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Annette Bowles and her son Tyler, 4, of Vienna, watch one of several model trains pass at the Fairfax Station Train Museum during the annual Holiday Model Train display on Dec. 6 and 7.

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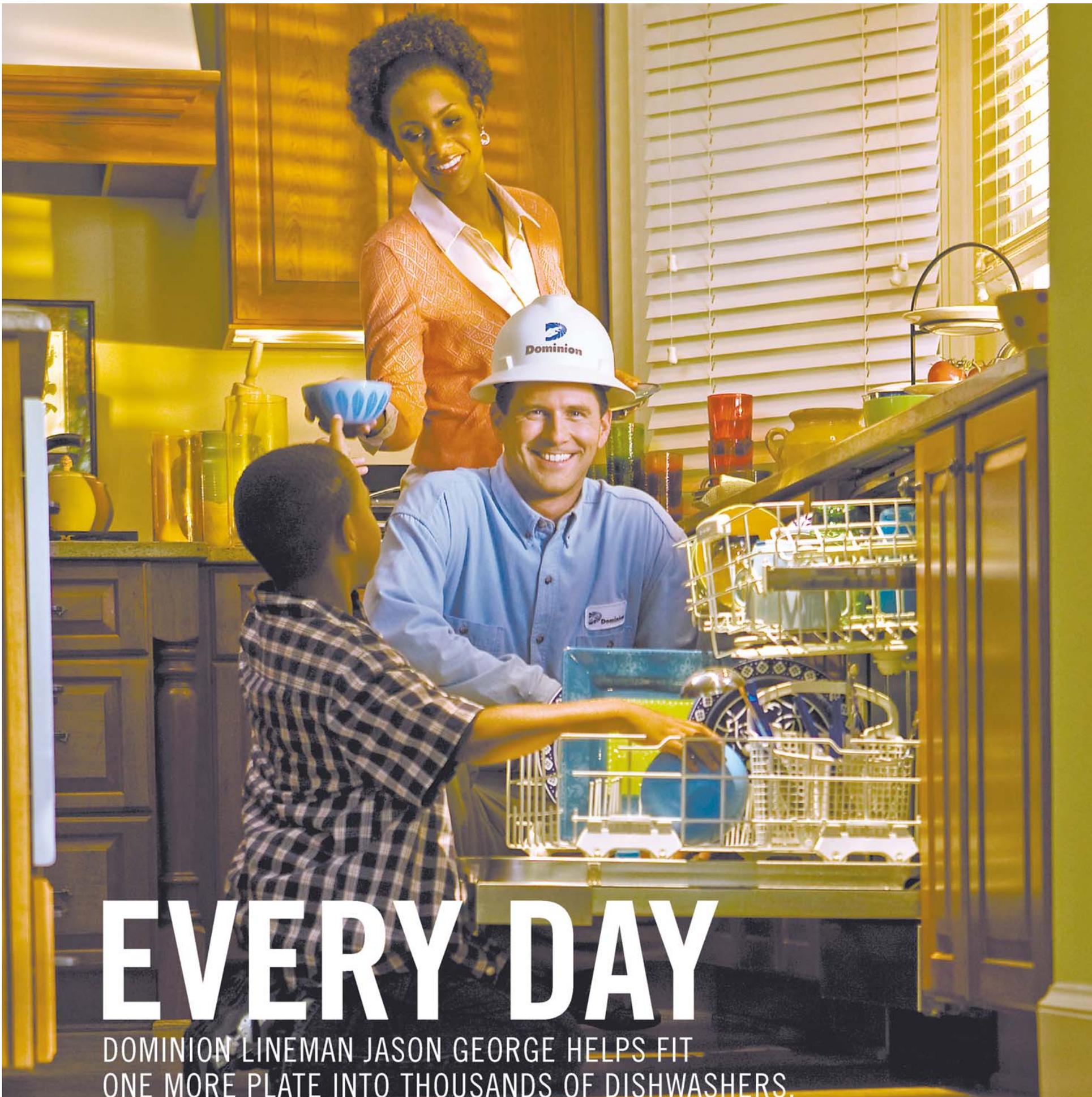
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Xavier Chmielewski, 5, of Fairfax Station, watches a model train on an outdoor track at the Fairfax Station Train Museum during annual Holiday Model Train display on Dec. 6 and 7.



Alex Heneghan, 4, of Springfield, watches one of several model trains pass.



Model train enthusiasts converged on the Fairfax Station Train Museum on Dec. 6 and 7 for the annual Holiday Model Train Show.

At left, the annual Holiday Model Train Show took place this past weekend at the Fairfax Station Train Museum with hundreds of area residents enjoying the variety of model trains and scenes on display.

25 Years of Pestering Births 'Butterfly'

Lauded by county officials, South County Federation celebrates silver anniversary.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Since it was first formed as the Federation of Lorton Communities in 1983, the South County Federation (SCF) spent much of the last quarter century marshalling its resources against the old prison site on Ox Road in Lorton. Federation members, who considered the prison a blight on the community, spent years pestering county, state and federal officials to do something about it.

Nineteen years later in 2002, the Lorton Reformatory was finally closed and the deed to the property was passed to Fairfax County. Six years after that on Dec. 9 2008, the SCF celebrated its 25th anniversary on the second floor of what used to be a dormitory in that very same prison, since converted into the Workhouse Arts Center. SCF President Mike Grogan thanked the Lorton

Arts Foundation, which runs the center and addressed that irony in his opening comments.

