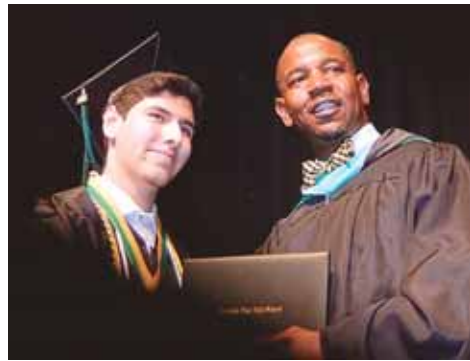
said, 'Can't stop, won't stop,' so don't stop. We love you. Keep these lessons in mind and you'll go as far as you desire. #GoTimberWolves."

Three student speakers then shared their stories; first was Sergei Kuehne. "When I first came to Mountain View, I needed seven classes to graduate, but I was overwhelmed," he said. "I didn't take advantage of the resources around me and didn't want anyone's help. I wasn't succeeding; I was making stupid decisions that could ruin my life."

As a result, he didn't graduate when he'd planned. But, he said, "Mountain View made it easy to come back, and the teachers made me feel I wasn't alone. [This time], I was ready to accept help and I felt more confident. I got back on my feet and through the last few months of high school. And I'm deeply appreciative of all the support and encouragement I received here."

Next was Jada Jones who, obviously grateful to have come so far, first had to compose herself before she could speak. Meanwhile, her classmates yelled to her from the audience, "That's OK; we've got you," and applauded in support.

"Before I came to Mountain View, I was the class clown and was afraid to open up to people, so I didn't trust anyone," she said.



**Erfan Mozaffarivala receives his diploma from Principal Gary Morris.**

"But the Mountain View teachers showed me love, despite the way I was acting, and they didn't give up on me. The staff helped me build trust."

Along the way, Jones also realized she was a role model for her younger brother, but "not a good one," so she vowed to change. "Mountain View motivated me, and I was on the AP honor roll each semester," she said. "But I couldn't be a leader until I learned to love myself. It doesn't matter about your fallouts, but how strong you are to get through them. And I'm proud to have become the leader I am today."

The third speaker was Covin Davis. "I'd only heard bad things about Mountain View; but when I came here, I learned they



**Shelby Freeman receives her diploma from Principal Gary Morris.**



**Student speaker Sergei Kuehne receives his diploma from Principal Gary Morris.**

were wrong," he said. "And Mr. Morris told me that, when I walk out of my house, I carry my family's name on my forehead. So



**New graduate Veronica Livornese with (from left) sister Stacey Livornese and mom Phyllis Livornese.**

I stopped making bad choices and eliminated the distractions in my life. I now enjoy reading and creating art."

"We at Mountain View are focused on succeeding and doing great things," continued Davis. "Here, a young father balances school and a job while taking care of a son at home. Here, you learn about the struggles your classmates went through in their homelands. Mountain View's teachers are the only ones who ever got me excited to learn, and I'm truly thankful for them."

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# Protecting Pets Helps Their Owners Too

Local animal shelters offer help to families in distress.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
CENTRE VIEW

**W**hen her husband locked the family cat in a cage, submerged it in a bathtub filled with water and tried to drown it, a Fairfax County mother jumped in to save her beloved feline.

"The mom was actually able to save the cat, but because of it ... in retaliation she herself was beaten," said Sandy Bromely, domestic violence coordinator of Fairfax County in a video statement. "In this case we were lucky because this mom and her daughter were able to go into a domestic violence shelter."

The family's cats were welcomed into the county's PetHaven program, which offers short-term placement of dogs, cats, and small animals at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

According to a survey by the



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**The safety of a beloved pet is a concern that often keeps animal owners in dangerous living situations.**

American Humane Society in association with the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 71 percent of pet-owning women entering women's shelters reported that their batterer had injured, maimed, killed or threatened family pets. Protecting and remaining

with a beloved family animal is one reason that victims chose to stay in dangerous situations.

