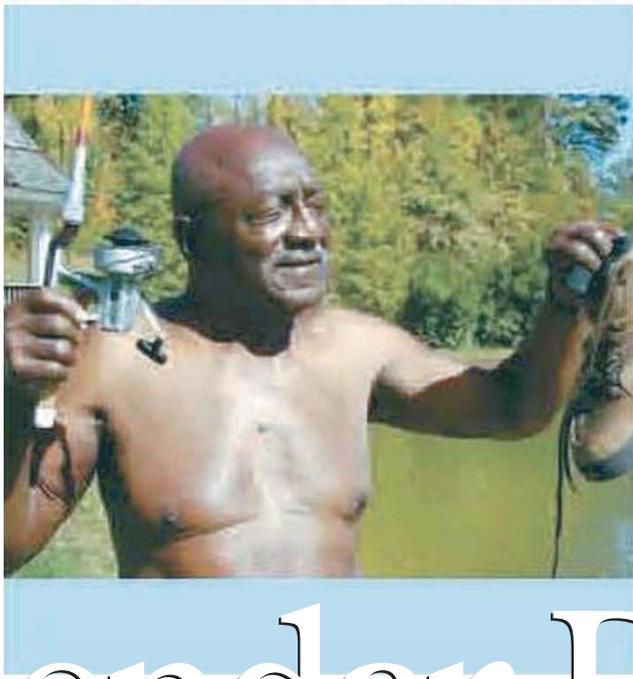
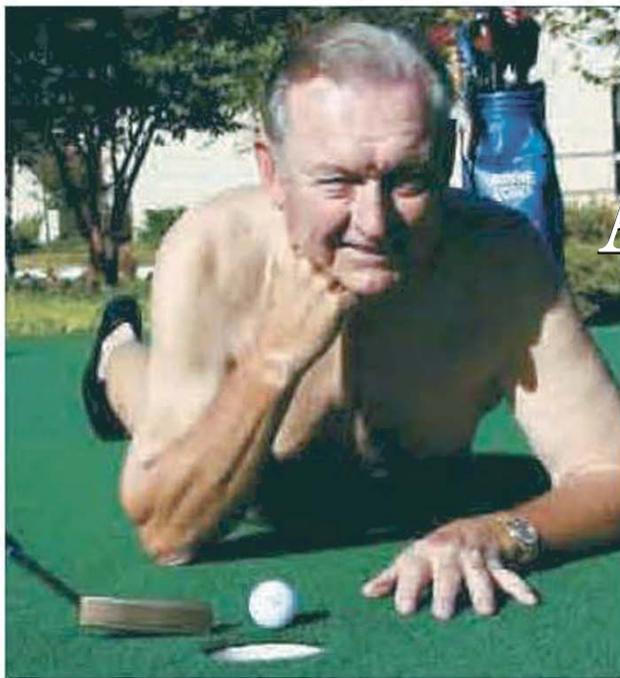
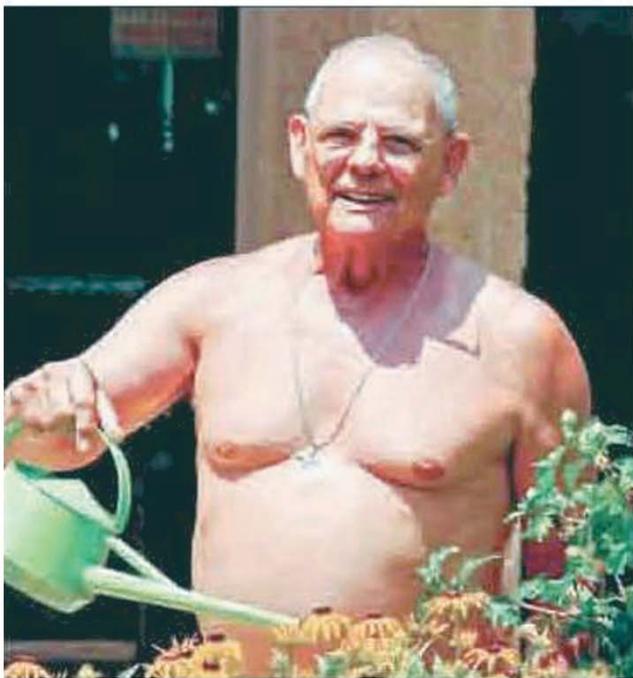
