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Hayfield junior Brandon Winbush goes for a steal during the Hawks' 50-45 win Tuesday night over Lake Braddock. He also added a team-high 13 points.

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# Just for Fun

**Connection begins list of fun activities to add to brand new calendar.**

## Art-Center formally known as...

**The Workhouse Arts Center  
9601 Ox Road  
Lorton  
[www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org)**

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.

## Something for Arts Sake

**Spotlight on the Arts  
City of Fairfax**

In April, the City of Fairfax is transformed to an arts mecca thanks to the annual Spotlight on the Arts festival. The festival includes art exhibits, dramatic presentations and musical performances at several venues in the city and at George Mason University and the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College. For more, call 703-352-ARTS.

## 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.

## Catch a Game at GMU

**Patriot Center  
4500 Patriot Circle  
Fairfax  
703-993-3000**

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.-7 p.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](http://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.

## 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.

## 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



**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.**

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](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

**Fairfax Ice Arena  
3779 Pickett Road  
Fairfax  
[www.fairfaxicearena.com](http://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 Washington's finest sports teams are always on. Pick from a full rack of ribs, Glory Days' own unique burger choices or one of close to a dozen beers on tap.

## 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 ac-

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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 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 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," 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

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

— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)



PHOTOS 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.**



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

## Budget Woes Cloud Outlook for 2009

**Budget, Springfield Mall, BRAC, chairman race top issues for next year.**

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.) to 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 Springfield 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 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."

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) pointed to the redevelopment of the Springfield Mall and the 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 have two things going for us: a congressional order that brings new jobs to our area during a recession and a mall whose success is totally contingent on its wholesale redevelopment long-term," said McKay. 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.

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"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, 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.

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## WEEK IN SPRINGFIELD

### Robberies of 3 Asian Markets May Be Linked, Police Say

Fairfax County Police are seeking anyone with information concerning three robberies that occurred in Springfield and Falls Church they say may be related.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, on Saturday, Dec. 20, at approximately 7 p.m., a masked man entered the Pho 495 restaurant at 7215 Commerce St. in Springfield and approached an employee with a handgun. After demanding and receiving cash, the suspect fled the scene. The employee did not call police, reporting the crime to the restaurant's manager two hours later. Don Gotthardt, a police spokesman, said the employee may not have understood what he was supposed to do after the incident occurred.

"A bit of misunderstanding and probably a bit of fear," said Gotthardt, regarding the employee's decision not to call 911.

Police are investigating the possibility that the robbery may be related to two other robberies that occurred the next day at the Nha Trang Oriental Market located at Arlington Boulevard in Falls Church and a New Year's Eve robbery of a 55-year-old woman at the Dong Nam Market on Stream Court in Springfield.

In all three cases, a similar looking suspect was described: an Asian man between 5 feet 5 inches and 5 feet 7 inches tall, wearing a black ski mask with a silver handgun.

"Asian male, late 20s, anywhere from 5-7, wearing dark clothes. It's been pretty consistent through the three [robberies]," said Gotthardt.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-8477 or e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org).

### Police Seek Assistance in High-Speed Chase Arrest

Fairfax County Police are looking for anyone who may have witnessed a two-mile high speed that occurred in the 8300 block of Traford Lane near Rolling Road of Dec. 20.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, at around 11:45 p.m., an officer observed a man urinating in the parking lot of Springfield Plaza. When he attempted to engage the man, the suspect got into a 1996 Toyota Carolla, struck the officer and began fleeing the area. The officer was not seriously injured and was able to pursue the suspect west-bound on Franconia Road. While driving at a high rate of speed, the suspect struck a vehicle at the intersection of Greeley Boulevard, causing extensive damage to both vehicles.

The release goes to say that after the suspect's car came to rest on the shoulder of Carrleigh Parkway, the officer exited his vehicle and approached him. The suspect backed his vehicle toward the officer again, who fired his weapon in response. The suspect was not hit and he drove off again toward Rolling Road before striking a tree near Traford Lane.

The driver, Zeeshan Sarwar, 30, of the 5800 block of Booth Drive in Burke, was arrested and transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he was treated for non life-threatening injuries and released to police custody. Police have charged Sarwar with DWI-felony, refusal to submit to a breath test and speeding to elude. Police are looking for anyone who may have been in the area of Rolling Road and Old Keene Mill Road at the time of the chase in order to file additional charges. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-8477 or email at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org).



