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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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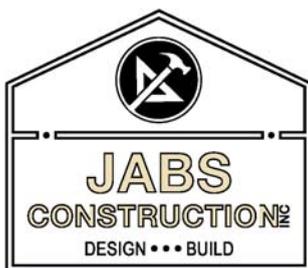
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## Budget Concerns Cloud Outlook for '09

### Laurel Hill Project, BRAC top the list for south county area.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he year 2008 was one of change for Fairfax County, as residents helped vote Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) into the White House, lost their board chairman to Congress and dealt with a faltering economic situation that melted down into a full-blown recession. A look ahead reveals some of the top issues expected to affect the Fairfax Station and Laurel Hill area in 2009.

Budget concerns top the list of almost every government 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



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**Plans for the Laurel Hill Project would likely solidify over the next 12 months, including whether a baseball field on the former prison site would be torn down to make way for a townhouse community.**

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 Del. 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 components will really come down to the various communities we represent through this project."**

— Tim Sargeant, Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee

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

"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.

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## Connolly Sworn In

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

**F**ormer 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 re-election. 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 freshman, 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,"

**"My district is global in its perspective."**

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**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.**

he said.

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

# Just for Fun

FROM PAGE 2

## 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](http://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**  
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[www.nvrpa.org/fountainhead.html](http://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

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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  
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❖ **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](http://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.

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## 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](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

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# Looking Ahead at 2009

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next fiscal year. It will be slower growth than we've ever had, 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.

Plans for The Laurel Hill Project, concerning 80 acres of county-owned land on and around the closed down Lorton Reformatory and Penitentiary site in Lorton, would likely solidify over the next 12 months. After acquiring the site in 2002, the county went through several failed iterations of a plan to adaptively re-use the site before hiring Wisconsin-based The Alexander Company as a consultant. Currently, company officials are revising their latest draft plan after certain provisions and components of the plan met with public resistance. The master plan will have to gain the approval of an advisory committee appointed by the county, before moving to the board of supervisors for a vote. Tim Sargeant, chairman of

the advisory committee, said a consensus is still being formed around what shape the site will take, and that the public will play a large role that debate.

"The components will really come down to the various communities we represent through this project. Those in the south county area who will live with the results of the process," said Sargeant. "I think as we move forward with the process in 2009, we'll have to balance those components to come up with a plan that the community will support."

Current plans to tear down a baseball field to build a townhouse community, the planned destruction of the prison's wall and the site's nearly 300 planned residential units have all been met with criticism from members of the community. The plans will undergo another series of presentations to the public, though Sargeant said no dates had been set.

The fallout from 2008's BRAC nominations will have an impact on the schools, roads and job market in the Laurel Hill, Burke and Springfield areas in 2009. A host of nominations from private companies have been approved to provide support residential, retail and office space. Currently, 16 nominations in the Mount Vernon, West Springfield and Lee districts have added enough additional traffic to trigger a Virginia Department of Transportation traffic review.

"How much development density is required for BRAC related purposes? ... Are some of the proposals more than needed or appropriate for BRAC?" asked Sargeant. "Is there caution associated with providing more development density than needed?"

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# OPINION

## Happy New Year

Let's have some fun in 2009.

**T**he 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.

— MARY KIMM

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### EDITORIALS

## Herrity for Board Chairman

To the Editor:

The voters of Fairfax County have a great opportunity in the upcoming special election on Feb. 3 to return Fairfax County to fiscal responsibility. We can elect Pat Herrity (R) as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. He has repeatedly demonstrated the ability to understand the pressing problems that face Fairfax County, to identify areas of wasteful spending and to offer workable solutions in his tenure as Springfield supervisor. Conversely, we can elect his opponent who as chairman of the Board's Budget Committee has shown little regard for solving our fundamental problems.

What have Pat's opponent and her Democratic colleagues on the Board really done to address transportation, education, crime and general quality of life issues? They have been consistent in raising our property taxes, in spending more money and in creating budget deficits. Now is the time for Fairfax County citizens to act and to

change the direction of our government. Elect Pat Herrity on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

**Anne Damon**  
Fairfax

## Supporting Bulova

To the Editor:

I am a resident of Springfield District and I am writing to comment on the Feb. 3, 2009 election for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) is my Supervisor and has been very cordial whenever I talk to him. I do not have any question in my mind that he has the best interest of Springfield District.

I do need to point out that I have asked Supervisor Herrity's support in several issues important to the district. I asked for his support in addressing an important issue — the absence of a Springfield Senior Center and I suggested that his office look into the possibility of using part of the expanded South

Run Park as an area for such a center.

His staff has been very kind whenever I called, but there has been no active pursuit of this issue by Supervisor Herrity's office. Chairman Gerald Connolly's office did send out a query to the Park Authority in response to my request, but U.S. Rep.-elect Connolly (D-11) is no longer in place to pursue this issue.

