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Elden Street Players
present "Shining City"
premiering Friday, Jan.
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are Todd C. Huse and
director Angie Anderson;
bottom, from left,
Susan Talbott, Michael
Kharfen and Ian Brown.

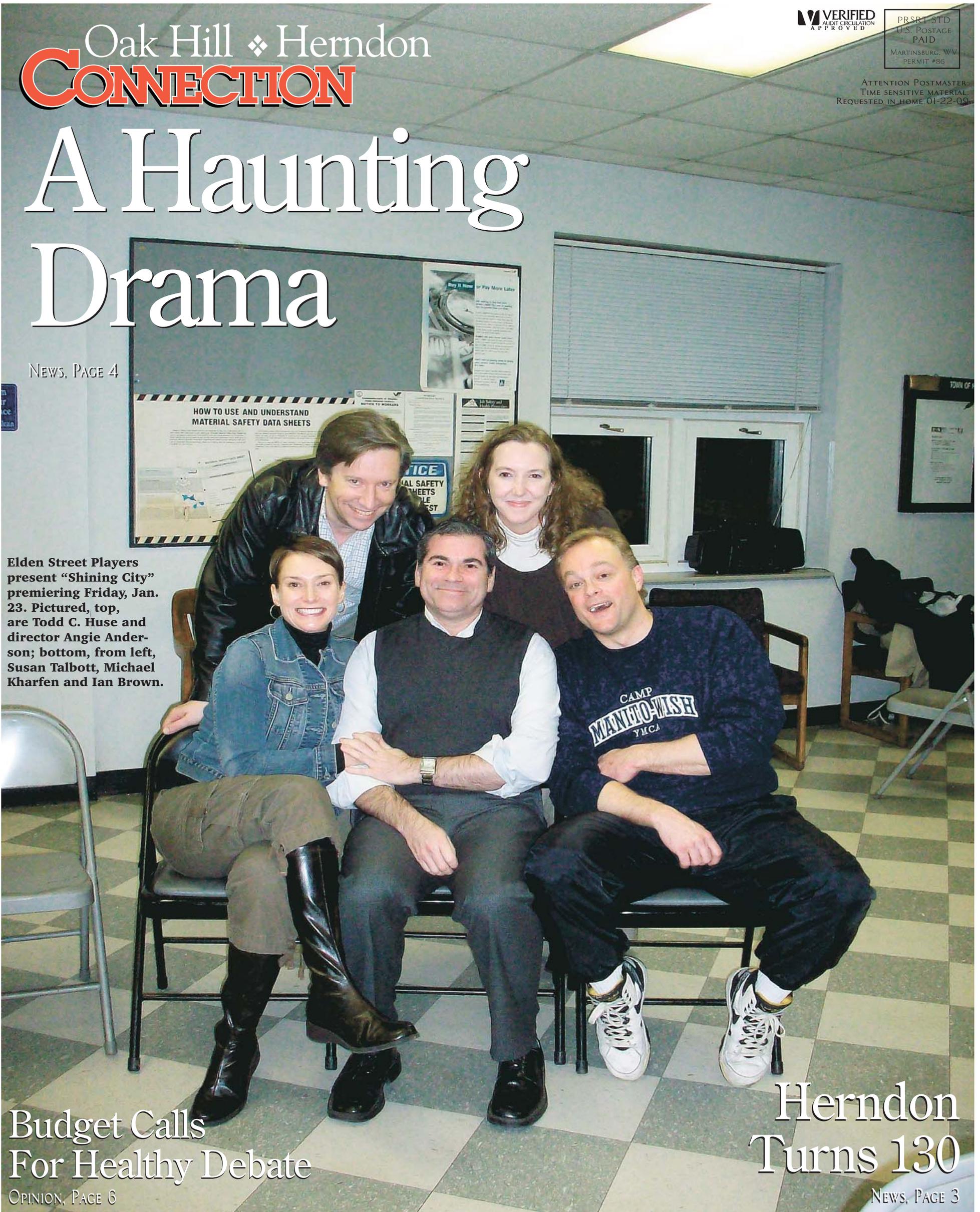
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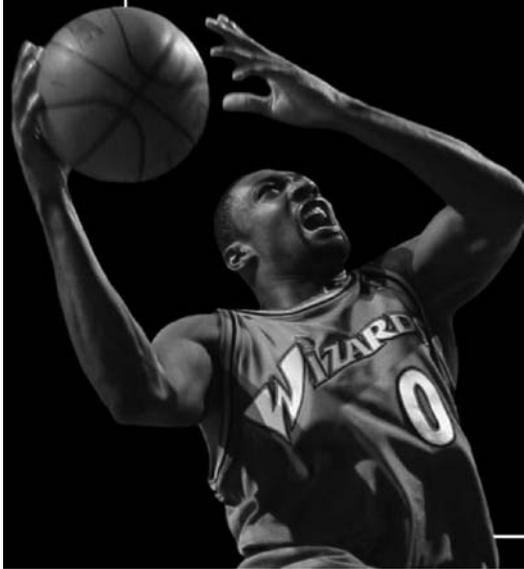
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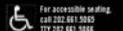


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The Town Council convenes in the Herndon Depot to pass a resolution recognizing Town Incorporation Day on the eve of the town's 130th anniversary. Also present is Capt. William Lewis Herndon, played by Gary Rinker.

Herndon Turns 130

Once a tiny farm town, now a bustling suburb after population grew 100-fold.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

The Town Council began its meeting last Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Herndon Depot, where the council had held its very first meeting 130 years earlier. With Capt. William Lewis Herndon, played by Gary Rinker

of Sterling, looking on, Mayor Steve DeBenedittis declared that Jan. 14 would from then on be designated Herndon Town Incorporation Day.

Upon its incorporation in January of 1879, the town was named for the Herndon Post Office, which had established in the depot 20 years earlier and was named after Capt. Herndon, who that year had gone down with his ship, the USS Central America.

The depot is one of a few of the town's features that remain recognizable 130 years later.

"There were some farms and the depot in the center of town and a couple of stores where people bought their necessities," said Herndon Historical Society president Carol



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This picture, taken circa 1905, shows the area behind the Herndon Depot, where Center Street goes under the bike trail. A house can be seen on the grounds where Green's Funeral Home now stands.

Bruce, describing incorporation-era Herndon. The town was surrounded by dairy farms, which shipped their milk out via the railroad station. "There are a good few houses in the older part of town that would have been here or would have been built shortly after," she added.

TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER Richard Downer estimated the newborn town's population at about 200 or 300 and he said what businesses there were would have been agriculturally related. "The whole emphasis of the town was serving the farms that were around it," Downer said.

