

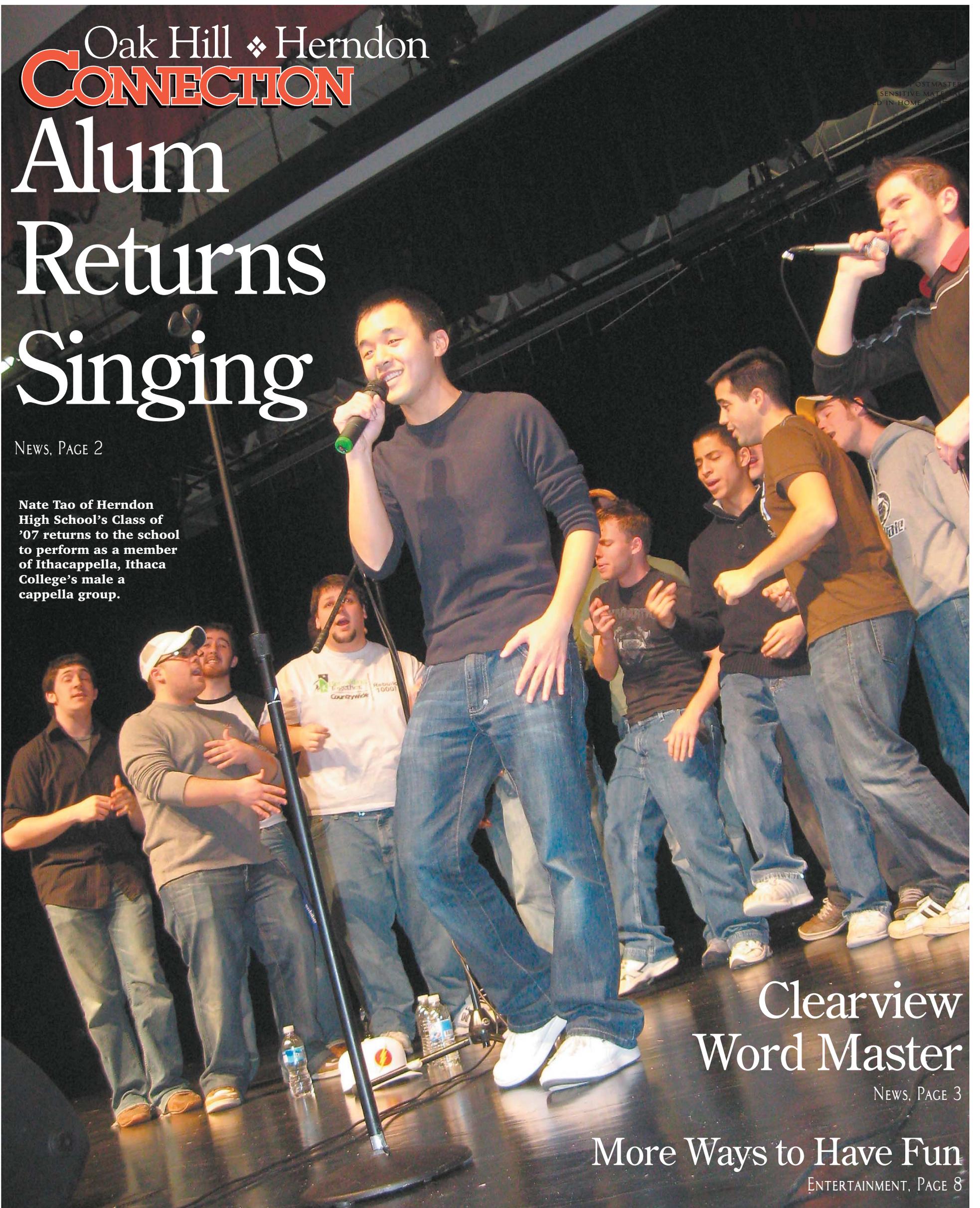
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Alum Returns Singing

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Nate Tao of Herndon High School's Class of '07 returns to the school to perform as a member of Ithacappella, Ithaca College's male a cappella group.

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OBITUARY

Dillard Thomas, 90, Dies

Dillard Thomas, father of Reston resident Kittie Thomas, died at the age of 90 this past October in his hometown of Houston, TX. Dillard was born in Cleburne, Texas along with seven brothers and sisters. When Dillard was 7, his mother died, and a year later, he lost his father. Dillard and his siblings were placed in the Masonic Home orphanage outside of Ft. Worth, Texas, where they were raised and schooled until they graduated high school. Dillard went on to graduate from Rice University as the valedictorian of his class, receiving a degree in mechanical engineering.

He married Aline Rosenthal in 1941, and in 1948, their only child, Kittie, was born.

Dillard is survived by his wife of 67 years, Aline Thomas; his daughter, Kittie Rothschild of Herndon; his granddaughter, Jodi Rothschild of Reston; his grandson, David Rothschild of Falls Church; his great granddaughter, Deja Rothschild-Payne of Reston; his sister (the oldest of all the Thomas children and who just celebrated her 101st birthday), Celeste Etter of Cleburne, Texas; nieces Patsy Kelly and Linda Pearson of Austin, Texas; and nephew Mike Thomas of Austin.



Dillard Thomas

PEOPLE NOTES

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Officer Damien Austin and K9 Smokey of the Town of Herndon Police Department will graduate from K9 School Friday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. at the Fairfax County Police Canine Training Facility, 3721 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. The 14-week basic training course includes sessions on patrol

techniques and narcotics detection and the teams are trained in tracking and locating criminal suspects, as well as endangered missing persons.

David T. Lewis, son of Samuel R. Lewis of Oak Hill, graduated from the **Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course**, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The primary focus of the course is to develop and evaluate each cadet's officer potential as a leader by exercising the cadet's intelligence, common sense, ingenuity and physical stamina.

Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) announced the addition of **Patrick Day** of Herndon to his Senate staff in Washington, D.C. Patrick will serve as a staff assistant in the Senator's office where he was an intern in

the summer of 2008. Day graduated from Oakton High School in 2003 and the University of Tennessee in May.

Annah J. Gbee, student at George Mason University, has graduated from the **Army ROTC Leader's Training Course** at Fort Knox, Ky. The four-week course is a leadership internship for cadets that can lead to the ultimate goal of becoming an Army officer. College students experience and examine the Army without incurring an obligation to serve in the Army or ROTC, and are eligible to receive two-year college scholarship offers and attend the Advanced ROTC Course at their college.

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Clearview Word Master

Fourth-grader gets rare perfect score in national language arts competition.