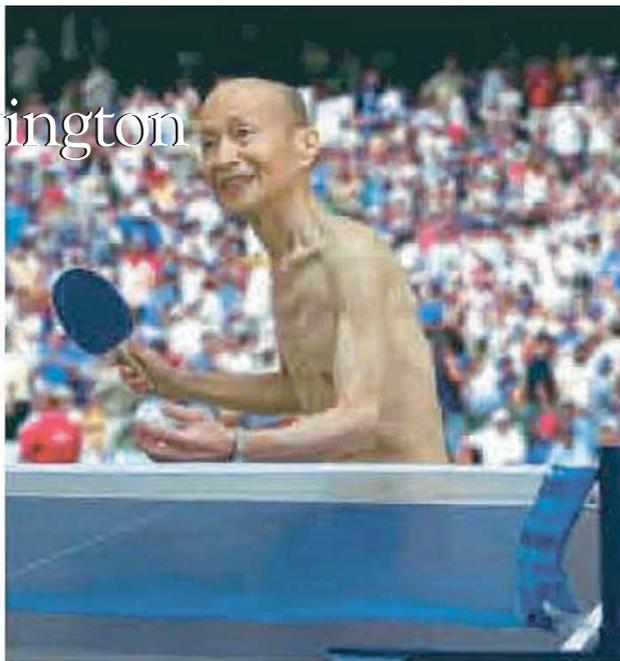
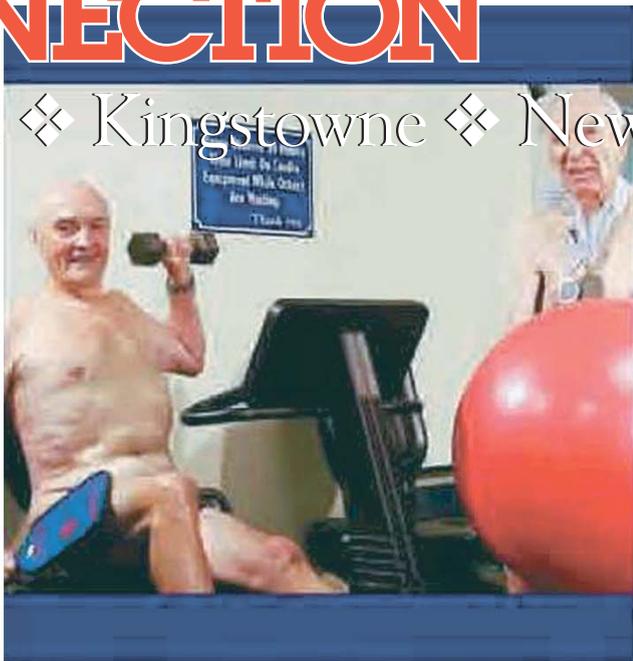


