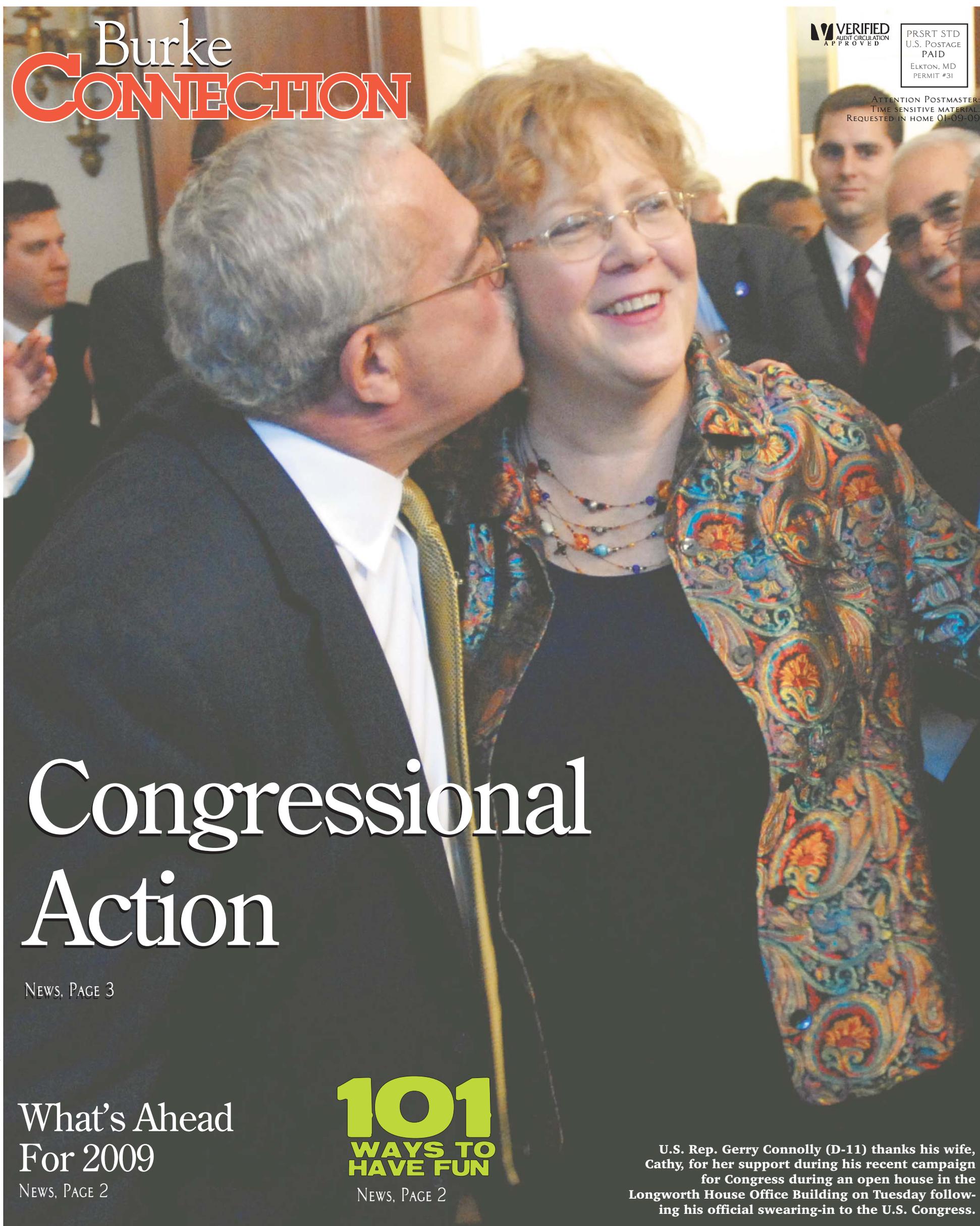


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U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) thanks his wife, Cathy, for her support during his recent campaign for Congress during an open house in the Longworth House Office Building on Tuesday following his official swearing-in to the U.S. Congress.

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The Workhouse Arts Center opened its doors in Lorton in 2008. Located on the grounds of the former Washington, D.C. prison, the state-of-the-art facility provides a visual and performing arts studios, exhibition spaces and engaging art education programs for the community. The Workhouse provides a home for more than 150 of the region's finest professional and emerging artists to express their creativity and their works. They offer classes, exhibitions, visual performances, a Kids Zone and a Body and Mind program. Call for more information about classes and events, 703-495-0001.

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4500 Patriot Circle
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Located on the campus of Northern Virginia's George Mason University, the Patriot Center seats 10,000. Tickets may be purchased at the Patriot Center box office, which is open Monday-Thursday 10 a.m.-7p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster outlets, including all Hecht's departments stores and all Kemp Mill and Tower Records stores, and by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or 202-397-SEAT. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.ticketmaster.com. Group sales discounts are offered for most of the family entertainment presentations and some concerts at the Patriot Center. For more information on group sales discounts, contact Washington Sport & Entertainment at 202-661-5061.

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Looking Ahead to 2009

Recession sets up bleak year for Burke residents.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Budget concerns top the list of almost every governmental body at the local, county and state level. The latest figures released by Fairfax County estimate a budget shortfall of over \$650 million for 2010 fiscal year, set to begin in June 2009.

