

Don Beatty of Clifton warms-up during an Independent Living exercise class at the Pohick Regional Library on Jan. 15.

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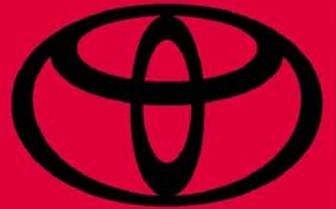
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Building Community through Arts

Burke artist's work on display in McLean exhibit.

BY MERRILL ROTH
THE CONNECTION

On Thursday, Jan. 15, artists, volunteers and arts enthusiasts gathered for the opening of several exhibitions put on by the McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) at the Emerson, Atrium, and Ramp galleries of the McLean Community Center. Exhibits included Cellular Perspectives by Betsy Stewart and Patrick Craig, Comfort Zones by Michele Montalbano, and Spaces of Places by Tom Wagner.

Montalbano, a resident of Burke and full-time artist, said her paintings are of "interiors of places I know. I bring a drawing into my study and work from it, so the colors are more inventive." Her exhibit includes both bigger works as well as smaller pieces, which she said are "studies for larger pieces to play with color combinations." Betsy Stewart and Patrick Craig's paintings are more scientifically themed.

The exhibit is meant to be a learning tool for elementary- and middle-school-aged children. MPA chair Kitty Gonzalez, a McLean resident of more than 10 years,

noted that more than 1,500 students will be coming to see this show alone. It is MPA's ArtReach program that runs the school tours, linking the content of exhibits to materials covered on the Standards of Learning (SOLs), which are standardized tests that all Fairfax County Public School students are required to take. Gonzalez, whose work for the MPA is mainly voluntary, loves the "sense of community and the excellence of the organization. The quality of the programs and the education is really unparalleled."

Anthony Brock, an artist who works with the MPA leading school tours, children's painting classes and summer programs, likes the community base of their efforts.

Of reaching even more students, he said, "One thing we are trying to do is connect more with the high-school community. It would be fun to have more high-school students aware. It's a great cultural center of

"It would be fun to have more high-school students aware."

— Anthony Brock

McLean."

IN SPITE of ever-present county budget cuts, the MPA does not need to cut back its programs, not yet at least. The MPA's executive director, Nancy Perry, who is an attorney by background, said that the MPA is only partially funded by Fairfax County, through the Fairfax County Arts Council.

"We anticipate that we will have to make cutbacks, but we're hoping that our donors will continue to support us, even if they can only give less this year," Perry said.



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Above, Michele Montalbano of Burke stands in front of two of her paintings on display in the McLean Community Center's Atrium Gallery. At left, Kitty Gonzales, McLean Project for the Arts chair; John Mason, the chairman of the Arts Council; and Nancy Perry, the executive director of the MPA pictured amid the newly displayed artwork.

Local Jews Gather in Support of Israel

Northern Virginia Jewish community turns out as ceasefire and pullout of Gaza begin.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Waving Israeli flags, hundreds of members of the region's Jewish community listened to a score of speakers urging them to support Israel and acknowledge the support of its American allies.

The crowd filled the gymnasium at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia on Little River Turnpike in Fairfax Sunday, Jan. 18. The rally, which featured speakers from several national advocacy groups, was organized in support of Israel two days after an announced ceasefire and pullout plan from the Gaza strip.

Howard Kohr, executive director for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee

(AIPAC) and Northern Virginia resident thanked U.S. Sens. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and Jim Webb (D-Va.) along with newly sworn-in U.S. Rep. Gerry Conolly (D-11) for their support.

Despite what Kohr called "condemnations throughout Europe and the world", the United States had been a "shining light" to Israel.

Outgoing U.S. President George W. Bush (R) has been an outspoken ally of Israel during his eight years in office. Steve Stone, chairman for the Northern Virginia branch of the Jewish Community Relations Council, thanked Bush, along with President-elect Obama and the U.S. House of Representatives for overwhelmingly supporting a Jan. 10 resolution supporting a ceasefire on Israeli terms.

Rafael Harpaz, director of public affairs for the Israeli Embassy said the Israeli bombing and subsequent Jan. 3 invasion into Gaza, following weeks of intensified rocket attacks by Hamas from Gaza, was designed to dismantle the capability for further rocket attacks.

"I think our army learned important lessons from the 2006 [Lebanon] war," said Harpaz. "We surprised Hamas, and I think it was a major success."

He also praised Israeli humanitarian efforts.

"Show me one [other] country in the world that sends trucks of supplies to its enemies," said Harpaz of the humanitarian situation in Gaza.

Stone said Israel had been "confronted

by cowards and evil men" bent on their destruction.

"We must never waver or question that what we are doing is right," said Stone.

Stone later added: "People are dying, and we do not relish that."

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— Rafael Harpaz, director of public affairs for the Israeli Embassy

MANY AT the rally were supportive of Israel. Ofer Saban, an Arlington resident and Israeli-native, said rockets fired from Gaza struck a mile and a half from his home. He said he supported Israel's deci-

sion to go to war and urged the Palestinian people to stop supporting Hamas and "be good neighbors."

"The situation is impossible over there.

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Cuccinelli Goes to Richmond

Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) headed down to Richmond last week to participate in the 2009 Virginia General Assembly session, which started Jan. 14. The following are some of the bills he plans to introduce this year.

❖ **Mental Health** – Cuccinelli has introduced a bill that would allow judges who are involuntarily committing people with mental illness to assign a mixture of inpatient and outpatient treatment. Currently, judges can only commit someone to inpatient or outpatient treatment but not both.

The senator said some patients need inpatient treatment when they are first committed but, especially after taking getting on a medication schedule, could transition into outpatient treatment easily.

“At some point during treatment, most people would be served better by out-patient services. We could save a good chunk of money and provide better care for patients,” said Cuccinelli.

❖ **Government Transparency** – Like the federal government has already done, Cuccinelli would like to see the Virginia state government provide full budget transparency and set up an easy-to-understand Web site that reveals which companies are receiving state contracting money and how much funding state departments are receiving. Cuccinelli has also introduced a second piece of legislation that would allow local governments, like Fairfax County, to put their “checkbook online.”

