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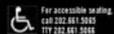


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THURSDAY/JAN. 22

CHILDREN'S BOOK CLUB will meet 4 p.m., at Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. The group will discuss Bette Bao Lord's "In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson" and will create origami. Recommended for ages 8 and up. Register at library.loudoun.gov or 703-444-3228.

FRIDAY/JAN. 23

MOMS CLUB OF STERLING will meet 10:30 a.m., at the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Children can play while moms mingle and find out more about the club such as playgroups, field trips, moms night out and more. Visit www.geocities.com/sterlingmomsclub or e-mail sterlingmomsclub@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

COFFEE HOUR with Supervisor Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac) will be held at Linda's Café, 45665 W. Church Road, Sterling, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. This informal gathering is a great chance to share ideas with neighbors and inform Supervisor McGimsey understands of any concerns.

MOMS CLUB OF ASHBURN is holding a preschool forum Saturday, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Mills Recreation Center, 43895 Grottoes

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office. This report is not all-inclusive for cases reported.

LARCENY

21900 block Myrtlewood Square, Sterling. Jan. 12-13, 4:38-10 a.m. Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by damaging a window. Inside they removed a GPS unit and a cell phone charger. Value: \$430.

Drive, Ashburn Village. This free forum is open to the public and provides information about area preschools from a mother's prospective.

MONDAY/JAN. 26

VIRGINIA READERS' CHOICE primary book club will meet 7 p.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Children ages 5-8 will learn about an author and illustrator and do a fun activity. January's book is "Duck at the Door" by Jackie Urbanovich. Registration required; call 703-737-8100 or visit library.loudoun.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

LOUDOUN COUNTY Democratic Party will hold its monthly meeting 6:30 p.m., at John W. Tolbert Jr. Elementary School, 691 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of University Women's Ashburn-Leesburg branch will meet 7 p.m., in the Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

LA LECHE LEAGUE of Ashburn will hold an open house 10 a.m., at the Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Pregnant and nursing women and their children can attend. Free. Call a La Leche League Leader at 703-729-1205.

21200 block Greenspring Court, Ashburn. Jan. 14, 5:27 a.m. Unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle and removed an MP3 player.

BURGLARY

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Sterling Holds Court on Crime

Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) hosts another crime meeting at Park View High School.

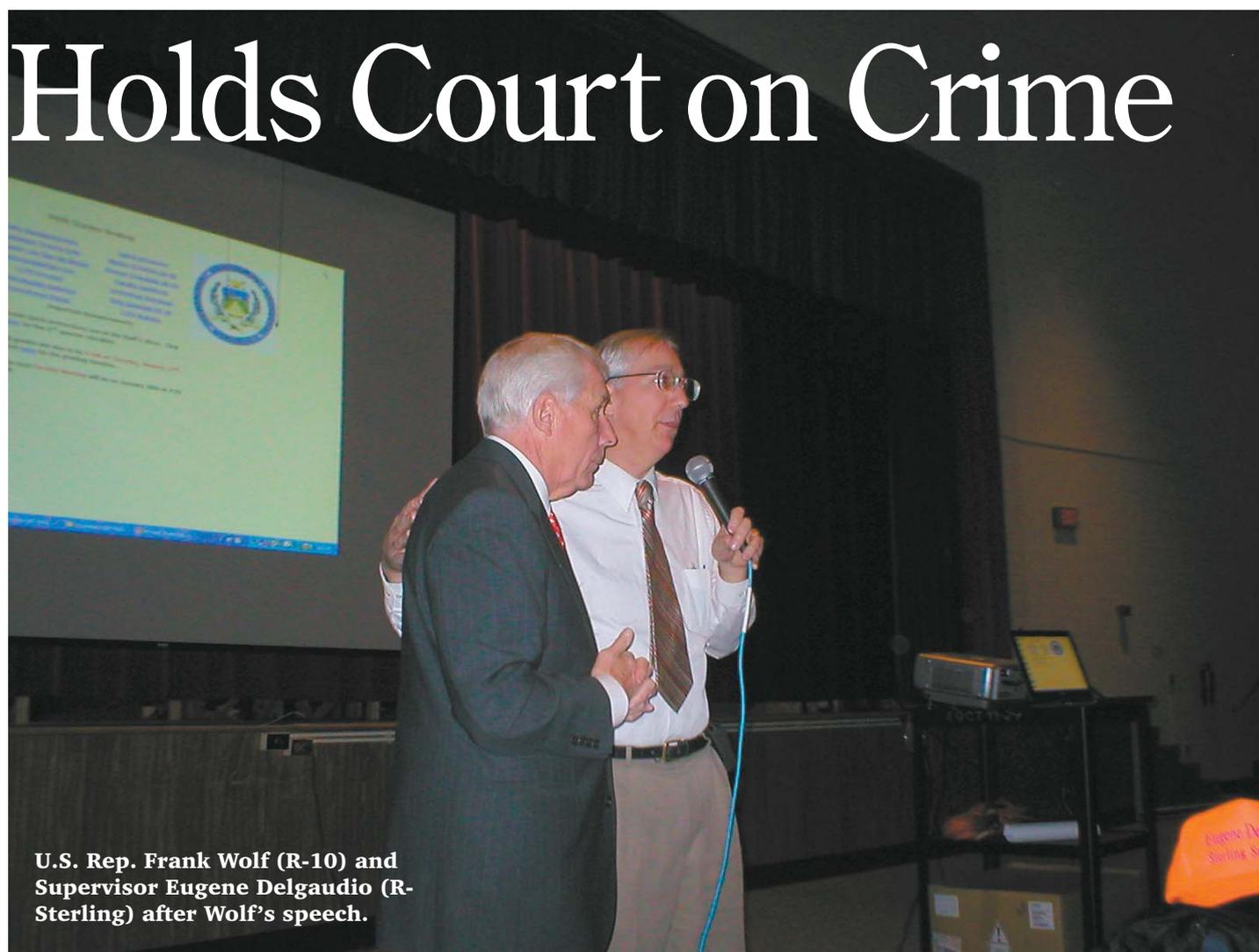
BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

