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Seasons Greetings

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Rolling Valley Elementary students shake hands with Frosty the Snowman at the school on Dec. 9. Santa and his helpers, which included area police officers, visited the school to pick up donations for the annual Santa Ride, sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department.

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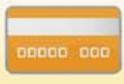
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Reindeers' Day Off

Santa rolls into Rolling Valley Elementary on a motorcycle to pick up donated toys.



Students at Rolling Valley Elementary School greet Santa on Dec. 9.



Students at Rolling Valley Elementary School greet Santa on Dec.9 as he arrives to pickup donations for the annual Santa Ride sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department and other area police agencies. Area police officers picked up toys and other donations from area schools, police stations and government buildings where they will be donated to area hospitals and organizations for children. Toys were donated to children at the Georgetown Lombardi Cancer Center, the Inova Fairfax Hospital Child Life Center, the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, the Ronald McDonald House and the Reston FISH.



Students express their glee at meeting their holiday hero.

Pufflings, Saddlebags, and Grandmothers

Self-made area authors seek to fill a passion.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

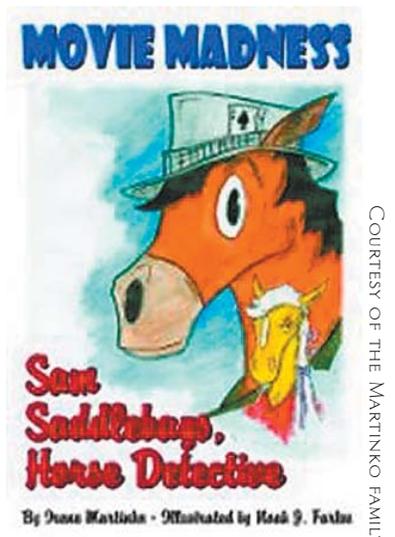
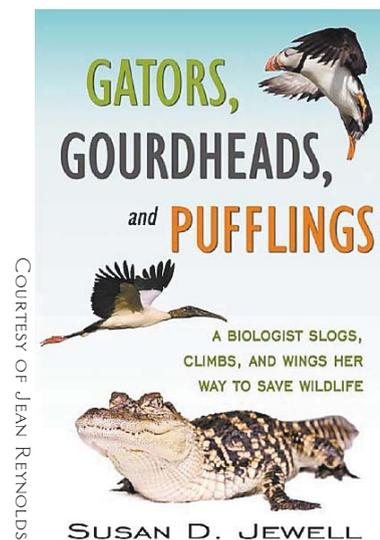
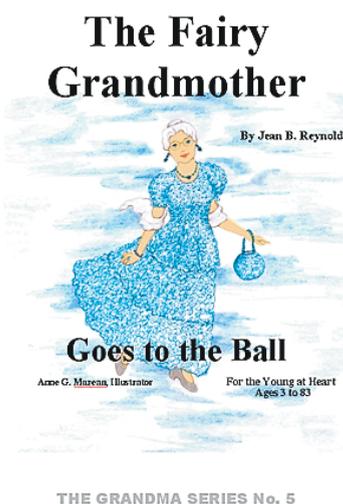
What do a horse detective, a fairy grandmother and an adventurous scientist have in common? All three are subjects of books written and self-published this past year by Springfield residents.

Susan Jewell, a biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, was searching for a way to translate her technical and field work to a general audience.

"I think the information that we as biologists gather is useless unless we get it out to the public," said Jewell. "Much of the information we gather [can] only [be used] by certain people."

Her book "Gators, Gourdhheads and Pufflings: A Biologist Slogs, Climbs and Wings Her Way to Save Wildlife" seeks to bring a sense

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'The Fairy Grandmother Goes to a Ball,' 'Gators Gourdhheads and Pufflings: A Biologist Slogs Climbs and Wings Her Way to Save Wildlife' and 'Sam Saddlebags: Horse Detective, Volume One: Movie Madness' are three books recently published by Springfield authors.

She Bakes Cakes Big and Small

Home bakery business dishes out cupcakes, turkeys and airplanes.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Baking and sculpting a 3-foot turkey cake is not a feat for Betty Crocker or the Easy Bake Oven of childhood fame. However, it is categorized as “strange and unusual,” on Kathy Mingledorff’s Web site for her home-bakery business, Lily Lane Cakes.

The turkey cake, nicknamed “Franklin” after Ben Franklin, was made with several layers of cake fused together with dove-tail joints and frosting.

“It took me three days to make,” said Mingledorff, a Springfield resident who baked Franklin on order for the Metropolitan Cooking and Entertaining Show. “One day it was displayed and the next they ate it,” she said, “We made an event out of it,” at the show.

Mingledorff’s love for baking goes back to her mother’s kitchen where they made their own pasta and experimented with recipes. “She really encouraged me,” Mingledorff said. Her plans were to go to the Corcoran College of Art and Design, but those were side tracked when she had her son Alex, who is now 6. He needed to put on some weight as a child, and the “cookies and cakes were something I could always get him to eat,” she said. She also has a daugh-

ter Lily, 5, who is the namesake of the business.

ALTHOUGH MINGLEDORFF is known for the specialty cakes that come in shapes of airplanes, Superman and race cars, she also specializes in cupcakes, which have taken a trendy path in today’s bakery world. Cupcakes are flexible enough to go with coffee in the morning, or stacked in a multi-tier design as a wedding cake.

“There’s a lot to be desired from a cupcake, they are very portable,” she said. Stacked as a wedding cake, guests can just grab them and go without waiting for the slicing ritual, but the bride and groom can still have something to shove in each others faces with a round part called a “topper” that still can be sliced.

With the economy on shaky grounds these days, a cupcake wedding cake is gaining popularity because they cost about half of what a normal wedding cake costs. “The bakeries and coffee shops I work with are really slow this year,” she said.

Stacy’s Coffee Parlor in Falls Church is one of her customers that can’t keep her “red velvet cupcakes,” in stock because of their popularity. Mingledorff delivers cupcakes to Stacy’s a few times a week so they are fresh, and the clientele likes that they are from a local baker.

“All those things make a big difference,” said Sam Kamili, owner of Stacy’s. “They go fast, people call in to find out whether we have them or not.”

“One day it was displayed and the next they ate it.”

— Kathy Mingledorff

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PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

Kathy Mingledorff shows off some cupcakes that are destined for a local coffee shop.

County’s Deficit Climbs to \$650M

Elected officials confirmed that the county’s projected deficit is likely to be around \$650 million, \$220 million more than they had initially predicted last summer.

The increased projection is likely to mean significantly deeper cuts than the county has already discussed with the community. It also reflects the extent to which the county’s home values have declined.

Real estate taxes make up the bulk of the county’s revenue and officials had not accounted for the degree of deterioration that has taken place in the county’s residential and commercial real estate markets.

“We have also seen a decrease in commercial property values. We had thought the commercial property values were going to stay flat but there was actually a bit of a decline,” said Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock), who is head of the county budget committee.

She added that the county’s other

large sources of revenue like the sales tax and business and professional licensing fees have also dropped.

“It is everything you are hearing about on the national scene,” said Bulova, who is also running to replace Gerry Connolly as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman. She will face Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield) in a special election Feb. 3.

Even though the county faces an uphill battle financially, Fairfax is in a better situation than other localities because of preventative measures the supervisors took, said Bulova.

In spite of Connolly’s request, the supervisors did not tap a reserve fund of approximately \$100 million to help close their budget gap in this fiscal year and will have some of that money available to deal with the upcoming shortfall.