Eric Malani of Clearview Elementary was one of just 75 fourth-graders in the country to achieve a perfect score in the Gold Division the latest WordMasters Challenge.

About 44,000 fourth-graders entered the language arts competition, with 7,350 competing in the Gold Division, said WordMasters National Director Nancy McGrath, meaning that only about one in 1,000 Gold Division competitors received a perfect score.

In the weeks before the test, McGrath said, entrants receive a list of 25 difficult vocabulary words to study. The test then consists of 20 analogies, each using one or more of the words and requiring students to understand not only their definitions but also their nuances in different contexts and different forms of the words.

Eric said he studied for the challenge for at least a half-hour a day for about a week leading up to the test. "I studied, like, the synonyms, the antonyms. I studied the definitions, and my teacher was a really good coach. She gave us a packet to study," he said.

"I tried as hard as I could. I thought I got them all right, and I did."

Two more meets will be held this school year.

Other Clearview students who achieved high scores in the challenge were fourth-graders Jacob Ajit, Marcus Benzon, Sofia Caballero and Tiernan O'Rourke, as well as sixth-graders Antonio Rodriguez and Charlie Shen.

— MIKE DICICCO



Clearview Elementary fourth-grader Eric Malani studied at least a half-hour a day to achieve a perfect score in the national WordMasters Challenge.

PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Rust Goes To Richmond

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) heads to Richmond this week for the 2009 General Assembly session. The following are two of the bills he plans to introduce as the representative from the Herndon and Sterling area.

❖ Rust has introduced a bill that would allow businesses to expand group life-insurance benefits to the partners, same sex or otherwise, of employees. The Virginia General Assembly passed a similar law with regards to health insurance three years ago and Rust said he expects the business community to back the proposal.

Rust's engineering firm is located in multiple states, including Virginia, and the delegate said it is unfair to his own employees that he can offer some benefits to his people in other states, but not in Virginia.

"It puts [Virginia] businesses at a disadvantage in terms of recruiting and hiring," he said.

❖ The delegate has also proposed a bill that would allow local authorities to impound the vehicle of someone caught driving without a driver's license for a second time.

The new law would not apply to people who are under 18 years old or who are driving on an old license that has expired within the last year. Instead, the bill is primarily aimed at people who have never acquired a driver's license — possibly because they are an illegal immigrant and are not eligible for one — or people who have had their driver's license revoked, which frequently happens to people convicted of drunk driving.

At local road checkpoints, Fairfax County police are far more likely to catch someone driving without a license than a person driving under the influence. From October 2007 through September 2008, Fairfax officers wrote approximately 5,500 tickets to people driving without a license, according to Fairfax County executive Tony Griffin.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE



Del. Tom Rust

Drunk Driver Kills Drunk Driver

Jury recommends three-year sentence in death of Reston man.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

A Fairfax Circuit Court jury convicted a drunk driver for killing another drunk driver who caused a different accident on Route 7 moments before.

Gordon E. Brightly Jr., 50 of Leesburg, is scheduled to be sentenced in late March in Fairfax County Circuit Court. The jury, which convicted Brightly of involuntary manslaughter, recommended that he serve three years in prison.

"This case is about a young man whose life came to a tragic end because of the

defendant's selfish actions to drive when he was dangerously intoxicated," Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Faraji A. Rosenthal told the jury during opening arguments of the three-day trial last month.

About 20 minutes past midnight on March 15, 2007, Anton Stefan Sjostrom, 27 of Reston, was standing outside his 2004 Toyota Camry on the right through lane of westbound Route 7 near the intersection of Georgetown Pike in **Great Falls**.

Sjostrom had rear-ended another vehicle and was inspecting the damage and waiting for police to arrive when Brightly, driving a white Dodge pickup truck in the right lane, hit Sjostrom and Sjostrom's vehicle.

Sjostrom died at the scene and Brightly was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

Brightly initially refused to give a sample of his blood for testing. But when police explained they would obtain a search war-

rant to authorize the blood test, Brightly told officers, "Do what you have to do. I am [screwed] anyways."

Hours after the fatal accident, Brightly's blood alcohol content was tested to be .16, twice the legal limit to drive, said Rosenthal.

Brightly's defense attorneys, public defenders Vernida Chaney and Robert Frank, argued that the two cars in the earlier crash were in the travel lane and Brightly had little opportunity to avoid the collision.

Sjostrom's blood alcohol content was .28, more than three times the legal limit for driving, said Chaney.

The medical examiner did not prepare an autopsy in the case, according to the defense attorneys.

Brightly was arrested for a second charge of driving under the influence in Loudoun County while awaiting trial, said Rosenthal.

Del. Rust Seeks Input

The Virginia General Assembly begins its 2009 session Jan. 14 and will last for 45 days. Del. Tom Rust (R-86) has several ways for constituents to stay informed and to make their views known during Virginia's General Assembly session.

First, a district survey has been posted on www.tomrust.org to give constituents a way to weigh in on important state issues. Second, Rust will be holding town meetings Saturday, Jan. 17. One will be held at the Herndon Town Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St., at 1 p.m., and another at McNair Elementary School Library, 2499 Thomas Jefferson Drive, Herndon, at 4 p.m.

Rust can also be contacted by phone through his Herndon office at 703-437-9400 or in Richmond at 804-698-1086, e-mail at trust@tomrust.org or by mail at Del. Tom Rust, 730 Elden St., Herndon, VA 20170.

Art Proposals Sought for Grant

The Town of Herndon is accepting grant proposals for up to \$5,000 through the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant Program for projects to be implemented July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010.

Nonprofit arts organizations incorporated in the Town of Herndon must meet general policy guidelines as published by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. The commission's 2009-2010 Guidelines for Funding and other resources are available at www.arts.virginia.gov. Applicants should provide full documentation of their projected budget, program planning and a detailed description of implementation of the project.

Organizations who intend to apply for grant funding must submit their proposals by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, to the performing arts supervisor at the Herndon Department of Parks and Recreation. They may also be delivered to the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, VA 20170 or to Town of Herndon, P.O. Box 427, Herndon, VA 20172-0427, Attn: Performing Arts Supervisor.

Recycle Outdated Electronics

Cox Communications, 3080 Centreville Road, Herndon, is holding a free electronic recycling event Saturday, Jan. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event provides an opportunity for the public to recycle electronic devices in an environmentally responsible way. To ensure that all items are properly collected and safely processed, Cox is partnering with PC Recycler Inc., a government approved recycling and data destruction contractor.

Participants can remain in their cars while volunteers unload their outdated electronic devices. Residents attending the event are required to complete a computer recycling form, which will ensure an accurate account of the collected items for government agencies that track the quantity of recycled materials.