More than 200 people filled the auditorium at Park View High School Jan. 16 for the latest installment of Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio's (R-Sterling) series of community crime meetings.

The meeting, billed as a Sterling "Crime Prevention and Response Meeting," welcomed federal and local government officials along with members of the law enforcement community to provide residents information on what types of crime are prevalent in the area and how to prevent them from occurring.

The overriding themes of the night were vigilance and cooperation, and each speaker called for a significant amount of both, trying to convey to residents that no matter the size or scope of their particular institution, they need the community's help if anything is to get done.

"I need all of you to be an extension of my deputies," Capt. Ricky Frye, the future



U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Supervisor Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling) after Wolf's speech.

PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

Sterling substation commander told the audience. "I need you to communicate and partner with us to let us know what is going on in your neighborhood. We need you."

The officials in attendance were U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Special Agent Walter

Morrison of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Jeanne Graupmann and Ronnell Parker of the United States Postal Inspection Service, 1st Sgt. Alvin Blankenship of the Virginia State Police, Treasurer Roger Zurn, Commissioner of the Revenue Rob-

ert Wertz and deputies from the Sheriff's Office. Each spoke of specific aspects of area crime; how it occurs and how to stop it to protect the community.

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Beefing Up Enforcement

Crime, blight among issues addressed at the ad hoc committee's meeting.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

The Board of Supervisors' ad hoc committee on the Potomac/Sterling Community Outreach Project recommended that the full board support several public safety and zoning enforcement strategies at its Jan. 13 meeting.

The committee, comprised of Supervisors Eugene Delgaudio (R-Sterling), Andrea McGimsey (D-Potomac), Stevens Miller (D-Dulles) and chairman Susan Buckley (D-Sugarland Run), discussed several strategies proposed in the final report, supporting a test program for surveillance cameras and establishing a cross-departmental team for blight reduction.

"We decided to tackle public safety first because that is the No. 1 priority in Sterling these days," McGimsey said. "The community gave us input; the staff worked through it, made recommendations and now we take action."

According to Delgaudio, the pilot program consists of two surveillance cameras at the Safeway in the Sterling Plaza Shopping Center on South Sterling Boulevard. If successful, Delgaudio said that the cameras could be installed at "crime hot spots" across the community for 24-hour surveillance.

The committee also recommended that the Public Safety Committee, which is made up of the all of the members Outreach Committee except Buckley, seek to expand the power of attorney with what Delgaudio called "contained entities" to further enforce the hot spots.

Delgaudio said that this power of attorney is an agreement between "contained entities" like HOAs and shopping centers that allows deputies to arrest people in the entities for certain actions that violate the entity's codes or rules. Delgaudio said that there are already 32 different locations with

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Chase Away Winter Blues

Plenty to do indoors and out.