"It's very sad when someone comes in and wants to bring their dog. Some people chose not to come if they can't bring their animal," said Diana B. Pina, LCSW-C, program director of Wilkins Avenue Women's Assessment Center, a women's shelter. "The pet is often their last source of support, another form of loss, even if it's temporary."

Arlington County, City of Alexandria and Fairfax County offer emergency housing, food, supplies and care for pets in domestic violence situations. Knowing that residents are reluctant to leave dangerous situations because they don't have care for their pets is an issue that Alexandria's Community Animal Response Team (CART) works to address. The team's goal is to take some of the stress out of a decision to leave a perilous situation.

"Animals are a part of their family and just like any other member of the family, and they come into play in any decision that we make in our lives," said Megan Webb, executive director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. "We provide care for animals in those situations because our main goal is to keep animals with their owners. We keep the animal until the owner can find a safe place to go."

Arlington County's Safekeeping/Companions in Crisis program offers short-term shelter to pets whose families are experiencing a crisis that causes them to leave their home. The program provides not only the basic needs of shelter and food, but also emotional support.

"I would say any pet boarding is stressful for the animal because they're not in their home or with their family," said Jennifer Newman, director of Community Programs at the Animal Welfare

## Details

**Fairfax County:** [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2014/pethaven.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/news-releases/2014/pethaven.htm)

**Arlington County:** [www.awla.org/services/community-services/#safe](http://www.awla.org/services/community-services/#safe)

League of Arlington. "The upside to our program is that people can visit their animals and they are encouraged to visit their pets and interact with their pets."

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter's "Pet Haven" program offers emergency housing, food, supplies and care for pets in domestic violence situations. The program is a joint effort between the shelter, the Police Department's Victims Services Unit and the county's Domestic Violence Network.

"If someone wants to leave an unsafe situation and cannot take their pet with them, the animal shelter will house the pet for up to 60-days," said Officer Meg Hawkins of the Fairfax County Police Department. "During that time they will spay or neuter them free of charge and will also provide vaccinations if necessary."

The animal shelters coordinate with local police departments and animal control agencies to streamline the process of making sure both animals and their humans get the assistance they need. "It's an extremely easy process and we do that on purpose to make it easier for victims to keep their animals safe," said Bromely.

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**Jenni Freret of Chantilly has the attention of her 9-year-old dogs Daisy and Lady. Daisy is dachshund/poodle mix and Lady is a dachshund/ King Charles spaniel mix. Both dogs were rescues.**

# PET CENTRE VIEW



## Sherlock

Emma and Sherlock, mascot and puppy, visit together at Nova Health and Wellness, 14215E Centreville Square, Centreville.



## Tricksie

Dr. Paul Curcio of Chiropractic Family Health Centre, 14215E Centreville Sq., Centreville, with his pet rabbit, Tricksie, snuggle on a cold winter's night.

## Groomers Pursue Voluntary Certification

Featherle Pet Care, a small, family-run business, operates two salons in Chantilly and Sterling, Canine Clipper School of Pet Grooming in Dumfries and Wash and Wag of Culpeper. To stay on top of their field, Company President Linda Law encourages her groomers to frequently attend dog shows, grooming shows, and seminars. They keep up-to-date with the latest hairstyles, see what other groomers and breeders are doing, and expand their education on topics from creative grooming with color to animal health and psychology.



Elaine Lewis enjoyed giving this puppy his first haircut.



Debbie O'Boyle grooms Coconut, a Pekingese.

Law's team also takes part in voluntary certification through groups such as the National Dog Groomers Association of America, or NDGAA. The groomer is tested on breed knowledge and grooming skills, as well as anatomy and health. Law is bringing her entire grooming staff to an NDGAA certification workshop in Richmond this March. Attendees will include those beginning the certification process, those partway through, and those who have already completed it.

Is it all worth it? Elaine Lewis, a groomer at the Chantilly salon, thinks so. She's excited about becoming certified: "I want to support the integrity of

my industry by giving it a good name. I want to show that I hold my work up to high standards — both of quality and safety."