On Feb. 23, the county Board of Supervisors is expected to review an early draft of a plan to balance the budget. By law, the Commonwealth of Virginia cannot spend over budget like the federal government. Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) said a reduction in library hours, a reduction in money given to non-profit organizations and examine opportunities for consolidation among agencies and departments, though she declined to give an example, citing the early nature of the process.

"More and more people are turning to the county for help," said Bulova. "We need to work smarter and trying to prioritize what our greatest needs are." State Dele. Dave Marsden (D-41) painted a bleak portrait of the budget problems facing the Commonwealth.

"There are cuts coming in education and in almost all areas of government. Local police, sheriff, all the

revenue passed on to schools, that's being hit," said Marsden. "The ball starts with us and the cuts go down to the localities."

Dr. Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, traced the cause for much of the county's budget woes to its reliance on real estate taxes, which account for nearly 62 percent of all yearly tax revenue.

"Of that 62 percent, almost 80 percent comes from the residential side, and you can see what happens when that [market] takes a plunge," said Gordon.

Still, the continued need in Fairfax County for government, IT and military contracting jobs are expected to provide an economic buffer for many local economies in the Northern Virginia area.

Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC), a congressionally mandated consolidation of military and defense personnel in the Washington D.C. region is expected to bring over 19,000 new jobs to localities in the southern portion of the county by 2011.

Even with its dependence on faltering residential real estate taxes, Gordon said Fairfax County was still in a better financial position than many of its neighbors and most areas outside the Northern Virginia area.

"We hear [stories] all the time from people [in other states] that are going to lose their house and are uncertain about how they're going to send their children to college," said Gordon. "[Fairfax County] will still probably have met job growth in the next fiscal year. It will be slower growth than we've ever had,

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Connolly Sworn In

Freshman congressman to serve on budget, foreign affairs and reform committees.

Former Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly (D) was sworn in as a new member of the U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Connolly won Virginia's 11th Congressional District election in November and takes over for 14-year Republican incumbent Tom Davis, who did not run for reelection. He will represent most of central and southern Fairfax, as well as parts of Prince William County, on Capitol Hill.

Connolly expects to serve on three House committees, even though the bulk of representatives, especially freshmen, are members of just two.

The new congressman will join the committees on foreign affairs, oversight and government reform, and the budget.

Connolly will be only freshman on either the foreign affairs or budget committees but has professional experience that has prepared him for both assignments, he said.

He developed and oversaw government budgets as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for 13 years. Before

entering public life, Connolly worked in the field of international relations for 25 years, including 10 years as a staff member to the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Connolly considers his assignment to the foreign affairs committee an asset, since nearly 30 percent of residents in Virginia's 11th Congressional District are foreign born.

"My district is global in its perspective," he said.

"My district is global in its perspective."

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)

Several of Connolly's constituents may also have an interest in his seat on the government reform committee, which has oversight over federal employ-

ees and contractors. Before leaving office, Davis was the ranking Republican on the government reform committee.

As a committee member, Connolly expects to be an advocate for federal employees and contractors, whose value and professionalism can sometimes be overlooked by members of congress from other parts of the country, he said.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) poses with Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, family members and friends for a photo as he marks his first day as a congressman at the U.S. Capitol on Tuesday evening.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) poses for a picture with his daughter, Caitlin.

Burke Realtor, Community Activist Dies

Diana Whitfield, 67, was a fixture at Burke Presbyterian, Terra Centre Elementary.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Diana Whitfield, Burke resident and one of the top-selling real estate agents in Fairfax County, died Monday, Dec. 29 as a result of cancer. Whitfield, 67, was in hospice care at her Burke home last week when she slipped into a coma before dying, according to husband Jim Whitfield.

"She was truly an example of a life partner," said Jim Whitfield. "She complemented me in so many ways. I always said the best sales job I ever did was convincing her to marry me."

Diana Whitfield, who had sold homes in Burke for Long & Foster Realtors since 1994, was a member and former president of the company's "Gold Team," reserved for top sellers.

Family, friends and co-workers described Diane's work ethic in legendary terms. In advertisements, the e-mail address she pro-

vided to clients was TopAgent@Realtor.com. During the winter of 1996 she was featured in a Washington Post article detailing her journey to complete a real estate deal during blizzard conditions. A skier in her spare time, she reportedly strapped on a pair of cross country skis to travel to a client's house to ratify a contract, then to her Burke office to fax it to another agent. Jim Whitfield confirmed the story, calling it a testament to his wife's passion for her work.

Dale Garbardi, Diana's office manager in Burke for over a decade, said she had an impact both in the real estate world and in her community.

"Diana was a tremendous person, one of those people that was not only good in her

personal life, but excellent as a realtor," he said.

THROUGH A partnership with Long & Foster and Terra Centre Elementary School on Burke Centre Parkway, Diana Whitfield spent her spare time tutoring children, coordinating field trips for students to the office and supporting the school's book fair. Terra Centre principal Michele Sims said that when she was first



Diana Whitfield

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hired, Diana Whitfield was there to welcome her.

"Diana was phenomenal, absolutely phenomenal," said Sims. "She gave generously of her finances as well as her time and tal-

ent." Gretta Yorns, friend and fellow congregant of the family for more than 20 years, described both Diana and her husband as active members of Burke Presbyte-

rian Church on Oak Leather Drive.

"She was just an extremely outgoing and friendly person," said Yorns.