❖ **“Choose Life” License Plate** – Cuccinelli has introduced a bill to create a specialty Virginia license plate with the slogan “Choose Life.” The senator said a similar bill has passed before but was vetoed by then-Gov. Mark Warner (D). Money made from the extra fee attached to the specialty license plates would go to pregnancy crisis centers.

❖ **Foreign Police Contributions Ban** – This legislation would explicitly ban foreign companies from making political contributions to local and state candidates in Virginia. A ban already exists at the federal level, but Cuccinelli said it is not well enforced.

❖ **Health Insurance** – Cuccinelli’s bill would allow people to buy health insurance from other states. The state senator said this would open up the health insurance market for Virginia residents and possibly produce coverage for an additional 500,000 Virginians. Currently, Maine runs a similar program.

* **Privacy** – Cuccinelli would like to prohibit the public from acquiring the names and salary information of certain county and state employees. He said he does not think it is appropriate for people to be able to acquire the salary information of “low level employees” like an elementary school teacher.

❖ **Charter Schools** – The state senator has introduced a constitutional amendment that would give the commonwealth the responsibility of opening and overseeing charter schools. Currently, local school boards decide whether charter schools would open or not. Several, including Fairfax County, have prohibited them altogether.

“In all of Virginia, I think there are two charter schools. We want to get to a point where we have a different approving authority,” said Cuccinelli.

Hearings Set for HOT Lanes

A joint presentation to the public by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and Fluor-Transurban, company under contract for HOT Lanes construction, will take place from Feb. 9-11. The public meetings are designed to educate and inform citizens about specifics of the construction and tolls as well as to gain feedback from residents about the plan.

Construction work on the HOT Lanes, already underway in some areas, will take place on Interstate 95 and Interstate-395. Young Ho Chang, project manager for ATCS, a transportation and engineering consulting firm, said that in

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Quest for Road Funds

Delegates seek more revenue to fund region’s transportation needs.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

To say that transportation is an important issue for Fairfax County and Northern Virginia residents would be to understate the matter. Run a Google search for the worst traffic in the nation and the Washington Metropolitan region will consistently rank in the top five.

Forbes Magazine ranked the area first overall in its 2008 “America’s Most Congested Cities” feature. National Traffic Scorecard ranked it fourth overall. In that 2008 study, portions of both Interstate 495 and Interstate 66 within Fairfax County were listed among the 10 worst bottlenecks in the region. Seven roads within Fairfax County ranked in the top 25.

Like many representatives at the current Virginia General Assembly in Richmond, Dels. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Dave Marsden (D-41) are looking for ways to bolster transportation funding for the region. Both have proposed or are planning to propose legislation during the session which aim to address the traffic situation in Northern Virginia over the short and long term.

Hugo has proposed a bill that would stipulate any additional funds designated by the state to the Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund be used to pay the necessary matching fees in order to receive money from a \$3 billion federal funding package for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). In 2008, outgoing U.S. Rep. Tom

Davis (R-11) sponsored an amendment authorizing the Treasury secretary to finance capital and preventative maintenance projects at WMATA. In order to become eligible for the federal money, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Maryland must each offer \$50 million in matching funds. Hugo said his bill would help ensure that Virginia met those requirements.

“Because what we can’t do is leave 3 billion federal dollars on the table. That would be a tragic mistake,” he said.

Hugo’s bill, proposed on Jan. 14, is currently being reviewed in a House finance subcommittee. He said he did not anticipate much resistance to the legislation.

“I’m very hopeful considering that [a similar bill] passed the house 92-2 a few years ago. I’m very hopeful we can do it again this year,” said Hugo.

A bill offered by Marsden would seek to address what he believes is a disparity in state funding for new road and bridge construction. According to Marsden, the Commonwealth Transportation Board gives maintenance construction of existing Virginia roadways priority when doling out revenue from the state gasoline tax. As a result, Northern Virginia is left out in the cold when it comes to new trans-

portation projects.

“If you’re in Southwest Virginia, you’re not worried about new construction. You’re perfectly fine,” said Marsden. “The rest of the state is feasting, if you will, on our construction dollars.”

Marsden’s bill, referred Jan. 14 to the House transportation committee, would mandate that funding for new construction in the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads highway construction district at least match funding for maintenance construction in those

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“The rest of the state is feasting, if you will, on our construction dollars.”

— Delegate Dave Marsden (D-41)



Robinson Secondary students model a variety of clothing from area retailers during the school’s Jan. 14 fashion show sponsored by DECA.

Candles Lit for Troops

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Palestinian's shooting from neighborhoods. Israel is no longer over there. They have no claim," he said.

Vienna resident Ilana Gamerman said she appreciated being kept up to date from members of the Israeli government such as Harpaz.

"It was nice to hear from Israeli representatives about what's going on, what Israel is doing and why," said Gamerman.

"Nobody here is pro-war. Israel is defending itself," said Fairfax resident Andrea Rozner.

Rozner accused the U.S. media of not painting an accurate picture of events in Gaza. Gamerman said the reporting of the conflict from the U.S. media has been slanted.

"We feel like the U.S. press is very biased against Israel," she said. "They've been attacked on a daily basis, with terrorists embedding themselves among civilians."

AN ISRAELI mandated ban on reporters entering Gaza during the war has limited independent from information coming out of the war zone.

Officials participating in Sunday's event said the



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A candle-lighting ceremony for Israeli troops takes place near the end of the rally Sunday, Jan. 18 at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia on Little River Turnpike in Fairfax.

rally was for peace, but that the purpose was primarily to support Israel's decision to invade Gaza.

"I don't think we're embarrassed to say we're here in solidarity [with Israel]," said Debbie Linwick, assistant director for the Washington branch of the JCRC.

"Our hope is that the ceasefire holds," said Gene Gurman, board member for the JCCNV.

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Samuel Huluka of Herndon, Emenet Tefera of Herndon and Yonas Hable of Fairfax listens to President Barack Obama make his Inaugural speech after being sworn in as the 44th President of the United States. The men watched the ceremony on a jumbotron along the National Mall along with the hundreds of thousands of other visitors who couldn't make it close enough to the Capitol for the ceremony.