Lewis, a former veterinary assistant, says she turned to grooming because "I desired a career in which I actually had a personal connection with dogs, while taking care of their health .... in grooming you have a connection with each individual dog, because you have to work together with them in order to accomplish your goal. I also enjoy making them feel good after a groom, and seeing how happy they are when their owners are thrilled to see them at pickup."

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Westfield senior Blake Francis, right, scored 24 points against Chantilly on Feb. 19.



Westfield senior Tyler Scanlon cuts off a piece of the net after the Bulldogs won the Conference 5 championship on Feb. 19.

## Scanlon, Francis Lead Westfield to Conference 5 Title

**Bulldog seniors combine for 56 points in win over Chantilly.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**he Westfield boys' basketball team's ultimate goal is to win a state championship, but for now, the Bulldogs will settle for a title of the conference variety.

Seniors Tyler Scanlon and Blake Francis combined for 56 points and Westfield secured its second consecutive Conference 5 championship with a 76-61 victory over Chantilly in the tournament final on Feb. 19 at Chantilly High School.

"Every [title] is important," said Scanlon, who has now won a pair of conference championships and a 6A North region title in two seasons after transferring to Westfield from Paul VI. "They hang banners for [conference] championships for a reason —

**"Every [title] is important. They hang banners for [conference] championships for a reason — they mean something [because of] the rivalry games you're playing."**

— Westfield senior Tyler Scanlon

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Scanlon, the conference Player of the Year, scored 32 points and Blake,



Westfield head coach Doug Ewell was named Conference 5 Coach of the Year.

a first-team all-conference selection, finished with 24. The duo combined to score 25 of Westfield's 27 first-quarter points as the Bulldogs built a 15-point lead at the end of one. Westfield led 47-33 at halftime and maintained a double-digit advantage throughout the second half.

After Chantilly cut the Westfield lead to 10 in the third quarter, Francis and Scanlon scored the next seven points to build the Bulldogs' advantage to 62-45.

When asked about the performances of his senior standouts, Westfield head coach Doug Ewell, the conference Coach of the Year, answered with an eye toward the future.

"We need some other guys to step up," Ewell said, "and take the load off them."

Senior guard Hank Johnson scored 10 points for Westfield, senior guard Joe Katchmark finished with eight and junior guard Kory Jones added two.

Westfield improved to 19-2 and extended its win streak to 18 games. The Bulldogs'

two losses came during their first three games, when some of the team's key players, including Scanlon, were still playing football.

Last season, Westfield won 25 straight games, including a triple-overtime affair against Landstown in the state semifinals, before dropping a heartbreaker to Colonial Forge in the state championship game. The Bulldogs missed four free throws in the final minute and fell 47-46.

For the second straight season, Westfield enters the region tournament riding a lengthy win streak.

"This is good for us," Francis said. "This is a good boost for us. It's a starting point for us to get back to states. ... I think the guys will really be ready on Monday and try to make a run for state title."

Chantilly senior center Zack Crenshaw, a first-team all-conference selection, led the Chargers with 23 points. Junior forward Elijah Ford and sophomore guard Christian Parana each had 13.

Chantilly faced Washington-Lee in the opening round of regionals on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The winner will face the winner of Battlefield and Woodson on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

Westfield faced Hayfield on Tuesday. The winner will face the winner of Stonewall Jackson and Lake Braddock on Wednesday.

## Success Stories

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"My whole life has changed because I came to Mountain View, and that makes me appreciate life more," said Davis. He then thanked his friends and family for their support and reminded his classmates that their actions also affect others. And, added Davis, "Thank you to my

father; I'm sorry for all the hardship I put you through. You taught me better, and I love you."

"Stories such as these are why our teachers are so happy to come to school each day," said Assistant Principal Claudia Pirouzan-Jones. She then thanked the parents for "sharing your children with us."



