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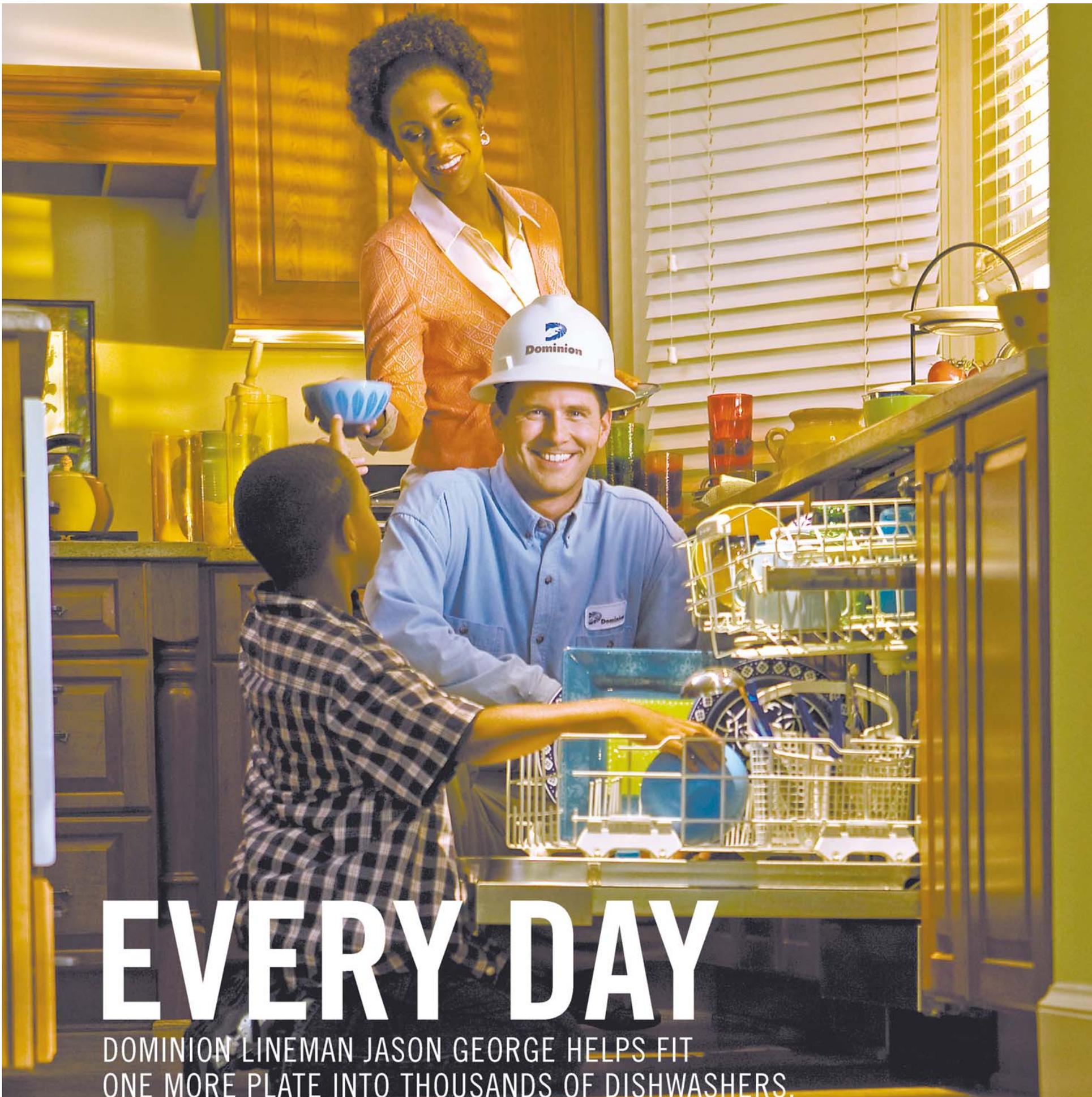
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# NEWS



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Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Alan Merten, president of George Mason University, chat at the annual Holiday Taste of Braddock.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) greets visitors to the Braddock District office for the annual Holiday Taste of Braddock on Dec. 4. Area restaurants provided a variety of food and snacks for area residents.

## Holiday Party

Supervisor Sharon Bulova hosts annual Taste of Braddock party at Kings Park office.



Braddock area residents enjoy a variety of food from area restaurants during the annual Holiday Taste of Braddock at the Braddock Meeting Hall on Dec. 4.

## Liberty Mutual Awards Grant to BRYC

Braddock Road Youth Football earns \$2,500 grant with strong show of support.

BY JASON MACKAY  
THE CONNECTION

This time it was the parents who had homework. By rallying support from within its community, the Braddock Road Youth Football Club was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Program.

The grant, which will be used for new football equipment, was awarded based on a nationwide competition to complete an online training program through Liberty Mutual and the Web site [www.ResponsibleSports.com](http://www.ResponsibleSports.com).

Parents and coaches completed a 15-minute training exercise that focuses on how best to influence and lead youngsters both on and off athletic fields. The top 20 responses among youth clubs nationwide were awarded with the supplemental fund-

ing. "It points to the dedication between coaches and parents to provide an alliance of positive sports mentors on the sidelines," said Liberty Mutual representative John Natale. "With BRYC, you have both parents and coaches that know the value sports have for kids."

The Liberty Mutual program emphasizes positive communication between coaches and parents, and its overall goal is to promote a positive environment for young athletes. In its second year of existence, the program has already awarded over \$100,000 in community grants to youth organizations across the country.

Bob Fitzpatrick, the commissioner of

**"In order to make it happen, we had to have the parents get involved."**

— Erin Richmond

BRYC football, first heard about the opportunity through the Fairfax County Youth Football League and immediately enlisted the help of parents and a few fellow coaches.

One of those parents was Erin Richmond, whose husband coached the BRYC 75-pound American Steelers this past fall. Richmond spearheaded an outreach effort, developing a contact list and sending out e-mails that asked to take the online course.

"It was through Erin's great e-mails that we got things rolling," Fitzpatrick said. "It got a lot of parents and coaches to get online and take that course, and that really helped."

"In order to make it happen, we had to have the parents get involved," Richmond said. "I think it speaks highly of the parents that they're willing to take the time to learn more about how they can make things bet-

ter for their kids and how they can understand how to be a better parent and support their kids."

The Braddock Road Youth Club was developed in 1966 and has impacted roughly 175,000 children during those 42 years. In addition to the requisite offerings of football, basketball and baseball, BRYC also offers a winter cheerleading program, rugby, volleyball and different soccer options.

In the past three seasons, BRYC has seen its football numbers balloon from 19 to 25 teams, which equates to a little more than 100 new players. The \$2,500 will go a long way toward improving equipment for the football program, and according to Fitzpatrick, the award should pay dividends in the years ahead.

"You look at our overall club win-loss success rate, and we're not as good as many of the other clubs out there, but one of the things that we stress for the coaches, parents and players is to have fun so we can get people to come back," Fitzpatrick said. "The idea was for people to work together because they enjoy the club and the organization, and they like the sport of football."



COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

**Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova gives County chairman Gerry Connolly a resolution honoring his 13 years of public service to the county.**

## Board Honors Connolly

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honored chairman Gerry Connolly for his 13 years of public service in local government Dec. 8. The county board meeting was his last as chairman.

Connolly will resign Jan. 2 after serving in the countywide seat for six years and Providence district supervisor for the previous eight.

He will start his first term as Virginia's U.S. Representative from the commonwealth's 11<sup>th</sup> congressional district Jan. 3.

"Local government is the most noble. ... The public really knows whether we have been effective or not," said Connolly in his closing remarks.

His colleagues on the Fairfax County board read and gave Connolly a framed copy of an extremely long resolution citing his accomplishments as the head of Virginia's largest locality.

The other supervisors credited Connolly with being the architect behind the county's environmental program, a regional telework program and bringing a new library branch to Oakton. Several also said he was instrumental in cutting the county's gang participation rate, increasing Fairfax's number of affordable housing units and completing the cross county trail.

## Herrity: No to Legislative Plan

Springfield District Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R) voted against Fairfax County's legislative recommendations and requests of state government, in part because a measure to provide for county fiscal transparency was not included in the package.

Herrity had suggested the county board support an initiative that would require the local government to put the "county checkbook" online, allowing the public to peruse it.

The Springfield supervisor, who is running for county chairman, said Fairfax County state senators Chap Petersen (D-35) and Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) intend to introduce the bill during the 2009 General Assembly session. The federal government implemented a similar program sponsored by both President elect Barack Obama and former Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

At the advice of county staff, the other supervisors voted to "monitor" instead of endorse the bill during a legislative committee meeting that Herrity left early. County officials said they wanted to look at how other governments who had implemented similar laws handled privacy concerns, including those related to foster care and welfare payments.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## NEWS



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHRIS AND LISA BRIGHT

**Earth Sangha members Valerie Nye, left and Cynthia Irmer, right, get their hands dirty planting and replanting native plant life.**

# Planting Peace of Mind

**Buddhist environmental group works to bolster native plant population.**

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he world "*sangha*" is Pali, a language from India and is used to describe a community of Buddhist monks or nuns. Though Earth Sangha was founded with Buddhist principles, people of all faiths are welcome in the group.

Chris Bright, who founded the environmental organization with his wife Lisa Bright, said a religious aspect is usually present at gatherings, like the mid-morning meditation sessions. However, no one is forced or pressured to participate in them.

"[We knew that] any environmental work we embarked on really had to make sense on its own terms," he said. "It couldn't be something that is simply an expression of Buddhist ethics."

Earth Sangha was founded in 1997 by husband and wife Chris and Lisa Bright. A Buddhist environmental group based in the City of Fairfax, the nonprofit organization has environmental restoration projects both in and outside of the United States. Locally, they maintain an office on Commonwealth Boulevard in Fairfax and a native plant nursery in Franconia Park. Members spend their free time once or several times a week working with the ecosystem, stabilizing local streams and helping to restore meadows and forests. Internationally, the organization helps to counter tropical deforestation on the island of Hispaniola, home of the Dominican Republic and Haiti, through a tree bank established in 2006.

Through their native plant nursery, Earth Sangha seeks to fill what they see as a gap in the county's ability to combat invasive plants that choke out the native plant life. Some native plants in Virginia have been here for centuries, pre-dating the state's European colonization. As a result, much of the local flora has established beneficial relationships with the surrounding fauna.

According to the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, native plants in Virginia are better suited for the soil, are more drought tolerant than exotic plants and some, like the Arrowwood *Viburnum* shrub, bear fruit that is healthier and more nutritious to the surrounding bird population.

"The plants are really the basis for so much of what happens out there," said Chris Bright. "If you lose the native plant community in an area, you're also going to see a tremendous amount of disruption for animals [there] as well."

Lisa Bright admitted the group did not have the most ambitious of beginnings.

"It started off as a meditation group with friends," she said. "We all shared the same sentiments, but we didn't have a clear goal. It's a rather uninspiring answer."

After leasing property from the Fairfax County Park Authority to

grow, the mission became more focused. What started out as the growing of several dozen species of native plants in 2001 has transformed today into an operation that distributes and gives away over 5,000 specimens a year throughout the Northern Virginia region. The organization donates them to parks, plants them in surrounding forests and gives them away to visitors at their nursery. Chris Bright said practicality played a role in the defining their work.

"We chose [native plant restoration] partly because we were looking for some kind of activity that would have a real benefit but wouldn't cost us a lot to get involved in," he said.

**"It couldn't be something that is simply an expression of Buddhist ethics."**

— Chris Bright, founding member of Earth Sangha

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## Environmental Stewards

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The work is mainly seasonal, with spring and fall serving as their busiest seasons. The group, which totals about 170 paying members and roughly 500 volunteers, according to Chris Bright, usually meets several times a week during better weather to help plant, grow and disperse the plants.

For some, like botanist and Northern Virginia Community College professor Lisa Williams, the organization was a way to kill three birds with one stone. Approximately three years ago, Williams was looking to use her knowledge of plant life to better the community. She was also looking for a *sangha* to join after developing an interest in the Asian religion during her studies in high school. Earth Sangha fulfilled both needs. She enjoyed her work with the organization so much she now requires her students to participate in the group for their community service requirements.

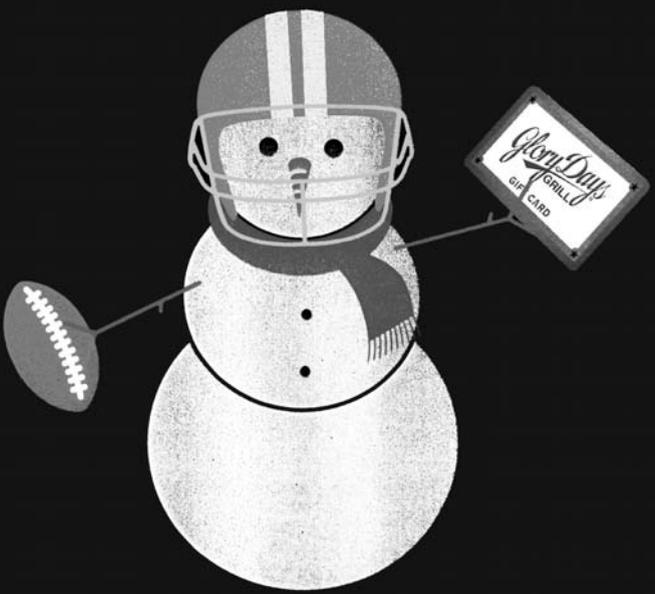
"What I like is that it's a small group that's fairly intimate and there's not a major time commitment as far as having very regular religious services," said Williams, who opts to take part in the meditation sessions.

Lisa Bright is an ordained Buddhist minister, though she called the term misleading and insisted that she was "just a student" in the grand scheme of things. She described the relationship between her religious and environmental principals.

"I learned much more [about Buddhism] by working with the natural surroundings than anything else," she said. "They don't just overlap, they are the same."