Marshall Weisiger, Susan Wilson, Lauren Mealy, Caroline Spogli, Emma Holt, Carly Lyerly, Alex Deitz and Maggie Boozer, students from Episcopal High School, try to stay warm while waiting for the start of Barack Obama's Inauguration ceremony on Jan. 20. The girls said that the entire school made the short trip from Alexandria to attend the historic event.



Linda Mensah of Clifton was one of thousands of volunteers from around the region recruited to help volunteer in a variety of capacities during the 2009 Presidential Inaugural week in Washington D.C. While welcoming visitors to the National Mall for the Inauguration ceremony, Mensah said, "I wanted to volunteer so I could give back to my country opposed to my country giving to me."



Chuck Mathewes, Jennifer Geddes and their children Isabelle and Henry, of Arlington, watched the Inaugural ceremony for President Barack Obama on a jumbotron along the National Mall along with the hundreds of thousands of other visitors who couldn't make it close enough to the Capitol for the ceremony.



A Metro train stopped at the Courthouse Metro Station in Arlington was filled to capacity.



An estimated crowd of more than 2 million people lined the streets of Washington D.C. and the National Mall to be witnesses to the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, President Barack Obama. For those who did not have tickets and couldn't watch the ceremony in person, jumbotrons were set-up along the National Mall for the millions of people stretched from the Lincoln Memorial to the Capitol.

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NEWS

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surveys conducted through the south county area, Interstate 95 was listed as a priority.

The work will expand existing HOV lanes from two to three and add the length of the lanes from its original stopping point in Dumfries to Spotsylvania.

"Once we have HOT Lane system in place we'll have a seamless HOV system that connects [Interstate 95] with [Interstate 495], [Interstate 66] and Dulles Toll Road," said Chang, while speaking to the South County Federation at a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13.

NEWS BRIEFS

Chang, speaking of behalf of VDOT and the companies, said the project has "no public money", and that VDOT was expected to receive \$195 million of payment from private partners looking to design, build, operate and manage the lanes.

Chang said they partnership hopes to finalize the process this year, and cautioned that the changes would not be happening in the immediate future.

"We're at the very beginning of the project. Fall next year is when it becomes a real project," he said.

The public meetings will take place Feb. 9 at Potomac High School in Dumfries, Feb. 10 at Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield and Feb. 11 at Minnie Howard School in Alexandria. Meetings will begin as an open house with staff before a formal presentation at 7 p.m. After the presentation VDOT and private contractors will take formal testimony from residents and later provide a response.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County Police Department through Jan. 16.

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OPINION

Watch Them Live

Two steps for more openness in General Assembly.

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The House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia will offer live streaming video of the 2009 Legislative Session, broadcasting from each chamber every day of the session.

The daily broadcasts will begin when each body convenes.

The 2009 legislative session Virginia General Assembly convened on Jan. 14, and will run 45 days.

Go to <http://legis.state.va.us/>. Links for streaming video and also an audio only option, are appropriately front and center.

More than one-third of all legislation proposed in the Virginia General Assembly dies in

subcommittee. And in previous years, the votes of the subcommittee members were not recorded. There was no accountability for legislators who “tabled” proposals that were important to Virginians.

EDITORIAL

This year, subcommittee votes will be recorded and available on the General Assembly’s Web site. It’s an important step.

Smoking Restrictions

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) is promoting legislation that would ban smoking in restaurants in Virginia. We support his efforts.

Secondhand smoke kills 1,700 Virginians per year, according to the Virginia Department of

Health. Levels of secondhand smoke are up to five times higher in restaurants than in homes with smokers, according to the American Lung Association.

If the General Assembly doesn’t pass legislation banning smoking in restaurants, it should at least allow localities the power to restrict smoking within their borders.

Constituent Viewpoints

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

Petersen’s First Week in Richmond

Senator files 18 bills in General Assembly.

SEN. CHAP PETERSEN (D-34)
D-34

Right now the eyes of the world are focused on Washington, D.C. It’s a comparatively quiet time in Richmond, so it’s a good time to get things done.

Our first week of session is the opportunity to build consensus with senators on issues I’ve been studying for months. As others are attending the Inaugural, I’m working the halls of the State Capitol — looking for opportunities to move Virginia forward.

On Jan. 14, I filed 18 bills. These bills reflect the priorities that I have in 2009. I trust that you will agree with these goals:

1. Jobs, jobs, jobs: Our first priority in Richmond is creating new jobs to jump-start our economy. Every job and every business has value, but some sectors are critical due to recent events. We must position Virginia to maximize federal grants from the new Obama administration in the energy and environment sectors, as well as nurture “next generation” industries, which will support long-term jobs. Therefore, I am sponsoring SB 1124 and SB 1125 which establish income tax credits for clean energy production and creation of “green jobs” in Virginia. Passage of these bills will cost us very little money now but will show that Virginia is open for business in the 21st century.

2. Efficiency: No amount of investment will succeed if our state continues its wasteful ways, particularly in energy usage. This is not just an environmental issue; it also causes higher taxes and electric bills for working people. To curb this trend, I have three specific proposals. SB 1126 sets a target for our utilities to reduce per capita energy consumption for all Virginians to 90 percent of current usage by 2022. SB1127 requires the state to (i) construct new buildings according to LEED standards, and (ii) purchase 20 percent of their energy from

renewable sources. It also streamlines our procurement by permitting the governor to contract directly with energy-saving auditors to save us money. SB 1128 enables geothermal technology to come to market so homeowners have a lower-cost heating option. All these bills will save us resources and government spending in the long run.

3. Transparency: There is not enough public knowledge about the state budget. We need to treat our citizens like shareholders who are due an annual report of their investment.

Therefore, I am co-sponsoring with Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) a bipartisan bill, SB 936, to put all state expenditures on-line for easy viewing and research. I am also sponsoring a companion bill SB 1129 to permit local governments to do the same. The more information to voters, the better.

4. Elder Care: The governor has proposed a drastic cut in Medicaid assistance which is a life-line for frail and elderly Virginians that cannot afford private nursing care. That’s one way to balance the budget. Here’s another way: my SB 1133 takes the estate tax, which is on a hiatus until 2011 in Virginia, and brings it back for estates over \$5 million, exempting farms and small businesses. The resulting revenue is nearly \$100 million, which can be doubled with federal matching funds. That money can restore these programs and ensure that our parents and grandparents live the last years in the dignity they deserve. Having seen my grandmother’s last years and the struggle we’ve had with my mother-in-law since her stroke, I feel strongly about these programs and our duty to restore them.