Zeeshan Sarwar

## NEWS

# Pipe Leak Closes Backlick Rd.

## Washington Gas repairs last into early morning hours.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON  
THE CONNECTION

A rupture in a Washington Gas pipeline beneath Backlick Road in Springfield forced officials from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to block off and reroute traffic down along portions of Edsall and Industrial Road.

According to VDOT spokesman Mike Salmon, on Monday, Dec. 29, at approximately 10:30 a.m., VDOT received reports from residents that gas could be smelled along Backlick Road and the pavement was bubbling. Employees from both Washington Gas and VDOT responded to the scene and began digging up Backlick Road to reach and repair the fissure.

"[Washington Gas workers] dug a hole in the middle of the street, then someone goes down there and looks at the pipe," said Salmon, explaining the process.

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**Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason)**

Washington Gas and VDOT both reported that evacuations were not deemed necessary. Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason) said employees at an office near the site were asked to remain inside while gas levels on the site were measured. The office was later deemed to be safe.

"They were not evacuated but they were told to stay put," said Gross.

"It depends on the environment. I really can't speculate on what might happen," he said. "Does it escape into the atmosphere? Does it stay down [at ground level]? Maybe. Fortunately, it was contained and repaired in a timely fashion."

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# BRAC, Mall Changes Ahead

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McKay said he favored fellow Democrat Bulova for the spot, but that having two candidates from the southern portion of the county would be a net plus for the region.

"Both have an enormous interest in what's happening in Springfield which is great for Lee District and Central Springfield," said McKay.

**THE ONGOING** redevelopment process around the Springfield Mall is also something to look out for. Long considered to be an eyesore in the community and viewed by the public at large as an area of criminal activity, including a Sept. 13 abduction of an Alexandria woman at the mall who later died when her abductors crashed her vehicle attempting to flee the police. After purchasing the mall in 2006, Vornado Realty Trust began drawing up plans for a large-scale renovation to bring the complex up to date and change the makeup of retail outlets offered.

Vornado officials are currently working through rezoning the mall to accommodate some of the changes being sought at the mall. McKay said the rezoning process would likely be done within the first four months of the next year, with plans already submitted to the county for demolition and construction work to begin in late 2009. The layout of the stores within the mall would change as some are let go when their leases expire and others are consolidated around the center of the mall. By December 2009, McKay said he expected much of the planning process to be finished and renovations to be underway.

Expectations are high and patience levels are low," said McKay. "You will see in the next year real physical progress and [Springfield Mall] will start to look like a construction zone."

Tawny Hammond, president of the Springfield Civic Association, said tangible and visible progress was vital if Springfield and Vornado officials hoped to convince residents to stick around for the end results.

"Let's get started, let's see some progress and [the community] will be willing to hang in there with them and not sell our homes. But let's see some improvements," said Hammond.

McKay said he expected significant progress on two traffic projects. Ground has already been broken on the missing piece of Fairfax County Parkway and McKay said the other project at Mulligan Road should be under heavy construction by next year.

"As we move closer to BRAC [happening], we're going to continue the fight for road improvements. It will be very high on my agenda next year," he said.

## CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County Police through Dec. 31.

### SEX OFFENSE/ ARREST

**6400 block of Springfield Plaza.** A man was arrested on Friday, Dec. 19 for allegedly touching a 57-year-old

Springfield woman inappropriately inside the CVS store, located at 6436 Springfield Plaza. The victim was standing in the magazine aisle. The man was standing next to her and as she leaned down to return the magazine to the shelf, he put his hand between her legs. She yelled at him and called for the police. Store employees detained the suspect until

officers arrived. Emilio Causin-Flores, 38, of the 6400 block of Edsall Road in Alexandria, was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with sexual assault and battery and drunk in public. The victim did not require medical attention.

# NEWS

# For the Fun of It

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tual 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/tdl.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/CalendarofEvents/tdl.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

Bowl America  
6450 Edsall Road  
Alexandria  
[www.bowl-america.com](http://www.bowl-america.com)

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.

## Stick an Oar in the Water

Kayaking with NVCT  
Fountainhead Regional Park,  
Fairfax Station  
Pohick Bay, Lorton  
Mason Neck, Lorton  
Bull Run Marina, Clifton

All through the summer, the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust offers kayaking trips at several locations along the Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir. A naturalist is on hand to illuminate the flora and fauna

along the shore. Kayaking equipment is provided, but participants are asked to bring water and sunscreen and wear appropriate attire. Registration is required and a fee is collected to cover expenses. Contact Whitney Bailey at 703-354-5093 or [wbailey@nvct.org](mailto:wbailey@nvct.org).