Working close to the environment, she said, has helped her gain a better understanding of not only her local flora and fauna, but also of herself and her faith.

"Buddhism is not about Buddhism. It's about describing what real truth is," she said. "If you're stuck at Buddhism, then you've missed the whole point."



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PEOPLE

# Getting To Know ...

**Addison Miller, fifth grader and award winning poster maker.**

**A**ddison Miller recently won a poster contest for safety patrols sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department Crime Prevention Office. A fifth grader at William Halley Elementary in Fairfax Station, Addison received a backpack filled with a first-place blue ribbon, a red bicycle helmet, a new patrol belt, a Frisbee, a Slurpee coupon and pencils and erasers. Her poster is on display at the West Springfield Police Station.

**How old are you and what grade are you in?**

I'm 11 and in fifth grade.

**Tell us about your family.**

Well, my parents are divorced and I have a stepmom. I have eight pets total. I have a dog, a gerbil, a guinea pig and four fish here in Virginia. And I have one horse that lives in North Carolina with my dad and stepmom.

**Where did you come up with the idea for the poster?**

The only thing I could think of about road safety



**Addison Miller**

was about bikes. To draw the bike, I used my own bike as a model.

**How would you describe the poster?**

I would describe it as very colorful and detailed.

**Activities/interests/hobbies.**

I enjoy spending time with horses. I enjoy shopping for clothes.

**Favorite local restaurants**

I like Subway, Five Guys and Quiznos.

**What is your favorite thing to do on the weekend?**

My favorite thing to do on the weekend is to go to the lake with my stepmom, my dad and their three bulldogs.

**What has been your favorite vacation?**

The best vacation I ever went on was when I took my first train ride to Florida.

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

When I grow up I want to be a photographer.

**Who's your hero?**

I'll have to say my dad is my hero because he helps me through things as well as my mom.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

VIEWPOINTS

## What's on your holiday wish list?



"Christmas Carols DVDs. I collect the Charles Dickens Christmas Carols, and I'm hoping to finish my collection this year."

**John Schaefer, Fairfax**



"I have four boys, my youngest son served overseas. I'm just glad he came home, and I'm praying that they all come home."

**Bud Rump, Fairfax**



"That all the kids are happy with their presents."

**Rudolph, North Pole**



"Gift certificates for books."

**Beth Schaefer, Fairfax**

— CANNON COOK



**The Robinson Sentry Yearbook staff, under the St. Louis Gateway Arch.**

## Robinson Yearbook in Hall of Fame

On Nov. 15, Robinson Middle School's Sentry yearbook was inducted into the National Scholastic Press Association's Hall of Fame for earning 10 All-American ratings in 11 years. Robinson Middle School is the only middle school in the nation to have received the Hall of Fame honor.

The Sentry Yearbook staff and Pat Hinman, Sentry advisor for the last 18 years, were recognized at the National Scholastic Press Association fall convention in St. Louis, Mo. The plaque they were awarded will permanently hang in the Hall of Fame.



**Potomac River Running, Inc., a local family-owned retail running and walking specialty store, recently kicked off the Green and Giving collection drive to benefit the Shoe4Africa Foundation. The non-profit organization is committed to supporting programs that create opportunity and increase health awareness in East Africa. Shoes are rare for those living in the villages of East Africa, and the spread of disease through the foot is rampant, a problem that could be drastically reduced if people had shoes. SI International, Inc., one of Potomac River Running's corporate partners, also joined the giving efforts, with SI employees donating well over 200 pairs of shoes.**

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# OPINION

## Planning for Holiday Parties

Many ways to avoid drinking and driving.

**T**he season for holiday parties is upon us, and with it the increased incidence of driving under the influence.

The possible consequences of driving drunk and underage drinking are often hard to comprehend. But the stories and grief of local families who have lost loved ones to such accidents should provide enough of a cautionary tale.

William Cameron Schlifke, 22, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, less than three days after his Volkswagon Jetta was rear-ended in Newport News. Schlifke was serving as designated driver for friends in his fraternity at Christopher Newport University. The driver who crashed into him, also a student at CNU, was arrested at the scene and charged with DUI refusal, reckless driving and under-

age possession of alcohol, and later with involuntary manslaughter.

Earlier this fall, a young man from Fairfax was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter because of a drunk-driving accident on Dec. 3, 2007 that resulted in unspeakable tragedy for three families. One family lost a beloved daughter after she clung to live for five brutal days; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and "unresponsive" and living in a nursing home; the family of the defendant has also seen life as they knew it change.

### EDITORIAL

#### **DON'T TAKE THE RISK.**

Plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home of your own, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take their number with you when you head out, and be sure any young adults in your family are similarly armed.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-metropolitan area.

### Get Involved

Join the Northern Virginia chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving for 14th Annual MADD Red Ribbon Run 5K on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at George Mason University in Fairfax. The run begins at 4 p.m., with many activities for families. See [www.maddnova.org](http://www.maddnova.org) or call 703-379-1135.

## Proud Spartan Parent

To the Editors:

I've attended a lot of West Springfield High School sporting events over the 20 years that my family has lived in Orange Hunt Estates. My oldest daughter played varsity girls lacrosse for the Spartans, and my younger daughter, a senior, is now in her fourth year of playing girls soccer and basketball for WSHS.

But I've never been more proud to call myself a Spartan parent than I am after the WSHS football team's heart-breaking 49-43 loss to Oakton High School Friday night in the Region 6 semifinal. Down 49-22 in the third quarter, it would've been all too easy for the WSHS players to give up. After all, they hadn't been able to stop Oakton's quick-strike offense all night long, and every time the Spartans offense scored, Oakton answered almost immediately.

But they didn't quit. The Spartans defense and special teams unit, which had been roughed up all night and had been maligned all season, simply decided that they'd had enough, causing and recovering three Oakton fumbles and handing the ball over to the Spartans offense, which scored three unanswered touchdowns to

bring WSHS within one score of winning a game that only minutes earlier had seemed hopelessly out of reach.

Alas, it wasn't to be. Despite a truly heroic effort all night long (419 yards passing, 101 yards rushing while being pounded by the Oakton defenders on virtually every play), WSHS quarterback

Bryn Renner came up one yard short on a fourth down and 5, and Oakton held on to win. But the heart,

determination and, after the final gun had sounded, the sportsmanship that Bryn and the other WSHS players showed Friday night made me proud to call myself a Spartan parent and booster.

Congratulations, Oakton. Go, Spartans!

**Joe McGavin**  
Springfield

## What Is FCPS Waiting For?

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a FCPS proposal to suspend the revision of the system's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) school renovation plan that has been underway all year to instead focus on capacity and enrollment needs

via "Citizen Task Forces" ["Schools Face Increased Enrollment," Connection, Nov. 13-19, 2008]. The rationale to postpone the CIP revision to include needy schools currently excluded from the renovation plan is a result of the FCPS recent announcement of an expected growth of 14,000 students to the system by 2014. The proposal calls for Citizen Task Forces to work with FCPS Staff until September 2009 to recommend enrollment and facility solutions.