5. Sentencing Reform: Gov. Kaine has accurately focused on the long-term cost of incarceration in Virginia. Criminals need to be punished, but the punishment should be proportional. Right now, our prison costs are too high — among the highest in the U.S. — and



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Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

our budget can’t sustain it. My SB 1136 seeks to update our sentencing laws to reclassify minor property crimes as misdemeanors, while my SB 1135 requires our Parole Board to actually read the record before they continue to incarcerate pre-1994 felons now eligible for parole. Again, I’m not ad-

vocating anyone’s release. But let’s give the system some flexibility and thus save taxpayer money.

6. Transportation: Transportation remains the paramount issue north of the Rappahannock River. With the economy lagging and our Transportation Trust Fund depleted, it is harder to achieve a consensus on new state projects. That may change rapidly depending on a federal stimulus package. Regardless, I am cosponsoring multiple bills, which shift funds for new state projects in Northern Virginia and also adjust our gas tax collection to create more revenue, without actually raising taxes. I am also sponsoring SB 1137, which clarifies which Northern Virginia localities can supplement their own transportation budget with taxes collected locally.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, I will have two town halls: at Fairfax City Hall (10 a.m.) with Del. David Bulova (D-37) and at Vienna Town Hall (1 p.m.) with Del. Steve Shannon (D-35). Please come and share your comments and questions. All are welcome.

IN THE MEANTIME, please feel free to contact us in Richmond at 804-698-7534 or by e-mail at kathy@fairfaxsenator.com. You can also check my Web site www.fairfaxsenator.com or make comments on my Assembly blog www.oxroadsouth.com.

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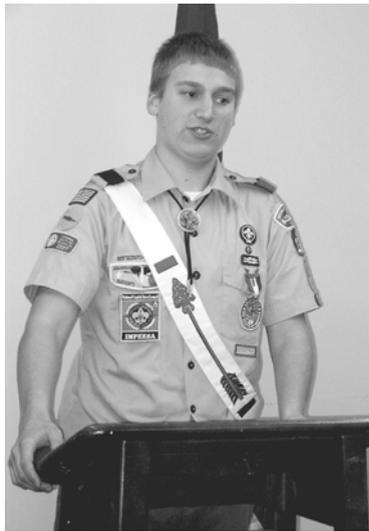
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PEOPLE

Engelhardt Earns Eagle Rank

James D. Engelhardt of Fairfax Station, a freshman at Lake Braddock Secondary, has obtained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. His Eagle Court of Honor was at Stuart's Hill Center, Manassas Battlefield National Park. Engelhardt's Eagle project was to plan and supervise the clearing of deteriorated fencing adjacent to Route 29 and erected nearly a quarter mile of snake-rail style fencing. He started scouting at age 6 as a Tiger Cub Scout with Pack 1344, chartered by Cherry Run Elementary School, and joined Boy Scout Troop 1346, chartered by Burke Presbyterian Church, in 2005, and has advanced through the ranks while holding numerous leadership positions and earning 26 merit badges. Engelhardt is the son of Sue and Dean Engelhardt of Fairfax Station.



James D. Engelhardt



Scouting for Food

On Nov. 8, several hundred Boy Scouts of the Patriot District, National Capital Area Council, went door-to-door in the Annandale, Burke and Fairfax Station areas collecting non-perishable food donations to benefit local food banks. As part of their annual Scouting for Food drive, the boys collected 28,325 pounds of food.

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Connection continues its countdown of 101 Fun Things To Do.

Strike Up the Band

City of Fairfax Band Concerts
Made up of over 120 volunteer musicians, the City of Fairfax Band performs concerts throughout the year. During the summer, the full band and its ensemble groups present Thursday night concerts at Veterans Amphitheater on the grounds of Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. During the rest of the year, the band presents concerts at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The band also performs in the City of Fairfax Fourth of July Parade and Fireworks Show. For more about the band, write The City of Fairfax Band Association, Inc., P.O. Box 1306, Fairfax, VA 22038-1306, call 703-757-0220 or e-mail info@fairfaxband.org.

Buy Bushels in Burke

Burke Farmer's Market
5671 Roberts Parkway
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Featuring fresh produce and meats, this farmer's market is held on Saturdays through the end of October, from 8 a.m. to noon. Visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/farm-mkt.htm for more information.

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From the end of March through the beginning of December, Mayor Tom Peterson and his family run Peterson's Ice Cream Depot in the Town of Clifton. The shop offers gourmet ice cream, hot dogs and specialty drinks. The depot will reopen on March 29.

Coincidentally, Mayor Robert Lederer and his family operate the Sweet Life Café in the City of Fairfax, specializing in homemade ice cream and deli sandwiches. The café is open year round, and hours are Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; and Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Enjoy a 3-Alarm Dinner

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Located near the Uno Chicago Grill, this



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The City of Fairfax Band performs its annual Children's Concert each summer at the Veteran's Amphitheater in Fairfax. The concert included a variety of children's songs and themes from a variety of movies.

farmer's market is open on Fridays through the end of October, from 4-7 p.m. Call 703-642-0128 for more information.

bar offers daily specials with Cajun and Creole style cooking — foods like oysters, shrimp, crawfish, catfish, gumbo and Po'Boys. There's live entertainment at night from Wed. to Sat. For more information, call 703-385-5717.

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Fine Dining in Clifton

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This restaurant is a wonderful place for any celebration or special occasion. They have special dinners on most holidays and are opened every day but Monday. The Heart in Hand Restaurant also caters and has a cookbook for purchase. The restaurant was originally founded in 1982 to arouse interest in the Clifton area with tea and lunch, but after popularity grew, dinner and holiday meals were added due to customer demand. Many celebrities and distinguished figures have dined there such as Nancy Reagan and the cast of CATS, and they have catered several notable people as well, including Toni Morrison and Maya Angelo. For catering or reservation call 703-830-4111

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Peruse Fresh Produce in Fairfax

* **Fairfax Farmer's Market**
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* **Downtown Coalition Farmer's Market**
10500 Main St.
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703-430-6164
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Ashley Whitehead, an employee of Historic Clifton's Peterson's Ice Cream Depot, serves a patient customer their ice cream.