Throughout the month of January, The Connection will be highlighting 101 ways residents can have fun in and around their community. Mike DiCicco, Justin Fanizzi, Jennifer Lesinski and Rich Sanders worked on this project. This is part three of four.

Learn to Farm

**Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum
21668 Heritage Farm Lane
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571-258-3800
www.heritagefarmmuseum.org**

Located in Sterling's Claude Moore Park, the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum is dedicated to collecting and exhibiting objects, documents and photographs related to agricultural and rural life in historic Loudoun. Hours are Tuesdays-Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sundays, from noon-5 p.m. Admission is

\$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children 2-12. The museum is also home to a variety of farm animals and has annual events, such as the Spring Farm Tour and Tractorpalooza.

Take to the Trail

**Washington & Old Dominion Trail
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Stretching from Purcellville in the west to Alexandria in the east, the W&OD Trail runs for 45 miles and takes its name from the railroad that ran in the area from 1859-1968. The recreational trail is well suited for walking, hiking, biking, jogging and inline skating, while equestrians may ride a parallel trail that stretches from Purcellville to Vienna. For a map, mileage chart and more information on the trail, go to the Friends of the Washington & Old Dominion Trail Web site.

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Series of Burglaries

The Loudoun Sheriff's Office is investigating a series of commercial burglaries that occurred throughout the county this week-end.

On Jan. 18, an unknown subject entered the Bridge End Center gas station on Berlin Turnpike in Lovettsville. The suspect forced entry and removed cash. The incident occurred around 4:30 a.m. This is the third burglary at this business since Dec. 30.

Also on Jan. 18, unknown subjects forced entry into the Hill Tom Market on Route 9 in Hillsboro. Inside they removed cash and checks. Two subjects were seen in the area by a resident around 3 a.m.

A third commercial burglary was reported Jan. 19, around 2 a.m., at the High-Up Food Mart on Enterprise Street in Sterling. Inside the store the subjects removed alcohol and lottery tickets.

Anyone with information on these commercial burglaries is asked to contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division at 703-777-0475. If the caller wishes to remain anonymous, call Loudoun Crime Solvers at 703-777-1919. If the information leads to an arrest and indictment, the caller could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Officers Sponsoring Food Drive

In recognition of Constitutional Officers Week, Loudoun County's Constitutional Officers are sponsoring a food drive to benefit Loudoun Interfaith Relief.

Nonperishable food items will be collected Jan. 20-Jan. 23 and can be dropped off during business hours from at the Commissioner of the Revenue's offices on the first floor of the Loudoun County Government Center at 1 Harrison St. S.E., Leesburg, or the Loudoun Tech Center Office, 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 100, Sterling. The most requested items are fruit, fruit juice, peanut butter, canned tuna, stew, chili, veggies and spaghetti sauce.

Also, Loudoun's Constitutional Officers, H. Roger Zurn Jr., Treasurer; Stephen O. Simpson, Sheriff; Gary M. Clemens, Clerk of the Circuit Court; Robert S. Wertz Jr., Commissioner of the Revenue; and James E. Plowman, Commonwealth's Attorney, will hold an open house for the public at the Loudoun County Government Center, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Jan. 23.

2009 Tax Declarations

The 2009 Personal Property Tax Declarations have been mailed. Property owners should have received a form for each vehicle, motorcycle, camper, trailer, boat, motor home, aircraft or mobile home. Corrections, unusually high mileage or the sale, move or disposal of property should be reported by Feb. 1.

Each form will state whether a filing is required or is optional based on the property type, the date the property was located in Loudoun and whether a filing was previously made on the property. If necessary, property owners may file online at www.loudoun.gov/vehicles-file or by mail bearing a U.S. postmark by Feb. 1.

Visit the Commissioner's Web site at www.loudoun.gov/cor, call 703-777-0260 or e-mail ppdcor@loudoun.gov.

New Group

Supporters living in the Sterling area have announced the formation of the Sterling Area Residents for BRMC. The group has members from the Sterling, Sugarland Run and Potomac districts.

As concerned residents from across northern Loudoun County, the group organized themselves to provide a platform to voice the concerns about the lack of medical services and negative campaign against a business that wants to invest in Loudoun County.