"It's great to be celebrating in [the site] instead of picketing outside it," he said, drawing laughs from the crowd of approximately 70 members, public officials and Lorton residents in attendance.

MEMBERS SOUGHT to tout the accomplishments of the SCF, which operates as a collection of 39 homeowners associations throughout the southern half of Fairfax County. Representing over 10,000 households today, the federation has for years held considerable sway with public officials over much of the development and redevelopment that has occurred in and around the Lorton area. Members hear land-use proposals and nominations at their monthly meetings and provide recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commis-

sion and School Board.

Through this relationship, the SCF has helped to shape the surrounding infrastructure of Lorton and the south county area. Grogan said the organization's roles in the closure of the prison, the opening of South County Secondary School on Silverbrook Road, the proposed Lorton Healthplex and the reuse of the prison site for the Workhouse Arts Center as some of the SCF's greatest accomplishments. He thanked both Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), for his years of work and cooperation with the organization as well as founding member of the SCF Marcia Hanson.

"We can count on Gerry to be there at our meetings. Most importantly, we can count on him to listen," said Grogan.

HYLAND COMPARED the development

of Lorton to a butterfly that has finally emerged from its cocoon. He lauded the work the organization has done over the years and remarked that when he is no longer a public official, he won't have to "worry about the people here continuing to do very good work and make government work."

"To be here tonight is almost hard to believe."

— Christine Morin, secretary of the South County Federation

Hanson was honored at the event and credited with jump-starting the movement that eventually grew into the SCF. She was presented with a framed print of the workhouse, a SCF resolution honoring her service and activism and a standing ovation from the crowd. Hyland described Hanson as a relentless activist who rarely took no for an answer. He joked that after being elected as supervisor for the Mount Vernon district in 1987, he decided he

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Sewer May Be Required

Fairfax County staff has recommended a local code amendment that would require more new subdivisions to have public water and sewer connections.

The change could potentially impact parts of the county that do not currently rely on public systems such as Great Falls, Clifton and Mason Neck.

County officials have suggested Fairfax County's public facilities manual be adjusted to require a home builder or owner to provide a public water hook up for all new homes on lots less than 75,000 square feet, which is about two acres. This would eliminate a current exemption for two-lot subdivisions that create lots between 20,000 and 75,000 square feet, according to county documents.

The change has been proposed in reaction to a specific problems that arose in the Mount Vernon District, where the water well serving a new house at 1400 Alexandria Ave. failed and a new well could not be drilled. The estimated cost to extend public water to the home was between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

"They built a house for \$2 million and then the well went dry. ... In my opinion, they should have been required to have a hook up in the first place," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon).

County staff has also suggested requiring public sewer service to all structures located in an approved sewer service area. These include existing structures with no well or septic system and those where the well or septic system has failed and cannot be repaired. Current plumbing and gas provisions encourage but do not require public sewer service in these areas.

According to county documents, the changes in water regulations could make it economically impossible to create certain two-lot subdivisions. Out of the 32 two-lot subdivisions in the Dranesville District from July 2004 through June 2007, none have been affected by the proposed amendments.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Lorton Man Charged with Starting Dumpster Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department investigators charged Lorton resident Joshua Zemaitis, 18, on Dec. 3 with intentionally setting a dumpster fire at the Fireside Grill restaurant on Lorton Station Boulevard in Lorton.

According to a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue release, on Nov. 10 a fire was started in the dumpster behind the restaurant. According to Lt. Raul Castillo of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, firefighters were called the scene where they extinguished the conflagration and called fire investigators. No injuries were reported and the damage was estimated to be \$150.

Intentionally setting a fire is a class one misdemeanor and carries a fine of up to \$2,500 and up to six months in jail. Zemaitis was released the same day without bail.

Board Urges Winery Reverse

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors strongly urged zoning staff to reconsider its rejection of a permit for the locality's first and only winery and vineyard.

County staff told Jane and Kirk Wiles that they could not set up Paradise Springs winery outside the Town of Clifton because the processing of off-site grapes on their 35-acre farm constituted manufacturing, which is not a permitted use under the property's current zoning.

Several supervisors disagreed with the staff decision to classify the winery as a place of manufacturing. They stated the winery was precisely the type of business Fairfax County wanted to see in that part of the locality.

"Paradise Springs is what we want down there. ... This is clearly something that is in the history of Clifton," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield), whose district includes

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Life Lived to Fullest

Sam Seipel, 14, recalled for 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

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— Paula McGourty



High School student Sam Seipel, who died Nov. 23, was known for his love of animals.

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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

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NEWS

Town Recalls Sam Seipel

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in part because of their shared interest.

Adults, especially teachers, were also impressed with Sam's ability to fix everything from a lawnmower to a car. "Brilliant" and "genius" were some of the words older people used to describe Sam's mechanical ability.

"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.

"He said he could fix the car in no time. ... And this is a 1968 Chevy or something like that," she said.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Sully District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Dec. 5.

FATAL CRASH

Newman Road/Clifton Road. One man died and another was seriously injured in a crash that occurred on Wednesday, Dec. 3, around 12:40 a.m. The crash occurred on Newman Road, just east of Clifton Road. A 2001 BMW sedan was traveling east on Newman Road when the driver allegedly swerved to avoid striking a deer. He veered off of the right side of the roadway and struck a tree. The front seat passenger was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. The driver was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he was treated for his injuries. Police identified the victim as Philip Hottle,

23 of the 12500 block of Cantilever Court, Woodbridge. The driver, James Hottle, 27, of the same address, has been charged with driving while intoxicated. Further charges are pending as police continue to investigate the crash.