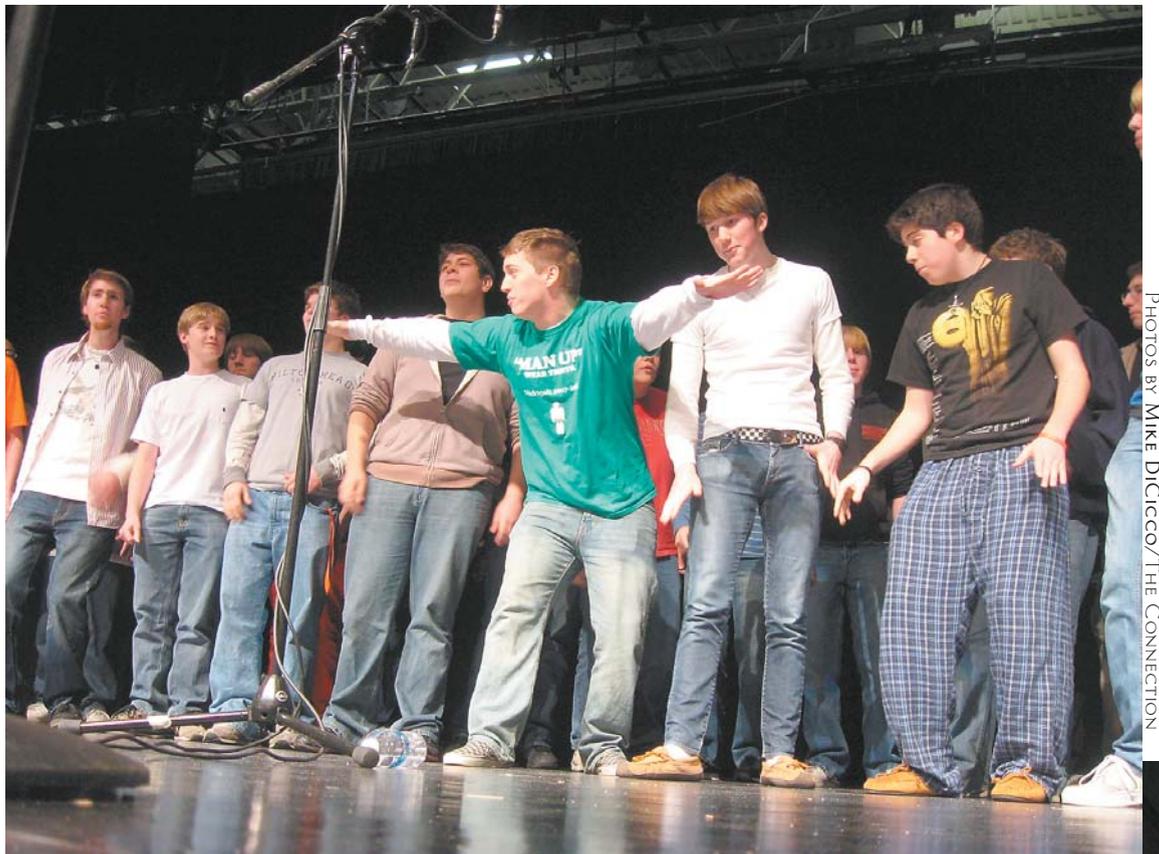
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Neighborhood College Registration Under Way

Registration for the Herndon Neighborhood College, the Town of Herndon's community leadership program, is under way. The seven-week program features hands-on activities that build organizational, problem solving and leadership skills; participants apply these skills toward strengthening neighborhoods and promoting a strong sense of community.

The 2009 program will be held at the Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden St., Monday evenings, Feb. 2-March 16, 6:30-9 p.m. There will also be a workshop Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Evening meetings will include a light dinner and breakfast and lunch will be provided at the Saturday workshop. There is no charge to attend the Neighborhood College.

To register, call the Neighborhood Resources office at 703/435-7814 or download an application at www.herndon-va.gov, link off of "What's New" on the homepage.



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Alum Returns Singing

Herndon music students get a lesson and a fund-raiser.

Ithaca College singing group Ithacappella came to Herndon High School Monday to host a workshop with the school's music students and stage an evening fund-raiser for the Choral Boosters.

With them was Herndon alumnus Nate Tao, who graduated in 2007 and is one of the few singers to join the elite group as a college freshman.

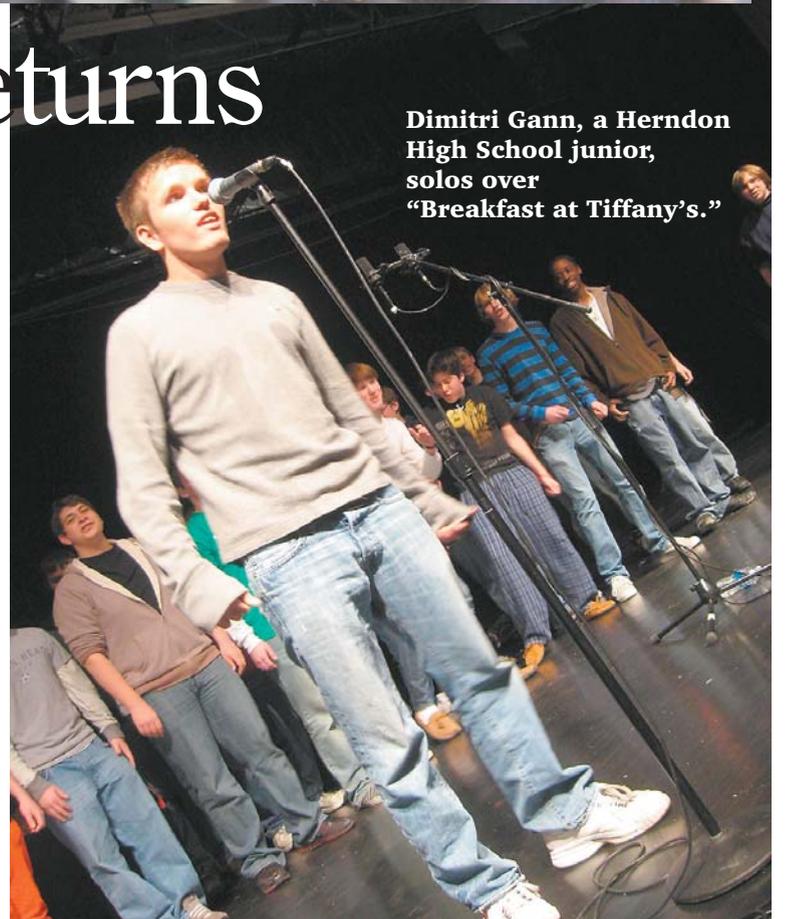
During sixth period, members of the a cappella group showed Herndon guitar, band, choir and orchestra students how they imitate instruments with their voices, gave them an intro to the art of the human beat box and showed them tricks for staying synchronized. They also coached the high school's For Men's Only chorus through a couple of songs.