## 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 slug play and, of course, the slimy creatures themselves.

## Ride with 3,000 Bikers

**Ride of the Patriots**  
Patriot Harley-Davidson  
9739 Fairfax Blvd.  
Fairfax  
703-352-5400

On Memorial Day weekend, over 3,000 motorcyclists line up on Fairfax Boulevard in Fairfax before heading to the Pentagon to join the annual Rolling Thunder ride into Washington, D.C. Sponsored by Patriot Harley-Davidson and the Fairfax Harley Owners Group (H.O.G), the ride honors the those who died defending the United States.

## Ride Along with the Clifton Horse Society

P.O. Box 183  
Clifton

Contact Beth Giorgiami at their Web site [cliftonhorsesociety.org](http://cliftonhorsesociety.org) for monthly trail rides. Established in 1977, the Clifton Horse Society serves the needs of those interested in horses in Fairfax County and the surrounding communities. Most club members are horse owners, but membership is open to all horse lovers. Although founded in Clifton, the society's hundreds of members now include people throughout Virginia, in other states and overseas. Their activities cover every base including recreational, social, educational and service.

## Captain a Boat on Lake Accotink

Lake Accotink Park  
7500 Accotink Park Road  
Springfield

Lake Accotink is a 55-acre body of water. That's a lot of territory through which to navigate a variety of vessels available to park guests. Pedal Boats can be rented for \$5 per half-hour. Row Boats are available for \$6 per hour, Canoes are \$5. Boats powered by electric motors, sailboats under 15 feet and kayaks are allowed on the lake. There is a \$2 launch fee for each vehicle. Call 703-569-3464 or visit the Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink).

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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.

— MARY KIMM

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

Anne Damon  
Fairfax

## Supporting Bulova

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.

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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

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 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>.

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.

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the Fairfax County Asian American History Project that would share the stories of the heritage and contributions of the largest minority group in Fairfax County — the Asian American community of about 160,000 or 16 percent of the population. This project would strengthen the county's inclusive approach towards all American residents.

Again, I received very cordial words from Supervisor Herrity's staff but no real support. Supervisor Bulova and Chairman Connolly were very supportive of this civil rights project of historical research and community development that was featured in the local newspaper.

I have great hopes for future success for my Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity — and I certainly wish him great success for his success will mean good things for the district. However, my experience so far indicates that his office still needs to get more experience in supporting issues that are important to me and other members of his district.

Cora Foley  
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## FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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## Kings Park Park Master Plan Meeting Slated

The Fairfax County Park Authority is holding a public informational meeting to gather public comment on the draft master plan revision for Kings Park Park located at 8717 Trafalgar Court in Springfield. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2009 from 8 to 9:30 p.m., immediately following the 7:30 p.m. Kings Park Civic Association meeting in the Kings Park Elementary School cafeteria.

Kings Park Park is a local , 9.2-acre park owned by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Surrounded by single-family residences, the park is accessible by car from Trafalgar Court and Parkway Place and by foot from a trail leading to Cromwell Drive. The Park has two parking lots, two tennis courts, two basketball courts, a playground, a small diamond ball field, an open grassy area, and a loop trail. The remaining areas of the park are forested with a perennial stream at the northern edge. The master plan revision incorporates the former community pool property into the park and considers the community's needs while providing for resource protection.

The proposed plan is available for review online at: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/kingspark.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/kingspark.htm) or in the Fairfax County Park Authority Planning Division offices at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA.

Anyone wishing to speak at the meeting is asked to contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via e-mail at [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov). Speakers may sign up in advance or at the meeting. Comments on the plan will be accepted by the Park Authority for 30 days after the meeting and all comments must be received by February 14th, 2009 in order to be included in the official public record. Comments will be accepted at the meeting or can also be emailed to [Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov). Written comments should be directed to Andy Galusha, Project Manager, Planning & Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. After all comments have been considered, the plan will be presented to the Park Authority Board for final approval.