Elden Street, then called Washington

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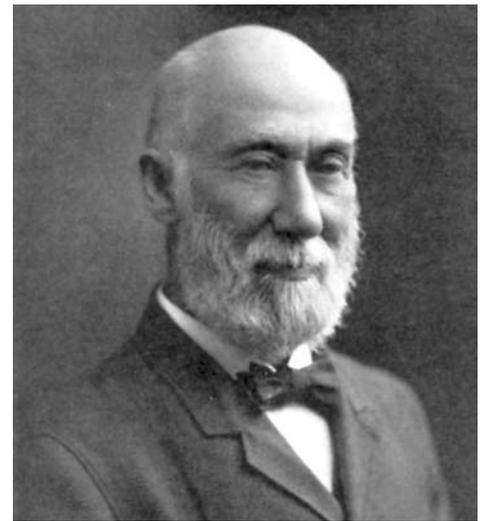


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The town's first mayor, Isaiah Bready, was elected 130 years ago.



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ROBBIE HAMMER
THE CONNECTION

Herndon Police Officer Damien Austin and his K9 partner, Smokey, recently finished a 14-week basic training K9 course at the Fairfax County Police Canine Training Facility.

Area Police Officers Complete K9 Course

Canine officers and their partners from the Fairfax County Police Department, Warren County Sheriff's Office, Arlington County Police Department, the Herndon Police Department and the City of Falls Church Police Department pose for a group picture during a graduation ceremony for their participation in a 14-week basic training K9 course at the Fairfax County Police Canine Training Facility on Jan. 16. The course included; patrol techniques, narcotics detection, tracking and locating criminal suspects and missing persons, conducting building searches and other skills.

Caleb Harris wins Clearview Geographic Bee

Caleb Harris, a sixth-grade student at Clearview Elementary School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the 21st annual National Geographic Bee. The bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society.

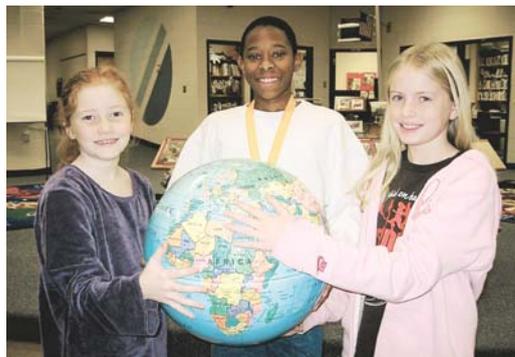


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The first-place winner, Caleb Harris, center, with second-place winner, Shannon Gaffey and third-place winner Kelsey Patelunas.

The school winners, including Harris, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state will be eligible to compete in their state bee April 3.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for state champions and teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geographic Bee national championship on May 19 and 20. The first-place national winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the society. The winner will also travel, along with one parent or guardian, all expenses paid, to the Galapagos Islands with "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek and the "Jeopardy!" Clue Crew. The winner will experience geography first-hand through up-close encounters with the wildlife and landscape of Galapagos.

Everyone can test their geography knowledge with the new GeoBee Challenge, an online geography quiz at www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee, which poses 10 new questions a day and allows players to e-mail their score to friends and challenge them to do better.



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Manjula Ganesh, first-grade teacher at Clearview Elementary School, achieved National Board Certification in 2008.

Clearview Teacher Earns National Certification

Manjula Ganesh, first-grade teacher at Clearview Elementary School, achieved National Board Certification in 2008. National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize and reward accomplished teachers. While state-licensing systems set basic requirements to teach in each state, National Board Certified Teachers (NBCTs) have successfully demonstrated advanced teaching knowledge, skills and practices. Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete.

As part of the process, Ganesh built a portfolio that includes student work samples, assignments, video recordings and a thorough analysis of her classroom teaching. Additionally, she was assessed on her knowledge of the subjects she teaches.

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Todd C. Huse, top, Ian Brown, Susan Talbott and Michael Kharfen star in Elden Street Players' "Shining City."

A Haunting Drama

"Shining City" explores grief, guilt and intimacies.

BY DANIELLE LANDAU
THE CONNECTION

The Elden Street Players' production of Conor McPherson's "Shining City" is a must-see for enthusiasts of deep and dark dramas.

The haunting play opens at the Industrial Strength Theater in Herndon, Friday, Jan. 23. Produced by Nanette Reynolds and directed by Angie Anderson the small cast brings new meaning to the word "gripping."

Anderson, who directed the Elden Street Players' production of "The Weir," chose "Shining City," another McPherson script, because of the complex characters and intriguing element of Irish story telling.

For the adventurous theater fan, the story details a guilt ridden man's transition, aided by an equally conflicted therapist, as the patient struggles to piece together his life after his wife's unexpected death.

HAUNTED by his deceased wife, his meetings with the therapist seem to affect both men in their struggle to find companionship. Anderson, whose love of theater traces back to shows she attended with her grandfather as a child, said, "I enjoy working with the Elden Street Players because both the actors and the audience members are not afraid of shows that are intimate and controver-



Todd C. Huse and Susan Talbott at the rehearsal for Friday's premiere.

sial. They really know what will attract good actors."

Todd Huse, who plays Ian, the conflicted therapist, is also the Elden Street Players' artistic director. After seeing the show on Broadway and now acting under Anderson's direction Huse said, "There is such a real feel to the show, with a hint of the supernatural. It really stresses the idea that everyone has a story to tell."

D.C. resident Michael Kharfen plays John, the guilt-ridden patient, who seeks out a therapist to help him sort through his grief.

Kharfen's depiction of a nervous and imperfect patient resonates with the viewer long after the curtain drops. He praises the Elden Street Players as a more open and experimental theater group. Kharfen said, "This performing group is willing to do shows that other theaters are

not. And the audience is open to the idea of deeper dramas as well as relating plots."

Susan Talbott, who plays Neasa, the therapist's girlfriend, respects

McPherson's unusual talent. Talbott said, "Conor [McPherson] is one of those playwrights who has insight into humanity and modern day society. He really knows how to accurately depict complicated relationships."

FINALLY, Ian Brown plays Laurence, a young Irishman who is lost and connects with the therapist. "I've really enjoyed the Irish dialect, making my first show with Elden a great experience," Brown said of the show.

As for the actors' take on director Anderson, Brown said, "Angie has great insight into McPherson's vision and she really comes at the script from many different angles." Talbott, who has experience with many of Elden's directors said, "She has a tremendous amount of respect for the actors, which allows us freedom to find what we need to grasp in our characters. It has been a privilege." For more information on dates and tickets, call 703-481-5930 or visit the Web site at www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.