LARCENIES

8100 block of Flossie Lane. Ring stolen from residence.

15300 block of Jordans Journey Drive. Credit card stolen from business.

13800 block of Lee Highway. GPS unit stolen from vehicle.

14600 block of Olde Kent Road. License plates stolen from vehicle.

4900 block of Stonecroft Blvd. Wallet stolen from business.

Sully Road/Lee Highway. Wallet stolen from business.



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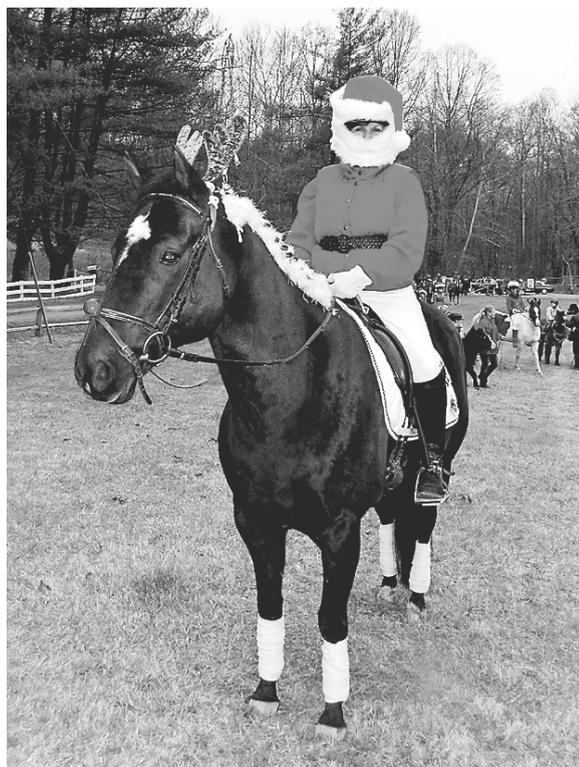
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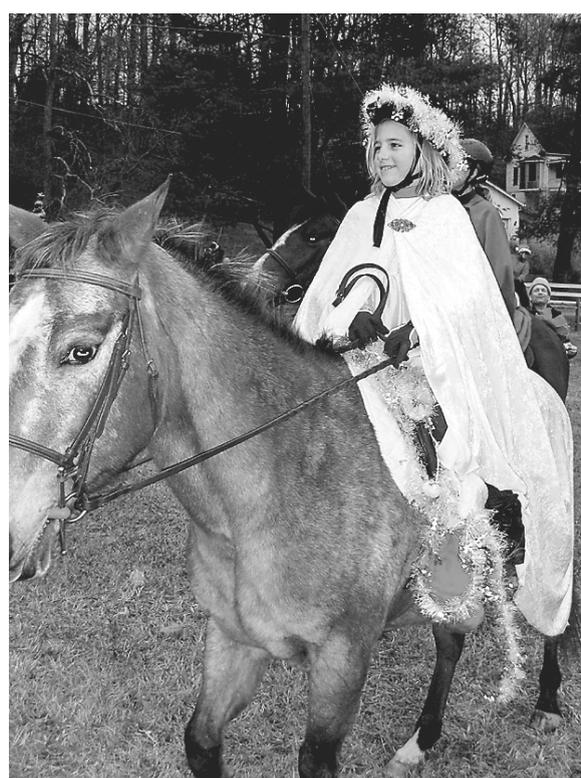
Costume Contest Winners

The Town of Clifton threw its annual Caroling on Horseback Parade down Main Street on Saturday followed by a costume judging contest, cookies and caroling at King's Field on Chapel Street. The event was organized by Jeannie Jirucha.

- ❖ Best Carolers — Jeannie Jirucha and Jana Lee Sponberg
- ❖ Christmas Spirit — Madeline Moore's Peppermint Pony
- ❖ Best Pony Reindeer — Sandra Zimmerli
- ❖ Best Bridle Bows — Shelly Zimmerli
- ❖ Best Elves — Kelsey and Jessica Herrity
- ❖ Best Christmas Past — Jamie Ponikvar
- ❖ Cutest Christmas — Erin Miller, Red Robin Hood
- ❖ Cutest Snow Princess — Taylor Miller
- ❖ Cutest Gingerbread — Stuart Smith
- ❖ Best Snow Maiden — Katie King
- ❖ Cutest Santa Mule — Laura Riggins
- ❖ Best Santa Sisters — Riley Holman and Katie Pearson
- ❖ Cutest Reindeer — Lee Wills
- ❖ Cutest Christmas Tree — Jean Voss
- ❖ Best Kings — Wilma and Elle Kime
- ❖ Best Toy Soldier — Janine Stenson
- ❖ Best Santa — Tom Stenson
- ❖ Most Elegant Santa — Cindy Smith
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OPINION

Planning for Holiday Parties

Many ways to avoid drinking and driving.

The 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 Volkswagen 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.

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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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Here Today Gone Tomorrow

Business bankruptcies are on the rise.

BY EDWARD JOHNSON
BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Businesses are cutting prices to attract customers; however, how will you know if the business is in trouble and may not deliver on its promises? The number of retailers closing their doors has increased substantially, leaving confused shoppers wondering what will happen to undelivered goods, gift cards and outstanding warranties.

The current freeze on credit is having a serious impact on businesses. Bankruptcy filings by U.S. businesses rose 67 percent in September over the previous year, according to data compiled by Automated Access to Court Electronic Records. Some of the bigger names filing for bankruptcy in 2008 include A Sharper Image, Linens n' Things, Lillian Vernon, Levitz Furniture and Mervyn's.

