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## Temple Seeking Additional Car Lot

Parking problems persist in Pleasant Valley neighborhood.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
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In March, Fairfax County approved offsite parking and shuttle service for Rajdhani Mandir Temple to use during holiday events. But since the temple only has 87 on-site parking spaces and members of several, different ethnic groups come from all over to worship there, parking is still a problem.

Although Temple officials have told their members not to park in the adjacent residential community, they've been unable to control people from other groups who meet there. As a result, many residents have complained that their driveways have been blocked and they're unable to get into their own homes because of all the visitors' vehicles parked in their spaces.

Now this Hindu temple along Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly has acquired one acre next door

and hopes to amend its special permit to incorporate this property for additional parking. It also wants to add more parking to its existing site and believes that both measures would alleviate the situation the neighbors have been experiencing.

To discuss the possibility, members of the Pleasant Valley community met with members of the temple, Oct. 29, at Virginia Run Elementary.

"My perception of the relationship between the temple and the community is that the parking situation has overwhelmed the good will that should be between you, because you are neighbors and will be, for a long time," said Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully). "So we want to reestablish the dialogue between you now."

Agreeing, Rajdhani Board of Trustees member Arun Thappar

**"I stand in my driveway asking people not to park there."**

— Ben Cox, Pleasant Valley resident

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Wearing Punjabi suits, Northern Indian dress, are (from left) Kanwal Bhatnagar, Twinkle Kaur, Roshi Suchdeva, Goldie Agnihotri and Sangita Sethi.

## Hindu Community Celebrates

Festivals include food, gifts and henna tattoos.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Immigrants from India comprise 13 percent of Centreville's population and, in October, they celebrated a month of Hindu festivals. One of the liveliest celebrations was held at Radiance Salon where women dressed in colorful outfits for an

evening of food, fun and henna tattoos.

"Tonight is a night of eating and celebrating before the fast of Karva Chauth — similar to Christmas Eve," said Sukhi Sahni of Fair Oaks at the Oct. 16 event in Centreville. "Tomorrow, married Indian women will dress up and fast the entire day — without water — for the wellbeing, prosperity and longevity of their husbands."

The ritual signifies wives' extreme love and devotion to their mates, although it can work both



A close-up look at Sugandha Parihar's henna tattoo.

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## Alford Plea Entered for Sexual Battery

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Scheduled to have a two-day jury trial, Stephen F. Im changed his mind and instead pleaded guilty to the aggravated sexual battery of a 19-year-old woman. He entered an Alford plea, meaning he didn't admit guilt, but acknowledged the existence of enough evidence to convict him.

Im, now 23, of 13153 Quail Creek Lane in Fair Lakes, was charged with that of-

fense, plus one count of animate object penetration and two counts of forcible sodomy. But in exchange for his Oct. 28 guilty plea on the charge of aggravated sexual battery, his three other charges were dropped.

Before accepting Im's plea, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Jane Roush made sure he realized he was pleading guilty to a felony. "Are you entering your plea of guilty freely and voluntarily?" she asked. "Yes, Ma'm," he replied.

Then Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Camille Turner explained what the

prosecution's case against him would have been, had it gone to trial. She said he and the woman met at a Tysons Corner bar with friends, Aug. 22, 2007, and exchanged phone numbers.

Im called her the next day and invited her out. On Aug. 24, 2007, they met at a bar in Chantilly. Later, said Turner, they each took one pill of ecstasy and bought beer at a supermarket. Then they went to his apartment, where they played a drinking game.

"She drank five beers and felt a buzz," said Turner. "He said he was interested in

**"The combined effects of the alcohol and ecstasy made her unable to extricate herself."**

— Camille Turner, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

her, but she told him she had a boyfriend and just wanted to be friends. About 1:30 a.m., she passed out. When she woke up, she was face

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## ROUND-UPS

### Man Is Killed in Crash

Richard L. Whitenton, 66, of Leehigh Drive in Fairfax died Wednesday, Nov. 12, after a motorcycle crash. Fairfax County police say a 38-year-old woman was driving a minivan west on Legato, but “apparently failed to stop” at a red light and struck an Acura Sedan in the intersection of Route 29 and Legato.

Police say Whitenton, heading south on Route 29, tried to avoid the first crash, but couldn’t, before striking the minivan. He was ejected and died around 10:45 a.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

### Robbery at Shopping Center

Fairfax County police are looking for the person who robbed a 49-year-old Falls Church woman, last Monday, Nov. 3, in the parking lot of Fair Oaks Mall. The incident occurred shortly before 10:30 p.m. Police say a man grabbed the woman’s purse as she placed it inside her car; and after a brief struggle, he fled with it. The suspect is described as white, in his 30s, about 5 feet 7 inches and approximately 170 pounds. He had brown hair and wore blue jeans, a green jacket and a dark-blue shirt.

### High School Entered Unlawfully

Fairfax County police say two teenage boys gained entry into Centreville High on Sunday, Nov. 2. Officers responded to the school’s burglar-alarm activation around 6:20 p.m. and found the boys, ages 14 and 15 and both from Centreville, inside the building. They were released to their parents, and police say charges may be pending.

### Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary; residents should install the child safety seats themselves.. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

### Rabies Clinic This Sunday

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will host a rabies clinic Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2-4 p.m. at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax. A rabies vaccine is \$10 per pet and will be available for dogs, cats and ferrets. Rabies tags won’t be issued.

Dogs must be on leashes, and cats and ferrets must be in carriers. Dog licenses will be sold for \$10. Sponsoring this clinic are the animal shelter and Deepwood Veterinary Clinic. Cash and checks only; credit or debit cards won’t be accepted. Call 703-830-1100.

### Centreville Immigration Forum

The next meeting of the Centreville Immigration Forum will be Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m., in room 217 of Centreville United Methodist Church. The church is at 6400 Old Centreville Road in Centreville, and the public is welcome.

### WFCCA Land-Use Meeting

The West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) Land-Use Committee will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly.

### Help Provide Thanksgiving Food

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM) needs individuals, churches, families or businesses willing to provide a holiday food basket to a needy family this Thanksgiving. It’s a family-oriented program where the provider may deliver the basket directly to his or her sponsored family.

There are still hundreds of families looking for sponsors. To help, contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656, ext. 3, or e-mail volunteer@wfcma.org. Or mail a contribution, marked “Holiday Baskets,” to WFCM, P.O. Box 220802, Chantilly, VA 20153.

## NEWS



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The cast of Rocky Run Middle School’s “Stefanie Hero.”

# Heroic Adventure at Rocky Run

## Middle school students to present ‘Stefanie Hero.’

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**T**ake a princess, a knight, a dragon and an evil sorcerer, add some talented students and the result is “Stefanie Hero,” the newest production from Rocky Run Middle School.

Show times are Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., in the little theater. Tickets are \$7 at the door and during the prior week’s school lunchtimes.

Directed by Julie Wharton, this comedy adventure was written by Mark Medoff, author of “Children of a Lesser God.” It’s the story of a princess, Stefanie, whose father left years before on a quest to prove himself a great knight and vanished. Her mother is selfish, self-absorbed and bitter.

“Stefanie has two younger brothers and a sister and, by default, she’s become head of her household and the kingdom,” said Wharton. “There’s also an evil sorcerer who’d like to marry Stefanie and, to gain power over her, he casts a spell over her mother and siblings. So she has to go on an adventure to save them.”

**ALONG THE WAY**, she meets the Scarlet Knight and someone named Horace — who’s under the sorcerer’s spell, too — and both give her help. Her mission takes her to a mountaintop inhabited by a dragon, but she proves herself a capable swordswoman and ultimately triumphs on her own.

“It’s fast-moving, has fun characters and we’re going for comic-book theater because it has that larger-than-life, good vs. evil, action-packed, colorful quality about it,” said Wharton. “And the set will reflect that; the colors and artwork are suggestive, rather than detailed and realistic.”