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Small Town No More

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Street, and Dranesville Road existed, although pavement was a long way off, Bruce said, and Downer noted that Centreville Road would have been the main artery between Herndon and Chantilly.

The area was still slowly recovering from the economic impact of the Civil War and growth was slow, Downer said.

The town saw mill stood about where the Ice House Café is now. A pine grove grew where the Pine Shopping Center now stands and even within the town limits, much of the land was farmed. The farm of Isaiah Bready, Herndon's first mayor, ran from his house, which still stands at the corner of Vine Street and Ferndale Avenue, almost to Center Street.

Based on old meeting minutes, Downer said, "The mayor didn't make a lot of the meetings. He was more like the town manager." He said the council appeared to come up with directives for the mayor, who then carried them out.

BY THE TURN of the century, Herndon was putting out brochures advertising the town as a summer retreat from the heat of Washington, D.C.

"It became somewhat of a resort community," Bruce said, noting that many summer homes began to populate the town. "You used to have all these prominent people come out and they had these big parties on weekends." Perhaps most famous was J.J. Darlington, a wealthy Washington lawyer whose house was situated in the middle of town, where the Angeethi Indian Cuisine restaurant now sits, and was frequently open to guests, Bruce said.

Even with so many people summering in Herndon, there wasn't a lot to do in the town during its first several decades. If residents went out on the town, it was generally to visit each other, Bruce said. "You relied on yourself and your friends for recreation."

There was also the train depot/post office, Downer said. "That's where everybody came to get their mail and their packages. That would have been the center of activity."

Not a lot had changed in that respect by the time lifelong resident Elma Mankin was attending the Herndon School — grades one through 11 under one roof — during the 1930s. She recalled only one restaurant in town, commonly referred to as "the Greasy Spoon." "You just didn't go out to eat,"



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The Darlington house, once located in the middle of town, was the site of many gatherings and parties around the turn of the century.



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The old Detwiler house today is surrounded by residential neighborhoods.

Mankin said. "If you did, it was because a church was having a supper. You would go to a church dinner."

Also, a theater in the center of town showed movies, she said, and there was a carnival every summer on the open lot behind the train depot, where the municipal building now stands. "There wasn't a whole lot. I was from a large family, so we didn't have to go far to find someone to play with," she said, noting that neighborhood boys often met and played baseball on her family's lot.

With no swimming pools in town, Mankin said, her father used to throw hay in the back of his truck and drive her and her siblings up to the Potomac River to go swimming in the summer.

MANKIN'S FATHER, Henry

Moffett, had once catered to the area's farmers as the town blacksmith, shoeing horses and repairing farm equipment, she said. "He saw the writing on the wall and got out of that." He worked at welding for a while and then went into cattle farming. The land for a number of Herndon's subdivisions was cleared by Moffett, as he cleared out fields to grow grain for cow feed, Mankin said.

Moffett Forge Road, in the Barker Hill neighborhood, is named for Mankin's father's shop, although the forge stood across the street from the Town Hall, where its foundation still remains. The building is preserved at Frying Pan Park.

Even by 1980, Bruce said, the town was still surrounded by farms and pastures. She recalled Mankin's brother driving his tractor across town one afternoon in the 1980s to help her with some work and she tried to imagine someone driving a tractor down a main drag in Herndon today.

"People talk about a small-town atmosphere. Well, it isn't to me anymore," Mankin said. She remembered the year that the census caught up with the date — in 1960, there were exactly 1,960 residents in town. Having worked as a school secretary for many years, she said, she knew every one of them.

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

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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.

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

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Budget Calls for Healthy Debate

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) reflects on first week in Richmond.

This past Wednesday was the first day of my eighth General Assembly session; it has been a real privilege to serve you for these past seven years. It should come as no surprise to you that the main topic of conversation is the economic shortfall and its implication on the budget. In his annual State of the Commonwealth address Wednesday night, Gov. Tim Kaine spent most of his 40 minutes talking about the changes he feels necessary to the budget.

Governor Kaine has suggested a wide range of budget cuts, including cuts to education and corrections; those are two areas of the budget I feel should not be cut. Additionally the governor is recommending doubling the cigarette tax in Virginia. I am sure this initiative will warrant a healthy debate.

AUTISM INSURANCE BILL: While the budget will certainly dominate discussion during this 45-day short session, there are several other hot topics. Many of you have already taken the time to write me about the Autism Insurance Bill, House Bill 1588. This bill would require children with autism to be covered by their parents existing health insurance. While I am inclined to support such legislation, I am concerned that it is limited to certain private insurance companies and does not apply to state and local government

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employees. It has been estimated that HB 1588 will only cover less than 50 percent of the children affected with this terrible affliction. I intend to raise these concerns if the bill comes before me.

GUN SHOW BILL: The so-called gun-show loophole is another topic, which will be sure to garner attention this session. This week the State Crime Commission deadlocked in a 6-6 bipartisan vote as to whether or not to recommend to the General Assembly to close the provision.

PAY DAY LENDING: Many of you will remember that last year, the General Assembly spent considerable time dealing with the pay day lending industry. Last year numerous bills were introduced to change the amount of loans one could have out at a given time, interest rate caps and other regulations. This year legislation has been proposed calling for an end to open-ended loans. The bill, House Bill 1709, can be seen here and it is already becoming a major issue in this session.

COMMITTEES: This year with the resignation of Del. Terrie Suit of Virginia Beach, Del. Brian Moran of Alexandria, and with the election of Del. Dwight Jones to



be mayor of Richmond, three special elections took place. When new members are elected to the General Assembly in a nonelection year, it is common for there to be some changes in committee assignments. I am pleased to announce, however, I

was able to keep all of my committee assignments. This year, like last, I am the vice chairman of science and technology and I am a member of the education, transportation and commerce and labor committees. Additionally, I am the chairman of the higher education subcommittee and a transportation subcommittee. All told, I serve on 10 committees. Needless to say it will be another busy session.

BILL LIMITS: This session brought a few changes in how the members of the House of Delegates will handle business here in Richmond. First, it was decided that each member will only be allowed to introduce 15 bills. Previously there was not a limit on the number of bills a delegate could introduce, resulting in some members offering upwards of 40 bills. I had more than 30 bills last year. Since we are only in Richmond 45 days, and can only consider House bills, before crossover, or for the first half of session, many thought that we simply did not have adequate time to give many bills a fair consideration. Others thought many superfluous bills were being introduced year after year. This year we all look forward to giving

all introduced legislation a more comprehensive review, but if we find that the system is not working as planned, revisions can be made next year.