Retailers commonly file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which means the company intends to reorganize and continue to do business, or Chapter 7, which means the company will close up for good and liquidate any assets in order to pay creditors. If a business intends to continue operations under Chapter 11, it will often continue to redeem gift cards, fulfill services and deliver on goods. Some Chapter 11 bankruptcies, however, quickly turn into Chapter 7 cases and then the chances for the con-

sumer to receive any compensation are greatly diminished.

In order to prevent problems, consumers are urged to deal with businesses they trust. Before making a purchase, check the Better Business Bureau report on the company. If the report is adverse and there are many consumer complaints, particularly in the past 12 months, your red flag should go up. In addition, the

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more expensive the purchase, the more you have to risk. So, proceed with caution and perform your due diligence. Fespite your best efforts to identify companies in financially troubled waters, there is no crystal ball and you may end up having to deal with a bankrupt firm. The BBB offers the following advice if a retailer files for Chapter 7:

❖ **Goods or Services Due** - Bankruptcy law is specific regarding who will benefit first in the case of a retailer's liquidation. Unfortunately, customers are at the back of the line. Typically, the money gained from the selling of the company's assets goes to paying back secured creditors, as well as any employee wages, before whatever is left over is divvied among customers who didn't receive the promised services or goods.

Customers who paid with credit cards, though, may be able to dispute the charge with

the credit card company and get their money back — for this reason, among others, the BBB highly recommends consumers pay with a credit card. For those who paid by debit card, check or cash, they must file a claim with the bankruptcy court administering the process — the deadline is typically 90 days after the filing date. More information on filing a claim, including downloadable forms, is available online at www.uscourts.gov.

❖ **Warranties** - The validity of any outstanding warranties varies for each bankruptcy. If a retailer goes out of business, the consumer may be able to rely on the manufacturer's warranty. If a manufacturer goes out of business, the consumer may be able to rely on any warranties provided by the retailer.

❖ **Gift Cards** - In cases of Chapter 11 bankruptcy, courts will decide if the business must honor gift cards or certificates. If the business has filed Chapter 7 bankruptcy, the holder must file a claim. In some cases, consumers might actually get at least part of the value of the card back. Some retailers have tried wooing new customers by accepting a bankrupt competitor's gift card but this is generally a rare circumstance. The BBB advises that consumers redeem gift cards as soon as possible in order to avoid any headaches with bankruptcy files and court actions.

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would rather have her working for him than against him. He said she was among a group of people committed to making sure that Lorton was no longer considered "the armpit of Fairfax County without deodorant" but a place of which residents could be proud.

Hanson recounted a \$10 donation she gave to Hyland's campaign when he first ran for supervisor. The money was given not as a bribe, she said, but mainly because she was opposed to the reelection of the current Mount Vernon supervisor. She lauded Hyland for working with the group and giving them a voice in the development of the area they lived in.

"An individual can make a difference, but collectively we can be heard," she said.

Christine Morin, secretary for the SCF, grew up in nearby Springfield and remembers what life was like before the Lorton prison was closed down.

"I remember when the sirens on the prison would go off whenever someone escaped," she said. "To be here tonight is almost hard to believe."

Tim Sargeant, former vice president of the South County Federation and current at-large planning commissioner, said the federation's legacy was that of helping to forge an identity and sense of unity in the Lorton area.

"I think what you saw [after the SCF was created] is a coalescing of the community. It brought disparate neighborhoods together and became a melting pot of sorts," he said. "Without this community, the Lorton area would not be what it is today."

IN ADDITION to Hyland, Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) were in attendance along with Del. Dave Albo (R-42), School Board chairman Dan Storck (Mount Vernon) and School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield). Bulova said when she and Hyland were elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1987, closing the prison was "an impossible dream." Due to an extraordinary committed community, she said that dream is a now a reality.

"There's a vibrant sense of community here and a lot of tenacious members," she said.

BULLETIN BOARD

MONDAY/DEC. 15

Board of Supervisors Budget Committee FY 2010 Lines of Business Review, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 9 and 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2531.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

Fairfax County Park Foundation Executive Committee Meeting, 8 a.m. at the Herrity Building, Suite 941, Director's Conference Room, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.
Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting,

9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.
Consumer Protection Commission, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

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the site of the winery.

"This will protect the character of the Clifton area and protect the tree canopy," said Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large). "Staff needs to take a fresh looking at the ruling. ... Staff needs to look at the opinion again to consider whether, upon reflection, it continues to make sense."

Should staff uphold its decision, the supervisors appeared prepared to amend zoning regulations so that the winery could move forward.

"We want to make sure we are being very business friendly," said Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock).

— 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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THURSDAY/DEC. 11

Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb." 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$75 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.

FRIDAY/DEC. 12

Christmas at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or www.gunstonhall.org.

❖ **Yuletide Dinner,** at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Full complement of courses served in a candlelit setting. \$39.95 for adults, \$19.95 for ages 6-10. The dinner cost includes admission to Plantation Christmas. Reservations required for dinner, call 703-550-9220.

❖ **Plantation Christmas.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. Ride in a horse-drawn carriage and sample period recipes. Reenactors will engage in seasonal activities throughout the site. \$14 for adults, \$7 for ages 6-18, under 6 free.