That night, the group was to perform a fund-raiser at the school for the Herndon High School Choral Boosters.

Ithacappella has received numerous accolades, including being named best male ensemble in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella.

— MIKE DICICCO

Dimitri Gann, a Herndon High School junior, solos over "Breakfast at Tiffany's."



Herndon High sophomore Ian Gildea sings a solo while the school's For Men Only chorus backs him up at a workshop with Ithaca College's Ithacappella.



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Newly-opened Homemade Pizza Co. in Herndon offers fresh all-natural unbaked pizzas. Kyle Hale, the district manager for Washington, D.C., Virginia and Minneapolis, Minn., said the company thrives despite the recession.



Chris Mabry, an employee at Great Harvest Bread Co. in Herndon, prepares bread Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Businesses Defy Recession

There's hope among small businesses in Herndon.

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER
THE CONNECTION

Kyle Hale stands behind the counter at Homemade Pizza Co. in Herndon. "Our pizzas are all natural," he said to a customer.

As Hale begins to explain the menu and baking instructions to the customer, others walk by and peep through the glass window. Homemade Pizza Co. opened Thursday, Jan. 8, in Herndon and in Washington, D.C.

Despite the recession, Hale said the new business will thrive.

"The D.C. area is looking for the natural healthier concept," Hale, the district manager for Washington, D.C., Virginia and Minneapolis, Minn., said. "It's a pizza that's healthier than the traditional pizza."

HOMEMADE PIZZA offers all-natural ingredients such as vegetables and fresh herbs, not to mention Kalamata olives, pine nuts, wild mushrooms and marinated artichokes. Besides uncooked pizzas, the company also sells all-natural big cookies, ice creams and salads.

"We're family based," Hale said. "That's what keeps us strong."

Hale said by opening a new business in Herndon, he hopes this will provide jobs for the community.

"We hired a lot of [students] from Chantilly and Herndon high," he said. "We are really excited to be here."

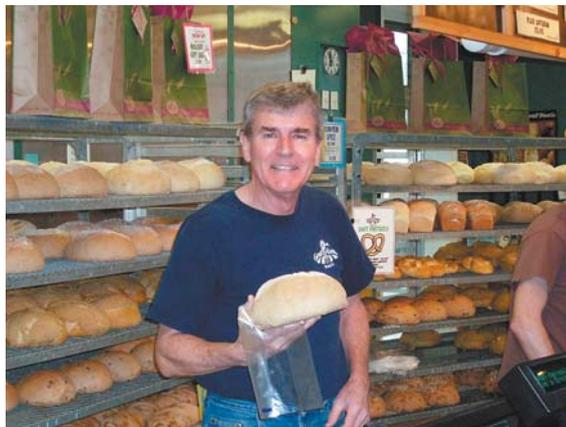
While Hale feels Homemade Pizza will thrive, another food store owner said 2008 was one of his best years.

Jack Corkey, the owner of Great Harvest Bread Co. in Herndon, said sales were up last year.

"Our product is a price point for people who are not trying to spend a lot of money," Corkey said. "It's a nice gift."

Corkey said more people come in looking for jobs.

"We have a lot more applications than we used



Jack Corkey, the owner of Great Harvest Bread Co. in Herndon, said sales were up in 2008, despite the recession.



Phuong Lee, the owner of New Decade Hair Design in Herndon, and Stephanie Bui, the front desk receptionist on Thursday, Jan. 8.

to," he said.

PHUONG LEE, the owner of New Decade Hair Design in Worldgate Centre in Herndon, said her shop has slowed down a little bit.

"Well, everybody is hurting," she said. "We try to

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It's Not Grade Inflation

Fairfax and Loudoun should change to 10-point grading, add weight for advanced classes; over 90 percent is an A.

Fairfax County Public Schools, along with Loudoun County schools, have been grading students in a way that puts them at a disadvantage for scholarships, college admissions and college credit compared to other similar school systems.

Right now there is a proposal on the table in Fairfax that would remedy many of these concerns, and the school board should take this opportunity to do so.

Fairfax has been grading students on a six point scale, meaning that a student scoring more than 90 points out of 100 could get a B

instead of an A; it takes a 94 for an A, and a 64 to pass.

While most comparable school systems offer extra points for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and some honors classes, Fairfax has not been doing so.

Will changing the grading scale mean that more students from Fairfax County will head to Harvard? Not at all; many top colleges make their own adjustments to applicants' grade point averages, but not all. While it's easy for some to dismiss this push on helicopter parents who would do anything to further the success of their gifted children, there are some important issues at stake.

There is no question that a lower grade point average as reported by an applicant's school can result in fewer opportunities for merit scholarships. Given the cost of college tuition and the economic challenges facing all families right now, putting Fairfax students at a disadvantage for scholarship money is unfair and un-

And at the margins, how the schools calculate and report a grade point average could affect which colleges accept a given applicant,

and these small differences can have a dramatic affect on a student's college experience.

Giving extra weight for the extra rigor and work of AP and IB classes is also critical for our students.

Fairfax County also should ensure that its graduates arrive at college with the most college credit possible for their college level studies in high school. Students taking IB exams should also take the most similar AP exam. In many cases, no additional preparation is required. While IB courses are just as rigorous as AP classes and should result in college credit for the students who have successfully completed them based on test scores, many colleges do not yet recognize IB test scores for credit.

But a student who scores well on the IB test will likely score just as well on the most similar AP test, and almost every college will give credit for high AP scores.

Again this is not a nicety for parents to brag about or students to put on their resumé. Arriving as a freshman in college with college credit gives students a leg up on more advanced coursework, and can in some cases reduce the cost of college by a semester or more.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Herrity vs. Bulova: County on the Edge

To The Editor:

Happy New Year and it's time to wake up Fairfax County! There is a special election Feb. 3 for the chairman of the Board of Supervisors. It's a very important election between Pat Herrity and Sharon Bulova.

I don't envy Bulova, who is running on the only thing she has: the past 16 years as budget chairman. If I were her, I'd be wishing I had experience in the private sector or real-world accomplishments than playing second fiddle behind Gerry Connolly all this time. And I'd really be wishing I had more when her 16 years of being budget chairman has resulted in an unprecedented budget crisis that requires a serious focus on responsibility that just isn't her cup of tea.