SUBCOMMITTEE VOTING:

Another change that was made this year was to record all subcommittee votes. We took a major step forward in promoting openness and transparency in government with this rule change. Some subcommittees are particularly small and in some cases a quorum can be attained with only a few members. Subcommittees could never "kill" bills, but they could fail to report them to full committee, so they were essentially dead. Much has been made of this process and some dramatists talk of subcommittees meeting in the dead of night in smoke-filled rooms. That is very far from reality; often subcommittees meet in packed meeting rooms, sometimes before or after full committee meetings. All subcommittee meetings are publicly advertised including the time and location of the meeting. The subcommittee system is entirely necessary for the number of bills we see, but this new change in the rules is a major improvement in transparency.

BROADCASTING: The last major change, I am excited to announce is that all floor sessions of the House of Delegates will now be broadcast live over the Internet. This is just another step forward in presenting practical solutions to our government process. Online

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Richie played Division I football.

Herndon's Richie Earns Criminal Justice Degree

Ryan Dallas Richie, a 2004 graduate of Herndon High School, graduated from Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., on Dec. 20, 2008. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

He was a member of the NCAA Division I football team while attending school. His parents are Lee and Carol Richie of Herndon and grandmother Olive Williams of Ulster, Pa.



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Jamming at Jimmy's

Jimmy's Old Town Tavern
 697 Spring St., Herndon
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In the heart of Herndon's historic downtown, Jimmy's Old Town Tavern holds an open mic night Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. Performers range in genre and include singer-songwriters as well as full bands. Acoustic artists play first, followed by the bands. After the bands perform, the scene transforms into an "Open Jam" session where anyone can play. Visit www.jimmystavern.com for sign-up details.

All that Jazz

Ice House Cafe
 760 Elden St., Herndon
 703-437-4500

Nothing adds to the atmosphere of dining like a little live jazz for mood music. The Ice House Cafe, located in the historic district of downtown Herndon, offers live jazz music and showcases a variety of local jazz talent on Friday and Saturday evenings from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Visit www.icehousecafe.com for more.

Spotlight on CenterStage

The Center Stage
 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston

Browsing the list of performers that come through the Reston Community Center's CenterStage, it's apparent that this facility is at the heart of the music community in Reston. From author Nick Hornby to Irish acoustic band Lunasa, the CenterStage brings in an eclectic variety of top-notch artists throughout the year. Set in an intimate theater, programs often allow the audience the opportunity for Q & A's, as well as after performance book signings. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com for a schedule of performances.

Folk by Local Folks

Tortilla Factory
 648 Elden St., Herndon
 703-471-1156

Enjoy playing or listening to folk music? The Tortilla Factory is the place to go on Tuesday nights. In conjunction with the Reston-Herndon Folk Club, the Tortilla Factory hosts local folk and country artists for their open mic night at 7:30 p.m. Also, once a month the club showcases one of its own members in a solo performance. For more about the club and open mic nights, visit www.restonherndonfolkclub.com for details.

Music From Around the World

Shahi Kabob
 724 Pine St., Herndon
 703-796-0110

Shahi Kabob has a different spin to open mic nights as they present a multi-cultural open mic on Fridays. Venture out to Shahi Kabob and be amazed by the wealth of international culture and talented musicians present in the area.

Pickin' Out a Tune

Frying Pan Country Store
 709 West Ox Road
 703-435-3710

Acoustic guitars, mandolins, banjos — if it has strings it can be picked. The Frying Pan Country Store holds an acoustic jam session on the first and third Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Gather around with other musicians and play a tune or just tap your toes. Acoustic instruments only.

Perfect Harmony

Voce Chamber Singers
 703-277-7772

Voce is a Reston-based choral group that is one of the most acclaimed in the area. Since 1989, Voce has been singing choral chamber music across the region. They have sung at the Kennedy Center and St. Thomas More Cathedral, have performed with the Washington Symphony Orchestra, and been featured on WETA. The group performs all around the Washington D.C. area, but a majority of their performances are in the Reston/Herndon area. The 22-member group has sung commissioned pieces to national acclaim. To get more information on upcoming events and performances, visit www.voce.org.

Watch Reston Chamber Orchestra

Reston Community Orchestra — www.restoncommunityorchestra.org
 The Reston Community Orchestra was



Melissa Yester of Loudoun Valley Vineyards, pours samples of wines for attendees of the 20th Annual Labor Day Jazz and Wine Festival held in Herndon on Labor Day 2008. Wineries from around the region provided the wine while several jazz bands provided the musical entertainment.

founded in 1988 and has since become one of the area's best community orchestras. Preferring to remain a small chamber orchestra, the group performs around the community and region, sometimes in conjunction with the McLean Symphony Orchestra. The music director is Dingwall Fleary, who has held the position for 10 years. The orchestra is always on the lookout for new members and volunteers. Visit www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.

"Take A Break" Concerts

Reston Community Center Lake Anne
 1609-A Washington Square Plaza, Reston

The Reston Community Center invites you to "take a break" and enjoy the sounds of this eclectic line-up of musicians. Every Thursday from June 1 to the end of August the RCC provides free concerts and invites the public to bring a lawn chair and picnic basket. In the past bands have ranged from 1950's pop to World Beat-Reggae. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com for more.

Summer Saturday Concerts

Reston Concerts on the Town
Reston Town Center Pavilion, Reston
 703-912-4062

Looking for weekly variety in your musical entertainment, visit Reston Town Center on Saturdays in the summer. The Reston Concerts on the Town brings the area's top acts from all sorts of musical backgrounds, from Motown to Country music styles. Many bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets to enjoy the free concerts. The concerts take place on Saturday nights, from 7:30 to 10 p.m., at the Reston Town Center pavilion. For more information call the concert hotline at 703-912-4062.

DANCE
Swing Your Partner
 Swing Dance with Tom and Debra

Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel
 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon

On Friday nights, from 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Tom Koerner and Debra Sternberg host swing dancing accompanied by live bands. Don't know the steps? No problem — this ongoing event offers beginner lessons before the dance, from 8:30-9 p.m. The cost for participating is \$15. Visit www.gottaswing.com.

Doing The Two-Step

Monthly Country-Western Dance
Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods
 703-476-4500

The Reston Community Center's monthly Country-Western Dance features dances like the line-dance, two-step, hustle and swing and can be quickly mastered by anyone regardless of skill level. Dances take place monthly in RCC's Hunters Woods Community Room from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Refreshments are provided. Admission is \$5 per person. The dances are for people age 18 or older. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Dance Under the Stars

Annual "Dance Under the Stars"
Reston Town Center
 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston

Dance the night away under the twinkling stars at the Town Center. This elegant affair features music that ranges from salsa, to swing, ballroom and classical. Desserts are offered buffet style with non-alcoholic drinks. Feel free to put on your best, as this special dance only comes around once a year. Black tie optional. Price is \$10. This annual event takes place in mid-June. Visit www.reston.org.