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"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. Visit www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Workhouse Arts Center's Collector's Showcase Event, with IONA performing pan-Celtic music, 6-9 p.m. in Gallery W-16 of the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Each ticket holder will receive a 10"X10" original piece of work. Tickets \$150 at tickets@lortonarts.org or 703-584-

2900. **Pat Travers and Stephen Percy with Britny Fox, Swirl and Fuzz Box.** 8 p.m. Age 21 and over only. \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 13

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

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Island Creek Elementary PTA Fourth Annual Holiday Craft and Gift show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the school, 7855 Morning View Lane, Kingstowne. Entertainment by the Island Creek Crocs. Contact glasscutter99@yahoo.com.

"**Oklahoma!**" 7 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. 703-750-7500 or www.tjhsst.edu.

Classy Glass. 1 p.m. Make decorative, reusable window clings. Age 12-18. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Sing-A-Long with Miss Belle. 10:30 a.m. All ages. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Friends of the Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

"**Over the North Pole**," 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Theatre, Northern



Sophie the Performing Dog will be at Burke Centre Library on Monday, Dec. 15, with all her tricks and stunts.

Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. \$17 adults, \$15 students and seniors 703-222-5511 or www.encoretap.org.

Fairfax County Kinship Respite Day, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. will provide relatives who are raising a child for another family member a day off while providing fun for the children, who can be part of a theatrical production or participate in a variety of games, arts and crafts. Fairfax

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❖Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax.
❖Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston.
Chinese Corner, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Improve Chinese speaking and learn about Chinese traditional culture. West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. Free Admission. 703-868-1509 or www.AsianServiceCenter.org.

SUNDAY/DEC. 14

Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Green Thumb." 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15-\$75 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.
"Oklahoma!" 2 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. 703-750-7500 or www.tjhsst.edu.
"Over the North Pole," 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Richard J. 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.
Sunday Night Drop-In Ballroom Dancing, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Workhouse Art Center, Gallery W-16, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. To reserve tickets contact tickets@lortonarts.org or call 703-584-2900.
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

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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.
Early Reader Book Discussion, 3:30 p.m. Age 6-8 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

TUESDAY/DEC. 16

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.
Mother-Daughter Book Group, 7 p.m. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.
Put on a Sweater, 10:30 a.m. Chilly stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

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.

Small Wonders, 10:15 a.m. Stories and fingerplays. Age 13-23 months with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.
Mother-Daughter Book Club, 7 p.m. For girls age 9-11 and their mothers. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.
Book Discussion Group, 7:15 p.m. Call for title. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.
Lorton Book Club, 7:30 p.m. "Run" by Ann Patchett. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

3 Doors Down featuring Switchfoot, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50-\$55, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Visit www.3doorsdown.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.
Stories and Science, 4 p.m. Stories and activities with an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.
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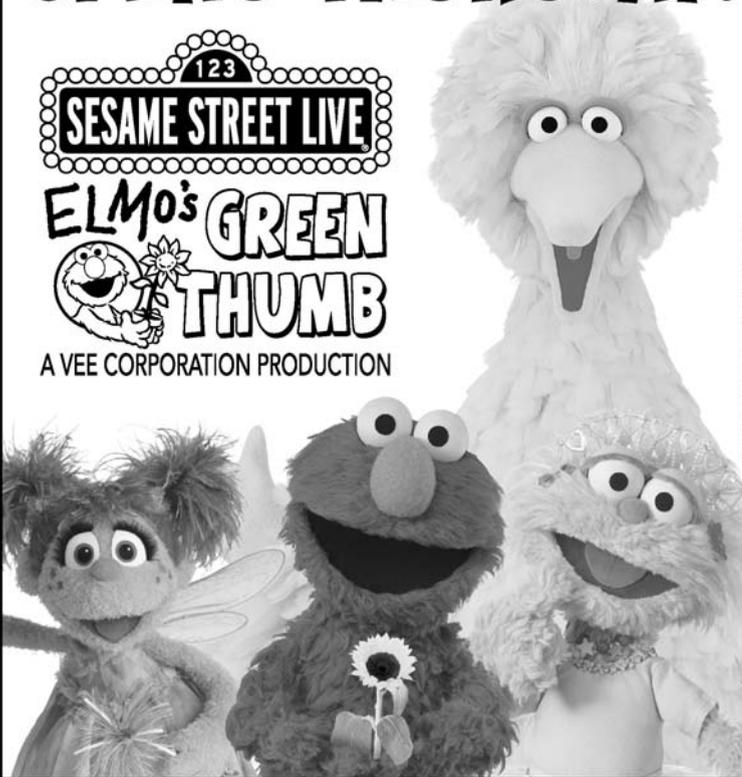
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SATURDAY/DEC. 20

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 \$49.50-\$69.50, available through 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