For more information, contact the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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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 Lansdowne 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](http://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](http://jaxxroxx.com).
- Don Cobert**. 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or [katesirishpub.com](http://katesirishpub.com).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 10

- Friends Book Sale**, 10 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Lansdowne 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](http://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](http://jaxxroxx.com).

## 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.democraticwomendoofilton.org](http://democraticwomendoofilton.org).

### SUNDAY/JAN. 11

- Karaoke**. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or [katesirishpub.com](http://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](http://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 Lansdowne 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](http://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

### 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

Library, 6500 Lansdowne 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](http://katesirishpub.com).
- Flying Dragons**, 7:30 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](http://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](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 202-397-SEAT. George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://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, Funkmnkyz, Poor Man's Lobster, 20/20 Vizions and The Internals. 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 in advance \$12 day of show. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or [jaxxroxx.com](http://jaxxroxx.com).

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- 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.

- 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 Lansdowne 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](http://katesirishpub.com).
- Frankie and the Actions**. 9 p.m. Tickets \$5. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-

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**Happy Birthday, Princess Priscilla! Celebrate the Kingstowne Library teddy bear's birthday with stories and songs, on Monday, Jan. 12.**

### MONDAY/JAN. 19

- Open Mic Night**. 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or [katesirishpub.com](http://katesirishpub.com).
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**Hayfield's T.J. Wilson, left, and Sean-Michael King try to force another Lake Braddock turnover. 'I thought they played great defensively,' Bruins coach Brian Metress said.**

## Hawks Soar Despite Hurdles

**With win over Lake Braddock, Hayfield hoops off to 9-2 start, 3-0 in Patriot District.**

BY JASON MACKAY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**ake a straw poll these days at Hayfield Secondary School and it's unlikely too many folks are all that upset that the Hawks will switch from the Patriot to the National District starting with the 2009-10 season.

Just don't think that boys basketball coach Ron Palmer is one of them.

Palmer will miss the nightly challenges that the Patriot provides, grind-it-out games in which each basket is contested and marquee matchups when the second-year coach knows that he only needs to break the pre-game huddle and clap his hands. Players already know what's at stake.

"We're moving out of it, and I kind of hate that because I do love the competition," Palmer said. "I don't want to play a lot of games when you have a 70 percent chance where you know you're going to win the ballgame."

Having won 609 games and a California state title at Long Beach Poly, Palmer flopped down into a folding chair after the Hawks' most recent win, a brutally physical 50-45 victory over Lake Braddock on Tuesday night. The 70-year-old Palmer was tired.

He'll miss games like Tuesday night. Games where his team had the lead for more than three quarters and twice had the Bruins down by seven, but still couldn't put Lake Braddock away.

"I thought the kids fought through some adversity and showed their character, which is important if you're going to do well later in the year," said Palmer, whose team is 9-2 overall, 3-0 in district play. The Hawks will travel to face Lee on Friday night.

**"We don't have to depend on one person."**

— Hayfield coach Ron Palmer

**PALMER RETURNED** eight players who played significant minutes from last year's 14-8 team and their experience, according to Palmer, has been the primary reason for Hayfield's successful start.

The only "stumbling block" that the team has faced came at the Mount Vernon Holiday Invitational Tournament during the winter break, when Hayfield's players started to disappear and Palmer was forced to juggle his substitution patterns.

One of the key returners from last year's team, junior guard Brandon Winbush, was previously scheduled to take a flight over-



**Hayfield senior T.J. Wilson chipped in with nine points during his team's win over Lake Braddock on Tuesday. The Hawks are 9-2 overall, 3-0 in Patriot District play.**

seas to visit his mother, a commanding officer in the armed forces. Though the team knew about the trip, it didn't make it easier to take with what was about to happen.

Senior Laurent Newsome, the Hawks' dominant inside presence, had to miss two games and five practices because of a family emergency. To make matters worse, Hayfield lost its first game in the tournament to Eastlake High School of California and during the contest junior point guard Rayshawn Riggins was ejected, prompting

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## Mason Makes It Work

**Under Larranaga, Patriot basketball again off to strong start.**

BY JASON MACKAY  
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 re-invent 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. 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

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## SPORTS

# Hayfield Boys Defeat Bruins

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a suspension for the following game, a loss to Fairfax.

"This is the best team that I've played with since I've been in high school," said senior T.J. Wilson, who finished with nine points. "I couldn't have picked a better group of guys to play with. It just clicks with us. We have that chemistry."