# Honoring Mountain View Grads

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As a result, said Todd, "I learned to never doubt him. He completed 25 classes in only three-and-a-half years and earned a 3.63 GPA." Martinez also won 12 academic awards at Mountain View, plus a scholarship. "He has a gentle, kind nature, with a natural inclination to help others," added Todd. "And he's a leader who was selected by his classmates and teachers to represent the school at [various events]. Reynaldo, you're successful because of you, and we will always remember you."

Also receiving a Faculty Award was Brenda Rivera. In presenting it, counselor Ellen Fay told the audience she could almost say, "Ditto," to what Todd had said, but about Rivera. "When she first came here, she came from Reston on four buses and barely spoke English," said Fay. "And when she started school, she had many obstacles."

"Brenda was alone in a new country where she had to learn a new language to survive," continued Fay. "She worked at a job, made her own meals and did her own laundry. Yet she was also a member of [FCPS] Superintendent [Karen] Garza's roundtable and won a Dream-Catcher award from GMU."

In addition, Rivera earned more than 20 honor roll certificates, many academic



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**Brenda Rivera receives the Faculty Award from counselor Ellen Fay.**

awards and four scholarships. And over the course of 22 classes, she maintained a 3.85 GPA.

Addressing Rivera directly, Fay said, "Your teachers said you were one of their hardest-working students. You are the epitome of the example of the American success story; and in receiving the Mountain View Faculty Award, you've received the pinnacle of our awards."

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# A Further Explanation



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Though last week's column, "One Hundred Pills," ostensibly was about the pill count of my most recent prescription and my interpretation of its meaning, the underlying point of the column which I might have failed to clearly mention was: cancer and the effect it has on your thinking; consciously, sub-consciously, and probably even unconsciously as well. If I had not been diagnosed with a "terminal" disease: stage IV, non-small, cell lung cancer (NSCLC), would I even have heard how many pills were in that bottle, or considered at all the numerical impact on my life, and that life's expectancy? Moreover, would I have been the least bit concerned with pharmacy/prescription procedures, medical or otherwise? And finally, would I have stumbled emotionally because of any of it? I'll be presumptuously self-assured and answer all of these previous questions: The answer would be a resounding "No."

And the cause of all these questions and the effect on the answers is cancer. To say cancer is a difference-maker is an insult to all difference-makers. Because cancer is insidious, and often, as evidenced in last week's column, a life-changer both physically and mentally, its effects rear their ugly head when you might not expect it. All I did was pick up a prescription but since cancer is in charge, I went off on a tangent of anxiety. But, and this is the point - perhaps lost in last week's column, which I am now focusing on in this week's column: you can't help yourself. Whether or not you admit to or acquiesce to cancer's control, it does take over. In effect, your brain is rewired, figuratively speaking. You simply don't think, consider, prioritize, react, etc., as you did prior to your diagnosis. It's almost as if you were struck by lightning; it's a jolt, emotionally, and you'll never be the same.

Sure, on the outside (to people looking at you), everything may appear normal (if you're amazingly lucky), but on the inside, especially in your head/brain, the world, your place in it and your behavior while being there has taken a turn. Not necessarily for the worse, but definitely for the different. Oddly enough, the changes are not so subtle that you don't notice them or won't acknowledge them or can't articulate them. In my experience, I notice/acknowledge and articulate them. However, I am hard-pressed to do much about them. It's not as if I've become an inconsiderate, selfish, intolerant, uncaring and self-indulgent a--hole (different than I'd like to think I was/mostly still am), but, and I'm not to proud to admit this: I do have my moments. And when I do, I blame the cancer. As I asked my oncologist one day about my hair turning gray seemingly overnight, could I blame the cancer? He quickly responded: "You can blame the cancer for anything you want." And so I have, occasionally.

Not that I have taken his statement to heart or embraced it as a regular excuse, but cancer does seem to have its way. And though I am well aware of its tentacles and subliminal-almost ties that regularly bind, I am still cognizant of who I am and who I want to be. Nevertheless, author Siddhartha Mukherjee didn't title his book about cancer (and PBS didn't likewise title its miniseries): "Cancer, The Emperor of All Maladies" because cancer is kind and gentle and benign. Hardly. Cancer is none of these characterizations. And what's worse, it changes people; at least it's changed me, and not always for the better.