I am leading SOAR West Springfield, a community action group working to secure renovations at West Springfield High School. SOAR opposes this FCPS proposal, and we urge the School Board not to postpone the current effort to add needy schools to the CIP queue.

WSHS and the other "legacy" high schools Oakton, Falls Church, Langley and Herndon were all built in the mid 1960s, have never received a structural renovation and are not currently even scheduled for renovation. FCPS staff has admitted that WSHS has been overlooked in past CIP school renovation queues.

Enrollment and boundary study issues should be addressed separately and concurrently with renovation needs. Why put all renovations on hold for enrollment projections five years into the future?

## Safe Ride Home

From Dec. 12 through New Year's Day, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., the Washington Regional Alcohol Program offers a free cab ride home (up to \$50) to local callers who are 21 or over. Call 800-200-8294.

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Parents are well advised to talk to their teens and let them know that if they find themselves without a safe ride home, that they can call their parents to be picked up. There are consequences of binge drinking for teens that go beyond driving under the influence. But it is also important for parents to let their teens know that whatever happens, it is not OK to drink and drive or to get into a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

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— MARY KIMM

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Isn't one of the biggest growth projection issues currently in the Annandale pyramid? And that is also located near Falls Church High School, which is the emptiest in all of Fairfax County?

Certainly projections of significant unexpected growth must be addressed. But why can't enrollment issue solutions be implemented without stopping future renovation plans? If this proposal is adopted, then what exactly will the facility strategy be at old needy schools like WSHS if these schools cannot be renovated over the next decade? What will WSHS and all other legacy high schools look like in the next five years without a renovation?

FCPS has fallen short of its stated goal to renovate schools on a 25-year cycle. With 25 high schools, FCPS should be starting a high school renovation each year. Recent CIP high school renovation start dates have been Lake Braddock in 2004, South Lakes in 2005, Woodson in 2007, Edison in 2008, Marshall in 2009 and Thomas Jefferson in 2010. Why are no high schools even scheduled beyond 2010 on the current CIP? What is the plan to renovate the legacy high schools?

**Erik Hawkins**  
Chairman  
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- 6000 block of Burke Commons Road.** License plates stolen from vehicle.
- 8900 block of Burke Lake Road.** Cellular phone and purse stolen from vehicle.
- 9200 block of Cardinal Forest Lane.** Camera, holsters, Redman gun and baton stolen from vehicle.
- 9300 block of Crosspointe Drive.** Fire extinguisher stolen from vehicle.
- 7500 block of Little River Turnpike.** Wallet stolen from business.
- 5900 block of Oak Leather Drive.** License plates stolen from vehicle.
- 6300 block of Pohick Station Drive.** Rims stolen from vehicle.
- 5000 block of Ravensworth Road.** Air bag and tire stolen from vehicle.
- 5200 block of Rolling Road.** Sunglasses stolen from business.
- 6100 block of Rolling Road.** Wallet stolen from school.
- 6300 block of Sanctuary Woods Court.** Laptop computer stolen from residence.

## VEHICLE THEFTS

- 4200 block of Americana Drive.** 2000 Honda Civic.
- 5800 block of Kara Place.** 2002 Ford Explorer.
- 8200 block of Laurel Heights Loop.** 1994 Chevrolet Caprice.

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## UNLAWFUL ENTRY/ARREST

- 5700 block of Clermont Drive.** Three people entered a trailer-classroom at Clermont Elementary School, located at 5720 Clermont Drive, on Friday, Nov. 28 around 1:30 p.m. and set off the burglar alarm. School security and police responded to find an 18-year-old man and two 15-year-old girls, all from Alexandria, inside the trailer. They were all charged with unlawful entry. The man, Bryan Marchante, of 6431 Richmond Highway in Alexandria, was released on a summons and petitions will be obtained for the two juveniles.

## BURGLARY

- 6100 block of Morning Glory Road and Darleon Place.** A woman called police to her house in the 6100 block of Morning Glory Road when she heard someone kicking her basement door on Monday, Dec. 1, around 6:30 p.m. Officers arrived and found that the door had indeed been forced open. Fortunately, no one was able to gain entry due to large items blocking the doorway. Approximately 30 minutes later, officers responded to the 6100 block of Darleon Place for another burglary. A man returned home and discovered that someone had gained entry into his home through an unlocked door. Several items were stolen from the home. No suspect information is available at this time on either case. Detectives do believe that these cases may be linked.

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Packet Pick-up:	Tuesday, December 30, 2008 at Metro Run & Walk from 6:00-8:00 PM (7516 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA)
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## THURSDAY/DEC. 11

**Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb."** 7 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$75 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000.

**Swing Speak,** 8 p.m. at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Free swing lesson at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$10. 703-424-1745 or [www.headoverheelsdance.com](http://www.headoverheelsdance.com).

**"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead,"** 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

**Financial Planning for Separation and Divorce,** 7 p.m. at Investment & Resource Planning Associates, 10600 Arrowhead Drive, Suite 310, Fairfax. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. 703-281-2657 or [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

## FRIDAY/DEC. 12

**Alte Kameraden German Band: traditional German Christmas Carols and seasonal favorites.** 8 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-352-ARTS.

**Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb."** 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$75 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000.

**"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern**



**Keegan Cotton as Will Parker and Rajni Rao as Ado Annie in Roger and Hammerstein's 'Oklahoma!' Dec. 12-14 at Thomas Jefferson High School.**

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**"Oklahoma!"** 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. 703-750-7500 or [www.tjhsst.edu](http://www.tjhsst.edu).

**Robbie Schaefer with John Jennings.** Acoustic/folk. 8 p.m. \$17 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**"Over the North Pole,"** 8 p.m. at the Ernst Theatre, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. \$17 adults,

\$15 students and seniors 703-222-5511 or [www.ensemble-tap.org](http://www.ensemble-tap.org).

**"Home for the Holidays," featuring Irvin Mayfield and the New Orleans Jazz Orchestra,** 8 p.m. at the George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax Campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, will be at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$22-\$44, children 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com). Visit [www.gmu.edu/cfa](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa).

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SEAT. George Mason University  
Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle,  
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### "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern

are Dead," 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax  
High School, 3501 Rebel Run,  
Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or  
www.fxplayers.org.

### "Oklahoma!," 7 p.m. at Thomas

Jefferson High School, 6560  
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### Elizabeth, Phil, and Chris.

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2:30 p.m.  
How to put together a presentation.  
Age 13 and up. City of Fairfax  
Regional Library, 10360 North St.,  
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### "Over the North Pole,"

11 a.m., 2  
p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the

Richard J. Ernst Theatre, Northern  
Virginia Community College, 8333  
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### Christmas Concert with Victor Lopez and the Lopez Performing Arts Youth Choir,

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Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Tickets \$30-  
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### A Celtic Christmas,

8 p.m. at the  
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Dear Santa,



Please ask Mommy and Daddy to take me to the

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3 p.m., Sunday, December 14th, at GMU's Center for the Arts.

They can get tickets at [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org) or by calling 888-945-2468.