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Special Prosecutor Appointed

Stafford attorney to prosecute Ahmad in Fairfax retrial.

Judge Leslie M. Alden appointed a special prosecutor from Stafford County last Thursday, Dec. 4, to take over the prosecution of Mohammad A. Ahmad for murder.

Stafford County Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney James D. Peterson will take over for Fairfax County in Ahmad's retrial, scheduled for March 9, 2009 in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Last month, Alden recused the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County after defense attorneys Peter D. Greenspun and Jonathan Shapiro argued that three prosecutors in the Fairfax office once worked for Ahmad's original defense attorney when he represented Ahmad at trial.



FILE PHOTO

Alden rejected Peterson's argument Thursday to take a "less drastic measure" of prohibiting the original prosecutor and the three other attorneys and appointing another prosecutor from the Fairfax office.

"Why isn't it just easier to avoid an appearance of impropriety" and "disqualify the office?" she asked Peterson, during his motion to reconsider.

Ahmad is charged with the murder of 21-month-old toddler Myles Simon on Sept. 12, 2006. Ahmad's wife, Jillian Ahmad, operated an unlicensed day-care center out of their Kingstowne townhouse.

A jury convicted Ahmad, now 26, in May 2007 of second-degree murder and took 15 minutes to recommend the maximum sentence, 40 years in prison. Alden imposed the full sentence in August 2007.

But 12 months later Alden granted Ahmad's motion to receive a new trial. Defense attorneys Greenspun and Shapiro successfully argued that prosecutors failed to notify Ahmad's first attorney that Ahmad's wife, a key prosecution witness, was in possession of a half ounce of marijuana and \$1,200 in cash when police picked her up as a material witness just before Ahmad's three-day trial in May 2007.

"Had the Defendant been aware of the undisclosed information, he may reasonably have taken different and potentially significant actions which could have strengthened his defense," Alden wrote.

— KEN MOORE

Unmasked and Disrobed

Senior citizen Hunks of Greenspring reveal themselves to public with calendar signing.

DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

After months of hushed recruitment, diligent silence and secret photo shoots, 14 of the 15 men who collectively comprise the Hunks of Greenspring sat patiently at a line of tables Monday, Dec. 8.

They waited inside Village Square at the Greenspring retirement community in Springfield as a slow but steady stream of women trickled down the line. Dressed in black pants, white button-down dress shirts and red bowties, the Hunks smiled, winked and autographed their calendars as they passed by.

"I wish I looked better," said Ray Kaminski, Mr. January and the oldest of the group at 92.

"[People] have asked me: 'how did they ever select you for Santa?'" said the slim Roger Westberg, 87 and Mr. December.

Many of them, like Buck Simpson, 79, took a light-hearted approach to their newfound fame.

"They question the terminology," he said of people when they discover that he's Mr.

November. "They say 'you're a hunk?'"

"The fun is just starting," said Sult, who shared the title of Mr. July with fellow Greenspring residents Bob MacCallum, 79 and Charlie Spitzer, 84. "After this [autograph signing] gets out, we're going to be stormed our fans."

THOUGH THEIR

identities have been mostly shrouded in secrecy since being recruited in May 2008, the committee charged with making the calendar released the names of three Hunks in August. Coutler, Ray Kaminski, 92 and Ernie Sult, 83, spent the summer and fall promoting the calendar, which had over 1,000 pre-orders from inside and outside the Greenspring community. The proceeds from the sales will go to Benevolent Care, a program run by the non-profit Asbury Foundation which provides financial assistance to needy seniors. The three had already been featured in newspaper articles, appeared on the radio with Mike O'Meara and been pro-

"Nobody refused after they recognized it was for a worthy cause."

— Ray Kaminski, Mr. January

filed by NBC 4. Everyone, it seemed, wanted to see just how far these seniors were willing to go in the name of charity.

After shooting, making and selling a "Ladies of Greenspring" calendar last year, featuring 11 female seniors wearing little more than smiles and maybe a well-placed prop, the time came for the men to of the community to step up and do their part. Using a variety of props and settings, the concept

was originally taken from the 1997 film "The Full Monty," about unemployed British steelworkers who form a male striptease act and the 2003 film "Calendar Girls," also set

in England, about a group of older women who raise money for a local hospital by filming a nude calendar.

Some admitted a modicum of nervousness at the prospect of baring all-but-it-all.

"I hesitated for a day, then I thought: 'this might be fun,'" said Westberg.

"We'll be laughingstocks for a few weeks, then we'll be through the worst of it," said Mr. August Howard Wachspress, 79.

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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 11th 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.

"Gerry lifted the tone of discourse on the board considerably," said Kate Hanley, secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Connolly's predecessor on the Board of Supervisors.