With a countywide population of 255,518, the group believes Loudoun County has failed to meet or exceed the national average of 3.01 hospital beds per 1,000 residents from the current 0.56 beds. The group believes it is critical that the county has convenient hospital facilities with immediate access to first-rate medical care, and among these, will have beds available for patients in need, adult and pediatric emergency rooms.

COMMUNITY



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ROBBIE HAMMER/
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Honoring King

Residents come together to help fulfill the dream.

Hundreds of residents paid homage to slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., Monday, Jan. 19, by marching from the Old Loudoun Courthouse green to the Douglass Community Center in Leesburg.

The theme of this year's celebration was "Sharing the Dream Together." After the march, everyone re-

treated inside the center, formerly the Douglass High School, the county's only black high school until 1965, for a program featuring presentations from various groups, music, a presentation of flags from different nations and keynote speaker, the Rev. Ricky Jasper, assistant pastor of First Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Leesburg. The march included bands from Michigan, Illinois, North Carolina, New Jersey and Arizona.

The symbolic march comes one day before the swearing in of Barack Obama, the first black elected president of the United States.

For more photos, visit the Photos Galleries at www.connectionnewspapers.com.



The McClintock High School Marching band from Tempe, Ariz., marches in the 17th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March in Leesburg Monday morning.

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The **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**, the local PTA and fellow friends and neighbors helped raise \$150,000 in 15 days for the University of Utah band to participate in the Inaugural Parade. In less than two days, housing was taken care of with close to 80 families volunteering to house more than 140 students. Transportation was also confirmed when a reservation was canceled leaving three buses available during the days of the inauguration.

Beth Chaverim Reform Congregation, 21740 Beaumeade Circle, Suite 100, Ashburn, invites the public for a weekend celebration of the Installation of its spiritual leader, Rabbi Jesse Gallop. Friday, **Jan. 30**, 7:30 p.m., Sabbath service and the formal installation ceremony. Rabbi Scott Sperling, director, Union Reform Judaism, Mid-Atlantic Region, and Dr. Alyssa Gray, associate professor Codes and Respona, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion will conduct the installation. Sabbath services will be followed by an Oneg Sabbath social. Saturday, **Jan. 31**, 5:30 p.m., Havdalah Service led by Gray will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. Sunday, **Feb. 1**, 9:15 a.m., Sunday school children will make a presentation to Rabbi Gallop and perform a short program. E-mail membershipvp@brcva.org or call 703-729-1659.

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OPINION

Watch Them Live

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The daily broadcasts will begin when each body convenes.

The 2009 legislative session Virginia General Assembly convened 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

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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.

TIME FOR 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revoke Nonprofit Status

To the Editor:

I find the daily advertisements and four-color mailing brochures put forth by Inova Hospital appalling. I have little doubt they are also using and funding some sham community groups with the millions of dollars they keep from the county while claiming to be a nonprofit organization. With my many years of professional advertising and public relations experience I know the value of such flashy mailers and advertising, but at this point even a child could see that the "nonprofit" Inova has spent millions upon millions of dollars in opposition to the Broadlands Regional Medical Center. Where are these millions of dollars coming from?

Since Inova is willing to spend so much on advertising in order to stop the BRMC, I propose that Inova give up their nonprofit status and use the funds spent on such mailers and advertising to invest their "nonprofit" dollars back into the community. Inova must be revealed for who they really are: a hospital association that claims to care about the community while opposing plans to provide much needed additional medical services that Loudoun County needs, using scare tactics and fabrications to build a following. The only "good" thing resulting from their fear of competition was being [forced] to initiate new medical programs, which would not otherwise have come about, that still do not approximate what BRMC will bring to the county.

I urge sensible and responsible citizens to write and call the Board

of Supervisors to show their support of the BRMC. Tell them how the BRMC will provide important hospital services, hundreds of new jobs and up to \$4 million in tax revenue that can be spent on much needed schools and infrastructure improvements in our community. The BRMC is a win-win for Loudoun County; any supervisor who is not supporting the BRMC should be held fully accountable for not doing so should we suffer the loss of the badly needed additional medical care, loss of revenues and jobs.

Gerald F. Merna
Potomac Falls

Dulles South Better Choice

To the Editor:

Supporters of a new hospital in Loudoun would see their hopes realized sooner if they concentrated their efforts on the Dulles South-South Riding area rather than the Broadlands area in Ashburn as proposed by the Hospital Corporation of America (HCA).