ENTERTAINMENT

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a.m.-1 p.m. through the end of October.

Get Crafty for the Holidays

Annual Holiday Craft Show
Fairfax High School
Fairfax
www.fairfaxva.gov

Conducted annually at Fairfax High School, the Holiday Craft Show takes place on the third Saturday of November from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and third Sunday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission to last season's event was \$5 per day or \$8 for a 2 day pass with no charge for under 18. The show features over 200 vendors and dozens of tables with different holiday crafts, plus food for sale and (in previous years) the opportunity for children to get their picture taken with Santa Claus. Call 703-385-7858 for more information.

Enjoy a Night Out at Fairfax Corner

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taurants, boat races, as well as some embassies.

Other landmarks include Dumbarton Oaks, where the United Nations was outlined in 1944, and the oldest structure in D.C. — Georgetown Old Stone House. It is also the place where the movie 'The Exorcist' was filmed in 1973. The film's famous staircase scene was located between Prospect Street and M Street.

Celebrate the Holidays

Festival of Lights & Carols
Old Town Hall
3999 University Drive
Fairfax
www.fairfaxva.gov

During the month of December, the City of Fairfax becomes a winter wonderland with lights, decorations, caroling, musical performances and activities for the whole family. Santa pays a visit to Old Town Hall for a Saturday morning children's breakfast. St. Nick stays through the festival to meet with children. Visitors may partake in hot mulled cider while warming their hands by the Yule log.

Ring in the New Year

First Fairfax
Old Town Fairfax
www.fairfaxva.gov

This annual event offers family friendly fun on the night of Dec. 31. Events last year included ice-skating, carriage rides, comedy shows, laser light shows and areas specifically designed to entertain children of all ages.

Food vendors are on hand, and the only fees the festival charged last year were for food purchases and skate rentals. Because a number of streets are closed for the event, shuttle buses are offered from both George Mason University and Fairfax High School.

Celebrate at Burke Centre

Burke Centre Festival
6060 Burke Centre Parkway
Burke

The annual fall festival in Burke takes place on Sept. 12-13 this year, from late morning to about 5 p.m. This family-friendly affair features food, rides, games, and giveaways. There's live entertainment, and a large arts and crafts show with dozens of antique vendors. In the past, the festival has included live animal shows, wine tastings and local radio personalities.

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Ryan Dirteater in the New York PBR event on Jan. 11. The Professional Bull Riders Fairfax Invitational will be at the George Mason Patriot Center Jan. 24-25.

Professional Bull Riders Fairfax Invitational, 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. All-Time Bull Fighting Champion Rob Smets will be master of ceremonies. Adult tickets \$20-\$65, children 2-12 years \$10, available at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

Justin Roberts: Music for Kids, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Chicago City Limits: Myspace or Yours? Comedy. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Chinese New Year Celebration, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Dewberry Hall, George Mason University, Fairfax campus. \$6 adults, \$2 seniors and children. Dance and calligraphy demonstrations and silent auction. New World Bilingual Institute, 703-978-7905 or www.nwbi.us.

Fiction Family featuring Jon Foreman of Switchfoot and Sean Watkins of Nickel Creek, 10 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Asian Community Service Center Chinese New Year Festival, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Lunar New Year Parade, live performances, children's games, table tennis competition, Chinese language and cooking workshop, Asian food and more. 703-868-1509 or www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org.

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SUNDAY/JAN. 25

Pianist Jeffrey Siegel, 7 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts. Mendelssohn's Songs Without Words, Grieg's Lyric Pieces, including Wedding Day at Troldhaugen, Stravinsky's Circus Polka, Brahms' Rhapsody in E-Flat, Sibelius' Evergreen, Granados' Spanish Dance and Ginastera's Sonata. Tickets are \$19-\$38. Age 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit

www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

International Guitar Night, featuring Pierre Bensusan, Benjamin Verdery, Cecilia Zabala, and Brian Gore Sunday, 7:30 p.m. A celebration of acoustic guitar at The Barns. Tickets \$24. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

'Singin' in the Rain, 2 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or www.fxplayers.org.

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'O Brother Brunch' featuring Dead Men's Hollow. Roots, 2 p.m. \$8. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Traditional South African music. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

TUESDAY/JAN. 27

Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m. Call for title. Adults. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

Book Discussion Group, 11 a.m. The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch. Adults. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. 703-978-5600.

Tales for Two's: Cuddly Kittens, 10:15 a.m. Stories and activities. Age 24-35 months with adult. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. 703-644-7333.

Book Discussion Group, 7:30 p.m. The March: A Novel by E. L. Doctorow. Adults. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

The Killers, 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$45, through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

Mother-Daughter Book Club, 7 p.m. for girls age 9-11 and their mothers. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds

Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.
Fairfax County Adult Education's "Fixing up your house to sell," at Fairfax High School, 3500 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The two-session course costs \$39. Visit www.aceclasses.org/CourseDetails.

THURSDAY/JAN. 29

"Property Rights," 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or www.fxplayers.org.

Sonny Landreth, slide guitarist. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$24. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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

Energy Efficiency First: The Path to An Energy Efficient Virginia, 7-9 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. Contact Lauren Glickman, 804-335-0915

Faith Communities in Action Older Adult Service Coordination Task Force, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 2 and 3, First Floor Conference Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30

Miró Quartet. 8 p.m. Chamber Music at The Barns. Tickets \$35. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

"Singin' in the Rain," 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run,

Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or www.fxplayers.org.
The Blackjacks and U.S. Royalty. Rock. 9 p.m. \$10 advance/ \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

John Eaton. 7:30 p.m. Classic songs at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

"Singin' in the Rain," 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or www.fxplayers.org.

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Philadelphia Dance Company, 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Free pre-performance discussion begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$21-\$42, age 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association Country Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. \$12 per person. 703-860-4941 or www.nvcwda.org.