The county has also taken some actions to address the foreclosure problem and to provide assistance, financial and otherwise, to help people stay in their homes, she added.

Bulova also said the supervisors reached out to residents and county employees earlier in the budget cycle than they have ever done in the recent past.

“There was an unprecedented early engagement of the community,” she said.

But Herry said more could have been done to mitigate the county’s current financial crisis.

The Springfield supervisor said the county board should have been willing to make cuts to this year’s budget earlier, in anticipation of next year’s shortfall. The supervisors only recently agreed to make current year fiscal cuts and rejected Herry’s call to do so in October.

“It is a no brainer if you have any kind of sense in my book. Times are bad. To me, this isn’t a change. It is expected,” he said.

Last spring, Herry had proposed the county eliminate some of its major programs. For example, he asked the supervisors to roll back an affordable housing preservation program, which cost approximately \$22 million.

Herry said it also did not make sense for the board last year to adopt “across the board” cuts – where every department was asked to cut an equal percentage of its budget. Instead, the supervisors should have been looking for county programs to reduce or eliminate.

“There is no way the county could have prevented this other than being more fiscally prudent,” said Herry.

If elected chairman, Herry would try to help the county distinguish between the “needs to have” and “nice to have” aspects of the county budget, he said.

— JULIA O’DONOGHUE

Reward Offered In Triple Homicide

Fairfax County Police are seeking anyone with additional information regarding the Nov. 19 murders of Springfield residents Andres Yelicie, 26, Ryan Strope, 26, and Terence Strope, 38.

In addition to a \$1,000 reward offered by Crime Solvers, a private reward of \$10,000 is being offered for anyone with information that leads to an arrest in the case.

Yelicie and the Strope brothers were found with multiple stab wounds by police on Wednesday, Nov. 19, at their residence on Moultrie Road in Springfield. All three died after being transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-8477 or e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimsolvers.org.

CRIME

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Dec. 12.

SEX OFFENSE

7200 block of Beulah St. A 24-year-old Alexandria-area woman was grabbed by a stranger on Sunday, Dec. 7 while walking home around 11:30 p.m. The victim was walking in the 7200 block of Beulah St. when a man approached her from behind a tree, pulled her to the ground and attempted to assault her. According to the victim, they heard sirens nearby which may have caused the suspect to abruptly flee. There were no injuries. The suspect was described

as Hispanic, about 5 feet 6 inches tall with straight, black hair. He wore a black jacket and blue jeans.

ROBBERY

7200 block of Old Keene Mill Road. Police responded to the Inova Healthplex Franconia-Springfield, 6355 Walker Lane, around 11 p.m. for a robbery report on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The victim, a 22-year-old Springfield man, was being treated for minor injuries to the upper body. Earlier that day around 8 p.m., he had been in the 7200 block of Old Keene Mill Road when another man reportedly assaulted him and stole some cans of beer from him. The

suspect was described as white, about 25. He was approximately 5 feet 2 inches tall and 150 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. He wore a red and white striped jacket and blue pants.

LARCENIES

6500 block of Backlick Road. Purse, camera and cash stolen from vehicle.
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5600 block of Edgemont Drive. Wallet stolen from vehicle.
6500 block of Frontier Drive. Cameras stolen from business.
7200 block of Larrup Court.

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BULLETIN BOARD

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 17

Board of Equalization. 10 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Shared Room 123C, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2953.

THURSDAY/DEC. 18

Employees' Retirement Board of Trustees Meeting, 3:30 p.m. at the Mainland Building, Main Conference Room, 10680 Main St., Suite 280, Fairfax. 703-279-8200.

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

Tenant-Landlord Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax

County Government Center, Room 9, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-5959.

FRIDAY/DEC. 19

Board of Supervisors Audit Committee Meeting, 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Suite 530, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2531.

MONDAY/DEC. 22

Board of Equalization, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 9 and 10, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4891, TTY 703-222-7594.

TUESDAY/DEC. 23

Fairfax County History Museum Finance Subcommittee, 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Room 8, 12000 Government Center Parkway. 703-324-4087.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 7

Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Advisory Group, 3 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Conference Room, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-246-6504.

THURSDAY/JAN. 8

Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board, 4 p.m. at the Department of Housing & Community Development, HCD Center, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax. 703-246-5164.

MONDAY/JAN. 12

Board of Supervisors Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3151.

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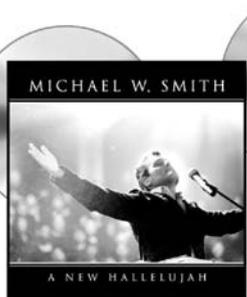
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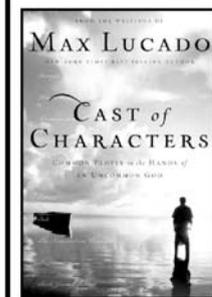
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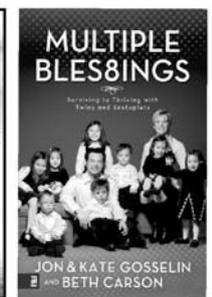
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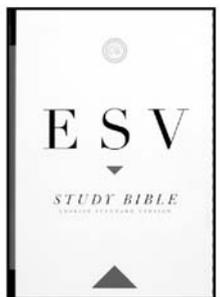
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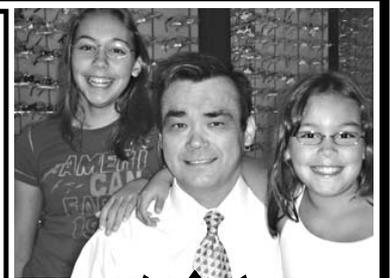


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PEOPLE



Fairfax Station Violist Kaleigh Elizabeth Acord.

In Concert at the Lyceum

Kaleigh plays both the violin and viola.

Fairfax Station Violist Kaleigh Elizabeth Acord will perform with Russian pianist Irina Kats, Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum in Alexandria.

Introduce yourself:

I am a 17-year-old high school senior. A classical musician, I perform on both violin and viola.

How did you get your start in music and how long have you been performing?

I began piano lessons at age 7, and took up violin and viola at age 11. I have been performing almost as long as I have been playing music.

What is it that you love about performing?

I find my greatest satisfaction in knowing that I have crossed the bridge between technicality and musicality, conquered all my personal demons, and succeeded in communicating something truly meaningful to an audience.

What is your best memory about music?

I do not have a single best musical memory. But every time I play respectfully at a performance I was nervous about, I am on cloud nine for the rest of the night — some-

times the rest of the week. It's also extremely rewarding to go back to a piece you struggled with a while ago, only to realize that all those passages that were so perplexing are much more manageable.

Where is your favorite place to play, either publicly or personally?

Retirement and nursing home audiences are so appreciative; I adore them and love to play for them. As for venue and acoustics alone, I am quite fond of the Lyceum, which is fortunate since I perform there relatively frequently.

Best compliment about a performance?

All the compliments that I have appreciated most have been those regarding my ability to command the stage. As a performer, it's your goal to have ev-

eryone so wrapped up in your musical messages that they almost forget to blink.

What is your favorite piece of music?

There are many pieces of music near and dear to my heart. My current favorite, however, is Brahms' "Double Concerto for Violin and Cello." It's got everything: brilliantly voiced interplay between the two solo instruments, flashy virtuosity, shimmering nostalgia, unforgiving flirtatiousness, dark mysteriousness, utter ferocity ... and beyond. The emotional color palette is astounding.