If the Broadlands Regional Medical Center (BRMC) was willing to build their hospital in the Dulles South/South Riding rather than Ashburn, BRMC would not need to submit a new application. BRMC could simply submit what is known as a "significant change" request under which state regulations require action within 35 days.

With a drop in the rate of Loudoun's population growth since 2003, inpatient use has actually decreased at local hospitals servicing Loudoun County's resi-

dents. In 2008, Inova Loudoun and HCA Reston Hospitals had less than 65 percent bed utilization occupied and Inova Loudoun Hospital alone maintained a daily census of less than 120 patients per month.

If BRMC were open now, there would be more than 300 beds in two hospitals near each other where the average daily inpatient census was roughly 120 last year. With a slowing of population growth and development it is reasonable to conclude that inpatient care increases will continue to slowdown for several years, a factor that our most recent economic plight is highlighting right now.

Placing two hospitals (BRMC and Inova Loudoun) of the projected application size for BRMC's

near each other with identical service areas would likely produce substantial economic and service delivery problems for one or both hospitals.

With a high number of empty beds, financial losses would skyrocket and both hospitals would be hard pressed to develop the high quality, refined services that a single hospital with larger volume could establish for the area served.

In my judgment, an appropriately sized hospital off Route 50 in Dulles South does not produce the difficulties for Loudoun residents that the HCA Broadlands application is likely to engender.

Del. Bob Marshall (R-13)
House of Delegates

Snapshot



The Loudoun County Department of Family Services' foster care children are the recipients of a \$500 grant from the Soaring Higher Foundation. Loudoun County residents Kelly Posacki and her sons, Nathan and Adam, presented a check from the foundation to Foster Care and Adoption Program staff in a recent ceremony. The money will be used to meet the needs of foster children in the custody of the Department of Family Services. Call 703-737-8824 or e-mail Francie.Beverage@loudoun.gov for adoption and foster care information.

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Delgaudio Holds Crime Meeting

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WOLF KICKED the meeting off with a simple message: residents should not live in fear of crime. In his speech focusing on the gang problem in Sterling, he discussed how the problem was spreading and he praised local law enforcement for taking action against it before many even noticed it was an issue. Wolf also stressed that his office is doing all that it can to help the community, offering his office number for anyone wishing to express their feelings and noted that he was able to secure \$2.5 million in the state budget for the Gang Task Force.

"No one in this region should live in fear," Wolf said. "If you have any concerns, give my office a call. We will make sure that whatever it takes, we will do it."

Morrison, a Loudoun resident, traveled from his D.C. office to address the area's drug issues. Morrison essentially stressed how small the D.E.A. is and how much they rely on citizens to successfully carry out their job. He acknowledged that a steady stream of "ballistic drugs invade our community" and said that the only way to keep drugs out was to be vigilant by reporting suspicious activity and taking detailed notes of the activity witnessed.

Graupmann and Parker of the Postal Service's Inspection Service spoke about crimes such as mail fraud and theft that at first glance may seem like minor infractions, but can in fact, ruin a person's life. Graupmann and Parker said that instances of mail fraud that require sending private information or money, like using fake sweepstakes checks among

many others, are prevalent in Sterling and the only way to avoid them is to be aware.

"We all work for a living in here," Parker said. "So do the crooks. They don't rest. They work 60, 70 or even 80 hours a week."

AS THE MEETING worked its way from a federal and national level down to the local, further insight into crime prevention was provided by county law enforcement and officials. Zurn spoke on Project Fairness, a Treasurer's Office program designed to penalize and/or remove cars that do not have the proper decals and cars that have been abandoned. Wertz used his time to speak about a hot line that his office created that residents can use to report individuals that have cheated on their taxes.

At the most local level, Sheriff's deputies each addressed specific things that residents can do to help fight back against crime. Deputy Jason Leydig called for volunteers to sign up for the Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Unit, while Deputy Spurlock informed the audience of all of the neighborhood watch programs in the area. Spurlock noted that once the five neighborhood watches that are in the process of being formed are up and running, all neighborhoods from Cascades to Dranesville Road will be covered, to the audience's satisfaction.

Delgaudio plans to continue the crime meetings, but the next meeting date has not been set. Until then, he encourages the community to be vigilant and cooperative, just as his speakers asked, to accomplish the goal of making Sterling a safer community for all of its residents.



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Fabbioli Cellars, 15669 Limestone School Road, Leesburg, is celebrating the inauguration with red and white wine and blues music Friday-Sunday, **Jan. 23-25**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., each day. Free. Fabbioli will also host "Winemaking 101" **Jan. 24**, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost: \$110 per person. Call 703-771-1197.