Head pastor Elizabeth Braxton confirmed that Diana Whitfield had been ordained as both a deacon and an elder at the church. She also headed up a social group called PITS (People in Touch Socially) that organized social events within

the church. Braxton also said one of the most important services Diana Whitfield provided was through her position as a real estate agent. Although she could not give a specific figure for how many residents in the congregation had purchased their house through Diana Whitfield, but said the number was large.

"I'm sure it's a whole bunch," said Braxton. "She sold me my house. She sold my associate pastor her home."

Jim Whitfield explained his wife's passion. "One of the reasons that she liked real estate was that she really liked helping

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Just for Fun

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Recreate at Oak Marr Rec Center

Oak Marr Rec Center/Oak Marr Golf Complex
3200 Jermantown Road
Vienna

The center, located in Oakton, has an Olympic-sized pool, a spa, a mini "beach" area, and a diving complex. The facility also has two racquetball courts, volleyball courts, and a highly equipped fitness center. Next to the rec center is the Oak Marr Golf Complex. This site provides private and group lessons year round. There are clinics, special events, and junior programs offered at this site. The park includes a large indoor recreation center and a miniature golf course. Cost of admissions is \$8.50 for adults and \$5.50 for children. Call 703-281-6501 for more information.

Climb at Burke Racquet

Burke Racquet & Swim Club
6001 Burke Commons Road
Burke

The Burke Racquet & Swim Club has a state-of-the-art indoor climbing wall, and a challenging one at that. After a rigorous climb, there are also tennis and racquetball courts to get out some aggression. Non-members can climb the wall for \$12. Call 703-250-1299 for more information.

Swim at South Run

South Run RECenter
7550 Reservation Drive
Springfield

South Run RECenter features a 25-by-25-yard heated indoor pool that has two diving boards and a wading area. The RECenter also has a natatorium with a poolside spa, outdoor sun deck, and a full locker room with saunas. After having some fun in the water, guests at the RECenter can also enjoy the racquetball/wallyball courts and the fitness center. Call 703-866-0566 for more information about the RECenter.

Skate With Class

Wakefield Skate Park
8100 Braddock Road
Annandale
www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/skatepark

Wakefield Skate Park offers a variety of classes for young athletes to learn basic skills and expand their current repertoire of moves and tricks.

Located at the Audrey Moore RECenter, Wakefield offers aggressive inline skating and a safe approach to rails and ramps, skateboarding classes that range from novice boarders to those with significant experience and BMX/Freestyle bike camps that teach jumps, gaps and grinds. Safety

equipment is available for rent at the park for a small fee. Call 703-321-7081 for more information.

Toss a Hole-in-One

Disc Golf
Burke Lake Park
7315 Ox Road
Fairfax Station

Burke Lake Park features an 18-hole golf course and a renovated miniature golf course. But there's also the opportunity to play golf without swinging a single club. The park features an 18-hole disk golf course, located in the woods around the park. It's B.Y.O.F. (Bring Your Own Frisbee), and the object is to toss the disk into a hanging basket (i.e. the "hole"). Call 703-323-1641 for more information.

Catch a Delicious Bass

Fountainhead Regional Park
10875 Hampton Road
Fairfax Station
www.nvrpa.org/fountainhead.html

Fountainhead Regional Park features a series of bass fishing contests throughout the year. Fifteen spring, summer and fall tournaments are scheduled to culminate with an invitation-only finale in the fall. Call 703-250-9124 for information about the tournaments and the park.

Work on Your Triple Axel

Fairfax Ice Arena
3779 Pickett Road
Fairfax
www.fairfaxicearena.com

Fairfax Ice Arena features ice skating lessons and both free and private skating parties. During the week it costs between \$5.75-\$7 to skate, depending on the age of the skater. Rates are slightly higher on the weekend. Skates can be rented for \$2.75. Hockey skates can be rented for \$3.50. The arena also hosts skating classes for different levels of experience throughout the year. Call 703-323-1132 for more information.

Go for the Glory

❖ **Glory Days of Burke**
9526-C Old Keene Mill Road
Burke

❖ **Glory Days Grill**
9459 Lorton Market St.
Lorton

This neighborhood sports bar features half-price appetizers every night after nine, Wing Night on Wednesday and a friendly, sports-oriented atmosphere. A high-definition, big-screen TV adorns the front wall and



Mural art by Matthew McCullum, on the exterior of The Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.



Springfield artist Marni Maree works on a piece of art at the Workhouse Art Center.

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Get Out Your Bike Pump

Tour de Lee
Beulah Park adjacent to Lane Elementary School
Springfield

Each October, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) sponsors the Tour de Lee bicycle event. More of an opportunity to tour the trails and streets of the Lee District than an actual race, the event includes a 1.5-mile fun ride for families and longer 15- and 30-mile rides for serious bicyclists. For more, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/CalendarofEvents/tll.htm.

Neighborhood Rivals

❖ **Robinson Secondary School**
5035 Sideburn Road
Fairfax

❖ **Lake Braddock Secondary School**
9200 Burke Lake Road
Burke

One might argue that this rivalry lost its luster when Robinson switched from the Patriot to Concorde District, but don't tell anyone associated with the Lake Braddock-Robinson rivalry that. When these two Northern Region powers get together – no

matter the sport – it always makes for an entertaining event.

Roll a Turkey

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One of the premiere bowling chains in the nation has multiple locations in the Northern Virginia area. Each site offers state-of-the-art scoring equipment and plenty of lanes. More importantly, there's beer by the pitcher. Call 703-425-9303 for Burke, 703-273-7700 for Fairfax, and 703-354-3300 for Alexandria.