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

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ments from time to time, I believe implementation should not be automatic. Instead, the General Assembly, local school boards, parents, teachers and administrators should have time to carefully review the recommendations after September 2017 to understand the implications and associated costs before implementation proceeds. I am working to amend this legislation to provide a "pause" in the process after September 2017.

Another matter related to public education considered by the General Assembly is a proposed amendment to the Virginia Constitution to allow the state, in addition to local school boards, to establish public charter schools. After passing the House with my support (HJ 3), the measure was defeated in the Virginia Senate (SJ 6) on a 21-19 vote, so it appears that additional emphasis on establishing public charter schools in Virginia will not occur for the foreseeable future.

Next week the General Assembly will consider the 2016-2018 state budget. The respective House and Senate committees will report their budget recommendations this weekend. I expect to address budget issues in my Richmond Report next week.

More information about the General Assembly, including live webcast video of the House and Senate meetings may be found at [virginiageneralassembly.gov](http://virginiageneralassembly.gov).

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. I may be reached at [deljlemunyon@gmail.com](mailto:deljlemunyon@gmail.com) or 703-264-1432. Your call will forward to the Richmond office.

## SPORTS

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Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) and Chantilly Youth Association (CYA), are joining forces to host the third annual "Lax for a Cause" day of lacrosse. The eight-hour lacrosse event features dozens of lacrosse games and will be held March 12, at Centreville High School. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to directly benefit the nation's veterans through Fisher House Foundation.

The lacrosse marathon will feature more than 20 teams — with players ages five and up — which will play at a different time slots throughout the day.

SYA Lacrosse, CYA Lacrosse, and FPYC are local, volunteer, non-profit youth sports organizations that serve the youth of western Fairfax. Proceeds beyond the money raised for Fisher House Foundation will be used to purchase updated equipment and gear. Funds will help keep these programs accessible to every household in western Fairfax by keeping registration costs low, as well as help subsidize the organizations' free off-season training programs and clinics.

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## ONGOING

### Castles & Catapults Workshops.

Mondays, through March 7, 1-2 p.m. or 4:45-5:45 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will learn about science and engineering principles, like gravity, buoyancy, and simple machines, presented in the context of medieval times.

Activities include building towers, boats, draw-bridges, and catapults as well as designing medieval coats of arms and jewelry. The earlier session can be customized for homeschooled children ages 7-12, the second session is for grades 4-6. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

### Science Solutions Workshops.

Mondays, through March 7, 2:15-3:15 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will apply science, math and engineering solutions to help the owners of the "E.Z. Science Journal." They will create sand clocks, design an experiment, build a stronger egg carton, solve knot puzzles, design journal cover art, sketch and construct a new invention, and develop more efficient delivery routes. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

### Science Solutions Workshops.

Wednesdays, through March 9, 4:45-5:45 p.m. at Children's Science

Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will apply science, math and engineering solutions to help the owners of the "E.Z. Science Journal." They will create sand clocks, design an experiment, build a stronger egg carton, solve knot puzzles, design journal cover art, sketch and construct a new invention, and develop more efficient delivery routes. This session is for grades 1-3. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

### Castles & Catapults Workshops.

Saturdays, through March 12, 10-11 a.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will learn about science and engineering principles, like gravity, buoyancy, and simple machines, presented in the context of medieval times. Activities include building towers, boats, draw-bridges, and catapults as well as designing medieval coats of arms and jewelry. This session is for grades 1-3. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

### Science Solutions Workshops.

Saturdays, through March 12, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at Children's Science Center, 11948 Fair Oaks Mall, Fair Oaks. Children will apply science, math and engineering solutions to help the owners of the "E.Z. Science Journal." They will create sand clocks, design an experiment, build a stronger egg carton, solve knot puzzles, design journal cover art, sketch and construct a new invention, and develop more efficient delivery routes. The price per participant is \$160. Visit [www.childsci.org](http://www.childsci.org) for more.