Love,  
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- ❖ **Gum Springs Community Center**, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria.
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## SUNDAY/DEC. 14

**An Afternoon with a Colonial Fiddler, with musician Michael McDonnell**. 2 p.m. Free. Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Call 703-385-8414 or visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).

**Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb."** 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$75 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**Anna Shulman: The Queen of H Street**. 10 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Recommended for fourth-seventh grades. JCCNV members \$3, non-members \$4. Contact Laurie Albert at 703-537-3064 or [LaurieA@jccnv.org](mailto:LaurieA@jccnv.org).

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**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops Concert**, with the Fairfax Choral Society and W.T. Woodson High School Select Vocal Ensemble, 3 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Tickets start at \$15, and are available at 1-888-945-2468 or [Tickets.com](http://Tickets.com). [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).

**"The Battle of Monocacy,"** lecture by Marc Leepson at 6 p.m. during the monthly supper of the Frank Stringfellow Camp #822 Sons of Confederate Veterans at the Brion's Grille, 10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Open to the public \$5; order off the menu. 703-250-8705 or [stringfellowbuva@worldnet.att.net](mailto:stringfellowbuva@worldnet.att.net).

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra: Holiday Pops**, 3 p.m. at the George Mason Center for the Arts, Fairfax. Tickets are \$15 for children and students, \$15-\$45 for adults. 703-563-1990 or [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org).

## MONDAY/DEC. 15

**Sophie the Performing Dog**. 10:30 a.m. Sophie, a Cairn terrier, performs tricks and stunts. All ages. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**The Dog Waggers: "Wassailing With the Waggers."** 7 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Tiny tots**. 10:15 a.m. Very short stories and fingerplays. Age 18-23 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

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**Small Oneders.** 11:15 a.m. Short stories and fingerplays. Age 18-23 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**W. T. Woodson Winter Concert with the Symphonic and Concert II bands,** 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Free. 703-403-9224.

**MONDAY/DEC. 16**

**Old Town Hall Children's Series: Bob Brown Puppets,** 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 9399 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-352-ARTS or www.fairfaxarts.org.

**Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m. "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m. "The Road" by Cormac McCarthy. Adults. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

**WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17**

**Needlework Group.** 10:30 a.m. Bring a project to work on. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

**Writer's Roundtable.** 7:30 p.m. Discuss writing. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

**Sssh, Not a Creature Was Stirring.** 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

**Mother-Daughter Book Club.** 7 p.m. For girls age 9-11 and their mothers.

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Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

### THURSDAY/DEC. 18

**3 Doors Down featuring Switchfoot.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50-\$55, available online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Visit [www.3doorsdown.com](http://www.3doorsdown.com).

**Rude Buddha and Cerca Trova.** Rock. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Starlight, Starbright.** 10:30 a.m. Songs and stories about stars. Age 2-5 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 19

**Bill Kirchen and Too Much Fun Holiday Show.** Rock/country/rockabilly. 8 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### SATURDAY/DEC. 20

**Oasis Dig Out Your Soul World Tour, featuring Ryan Adams.** 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$49.50-\$69.50, through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**Rocknoceros Holiday Show and Sing-a-long.** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**and Chelsea Lee.** Pop/rock. 7 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**"Over the North Pole,"** 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Harris Theatre, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$17 adults, \$15 students and seniors 703-222-5511 or [www.ensemble-tap.org](http://www.ensemble-tap.org).

**A Classical Christmas with Jubilant Sykes and Christopher Parkening.** 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University

at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Holiday classics, sacred songs and hymns. Tickets are \$22-\$44. Charge at 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).

**Kitten and Cat Adoption Extravaganza,** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. All cats and kittens are fully socialized, vaccinated and de-wormed, and can be selected on the adoption site. Many may be taken home the same day. Commonwealth Cat Rescue, Inc. 703-568-3600.

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### Fairfax Requests Stimulus Money

The following is a list of projects the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors said it could move forward with immediately if the federal government were to allocate some of its economic stimulus package to the locality.

- ❖ Metro rail extension to Dulles Airport, Amount to be determined
- ❖ Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Capital Improvement Program, \$150 million per year
- ❖ Purchase of Virginia Railway Express locomotives, \$41 million
- ❖ Completion of Fairfax County Parkway through Engineering Proving Grounds, \$60 million
- ❖ Mulligan Road connection through Fort Belvoir, \$11 million
- ❖ Fairfax County Parkway at Fair Lakes Parkway/Monument Drive, \$20 million
- ❖ Route 29/Gallows Road Intersection Improvements, \$20 million
- ❖ Rolling Road from Old Keene Mill Road to Fairfax County Parkway, \$9 million
- ❖ Telegraph Road from South Kings Highway to Hayfield Road, \$49 million

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

### FCPS May Freeze Employee Pay

Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent Jack Dale may consider freezing teacher and employee pay in order to cope with the school system's funding gap next year.

Dale said county officials have projected a budget deficit of over \$600 million and the school system, which typically receives over half of the county's general fund, will have to resort to drastic measures if it is asked to make up a significant portion of Fairfax's overall shortfall.

Without any cuts, even if the county supervisors are able to hold the school system to the same level of funding it provided last year, Dale will still face an internal shortfall of over \$200 million.

To close a budget gap that big, the superintendent said he would have to look at eliminating salary step increases and holding employee pay at current levels. Under any scenario, it is also highly unlikely that school system employees will receive a two percent "cost of living" pay bump next year.

Fairfax County Public Schools last froze employee pay in the early 1990s and Dale, who was not with the system at the time, is reluctant to do so again.

"Even today, we still have people who angry and frustrated because they lost money then," he said.

But freezing pay may have to be on the table, especially if the school system is given a county transfer that is smaller than its 2008 level of funding. Under those circumstances, other actions the superintendent might impose include increasing the average class size by two students, eliminating some secretarial and custodial positions and imposing an unpaid vacation day on all school employees.

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Irving students learned about the 2008 election in several different classes by watching debates, making posters and speeches, as well as brochures advertising candidates and spreading the word about the Mock Election.

**Anupam Sanyal of Burke**, a junior majoring in business management, has been selected to be a member of Virginia Tech's a cappella group, Mixed Emotions. To become a member of Mixed Emotions, students must audition at the beginning of each semester for all voice parts including vocal percussionist. The group hosts one major concert each semester that showcases a range of music genres. The group also sings throughout the year for fund raisers, charity events and campus organizations.

Several Fairfax County Public Schools students have received certificates for superior writing in the 2008 Achievement Awards in Writing by the National Council of Teachers of English. Each participant submitted a sample of his or her best writing in any form or genre as well as an impromptu essay on a prede-

termined subject. For 2008, 1,789 juniors submitted portfolios; of that group, 525 were selected for the Achievement Awards. The local winners are:

**Sarah Applegate, Carolyn McCallister and Emma Pierson** of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

**Jake Serwin** of West Springfield High School.

**Katie Mayfield and Kirsten Salpini** of Woodson High School.

Two students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology have been named Regional Finalists in the 2008 Siemens Competition for Math, Science, and Technology, and seven TJHSST students were named 2008 Siemens Semifinalists. The two finalists, who placed in the top 30 in the nation, are **Varun Bansal** of Great Falls and **Alexander Kim** of Fairfax.