Two Arrested in Home Burglary

Fairfax County Police have arrested two Springfield men in connection with a burglary that was reported at a residence from the 6600 block of Greenview Lane in Springfield. According to a Fairfax County Police release, an unidentified Springfield man, 20, left his house the morning of Thursday, Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. for school. After returning home approximately two hours later, the victim reported hearing noises in the basement. After announcing his presence, he saw two male suspects fleeing the house. Before calling the police, he observed them get into a white Dodge Charger and drive off towards Rolling Road.

The release goes on to say that officers caught up with the car two miles away near the intersection of Edinburgh Drive and Edinburgh Court. After stopping the vehicle and identifying to suspects, police took James Andrew Tate, 21 of the 8000 block of Tributary Court and Quintin Tremaine Johnson, 20, from the same neighborhood. The vehicle was seized and the men were transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where they were each charged with one count of burglary and grand larceny.



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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

The 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.

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

— Chris Bright, founding member of Earth Sangha

NEWS

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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.

Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7 and 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

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. 703-324-8582.

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-1280.

Consumer Protection Commission, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-5877.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

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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.

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

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.

WRAP's 2008 Holiday SoberRide program will be offered from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night from Dec. 12 to Jan. 1, 2009. To receive a free cab ride home up to a \$50 fare, call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older to use the SoberRide service.

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.

Since 1993, WRAP has provided over 41,010 safe rides home. Call 800-200-8294. For more information, see www.wrap.org

— MARY KIMM

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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 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?

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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SCHOOLS

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.

On Monday, Nov. 10, **Betty Shepard**, author of "Virginia: An Alphabetical Journey Through History," will be making an all-day appearance at Browne Academy. Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) will speak 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."

Students and teachers at **Washington Irving Middle School** conducted a mock election on Oct. 22 and 23. Students used an online voting system as they participated in a mock election program sponsored by the Youth Leadership Initiative (YLI), a national civic education program based at the University of Virginia Center for Politics. Millions of students were expected to vote nationwide during the two-week voting period from Oct. 20-30. The YLI Mock Election is the largest secure, student-only online mock election in the nation.

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.

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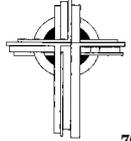
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students go on field
trip to benefit Marine
Corps gift program.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Students from Kenwood School in Annandale spent the later part of their morning Tuesday, Dec. 9 dashing from aisle to aisle at the Toys R Us in Kingstowne. They were in search of the perfect toy, the perfect gadget, the perfect action figure for the upcoming gift-giving season.

For kindergartner Logan French, that meant a Bakugan ball. For first-grader Aishatou Coulibaly, it was pet shop puppies, not just because of the

**"This is a good math
exercise for them."**

— Stephanie Knackstedt,
Kenwood School teacher



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Kenwood School students shop at the Kingstowne Toys R Us for donations to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

bobblehead puppies, but also because of all the extra "stuff" that comes with them.

"I got a wrestling action figure. He's got big muscles. It's probably [a better gift] for a guy than a girl," said first-grader Nick Curington.

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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. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com. Visit www.sesamestreetlive.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, 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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Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

"**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.

"**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. Tickets \$22-\$44, children 12 and under half price. Charge 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 703-584-2900 or tickets@lortonarts.org.

Pat Travers and Stephen Pearcy 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. 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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550-9220 or www.gunstonhall.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 Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale.

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SUNDAY/DEC. 14

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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. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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. www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

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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. 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.

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FRIDAY/DEC. 19

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

"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.

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

Oasis Dig Out Your Soul World Tour, featuring Ryan Adams. 7 p.m. at the George Mason University

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DEC. 21

Fairfax Station Violist Kaleigh Elizabeth Acord will perform with Russian pianist Irina Kats, 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Free admission. 703-838-4994.

MONDAY/DEC. 22

Writer's Group 7 p.m. Read aloud for feedback. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/JAN. 2

Jeff Dunham 'Spark of Insanity' tour. 8 p.m. Ventriloquism with his featured character puppets. Tickets \$49.50, at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000. www.jeffdunham.com.