Biggest musical influences:

While there are several composers I revere highly, I undoubtedly have the strongest connection with Brahms. My strengths lie in fiery brilliance and warm sentimentality, which are both integral parts of Brahms' musical vocabulary.

Anything special in the upcoming show?

There are few pieces written specifically and originally for the viola, and Bela Bartok's spectacular "Viola Concerto" is one of them. It is both technically and musically demanding, and is written extremely intricately.

Bartok was very interested in European folk music, some of which he wove into the Concerto (as well as many other works). Bartok also made use of "continuing variation"—the concept of taking one musical theme or motif, dissecting it, and using isolated aspects to create what sound like new themes. However, if you go back to the score of the piece with a knowing eye, it's clear that it all relates.

What would you recommend to someone starting out in the business?

Try out as many different types of music as possible, and find which one(s) suit you best. Knowing your strengths will help you to better recognize and deal with your weaknesses. Never try to squelch your personality in your music; the audience is interested in your unique temperament, not how many notes you make or miss, what note you didn't articulate quite correctly, or what bow stroke you wish you'd had more time to perfect.

Fairfax Station Violist Kaleigh Elizabeth Acord will perform Sunday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Free. 703-838-4994 or recitalprogramsandpromotions@verizon.net.



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OPINION

When To Chase?

How to judge when benefits outweigh risks to police, public?

In the past week, there were two instances of police chasing perpetrators through multiple jurisdictions that raise some questions.

In one case, a tractor trailer driven by a man fleeing police in Montgomery County crossed the American Legion Bridge on the Capital Beltway into Fairfax County and then exited in Tysons Corner before crashing down the block from this newspaper's offices on Westpark Drive. Dozens of police cars from Maryland and Virginia participated in the chase, broadcast live on some channels via helicopter.

The chase ended with a few fender benders and the suspect being tasered. No one else was hurt.

But we wonder what kind of damage could have occurred.

When does it make sense to chase a suspect driving a vehicle with contents unknown into the center of one of the largest shopping districts in the United States during the holiday shopping season? With helicopters in pursuit perhaps this is a case where tracking the truck until it ran out of gas was a possibility.

Last week, a 19-year-old bank robbery sus-

pect from McLean was shot dead by police within sight of a middle school after a foot chase led them to an Arlington neighborhood.

Last February, a Fairfax County Police Officer drove her police cruiser through a red traffic signal on Richmond Highway on the way to answer a call, striking the car of 33 year-old Ashley McIntosh and killing her. The officer was cleared of charges of reckless driving.

We don't pretend to understand all of the factors that come into play in making such decisions in general or these decisions in particular. We do know that we would like police to be open with the public about their policies.

EDITORIALS

More on Poor Students

Several thoughtful e-mails were sent responding to our editorial, "Don't Lump Poor Students Together." [Dec. 3, 2008, www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=322904&paper=65&cat=110]

Some writers pointed to many factors besides concentration of student poverty that affect the

quality of a school.

For example, Graham Road Elementary, with a high percent poverty rate, performs comparably to many schools with wealthy student populations. Graham Road, at least one writer said, is a good school because of great principal, great resources and parents who care.

The way the editorial was written does present too simplistic a picture.

While concentration of poverty in schools creates significant and often unnecessary challenges, and decreasing the concentration has benefits, this is far from the only factor involved in creating a successful school and student achievement.

Absolutely a great principal can inspire staff and parents; teachers and parents who care can make an incredible difference. And it is also quite possible for a school populated by affluent families to be mediocre.

Any yet, as the school system draws new boundaries, it is a mistake to create this additional challenge of concentrating poor students in one school.

But there is much more work than that involved in creating great schools.

— MARY KIMM

Here Today Gone Tomorrow

Business bankruptcies are on the rise.

BY EDWARD JOHNSON
BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

It is not pretty. We all know what "it" is — the economy. 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? As a result of the declining economy, 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. Your Better Business Bureau (BBB) offers this general advice for consumers on what to do if a retailer closes up shop.

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 Chap-

ter 7 cases and then the chances for the consumer 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 BBB 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 more expensive the purchase, the more you have to risk. So, proceed with caution and perform

your due diligence. However, despite 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 following is advice from the BBB on steps you can take 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 divided 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. Many extended warranties and service plans are provided and administered by third parties and are typically not affected by a retailer or manufacturer going bust.

♦ 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.

Edward Johnson is president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the greater metro Washington, D.C. region.

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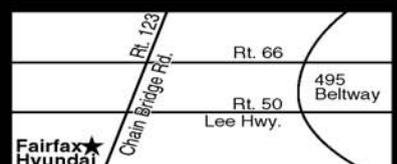
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3 Doors Down featuring Switchfoot. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50-\$55, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT. The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax.

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 an age-appropriate science experiment. Age 4-6 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

American Red Cross Blood Drive at 8 a.m. at CALIBRE, 6354 Walker Lane in Metro Park. Contact Bob Montcalm at 703-797-8751.

Jack Hidle. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

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.

Amanda Murphy & The Lost Indian's. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SATURDAY/DEC. 20

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

Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$49.50 and \$69.50, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.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.

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Amanda Murphy & The Lost Indian's. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

DEC. 21

"Over the North Pole," 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Harris Theatre, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$17 adults, \$15



Virginia Ballet Company will present their 59th annual 'Nutcracker' from Dec. 27-29 at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus.

students and seniors 703-222-5511 or www.encore-tap.org.

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. The program will include Bartok, Bach and Brahms. Free admission and lot parking. 703-838-4994 or recitalpro-

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Karaoke. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

MONDAY/DEC. 22

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

Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

FRIDAY/DEC. 26

Don Cobert. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

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Virginia Ballet Company's 59th "Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Community College, Ernst Cultural Center Theater, Annandale Campus. Tickets \$30 adults, \$20 children, students and seniors. 703 249-8227 or www.virginiaballetcompany.org.

Don Cobert. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 28

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Karaoke. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

MONDAY/DEC. 29

Fairfax High School Theatre Department Winter Break Drama Camp for grades 1-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. \$75 for three half-day sessions or \$165 for the full three-day camp. Activities include musical theater and puppetry. 703/818-0926 or

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Open Mic. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

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FRIDAY/JAN. 2

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University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com. Visit www.jeffdunham.com.

Johnny 3 Legs, Frayz, John Cerda, BLVD and more. 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$15 day of show. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Terry Lee Ryan. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

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Terry Lee Ryan. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 4

Karaoke. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 5

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Lynbrook Wins Healthy School Award

256 runners take part in Marine Corps' Healthy Fun Run.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Lynbrook Elementary in Springfield will receive the 2008 Healthy School Award for having 256 runners participate in the Healthy Kids Fun Run on the day prior to the Marine Corps Marathon. This is Lynbrook's seventh award, which is presented by the Marine Corps Marathon and its partner, Washington FAMILY Magazine to promote health and fitness.

"I think we did amazing," said P.E. teacher Richard Dexter who organized the event with fellow teacher Jed Bobier. "We had 60 percent of the general population age is 6-13 to run the race."

About 3,000 people from all over the U.S. took part in the 1-mile fun run on Oct. 25, said Beth Johnson, public relations coordinator for the Marine Corps Marathon. The schools with the highest participation are honored. "It's more about getting the kids involved in fitness," she said. "The 1-mile



The Lynbrook Elementary Leprechauns march in cadence at the Healthy Kids Fun Run.

distance is very child friendly."