There are 27 in the cast and crew, and the students have rehearsed every day since September. “They’re a dedicated bunch and they’re coming along great,” said Wharton. “And Sarah Russell, a fight choreographer, worked with them on the sword fighting scenes. She’s a Robinson Secondary senior who’s

had stage-combat training through the Shakespeare Theatre.”

Wharton said the play’s funny, but also inspiring. “There’s a great message to it, the characters are drawn very cleverly and it’s well-written,” she said. “Young kids will love it, but the language is very articulate and the show has a lot of layers, so the whole family will enjoy it. It has both fantasy and realism.”

Eighth-grader Carys Meyer portrays Stefanie. “She’s tomboyish and has taken on all the family responsibilities,” said Carys. “She’s brave and not afraid of many things. She’s also stubborn and set in her ways, but she wants to fall in love. It’s a fun character because she’s different from my personality, so it’s fun to have that challenge.”

As a result, said Carys, she always has to be strong and focused on her goals and “can’t have any weak moments on stage.” But she’s pleased that Stefanie is “so outgoing and tough and can handle anything. I get to do sword fights and have a lot of attitude.”

SEE ‘STEFANIE HERO.’ PAGE 7



Matt Calvert and Carys Meyer duel.

# Hindu Community Celebrates Festivals

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ways. Radiance Salon owner, Meenakshi “Goldie” Agnihotri, of Singleton’s Grove, says her husband fasts along with her.

In the Hindu religion, said Sahni, people also fast for religious reasons; however, in this context, fasting is considered auspicious. “Unmarried women fast for 16 Mondays in a row to get a good husband,” said Sahni. “It’s a tale we hear from our mothers and grandmothers.”

There are six Hindu temples in Fairfax County, including the Rajdhani Mandir Temple in Chantilly’s Pleasant Valley community. On Oct. 17, it offered special prayers for the married women and, that night, they returned to their homes to break their fasts.

“They look at the moon through a sieve and their husbands give them their first bite of food,” said Sahni. “Once you do it, you do it every year to strengthen your faith and bless your husband and family. The concept of marriage is very deep in our culture.”

**KARVA CHAETH** also includes gift-giving. Married women buy new karvas — spherical clay pots, paint designs on the outside and fill them with bangles, ribbons, homemade sweets and other small presents. “It’s the biggest festival of all — the Christmas of India,” said Sahni. “People gather at each other’s houses and exchange gifts.”

Then comes Diwali, a religious holiday. It’s also considered the Festival of Light, with lights or lamps signifying the victory of good over the evil within human beings. This year, it was Oct. 28-29, with the first day being the main day of celebration.

“We set off firecrackers,” said Sahni. “And the houses are all lit up with gas lamps inside the house and candles outside. We make traditional, Indian food from scratch and pray at home to Lakshmi, the goddess of money. We ask her to come into our house and bless us with money. Then everybody plays cards for money, but it’s really more social. Especially in the U.S., because we’re so far away from our families, it’s a way of getting together with friends and family



Radiance Salon’s Henna Shah doing a henna tattoo.

here.”

Another place local Hindu women go throughout the year is Radiance Salon, and it helped them prepare for the festivals by doing threading — shaping their eyebrows by pulling out errant hairs with threads — and giving them henna tattoos.

“You make a henna paste out of a leaf, put it in a plastic cone and decorate the skin,” said Agnihotri. “You keep it on your hand, two to three hours, and the next day, it turns dark maroon. Threading and henna tattoos each last two to three weeks.”

Some women have their arms henna-tattooed and, said Sahni, “I know pregnant women who get their bellies done. And Goldie’s artists are among the best in the area.”

A henna tattoo costs \$15-\$500, depending on its depth, density, size and complexity of design. Why do it? “It is the custom,” said Agnihotri. “It’s a part of dressing up for special occasions — weddings, fasting,

festivals, etc.”

“The henna is the key thing for a bride to wear,” added Sahni. “It’s even more important than her dress.”

At the Oct. 16 event at Radiance, Fairfax’s Heena Patel got a henna tattoo on her left hand. From an album, she picked a design with circles, flowers and lines. “I’ve been coming to Goldie for several years for threading, waxing, facials and massages,” she said. “She’s very sweet and accommodating, and her work is detailed and clean. She makes me look and feel beautiful, and my 17-year-old daughter comes here, too.”

Meanwhile, Sangita Sethi of Gainesville got henna tattoos on the fronts and backs of both hands. Agnihotri ran her business out of her home for five years prior to opening Radiance a year ago because of her increasing number of customers. Sethi is a five-year customer and highly recommends Agnihotri.

“She has a warmth to her and we’ve become great friends,” said Sethi. “The ser-

**“You do it every year to bless your husband and family.”**

**— Sukhi Sahni, explaining Karva Chauth fasting**



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From left are henna-tattoo customers Usha Tomar of Centreville’s Manorgate community and Sugandha Parihar of Herndon with henna artist Mamata Jain.

vice is great, she always tells me about the products and both she and her employees are very professional.”

**A WOMAN** named Henna Shah is the lead henna artist at Radiance. She’s done these tattoos for 17 years and specializes in bridal hennas — which can take up to six hours to create.

“When I was young in India, my parents couldn’t afford to pay for me to get my own henna tattoos, so I taught myself,” said Shah. “I watched others and then tried to do it on my own hand.”

She said the hardest part is sitting for long hours. “But it’s my hobby and I love to do it,” said Shah. “I did one party in [Washington], D.C. where I sat for 17 hours doing a bridal party of more than 60 people. But I have done as many as 123 people in 12 hours. I like creating new designs; every design is different, and that’s my favorite part.”

Radiance Salon also does women’s hair-styling and men’s haircuts. It’s at 14641 Lee Highway, No. 102, behind the Dunkin’ Donuts on Route 29 in Centreville. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Phone: 703-543-4830.

## Dual ‘Odd Couple’ To Be Performed at Centreville High

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

**A**nyone can produce the play, “The Odd Couple,” with its traditional, male cast. But leave it to Centreville High to present it two ways, with both males and females in the leading roles.

The male version will be presented Wednesday, Nov. 19, and Friday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m. each night, and Saturday, Nov. 22, at 2 p.m. The female version is Thursday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. each night, and Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance, at the door or at [www.theatre](http://www.theatre)

[centreville.com](http://centreville.com).

“Both shows are set in the 1990s,” said Director J. Mark Rogers. “The amazing thing is that we did it, five or six years ago, and I found that — unlike most shows — this one can be over-rehearsed. So we make it work by actually having less rehearsals and keeping everything fresh and spontaneous.”

He said the audience should love either version. “The movie with Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau, and the TV series with Tony Randall and Jack Klugman, were both fantastic,” said Rogers. “And if there’s a quintessential, Neil Simon play, it’s ‘The Odd Couple.’ He is an American master at comedy.”

The play illustrates what happens when

a freewheeling, messy person lets his or her neat and serious friend move in with him or her — and hilarity ensues. Each version has a cast of eight. Seniors Kathryn Peterson and Stephanie Kelly, both 18, play the female leads, and seniors Neema Atri, 17, and Torin Van Houten, 18, portray the male leads.

**PETERSON DESCRIBES** her character, Florence Unger, as a “neat freak. She’s very organized and everything has to be a certain way. She’s very clean, OCD and traditional — she likes her routine. We’re similar — both organized and a bit OCD — but she’s more over-the-top. So I’m playing myself, in a way, but more exaggerated.”

Although Flornce doesn’t find humor in anything, Peterson said, “I’m always laughing and have a hard time keeping a straight face at all the jokes, during rehearsal.” She said the best part of her role is “being with Stephanie, who’s my best friend.” As for the audience, said Peterson, “There are jokes, every other second, so they’ll like the show a lot.”