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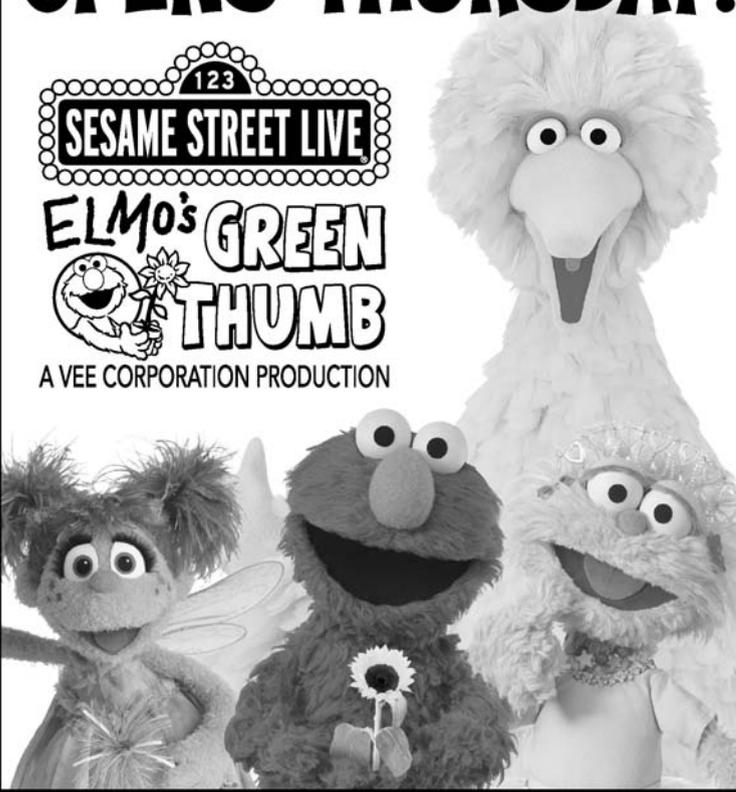
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UNLAWFUL ENTRY/ARREST

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.

LARCENIES

- 8200 block of Backlick Road.** Cash stolen from business.
- 7000 block of Commerce St.** Cash stolen from business.
- 7200 block of Commerce St.** Wallet stolen from business.
- 7400 block of Heatherfield Lane.** Trash container stolen from residence.
- 7300 block of Jayhawk St.** GPS unit stolen from vehicle.
- 9400 block of Lorton Market St.** Liquor stolen from business.
- 8100 block of Mims St.** Copper stolen from construction site.
- 4300 block of Ravensworth Road.** Wallet and cellular phone stolen from business.
- 6000 block of River Drive.** Jacket and cellular phone chargers stolen from vehicle.
- 6000 block of River Drive.** GPS unit stolen from vehicle.
- 6600 block of Telegraph Road.** Purse stolen from vehicle.

VEHICLE THEFTS

- 5900 block of Frederick St.** 1994 Honda.

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Dec. 5.

LARCENIES

- 7600 block of Boston Blvd.** Wallet stolen from business.
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December 31st, 2008

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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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Passing the Test