Lansdowne Resort, 44050 Woodridge Parkway, Lansdowne, will host a gathering of four of the county's wineries for a winemakers dinner Saturday, **Jan. 24**, 7 p.m. Cost: \$125 per person. Call 703-729-4086 for reservations.

Tarara Vineyard and Winery, 13648 Tarara Lane, Leesburg, will pair sandwiches and wine Sunday, **Jan. 25** and Sunday, **Feb. 22**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Cost: \$16 per person includes one sandwich and glass of wine. Call 703-771-7100.

American Flatbreads, 43170 Wynridge Drive, Ashburn, is hosting a Lagunitas beer dinner Tuesday, **Jan. 27**, 6:30 p.m. American Flatbreads locally sourced food will be paired with the beers of Lagunitas. Call 703-723-7003 for pricing.

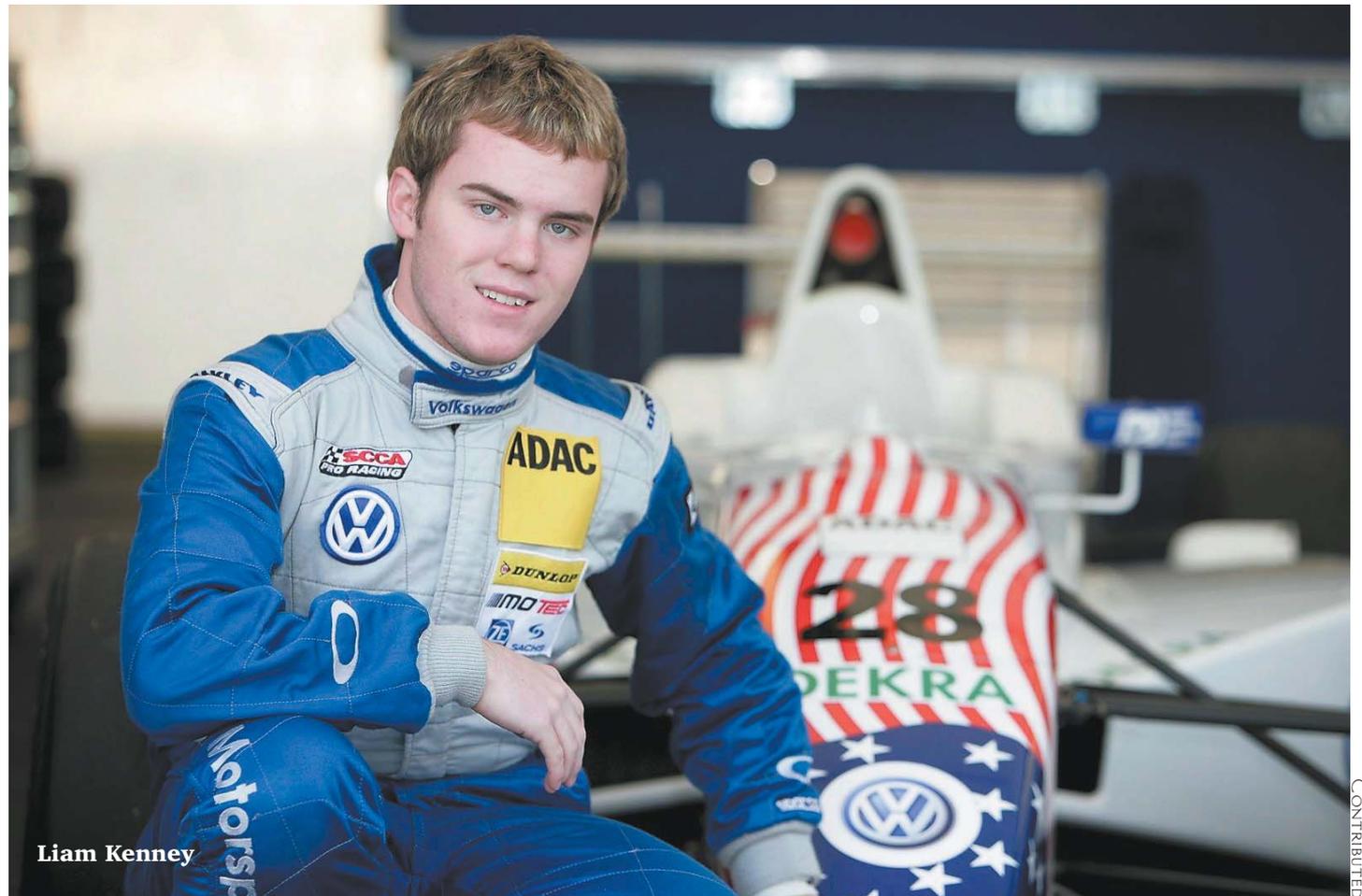
THE ARTS

The Pickwick Players will hold auditions for "Crazy For You" Friday, **Jan. 30**, 7-9:30 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church, 14 Cornwall St. N.W., Leesburg and Saturday, Jan. 31, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Dulles South Multipurpose Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding. Come prepared with a memorized one-minute monologue and 16 bars of an upbeat song and be prepared to tap dance. E-mail pickwickplayers@mail.com.

Applications are now available for artists for the fourth annual **Western Loudoun Artists Studio Tour**, scheduled for June 20-21. Any 2- or 3-D work will be considered, including painting, drawing, fiber art, wood, ceramics, photography, sculpture and jewelry. Call 703-777-5498 or 540-338-7973, visit wlast.org/ApplicationForm2009.pdf or <http://wlast.org:80/onlineentry.htm> for applications. Postmarked deadline for submission is Saturday, **Jan. 31**.

The **Artists' Undertaking Gallery** presents Bright and Bold, an exhibit of watercolors by Jack Dyer of Springfield and fused glass by David Barnes of Sterling. The exhibit runs **Feb. 3-March 2**, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at 309 Mill St., Occoquan.

Dominion High School Drama presents "**Arsonic and Old Lace**," a dark comedy about a couple of sweet elderly sisters who are known in their Brooklyn neighborhood for their acts of charity. The show will run Thursday-Saturday, **Feb. 5-7**, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, **Feb. 8**, 3 p.m., at the Dominion Auditorium, 21326 Augusta Drive, Sterling. \$7 for students and children; \$8 for adults; tickets can be purchased at the door.



Liam Kenney

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Cascades' Own Speed Racer