Kelly portrays Olive Madison. “She’s free, messy and embraces everything,” said Kelly. “But her life is completely upended when she takes Florence into her home and, all of a sudden, there are these rules. Olive is a successful business

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# Common Interest along Route 50

## Fairfax and Loudoun officials discuss land decisions' effects.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Since Loudoun and Fairfax counties are neighbors, what happens in Loudoun often has an impact on traffic here — especially on Route 50 in Chantilly and Braddock Road in Centreville. So the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) recently invited a Loudoun representative to discuss the matter.

"We've been trying to strike up a dialogue on areas of interest between us," said WFCCA President Ted Troscianeki. "And we're happy to have Sandra Chaloux with us tonight."

Formerly of Fairfax County, Chaloux now lives in Aldie and is the Dulles District Planning Commissioner for Loudoun County. She was appointed to the post in January.

"I never expected to be a citizen activist or a planning commissioner," she said. "But I founded the Gum Springs Regional Citizens Network when I became concerned about a [developer's] proposal which would have resulted in 33,000 houses west of the area where I live."

Chaloux said Loudoun's Planning Commission will start updating that county's five-year, countywide trans-

also deciding where to locate a new middle school and high school. Currently, she said, there are "7,000 residents in South Riding with no middle school."

Also controversial is the location of Loudoun's next hospital. "Now, people in the Dulles South area don't have easy access to a hospital," said Chaloux. "They're taken to [Inova] Fair Oaks." She said a hospital has been proposed in Ashburn's Broadlands area, but it's more than nine miles away from her constituents' homes. So, she said, "I'd also like to see a new hospital in the Route 50 area."

"I expect the hospital may be serving some of our folks, too, who live closer to it than to [Inova] Fair Oaks," said Fairfax At-Large Planning Commissioner Jim Hart. "So maybe that's the kind of regional issue we ought to share information on."

**HE ALSO NOTED** traffic problems their two counties have in common. "We've been concerned about transportation for a long time," said Hart. "The widening of [Route] 50 is important. Where it pinches off from three lanes to two, everything comes to a stop." Chaloux said the state legislature got money for it, but "I think it'll be awhile before it's constructed."

Regarding Braddock Road near the Fairfax/Loudoun line, Hart said, "Our Braddock is two lanes and unimproved, and I think it's six lanes on your plan."

But, said Chaloux, "We know there's no political will to expand it into Fairfax."

At the end of the last Loudoun board's term, she said, "They approved a ton of retail. West of Route 606 will be the Arcola Center, and there's also another one with millions of square feet. I don't know if it'll help or hurt."

Right now, said Troscianeki, "The job centers are east of Loudoun, but there's also the need for north-south roads. South of Route 50, through I-66, Route 29 and into Prince William [County], there's really nothing."

Litzenberger suggested Loudoun



PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/CENTRE VIEW  
**Sandra Chaloux**

"hold developers' feet to the fire" so that, instead of putting in more stoplights on Route 50 intersections, they'd build grade-separated interchanges, instead, right from the start."

Chaloux said Tall Cedars Parkway would be "sort of another connector road," but it's missing lanes. "Developers have made proffers, but not all the sections have been built," she said. "It's to limit access on Route 50 and channel access on the parallel roads, but I don't know when it'll be completed."

She then asked for a copy of Fairfax County's transportation plan so she could look at it "as it relates to [Loudoun's] plan." Chaloux also noted her county's intention to create a tax district "from [Routes] 606 to 28 because it's a priority for us to improve that corridor because it's key to airport business."

Hart said, of course, there are reasons the two counties should coordinate on planning. "But that kind of dialogue should come from the top — the Board of Supervisors," he said. Hart also suggested reviving the interjurisdictional meetings the counties used to have, years ago.

"I think it's a great time to do that because we've had such a great turnover in our board," replied Chaloux. She also promised to tell the WFCCA when Loudoun's planning meetings are held and said the panel's welcome to attend.

"We're also working on a multimodal, transit plan at the same time as our transportation plan," she added. So, said Hart, "That's even more reason it should be interjurisdictional because buses don't stop at the county line."



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### "The hospital may be serving some of our folks, too."

— Jim Hart, At-Large Planning Commissioner

portation plan in January, so she reached out to Sully District Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger for help.

"The southeast part of Loudoun is our highest-density area and it abuts western Fairfax, which is less dense, so there are some challenges," she said. "And now, even though we're not seeing as many residential land-use applications [as previously], the volume of land-use applications hasn't dropped off — they're just different types."

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# PEOPLE



**(From left): The Ihssan family of Centreville: (From left): Salee, Sroor, Sayran, Sarwat and Mustafa.**



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**Fair Oaks Mall presents a check for \$5,000 to The Pajama Program during the Pajama Party Friday morning.**

## Pajama Party at Fair Oaks Mall

Fair Oaks Mall held a Pajama Party Friday, Nov. 7 for about 20 children, dressed in pajamas provided by The Children's Place. The morning included breakfast, visits from Santa and Mrs. Clause, activity stations, a reading of the book, "The Polar Express," and the unwrapping of the 20-foot Snow Globes, featuring The Polar Express. Taubman Malls also donated

\$5,000 to the Virginia chapter of the Pajama Program, which provides pajamas and books to children staying in shelters and foster homes. Nationwide, there are 73 chapters of the Pajama Program, which was started in 2001.

— STEVE HIBBARD



**Santa and Mrs. Clause distribute the book, "Polar Express" to children at the Pajama Party on Friday.**

## Annual Scouting for Food Drive a Huge Success

Some 700 Boy and Girl Scouts and 500 adults collected 36,600 pounds of food from the community last Saturday. The goods were picked up by 40-50 packs and troops and taken to the Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry in Chantilly. They will be donated to needy families in the local area. Volunteers sorted so much food that after filling WFCM's pantry, three truckloads of food had to be taken to storage. Last year they collected 31,000 pounds, so they increased by 5,600 pounds this year, said chairman Michael Adere. A whopping 850,000 pounds of food was collected in the National Capital area last year.



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**(From left): Sam Clark, Joe Hodge and Zachary Gore of Troop 1826 sort hygiene products.**



**The Gore sisters (from left): Katie, Jena and Emily help sort goods.**



**(From left): Callie Bailey, Mia Lenotti and Carolyn Perkins of Troop 1100.**

— Emily Sakowitz,  
stage manager

# 'Stefanie Hero' at Rocky Run

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She says the show is so hilarious that the audience will laugh a lot. "But it also has some good messages in it," said Carys. "And the little kids will like the physical comedy and the grownups will like the jokes."

**PLAYING LEOPOLD** T. Bosco, the evil sorcerer, is eighth-grader Matt Calvert. "He's a weird kind of guy; he wants to take over the world," said Matt. "He thinks he's invincible and can do anything he wants, but he can't. He wants Princess Stefanie to be his wife, but he doesn't have the charm to win anybody over. He also wears an eye patch — not because he needs it, but to make him look more evil."

Matt says he's fun to play because, in two scenes, Bosco fights people with his finger, which has special powers. "He also casts a lot of spells and I get to make up the movements for them, so it's really creative," said Matt. Hardest, he said, is that "I have to be on an emotional rollercoaster — all over the place with my emotions and my speech. But I'm having a fun experience with this character; I like screaming and acting mean to people as a villain."

Eighth-grader Josh Lutz portrays Horace, Bosco's evil minion. "But there's a twist," said Josh. "He's not doing it because he wants to — it's because he's under a spell from [Bosco]. He's really fun to play. I get to be disfigured; I make my body all hunched and I have a speech impediment. I slur words and say things like 'fistle' instead of 'thistle.'"

Toughest, said Josh, is remembering to always have a hunchback while bending and a limp while walking. The best part? Said Josh: "Since he's an evil minion, I get to make potions and spells."

Playing the Scarlet Knight is eighth-grader Mitchell Buckley. "He's this mysterious knight who keeps popping up in places," said Mitchell. "He's always helping Stefanie and nobody knows why; he's very heroic. It takes place in medieval times, so there are a lot of fun things in the show like sword fights, a dragon and guys in dresses."