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

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THE CONNECTION

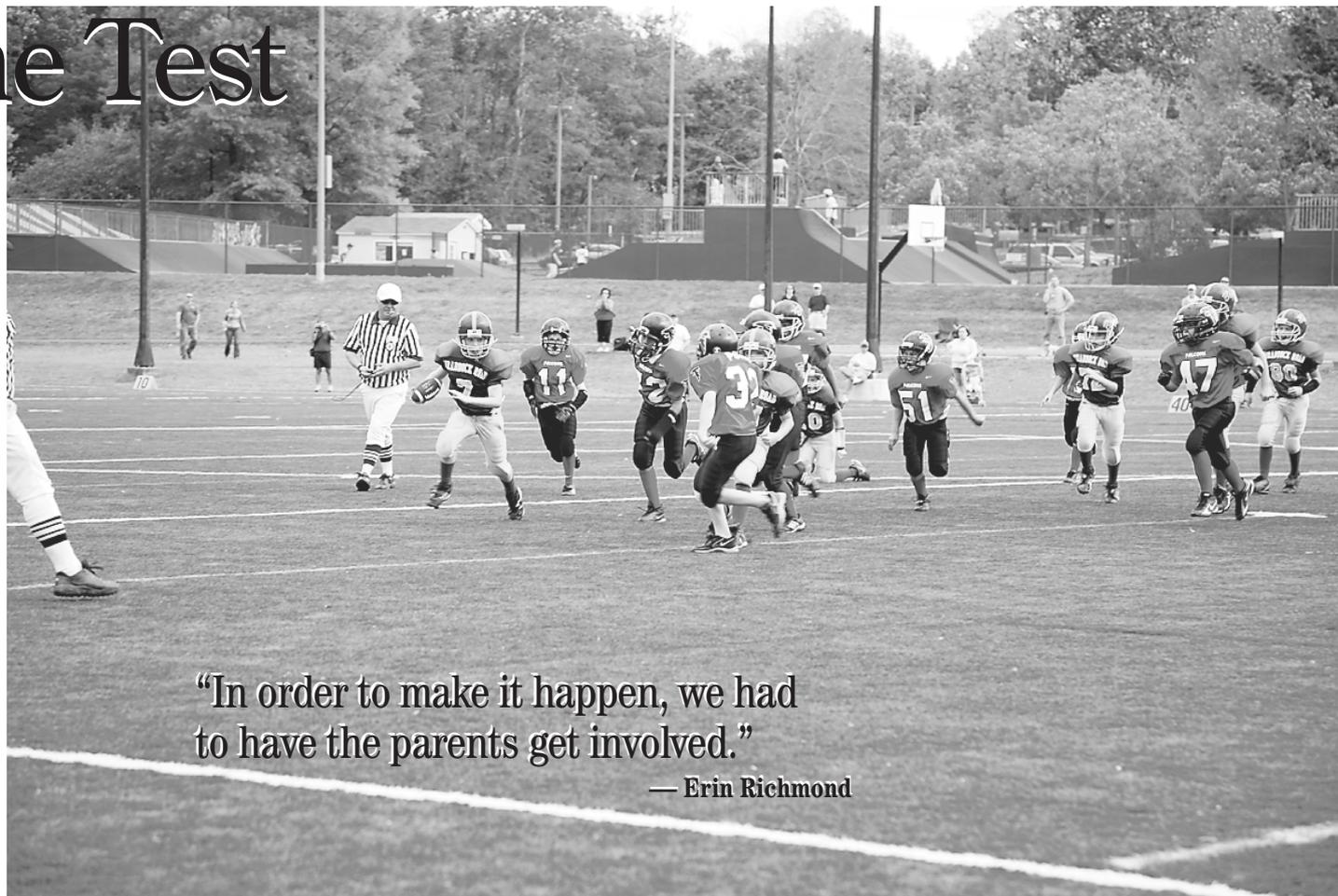
This time it was the parents who had homework. By rallying support from within its community, the Braddock Road Youth Football Club was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Program.

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.

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 funding.

"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.



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

— Erin Richmond

PHOTO COURTESY BRYC FOOTBALL

Marcus Denham, pictured here with the Braddock Road Youth Football Club's 75-pound American Rams, will benefit from a \$2,500 grant recently awarded to the organization.

Bob Fitzpatrick, the commissioner of 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 emails 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 better 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."

Kapinos Debuts With Packers

After signing with the Green Bay Packers on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 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, 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 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 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.

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.

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Buying Toys of Tots

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While individual preference in toys varied, all of the students had one thing in common: none of them would ever play with the gifts they bought.

As part of the Marines Corps annual Toys for Tots program, over 30 students from grades K-6 were given \$15 each from the private school's general fund, according to Kenwood director Alison Zoby. The students were then allowed to spend it any way they liked on toys that would then go to needy families in the Northern Virginia area.