The seven semifinalists, who placed in the top 300 in the nation, are **Sudha Guttikonda** of Herndon, **David Kim** of McLean, **Joy Lee** of Haymarket, **Manchali Madduri** of Springfield, **Sumit Malik** of Great Falls, **Christopher Olund** of Springfield and **Aditya Palepu** of Oakton.

Regional Finalists will compete at one of six regional competitions. The winner will be named on Dec. 8. Awards range from \$1,000 for semifinalists to \$100,000 for the winner of the national competition.

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## Back on the Mat

Behind Brown and Perryman, Robinson rules Northern Region Wrestling Classic.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

Over the past couple of years, Reid Brown accumulated a few second-place finishes. More than he cared for, really. Robinson wrestling coach Bryan Hazard even nicknamed Brown the team's "Best Man" because of his proximity to the spotlight but his notable absence from it.

The Best Man finally got hitched on Saturday evening at Fairfax High School for the Northern Region Wrestling Classic, an annual season starter that showcases 32 schools' worth of talent. Brown, a senior, scored a 4-3 victory over Ross Renzi of Lake Braddock to win the 145-pound tournament title. It was the first win of Brown's high school career.

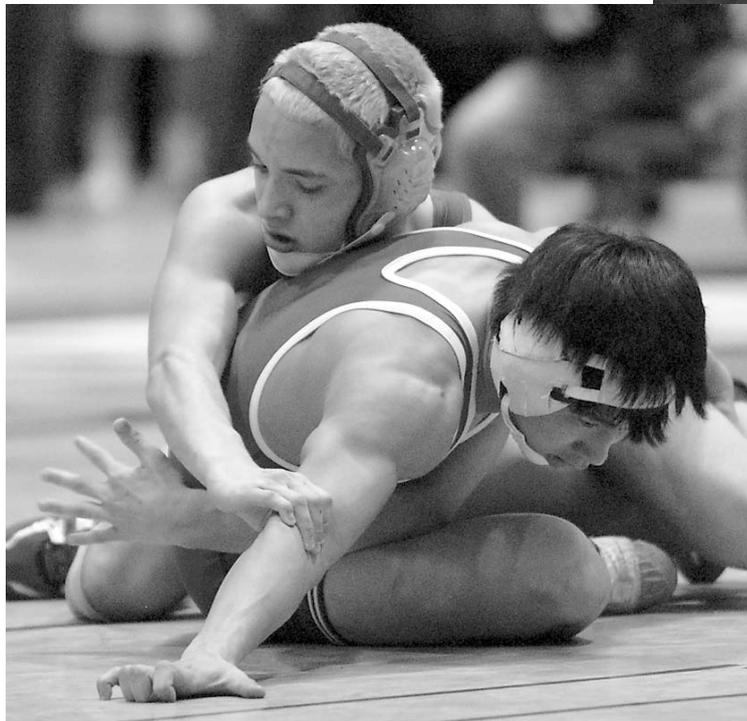
"I've been an underdog my whole life," said Brown, who suffered two sizable scratches to his cornea during a semi-final win over Chantilly's Jack Carlson. "It kind of drove me forward."

Because of the scratches, Brown spent nearly three hours with the training staff and took an antibiotic that left him feeling "woozy." No matter. Brown ignored the affects of both the injury and medication, much like he did during his junior campaign when he wrestled straight through a fractured bone

in his back.

"I've always had a really high tolerance for pain," Brown said. "I still wrestled. I still got beat up, and I still came out on top."

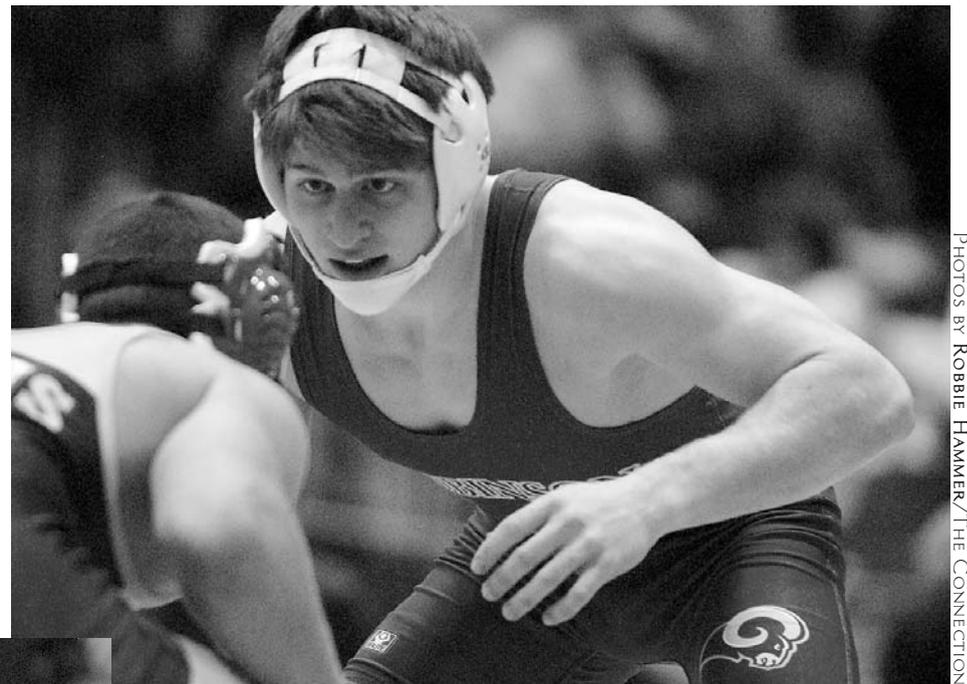
Despite finishing second to Westfield during three out of the past four Northern Region Classics, the Rams finally put an end to their Best Man syndrome as a team by



**Robinson's Roman Perryman was one of two Ram wrestlers who scored first-place honors at the Northern Region Wrestling Classic over the weekend.**

outsourcing the Bulldogs, 222-194.5.

"It's a good place to start," said Hazard, whose team also finished second to Westfield in the Concorde District last year.



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**With a 4-3 victory over Lake Braddock's Ross Renzi, Robinson's Reid Brown scored the first tournament win of his high school career.**

"It's nice to beat Westfield, but it's always nice to win. I don't care who it is. You always want to win."

Brown was joined at the altar by classmate Roman Perryman, whose much-anticipated showdown with Bishop O'Connell's Nam Dunbar ended when Perryman scored two late points and recorded an 8-6 win.

Tied at six entering the final two-minute period, the 130-pound Perryman reversed an attack from Dunbar and held on for the win. Perryman was later named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

"I was really tired, and I was just waiting for him to take a shot," said Perryman, who won a Concorde District title last season at 119 pounds. "Once he did, I snapped him down and capitalized on it."

While Perryman and Brown didn't exactly run away with their matches, Lake

Braddock's George Billy found a different result. Wrestling Poquoson's Steffan Baker, the 119-pound Billy cruised to a 17-4 win.