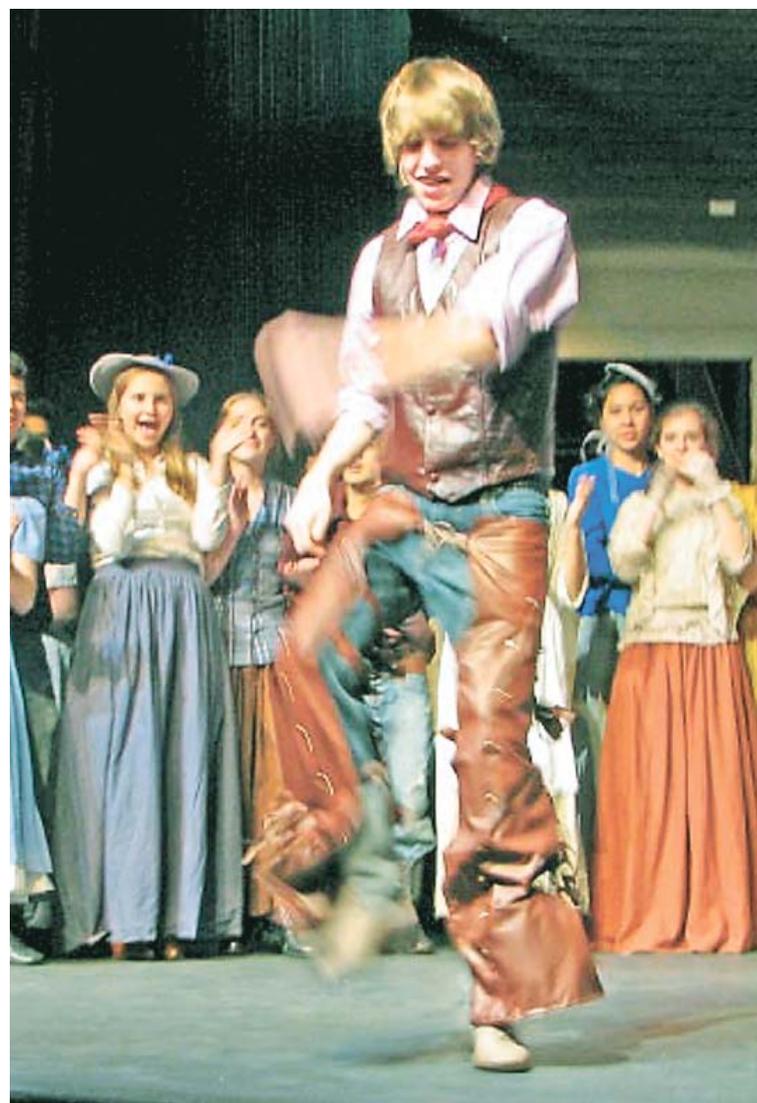
"Over the North Pole," 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Harris Theatre, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$17 adults, \$15 students and seniors 703-222-5511 or www.encore-tap.org.

Pet Pictures with Santa Claws. 1-2 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Lake Accotink Road, Springfield. 703-569-0285.

Santa's Hayride 3:30-8:30 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Lake Accotink Road, Springfield. Enjoy a horse-drawn or tractor wagon ride and have a picture take with Santa. 703-569-3464.

December to Remember with This Time It's War, In Alcatraz 1962 and more. 4 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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.



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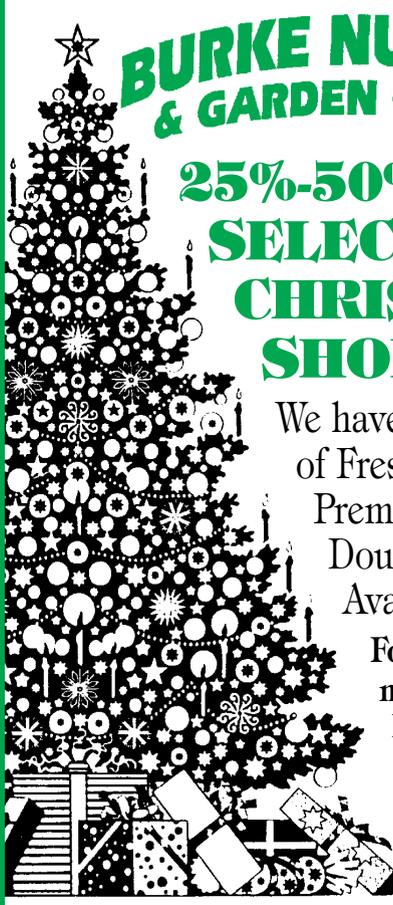
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PEOPLE

Getting To Know ...

Addison Miller, fifth grader and award winning poster maker.

Addison 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.



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

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

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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 predetermined 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. Awards range from \$1,000 for semifinalists to \$100,000 for the winner of the national competition.

The American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra is seeking upright bass players at the elementary or middle school levels, and tuba players at the middle or high school level, to join the orchestra program. Contact Holly Hanneke at 703-642-8051, ext. 24 or hhanneke@aypo.org.

Gan Israel Academy is a Montessori-influenced Kindergarten and First Grade that emphasizes Jewish elementary learning, located at Chabad of Fairfax, 3939 Prince William Drive, Fairfax. 703-426-1980 or ganisraelpreschool@gmail.com.

❖ Gan Israel Preschool Open House, Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.

❖ Jewish Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. and Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

A local group of Eagle Scouts will help students, parents and staff members create a new outdoor classroom at Springfield Estates Elementary on Saturday, Nov. 8. A sketch of the proposed 30-square foot classroom was created by art teacher **Kathleen Kendall**. Workers will landscape the area with mulch, and plants will be added later. The school's PTA donated money to purchase the supplies for the event.

Betty Shepard, author of "Virginia: An Alphabetical Journey Through History," made an appearance at Browne Academy, and Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) spoke at Browne on Wednesday, Nov. 12, on patriotism and citizenship. The visits from Shepard and Sickles coincide with Browne Academy's 2008 Book Fair theme, "Patriotism & Politics: Awareness, Participation and Citizenship."

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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."