Stallions-Hawks Split

❖ **South County Secondary School**
8307 Silverbrook Road
Lorton

❖ **Hayfield Secondary School**
7630 Telegraph Road
Alexandria

When South County Secondary school opened its doors in 2005, several of Hayfield Secondary School's top athletes were forced to switch schools. It's a point that's not lost on coaches and players at Hayfield. Every time these two meet, still, it's always a treat.

Slime Away

Slugfest
Hidden Pond Nature Center
8511 Greeley Blvd.
Springfield
703-451-9588

Anti-slug "protester" Captain Salty often tries — but always fails — to quench this annual celebration for lovers of all things sluglike. Slugfest, a popular tradition at Hidden Pond, is in September and features events such as a slime toss, slug races, a

More

The Connection will add more listings throughout the month of January. Complete listings may be found at www.connectionnewspapers.com

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NEWS

Diana Whitfield

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people," he said. "And she had such a good artistic eye that she could walk into a house, listen to a customer and get a feel for the kind of home [he or she] would feel comfortable with."

Born in Chicago, Ill., Diana Whitfield spent most of her early childhood in Denver, Colo., where she attended the University of Denver. She enjoyed drawing illustrations in her spare time and was an avid traveler and skier, often opting to do both at the same time.

"She was just a picture to watch go down a mountain," said Jim Whitfield.

Diana Whitfield is survived by her husband, sons Mark and Scott Whitfield, sister Deborah Parsons and grandchildren Rieko, Shannon, Cameron, Jake and Chase.

Funeral services, originally scheduled at Burke Presbyterian, were moved to The Waterford Reception Center on Commerce Street in Springfield to accommodate a larger audience. The service is Thursday, Jan. 8, at 2 p.m.



Seasonal Strings

Stephanie Trachtenberg directs strings students from the fifth and sixth grades during Ravensworth Elementary's

Strings and Chorus for this Winter Concert on Dec. 18. Betsy Nerdahl played the piano and directed the fifth and sixth grade chorus.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Dec. 31.

BURGLARY OF AN OCCUPIED DWELLING

7300 block of Langsford Court. A 19-year-old Springfield woman was

asleep in her home in the 7300 block of Langsford Court around 12:30 p.m. when she heard the doorbell ring. She did not answer the door; several minutes later, she heard the front door close. She went to investigate and discovered several electronic items missing. No suspect information is available.



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OPINION

Happy New Year

Let's have some fun in 2009.

The news as we begin 2009 can be daunting, even with the excitement brewing over the inauguration of President Barack Obama later this month.

While there are a lot of serious things to be concerned about, at the Connection, we'll start the year with a look at fun things to do.

From visiting Great Falls (if you haven't, you really should) to playing Frisbee golf in McLean's central park or Burke Lake park, favorite bars, fun local festivals to mark on your calendar, spots for laser tag, skeet shooting practice, dog parks, equestrian opportunities, sailing lessons, and many fun things to do for free, over the month of January, The Connection will compile hundreds of ways to have fun.

Be sure to share your tips for fun things to do in your orbit.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community that you are not likely to get anywhere else — to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones in community and people's lives.

We begin 2009 by looking for more input from our readers. Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community.

We invite you to send letters to the editor, or just to send us an e-mail letting us know about

something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government. If you know of a person or an organization that is interesting, doing important work, and might make a good feature story, let us know.

If someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show, these are all things that we want to know. E-mail or mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events in local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you in 2009.

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More Serious Stuff Ahead

In Fairfax County, a critically important election is coming up in less than a month.

Tuesday, Feb. 3 all polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. to choose a replacement for Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly, who begins representing much of Fairfax County in the U.S. House of Representatives this week.

Two current members of the Board of Supervisors are vying to replace Connolly, Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). Both candidates are dedicated individuals with excellent experience and ample intellects. Their approaches to handing the county as it heads through a period of economic crisis would be quite different. You'll read more about them in the pages of the Connection. See their Web sites for more in the meantime: <http://sharonbulova.com>, and <http://herrity.balancegroup.us>

* The Virginia General Assembly begins its annual session with a budget train wreck next week. Go to the Virginia General Assembly Web site for more at <http://legis.state.va.us>.

The House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia operate a toll-free message center to accept calls from citizens who want to express an opinion on legislation. The messages are relayed to the members' offices as requested. Call the Constituent Viewpoint line at 800-889-0229.

Petersen Seeks To Streamline Spending

General Assembly session begins Jan. 14.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN
D-34

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, the General Assembly goes into session. In the weeks prior to the session, state legislators are working with the Department of Legislative Services to prepare legislation for the 2009 session.

In the short term, our focus in the State Senate is on solving the state budget deficit. In the long term, it is revitalizing the state economy.

In 2009, my focus will be on streamlining state spending, investing in "next generation" industries and working on transportation solutions in Northern Virginia.

❖ **State Spending:** There are two obvious places where the state government can save money. First, the state is currently spending a half-billion in our Department of Corrections, much of which is used to house nonviolent offenders. At an annual cost of \$50,000 per prisoner, this is a staggering cost. We must punish criminals for their crimes, but there is no value in housing them indefinitely. In 2009, I will be sponsoring sentencing reform mea-

sures that will save Virginia from the incarceration cost of minor crimes, while still punishing dangerous and repeat offenders.