The first year Lynbrook had 13 students participate. Eight years later, they had to take five buses down to the Pentagon. At the race, Lynbrook students wear their Leprechaun T-shirts and bib numbers, march in cadence, sing school rhymes and wave

the Virginia flag. "We may or may not win this thing, but we made our presence felt," said Dexter. "The idea is to get them out there and participate."

Some of the students' parents actually ran in the Marine Corps Marathon on the following day, this year being the 33rd.

"I think we did amazing. We had 60 percent of the general population age is 6-13 to run the race."

— Richard Dexter, P.E. teacher

Dexter had 20-30 chaperones who participated, and this was the first year the race was opened up to Lynbrook first-graders. "It's a team effort to motivate and get these kids out there. ... We had a good time and it was a lot of fun."

This was the third race for sixth-grader Henry Munoz. He ran the race with two of his friends, Jennie Portillo and Marvin Martinez. Although he was feeling kind of sick that day, that didn't stop him from going and having fun. "Even if I wasn't first, I had a good time," he said. "There were a lot of people faster than me."

Sixth-grader Nancy Salazar, who was impressed with the size of the crowd, ran the race with her sister Donna Baley. "She kept me running so we ran together," she said. She ran half of the race, and then stopped and walked a little, then started running

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TUESDAY/JAN. 6

Computer Tutoring, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Teen Book Club, 7 p.m. Fun, food and great book discussions. Age 12-18. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Snowflakes 10:30 a.m. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 2-3 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 7

Rotting Christ with Mantic Ritual, Epicurean, Apothys, The Red Horse of War and more. 7 p.m. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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Conversation Group, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Girls Night Out book group, 7 p.m. Call for title. Age 12-15 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Lunch Bunnies, 12 p.m. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Age 1-5 with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/JAN. 8

Puppy Tales, 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and activities about puppies. Age 13-23 months with parent. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Daytime Book Discussion Group, 12:15 p.m. "Babbitt" by Sinclair Lewis. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610. Adults.

Don Cobert. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 9

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

Localpalooza, Violet Says 5, Noo Shots for Ben, Pain! and more. 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Don Cobert. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 10

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

Flu Vaccinations, 12 p.m. Shots \$25 or Medicare Part B; must be 18 or older. Call Inova for details at 703-698-2424. Adults. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

Tales To Take Hold Of, 2 p.m. Juggling and folk tales from around the world with juggling storyteller Renee Brachfeld. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Don Cobert. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 11

Karaoke. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 12

Happy Birthday, Princess Priscilla, 10:30 a.m. Celebrate the branch teddy bear's birthday with stories and songs. Age 24-35 months with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Winter Crafts, 3:30 p.m. It's time to make a winter craft. Age 6-12. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 13

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CALENDAR

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

Teen Game Night, 7 p.m. Play games and have fun at the library. Age 12-18. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Penguin Parade, 11:15 a.m. Stories, activities and a craft about penguins. Age 2-3 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Mother-Daughter Book Group, 7 p.m. Call for title and to sign up. Age 9-11 with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

Science and Stories, 4:30 p.m. Stories and simple science experiments. Age 4-6. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Practice Your English Conversation Group, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/JAN. 15

Once Upon a Fairytale, 1:30 p.m. Stories and a craft. Age 4-5 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway. 703-339-7385.

Dave Berry, 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 16

AVP Hot Winter Nights Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15-\$65, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 202-397-SEAT. George Mason Patriot Center,

4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.

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

Cancer Benefit for Ana Lucero, with Backfire, The Black Shade, Baba G'Nush, Funkmnykz, Poor Man's Lobster, 20/20 Vizons and The Iternals. 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance \$12 day of show. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

Dave Berry, 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

New Year, New Library. Join local scout groups for a library open house and learn about the library's green features. Tours at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Snacks will be provided. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

VITA Tax Assistance, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$42K. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Dave Berry, 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 18

G-Scale Trains Running at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 1-4 p.m. at 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia and Maryland Garden Railway Society will be running large scale model trains in the community room. \$2 Adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

Karaoke, 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131

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MONDAY/JAN. 19

Open Mic Night, 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

Needlework Group, 10:30 a.m. Bring a project to work on in the company of fellow needlecrafters. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Small Wonders, 10:15 a.m. Stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English

Conversation Group, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Adults. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

Lorton Book Club 7:30 p.m. The Invisible Wall: A Love Story That Broke Barriers by Harry Bernstein. Adults. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

Book Discussion Group, 7:15 p.m. Call for title. Adults. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. 703-971-0010.

THURSDAY/JAN. 22

Vrrroom! 10:30 a.m. Stories, songs and activities about cars. Age 2-5 with adult. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Preschool Storytime, 1 p.m. Stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.



Get Pet Pictures taken with Santa Claws on Saturday, Dec. 20 at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield.

CRIME NOTES

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Camera stolen from residence. **8100 block of Loisdale Road.** Bicycle stolen from business. **9500 block of Mooregate Court.** Jewelry stolen from residence.

VEHICLE THEFTS

6000 block of Old Stratford Court. 1995 Ford Mustang. **Potters Lane/Clara Edward Terrace.** 2007 Mazda. **6100 block of Talavera Court.** 1998 Ford Crown Victoria.

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Dec. 12.

LARCENIES

6800 block of Brian Michael Court. Grill, bumper and license plate stolen from vehicle. **7900 block of Cluny Court.** License plate stolen from vehicle. **9000 block of Daum Court.** GPS unit stolen from vehicle. **8200 block of Donset Drive.** Computer, camera, scanner, chop saw and cell phone stolen from vehicle. **6200 block of Draco St.** Work tools stolen from vehicle. **8300 block of Duck Hawk Way.** Smart Trip Metro card, work bag and iPod stolen from vehicle. **9000 block of Golden Sunset Lane.** GPS unit stolen from vehicle. **5500 block of Hecate Court.** Cash and cellular phone stolen from residence. **5600 block of Herberts Crossing Drive.** Stereo stolen from vehicle. **8200 block of Laurel Heights Loop.** GPS unit and phone charger stolen from vehicle. **7200 block of Ox Road.** Purse stolen from vehicle.

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Local Authors Published

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of storytelling to her work. The book, which Jewell calls "literary or creative non-fiction," is based on her studies of native wildlife in Maine and Florida. The title comes from some of the colloquial terms for the some of the birds and animals she spent hours and hours analyzing.

"Even though people don't know what pufflings are, they're intrigued enough that I think people [will] want to know," she said.

Before she fills out her first job application, 12 year-old Irene Martinko can add "published author" to her resume. The Springfield resident and Washington Irving Middle School student has enjoyed writing since from a very young age, but was finding it difficult to finish the stories she had started. A year ago her mother made her a deal: if Irene could finish her latest story, she could get it published.

So it was that "Sam Saddlebags: Horse Detective" was born. "Move Madness," the first in a planned series of books featuring the equine gumshoe became available for purchase in December. Based on an idea developed by Irene at the age of 7, the story centers around horse and private investigator named Sam Saddlebags. She described her protagonist as a bumbling, Inspector Clouseau-like figure who discovers and solves cases largely by coincidence.

"He comes upon these mysteries by accident, and ends up solving them accidentally," said Irene.

At Greenspring retirement community on Spring Village Road in Springfield, Jean Reynolds has just finished dreaming up her latest modern-day family fantasy. At 80, she is the author of numerous children's books, most based loosely on her experiences as a grandmother. Her latest work, "The Fairy Grandmother Goes to the Ball," is expected to be available for purchase before the New Year.