Tutus and Toe Shoes

Reston Institute for the Arts
 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston
 703-430-8768

The Reston Institute for the Arts is a premier dance studio in the Reston area. They have been conducting dance classes since 1983, and they teach over 10 different types of dance, including some unusual ones such as modern jazz and urban tap.

They also have vocal and acting classes. Their classes are for all ages, range from beginning to advance, and most classes meet once a week. The cost is dependent on the number of classes you attend and costs range from \$100 to \$160 per class, and costume fees are separate. In addition to classes, RIA also has two in-house companies, the Reston Youth Dancers and the Reston Jazz Ensemble. The classes meet in two locations: RCC Hunter Woods and the RCP Rehearsal Hall. For registration and more information, visit their web site at www.restondance.org.

Top Notch Ballet Performances

Reston Conservatory Ballet
 2254 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Shopping Center, Reston

Established in 1972, the Reston Conservatory Ballet offers a variety of classes to dancers of all ages, from 18 months-old to adults. Classes in Ballet, Irish, Flamenco, Jazz, Tap and Hip Hop dancing are available, as well as pre-professional programs. The Conservatory's signature annual event is the staging of the Nutcracker in December. For more information on Reston Conservatory Ballet, including information on class sessions and fees, visit conservatoryballet.com.

MOVIES

Free Summer Movies

Worldgate Center
 Centreville Road, Herndon
 703-318-9290

Phoenix Theatres WorldGate 9 offers free summer movies — G and PG rated films — at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday in July and August. Doors open at 9 a.m. Seating is limited to auditorium capacity.

Movies From Around The World

Independent & International Films
The CenterStage,
 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston

A big barrel of popcorn and a summer blockbuster can be a fun escape, but sometimes it's more rewarding to broaden your horizons by watching independent and international films. The CenterStage, Reston Community Center's performing stage, offers a film series that takes audiences around the world and uncovers new subject material. Films are screened at 7:30 p.m. on scheduled Sundays. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com/film.htm for a complete listing.

Meet Me At the Movies

Reston Town Center Multiplex Cinemas
 On the fourth Wednesday of each month, residents 55 and older are invited to check out what's playing at the Town Center Multiplex for Free. Doors open at 9:15 a.m., movie starts at 10 a.m. Refreshments are provided and door prizes are distributed prior to the movie. Call 703-435-6577.