Toughest for him is the sword-fight choreography and, added Mitchell, "It's always hard pulling off that heroic type of character. But I like that he's mysterious. You know what all the other characters are, but no one understands why he's there. And I'm all in red and wear a mask and I'm always carrying a sword."

Stage managers are Emily Sakowitz and Olivia Ryder. "I make sure all the props are where the actors can get to them," said Emily. "When people forget their lines, I tell them and, if they're not at rehearsal, I say them for them. During the production, me and Olivia will make sure everyone knows what scene it is, is ready to go on stage and is quiet."

The problem, said Emily, is that "they never are quiet. Everyone really likes each other and is excited about the play, so they're talking all the time. But I like knowing all the behind-the-scenes stuff, and watching the whole play come together is cool. And it's a treat to be with these guys because they're really funny and awesome actors."

# CVH's Male, Female 'Odd Couple'

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woman so, when she comes home, she's like a boy — she likes sports and has rotting food in her refrigerator because she'd rather order out. She's also into men and is the complete opposite of Florence."

She, too, is having fun with her role. "At one point, I get to throw linguini," said Kelly. "Olive's not afraid to speak her mind and really let loose on stage. She and Florence bicker like an old, married couple." For Kelly, the part is somewhat close to home: "When I got it, my mom started teasing me because my car is a wreck and, in my room, you have to wade through the clothes."

She said it's a "little daunting" having so many lines, but she's happy to act with Peterson, her best friend. "I love our whole cast," added Kelly. "They're great people to work with and we have such fun at rehearsals." She also says the audience will love the show. "Lots of people have seen the male version, but not the female version," said Kelly. "Neil Simon wrote this play 20 years after the original, and I think the jokes are even funnier. We have a really great script, and the crew is taking on a huge load doing two shows, so they're really to be commended."

**IN THE MALE CAST**, Neema Atri portrays Felix Unger. "He's a lover — a hopeless romantic," said Atri. "He becomes frantic over the most miniscule things. He's a lawyer, likes things clean and orderly, and he's always shaved and well-dressed. I like playing him because everything is exaggerated — all his reactions are extreme. He's not sure what he wants, but he wants to be wanted."

Atri said it's tough not going too over-the-top with Felix. But he likes playing someone so different from himself. And, he added, "I get to work with my best friend, so the chemistry's already there." Atri said

the show's fast pace will keep the audience watching, and "the extreme contrasts between the two characters are hilarious."

Playing Oscar Madison, a recently divorced sports-writer, is Torin Van Houten. "He's a really likeable, friendly guy, loud and precocious, commanding any room he goes into," said Van Houten. "But he's an enormous slob with organization problems. So when his tidy best friend moves in with him, there's conflict between their two, polar-opposite personalities."

Like the others, he's glad to "work alongside my best friend." He also loves playing a part "with a script so funny, it's hard not to laugh while we're rehearsing." Because it's such a famous role, Van Houten said it's difficult bringing his own interpretation to it. But that's also his favorite part — "playing a role I've grown up with and putting my own spin on it." Van Houten said the audience will appreciate this classic comedy with characters they already know and love, and "our youthful, energetic turn on it will entertain them."

Co-stage managers for both casts are Jess Starr and James Ritchey. "We write down everyone's blocking and Mr. Rogers's ideas about lighting and sound," said Starr. "During the actual production, James will be up in the booth running sound and light cues, and I'll be backstage working with the running crew — making sure the stage is set right and we haven't lost any props."

A senior, she's stage-managed several times since her freshman year because she enjoys it so much. "It's a lot of fun and there's no memorizing," said Starr. "The hardest part is not losing any of the props, because people don't always put things back on the prop table. The best part is communicating with the booth on the headset — and seeing the whole show coming together at the end is fabulous."

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## A Day for Those Who Served

**A**rmy 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died just over one month ago on Sept. 23, 2008 while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty. Among family and friends left behind were his twin brother Timothy.

Nov. 11 marks Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, living and dead.

But our thoughts turn to the more than 4,100 U.S. service members who have died in Iraq, and more than 600 who have died in Afghanistan since 9/11. Here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with this loss.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while

serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy

Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Cpl. Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Xiomara Mena is de-

**Time to remember that we are still fighting two wars, many thousands have died or been wounded and our veterans deserve the best possible care on their return.**

scribed as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

### EDITORIAL

Those serving are there because of their sense of duty to the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there, and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first class health care.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27 of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at Jeb Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

❖ Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug.

19, 2006.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed while flying in support of security operations in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russel Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

On Veterans Day we also honor those who served in World War I (a dwindling number), World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as those who have served the nation in times of peace.

If you have a story you'd like to share, about your own military service or that of a family member, we'd like to hear from you.

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# Sad State of Moral Thinking

To the Editor:

Last week, the Centre View ran a letter by Mr. Joseph Cassara ["A Separation of Church and State?"] who was "upset" about St. Timothy's Catholic Church's Father Fimian delivering a sermon that "essentially declared it to be a sinful act to vote for a pro-choice candidate." He said that Father Fimian was "blatantly ignoring the regulations put in place by the IRS, as well as ignoring the more basic concept of separation of Church and State."

Mr. Cassara's charges show the sad state of moral thinking in this country, even by Christians. Abortion is a moral issue. The church absolutely has a right and duty to speak on it.

It is not the church that has encroached on the state. It is the state that has seized authority belonging to God and the people — authority our founders did everything in their power to prevent the state from taking.

I am Protestant. But even I know, as Speaker Pelosi was reminded recently, that teaching against abortion has always been part of Catholic theology. It pre-dates "separation of church and state,"

a phrase taken from Thomas Jefferson's private letter to Danbury Baptists who were concerned about having to support the Anglican Church.

Christian teaching on abortion originates in Scripture, some of which pre-dates Christianity. God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:27). God forms and knows us in the womb. (Jeremiah 1:5, Ecclesiastics 11:5). You shall not murder. (Exodus 20:13). Murder violates the law of love (1 John 3:11-12). Repentant sinners can be cleansed of their sin and receive eternal life through Christ's shed blood on the cross. (John 3:16, 1 John 1:9)

Natural law which God has written on our hearts tells us that abortion is wrong. This is why we try to hide the horror of abortion with nice phrases like "pro-choice". Visit sites that show what happens in abortion like <http://www.abortionno.org> and <http://www.durarealidad.com> and ask yourself honestly if the anger you feel is because of the horror of abortion or the people who speak out against it. America was founded on the ideas that rights are given by God, life is the su-

preme right, and governments derive power from the consent of the governed. The Declaration of Independence says, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ... Governments ... deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, ..."

When the state seizes authority to decide when life begins, it can decide when life ends. Government ceases to be by the consent of the governed because the dead cannot consent.

Rights become meaningless. This is what we have now in this country. Abortion, a right granted by the state, is the supreme right and all other rights, including speech and religion, must bow to the state and be silent about abortion.

This is where Mr. Cassandra seems to be in his thinking. If only he would be as upset about 50 million murdered innocents as he is about Father Fimian defending them.

**Mary Mack**

Cabells Mill Drive, Centreville

# Attack on Priest Was Silly and Feeble

To the Editor:

This is in response to the young Mr. Joseph Cassara's letter: "A Separation of Church and State?" Opinion, Centre View North, 6-12, 2008.

I have one question for Joseph: would it have been wrong for the clergy to speak out against "Herr Hitler," by telling their congregation that it is intrinsically evil to lend support, even indirectly, to Hitler's extermination of Jews, Gypsies, the mentally and physically handicapped, and others who did not agree with him, to include hundreds of thousands Christians? Or, for example, would it be wrong for a member of the clergy to speak out against racial hatred being spewed by a Neo-Nazi skinhead if that skinhead were an elected

member of congress?