Kenney confirms 2009 Formula ADAC campaign.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Liam Kenney of Cascades loves speed. What other 17-year-old can claim reaching speeds of 175 mph legally? The son of John and Shanna Kenney started out racing go-karts 12 years ago in Las Vegas then gradually moved to the Formula Car rank. After the family moved to the East Coast, he discovered the Allsports Grand Prix race track in Dulles.

And last year, he switched to the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup, which is a VW Jetta that you can purchase off the showroom, but with some racing modifications. The races are basically 30 people driving Volkswagens.

"It's such a huge mind game," Liam said of racing. "A lot of people describe it as a chess game at 200 miles per hour."

What he loves most about the sport is "being pushed back in the seat when you press on the gas," said the homeschooled teen. "I love going around the corners. You're in perfect sync with man and machine. To me it's this crazy bond I have with the car."

THE AGE THING has always been an issue for Liam. "I've always been the youngest everywhere I've gone," he said. "For me, the age is almost a mixed bag because you look at it as an advantage, but at the same time, people who are older always look

down on you."

After much success here and in Canada, he won the Formula Renault Series Worldwide three times — known as the breeding ground for road racing for Formula One and world champions. He was also the youngest winner of a Formula Renault Two Liter Race.

On Feb. 6, he will depart for Europe to compete in the prestigious

2009 ADAC Formula Masters Championship. It's the German series called Marian Hamprecht's Ma-Con Motorsport April 11-13. "I've gone all over the country from the time since I was 11 years old. We've hit all over the U.S. and Canada That's one of the things I find really awesome about racing. You get to see all of these places."

He said financially, he was steered out of the Formula Car and

gravitated to the VW Jetta TDI Cup Series, where he won the runner-up spot, courtesy of two wins and four podium finishes.

"It all kind of happened last year," he said of his transition. The VW

Motorsports manager from Europe was at a race and said, "Germany is the place you need to go and you need to be back in Formula cars." He was invited to run the final race in the Formula ADAC Masters at Hockenheim and finished seventh out of 27th. His car: a Dallara-built open-wheel race car powered by a 1.6-litre Volkswagen engine.

"It was a huge step forward," said Liam of competing for Ma-Con Motorsport.