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12500 ASHLEIGH OAKS CT	5	4	3		OAK HILL	\$1,450,000	Detached	0.86		WEST OAKS ESTS
1164 TAJI CT	5	3	1		HERNDON	\$850,000	Detached	0.67		SUGAR CREEK
2626 FOX MILL RD	5	5	1		OAK HILL	\$843,000	Detached	1.00		NAVY
3316 WILLOW GLEN DR	5	4	1		HERNDON	\$825,000	Detached	0.29		STILL OAKS
888 STATION ST	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$602,000	Detached	0.27		HERNDON
13200 TUCKAWAY DR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$600,000	Detached	0.37		FRANKLIN FARM
12917 CEDAR GLEN LN	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$556,000	Detached	0.24		SYCAMORE LAKES
3106 KINROSS CIR	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$540,000	Detached	0.23		CHANTILLY HIGHLANDS
309 SENATE CT	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$530,000	Detached	0.13		PRESIDENTS COURT
12262 CLIVEDEN ST	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$521,000	Detached	0.26		DRANESVILLE ESTATES
802 BRANCH DR	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$509,995	Townhouse	0.03		FORTNIGHTLY SQUARE
3306 FLINTWOOD CT	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$455,000	Detached	0.35		FRANKLIN FARM
1533 MALVERN HILL PL	5	3	1		HERNDON	\$445,000	Detached	0.25		STUART RIDGE
3011 SUMMERSHADE CT	4	2	2		HERNDON	\$430,000	Detached	0.20		WEST OX CLUSTER
13000 NEW AUSTIN CT	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$422,000	Detached	0.24		MONTEREY
710 TAMANI DR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$420,000	Detached	0.20		FOUR SEASONS
12500 CLIFF EDGE DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$420,000	Detached	0.20		JENKINS RIDGE
12507 FORTY OAKS CT	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$410,000	Detached	0.20		CRESTBROOK
1517 SNOWFLAKE CT	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$395,000	Detached	0.23		FOUR SEASONS
12701 KETTERING DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$390,000	Detached	0.29		FOX MILL ESTS
1350 CASSIA ST	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$390,000	Detached	0.21		DRANESVILLE ESTATES
12813 LONGLEAF LN	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$390,000	Detached	0.23		HIDDENBROOK
12520 MISTY WATER DR	3	2	0		HERNDON	\$387,900	Detached	0.31		CRESTBROOK
1537 SADLERS WELLS DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$385,000	Detached	0.24		HIDDENBROOK
511 FILLMORE ST	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$375,000	Detached	0.28		CHELMSFORD
2504 EINSTEIN ST #260	3	2	2		OAK HILL	\$370,000	Back-to-Back			COPPERMINE CROSSING
13209 ASHNUT LN	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$363,000	Townhouse	0.04		MCNAIR FARMS
13521 OLD DAIRY RD	3	2	0		HERNDON	\$360,000	Detached	0.15		FRANKLIN FARM
1039 JEFF RYAN DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$360,000	Detached	0.23		TREESIDE
2005 BLUE RIDGE CT	5	3	1		HERNDON	\$350,000	Detached	0.22		REFLECTION LAKE
12714 NATHAN LN	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$350,000	Detached	0.21		KINGSTON CHASE
2522 EINSTEIN ST	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$340,000	Townhouse			COPPERMINE CROSSING
2522 EINSTEIN ST	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$335,000	Multi-Family	0.00		COPPERMINE CROSSING
2572 JAMES MADISON CIR	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$313,500	Townhouse	0.03		MCNAIR FARMS LANDBAY 5/6
1332 ROCK CHAPEL RD	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$309,000	Detached	0.25		CRESTBROOK
12728 BUILDERS RD	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$305,000	Detached	0.20		KINGSTON CHASE
13614 SALK ST #126	3	2	1		OAK HILL	\$305,000	Townhouse			COPPERMINE CROSSING
12716 FANTASIA DR	3	3	0		HERNDON	\$295,000	Detached	0.20		KINGSTON CHASE
517 ASPEN DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$290,000	Detached	0.20		DOWNNS
2520 BANSHIRE DR	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$286,000	Townhouse	0.04		WELLESLEY
1239 BOND ST	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.00		BLUEMONT
1308 DULLES PL	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$277,500	Detached	0.24		DULLES PARK
1193 CYPRESS TREE PL	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$275,000	Townhouse	0.06		PARKWAY PLAZA
2466 CURIE CT #18	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$271,000	Townhouse			COPPERMINE CROSSING
716 PALMER DR	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$270,000	Detached	0.12		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
1105 CYPRESS TREE PL	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$270,000	Townhouse	0.04		PARKWAY PLAZA
1112 CLARKE ST	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$266,000	Detached	0.21		HUNTERS CREEK
2422 COOPERS BRANCH CT	2	2	0		HERNDON	\$265,000	Townhouse			FOX MILL STATION
729 GENTLE BREEZE CT	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$255,000	Detached	0.25		FOUR SEASONS
717 ALABAMA DR	3	1	1		HERNDON	\$245,000	Detached	0.24		CHANDON
1215 SUNRISE CT	5	3	0		HERNDON	\$242,000	Detached	0.24		FOUR SEASONS
655 ERIC CT	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$240,000	Semi-Detached	0.14		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
12915 ALTON SQ #103	2	2	0		HERNDON	\$235,000	Garden 1-4 Flrs	0.02		WORLDGATE
654 HERNDON PKWY	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$235,000	Detached	0.25		CHANDON WOODS
476 VIRGINIA AVE	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$230,000	Townhouse	0.05		WATERFORD PARK
714 BIRCH CT	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$230,000	Townhouse	0.05		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
3062 MADDEN CT	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$218,000	Townhouse	0.06		UNKNOWN
406 PATRICK LN	3	1	1		HERNDON	\$209,900	Detached	0.26		CHANDON
704 BRUCE CT	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$206,000	Detached	0.24		CHANDON
931 BARTON OAKS PL	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$196,975	Townhouse	0.05		DUMBARTON SQUARE
951 PARK AVE	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$193,000	Townhouse	0.04		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
2111 HIGHCOURT LN #103	2	2	0		HERNDON	\$192,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			WORLDGATE
949 PARK AVE	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$189,900	Townhouse	0.07		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
914 BRANCH DR	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$185,000	Townhouse	0.06		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
948 BRANCH DR	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$180,000	Townhouse	0.06		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
900 BRANCH DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$175,715	Townhouse	0.12		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
2205 CHRISTY PL	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$175,000	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
2219 CHRISTY PL	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$175,000	Townhouse	0.05		REFLECTION LAKE
1225 MAGNOLIA LN	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$170,000	Townhouse	0.03		DULLES PARK TOWNHOUSES
304 CHERRY CT	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$170,000	Townhouse	0.04		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
1147 DUBLIN PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$169,000	Townhouse	0.05		TRALEE
1309 DULLES PL	4	1	1		HERNDON	\$165,900	Detached	0.20		DULLES PARK
924 BRANCH DR	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$165,000	Townhouse	0.06		PARK AVENUE SQUARE
1010 QUEENS CT	3	3	0		HERNDON	\$160,000	Townhouse	0.05		CAVALIER PARK
301 HOLLY CT	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$158,000	Townhouse	0.05		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
1119 WATERFORD PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$157,000	Townhouse	0.05		TRALEE
409 MAGNOLIA CT	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$156,000	Townhouse	0.03		COURTS OF CHANDON TOWN H
414 RENEAU WAY	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$155,000	Townhouse	0.06		CRESTVIEW
2202 FREAR PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$155,000	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
2210 FREAR PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$149,500	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
1234 WILSHIRE DR	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$148,000	Townhouse	0.03		DULLES PARK TOWNHOUSES
1140 SHANNON PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$145,000	Townhouse	0.05		TRALEE
611 CLEARWATER CT	3	1	1		HERNDON	\$140,000	Townhouse	0.04		FOUR SEASONS REGIME
13320 SCHWENGER PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$140,000	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
372 RENEAU WAY	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$137,000	Townhouse	0.03		CRESTVIEW
13328 SCHWENGER PL	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$135,000	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
565 FLORIDA AVE #204	3	2	0		HERNDON	\$132,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			JEFFERSON MEWS
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2217 JENSEN PL	3	1	1		HERNDON	\$132,000	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
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563 FLORIDA AVE #T3	2	2	0		HERNDON	\$126,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			JEFFERSON MEWS
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2217 GINGELL PL	3	1	1		HERNDON	\$120,400	Townhouse	0.03		REFLECTION LAKE
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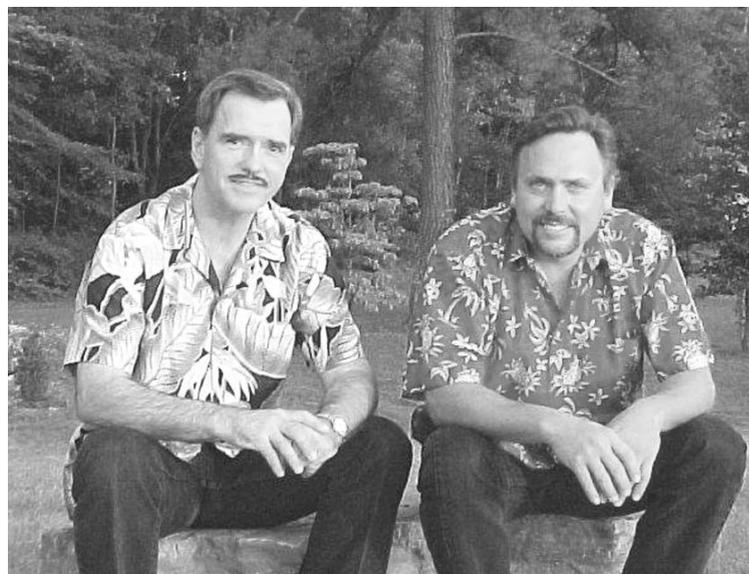
WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

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THURSDAY/JAN. 22

Broadway Cabaret. As many as 50 Herndon High students will take the stage in the school's 2009 Broadway Cabaret, "A Broadway Song and Dance," at 7:30 p.m. in the Herndon High auditorium. Purchase tickets at www.HerndonChoir.com or call Lori Peterson at 703-421-9325.



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SUNDAY/JAN. 25

Raise the Rafter's. Raise the Rafter's, 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/.

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FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday.

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.