Like Perryman, Billy replicated his 2007

**"I've been an underdog my whole life."**

— Reid Brown

Classic victory.

"I just went out there and tried to work hard to get as many points as I could," said Billy, who has won three state titles during a prolific career. "But I was pretty much trying to dominate this tournament."

Robinson's Marcus Hathaway suffered a 1-0 defeat to Westfield's Austin Fallon in the 189-pound final. Hathaway nearly executed a takedown at the end of the final two-minute frame, but an official ruled that it came too late to count. Robinson's Jake Smith (103), Ben Stallings (140) and Mickey Bennett (145) earned third-place finishes. Lake Braddock's Josh Park scored the tournament's second-fastest pin: 16 seconds in the 171-pound weight class.

### Kapinos Debuts With Packers

After signing with the Green Bay Packers on Wednesday night, Jeremy Kapinos, a 2002 graduate of West Springfield High School, didn't waste any time, punting eight times for 316 yards (34.5 net) during a 24-21 loss at Houston on Sunday. Three of those punts landed inside the 20-yard line. Kapinos replaced Derrick Frost, who prior to this season held the same position for the Washington Redskins.

A 2006 graduate of Penn State, Kapinos worked one game during the 2007 season with the New York Jets,

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punting five times for 208 yards. The 6-foot-1, 230-pounder was a 2006 Ray Guy finalist, an annual award given to the nation's top collegiate punter and is Penn State's career leader in punting yardage. Kapinos' high school coach, former West Springfield field boss Bill Renner, punted in six games for the Packers between 1986-87.

### Mizzoni Honored As Columbia Captain

Lake Braddock graduate Joey Mizzoni, now a senior pitcher for the Columbia University baseball team, was recently selected as one of three team captains for the upcoming spring season. The Burke native was second on the team last year with 25 appearances, pitching mostly out of a relief role. He had two saves and recorded 21

strikeouts in 25 1/3 innings of work.

"Joe is Mr. Energy," Columbia coach Brett Boretti said in a press release issued by the school. "He's always fired up and leads by example with his effort on a daily basis." During his career as a Bruin, the right-hander was a two-year captain and a second-team All-District honoree in 2004.

### Hailey Hewitt Breaks Own Record

Robinson graduate Hailey Hewitt, now a freshman swimmer at William & Mary, broke her own school record in the 100-yard butterfly at the Short Course Nationals on Friday, Dec. 5. She touched the wall in 55.74 seconds, which was good enough for 33<sup>rd</sup> place. Later in the competition, Hewitt took 44<sup>th</sup> in the 200 fly with a time

of 2:03.89 and 36<sup>th</sup> in the 200 back with a time of 2:01.17.

### Registration Open For Tennis League

The Northern Virginia U.S. Tennis Association Super Duper (over 70) Men's Doubles Tennis League is open for registration for the season scheduled to begin in March 2009. Play will take place at the Regency Sport and Health Club in McLean, located on Old Meadow Road, Exit 46-B off the Beltway. For further information, contact League Coordinator Edward Bernier at EdwardBernier@aol.com.

## THE COUNTY LINE

# Record Sales at Dulles Gun Show

Fear of gun control under Obama drives firearms purchases.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Ever since Barack Obama won the presidential election, Dusty Medor's phone has been ringing off the hook.

Medor, a soft-spoken bearded gunsmith, runs D & J Gun Repair out of his home in Sterling.

Prior to the election, he saw sales dropping a bit, which he attributed mostly to the lagging economy. Now, business is booming so much that he is struggling to restock merchandise fast enough for customers.

Gun sales are not only up but Medor is also overseeing more online "transfers," when a person has purchased a gun over the internet and is required by law to send it to a licensed gun dealer for pick-up.

"Everything sky-rocketed after Nov. 4," said Medor, sitting behind a long brown cafeteria table at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. He was one of approximately 250 vendors at "The Nation's Gun Show," Nov. 21-23.

"That table was completely full when I started," said Medor on the last afternoon of the event. He pointed to an area of his station where only a handful of handguns were on display. That was all he had left to sell, he said.

Held in Fairfax County every two months, "The Nation's Gun Show" is the largest firearms sale in the mid-Atlantic region. The event has always been popular with dealers because it is well run and attracts wealthier clientele than other gun shows, they said.

"This is the richest demographic for a gun show on the east

coast. The buyers tend to be larger spenders because there is a higher per capita income," said Lonnie Maurer, a vendor from Ohio that specializes in ammunition.

Even with high expectations, most vendors still cleared their sales by large margins and broke personal business records. "The Nation's Gun Show" is typically Maurer's most profitable event but he still sold three times more ammunition than he ever has before.

Another ammunition dealer, Jonathan Krull of www.buyammo.com, was almost out all of his merchandise and had sold

more \$100,000 worth by the end of the weekend.

"We sold just about everything. Friday was a record breaker. We sold more on Friday than we have ever done in a whole weekend," said Krull.

**THE PROSPECT** of an Obama presidency and Democratic majority in the U.S. Congress scares many gun enthusiasts, who said Obama supported several gun control measures as an Illinois state senator.

"He had a horrible record on guns. He supported every gun ban you can imagine," said Philip Van Cleave, president of the Virginia Citizens Defense League, a local gun rights organization.

On his Web site, Obama states that he "believes the second amendment creates an individual right and he respects the constitutional rights of Americans to bear arms."

U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.), who many consider a strong advocate for gun rights, also tried to guarantee that Obama would not clamp down on an individual's right to bear arms.

During the presidential campaign, Webb made appearances with Obama in which he assured the crowd that the now President-elect would not implement overbearing gun control laws. The senator also recorded a least one political advertisement for the radio that drove home the same point.

Fear of what restrictions might be coming has led to an increase gun and ammunition sales, particularly over the past month. Annette Eliot, one of "The Nation's Gun Show" promoters, estimated about 15,000 people attended the show last weekend, nearly 50 percent more than normally show up.

"Obama is the most anti-gun president we have ever had in history and people are afraid," said Eliot of the high attendance. "About two weeks before the election, sales started really picking up and [National Rifle Association] memberships are up."

During the weekend show, some vendors ran out of the background check forms people fill out when purchasing a gun, a shortage Elliot, who has been involved in



Several dealers packed up and left 'The Nation's Gun Show' at the Dulles Expo Center before its final day Nov. 23 because they had already sold out of merchandise.

gun show promotion for three decades, had never seen before. Several dealers have been unable to get more guns and ammunition to sell because of the high demand, she said.

"Manufacturers are running out of certain items. Vendors are telling me that they have only been able to get one or two guns when they can normally get 20. I had one guy who sold out of guns on Friday night right after the show opened," she said.

**SEVERAL** gun rights activists expect Obama to try to revive the "assault weapons ban" that passed during President Bill Clinton's term in office.

The law prohibited the sale of certain semi-automatic rifles to civilians and limited ammunition feeding devices, known as "magazines," to 10 rounds.

These products became legal once again when the ban expired in the 2004, but were in particularly high demand at the gun show.

"The high capacity magazines and guns that go with them, you can't even get them anymore. You have an especially hard time finding anything that was banned," said Medor.