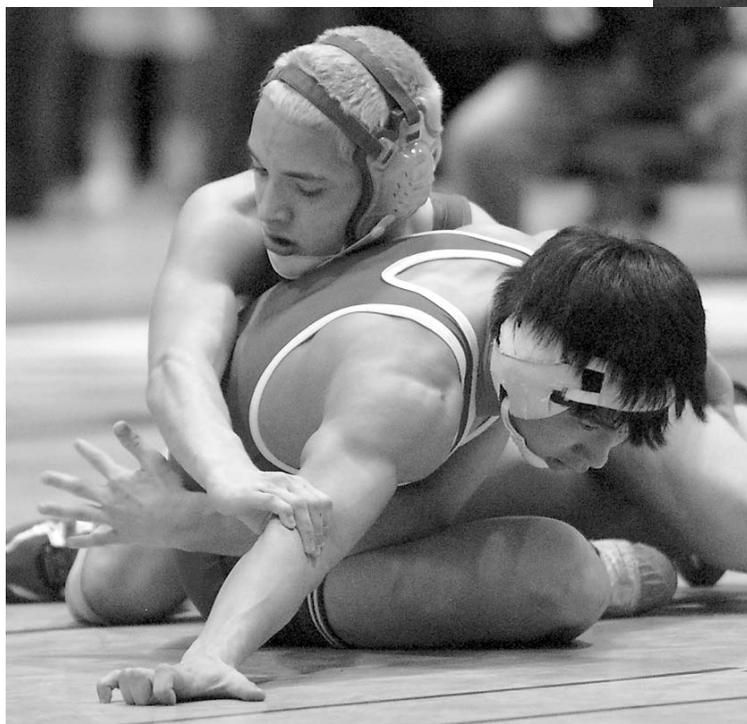
Because of the scratches, Brown spent nearly three hours with the training staff and took an antibiotic that left him "woozy." No matter.

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 outscoring the Bulldogs, 222-194.5.

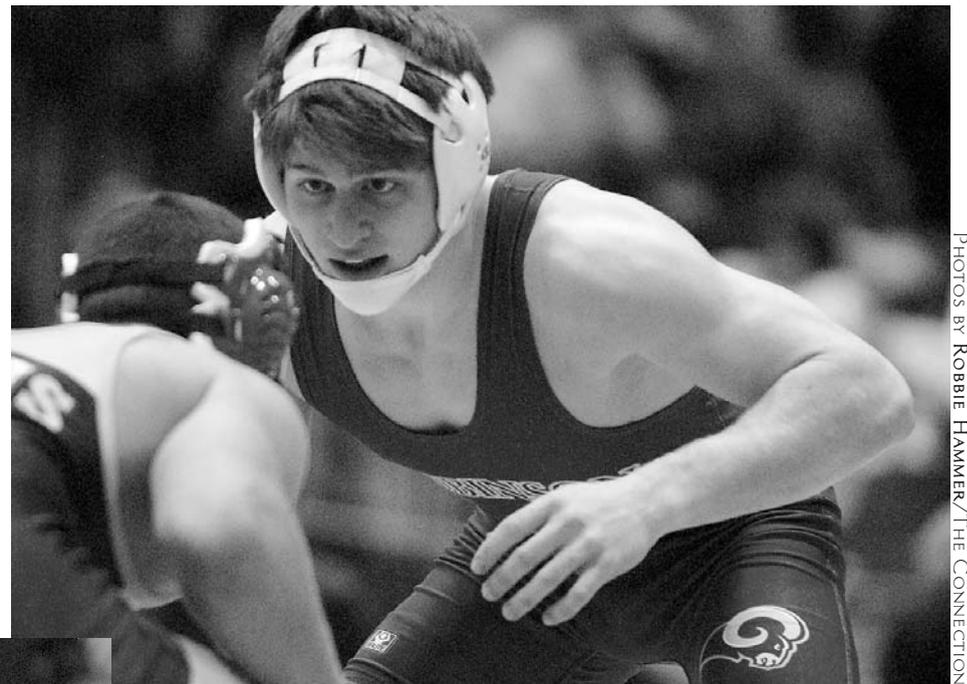
"It's a good place to start," said Hazard, whose team finished second to Westfield in the Concorde District last year. "It's nice to



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

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.



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.

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 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 his prolific career. "But I was pretty much trying to dominate this tournament."

In the first match of the finals, South County's Patrick Shaffer earned a 3-2 win over Hickory's Todd Self, taking the 103-

pound tournament title.

Shaffer took second in the Northern Region last season and looks to improve upon that mark this season. If his early-season

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

— Reid Brown

wins are any indication, Shaffer should be well on his way to that goal.

"This is a huge start," said Shaffer, who won a Patriot District title last winter. "My coach always says to wrestle in the beginning how you want to finish. [Self] was a very good opponent, pushed the pace, but I think I had more experience."

In other tournament action, Robinson's Marcus Hathaway suffered a 1-0 defeat to Westfield's Austin Fallon in the 189-pound final. Hathaway nearly executed a takedown within the two-minute time frame, but an official ruled that it came too late to count. Robinson's Jake Smith (103), Ben Stallings (140), Mickey Bennett (145) earned third-place finishes. As a team, South County finished fourth with 149.5 points. Lake Braddock's Josh Park scored the tournament's second-fastest pin: 16 seconds in the 171-pound weight class.

Mizzoni Named 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

WEEK IN SPORTS

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 33rd place. Later in the competition, Hewitt took 44th in the 200 fly with a time of 2:03.89 and 36th in the 200 back with a time of 2:01.17.

Jefferson Roundup

Jefferson's girls gymnastics team earned first place at its first meet of the season on Tuesday, Dec. 2. The Colonials, with 136.7 points, held off second-place Edison

(121.925) and third-place Fairfax (105.7). ... The Jefferson boys swim and dive team opened its season with a 125-190 loss to Langley. Jefferson's girls team also fell to the Saxons, 143-172. Burke native John Walsh earned first-place honors in diving, while Fairfax Station native Andrew Hong recorded top-three times in both the individual medley and backstroke. Clifton native Mary Kate Dilworth posted a top-three finish in the individual medley. Fairfax native Christina Wallin (diving) and Burke native Lauren Laffosse (butterfly, breaststroke) also added top-three performances.