A free **Christian family concert** featuring contemporary music will be held Friday, **Jan. 30**, 6:30 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Visit www.florisumc.org and click on the "Coming up at Floris" graphic for advance tickets.

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.

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.

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SPORTS

Herndon Handles Robinson in Bounce Back District

Whelan's squad looking to take care of the ball better.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High boys basketball team has proven it can play with some of the best teams nationally with a rigorous schedule that has well prepared it for play within the always tough Concorde District. The Hornets (7-5) have met such nationally renowned teams as DeMatha (Md.), New Rochelle (N.Y.) and Holy Cross (N.Y.), losing all three, but holding their own. They also played a preseason game against Metro-area power Flint Hill School, a private school team from Oakton.

"Four of our losses have come to top-20 teams [nationally]," said Herndon coach Chris Whelan, who believes playing the demanding schedule over the first half of the season will only help his team better handle high-caliber teams within the Northern Region throughout the latter half of the winter campaign. But Whelan also realizes playing elite teams does not guarantee that Herndon will automatically excel in its district or region. The Hornets received a bit of a wake-up call when it lost a district game at Chantilly, 64-56, in overtime Jan. 13. Chantilly, one



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Herndon forward Zack Ozycz plays defense during the Hornets' earlier season game at South Lakes. Herndon plays at Fairfax this Friday night.

of the top teams in the region, improved to 12-1 overall and 5-0 in district play with the win.

THE HORNETS, in the loss, hurt themselves with 21 turnovers. They jumped ahead of the Chargers, 21-11, but could not sustain the good play, struggling through tough second and third quarters

on way to the loss.

"We put our guard down a little bit," Whelan said of his team's mid-game troubles against Chantilly.

Along with the high number of turnovers, Herndon was hurt by poor foul shooting (8 of 16 at the line).

Herndon, however, came back strong three days later with a hard fought, if not sloppy, 47-44 district road win at Robinson last Friday night to improve to 4-1 in district play. The Hornets won despite turning the ball over 25 times.

"It was careless [mistakes]," Whelan said of the turnovers. "We didn't play particularly well, but we did what we had to do to win."

Whelan said, despite the high number of turnovers, that his team played a smart game. The Hornets, who built a 26-17 lead and were up by as many as 20 points at one point, played well with the lead, according to their coach. While Robinson fought hard to get back into the game, Herndon, Whelan said, played good defense and worked the ball for good shots on offense.

But Whelan realizes his team must cut down on the turnovers as it dives into the second half of

the district season with a game at Fairfax High this Friday night.

"We need to start taking care of the basketball," said Whelan, whose team was scheduled to close out the district's first round of play Wednesday, Jan. 21, of this week with a home game against Westfield. "We haven't put together a full game [of flawless play] yet. The first quarter against Chantilly we showed what we are capable of doing."

HERNDON, in the loss to the Chargers, had a big game from senior frontcourt standout Isaac Johnson (22 points). Also for the Hornets, senior guard Marcus Hamilton scored 11 points and his brother, sophomore point guard Austin Hamilton, scored eight.

The Hornets, in the win over Robinson, received a balanced scoring attack with the 6-foot 3-inch Johnson leading the way with 20 points. Also for Herndon, senior Darian Olson netted 14 points, Austin Hamilton scored 12 and junior Zack Ozycz finished with eight.

Austin Hamilton, averaging 11 points and six assists per game, is putting together an exceptional season as a first-year varsity player. Whelan sees a bright future for the playmaker.

"He needs to be more of a leader out on the court as a point guard," Whelan said. "But I see a real upside for him. He will be a real good

player if he continues to work hard."

Johnson, one of the better players in the region, is leading Herndon with 20 points a game and is also playing good on the backboards with consistent rebounding. Meanwhile, forward Ozycz (10 points per game) and junior Randoll Anane (eight) are contributing to the scoring production.

Whelan said Johnson, a returning captain and starter this season, can score in a variety of ways — with his improved mid-range jump shot as well as with inside the paint moves on defenders.

"He's going out and doing the things he does best," said Whelan, who said Johnson has learned to relax and play better as the season has moved on. "He has a mid-range jumper and is quicker than his defenders and can drive [to the basket]. He'll score at will [inside] on the block. And he's a very good defensive player. He leads by example. He's not very vocal, but the players see how much he works."

Whelan said Herndon is growing more and more confident as the season moves forward. The Hornets hope to continue to improve their game each week and ultimately into the postseason.

"The Concorde is very good every year and there are no cupcake games," Whelan said. "We're getting better and we're playing as a team."

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Herndon High's **Maria Hayden** finished first in all-around competition at the recent Chantilly High gymnastics meet. Hayden finished with an all-around total of 38.950 points. Chantilly's Eilly Taura (37.900) was second overall, while Herndon's Lauren Sullivan (36.450) was third. Also for the Hornets, Qadera Malveaux (34.500) was eighth overall in the field of 40-plus competitors.

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

The **Golden Girls Senior Softball Association** is looking for female slow-pitch softball players for league and travel tournament teams. All skill levels wel-

come. For more information and forms, visit www.goldengirls.org or call Donna 703-938-0387.

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 (nvyl.org) against teams throughout Northern Virginia. Equipment rental and financial 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.

Mary Linnell, McLean resident, and **Arial Coronel**, Oakton resident, are both members of the

Jefferson High gymnastics team that finished first in a seven-team meet at Edison High School Jan. 7. Participating teams were Jefferson, Mount Vernon, West Potomac, Madison, West Springfield, Lee and host Edison. Jefferson remained undefeated for the year with a first-place score of 137.4. Linnell, a Jefferson senior, placed fifth on beam (8.0), sixth on bars (7.7) and sixth in all around (32.5). Jefferson finished first in the team standings with 137.4 points. Edison (125.9) finished second and Madison (119.15.7) was third.

Fairfax Adult Softball (FAS) is seeking umpires for its adult slow-pitch softball leagues in Fairfax County. Umpires' net pay starts at \$23 per one-hour game. Experience is desired, but training is provided. Enjoy great pay and flexible schedules. Contact FAS at 703-815-9007 or e-mail office@fairfaxadultsoftball.com.



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The Herndon High girls basketball team (6-7) was carrying a two-game win streak into this week following Concorde District home victories over both Chantilly and Robinson last week. This week, the Hornets were scheduled to play at Westfield on Wednesday and at home against Fairfax this Friday night.