With his eyes glued to the computer screen, Medor, like several other gun dealers, hoped to find a supplier online who still

had "military style" rifles available.

But none of the gun manufacturers appeared to have a single "AR-15," a semi-automatic rifle that resembles the fully automatic "M-16" used by the U.S. military. One supplier told Medor that there was a six to 12-month backlog on that type of gun.

"Everyone wants to buy one before they are told they can't," he said.

Some local gun enthusiasts are freely admitting to hoarding firearms and supplies because of the uncertainty.

"Obama is hostile to gun owners and we are responding with our wallets. I am going to buy as many guns as I can at the Dulles gun show," said Chuck Nesby, an Arlington resident and Virginia Citizens Defense League member.

Nesby and others admitted that the incoming Democratic administration might not be the only reason people are buying guns in greater numbers.

Nesby said he is also worried about the deterioration of the economy, rising unemployment and what they could do to the crime rate.

"People are aiming to protect themselves," he said.

"Gun sales typically increase when there is a downturn in the economy. People are fearful they are going to get robbed or their car is going to get stolen," said Eliot.

"This is the richest demographic for a gun show on the east coast. The buyers tend to be larger spenders because there is a higher per capita income."  
— Lonnie Maurer, gun dealer

"Obama is hostile to gun owners and we are responding with our wallets."  
— Chuck Nesby, Arlington

# FAITH

**New Hope Church Bluegrass Christmas Extravaganza** with The Bluegrass Gospel Express, All4Hym, and Sunrise, Saturday, Dec. 13, 7 p.m. at 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. All proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. 703-971-4673 or info@newhope.org.

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PEOPLE

# Life Lived to Fullest

Sam Seipel, 14, is remembered for his mechanical ingenuity, warm heart.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Sixth grade teacher Paula McGourty had always hoped that Sam Seipel would be one of those children that came back to visit Clifton Elementary School when he was older. He would want to come and tell her how he was doing in life for years to come.

"Sammy was just one of those special kids who always tugged at my heartstrings," she said.

Even after the teenager, 14, had moved on to Robinson Secondary School three years ago, McGourty and several other Clifton faculty members still regarded Sam as one of their favorite students. His kindness and consideration lead teachers to pick him for the Lion's Club Citizenship and Service award as a sixth grader in 2006.

"He was everyone's friend and liked helping people. When a neighbor's husband passed away last year, he was over there every day helping mow the lawn and do odd jobs," said Cindy White-Borer, as third grade teacher.

**A YOUNG** person's death is always tragic, but Sam's fatal all-terrain vehicle [ATV] crash Nov. 23 was devastating for the close-knit Clifton community. As

one parent described it to Borer, Clifton lost its very own Huck Finn the day Sammy died.

The teenager was thrown from his ATV when he hit a metal chain strung across a private path near the 7400 block of Dunquin Court. Residents said Sam had ridden on the road several times before a neighbor had put up the chain and some signs to prevent people from using motorized vehicles on his private property.

Sam's mother had also attended Robinson for high school and he and his older brother Johnny became well known in the community by working several odd jobs around Clifton. Sam was also one of those rare teenagers at ease with people of all ages, said friends.

"Friendly is an understatement. He had a way about him. He would truly listen to you when you talked to him. ... A lot of teenagers are annoyed when they have to talk to an adult, but Sam had a genuine interest in people and what they had to say," said Kristen Poleski, whose son became friends with Sam in elementary school.

Several friends and family members said Sam was not only sincere but exhibited compassion that frequently seemed well beyond his years.

Poleski recalled an elementary school birthday party at a laser tag park when all the boys, except for Sammy, were teasing

one boy. Sammy marched straight up to the boy being teased and told him how great he thought he had done at the game.

"The kid that no one would sit with at a lunch table? Well, Sam would sit with him," said Poleski.

Sam's girlfriend, Megan Linton, agreed with Poleski. Sam had several friends and was known for being friendly and treating people well, she said.

"He was very nice, he would never argue, or do anything to ever make me mad or irritated," said Megan.

**SAM'S** generosity had a profound impact on almost everyone around him. His sister Sandra, a Robinson Middle School student, said her brother often stuck up for her when people were bothering her at school. He also took Sandra and his littlest sister Angela, a Clifton Elementary third grader, fishing.

"[Angela] caught her first fish with him," said Sandra.

When Angela had to pick one thing she was thankful for to write about for class earlier this year, she chose to write about her brother Sammy. "I guess that says it all," said Borer, Angela's teacher at Clifton.

But Sam's gentle nature extended beyond just other people to animals, particularly cats, dogs

and chickens. After he took an interest in her own coop, Poleski gave Sam a few chickens he could raise on his own. The teenager then became so interested that he found an old incubator at the dump and fixed it up. He eventually started selling his chicken eggs to the Clifton Store.

"Everything he did was all heart and very intense. He was really into doing things for himself. He earned all of his own money," said Poleski.

Most of the money Sammy made went directly to one of his first loves — motorized vehicles. The teenager rode dirt bikes and ATVs he built himself around the Clifton area and at the Old Dominion Speedway in Manassas. Megan said Sammy enjoyed riding around the track so that he could see how fast a vehicle he constructed could go.

"I do know something about dirt bikes but never near the knowledge Sam had about dirt bikes," said Megan, who started dating Sam in part because of their shared interest.

"This is what this young man did for his life. He built or rebuilt things from scrap," said Cindy Hillis, whose son learned how to fix his own dirt bikes from Sammy. Hillis said her husband was so impressed with the teenager's ability that he had hired him to do some work on one of his classic cars.

**"Sammy was just one of those special kids who always tugged at my heartstrings."**

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Laura was a graduate of San Jose State University in California and acted as a CPA with the firm of Cooke, Szpanka & Taylor, CPA Inc. located in Fairfax, Virginia. She resided with her children in the Washington, DC area for the past 10 years.

On Sat. December 6, 2008 a memorial was conducted in her honor at St Mary Sorrow Historic Church 11112 Fairfax Station Rd, Fairfax Station. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted to a Memorial Trust Fund previously established for Blake and Natalie.

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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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### TRUSTEE'S SALE

### OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

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6632 Reynard Drive, Springfield, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Linda R. Clary, dated May 3, 2007, and recorded August 14, 2007, in Deed Book 19511 at page 365 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Thursday, December 18, 2008 at 11:00 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 20, Section 1, Orange Hunt Estates as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2690 at page 236, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$10,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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Commonly known as 12101 Henderson Road, Clifton, Virginia 20124.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$10,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.0 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

This sale is being made subject to a superior trust.

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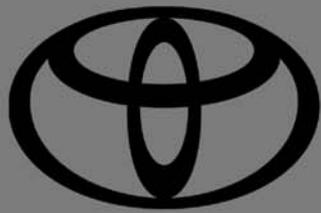
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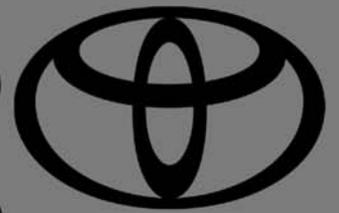
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