Second, our state needs to cut costs like every homeowner does, by cutting back on utility usage and disposing of surplus property. In 2009, I will propose legislation to require new state buildings to be LEED certified, while permitting state agencies to enter contracts with outside system managers to reduce energy usage and costs. These are savings that will save the state long after the 2009 assembly has adjourned.

❖ **"Next Generation" Industries:** One of the growth industries in the U.S. is clean energy and energy efficiency. In 2009, I will also be sponsoring legislation to create a production tax credit for providers of "clean energy" (e.g. wind power or geothermal) as well as an income tax credit for resulting "green jobs." This policy matches the environmental goals of the incoming Obama administration and allows Virginia to encourage an industry that will likely receive significant Federal funding. That means more investment and more jobs in our state.

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THURSDAY/JAN. 8

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

Teen Book Chat, 7:30 p.m. Mother-daughter book group. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Call to register. Age 12-16 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Independent Living Exercise Class, 12 p.m. Reduce falls, improve balance and build strength. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Altan. Irish jigs and ballads. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$24. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

FRIDAY/JAN. 9

Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers. 8 p.m. Swing dance of the 1940s and '50s at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

U. S. Navy Sea Chanters Classical Chorus. 8 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-352-ARTS.

U. S. Marine Band Sousa Season Opener. 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. 703-563-1990.

Lunch Bunnies, 12 p.m. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Eric Scott, The Method and Marie Miller. Pop/funk. 9:30 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

Cathy and Marcy's Family Jamboree with Special Guests: music for families. 5-7 p.m. \$10.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

John Eddie. Rock. 9:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Microsoft Excel, 2:30 p.m. Introduction to creating spreadsheets with Microsoft Excel. Age 13 and up. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

SUNDAY/JAN. 11

Dr. Lauranett Lee, curator of African American History, at Virginia Historical Society, followed by a gallery tour of "Sites and Stories: African American History in Virginia," 2 p.m., Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Free. 703-385-8414.

25th Annual Mid Atlantic Song Contest Awards Gala and Concert. 4 p.m. \$7 in advance and for SAW members, \$10 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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MONDAY/JAN. 12

Crafty Kids, 3:30 p.m. Age 6-12. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

It's Snow Much Fun, 10:15 a.m. Stories and activities about snow. Age 3-5 with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

The War. 7 p.m. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566.

TUESDAY/JAN. 13

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Book Discussion Group, 1 p.m. Bend in the River by V.S. Naripaul. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Evening Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m. Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Genealogy Databases, 7 p.m. Search for ancestors using the library's genealogy databases and other free databases. Age 13 and up. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

Al de Meola, guitar virtuoso. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

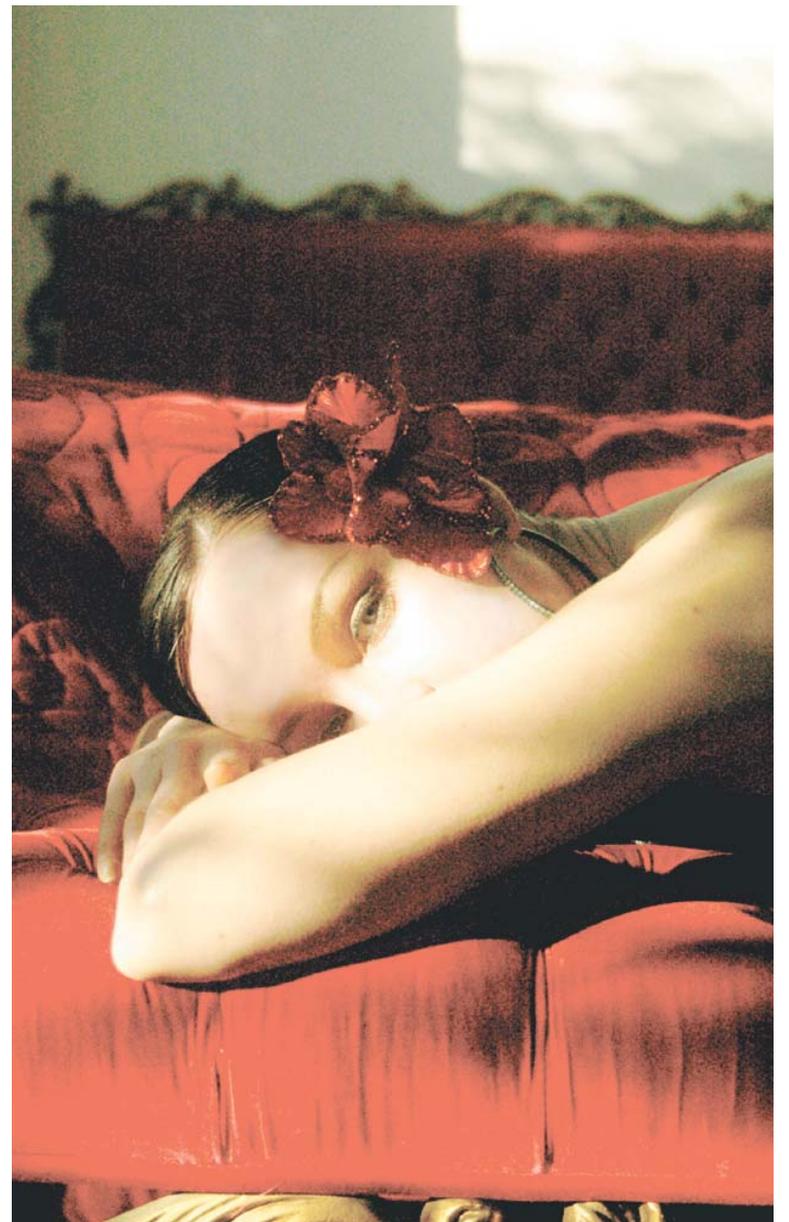
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Surfin' Safari, 10:30 a.m. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 3-5 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

County transportation services for older adults and adults with disabilities, 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Writer's Roundtable, 7:30 p.m. Discuss your work with other writers. Adults. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

La Leche League of Fairfax City, 10 a.m. Free. Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main St., Fairfax. 703-323-6683, 703-385-8847 or www.fairfaxcityll.org.