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Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Due to the debilitating emotional effect of my mother's two-month decline into pain-ending death on Dec. 6, 2008, combined with the official announcement made by my wife, Dina's, long time employer, Tivoli's, in Rosslyn (nearly 25 years employed) that they were closing their restaurant and lounge on Dec. 20 after 27 years (thus unemploying Dina), neither Dina or I were in the mood this past Christmas to do unto others (heck, we were barely able to do unto ourselves). In fact, the first — and only — time we went shopping was Sat. night, Dec. 27th — after Christmas. And that trip was not to bargain hunt, it was to buy a 2009 golden retriever calendar for Bailey (our second golden) and of course for ourselves, so that we could hang it in its usual place of honor in our kitchen (time marches on, however slowly).

And so for us, 2008 was the year that Christmas came and went, and never really was (Thanksgiving wasn't a whole lot better, either). Oh, we saw it on the calendar and heard about it as usual and Dina even decorated the lounge at Tivoli, but in a year in which two extremely significant things were taken from us, we just couldn't muster the spirit to give. Perhaps, had we given, it would have lightened our load somehow and balanced our respective burdens. But finding the energy and the intestinal fortitude to fight the fight was simply too much for us. I just figured that it was a losing battle, emotionally, and in a way, almost disrespectful to my mother's memory and to the importance of Tivoli's in Dina's life that we go on about our regular, albeit seasonally-motivated business.

New Year's Eve (and the actual new year on the calendar) didn't come soon enough for us. 2008 is over, thank God! Whether we will both be able to return to a reasonably normal and familiar routine, I can't know for sure. Dina needs to find a new job and my brother and I need to settle my mother's estate.

It's hard to imagine, and even harder to say, but perhaps the change will do us both some good. Stranger things have happened, I suppose.

On the face of it, "losing" your mother and in effect becoming an "orphan," for me, and Dina being out of work for the first time in more than 30 years (although for Dina, the work at Tivoli's was the least of it; the most of it was the friendships and social activities that it spawned), hardly seem like the kind of occurrences to jump-start your life in a new and positive direction, however. Maybe the arrival of a new year will help to spin us both forward a little bit. Who knows? Certainly not me.

Hopefully, 2009 will be a year worth remembering, not one, like 2008, that on two very key levels we'd both like to forget. Eventually I'm sure, we'll get to the point where remembering 2008 will bring smiles and fond memories. At present, it's still a bit early for either one of us to feel those kinds of feelings. We're still not quite adjusted to our new lives and still hurting and still mourning. Perhaps hanging that 2009 golden retriever calendar on our kitchen wall, a tradition going back nearly 30 years (Brandy, our last golden lived to age 15; Bailey, our current golden is 13 1/2) will begin our emotional rescue. Pets are good that way. They help with the healing.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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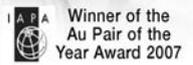
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"Shining City," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **Jan. 23-Feb. 14.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Brooklyn Boy," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Friday, **Jan. 23**; 8 p.m. Saturday, **Jan. 24** (sign interpretation); 8 p.m., Friday, **Jan. 30**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Jan. 31**; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **Feb. 1**; 8 p.m., Friday, **Feb. 6**, and 8 p.m., Saturday, **Feb. 7.** See www.restonplayers.org.

"Hansel & Gretel," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **Jan. 31-Feb. 15.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"The Full Monty," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Friday, **March 6**; 8 p.m. Saturday, **March 7**; 8 p.m., Friday, **March 13**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **March 14** (sign interpretation); 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **March 15**; 8 p.m., Friday, **March 20**, and 8 p.m., Saturday, **March 21**; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **March 22**; 8 p.m., Friday, **March 27**, and 8 p.m., Saturday, **March 28.** See www.restonplayers.org.

"Falsettos," Elden Street Players at the Indus-

trial Strength Theatre, **March 13-April 4.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Something Different 2009," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **March 21-April 5.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Laughing Stock," Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Friday, **May 1**; 8 p.m. Saturday, **May 2**; 8 p.m., Friday, **May 8**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **May 9** (sign interpretation); 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **May 10**; 8 p.m., Friday, **May 15**, and 8 p.m., Saturday, **May 16.** See www.restonplayers.org.

"The History Boys," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **June 5-27.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Fairytale in Training," Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **June 13-28.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

"Amour," Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **July 31-Aug. 22.** See eldenstreetplayers.org.

FOOD & DRINK

Il Fornaio, 11900 Market St., Reston, is hosting 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.

"Restaurant Week" will be held at Jasmine Café, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, through **Jan. 24.** Three-course prix-fixe menu. Call 703-471-9114 for reservations.

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.

A "Seven Tapas Brews & Blues Dinner" will be held Tuesday, **Jan. 27** at Jasmine Café, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Seven international top-end beers paired with international dishes plus live musicians in the house playing blues. The Café will also offer a "sensuous dining menu" Feb. 2-15, where everything from oysters to chocolate will be available. On Feb. 14, the Café will offer a three-course prix-fixe menu, live music and treats. Call 703-471-9114.

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video broadcasts are the latest step toward meeting that goal. Some delegates expressed concern that certain members, once broadcast, would "hog the camera" or speak on a bill simply for media attention. After considering the option of being a more open body, we decided to broadcast, even if there may be one or two additional long-winded speeches each day.

VISITORS: Each week I enjoy meeting with constituents and hearing your needs. This week my office was visited by Northern Virginia members of Autism Speaks, the Fairfax Professional

Firefighters, the Association of Elementary School Principals, the VFW, the Boys and Girls Club of Virginia, the AARP and the Virginia Agro Business Council.

CONSTITUENT DAY: I will be holding a Constituent Day at the General Assembly Tuesday, Jan. 27. You are invited to ride the bus to Richmond, meet with me and learn more about how the General Assembly works. The day will also include a tour of the Capitol, which has recently undergone a major addition, and seating in the gallery to view the House of Delegates session. Please call my Herndon office at 703-437-9400 to sign up for this opportunity.

CRIME

The Herndon Police Department reported the following activities through Jan. 11.

12000 Block Alton Square. A vehicle was broken into and a GPS and an iPod was reported stolen, Jan. 10-11.

ASSAULT

900 Block Branch Drive. A 43-year-old Herndon male was arrested for Assault, Jan. 11.

DRUNK IN PUBLIC ARREST

300 Block Elden St. A 46-year-old Herndon was arrested for Drunk in Public, Jan. 10.

LARCENY

12000 Block Alton Square. Three vehicles were found broken into and a stereo and engine parts were reported stolen, Jan. 8.

13000 Block Worldgate Drive. The victim reported their wallet being stolen, Jan. 10.

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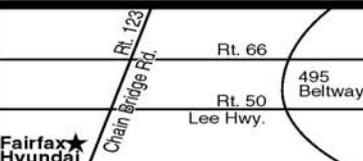
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