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Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's transportation assistance program for older adults is in need of volunteer drivers transporting citizens to medical appointments, the grocery store, pharmacy, library and beauty/barber shop appointments. The program

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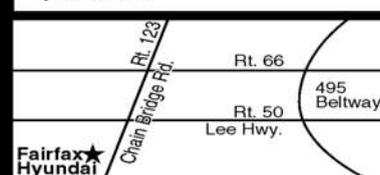
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Freed-Up Financial Living Course, beginning Monday, Jan. 26 at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke. Control finances, biblical financial principles, reduce expenses and pay down debt. \$20 for workbook. 703-978-8724.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group

open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

The Fairfax Church of Christ sponsors a **16-week Divorce Recovery support group** every Monday at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 3901 Rugby Road, Fairfax. 703-631-2100 or www.fxcc.org.

Gan Israel Academy is a Montessori-influenced kindergarten and first grade that emphasizes Jewish elementary learning, located at Chabad of Fairfax, 3939 Prince William Drive, Fairfax. 703-426-1980 or ganisraelpreschool@gmail.com.
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House, Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m.
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The Fresh Fire congregation meets every Sunday for a service at 10:30 a.m. Participate in preaching and teaching, praise and worship, in a Christ-centered ministry. Fresh Fire International Center meets at the Chinese Martial Arts Building, 8426-B Lee Highway, Fairfax, opposite the BMW Fairfax; entrance is in the back. 703-815-8950.

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Faith Communities Older Adult Service Coordination Task Force Kick Off Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 2 and 3, First Floor Conference Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Congregations will share their experience and challenges in serving older adults with their congregations and discuss potential services, resources and service options with

older adult service agency staff. Fairfax County Agencies in Attendance will include Area Agency on Aging, Department of Health, Community Services Board, Community and Recreation Services and the Long Term Care Council. 703-324-3453 or ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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

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

ing the death of a loved one, as needed, to provide individual support. 703-941-7000, www.havenofnova.org or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net

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

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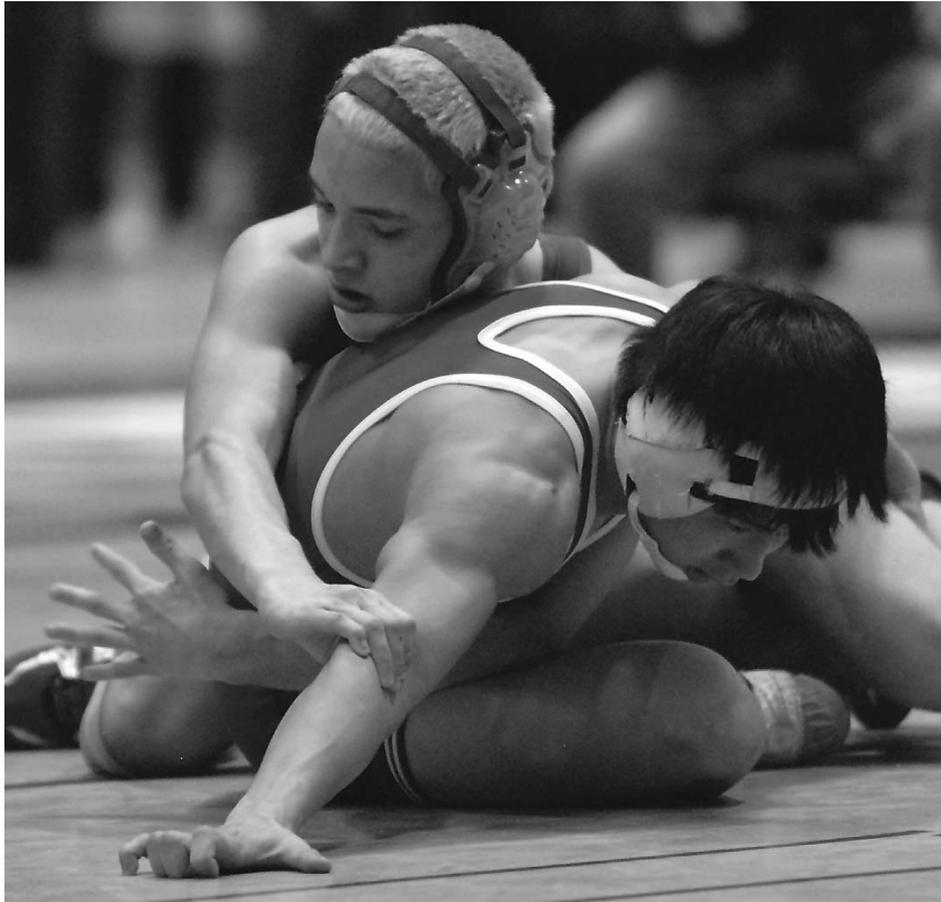
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Robinson junior Roman Perryman earns 100th career win, even more in tips.



FILE PHOTO

Robinson junior Roman Perryman, top, shown here during the Northern Region Wrestling Classic, won his 100th career match last Wednesday, improving to 106-15 at Robinson.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Perryman.

Robinson wrestling coach Bryan Hazard likes to tell two stories about Roman Perryman. One centers around Perryman's state title win over Frank Chapman of Princess Anne as a freshman and the other has very little at all to do with wrestling.

But both paint an appropriate picture of one of the area's top wrestlers, who's an integral part of one of the area's top wrestling programs.

The more humorous story starts off with the 135-pound Perryman and the rest of Robinson's wrestling team selling cheese steaks and Italian ice at the Virgin Mobile Festival in Baltimore this past summer.

In what has been a successful fund raiser, Hazard splits the earnings with his team, and each wrestler takes home a few dollars for each hour worked. Each wrestler that is, of course, not working with Roman

Perryman and senior Marcus Hathaway started joking around with a few of the sober and not-so-sober customers they encountered, changing the names of products such as Gatorade to "Party-aide" and otherwise just having a blast joking with concert-goers.

"I just have a clear head and my muscles do the rest."

—Robinson junior Roman Perryman

"I guess we were just entertaining," Hathaway said. "Our little booth didn't even sell alcohol, and we had a huge line all the time."

That huge line resulted in over \$700 worth of tips during the two-day event.

"They were having so much fun as a group, and they weren't being super obnoxious," Hazard said. "This

group of kids, and Roman is one of those guys, they have a great time together."

THE SECOND STORY pits Perryman against Chapman at the 2007 Virginia AAA state wrestling finals, which took place that year at Robinson Secondary School.