### Open Rehearsal.

Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The

Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxjubilaire.org](http://www.fairfaxjubilaire.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 27

**Birds Around Us.** 10 a.m. at Cabell's Mill, 5235 Walney Road, Centreville. Find out about bird life cycles, migration patterns and adaptations. Examine taxidermed specimens and live birds to learn more about bird behavior and their place in the environment. \$5 for Fairfax County residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

**Girl Scout Cookie Tasting.** 11 a.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Girl Scout Cookies will be paired with Bull Run Wine. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for club members. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

**Make Bird Feeders.** 11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Bring empty milk jugs and/or two liter soda bottles to make bird feeders and discuss tips for feeding birds and learn to identify common birds that visit home bird feeders. \$5 for Fairfax County residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

**Animal Scientists.** 2 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. Whether hiking the forest, examining pond creatures, or meeting exhibit animals, children investigate and discover first-hand animal biology, adaptation, habitats, and roles in the larger ecosystem. Tickets are \$5 for Fairfax County residents, \$7 for non-residents. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/eclawrence).

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### Beer 101: The Pursuit of Hoppiness.

3-5 p.m. at Total Wine & More-Greenbriar Town Center, 13055-C Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax. This introductory beer course will introduce patrons to the history of brewing and more. Tickets are \$10. Visit [www.totalwine.com](http://www.totalwine.com) for more.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 28

**Girl Scout Cookie Tasting.** 11 a.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Girl Scout Cookies will be paired with Bull Run Wine. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for club members. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 3

### "Saving Time: Conserving Astronaut Chronographs."

12:30 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Jennifer L'Esveaux talks to the public. Free. Call 703-572-4118 or visit [airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy](http://airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy).

## FRIDAY/MARCH 4

**Salsa Class and Dancing.** 5:30 p.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Take a salsa class. Wine and sangria will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$18-30. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 5

**Stretch & Sip.** 11 a.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Take a 90-minute yoga

class followed by a glass of wine. \$13.50 for club members, \$15 for non-members. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

**Girl Scout Cookie Tasting.** 12 p.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Girl Scout Cookies will be paired with Bull Run Wine. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for club members. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 5-6

**D.C. Big Flea Market.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Find period and country furniture, collectibles, and more. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for club members. Visit [www.dullesexpo.com](http://www.dullesexpo.com) or call 703-378-0910.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 6

**Girl Scout Cookie Tasting.** 12 p.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Girl Scout Cookies will be paired with Bull Run Wine. Tickets are \$10, \$8 for club members. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

**Jane Austen Tea.** 1 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Discuss the leading men in Jane Austen's novels, "Emma" and "Persuasion." Tickets are \$28. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 10

**Authors Panel.** 7 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Art Taylor, Agatha Award winner and author of "On the Road with Del & Louise," leads a panel of novelists and short story writers whose work trends between literary fiction and crime writing. Authors include Tara Laskowski, Laura Ellen Scott, and Steve Weddle. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce) or call 703-830-2223 for more.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 11

**Sipping & Painting.** 6:30 p.m. at the Winery at Bull Run, 15950 Lee Highway, Centreville. Instructors give step-by-step instructions to create a painting of a sunset. \$40 for club members, \$45 for non-members. Visit [www.wineryatbullrun.com](http://www.wineryatbullrun.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 12

**Author Talk: "George Washington's Mulatto Man: Who Was Billy Lee."** 11 a.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Author Jim Thompson will talk about tracing the tragic yet fascinating life of Billy Lee, George Washington's personal servant. Copies of his new book will be for sale. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/ce) or call 703-830-2223 for more.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MARCH 11-13

**National Capital Boat Show.** 12-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday at Dulles EXPO & Conference Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Dealers from Virginia and Maryland will showcase jon boats, yachts and more. Marinas, electronics, water sports and safety equipment will be on display. Also meet experts on insurance, financing, repair, maintenance and boating safety. Tickets are \$10, free for children 16 and under. Visit [www.dullesexpo.com](http://www.dullesexpo.com) or call 703-378-0910.

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