Lavay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers bring the swing dance of the 1940s and '50s to The Barns at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts on Friday, Jan. 9.

THURSDAY/JAN. 15

Friday Morning Music Club at Old Town Hall, 11 a.m. at 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Haydn Variations in F Minor with Barbara Peterson Cackler, piano. Selections from Lalo, Duke, Hue and Chabrier with Nancy MacArthur Smith, soprano and Patricia Parker, piano. Gary Schocker Memory Book with Michael Bowyer, flute, and Amy Rothstein, piano. 703-273-6097 or jormesh@fairfaxva.gov.

Patty Larkin, folk guitarist. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Friday Morning Music Club, 11 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-352-ARTS or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Lunch N' Life for age 50 and up, from 12-2 p.m. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. "Secrets Behind the Lincoln Memorial" will be presented by the National Park Service. For reservations, call 703-620-0161 by Jan. 8. \$8 per person. If transportation is needed, call 703-323-4788. www.fairfax-burkesc.org.

Let's Hear It for the Girls, 7 p.m. Mother-daughter book discussion group. "The Black Book of Secrets" by F.E. Higgins. Age 9-11 with adult. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Independent Living Exercise Class, 12 p.m. Reduce falls, improve balance and build strength. Pohick

Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Reading Across the Centuries, 7 p.m. Writer and university instructor Wendi Kaufman leads discussion of "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

What Will I Wear? 10:30 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group, 1 p.m. The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett. Adults. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

Burke Preschool Fair, with over 25 preschools from Burke and the surrounding area. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Burke Fire Department Community Hall, 9501 Old Burke Lake Road, Burke. 866-841-9139 or www.geocities.com/momsclubburke.

FRIDAY/JAN. 16

Baritone Keith Phares, mezzo-soprano Patricia Risley and pianist Kim Pensinger Witman. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

AVP Hot Winter Nights Pro Beach Volleyball Tour, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets from \$15 to \$65, through www.ticketmaster.com or 202-397-SEAT. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. www.patriotcenter.com.



Altan performs Irish jigs and ballads at The Barns at Wolf Trap on Thursday, Jan. 8.

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Looking Ahead

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but it will still be growth.”

For the first time in six years, Fairfax County will have a new chairman of the Board of Supervisors after Gerry Connolly (D-At large) was elected to represent Virginia's 11th Congressional District in November. Two county supervisors, Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and Bulova have been nominated by their respective parties. Independent Green candidate Carey Campbell is also on the ballot. The special election to replace Connolly has been scheduled for Feb. 3.

If either Bulova or Herrity wins, a special election to fill the vacated seat on the Board of Supervisors would be scheduled for March 10. The winner of that race would have less than three weeks to prepare for a crucial county budget meeting scheduled for May 30.

PEOPLE NOTES

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

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jacob C. Wood, a 2008 graduate of Lake Braddock High School, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Wood received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle.

Alexander G. Patton has graduated from the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Leader Development

and Assessment Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. He is the son of Gary S. and Chong S. Patton of Lake Braddock Drive, Burke.

Alice Kim has graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as Operation Warrior Forge, at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Kim is the daughter of Agustine and Agnes Kim of Stillwater Court, Burke, and a 2003 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary.

Marion Elizabeth McQuaid of Burke has been awarded a juris doctor law degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham, Ala.



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The Muzzio Family Business

Sophomore Joey Muzzio approaches father's high jump mark at Robinson.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Track and field, unlike most other sports, offers participants a direct measuring stick of their performance. If a high school basketball player drills a 3-pointer from beyond the arc at 19 feet, 9 inches, that same shot would fall 4 feet short of an NBA basket.

In football, measurements are mostly standard throughout the sport but up to 21 other players can become a deciding factor on any given play. Pitch speeds and movements vary just a tad from high school to professional baseball, not to mention the differences between aluminum and wooden bats.

But in track and field and more specifically the high jump, 76 inches means 76 inches. No outside factors exist except the athlete and the bar. In the Muzzio household, those 76 inches have become a hot-button topic as of late.

Joey Muzzio is a sophomore high jumper on the Robinson track and field team. At an indoor meet on Dec. 13, Muzzio cleared 6 feet, 3 inches, which is one inch shy of the Robinson school record.

The current record holder? It's Muzzio's father, Rob, who's also a coach for the Rams.

"I saw that record and started thinking, 'Wouldn't that be awesome if I broke it?'" Joey Muzzio said of the 6-4 record. "Because it's my dad's, I know that would make him

"I feel like I have a big advantage."

— Robinson sophomore Joey Muzzio



PHOTO COURTESY OF PATRICK TAITANO

Joey Muzzio, a sophomore on Robinson's track and field team, has cleared 6 feet, 3 inches on two occasions this season. His desired mark? His father's record of 6-4.

happy and that would be really cool."