Of course, Bulova (as Connolly did) will try to evade culpability by blaming President Bush and the economic downturns everyone else is facing. And it's true; the state budget has a shortfall, Prince William County has a shortfall, and Arlington County has a shortfall. Yet their shortfalls are 3 percent to 5 percent under, while Fairfax County is at 17 percent. We're in a much deeper hole, and it can't be just explained away by blaming Washington, D.C. We need to look at what we've been

doing for the past few years to find a way out and more importantly we need someone who is willing to do more than blame others.

As was said, Sharon Bulova drove this bus to the edge of the cliff. Do we really want to keep her on the gas pedal?

For his part, in addition to his year on the Board of Supervisors, Pat is a chief financial officer at Arrowhead Global Solutions Inc., and has proven real-world experience of turning companies around financially. He's fought for transparency and citizen involvement in the budget process, something Bulova and Connolly have resisted strongly. And showing off his budget skills, he submitted a complete substitute budget last year that didn't raise taxes and fully funded the county's top priorities. It was rejected without much consideration from the Democratic majority.

The conventional wisdom is that Fairfax County is a Democratic stronghold, that Fairfax Republicans are in tatters and that Connolly's local machine will turn out for Bulova. But I see some underlying movement that threatens to turn the conventional wisdom on its head.

Democrats have an advantage here, yes, but after electing a Democratic president, Democratic senator and Democratic congressmen, there is less impetus for them to go all-out for a February special election.

Republicans have suffered

losses, yes, but we have a strong candidate with high name-ID and the issues on his side running a credible change campaign and who enjoys widespread and unified support from the party.

And Gerry Connolly's machine barely edged and did worse than expected against Keith Fimian in a race he was supposed to win by a huge margin.

Bob Fairchild
Herndon

Don't Change Grading System

To the Editor:

I believe that Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) should not implement a 10-point grading

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6437 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/JAN. 29

Hispanic Parent Classes. A free class for Hispanic parents of children in Kindergarten-sixth grade titled "You Always Say No! Have Fun and Be a Parent" will be held at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden St., Herndon at 7 p.m. The class will teach parents to become a nurturing parent, praise their children and their behavior, take care of their needs and their children's and how to help their children control their behavior.

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The **Hazak Active Retirees Chapter** of Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, presents Rabbi Leonard Cahan for a discussion of the origins of Jewish marriage customs Tuesday, **Jan. 27**, 1 p.m. Rabbi Cahan will explore rituals in the many different societies in which Jews have lived and the rich symbolism that has made them so appealing and enduring. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, will host a **Yiddish Club** on the **first Tuesday of each month**, starting Jan. 6. Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and more. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Congregation Beth Emeth

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The **MOMS Club of Herndon** is hosting its **January meeting** Thursday, **Jan. 15**, 10-11:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. This month's topic is "How to Pick a Preschool" with special guest Ingrid Wood. Visit <http://www.wahmfest.org/herndonmomsclub>.

Hazak Chapter, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, hosts prominent speakers and entertainers on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at 1 p.m. Free light refreshments are served. Call 703-860-4515, Ext. 127. The guest list is as follows:

Jan. 27: Rabbi Leonard Cahan, Jewish Marriage Customs

Feb. 17: Rabbi David Kalendar, The Jews of Uganda

March 17: Dr. Louis Blumen, Jewish Medieval Medicine

April 21: Steven Gross, The Holocaust in Hungary

May 19: Speaker from Embassy of Israel

June 16: Year-end Luncheon

Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Reston, **welcomes their new pastor, Rev. Elizabeth Hagan**. Pastor Hagan has received preaching recognition from several Baptist and ecumenical organizations and was selected to participate in the Young Clergy Preaching Conference at the National Cathedral in 2007. Visit www.washingtonplazachurch.com or

call 703-471-5225.

Every Wednesday, at 12:15 p.m., **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, offers a lunch-time Healing and Holy Communion service. This half-hour service is offered to all and allows people an opportunity to worship during the work week when they may be away from their regular church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament and all who have not been baptized may receive a blessing at the Altar rail. Call the church Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 703-437-3790 or visit www.saint-timothys.org.

Knitters needed the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month, at 7 p.m., at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.

Mothers First-Herndon/Reston is a nonprofit support organization helping women transition from careers to at-home motherhood. Meetings are on the **first and second Wednesdays** of each month at 10 a.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon.

Mother's First-Herndon/Reston is holding its **annual potty training lecture Jan. 29** at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bownman Towne Drive, Reston. RSVP to 703-242-0195.

Mother's First is also introducing a new chapter, "Pre-Schoolers Plus," a support group for women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children. The group will meet Feb. 11, 7:30 p.m., at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Contact 703-827-5922 or www.mothersfirst.org.

Square dances at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon, **every Saturday**. \$5 for 6 classes for seniors, \$10 for non-seniors. Call 703-464-6200.

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Attend Herndon High School Play

Herndon High School
700 Bennett St., Herndon
Opportunities are abound for taking in a top-notch stage play without leaving town as Herndon High School's award-winning drama department puts on two mainstage plays and as many as three smaller, one-act plays stretching from fall to spring. The mainstage performances include dramatic plays in the fall and musicals in the spring. Those looking to keep up with the drama department's works can take in the smaller one-act plays that dot the calendar throughout the year. For information on upcoming performances, visit Herndon High School's drama department on-line at www.herndonrama.org.

On the Stage

The Reston Community Players
2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston
The Reston Community Players have been performing live shows for more than 40 years. An all-volunteer organization, the group puts on four major productions a year, which has included "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "The Foreigner" and "Seussical." The players are also members of the Arts Alliance of Reston, the Northern Virginia Theatre Alliance, the Arts Council of Fairfax County and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. Their performances take place at the CentreStage Theatre at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods. Visit restonplayers.org.

Watch a Fight

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Dramatic Readings

The Hub Theatre
www.thehubtheatre.org
Enjoy an evening of spectacular dramatic readings with Reston's latest dramatic organization, the Hub Theatre, started by Reston's own residents as a way to encourage the creation of arts in the community. Readings are conducted at either The Reston Used Book Shop at Lake Anne, beginning at 3 p.m., or at the Greater Reston Arts Center at Reston Town Center, beginning at 6 p.m. Recent readings have included "Big Love," "A Christmas Carol" and "Act a Lady." For more information on the scheduled readings and on the Hub, visit www.thehubtheatre.org.