Though it is technically a children's book, Reynolds said her previous work had sold well at the retirement community. The story spans the life of a grandmother who harbors a secret dream to attend a ball.

"If I can get to a book signing or a church where there are grandparents, they buy all the copies up," she said.

As a writer for SeaPower magazine, Reynolds befriended John Kaljee, who would later go on to illus-

trate four of her books. However, Kaljee was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and was unable to draw for her latest piece. So she reached out to fellow Greenspring resident Anne G. Marean for "Fairy Grandmother Goes to a Ball."

She described her style as storytelling that teaches a lesson, inspires the reader and doesn't talk down to her audience.

"I write the story to write the story and if there's a word in there that's a little bigger [than they're used to] well, then they can learn that word," she said.

"The main point here was to make a link between grandparents and their grandchildren."

Irene said her writing used a lot of humor because she "didn't want to write anything super serious." She wrote the story with a second-grade reader in mind, and that was her target audience for "Movie Madness".

The price to self-publish can cost thousands of dollars to the author and comes without the up front advance that many professional authors rely upon.

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— Eve Martinko, Irene Martinko's mother

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The pre-teen scribe said she had her sights set on a writing career.

"No definitely, I want to be an author," said Irene. Jewell took a more vocational tone to her work, which she described as a hobby.

"I consider myself a biologist who enjoys writing," she said.

Reynolds has been able to sell enough copies of her first book to order a second printing. She put the cost to print 1,000 copies of her book at over \$3,500, or \$3.50 per copy.

"I'm paying to have them printed myself," she said.

More

To purchase a copy of "Gators, Gourdheads and Pufflings: A Biologist Slogs Climbs and Wings Her Way to Save Wildlife" by Susan Jewell, call 877-289-2665 or visit www.buybooksontheweb.com. To purchase a copy of "Sam Saddlebags: Horse Detective: Movie Madness," visit www.amazon.com. Copies of "The Fairy Grandmother" can be purchased at Greenspring stores or by e-mailing Jean Reynolds at Jean.reynolds@ericksonresident.com.

Lynbrook Healthy School

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again.

The day itself has many activities that are oriented toward health and fitness, including a Health and Fitness Expo, food sampling, health and nutrition information, adds Johnson.

The award will be presented to each school during assemblies this winter featuring activities

and special guests, including Ronald McDonald; Miles, the MCM Mascot and the National Children's Museum's "Museum without Walls" program. Washington FAMILY Magazine will make a financial donation to each the school's physical education department.

The other county schools that will receive the award are Eagle View in Fairfax and Hollin Meadows Science & Math Focus School in Alexandria.

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White Out

While nearly one-third of the county is not white, 95 percent of its elected officials are.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

When he is sworn in on Jan. 20, President-elect Barack Obama will be the first African American to hold that office. He will also boost the number of people of color who represent Fairfax County by 25 percent.

Only four of Fairfax County's 80 current elected representatives, from United States President to Northern Virginia Soil and Water board members, are not white. None are Hispanic or Latino.

According to the 2006 U.S. Census, about 40 percent of Fairfax County defines itself as members of racial or ethnic minority groups.

Fairfax County Public Schools is a "majority minority" system, with white students making up just 48 percent of the total student population in 2008.

YET FAIRFAX COUNTY'S representatives hardly reflect the county's multi-ethnic and multi-racial make up. While nearly one-third of the county is not white, 95 percent of its elected officials are.

Until Obama takes office, none of Fairfax County's elected official at the federal level is a member of a minority group. Every person that represents Fairfax County in the state government, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, six state Senators and 16 members House of Delegates members, is white.

At the local government level, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), who is African American, is the only person of 10 sitting on the county board that is not white. Elected in 2003, Hudgins is the first African American and non-white person elected to the Board of Supervisors.

Ilryong Moon, Korean American, and Tina Hone, who is biracial, are both at-large members on the 12-member Fairfax County School Board.

George Lovelace, who is African American, sits on the Vienna's town council. He is the only non-white elected representative out of 20 in the county's three town governments of Vienna, Herndon and Clifton.

"The richness of Fairfax County is its diversity and, when you look across the room, you don't see that diversity across the leadership," said Hudgins.

From 2004 to 2007, just three of the 80 people holding public office in Fairfax County - 3.75 percent overall - were not white.

"It is one of the reasons I ran," said Hone about the lack of racial and ethnic diversity among Fairfax County's political leadership.



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

When Barack Obama, shown here at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax in July, takes office as President, he will increase the current minority representation of Fairfax County by 25 percent.



Tina Hone



Ilryong Moon



Cathy Hudgins



George Lovelace

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— **Cathy Hudgins, Board of Supervisors**

"I know fully that one does not have to be a minority to understand and be passionate about issues that affect minorities. ... [But] I am someone who actually believes a government should reflect the diversity of the electorate."

"Especially for something like the school board, it is important to have various points of view represented on the board," said Bob Frye, an African American elected to Fairfax school board in 1995. "Having people from diverse backgrounds and occupations helped."

Elected officials also run the risk of leaving minority communities isolated or disenfranchised when the political leadership fails to reflect the electorate.

"Such imbalance does not help garnering support and buy-in from the under represented communities for policies set by the political leaders," said Moon. "Such imbalances also miss opportunities to tap resources and talents that minority candidates and communities can provide."

THERE ARE different theories as to why Fairfax County's political leadership does not reflect the county's population.

Some say Fairfax County's minority com-

munities have grown fairly recently and are still trying to grow roots establish themselves.

According to the U.S. Census, Fairfax was 81.3 percent white in 1990. By 2006, the county population was 67.9 percent white.

"When you compare [Northern] Virginia to the rest of the United States, our communities are still very young," said Isis Castro, a former county school board member.

MANY OF the new residents who make up Fairfax's fastest growing minority communities, Asian and Hispanic, are also immigrants. About 27 percent of Fairfax residents are foreign born and 32 percent speak a language other than English in their homes, according to 2006 census data.

The language barrier can make it very difficult for minority communities to get involved in politics and could also explain why certain groups have lagged in representation. "If you come here, you have to learn the language first, become successful and get involved in your community before you can move on to politics. That can take time," said Castro, who was a refugee from Cuba, moving to Florida as a child.

Fairfax Minority Elected Officials:

- George Lovelace:** Town of Vienna Council (1982-1996, 2003-present); House of Delegates (1997-1999)
- Bob Frye:** Fairfax County School Board, At-large (1996-2003)
- Ernestine Heastie:** Fairfax County School Board, Providence District (1996-2003)
- Ilryong Moon:** Fairfax County School Board, Braddock District (1996-1999); Fairfax County School Board, At-large (2004-present)
- Isis Castro:** Fairfax County School Board, Mount Vernon District (2000-2003)
- Rita Thompson:** Fairfax County School Board, At-large (2000-2003)
- Cathy Hudgins:** Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Hunter Mill (2004-present)
- Tina Hone:** Fairfax County School Board, At-large (2008-present)
- Barack Obama:** United States President (takes office 2009)

New immigrants may also have a hard time understanding the political process in the United States or have had negative experiences with government officials in their home country.

"Many minority communities have not been in Fairfax long enough to learn and become comfortable with the American political process. Some communities have also traditionally shunned politics due to their own cultural and historical experiences," said Moon, who moved to Northern Virginia from Korea in high school.