ASKED WHETHER or not it mattered if his record stood the test of time, Rob Muzzio didn't hesitate. And it was not the answer one might expect.

"Who else in the world would you want to have it other than your own kid?" he said. "It would be really nice if one of the kids that you coach were to get it, but for it to be your own son, that would be awesome."

Not only does Rob Muzzio hold the school's high jump record, his name appears a few other times on that list, too. Rob Muzzio holds the 110 outdoor hurdles, the 55 indoor hurdles and indoor long jump records.

He's also an Olympic decathlete, finishing fifth in the 1992 Barcelona Games. Earlier, Rob Muzzio attended George Mason

University and won the NCAA Division I decathlete title in 1984 and 1985, becoming the youngest to do so as a 19-year-old in 1984.

THE ELDER Muzzio never forced track and field on his son, although he admitted to giving a slight nudge toward the sport as a conditioning measure for football. "We told him to go and do something," Rob Muzzio joked.

Joey Muzzio started jumping with the Southwestern Youth Association and immediately started to gravitate toward the high jump. He had a natural jumping ability, and, before his form resembled anything the least bit formidable, relied heavily on the strength of his legs.

Once he got to Robinson, Muzzio played football during his freshman season but didn't come back as a sophomore, deciding instead to focus on indoor and outdoor

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Robinson's Bobsin Commits to ECU

Nearly a week before Christmas, Robinson senior Geoff Bobsin already had his most expensive present: a free education. One of the area's top swimmers, Bobsin verbally committed to compete next season at East Carolina University on scholarship. As a junior last season, Bobsin won a Virginia AAA state championship in the 50-yard freestyle in 21.34 seconds. He also finished ninth at states in the 100 backstroke (54.21) and was on two state championship relay teams (200 and 400 free). In addition to his first team All-State honors from a season ago, Bobsin won the 50 free and 100 fly at the

Concorde District championships and was a first team All-District selection.

Morra a Scorer for 8-2 Lake Braddock

With proven scorers Mike Landon, Ian Asinugo and Hobbs Petros gone from last year's Northern Region semifinal team, Lake Braddock boys basketball coach Brian Metress knew early on this season he'd have to rely on his top returning scorer, senior point guard Dominic Morra.

Through 10 games, eight wins and a Hubert Davis Tournament of Champions title, the Bruins have benefited greatly from Morra's contributions.

"We wouldn't lean on him if we didn't

think he could handle it," said Metress, following Tuesday night's 50-45 loss at Hayfield, dropping the team's record to 8-2 overall, 2-1 in Patriot District play.

At Lake Braddock's own holiday tournament, Morra earned Most Valuable Player honors while teammate Ryan Curtis was named to the all-tournament team. In a season-opening win at Robinson, Morra totaled 50 points and led the Bruins again at Hayfield with 29.

But according to Metress, Lake Braddock struggled defensively against Hayfield — something the Bruins hadn't done during their run through the Hubert Davis tournament.

"This game is about stopping people,"

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Mason Makes It Work

Under Larranaga, Patriot basketball again off to strong start.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, Jan. 3, the George Mason men's basketball team was able to drill a season-best number of 3-pointers (13) en route to a 101-60 drubbing of UNC Wilmington.

Two days later, Mason switched gears and game plans.

Facing an early 10-4 deficit Monday night against Georgia State, the Patriots started to pound the ball inside, darting off on a 19-3 run that led to a 23-13 advantage.

But trailing 40-37 with about seven minutes left in the game, Mason switched yet again. This time to a four-guard lineup, with the hope of facilitating some fast-break points, and the Patriots rattled off the final margin necessary for a 58-52 win.

Thirteen games into the 2008-09 season, Mason has shown an ability to reinvent itself at a moment's notice, with the final seven minutes of Monday's game serving as the latest batch of evidence.

"The environment is going to be different every time; no game is going to be the same," said sophomore guard Cam Long, who finished with a game-high 18 points against the Panthers. "I think if we're mentally prepared, we're capable of doing anything."

Head coach Jim Larranaga noted another game-to-game mutation, though this one wasn't as pleasant as having the ability to score from anywhere on the floor.

"The first question you would ask yourself if you saw us play on Saturday and then watched us [Monday] would be, 'How do you go from 27 assists to seven assists?'" Larranaga joked at the start of his postgame press conference. "I thought mentally we looked a little tired."

Despite the lack of assisted baskets, Larranaga's team improved to 10-3 overall, 3-0 in the Colonial Athletic Association with the Georgia State win.

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HEALTH NOTES

The Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia, LLC monthly meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1:30 p.m. at the Physicians' Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Rd., Fairfax. Free admission. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org

Healthy Heart Pass at South Run RECenter, on sale through Feb. 14. Passes include membership at nine RECenters, use of fitness facilities and equipment, use of pool, spa and sauna, free XYO classes and Fitlinx Computer Systems. 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. 703-866-0566

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening on Tuesday, Jan. 13, beginning at 9 a.m. at Community

Covenant Church, 7018 Sydenstricker Road in Springfield. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-697-9721 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required. Screenings are painless, accurate and affordable. Bone density screening, finger-stick blood tests and liver enzyme screenings are also available. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, will be offering a free six-week Widow/Widower's support group, beginning Saturday, Jan. 31 from 2:30-4 p.m. Haven also offers one-on-one support. A volunteer will meet with a person grieving the death of a loved one, as needed,

to provide individual support. Volunteers will be selected to match individual need. 703-941-7000, www.havenofnova.org or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net

Life with Cancer has a variety of support programs for cancer patients and their families at the Cancer Family Center, 2700 Prosperity Ave., Fairfax. 703-776-2841 or www.lifewithcancer.org.