I'm certainly not comparing President Elect Obama to Hitler. My comparison is simply meant to point out how immoral it would be — and was — for the clergy to stand by and not speak out against an intrinsically evil government act. A law that will allow unrestricted abortion, which Obama has promised to sign within the first 100 days of taking office, and the Nazi-initiated holocaust are directly comparable. Such a law will also make it a crime for anyone to advocate for the unborn, doctors, for example, who refuse to perform abortions, or nurses who try to save a "born-alive" child who was an intended abortion victim.

I would hope that all people of faith would pray that Obama is

converted from his intended evil act. Thank God that we have some members of the clergy willing to speak out against abortion and who ask their congregation to pray for Obama and other abortion advocates. For anyone to call the advocacy by a priest for the conversion through prayer of the perpetrator of evil a Violation of Separation of Church and State doctrine (there is no such doctrine) simply because the one we are to pray for is a Senator and, at the time, a presidential candidate, is simply outrageous and cooperation in evil. Joseph's ad hominem attack on a priest at St. Timothy was silly and feeble. He also got his "facts" wrong.

**Bob Bowe**

Chantilly

# Writer Should Check IRS Rules and Regs

To the Editor:

I wish to respond to the letter of Joseph Cassara in the Nov. 6-12, 2008 edition of the Centre View ["Separation of Church and State?"].

You, Sir, do not know what you are talking about. As a retired IRS employee and as an attorney, and as a veteran of local political campaigns, I can assure that Fr. Fimian did nothing contrary to IRS rules and regulations.

First of all, St. Timothy's Church

is not a 501 (c)(3) organization. Its income is exempt from taxation because it is a church. Fr. Fimian, as an individual, is allowed to express his political views under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. It is called Freedom of Speech. He did not lose that right when he became a Catholic Priest.

As a member of St. Timothy's Church, I can assure you that Fr. Fimian is concerned about the souls of his parishioners, including yours and mine, and the soul

of Barack Obama. The Catholic Church considers abortion a serious sin because it is the killing of innocent human life. That is why Fr. Fimian asked us to pray that Obama would change his views on abortion for the sake of his soul, not that he would lose the election. I hope that my letter clarifies Fr. Fimian's remarks.

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**Jamal Crowelle of Centreville**, a student at Emory & Henry College, has advanced to the final auditions of the Southeast Theatre Conference acting competition, which will be held in March. Among the schools participating in a state competition sponsored by the Virginia Theatre Association (VTA) were the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Virginia Commonwealth University, William and Mary College, as well as a large number of smaller colleges and universities.

**The Centreville School Pyramid** presents Rosalind Wiseman, author of "Queen Bee Mums and Kingpin Dads" and "Queen Bees and Wannabes," on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 7-9 p.m. at Liberty Middle School. Spanish, Korean and Chinese translators and childcare for school-aged children will be available.

**Westfield High presents Henrik Ibsen's "A Doll House,"** its Cappies show, Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15, at 8 p.m. each night, and Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or via 703-488-6439 or [www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com](http://www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com).

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**The Centreville Wildcat Band** is conducting its annual citrus sale. A full box contains 50 to 56 oranges or 30-35 grapefruit and sells for \$30. A half box contains 25 to 28 oranges or 15 to 20 grapefruit and sells for \$20. Orders are being taken through Nov. 25. Delivery date is Dec. 5. Contact Tricia Cruz at 703-266-6748 or e-mail her at [Va\\_Cruz@cox.net](mailto:Va_Cruz@cox.net).

**The CVHS Wrestling and Football** programs are co-sponsoring the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Basket Bingo on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 1:15-4:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. with the Bingo games starting at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. All proceeds will go the Centreville Wrestling and Football programs.

**Registration begins** Nov. 17 for the spring 2009 semester at Northern Virginia Community. People who register early may defer paying tuition until Dec. 19. Anyone who registers after Dec. 19 must pay tuition before 5 p.m. on the next business day. Classes in the 16-week semester begin Jan. 12. NOVA also offers two eight-week sessions which start Jan. 12 and March 16. The eight-week sessions cover the same material and award the same credits as 16-week courses. Call 703-323-3000 or visit the College's Web site, [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu).

**The Chantilly Band Department** will hold its first formal concert of the year on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. The cost is \$4 per person. The performance will feature the Concert, Workshop Jazz, Percussion Ensemble, Chantilly Jazz and Symphonic Winds bands.

**Westfield High** will hold its annual Ethics Day on Monday, Nov. 24 starting at 8 a.m. at the Westfields Marriott Conference Center. The Westfields Marriott will partner with the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and other local businesses. Approximately 730 sophomores will interact with 50 senior class leaders to learn about the importance of ethical decision.

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**Our Neighbors Child** is the local organization that steps in during the holiday to provide toys and clothing for families in the immediate ZIP code who are having a difficult time. Through the help of 15 local churches, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries-Ways and Means, and many school counselors and social workers, ONC is able to determine the families who have the greatest need. Local volunteers then work together to meet those needs.

In its 17<sup>th</sup> year, ONC is looking for groups or individuals that would "adopt" the special needs of local families for the holiday season. The focus this year is on winter coats. Specific family information will not be available until

Thanksgiving. If you are interested in helping, email to Kathy Sposa and Tracy McInturff at Sposafamily@aol.com.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 13

**The Centreville Pyramid** presents Rosalind Wiseman, New York Times bestselling author of "Queen Bees & Wannabes," the basis for the movie "Mean Girls," and "Queen Bee Moms & Kingpin Dads," on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 7-8:30 p.m. at Liberty Middle School. Wiseman will offer strategies for interacting with your child and the many adults and professionals in your child's life.

**The Centreville Chapter of Quilters Unlimited** is hosting a Quilt Auction and Bake Sale on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at Colin Powell Elementary School, 13340 Leland Road, Centreville. A preview of hand-crafted quilts and other items will start at 6:30 p.m. Quilters Unlimited is a nonprofit organization of quilters in Northern Virginia founded in 1972 with the purpose of preserving the tradition, culture and history of quilting, and promoting the knowledge and understanding of the art of quilting.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 14

**A Fall Photography Workshop** for amateur photographers will take place on Friday, Nov. 14 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Fairfax City Regional

Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Free. Call 703-343-0848 or www.bchristopherphotography.com/workshop

**Swing Dances** are held every Friday night at the Dulles Hilton in the Red Fox Room with Sue and Gary Caley. Drop-in beginner lesson included in price of admission from 8:30-9 p.m. Live music from 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. All ages welcome, large dance floors, air conditioned. Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Go to www.gottaswing.com for details etc.

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### SATURDAY/NOV. 15

**Author Steve Doocy** will sign his book, "Tales From the Dad Side," on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Boarders in Fairfax.

**Join Cub Run RECenter and Roots and Shoots** to learn about Recycling and Saving Energy on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. Roots and Shoots is a program developed by Jane Goodall to connect youths of all ages who want to make the world a better place. To register or for more information contact Debbie Lodato, Volunteer Manager at 703-817-9423 or Deborah.lodato@fairfaxcounty.gov. The RECenter is located at 4630 Stoncroft Blvd.

### Centreville resident Peter

**Douskalis** has been invited back to Pacino Ristorante and will be performing on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 7 to 9 p.m. Admission is free. Pacino Ristorante is located at 5653 Stone Road, Centreville. Call 703-222-5885.

**Grace Covenant Church** will hold a National Adoption Day celebration on Saturday, Nov. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at 4600 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Chantilly. This event is an adoption fair to include representatives from various agencies, adoption attorneys, and local Department of Family Services. Learn about domestic and international adoption, as well as foster care. Web site location http://www.gracecov.org/ (see events page, during November)

### SUNDAY/NOV. 16

**The Democratic Women of Clifton** will be packing donated items for soldiers stationed in Iraq during this holiday season at its General Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 3-5 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Bring items to be donated to the meeting, but if you can not attend or are not a member, drop off donations on the front porch of 7153 Main Street, Clifton. Go to: www.DemocraticWomenOfClifton.org for a list of requested donations for these 18 men and 2 women soldiers. For more information, go to

www.DemocraticWomenOfClifton.org or email cliftonwomendems@aol.com. Call Yvonne Garcia, 703-502-0007.