The school has participated in prior years with the military program, which collects unwrapped gifts and distributes them to military and non-military communities at Christmas. In the past, the toys were collected at the school and picked up. This time was different.

"This is the first year that we've let [the students] go out and shop for themselves," said Zoby. "This is a project they can relate to."

FOR SOME of the older children, Zoby said, it was their initial face-to-face encounter with a real world example of the recent economic collapse that they had seen and heard about on television. For the kindergartners, it was a painful first lesson.

"This is the first they have to buy something and then have to give it away," said Zoby.

Calendar Signing Party

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Kaminski summed up the overall attitude of the group.

"Nobody refused after they recognized it was for a worthy cause," he said.

Many of the men have wives or girlfriends, though they gently chide those who still use that term at their age. Ardith Kramer, the wife of Mr. October Abe Kramer, 83, was in line with a small stack of calendars for the Hunks to sign. Two copies will go to their daughters and another two will go to their grandchildren. She said most of the men's significant others encouraged them to participate in the shoot.

"Abe is very outgoing and I know that he wanted to do it," said Ardith. "Most of us are supportive, we know it's for a good cause."

"I think that they are not only handsome, they're wonderfully good-natured guys,"

AROUND TOWN

Jane A. Quill, NVAR chairman of the board, hosted the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors appreciation and installation ceremony, at which the 2009 leadership team was formerly inducted. Attended by more than 250 NVAR

Some of the students had military connections of their own.

As fourth and sixth grade teacher Stephanie Knackstedt pointed out: "this is a good math exercise for them" as well.

Some of the students had family members currently serving in the military, like sixth-grader Cameron Koppie, whose friend and cousin has a father in the Army.

"There are some military moms and dads who can't see their children. Our school wanted them to wake up Christmas morning with some presents," he said.

FOURTH AND second graders Joshua and Katie Clark have a former Army mother and an aunt in the Navy who ships out to Afghanistan after Christmas. Joshua spent his \$15 on a Donkey Kong figurine and a small Nerf gun with an accompanying ammunition pack. He said he picked those toys because he thought sick or needy children in the hospital or at home without a parent might share his love of video games. Katie purchased two Barbie Dolls and a pack of cards.

The field trip and mini-shopping spree were just the first events of the week. A visit from Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus took place later that afternoon and on Friday, Dec. 12, the school will host a breakfast party to wrap of the collection. Parents are invited to bring a toy and have breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the school on 4955 Sunset Lane in Annandale.

said Greenspring resident Marcia Aberle, who called Wachspress "a good friend."

Peter Ostergren is a widower, but said his wife wouldn't exactly have objected to his decision to appear in the calendar.

"She would have encouraged me to do it," he said. "In fact, she would probably have wanted to be in the ladies calendar."

Aberle, who was involved in the ladies calendar last year, said the final product, which went on sale Monday Dec. 8 was a way for many seniors to deal with the realities of aging and the deterioration of their once-spry bodies.

"You have to have some fun every single day. It's not a joke at our ages. There's a [sense of] wistfulness about it," she said.

The calendar, said Aberle, was a repudiation of those insecurities.

"At this point, you pretty much who you are, and you try as much as you can to celebrate that," she said.

members and guests, the installation took place at the Reston Hyatt on Thursday, Dec. 4. **Susan Mekenney** was named as 2009 NVAR chairman of the board. Mekenney is the associate broker of Remax Allegiance, Alexandria.

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

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Tax Map No. 095 3 01 0015

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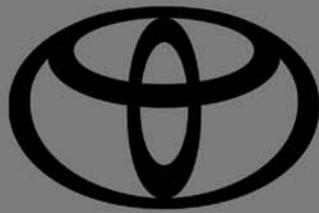
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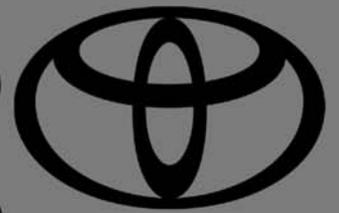
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