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Bruins Forced To Adjust

Lake Braddock girls endure four-game stretch against the district's best.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

As they have all season, the Lake Braddock girls basketball team opened practice Monday morning with a series of ball handling drills. Next, the Bruins ran through the basics of their offense without a defense there to defend it.

Both exercises were designed to emphasize some of the basic concepts that second-year coach Carl Harris has tried to implement, while not trying to lump too much on his players at one time.

But the second half of practice featured a series of more complicated, situational drills, with varying amounts of time left on the clock and either a two-point deficit to erase or a two-point lead to protect.

Lake Braddock has been forced to ramp up the difficulty of its practices recently, as the Bruins are in the middle of a 10-day stretch that features contests with the Patriot District's top four teams: T.C. Williams, West Springfield, Lee and South County.

"You have to grow up when you're playing against [T.C. Williams senior] Tierra Ruffin-Pratt and [West Springfield senior] Sam Landers," said senior guard Rachel Toner. "You can't be passive. ... You have to be really aggressive."

"Sometimes you have to stray from the offense to make things happen because they're not going to let you run through it 10 times in a row like in practice."

HARRIS HASN'T tried to re-invent the game of basketball with his team. He has simply tried to teach it. All of it. The coach believes that post players should be able to handle the ball and guards should be comfortable working down low.

The Bruins' roster includes a lot of youth and some experience, with two freshmen, five sophomores, a junior and four seniors. Players have adjusted accordingly and now feel more comfortable with most things that Harris expects.

"With a new coach, it was kind of rough, but it's getting better," said senior guard Brittany Peebles. "We're looking more into

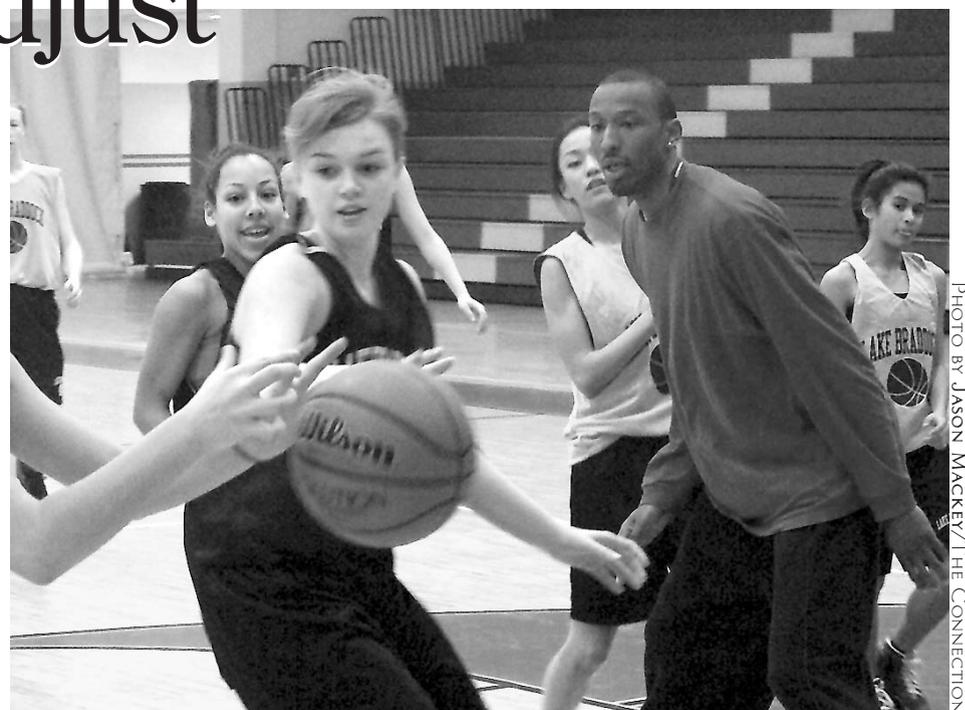


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The Lake Braddock girls basketball team chases after a loose ball during Monday's practice. As of Wednesday morning, the Bruins were 4-9 overall, 2-3 in Patriot District play.

the post. We go more inside and keep the ball moving a lot, not just going down the court and getting one pass and one shot."

As a part of teaching the game, Harris has provided his team with a list of ball han-

dling drills to do both at practice and at home. Players have taken a liking to them, mainly because of the improvement that

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Robinson's Success

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Perryman was trying to wrap up his breakout season but found himself facing an early 6-2 deficit.

Chapman had Perryman cornered near where Hazard was sitting. With one look into Perryman's eyes, Hazard, who's in his 13th year as the head coach at Robinson, knew that everything was going to be all right. He knew his freshman phenom had turned a rather important corner.

"He looked up at me, and I said, 'You're all right,'" said Hazard, a 1991 Robinson graduate. "And instead of getting that pouty look that most kids get, I knew he was going to be OK. It wasn't in his game plan that this would happen, but he was going to be able to rally."

And Perryman did. Instead of tanking, Perryman earned a single point in the second period, scored a takedown early in the third and snagged three more the rest of the way to earn a come-from-behind 8-6 win.

Perryman said he had watched Chapman wrestle twice prior to that match and that he usually wore down after the first period. He also noted that the single point late in the second period turned around the match.

"I just tried to stay focused and not get

too much into the hype of the match," Perryman said. "I was on the bottom and there was a scramble, and I ended up getting one point and that's what turned around the match. After that I just kept the ball rolling."

Perryman finished third at states last winter but has started the ball rolling again during his junior campaign. He won his 100th career match on Jan. 14 over Bradley Smith of Manassas Park and has a record of 106-15 during his three years at Robinson.

Part of Perryman's explanation for his success has to do with muscle memory, a byproduct of his experience. He started wrestling in first grade with the Bandits of the Northern Virginia Wrestling Federation and most things now are second nature.

"Most of the time, when I'm wrestling, there's not even a thought in my head of wrestling," said Perryman, who also won Concorde District and Northern Region titles during that fabled freshman season. "I just have a clear head and my muscles do the rest."

This season, Perryman's co-workers and teammates have done the rest. Behind the 189-pound Hathaway (27-6), 103-pounder Jake Smith (30-8) and 145-pound Reid Brown (27-9), Robinson holds an 11-3 record.