I also asked Supervisor Herrity's office to support solar panels and other alternative energy programs in Fairfax County. In particular, I requested his support in prohibiting HOAs from banning solar panels in members' homes. Again, Supervisor Herrity and his staff were very cordial but no action was taken. Chairman Connolly pursued this issue by asking the Board of Supervisors to examine ways of prohibiting HOAs from banning solar panels and in fact, of encouraging HOAs to support alternative energy programs.

I also asked Supervisor Herrity to support a project to assist the History Commission in developing a more balanced and more complete history of the county. In particular, I requested that he support

## More Serious Stuff Ahead

**I**n 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 handling 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>.

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**Cora Foley**  
Burke

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# FAITH

**Messiah United Methodist Church**, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-9862 or [www.messiahumc.org](http://www.messiahumc.org).

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

❖ **When Dreams Become Nightmares, Financial Peace in a Troubled Economy**, sermon series beginning Sunday, Jan. 11 at all worship services.

**Gan Israel Academy** is a Montessori-influenced kindergarten and first grade teaching Jewish elementary learning at Chabad of Fairfax, 3939 Prince William Drive, Fairfax. 703-426-1980, [ganisraelpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ganisraelpreschool@gmail.com).

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

\* **Jewish Kindergarten Open House**, Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

**New Women's Bible Study** meets at Jubilee Christian Center on Tuesdays, for three months beginning Jan. 13, 9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. The study will focus on "Spirit, Soul, and Body" by Andrew Wommack. \$10 per person. Nursery provided for registered children. 703-383-1170 or [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

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

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

[www.st-andrew.org](http://www.st-andrew.org).

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

**International Calvary Church** Sunday services in English are at 9:45 a.m., Korean services at 11:30 a.m. and youth services at 11:30 a.m. Sunday School classes in English are at 11:30 a.m. and children's classes at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study and Youth Meeting are at 8 p.m. and Friday Prayer and Youth Meeting at 8:30 p.m. 5700 Hanover Ave., Springfield. 703-569-1918.

**The Immanuel Bible Church MOPS** group meets every Monday 7-9 p.m., at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Road, Springfield. MOPS is a group for pregnant or parenting mothers from infancy to kindergarten. 703-922-4295 or [www.MOPS.org](http://www.MOPS.org).

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

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children. 703-451-5855.

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**Puppy Tales**, 10:30 a.m. Stories 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.

**Birding for Beginners**, 8-10:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park & Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Reservations required. \$6 per person. 703-768-2525.

**Landscape Design for Homeowners**, 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. \$160 workshop fee includes three lectures and workshops. 703-642-5173.

**Damage Report, Rich, Dre, Spit, Dy For Ent and more.** 6 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of show. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. jaxxroxx.com.

## SUNDAY/JAN. 11

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

**Vegan Cooking Class: Soups and Stews**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at 9302 Hallston Court, Fairfax Station. \$50 per person. Pre-registration required. www.localdc.com/cooking.

**Livable Landscapes**, 1:30-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. \$20. Strategies for creating private gardens and shared landscapes. Book signing with Rick Darke, author of "The Encyclopedia of Grasses for Livable Landscapes," follows the lecture. 703-642-5173.

## 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.

**Pohick Rangers**, 3-5 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8510 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Seven sessions for age 9-12 on animal evidence, freshwater ecosystems, nocturnal wildlife, geology and more. Reservations required. \$90 per child. 703-451-9588.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 13

**Computer Tutoring**, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Burke 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, a craft and activities. Age 4-5 with adult. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. 703-339-7385.

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

**Flying Dragons**, 7-8:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park & Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Learn about dragonflies. Reservations required. \$6 per person. 703-768-2525.

**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

**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, Funkmkyz, Poor Man's Lobster, 20/20 Visions 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 all day. All ages. 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.

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5940 or jaxxroxx.com.  
**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's 52nd Season**, The Search for a New Music Director - Part 4. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. Free ConcerTalk with Daniel Meyer at 7 p.m. 703-563-1990.

## 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 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

## MONDAY/JAN. 19

**Open Mic Night**, 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.  
**Preschool Open House at Spring-Mar Cooperative Preschool**, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. 703-239-1213 or www.spring-mar.org.

## 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.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### THURSDAY/JAN. 8

**Affordable Dwelling Unit Advisory Board**, 4 p.m. at the Department of Housing and Community Development Main Offices, HCD Center, 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax. 703-246-5164, TTY 703-385-3578.

### SUNDAY/JAN. 11

**Democratic Women of Clifton is open to all Democratic women in Northern Virginia**, 3-5 p.m. at the Clifton Community Hall, 12641 Chapel Road, Clifton. Discussion includes issues facing those with mental and physical disabilities. Guest speaker Janet Carver, 11th District representative to the Electoral College. www.democraticwomenofclifton.org.