Something for the Children

Children's Shows at Lake Anne
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Take the little ones for twice-weekly entertainment on the historic Washington Plaza. Clowns, magicians, singers and more perform free half-hour shows every Tuesday and Thursday morning from June through August. For more information visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

SPORT & FITNESS

Play Tennis at Bready Park

814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon
Bready Park, adjacent to the Herndon Community Center, offers local tennis enthusiasts six hard-top regulation courts to refine their racket skills. Experienced mentoring is available for the less experienced players as staff tennis experts offer group tennis classes and summer youth tennis camps. For those who can't wait for the warmer months to hit the courts, a tennis bubble" is placed over three of the courts to allow for



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year-round play during the colder fall, winter and spring months.

Join Adult Basketball

Herndon Community Center
814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon
703-435-6868
Every winter Herndon's adult men have the opportunity to show off their roundball skills by joining a team in the men's adult basketball league. Teams consist of six to 12 players who are at least 18-years-old [with no more than 5 players residing outside of Herndon] and play full-court basketball twice a week for 12 weeks before competing in the playoffs at the end of the season. Registration for each team is \$600 and seasons begin in January of each year.

Crosstown Cycling

Downtown Herndon
With the Washington and Old Dominion Trail cutting through downtown Herndon, cyclists can use the town municipal center parking lot at the end of Station Street, off Elden Street, eat at any number of nearby restaurants and then head east toward Vienna or west to Loudoun.



Matt Lee, 12, of Herndon, tries to catch insects and butterflies as part of the numerous activities for children to learn about the different kinds of animals and plants that can be found and seen at Runnymede Park.

featuring an indoor, 25-yard, eight-lane swimming pool complete with shallow kiddie pool area and a one-meter diving board. The community center hosts both adult exercise and child-free swimming periods throughout the day and offers swimming lessons for all ages. All visitors to the pool must pay an admission fee or be the holder of an annual or extended pass, with discounts available for Herndon residents. For information on swimming schedules, programs and fees, visit the Town of Herndon web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon
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Watch a Ball Game

Herndon Optimist Youth Baseball and Softball
www.herndonoptimist.org
Enjoy the Spring ball season from the sidelines watching Herndon's youth swing away at the pitches in the Herndon Optimist Youth leagues. Each year the Town hosts an opening day celebration showcasing the leagues' teams. For more information on the leagues, other Herndon Optimist Youth sports and schedules, visit www.herndonoptimist.org.

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to \$10 for about 115 balls. For more information visit <http://www.huntermillgolf.com>.

HIGH-SCHOOL SPORTS

Cheer the Hornets

700 Bennet St., Herndon
Athletic Hotline, 703-749-8133
Become a part of the rallying center of Herndon community pride and enter the "hornets nest" by attending a Herndon High School sporting event. With football in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the summer, there is always an opportunity to see Herndon's best and brightest young athletes compete against other area high schools. Tickets are limited and sell out quickly, especially for marquee events.

MUSIC

Attend Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live
777 Lynn St., Herndon
From the beginning of May until the end of August, Friday nights in Herndon are the place to see free live music as the town green, located behind the Herndon Municipal Center on Lynn Street is converted to an outdoor concert hall for the Herndon-Dulles Chamber of Commerce's concert series "Friday Night Live." Never a cover and always entertaining, the chamber and other local sponsors, including Washington, D.C.'s alternative radio station, DC101, bring together some of the region's most promising young acts. Vendors provide the food and beer and the bands provide the music for this family-oriented local music event. For band line-ups and more information, visit Friday Night Live's official web site at www.herndonrocks.com.

Music Under the Stars

MORE NEXT WEEK

Herndon Town Green — Herndon
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A series of free musical performances occur Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m., hosted by the Herndon Parks and Recreation Department. Performers come from a variety of geographic origins and the music played is as varied as the places the entertainers are from. The series also features homegrown talent.

Watch the Towne Square Singers

Towne Square Singers
269 Sunset Business Park Drive, Herndon
703-481-5930
Enjoy singing or listening to music? So does Jean Goldsby. More than 20 years ago Goldsby founded Herndon's Towne Square Singers — a group of talented vocalists that perform at the Industrial Strength Theater. Still performing to this day, the group has taken on a variety of projects and productions and perform mostly in December, late April and early May. The group rehearses each Monday evening from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Herndon. Auditions are held twice a year in September and January. For tickets and performance dates contact the Herndon Community Center at 703-435-6868.

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Herndon Wrestling Impressive with 11-10 Record

Hornets to compete at Freedom Duals this Saturday.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High wrestling team has managed to put together a solid 10-9 dual team record this season despite being without a full lineup throughout most of the winter season. The Hornets have a good nucleus of solid wrestlers and have fought and clawed their way to team victories.

An example of that came in a dual team win over Mount Vernon during a quad meet at Robinson High Jan. 7. The Hornets found themselves trailing the Majors by three points going into the final weight class at 125. There, Herndon senior Thanh Dang, a first-year varsity wrestler, overcame a 6-0 second-period deficit to win 7-6. The three decision points allowed Herndon to tie the team score at 34-34, but the Hornets were awarded the team victory based on winning eight individual matches to Mount Vernon's six.

"It was huge," Herndon coach Mike Gonzales said of the team win over the defending National District champion Majors. "I think our guys were in better shape than they were. In the third period [of matches] guys were still going strong."

Along with Dang's comeback win, Herndon also got a huge comeback win against the Majors from sophomore JP Theodorakos, who rallied from an 8-2 deficit to win his match at 215 weight class.

The Hornets lost their dual meet to host team and Northern Region power Robinson on that same night, but the win over Mount Vernon was a nice lift for Herndon.

"The attitude was still positive after the [Robinson] match," said Gonzales, whose team took only two individual wins against the Rams. "We just use that as a motivator to train harder."