**The Fairfax County Animal Shelter** will host its last rabies clinic of 2008 on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2-4 p.m. at the shelter located at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. The cost of the rabies vaccine is \$10 per pet. Dog licenses will also be sold at the clinic for \$10. Cash and check payments only — no credit or debit cards will be accepted at the clinic. Call 703-830-1100.

**Enjoy an Afternoon Tea** on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Greenbriar Community Center. The tea is sponsored by To A Tea, LLC and Southern Living at Home. Price per person is \$30 plus tax and gratuity. Reservations only by Nov. 10. Limited Seating. Donations of gift cards for the Shelter House Inc. will allow for \$5 discount in price.

### MONDAY/NOV. 17

**GFWC-Western Fairfax County Woman's Club** invites all women over the age of 18 to attend a presentation by Robyn Rickenbach entitled Rising Stars and Friends of Barnabas: One Woman's Experiences, about her time helping out with two different service organizations. It will be held on Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., at the Greenbriar Community Center, located at 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Call Cheryl at 703-818-0042.

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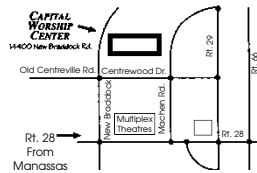
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# FAITH

**Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon**, will present Rabbi Lia Bass in a talk entitled "Living a Life of Torah" on Sunday, Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. Her presentation is one in a Beth Emeth Adult Enrichment Series recognizing the 20th anniversary of the publication of Emet Ve-Emunah, the statement of principles of American Judaism's Conservative Movement.

Cost is \$18 for members of Beth Emeth and Etz Hayim and \$25 for non-members. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Congregation Beth Emeth is located at 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon.

A "Mission Fair and Gospel Concert" will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly. The Promised Land Quartet will perform. Cost with dinner is \$25 with proceeds going to missions. The church is located at Sullyfield Circle and Route 50 in Chantilly. Call 703-631-1799.

**The Children's and Music Departments** at Jubilee Christian Center will be presenting a Children's Christmas musical, "Angels Aware!" on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. The musical drama depicts the story of why Jesus came to earth as a baby. Free admission. Jubilee Christian Center is at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Call 703-383-1170, www.jccag.org

**Congregation Yad Shalom** of Centreville provides a variety of programs in a traditional format with a modern flair. It openly invites inquiries about participation in these activities by the community. There are a number of activities for the family for the new year:

❖ Join in a Friday night Shabbat service with Cantor Zucker on Nov. 14 at Little Rocky Run Community Center at 8 p.m.

❖ Join in a Saturday morning service with Cantor Zucker on Nov. 29, at Little Rocky Run Community Center at 10 a.m.

❖ Join in a Friday night Shabbat dinner on Dec. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Little Rocky Run Community Center # 3. The dinner will be followed by a service with Cantor Zucker.

❖ Ask about the K-2 Hebrew school for the children for the fall semester. Check out an extensive variety of educational opportunities with the congregation.

❖ Check out the Web site — keep up with the activities scheduled throughout the year.

For further information and/or directions, contact the Congregation at 703-579-6079, or visit the Web site at [www.yadshalom.com](http://www.yadshalom.com).

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Sunday School for children meets during the worship hour. Following worship today there will be a fellowship hour with fair trade coffee and treats.

A "Living the Questions" evening Bible study meets on Wednesday, Nov. 19, and the Immigration Forum meets at Centreville U. Methodist Church on Nov. 18. Check the Web site, [wellspringucc.org](http://wellspringucc.org), or call Sara Little at 703-257-4111 for information on these and other special events.

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**The Hazak Active Retirees Chapter of Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon** will present Rabbi Steven Glazer speaking on Jewish Bio-medical Ethics on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. Rabbi Glazer, in addition to his

role on the pulpit of Beth Emeth, has served as Visiting Scholar at Harvard Divinity School and the Oxford Center for Hebrew and Jewish Studies. His talk will address questions about the ethical and religious considerations in such issues as artificial insemination, 'Do Not Resuscitate' orders, transplants and more. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127. Congregation Beth Emeth is located at 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon.

**Attention Crafters:** Saint Timothy School in Chantilly has openings for its Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22. Download an application and registration form at [www.sainttimothyschool.org](http://www.sainttimothyschool.org). Call Karen Yee at 703-803-0460.

**King of Kings Lutheran**, Christ Presbyterian, Pender Methodist, and Ox Hill Baptist Churches will host an ecumenical community Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at King of Kings, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. Call 703-378-7272 or [www.kokfg.org](http://www.kokfg.org).

**Temple Beth Torah** is a Reform Jewish congregation and member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) that meets at St. John's Episcopal Church in Centreville. Religious school is held at the Goddard School in Chantilly. The

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Upcoming TBT Events:  
❖ Hebrew Class – Learn Prayers for Beginners. Six class dates: Sundays, Nov. 16, 23, Dec. 7, 14 from 9-10:15 a.m. at Goddard. Cost: \$54 for the class plus \$16 materials fee

**The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia** announces the honorees for its annual fall gala benefiting the JCCNV's Special Needs program. To be held Saturday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, the gala will honor Congressman Tom Davis; Sandy Barmak, Director, Philanthropic Gifts, The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and Past President of the JCCNV; and Sandy and Mel Rosenblatt, community philanthropists. Through the years, all three honorees have made substantial contributions to the Jewish community in Northern Virginia. Tickets start at \$180 per individual/ \$360 per couple. Sponsorships begin at \$550. Contact Sara Moore, 703-537-3024 or [SaraM@jccnv.org](mailto:SaraM@jccnv.org).

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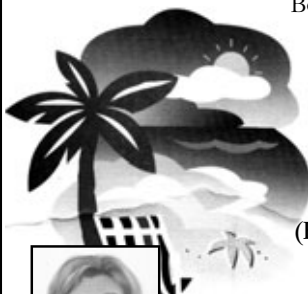
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**The Centreville Rotary Club** will be hosting a mixer at the Austin Grill in Centreville on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Meet and network with local business owners and professional leaders. Email Gregg Caldwell more information. [Gregg@gandcauto.com](mailto:Gregg@gandcauto.com).

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# SPORTS

## Time, Time, Everything Takes Time

Chantilly volleyball team wins Northern Region title and more after last season's playoff experiences.

BY JASON MACKEY  
CENTRE VIEW

When his team suffered a lopsided 3-0 defeat in last year's Northern Region title game against Langley, Chantilly volleyball coach Charles Ezigbo wasn't upset. He knew that success would just take a little bit of time. His team had the talent. It just lacked that big-game experience.

And with only two seniors gone from last year's 17-6 squad, Chantilly entered this season with something to accompany that newfound big-game experience: expectations.

The Chargers (25-1) suffered an early-season loss to Chancellor and haven't looked back since. They have yet to lose another match, despite the fact that every opponent has been gunning for them and would like nothing more than to pull off a headline-driving upset.

"We worked so hard this year, and we're so much more mature," said junior middle hitter Allison Williams, following the Chargers' 3-0 win over Westfield to claim their first region title since 2004. "We just came out really wanting it, not wanting to repeat last year."

"I think the experience gives us confidence, and I think they just had the confidence [Saturday]," Ezigbo said.

With Tuesday night's win over Hanover (Eastern Region runner-up) — another lopsided 3-0 victory, as the Chargers have won 76 of 83 games this season — Chantilly has won 25 straight matches and will face Albemarle (Northwest Region champion) at Virginia Commonwealth's Siegel Center at 5 p.m. for the Virginia AAA semifinals.

"Last year we knew we'd be pretty good," said junior outside hitter Jamie Gorman, who totaled seven kills and two blocks during the Westfield match. "This year we knew we'd be good, but we didn't expect to be this good."