"In addition to candidate recruiting, more education on our political process needs to be provided to communities," he said.

MANY CANDIDATES don't believe people of color really need "majority minority" districts to get elected in Fairfax County. Every minority elected official in Fairfax County was chosen by a majority white electorate.

"I am not naive enough to think that color doesn't matter but a person of color would get a fair look in Northern Virginia."

— **George Lovelace, Vienna Town Council**

County voters seem willing to look past race when voting.

When Ernestine Heastie was elected Providence's representative on the school board in 1995, the district had one of the smallest African American populations, just 5.2 percent, of any in the county. According to 2006 census data, the Hunter Mill district, which Hudgins represents, is just 6.2 percent African American and

nearly 70 percent white. "I think if a person of color runs for office in Northern Virginia, I think they are chosen based on what they bring to the table," said Lovelace, the Vienna Town Councilmember. "I am not naive enough to think that color doesn't matter but a person of color would get a fair look in Northern Virginia."

FAIRFAX COUNTY has a deficit of minority elected officials not because people of

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Little Diversity in County Leadership

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color can't get elected but because of a deficit of minority candidates.

"There have not been enough minority candidates running for public office," said Moon. "The political parties need to do a much better job of reaching out to minority communities to recruit, encourage, groom and train more minority candidates."

Mexican American and Republican activist Laura Varamirez Drain agreed with Moon. The Reston resident was focused on national politics this past fall as national co-chair of Latinas for McCain and Virginia's only Hispanic delegate to the Republican National Convention in early September. But she says she will direct more of her attention to local politics now. "Fairfax is a very diverse community and we are not well represented. I think we have to do a better job of running for positions," said Drain.

SCOTT SUROVELL hopes to increase minority participation in the Fairfax County Democratic Committee as the organization's current president.

"I think candidates will come from that," he said. The local Democrats are trying to have more of a presence at ethnic community events and fairs. Surovell said party officials are also reaching out more to the ethnic media.

The party's information piece for public schools' Back-to-School Night was printed in four different languages this year. Fairfax County Democrats are also working toward offering their "sample ballots" in several languages.

Surovell added that the amount of money and time it takes to run for office is also a barrier. "A lot of people simply can't afford to make the jump [to elected office]," he said.

MOST of Fairfax County's minority elected officials have been affiliated with the Democratic Party, though Rita Thompson, a former school board member, was a Republican. The Republican Party also ran Vellie Dietrich Hall, a Filipino American, unsuccessfully for Mason District supervisor in 2007.

"In my opinion, we have a very diverse Republican Party. We have a lot of people participating from very different backgrounds. Our party vice chair is Korean and the head of the Mason District Republican Committee is African American. ... But all that hasn't translated into candidates and candidates getting elected," said Jim Hyland, recent head of the Fairfax County Republican Party.

The local Republicans have a hard time recruiting candidates, whether they are

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Time and money are major reasons that minorities in particular do not run for office, according to several current and former minority representatives.

"Being on the school board pays \$12,000 per year and it is a matter of people who can do it. In my case, I was retired so I knew I would have a pension coming in," said Heastie, former school board member.

The average household income of Asian, African American or Hispanic households in Fairfax significantly lower than it is for their white counterparts, indicating that people from minority communities may

from a minority community or not, he said.

"It is getting harder and harder to get people to run for office. It has gotten more expensive and time consuming so people are less inclined to do it. You essentially have to be wealthy or in a situation where you don't have to work," said Hyland. "There are lots of good people I would love to run for office and they say they like being active in the party but they are not sure they want to quit their job, raise money and get pummeled by the press," he added.

Several people who currently hold and previously held elected office agreed the running for election is an intimidating task.

"It appears to be an awesome venture to do something like that. The person either has to have the resources or the ability to raise the resources," said Frye.

For minority candidates, role models and mentors are also few and far between.

"That fact that there are not many minority elected officials itself is not encouraging to any minority who may be considering a run," said

have less financial flexibility to run.

"For people who have kids it is just very difficult to give up the time and the money," said Hone, current school board member.

She added that people of color are more likely to have grown up poor or working class and giving up the luxury of free space in their schedule or extra money can be particularly hard because they have never had that flexibility before.

"It was hard to give up time and that extra financial security because I had never had it growing up. If I have extra time and extra money, do I give it to politics or my family?" Hone said.

The local Democratic Party expects its candidates to be active in the community and local politics for years before they attempt to run for office so energy and financial investment can be a long one that some people can't make.

Still, Hudgins, on the Board of Supervisors, said the way to cultivate and encourage minority leaders is to get them involved in community and county leadership.

As a supervisor, Hudgins tries to make sure her appointments to commissions, boards and authorities include people from an array of backgrounds.

"Most people in serving in elected office in Fairfax County today have been involved in some part of county government as citizen activists," said Hudgins.

HUDGINS also emphasized the importance of having a diverse county workforce, particularly among the civil servant leadership.

Currently, about 65 percent of county employees, excluding those in the school system, are white. Senior management in county government, however, is 82 percent white, 12 percent African American, two percent Asian and four percent Hispanic.

"I am someone who actually believes a government should reflect the diversity of the electorate."

— **Martina Hone, Fairfax school board**

Fairfax County Government Employees By Race/Ethnicity

The Asian and Hispanic communities – Fairfax County's two largest minority groups -- are underrepresented in the Fairfax County government. The following information is provided by the U.S. Census and Fairfax County government.



Fairfax County Public Schools Employees by Race/Ethnicity

Fairfax County Public Schools is a majority minority system, where white students make up less than half of the school population. But Fairfax County's teaching core and administrators are still overwhelmingly white.



Though students in Fairfax public schools are only 48 percent white, 84 percent of its teachers are white. About seven percent of teachers are African American, three percent are Hispanic and four percent are Asian.

IN TERMS OF elected officials, Obama could prove inspiration for other people from minority communities who might want to run for public office.

"The Obama campaign did a lot to bring people in that we have not seen before. I am hoping that it will have a lasting impact," said Surovell of the local Democrats.

Several of the people of color who have been elected to office said they were inspired by previous campaigns.

"I reflected on the success Doug Wilder had running for Governor. I had been an appointed school board member so I thought I would try to run and I was successful," said Frye of his decision to become a candidate for school board.

Hudgins said she and others were inspired by Jesse Jackson's run for the U.S. presidency in 1984 and 1988. Jackson won the Virginia Democratic primary in 1988.

"There was a ground swell, particularly after '88, of folks who started running for office. When you are not seeing your face in a leadership role, it takes a bit more effort to say 'I can make that move,'" she said.



Following his 12th place finish at the 2008 Foot Locker Cross-Country Championships over the weekend, Edison senior Leoule Degfae earned All-American honors.

Edison's Degfae Races Nation

At the 2008 Foot Locker Cross-Country Championships, Leoule Degfae finishes 12th.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

When Edison senior Leoule Degfae arrived in San Diego last Thursday afternoon, he was greeted at the airport and eventually arrived at the Hotel del Coronado to meet with a group of the nation's top cross-country runners. Degfae was awestruck.

To discuss race and training strategies with a group of the nation's elite, Degfae felt privileged just to be part of their company and listened intently to every word that was spoken.

And after finishing 12th at the 2008 Foot Locker Cross-Country Championships on Saturday afternoon, Degfae no longer viewed himself as an outsider. He's now one of the country's

top runners.