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

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	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Assets	\$21,897	\$ 125,028
Liabilities	\$21,600	
Fund balance / net assets	\$297	\$ 125,028
Revenues / additions	\$151,740	\$149,602
Expenditures / deductions	\$151,698	121,759
Change in fund balance / net assets	\$ 42	\$27,843

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Summary statement of financial condition under Code of Virginia, Sec 30-140. Complete financial statements available by contacting NVTC Director of Finance, 4350 N. Fairfax Dr., Ste 720, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-524-3322 x107.

	Governmental Funds
Assets	\$52,392
Liabilities	30,453
Fund balance / net assets	21,939
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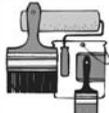
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TRUSTEE'S SALE

OF VALUABLE

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Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

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

Lot 1, Section 1, Lucius Addition to Kenwood as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 2152 at page 490, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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

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DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

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OF VALUABLE

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Improved by the premises known as

11350 Aristotle Drive #101, Fairfax, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Khamphiou Thay and Chaysrun Thay, dated June 22, 2006, and recorded June 26, 2006, in Deed Book 18559 at page 2187 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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Unit 07-101, Fairfax Ridge Condominium

Tax Map No. 056-2-27-07-0101

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SPORTS

GMU Starts Strong

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The Patriots played host to Towson Wednesday night, which ended after the Connection went to press.

Though Mason pulled itself out of that mid-game funk when Larranaga moved to the smaller, quicker lineup, fatigue will likely become a factor for the Patriots as they're in the middle of the toughest portion of their conference schedule.

Starting with a 66-62 loss at Dayton on Dec. 30, Mason will be playing five games in a 12-day stretch. In addition to Wednesday's game against Towson, the Patriots will host Old Dominion on Saturday.

But against a conference foe, George Mason started sluggish and allowed Georgia State's Leonard Mendez to score his team's first nine points — all from beyond the three-point line. Luckily, Mason tightened down and held Mendez to 16 for the game.

"Our energy was low," said senior forward Darryl Monroe, who chipped in with 15 points and 11 rebounds. "We had a good shoot-around. Everybody was ready to go, but we just got off to a slow start."

"We were not mentally sharp, and some of it had to do with Georgia State's defense," Larranaga said. "I thought they did a good job of contesting certain things that we do."

Following in Dad's Footsteps

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track. Oh, and paintball, another one of his interests.

Rob Muzzio tapes his son and Robinson's other high jumpers at practices and meets, and the group sits down with a portable television to analyze each other's performances. The coaching has helped Joey Muzzio mature not only as a jumper but as an overall contributor to Robinson's track and field program.

"He doesn't want to be labeled as just a jumper," said head coach Mark Gleason, who considers Joey Muzzio one of his top relay candidates as well. "He knows he has a gift there and he's working on it, but he also feels that he has more to offer to the program."

WEEK IN SPORTS

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said Metress, whose team will host Annandale on Friday.

"Everybody trades baskets every once in a while, but I thought we did a better job in the tournament of stopping people than we did [Tuesday]," he said.

And in the ever-competitive Patriot

Larranaga knows how rowdy George Mason's students can make the Patriot Center. A fabled run to the Final Four in 2006 turned Mason Nation upside down and little of that enthusiasm has dissipated in Fairfax.

But even a formidable program like the one Larranaga has built off of University Drive during his 12-year tenure can't move Christmas.

WITH THE bulk of Mason's students at home for the holiday break, season ticket holders and older fans got behind the home team, erupting when Dre Smith (9 points) fed Long for a 3-pointer to push Mason's lead to 50-42 with 2:49 left.

"I thought the crowd was really instrumental in helping us make the comeback," Larranaga said. "We had some students, but it was mostly our season ticket holders and our adult fans who really lifted us. I'm very, very pleased and thankful for that."

Larranaga, with a career record at the school of 218-135 — more wins than any other coach in Mason men's basketball history — is also thankful for his team's ability to adapt.

Asked when the first time was that he resorted to a four-guard alignment, Larranaga kept the humor coming.

"This season ... let me think," Larranaga said, "... uh, this was the first time."

Joey Muzzio hit the 6-3 mark again at the Friends of Indoor Track and Field Invitational at the Prince George's Sports and Learning Center on Dec. 29, finishing third. According to both father and son, Joey Muzzio needs to improve his approach to the bar and how he contorts his body when trying to clear it.

But regardless of whether his son owns Robinson's record before the end of the year, one thing is clear. Joey Muzzio is much farther along than his father was during his sophomore year as Rob Muzzio set his mark as a senior.

"I feel like I have a big advantage," Joey Muzzio said. "It's cool because if I have a problem, I'll go ask him and he normally knows everything. Every question I have, he has a way to fix it."

District, featuring perennial powers such as T.C. Williams, Annandale, Hayfield and Lee, Metress doesn't want to get caught worrying about Tuesday's game come Friday.

"It's just like Georgetown beating Connecticut and then losing to Pittsburgh and Notre Dame," Metress said. "If you worry about losing to Hayfield, you'll lose to Annandale."

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