A NORTHERN REGION team hasn't won a Virginia AAA state title since the Virginia High School League started the playoff format that's used today back in 1993. But this weekend, two teams from the same district might split the tab at the same Richmond restaurant.

In addition to Chantilly's trip down south, Westfield, which lost to the Chargers four times this season, scored an impressive road win over Mills Godwin on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs will play Landstown on Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Siegel Center.

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The Chantilly volleyball team celebrates its first Northern Region title since 2004. The Chargers topped Westfield, 3-0, last Saturday night and have advanced to the Virginia AAA state semifinals.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CENTRE VIEW  
With a 3-0 win over Hanover on Tuesday, the Chantilly volleyball team won its 24<sup>th</sup> consecutive match since a loss in August to Chancellor. The Chargers have won 76 of 83 games this season.

"It all starts from the beginning," said Westfield coach Jim Bour. "If we get close calls and they start landing in, you get the momentum and it's always about momentum."

Westfield wasn't able to steal any momentum against Chantilly. The Chargers raced out to an 11-3 lead in Game 1 before closing Game 2 on a 5-1 run. Four Chargers posted five or more kills, including a team-high nine from Williams.

Sophomore middle hitter Christy Harper added five kills and a team-high five blocks, while junior outside hitter Samantha Reeves rounded out the scoring with five kills.

"If one person has a bad game, it's not like we only have one player," said Reeves, who had a team-high eight kills Tuesday against Hanover. "We don't depend on one

person. We all play as a team."

"We saw last year that [Chantilly] was a young team and got beat up by Langley," said Bour, whose Bulldogs improved to 21-7 with the state quarterfinal win. "They came back determined and that's what experience does."

### WEEK IN SPORTS

#### Area Powers Meet Again

Behind a pair of dominant rushing performances last Friday, the Westfield and Chantilly football teams produced a redux of the area's biggest rivalry when the two teams meet this week in the Northern Region Division 6 semifinals.

Senior running back Torrian Pace accounted for 421 total yards of offense (368 rushing, 53 receiving) and five touchdowns when the No. 3 Chargers' (8-3) topped Annandale, 47-38. Meanwhile, Westfield's Jordan Anderson, also a senior running back, totaled 279 rushing yards and scored four times as the No. 2 Bulldogs (9-2) turned back Herndon, 41-22.

Friday's 7:30 p.m. kickoff at Westfield will surely conjure up memories from Week 4, when the Bulldogs cruised to an easy 32-7 win. In front of a packed house at Chantilly, Anderson needed only 105 yards and two scores because Westfield's defense held Pace (15 carries, 118 yards) mostly in check.

Westfield holds an 8-1 advantage in the series, and the only Chantilly win came in the 2006 region title game. The Bulldogs regrouped with a region crown in 2007, beating West Springfield, 58-34, en route to a 15-0 season and the school's second Virginia AAA state title.

In the other Division 6 semifinal matchup, West Springfield (8-3) will travel to Oakton (11-0).

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# Parking Problems Persist for Temple's Neighbors

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said, “We’d like to resolve the parking issue as soon as we could.” Added fellow trustee Ravi Iyer: “I’d like us to find common ground so we’ll each walk away with something.”

Current Board of Trustees Chairman Rajeev Khanna stressed that their only point of contention is the parking. “We’ve been in this area 10 years and had an excellent relationship with our neighbors,” he said. He then explained the realities of families with differing schedules and why so many people are coming to and going from the temple at a variety of times.

“I started coming here to the temple in 2002-03 and have been chairman for the last nine or 10 months,” said Khanna. “I have three kids and we used to all come for prayers together. But my son has to leave earlier for Virginia Tech and my daughter is captain of her soccer team, so they have their own schedules. And we have no set time for prayers, so people come and leave.”

Although the temple is not crowded inside, he said, the amount of vehicles associated with its 250 devotees has increased. “The congregation has grown, but so has the number of cars on Pleasant Valley Road and the number of cars going to the temple,” said Khanna. “The parking spots on the premises get filled early and traffic backs up on Pleasant Valley Road.”

He said Rajdhani has asked police to ticket any of its congregants parking on Cub Run, but noted that the violations are occurring because there’s not enough parking. He also regretted the temple not purchasing the adjacent land sooner.

“We could have bought it years ago for \$87,000, but we weren’t interested,” said Khanna. “It’s \$240,000 or \$270,000 now. But it would give us a total of 317 spaces, including the present 87, so all the parking would be on site.”

He said the temple cut back on its functions to decrease the number of people coming. “Yesterday [Oct. 28] on Diwali, was the first time we didn’t have a designated service,” he said. “And we’ve stopped doing our

community luncheons.”

Khanna told the residents, “We had a fruitful meeting last month with the county, but we need your help, too. We are just adding a simple parking lot, not expanding the temple.”

Pleasant Valley Road, itself, is also a factor. Also along it are Shepherd Gate Church and Chantilly Bible Church, and Sant Nirankari Mission and Ekklesia USA are both approved for construction.

**FURTHERMORE**, sandwiched between Routes 50 and 29, Pleasant Valley Road is jammed with rush-hour traffic twice a day. And there’s a sharp curve and no sidewalks between the temple and Lafayette Business Park, off Route 50, where Rajdhani’s members park to catch the shuttle bus to the temple.

“Pleasant Valley is a single-lane road, and it’s dangerous when they’re walking along the road — especially when holding a child’s hand,” said Pleasant Valley community member Cynthia Shang. “I’m thankful you’ve purchased that land for a parking lot. We’ve tried to be patient. We understand you can’t always be in the same car and come at the same time, and we’re glad the new lot will be on the same side of the street as the temple.”

Iyer said the new proposal will expand the temple’s parking threefold, at a minimum. “It will also take care of the South Asian population — Buddhists and people from the Philippines, Singapore, India, Burma, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, etc. — that comes here. [This temple] is the only source of worship for a diverse population of ethnic groups.”

“But it’s a matter of continuous flow,” he added. “So as long as these groups continue to grow, there’ll be more of them coming.” He and Khanna suggested making Cub Run Road a permit-parking area only, but the residents objected and Frey said he believes the new lot will solve the problem, anyway.

Resident Walter Jacobs called it a “safety issue,” with cars turning around, searching for parking while traffic keeps coming. And

Ben Cox, who lives on Cub Run Road, next to the temple, told how the present situation affects him.

“I stand in my driveway asking people not to park there,” he said. “But when one person leaves, another one drives in. It takes me a half hour to get home from Braddock Road when you have a big event. You folks have outgrown this environment and have infringed upon us. Be our neighbors — work with us, too. Why can’t you tell your people not to park in our neighborhood?”

“Because they’re not all from our congregation,” replied Iyer.

Still, resident Eric Scheppan said something must be done to give the neighbors some relief from congregants’ cars parked on their streets. “At 8 p.m., it takes me 20 minutes to get into my neighborhood,” he



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## Rajdhani Mandir Temple on Pleasant Valley Road in Chantilly.

said. “I can’t find my driveway or get mail out of my mailbox. Zoning tells us to call the police, and the police tell us the judges throw out the tickets and we’re stuck in the middle.”

“If the new lot will take care of the parking, we should help them get it,” said resident Mitch Kirsch. Even so, said Shang, “There’s no left-turn lane into the parking lot. We’ll still have a single-lane road with most of the traffic coming from Route 50.”

But Susan Langdon, with Planning and Zoning, said VDOT and the county’s Department of Transportation will examine the application and determine if the lot warrants a left-turn lane. And Frey said the

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA), which will decide on the application, could impose that condition, if it desires.

“There’ll be a public hearing, and I think tonight’s discussion is probably the first in a series,” said the BZA’s Jim Hart. “Staff will publish a report on the county Web site, listing any requirements [the temple] will have to meet.”