"It's more of a team this year," said Winbush, comparing the 2008-09 Hawks to

those of previous seasons. Winbush scored a team-high 13 points.

Hayfield topped Lake Braddock mostly by limiting the Bruins' best player, Dominic Morra, to 29 points, including four 3-pointers. Palmer called for a box-and-one system, with Canady guarding Morra while receiving occasional help from the zone defense around him.

The team expected Morra to light up the score sheet, as he's averaging more than 30

points per contest so far this season. Canady and Co. just didn't want Morra to take control of the game, which the Hawks started to do with less than two minutes remaining.

With 1 minute, 51 seconds to play and Winbush at the free throw line, Hayfield started a stretch, closing the game by making 12 of 14 free throws.

"Free throws are always important, especially in the fourth quarter," Canady said.

Count Palmer impressed. He hadn't even gotten around to harping on his team's free throw shooting, which he admits wasn't all

that spectacular. Palmer was simply trying to navigate a difficult schedule without a few of his best players in what would be the Hawks' final Patriot season.

"Basketball is unpredictable," Palmer said. "I don't know how the kids are going to play from game to game, but I know what we're capable of."

"The good thing about this team is that we don't have to depend on one person because there's always someone stepping up, and that's a good sign of how strong your team can be."

### WEEK IN SPORTS

#### Spartans Return A Good One

With a 60-47 win over Mills Godwin of Richmond in the finals of the Pohanka Chantilly Classic—the program's first holiday tournament appearance in more than 15 years—the West Springfield girls basketball team marked its return to the holiday tournament basketball scene in style.

The Spartans improved to 10-1 overall, 3-0 in Patriot District play this season with a 74-18 win Tuesday night over West Potomac.

"I felt going into it that we should make it to the championship game," West Springfield coach Bill Gibson said of the Pohanka experience. "After that, our goal was to win it, and we won it so it was all good."

Stony Brook recruit Sam Landers, a senior guard who scored a team-high 15 points in the title game, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player while freshman guard April Robinson joined Landers on the All-Tournament squad.

The only hiccup West Springfield has faced this season came with a 56-50 loss to Good Counsel on Dec. 6. Otherwise, Gibson's squad has won eight in a row. The Spartans will travel to Patriot District rival T.C. Williams on Friday.

#### W. Springfield Little League Registration

West Springfield Little League will conduct registration for its 2009 season on two Saturdays this month, Jan. 10 and 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Washington Irving Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. WSLI's boundaries cover parts of West Springfield, Burke and Fairfax Station with the league open to all boys and girls ages 5-12.

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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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**NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
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	Governmental Funds
Assets	\$52,392
Liabilities	30,453
Fund balance / net assets	21,939
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the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

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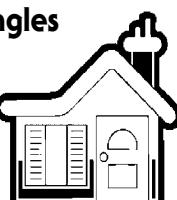
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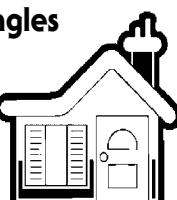
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# GMU Starts Strong

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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."

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.

Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.  
—Henry David Thoreau

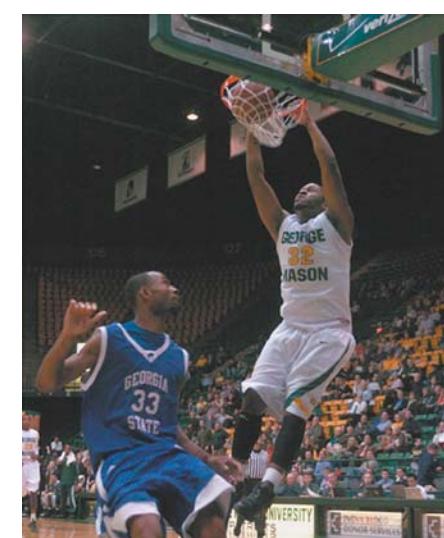


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**Senior forward Darryl Monroe contributed 15 points and a game-high 11 rebounds during the George Mason men's basketball team's 58-52 home win over Georgia State on Monday night.**

**"If we're mentally prepared, we're capable of doing anything."**

— Sophomore guard Cam Long

"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."

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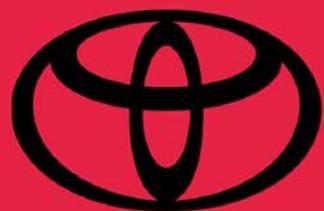
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