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.

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— Lonnie Maurer, gun dealer

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.

FAITH

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

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.

Christmas Tree Sales at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke, on Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 21, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Proceeds benefit the outreach mission of the Church. 703-323-5400. www-good-shepherd.net

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries is looking for volunteers to provide food baskets at Christmas. Western Fairfax Ministries will provide information about a family in need, and the volunteer will deliver the basket(s) directly to the sponsored family. Contact Pam Ryan at 703-988-9656 or volunteer@wfcfva.org.

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* **A Community of Contagious Joy**. Sunday Worship 8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Interactive praise and worship service, Sundays at 7 p.m.

* **Girlfriends Night Out**, Friday, Dec. 12, 7-9 p.m. Bring gifts and wrapping paper, listen to Christmas music.

* **Singles Ministry Black-Tie-Optional Ball** on Saturday, Dec. 13, 8-11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 with a

dish of finger foods or \$15 without. Prize drawings and more.

* **Messiah's Annual Handbell Concert** on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. Admission is free, child care will be provided.

* **Christmas Comfort Service** - Sunday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m. Music, scripture, silence, reflection and prayer.

* **Christmas Eve at Messiah**, 5 p.m. children's service, 7 p.m. service of lessons and carols, 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. worship with Holy Communion.

Ohev Yisrael Messianic Jewish Congregation Chanukah Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Shabbat Services are on Saturdays at 10 a.m. at 8196 Terminal Rd. in Lorton. 703-550-0888 or www.ohevysrael.org.

Arabic Bible Baptist Church is located at 5424 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Pastor: Tony Ghareeb. Call 703-273-5599 or e-mail to Tghareeb@wmconnect.com.

A casual worship service with a praise band is at 9:45 a.m. at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. Visit www.sumdisciples.org or call 703-451-8223.

The **Baha'i of Fairfax County Southwest** offers "Interfaith Devotions: World Peace and Unity" for the general public on Saturdays. These free devotional gatherings meet at the Pohick Regional Library, Room #1, located at 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 22015.

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Congregation Adat Reyim offers services Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:40 p.m. Hebrew school is available on Sunday at 9 a.m. and Sunday and Mondays at 5:30 p.m. Preschool is Monday-Friday at 9:30 a.m. Located at 6500 Westbury Oaks Court in Springfield. Call 703-569-7577 or visit www.adatreyim.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield has Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., Hispanic worship service at 9 a.m., Korean worship service at 2 p.m., and an Ethiopian service at 12:15 p.m. The pastor is Jim Weaver. Church is located at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500. For more, visit www.fbcspRINGfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, located at 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, located at 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Wednesday Latin mass at 7 p.m. Call 703-817-1770 or visit www.st-andrew.org.

HEALTH

HAVEN of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, Virginia, will offer a free presentation on grief and coping with the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. 703-941-7000, www.havenofnova.org, or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net.

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The Clifton Presbyterian Church has a Caregiver Support Group that meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. This group is for caregivers of seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other age-related problems. Call Rebecca Daniel-Burke at 703-830-9175 ext. 17.

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The Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter offers telephone discussion groups, called Tuesday Telephone Talks, every Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. Skilled group facilitator moderates discussions; metro-area residents may call in and discuss caregiving topics. Call toll-free at 888.262.0101 or www.alz.org/nca.

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The Dickens Carolers sing in Tom and Wendy Burdette's home.

Clifton by Candlelight

Town residents open homes during annual candlelight tour.

The Town of Clifton was decked out in candlelight and holiday cheer during the annual Historic Clifton Candlelight Tour on Saturday evening. Five sets of homeowners opened their homes to the public, including: Tom and Wendy Burdette, Jim and

Becky Witt, Arlene and Paul Posner, Steve and Kim Bittner, and Brant Baber and Kathy Kalinowski. Singers from Chantilly High performed at the Clifton Presbyterian Church and Robin Boyd Brinkmann played the harp. Vice Mayor Michael Anton emceed in a tree-lighting ceremony in Ayre Square, complete with marshmallow roasting and hot chocolate.

"It was a fabulous evening and just as pretty as a Christmas card," said co-organizer Lynne Garvey-Hodge. "It was just a stunning evening."

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Laura was the beloved mother of Blake and Natalie, beloved wife of the late Commander Andre' Maraoui and the daughter of Jean and Kothe and the Late Walter Kothe.

Laura was a graduate of San Jose State University in California and acted as a CPA with the firm of Cocke, 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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6632 Reynard Drive, Springfield, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Janor I. Allen, dated May 27, 2005, and recorded May 31, 2005, in Deed Book 17339 at page 1597 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 11, 2008 at 12:15 p.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.

Commonly known as 6632 Reynard Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$45,000.00 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 6.0 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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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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

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Tax Map No. 095 3 01 0015

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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.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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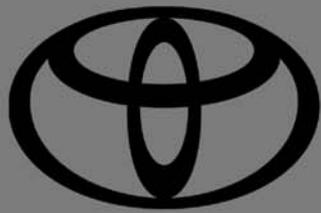
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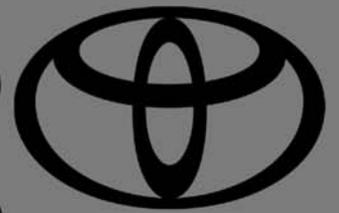
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