Facing a Rough Road

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they've seen in their performance.

Through Wednesday morning, Lake Braddock was 4-9 overall, 2-3 in Patriot District play, but Harris feels that the team has been much more competitive than in years past.

The coach still wants to iron out some of the situational difficulties that his team has faced, namely execution during key times late in the contest.

"We're trying to teach them composure and how to believe in themselves," Harris said. "Because right now we're in a place where when games are close, they don't believe they can win."

A big reason for Lake Braddock's newfound competitiveness has been the play of Toner, Peebles and leading scorer Carol Dye, a senior forward and the team's primary inside presence. Dye leads the team with an average of 13.9 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Toner, the team's primary ball handler, scores an average of 4.6 points per game while leading the team with 4.5 assists and three steals per contest. Peebles gives the team an athletic, slashing-type

player and she's contributed 8.5 points and four rebounds per game.

Lake Braddock started the series with five straight losses but earned three consecutive wins over the holidays, besting Washington-Lee, Wakefield and Hayfield. The Bruins played South County Wednesday night, which ended after this edition went to press.

The four-game gauntlet began with a five-point loss to West Springfield on Jan. 13 and doesn't end until Friday's home date with Lee. While Harris has enjoyed using these four games as a barometer for his team's progress, he still wants to keep everything in perspective.

"Our girls are slowly starting to understand what it takes to be a good team, to beat West Springfield, T.C. Williams and Lee," Harris said. "I think it's important that the girls understand what they're supposed to do most of the game. Situations are different times and places where they come about.

"Now that we have those [basic] things in place, then you can teach them if it's a five-point game with three minutes left, what do we do?"

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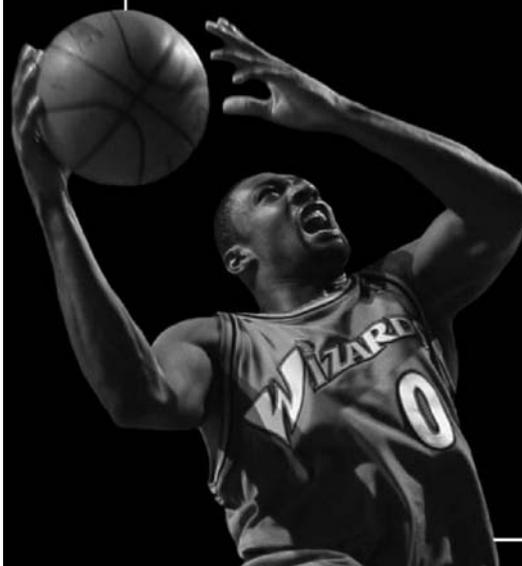
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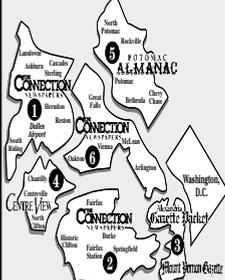
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Road Funds

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same districts. He said tough financial times have reduced the overall pool of transportation funding available over the last few years, resulting in little leftover funds for new projects.

"It used to make sense [back then] because we had enough money left over for construction, now we don't," said Marsden. "It means we can't fix our intersections or solve problems on the parkway, things like that."

Ensuring that money allocated for transportation is used for transportation can be another method of wringing the state's budgetary sponge. That's what Hugo aims to do with a bill that would require localities in Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads to use revenue from a special commercial real estate tax solely for new road and transit construction. Hugo said he drafted the bill after it was revealed in 2008 that Fairfax County was diverting those funds to pay employees.

"Unfortunately, Fairfax County was doing a bait and switch, and was taking that money for salaries," said Hugo. "And that was not the intended purpose of that bill."

Sometimes, a temporary adjustment of road laws can be a cost-effective way to open up traffic. Marsden has proposed a bill that would allow motorists involved in non-serious accidents on roadways under High-Occupancy Toll Lanes construction. On roads that have no shoulders due to construction, drivers are allowed to move their cars to the nearest designated pull-off area. Marsden's bill stipulates that the requirement "shall only apply when vehicles involved in the crash are capable of movement and the crash does not appear to have caused any bodily injuries." The penalty for noncompliance is a \$100 fine.

"It's just to make sure that when we don't have shoulders we don't have people stopping for minor traffic accidents and clogging everybody up," said Marsden.

Marsden's bill was referred to the House transportation committee Jan. 14.

Northern Virginia's traffic woes may receive a boost of federal funding soon as well. With President Barack Obama's (D) federal stimulus plan seeks to pump billions of dollars to state governments for road and infrastructure projects. At a press conference following Obama's Jan. 8 speech detailing the plan, Gov. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) said the state had a backlog of "shovel ready" transportation projects that would be eligible for such funding.

Hugo expressed cautious optimism regarding Northern Virginia's transportation future.

"Obviously, a lot of work has to be done, but I'm hopeful we'll move forward," he said.

Marsden said that almost any transportation improvements in the Fairfax County would benefit his constituents.

"When it comes to transportation, it's hard to think just about your district," he said. "What affects [Dels.] David Bulova and Dave Albo's has as much affect on my district as it does there."

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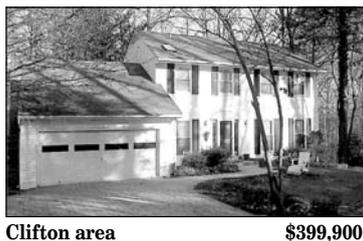
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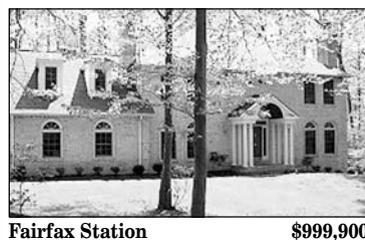
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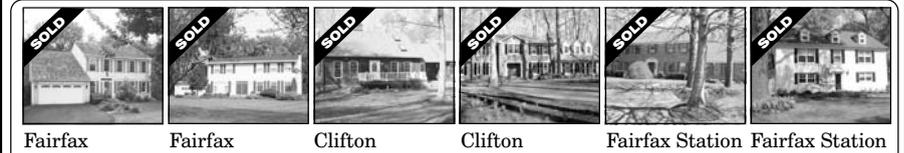
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