"I'm so thrilled about it," said Degfae, who finished the 5K course in 15 minutes, 46 seconds. "It took a long time to get here, and to consider myself an All-American ... I can't even believe it."

Eighty runners from across the country convened in California for the three-day event, with Sherwood High School (Md.) senior Solomon Haile (15:15) and Jordan Hasay (17:22) of California taking home the titles. Hasay, who won back in 2005, became the first runner to win the event twice.

Regional races in Kenosha, Wis. (Midwest), Bronx, N.Y. (Northeast), Charlotte, N.C. (South) and Walnut, Calif. (West) determined the field, which consisted of the 10 fastest boys and the 10 fastest girls from each site. At the South Regional on Nov. 29, Degfae finished fifth with a personal-best time of 15:04.

SEVERAL TEAMMATES joined Degfae at the South Regional, including National District champion Myah Hicks. Only a sophomore, Hicks won the freshman/sophomore race with a time of 18:31. Freshman Tara Tinsley placed 13th and sophomore Laura

Hutchinson took 19th, while senior Betel Yosef placed 18th in the junior/senior race. All four girls earned All-South honors.

"The team as a whole did very well," said Edison cross-country coach Bernadette Flynn, who traveled to California to watch Degfae's race. "I think it helped [Degfae] to have such a big part of the team there for support."

Degfae owned the Northern Region cross-country scene this fall. With a first-place finish along the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park for the National District championships on Oct. 11, Degfae ran a personal-best time of 15:13.

A WEEK LATER at the Northern Region meet on the same course, Degfae cut nearly a second off that time with a mark of 15:12, becoming the first region champion at Edison since George Watts accomplished the feat in 1973-74.

At the Virginia AAA state meet in The Plains on Oct. 30, Degfae broke his personal-best mark on a 5K course, claiming third with a time of 15:29.

Degfae has expressed interest in running at either Virginia Tech or the University of Tennessee and plans to visit Knoxville around the end of December.

"Every goal that we've set, he has reached," Flynn said. "From freshman year until now, setting his sights higher one level at a time, he has kept doing it."

Kuter Signs With Mason

From the beginning of the recruiting process, Robinson senior Brandon Kuter knew that he wanted to stay close to home. But in the end, the school just a long toss away from home won out.

Kuter, a 6-foot-6 right-handed pitcher, recently signed a national letter of intent to play baseball at George Mason University. Kuter will join a Patriot squad that already boasts one Robinson graduate in senior outfielder Spencer Wiggins.

"I got a good offer from Mason, and I decided to run with it," said Kuter, who also plays basketball at Robinson and averaged 14.4 points and six rebounds per game last winter. "I didn't want to go too far; I wanted to stay in Virginia. It just felt like the right thing."

This past spring, Kuter amassed a 3-3 record on the mound with a 3.11 ERA and 28 strikeouts. The Rams finished 14-10 and lost to West Springfield, 1-0, in the Northern Region quarterfinals.

WEEK IN SPORTS Kuter's fastball has been clocked between 89 and 92 miles per hour.

In addition to switching between two- and four-seam fastballs, he also relies on a curveball and changeup to keep hitters off balance.

"Widely considered to possess unlimited potential, he will be ready to assume a big role for us as a freshman," said Mason coach Bill Brown, whose team finished 30-25 overall, 18-10 in the Colonial Athletic Association this past spring.

Spartan Wrestling Roundup

At the Sterling Lions Terry McGowan Invitational Wrestling Tournament at Park View High School on Saturday, Dec. 13, the West Springfield Spartans finished seventh out of eight teams with 38 points. Bishop O'Connell High School won the tournament with a score of 219.5 points. In the 103-pound weight class, West Springfield's Mark Ragan pinned Matt Gillette of Briar Woods 1 minute, 52 seconds into the match for third-place honors. Ragan was also named the team's most valuable wrestler for the tournament. Chad Todaro (135) took fourth place with a 19-2 loss to Artis Rutledge of West Potomac.

"It's such an honor to consider myself an All-American."

—Leoule Degfae

SPORTS

Ashley Danner Starts Fast at Mason

Lake Braddock grad continues her assault on GMU record book.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Before the 2008 Virginia AAA state swim and dive championships, which took place at George Mason's Aquatics and Fitness Center this past February, Lake Braddock graduate and Springfield native Ashley Danner was fairly confident that someday her name would adorn the wall space reserved for the school's record holders.

As one of the top swimmers in the ultra-tough Northern Region and as someone who was recruited to spend her next four years in that same water, Danner had a feeling that her own pool record at Mason would come. She just didn't think it would happen before the end of the evening.

"Before states I would go to the pool and look up at the record board and think that I wanted to try and get that," said Danner, who's now a freshman on the swim and dive team at Mason. That night, she set a pool record in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2 minutes, 1.19 seconds — a mark she'd later break, twice.

THE RECORD-SETTING performance not only delivered one of three (two individual, one relay) state titles for Danner the high-schooler, but it also served as a foreshadowing of her current career on the Mason swim and dive team.

"When I looked up and saw it I was so happy that all my hard work had paid off,"



Lake Braddock graduate and Springfield native Ashley Danner set a pool record at George Mason University before she took her first class at the school.

Danner said. "Coming here at the beginning of this school year, I thought it was really cool to go and see my name and to have some of my new friends saying, 'Oh look, you're name is already up there.'"

Perhaps the perfect testimony to her success thus far on University Drive, Danner's February mark no longer stands as a pool record. She smashed it. Danner is not even halfway through her first collegiate season and already has a stranglehold on the Mason swimming record books.

Danner has set or tied five school records (100 freestyle, 100 and 200 breaststrokes, 200 IM, 400 medley relay), broken four CAA records (100 and 200 breaststrokes, 200 IM, 400 medley relay) and has made the NCAA "B" Cut in the 400 IM.

For the 2008 U.S. Short Course National Championships at the beginning of the month, Danner set records in three events, most notably the 100 breaststroke where she obtained school and conference records and was declared the 18-and-under national champion. She also set school and CAA marks in the 200 breaststroke (2:10.06) and 200 IM (2:00.26).

"Her swimming was on such a level that she outgrew high school," said Miriam Lynch, who coached Danner during her junior and senior seasons at Lake Braddock. "To see her do so well at college, I wasn't surprised because it was a bigger forum. She just needed that forum, that level and those people to push her."

Danner arrived at Mason having done

"Her swimming was on such a level that she outgrew high school."

— Miriam Lynch

very little work outside of the pool. She didn't despise weight training, though she rarely did much of it, and slinging around a medicine ball wasn't one of her favorite ways to fill an afternoon when class was cancelled.

But as the competition around her increased, so did Danner's conditioning requirements. Every other week, she was handed full-body workout sheets that listed heavy loads of dumbbell work, bench press variations and abdominal workouts.

"I think she's gotten stronger and it's been largely from the weights," said George Mason swim and dive coach Peter Ward. "As she's gotten stronger, she's more powerful in the water, and I think that's made a big difference in all of her strokes."

THE HARDER the out-of-the-pool work got, the more difficult regular practices became. The extra work motivated Danner and pushed her to a point where she had never been pushed. In her three months living on campus, Danner loves everything about George Mason, save for a lengthy trip across campus when her legs feel like cement.