“I live in Virginia Run, drive on Pleasant Valley Road every day and want the situation resolved,” continued Hart. “But this is not unique to this neighborhood. Conflicts happen in other places, with places of worship, in other parts of the county. And, with dialogue, we’ve generally been able to work them out favorably. You all can have input in the process and help us make a decision.”

While traffic on Pleasant Valley is an issue and the temple accounts for some of it, Frey said, “The temple is not responsible for the problems on [that] road. It’s a north-south, arterial road connecting Route 50 to Route 29 — two major highways. The Comprehensive Plan has long shown Pleasant Valley Road as a four-lane, divided highway, and that’s why the temple is there — because it’s on an arterial road.”

Nonetheless, he stressed, “We can’t make the last person in solve all the problems of the existing roadway. And Rajdhani Mandir has already given an easement for [the future road widening].” Furthermore, added Hart, churches building in residential areas on environmentally sensitive land, as in this case, must meet stringent, country criteria and, “As the county approaches buildout, there aren’t many places for churches to go.”

Rajdhani Board of Trustees President Ashish Khosla said he understands the community’s frustration, but he believes the extra lot will help resolve the conflict. And the temple’s civil engineer, Hamid Matin, acknowledged the increase in the number of cars flocking to the temple and gave a reason why it needs more parking: “The zoning ordinance in place when this temple was approved said, for every four parishioners, you have one parking space. But for temples and mosques, it doesn’t work.”

# Fair Lakes Man Enters Alford Plea for Sexual Battery

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down on his bed with her head in a pillow and her pants off.”

Turner said the woman also discovered that Im was violating her sexually, but she then passed out again. “When she came to, he had her [perform a sexual act on him],” said the prosecutor. “The combined effects of the alcohol and the ecstasy made her unable to extricate herself from this situation.”

Later that same day, said Turner, a police detective arranged a “controlled telephone call” with Im, during which “he admitted the sexual acts, but denied knowing that [the woman] was passed out.”

Defense attorney Lavonda Graham-

Williams said the two had known each other a couple months when they met at the bar. She also said the woman was the one who did the driving, Aug. 24, including driving to the store for beer. Furthermore, said Graham-Williams, she also drove to a convenience store to buy orange juice “to heighten the effects of the ecstasy.”

Then, when her client asked the woman what she wanted to do, Graham-Williams said she told him, “Let’s drink, have fun and just chill.” She said they were “kissing and making out in her apartment and “oral sex occurred downstairs on the couch, as well as upstairs, prior to her passing out.”

Graham-Williams said the woman was also text-messaging and making a phone call between events. And she stressed that,

although Im was in Virginia Beach at the time, he returned and met with detectives without legal counsel.

**WHEN JUDGE ROUSH** then asked Im if he was pleading guilty because he thought it was in his best interests not to risk a trial by jury, he said that was the reason. “I find the evidence of guilt in this case is overwhelming and substantially negates your plea of innocence,” she said. Telling him she believed he was acting wisely by entering a plea, she formally accepted it.

“Do you understand you’re giving up your right to a trial by jury and to confront any possible witnesses against you?” asked Roush. “Yes, Ma’m,” answered Im. She also reminded him that the attorneys have made

no sentencing agreement in his case and he could receive anywhere from one to 20 years in prison.

“This is an offense for which you’re required to register as a sex offender,” she told him. “And you’re also giving up your right to appeal the decision of the court.”

Roush then found Im guilty as charged and set his sentencing for Feb. 20. She let him remain free on bond, but told him to report to the probation office and cooperate with his pre-sentencing investigation.

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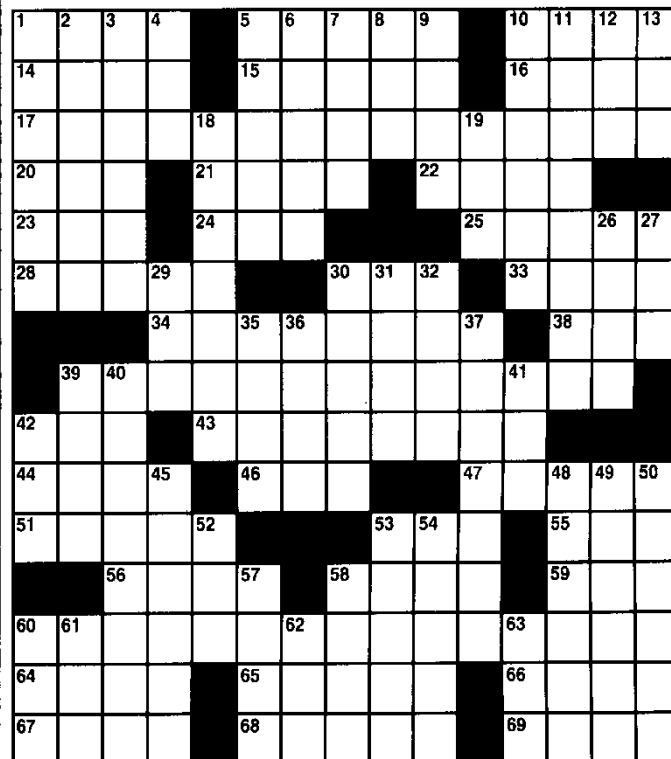
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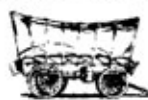
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Understanding that as a salesman by profession, it is very easy for me to be sold, what I heard on a radio show this morning nevertheless caught my attention. The program seemed to be about vitamin/nutrient supplements and the miraculously positive effects the specific supplement being discussed has, according to opinions, studies, university research, the host, the guest, etc.

The information and presentation of said information was so clear and concise and so free from hyperbole, and made so much logical sense that I was almost one of the first 100 callers to call in after the radio program had aired and receive my free sample as well as my free gift and only have to pay for shipping and handling, a nominal fee, I'm sure, given the fact that I was receiving "free" stuff.

But as easily swayed as I am, I resisted the temptation, or rather avoided an accident since I was driving at the time and would have had to multi-task (do two things at once); therefore, I decided to focus on the wheel (driving) and for the time until I arrived home, neglect the well. (Increased focus and concentration were two of the benefits of this supplement, by the way. Yet another pair of improvements/enhancements likely attributable to this enzyme-type "bio-available" combination super pill.)

Listening and learning, as I so often do, since I know so little about so much, this supplement sounded too good to be true. But if a product is in fact good, shouldn't it be promoted as good? Have we become so skeptical — and cynical (or shall I simply speak for myself?) — that something that sounds too good to be true is as bad as something that is so bad it is barely promoted at all?

What if this pill/supplement is as effective as its proponents say it is? What if this pill is even half as effective as its proponents say it is? From what I heard discussed in the 20 minutes or so that I was listening this particular Sunday morning, I'd have to be stupid to ignore the findings and miss their message.

This pill wasn't exactly the fountain of youth but it sure sounded like a pill of rejuvenation: improvements in skin, reduction of wrinkles, increased energy and stamina, enhanced focus and concentration, facilitates weight loss, improves digestion and circulation, strengthens the immune system, etc.

Moreover, this pill is constructed/designed in a vegetable-type form that further increases its absorption into the body to more effectively — and efficiently — work internally to do what its designers/creators say it does. WOW!

Since salesmen are so easily sold, and we know it, sometimes we are not at all open to the pitch. We are afraid that we'll say yes too quickly (instinctively almost) and in our haste will commit to something that not only will cost us at the beginning but also cost us in the middle and at the end, too. It may be a good cause or a good product and/or service, but occasionally it's not and the risk/reward might not be worth the dollars that eventually won't make any sense.

Still, if there were a pill that could sharpen our judgment and increase our sales, that would be a pill with not only a future, but a present as well. I even have a pharmaceutical-type name for it: Celmor.

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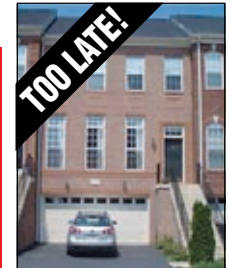
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