This past Saturday, Herndon hosted a home quad meet. There, the Hornets went 2-1 in dual meets, defeating Edison, 40-27,

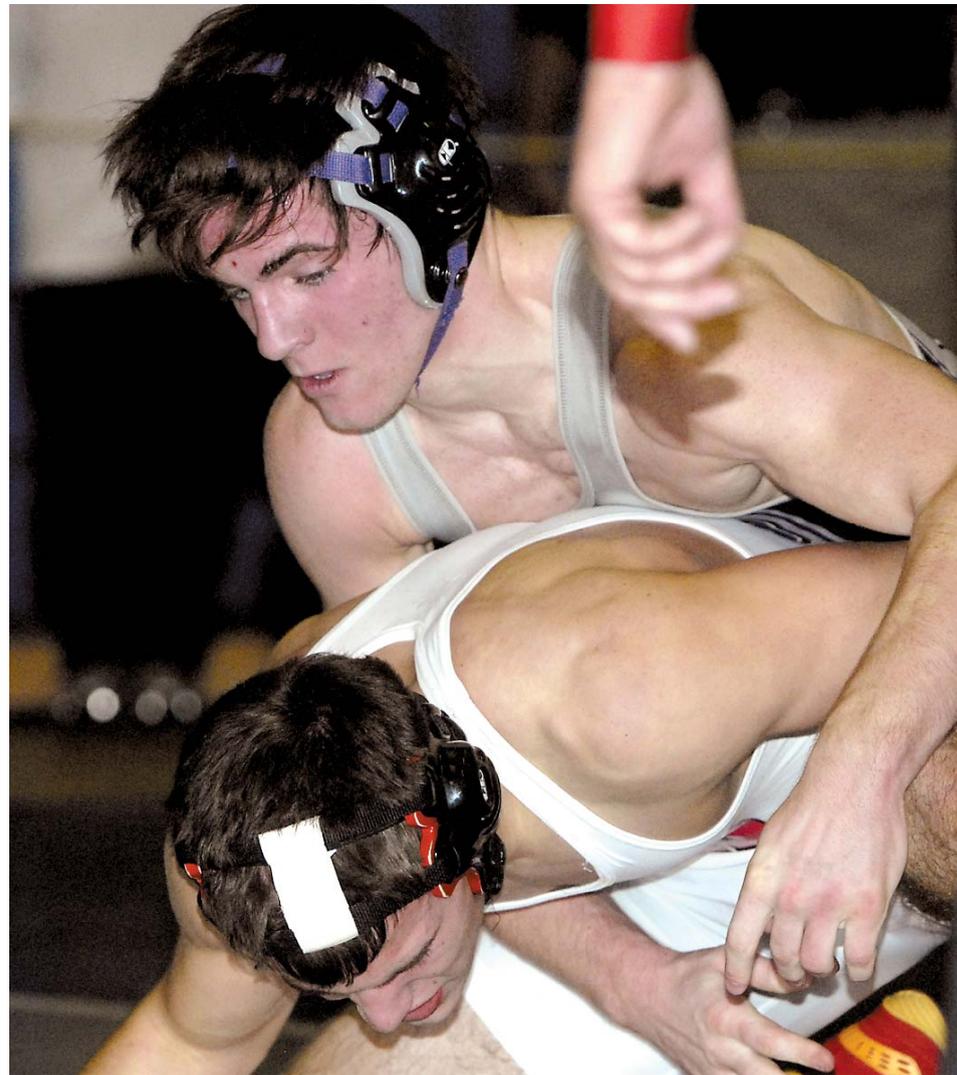


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Herndon High wrestler Matt Medvene, shown here at the Northern Region Classic earlier this season, is out for the season with a shoulder injury.

and Stone Bridge, 53-7, and losing to non-Northern Region opponent John Randolph Tucker High (Richmond), 43-26.

HERNDON IS 0-3 in the strong, grueling Concorde District, the losses coming to Fairfax, Westfield and Robinson. But the Hornets have won a majority of their non-district matches.

"I think we've wrestled pretty good," Gonzales said. "We're forfeiting one or two [weight classes a meet] and we're still pulling off wins. We have a decent team and

sometimes have to get out of the [district] to get wins under our belts."

Herndon has received good years from team captains Josh Pike (119-weight class) and Nick Ziegler (130). Both were fourth-place finishers at districts last year and Pike was fifth in the region.

The two are hard workers in the practice room, according to Gonzales, making for a good example for the other team members.

"Both are great motivators for the kids," said Gonzales, of the duo. One of Herndon's top wrestlers this season is junior Matt Olem

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**— Mike Gonzales,
Herndon wrestling coach**

(135), who had won 15 straight matches before losing to his Robinson opponent last week. Over the holidays a few weeks ago, he was the 135 champion at the West Potomac Christmas Tournament Dec. 30.

During his freshmen and sophomore seasons as a member of the Herndon varsity, Olem took his lumps. But he opened the current season with success and his confidence has grown.

"He always had the wrestling skills," Gonzales said. "It was just mental. It was tough for him the first two years as a freshman and sophomore on the varsity."

Olem went 7-0 at the Rocket Launch Duals Tournament in Rockville, Md., Dec. 19-20. And he also went unbeaten at 5-0 earlier this season at the Warhawk Duals in Vienna.

"He's kept winning and winning and getting the close matches," Gonzales said.

Herndon went 3-2 as a team at the Warhawk Duals, hosted by Madison High School, the wins coming over Broad Run (Ashburn), Madison and St. Paul's (Baltimore).

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS for Herndon this season include a fourth-place finish at the eight-team West Potomac Christmas event. The Hornets garnered fourth despite filling only nine of 14 weight classes. Herndon place finishers at the tournament were freshman Gabe Pike (second place at 103-weight class), sophomore Ramon Reyes (second at 112), junior Josh Pike (second at 119), Matt Olem (champion at 135), senior Matt Medvene (fourth at 145), senior Ryan Healy (second at 171) and junior Jimmy Thomas (third at heavyweight).

Herndon will be competing at the Freedom Duals event in South Riding this Saturday.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Led by four goals and two assists by junior Sam Stone, the Herndon Ice Hockey Club extended its Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League (NVSHL) record to 6-1 with a 6-4 win over Westfield. Just a minute and a half into the game, Stone scored the first of his goals off a pass from senior defenseman Andrew Norman. A few minutes later, Stone picked up an assist when he set up a score by junior linemate

Ville Rutanen. Stone then scored his second goal of the period after he tipped in a blue-line slapshot from Norman.

The Bulldogs pulled within one in the second period after the Hornets found themselves killing off a series of penalties.

However, by the end of the period the Hornets had re-established their two-goal lead after Stone assisted on a goal by Norman, and then scored his third of the game on a combination of

passes from Rutanen and junior Max Kortegast. Westfield again pulled to within a goal of tying the score in the final minutes of the third period, but another goal by Stone in the closing seconds sealed the Hornet victory. Junior goalie Bryan Kadlec turned away 34 Bulldog shots in the Hornet win.

Herndon next plays Loudoun Valley on Jan. 23.

Registration is now open for

Herndon-Reston Lacrosse. Registration is open through March to youth in the Herndon and Reston areas, for girls and boys ages 6-to-15. No experience is needed. There are separate teams for boys and girls in age-divisions U-15, U-13, U-11, and U-9, and there are various levels of play based on experience. The teams compete in the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League (nyll.org) against teams throughout Northern Virginia. Equipment rental and finan-

cial assistance is available. The season begins in March and runs through the first week of June. For more information and to register visit HRYL.org.