### 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, TTY 703-324-3903.  
**Fairfax Area Disability Services Board**, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2/3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-5868, TTY 703-449-1186.  
**Del. Tim Hugo's Winter Reception with George Allen**, 6:30-8 p.m. at 7516 Tutley Terrace, Clifton. 703-201-7776.

### TUESDAY/JAN. 13

**Executive Committee Meeting Visit Fairfax**, 3 p.m. at 100 South

Wing, 7927 Jones Branch Drive 7927 Jones Branch Drive, Mclean. 703-752-9506.

**Republican Women of Clifton Meet and Greet for Pat Herryty**, candidate for chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Building. www.CliftonGOP.com.

### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 14

**Faith Communities in Action Network Meeting: Youth in Our Faith Community**, on the 2008 Fairfax County Youth Survey and Culmore Support on Suspension program. 2-4 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2/3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. kculbe@fairfaxcounty.gov.

### THURSDAY/JAN. 15

**Fairfax County Special Chairman Debate**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 4001 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale. Braddock Supervisor Sharon Bulova and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herryty will present plans for representing Fairfax County. 703-752-7544.

**The Fairfax County Park Authority Public Informational Meeting**, on the draft master plan revision for Kings Park Park, 8717 Trafalgar Court in Springfield, from 8-9:30 p.m., immediately following the 7:30 p.m. Kings Park Civic Association meeting in the Kings Park Elementary School cafeteria, 5400 Harrow Way, Springfield. The proposed plan is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/

plandev/kingspark.htm, or in the Fairfax County Park Authority Planning Division offices at the Herryty Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax. 703-324-8662.

**Lower Occoquan Watershed Introductory and Issues Scoping Forum**, 6:30-9 p.m. at Halley Elementary School, 8850 Cross Chase Circle, Fairfax Station. The Lower Occoquan Watershed includes Clifton, Lorton / Laurel Hill, Old Mill Branch, Wolf Run, Sandy Run, Ryans Dam, Occoquan, Mill Branch, Kane Creek and High Point. County representatives will present the planning process to the community and members of the public will help develop an initial list of watershed issues and concerns. 703-324-5500, TTY 711 or watersheds@fairfaxcounty.gov.

# CAMPS & SCHOOLS

## Fun with Science

Students and parents spent an evening at Clifton Elementary school performing hands on science experiments, interactive computer activities, math games and challenging mind puzzles as part of Science, Technology And Math Program all equal STAMP Night. Cars made from milk cartons raced (or not) down ramps and padded eggs were dropped from ladders, all in the name of science. Fairfax County Park Authority provided some close encounters with snakes, turtles and beetles and answered questions on animal behavior and habitats. Here, Andrew Chandler, a fourth grader in Kathy Owens' class takes the opportunity to handle a snake with assistance of a Park Authority volunteer.



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## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

**Novamommies.com**, a free local online group in the Northern Virginia area includes message board, support groups, recipes, chats and photo gallery. Mom's night out, play dates, family events, picnics, community service, weekly coffee, park outings, book clubs, zoo trips and more. [www.novamommies.com](http://www.novamommies.com).

**New Neighbors League Club of DC Metro** is a non-profit organi-

zation, is looking for those new to the area or newly retired and looking for new activities and friends. Bridge, bunco, bowling, hiking, quilting, book clubs, an investment club, an antique group, a gourmet group, couples dining and more. Monthly luncheons on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Judy Schulenberg, 703-476-9322.

**Venture Crew 4031**, chartered by First Baptist Springfield, is a youth de-

velopment program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are ages 14, and have completed eighth grade, through 20. The focus is on high-adventure activities, travel, social, and community service opportunities that allow young people to build character, develop leadership and citizenship, and foster personal fitness. \$11 annual membership. 703-451-4680, fontanella4@verizon.net.

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# The Muzzio Family Business

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

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**rack 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

**O**n 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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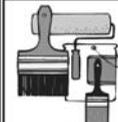
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Arnulfo Valles Galdamez, dated October 17, 2007, and recorded November 21, 2007, in Deed Book 19668 at page 1477 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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

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

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DAVID N. PRENSKY  
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## SPORTS

# GMU Starts Strong

FROM PAGE 10

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

FROM PAGE 10

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

FROM PAGE 10

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.

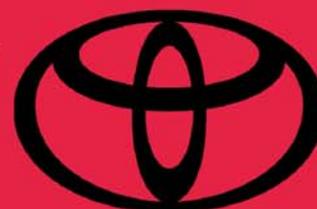
"I feel like I have a big advantage," Joey Muzzio said. "It's cool because if I have a problem, I'll go ask him and he normally knows everything. Every question I have, he has a way to fix it."

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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