"It's a lot different for me because I never did weight training or dry-land stuff before, and I think that has helped me a lot to become a better swimmer," Danner said. "There are more people here that are at my level and I like that because it makes me push myself harder to see how far I can go."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Renner's Lead Mainland Squad

In the first-ever Hawaii/Polynesia-Mainland Bowl, which took place Friday, Dec. 12 in front of 4,497 fans at Aloha Stadium, West Springfield senior quarterback Bryn Renner led the Mainland squad to a 22-8 win. The game featured 42 players who have verbally committed to Division I programs.

Renner, playing for his father, former West Springfield coach Bill Renner, completed seven of his 16 passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

"The intensity was turned up a notch compared to high school, and you just had to think quicker and react quicker to what you saw," said Bryn Renner, who has verbally committed to play football and baseball

at North Carolina. "It took a little time, but I think we did pretty well."

The Mainland team arrived on Monday and practiced for the first time Tuesday morning.

After two solid practices, Hawaii was hit with a batch of rain and Thursday's practice was cancelled.

With a brief walk-through on Friday morning, coupled with the news that two wide receivers from California wouldn't be available because of high school commitments, the Mainland squad found itself on tough sledding for the game that night.

But Bill Renner used three running backs, a backup quarterback and his two remaining receiving options, as the team piled up 282 yards of offense.

"We hadn't practiced with any of those kids at any of those positions, and all of a sudden in the middle of the game we had to re-teach the whole thing, so that was a little bit of a challenge," Bill Renner said. "But with good kids who are good athletes,

they made it happen."

Fastpitch Softball Team Seeks Players

The Leesburg Revolution, a U-10 girls fastpitch softball team, is recruiting girls from all over Northern Virginia who are interested in playing travel softball. The Revolution has two open roster spots. Girls interested in trying out for the spring team may contact Dave Carver at 10Urevolution@leesburggirlsoftball.org. The Revolution will conduct an open tryout in early March. For more, including dates and a location for the tryout, visit the team's Web site at www.revolutionfastpitch.org/.

Lancers on Offensive

With a 2-1 record, the Lee boys basketball team has not only had a positive start to its season, but it has also shown an abil-

ity to put up some serious offensive numbers. The Lancers started with a 55-50 win over Yorktown on Dec. 2. Frank Holloway Jr. led the team with 24 points and 18 rebounds. Holloway, a 6-foot-5 senior who has drawn comparisons to the NBA's Charles Barkley, transferred from West Potomac prior to this season and has been an integral part of Lee's offense.

The following week, during a win over Robinson and a loss to Wakefield, the Lancers scored an average of 89.5 points per contest. Holloway had 38 points and 18 rebounds against Wakefield and Walter Griffin, a 6-foot-5 junior forward, posted 14 points, four rebounds, four blocks and four assists against Robinson. Junior guard Deonta Gatlin had nine assists against the Rams and added 17 points against Wakefield.

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At Home Bakery

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Although high fat butter is used in most of the cakes because it bakes so well, Mingledorff is trying to lean towards a lower calorie cake with organic ingredients. Her Cranberry Ginger Cake is yogurt based and has half the butter, so it is the healthiest one she has on the menu. She doesn't use artificial sweeteners either and is keeping an eye on the Food and Drug Administration's ruling on a new sweetener called "Stevia" that is used in Europe but not in baked goods in the U.S. yet. She also composts all her unused ingredients instead of throwing them away. "I'm really focused on the environment," she said.

Mingledorff met her husband Adam while they were both in the Marine Corps in Camp Pendleton, Calif., marrying shortly after that. Now they both have jobs at computer help desks in the area. Kathy works the night shift and fits the baking in when she can. She has an assistant, Kerrie Fisher, to help out a few days a week.

IN ADDITION to Stacy's, Mingledorff's baked goods are featured at Bernie's Delicatessen in the City of Fairfax, and more recently at the Conscious Bean coffee shop in Great Falls. She plans on taking out an ad in the Bridal magazine soon. "I'm pushing up my marketing," she said.

WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

Checkpoint Results In Franconia

Fairfax County Police conducted sobriety checkpoints Friday, Dec. 12 from midnight until 3 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 13. According to a Fairfax County police release, approximately 498 motorists were stopped at a checkpoint on Backlick Road near Leestone Street. A team consisting of eight police officers and four auxiliary officers issued four traffic summonses; two for driving with no operator's license, one for reckless driving and one for driving on a suspended license. No DWI arrests were made, but two criminal charges were placed by county police.

Man Charged with Dec. 7 Assault

Fairfax County police have charged Marcelo Montalvo, 36, in connection with the attempted sexual assault of a unidentified 25-year-old Alexandria woman.



Marcelo Montalvo

POLICE PHOTO

According to a Fairfax County police release, on Sunday, Dec. 7, the victim was walking near the 7200 block of Beulah St. in Alexandria when a man approached her from behind a tree and pulled her down. When nearby sirens could be heard, the suspect let go of the victim

and fled.

On Dec. 10 police responded to a call from a woman who complained of being assaulted at a laundromat on the 7200 block of Commerce St. at approximately 9 p.m. Officers apprehended Montalvo, of no fixed address, at 10 p.m. as he was fleeing the scene. A subsequent investigation later connected him to the Dec. 7 sexual assault attempt on Beulah Street.

Fairfax County Police spokeswoman Lucy Caldwell declined to elaborate on how investigators linked Montalvo to the Dec. 7 incident.

"We do have evidence and information that lead us to believe the two [assaults] were linked," said Caldwell.

Montalvo was charged with attempt to defile and attempted rape.

Chairman Election Set for Feb. 3

The special election to replace Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) as Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman has been set for Feb. 3.

Connolly won Virginia's 11th Congressional District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives Nov. 4. He has served as county chairman since 2004 and plans to resign from his current position Jan. 3.

Two current county elected officials, Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield), have kicked off their campaigns to replace Connolly. Independent candidate Carey Campbell is also running for county chairman.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality to limit air pollution emitted by a facility in Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 18, 2008 to January 20, 2009

PERMIT NAME: State Operating Permit to Operate Issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Air Pollution Control Board

NAME, ADDRESS AND REGISTRATION NUMBER OF PROPOSED PERMIT HOLDER: Impressions Marketing, Inc. 7951 Angleton Court, Lorton, VA 22079; Registration Number: 73714

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Impressions Marketing, Inc. has applied for a State Operating for their Lorton, Virginia facility. The facility manufactures store and office displays and is comprised of four spray booths, three printing presses, and wood cutting and milling machines. The facility is classified as a minor source of air pollution. The proposed permit would allow the facility to operate this equipment. The pollutant of concern is Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). The facility has a permitted limit of 30.88 tons per year of VOC.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by the DEQ within the comment period. The public may request a public hearing. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named below. The draft permit is also available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.virginia.gov. To request a public hearing, written comments must include: 1) the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the requester and of all people represented by the requester. 2) The reason a hearing is requested, including associated air quality concerns. 3) A brief, informational statement regarding the extent of the interest of the requester, including how the operation of the facility affects the requester.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENTS, REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Thomas M. Valentour, Environmental Engineer, Sr. Northern Regional Office, Department of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193, phone: 703-583-3800, email: tmvalentour@deq.virginia.gov

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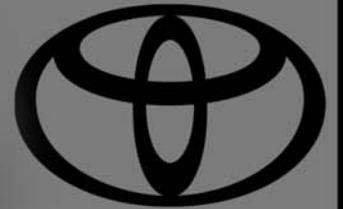
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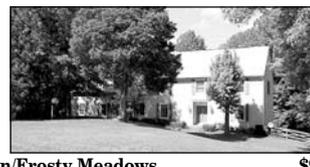
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