Oakton High School has an opening for the head varsity girls' tennis coaching position. For more information, contact Oakton director of student activities Pete Duperrouzel at 703-319-2763 or at peter.duperrouzel@fcp.edu.



CALENDAR

Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie will perform bluegrass music Saturday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. \$12/person; call 703-435-8377.

Send announcements to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

MLK Tribute. The Reston Community Orchestra and the MetroSingers honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at 6 p.m. in the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Admission free; donations accepted. Call 703-476-9181 or visit www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 19

Book Club. The Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Reston's Used Book Shop, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Call 703-435-9772.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

Stress-Free Life. Kirk Martin is hosting a workshop entitled "10 Keys to a Stress-Free School and Home Life" at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, 7-9 p.m. Celebrate Calm specializes in working with intense children, including families affected by Anxiety, Sensory issues, Aspergers, Autism, ODD, OCD and AD/HD.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

Chili Cook-Off. First Baptist Church of Herndon, 681 Elden St., will hold its annual chili cook-off from 6-9 p.m. Being your favorite chili recipe or be a taster. Visit www.fbcherndon.com or call 703-437-3620.

SUNDAY/JAN. 25

Raise the Rafters. Raise the Rafters, a free jazz music series, opens with a show from Project Natalie at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 W. Ox Road, Herndon, 2-3 p.m. Each performance also offers alternative activities such as Dominoes, Backgammon, Monopoly or Parcheesi. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

Senior Movie Day. "PS I Love You" will be shown in the Multiplex Cinema at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., at 10 a.m. Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to movie. Free for those 55+. Call 703-435-6530.



Jim Vance, weekday anchorman of the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. editions of News4 on WRC-TV in Washington, DC, will deliver the keynote address during Reston's 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 19, 12-1 p.m. The long-time anchorman of NBC News4 on WRC-TV in Washington, DC will reflect on the celebration theme, "Are We Keeping the Promise?"



Australia's Audrey Auld will be performing her acoustic roots music Sunday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m., at the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. Tickets: \$20. Call 703-620-3168.

FOOD & DRINK

Mon Ami Gabi, 11900 Market St., Reston, is holding a **special brunch opening Monday, Jan. 19, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.** The brunch, honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. includes a make-your-own Bloody Mary bar, mimosas, blueberry French toast, and a "Little Frites" menu for children. Lunch menu also available. Call 703-707-0233 or visit www.monamigabi.com/reston.

Il Fornaio, 11900 Market St., Reston, is hosting a **wine tasting**

featuring six wines and assorted antipasti Tuesday, **Jan. 20, 6-8 p.m.** and a **wine dinner** featuring seven courses paired with wine Tuesday, **Jan. 27, 7 p.m.** The restaurant will also host a **cooking class** Saturday, **Jan. 24, 12-3 p.m.** Call 703-437-5544.

Celebrate National Chocolate Day with complimentary fudge tasting Tuesday, **Jan. 27** at Edibles Incredible Desserts, 11900 Market St., Reston. 20 flavors of homemade fudge will be available.

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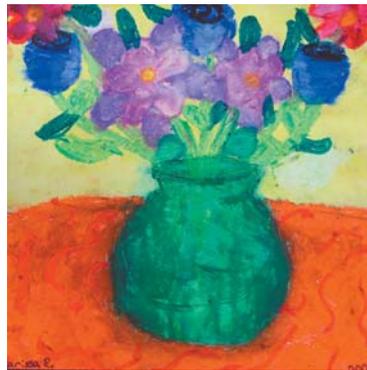
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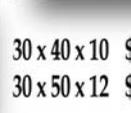
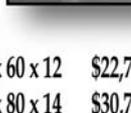
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NEWS Businesses Look for Change

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do the best we can with customer services."

Lil Lewis, the owner of Canine Carousel Professional Pet Salon and Boutique in Herndon, agrees with Lee. Lewis said it's all about quality work.

"We have been very blessed," Lewis said. "Last year was a very good year for us. We're looking to expand."

Lewis said her customers travel from all parts of Virginia including McLean, Middleburg, Leesburg and Washington, D.C.

Lewis said she is optimistic about the future of the economy.

"I think [President-elect Barack Obama] is going to stabilize the economy," Lewis said. "I have high hopes. He picked good Cabinet members and staff that he can start



PHOTO BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER/THE CONNECTION

Lil Lewis, the owner of Canine Carousel Professional Pet Salon and Boutique in Herndon, said 2008 was a good year for the family-owned business.

turning things around. It's not just him, but every man and woman. We have to pull together as a nation."

Although Lewis said the recession has not hurt her, there is one small business in town that had to downsize employees.

Anne Harvey, the owner of Herndon Florist, said her product is a luxury-based item. Harvey said she has noticed that people are buying for special holidays and special occasions such as anniversaries.

"We've been through this before," Harvey said. "Right now people are frightened. They are tightening up on their spending."

The Sundry Welcomes Artists

Modern arts and music venue unveiled in Vienna.

BY PAUL D. SHINKMAN
THE CONNECTION

Amid nationwide financial turmoil and a plummeting stock market, residents of Northern Virginia witnessed that there are still opportunities for small business creation at the recent unveiling of the area's newest modern arts and music venue in Vienna.

Housed in what was originally an auto body shop, The Sundry formally opened to the public to showcase the works of some of the area's newest and up-and-coming painters, sculptors, craftsmen and musicians.

Melissa Branin recently moved to Reston from Utah and has worked at The Sundry for two months. Branin helps to arrange the artwork and coordinate events and feels particularly rewarded to be giving back to the local community.

"We provide a place of support and nurturing," she added. "And we're privately owned so this can be whatever the membership wants it to be."

The idea for The Sundry began about three years ago when local residents Thor and Jennifer Crawford-Berglie saw the need for a community where local artists and musicians could be heard and seen in an increasingly expensive area.

Instabilities caused by the national economic meltdown made it increasingly difficult to finance the endeavor and the two were turned down by six different banks for a loan.



Herndon High School junior Brittany Miller, who had her own art on display, adds to the "community canvas" made available to all patrons on Saturday. The finished product will be put on display in The Sundry's gallery.

"We ended up using every dime we had," Thor Crawford-Berglie said, "and had to scale back some of the plans we'd made."

But the couple is very satisfied with the end result after more than a year of preparations.

"[The artists and musicians] are all so talented," said Jennifer Crawford-Berglie, referring to The Sundry's 30 current dues-paying members. "We are starting to see the community thrive, grow creatively and find ways to support themselves through their art."

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