"It's phenomenal to see his success," said dad, John Kenney, who ran with the VW Golf GTI in the 1980s and now works for Trax International, a defense and energy company. "It's come with a tremendous amount of work and sacrifice."

"We're very excited to see Liam compete full-time in Europe with us," said Marian Hamprecht, owner of Ma-Con Motorsport. "He showed great potential when he raced for us at Hockenheim last season, beating over 20 drivers who had raced in the ADAC Formula Masters Championship all season long. Having reviewed his performance that weekend, both in and out of the car, we know Liam has the talent and ability to excel in Europe."

"In Europe they have a whole different culture in racing," Liam said.

"They have driving contracts," which he's about to sign in Florida.

ONE OF THE things he's done to improve his racing is he's hired a

coaching service called Speed Secrets out of Vancouver, B.C., which helps sharpen his mind through mental preparation. "I'll have an image of the track in my mind. I almost even time myself as how close I can get to the perfect lap time," he said. He said he also does "cross crawls" where he practices lifting up one leg and placing his opposite hand over it. "It helps link up both sides of your brain," he said.

The sport is expensive and will cost about \$130,000 Euros to sponsor Liam for the season. He and his dad are always looking for to find sponsorship partners. "The race is exciting and glamorous, but there are hundreds of hours to get spent putting together sponsorship proposals," John Kenney said. "We'd love to find a local company that might partner with him in his move to Europe."

Liam Kenney currently has backing from Trax International, Allsports Grand Prix, Speed Secrets and Zeffirelli Ristorante Italiano in Herndon. To help sponsor Liam, go to www.liamkenney.com. E-mail: john.kenney@liamkenney.com.

THE ARTS

Representing the Black Experience

From Slavery to Leadership – Two exhibits illustrate sorrow and success.

Starting this January, two concurrent exhibits in The George Washington University Virginia Campus Regional Artist Series create a powerful representation of the African-American experience. Neo-realist Sherry Zvares Sanábria brings to the Virginia Campus her luminous and haunting paintings from the series, Unforgotten: Slave Quarters and Other African-American Sites. This moving exhibition consists of some of her recent works exploring and recording sites throughout the country that played significant roles in the lives of African-Americans during the time of slavery and after. The 15 images in the exhibit represent remaining slave quarters and related sites in five states and the District of Columbia.

Complimenting the Sanábria exhibit, Honoring and Commemorating Black Leadership is a selection of the artwork chosen or commissioned by the U.S. Postal Service to honor distinguished African-American educators, scientists, explorers, athletes, musicians, writers, civil rights activists, war heroes and more. The more than 30 high-quality art reproduc-



"Grace Church," by Sherry Zvares Sanábria.

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tions range from Frederick Douglass and Mary McLeod Bethune to Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston and Malcolm X. The selection, limited only by space, represents just a portion of the more than 110 images available.

The Sanábria exhibit will be on display from now through March 23, and the U.S. Postal Service exhibit will be on display from Jan.

22 through March 23. The opening reception is scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 24, from 5 to 8:30 p.m., at The George

Washington University Virginia Campus, Building 2, 44983 Knoll Square, Ashburn. RSVP by Jan. 20 to reservations@va.gwu.edu or call 703-726-3650. Directions to campus are online at www.gwvirenia.gwu.edu.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21

WACKY INVENTIONS. 4 p.m., Sterling Library, 120 Enterprise St., Sterling. Discover wacky and fantastic inventions created by children. Recommended for ages 8-11. Registration begins two weeks before the program at <http://library.loudoun.gov> or 703-430-9500.

SENIOR MOVIE. 1:30 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. See "Swing Vote," starring Kevin Costner. Rated PG-13, running time 128 minutes. Cost: \$2, includes popcorn and soda. Call 703-430-2397.

FRIDAY/JAN. 23

CHINESE NEW YEAR. 2-4 p.m., Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Celebrate the Year of the Ox with Chinese food and karaoke. Cost: \$3 members, \$5 nonmembers and day of event. Transportation available after. Call 703-430-2397.

BOOK SALE. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Purchase used books, software, video and music. Prices range from \$.50-\$2.00. Donate used items between Saturday, Jan. 10-Wednesday, Jan. 21 during normal library hours. To volunteer during the sorting period

or sale, contact Douglas Nelms at alab_volunteer@yahoo.com.

SKI TRIP. 6:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. A ski trip to Whitetail for students in grades six-12. Pickup/drop off locations: Harper Park Middle School, 701 Potomac Station Drive, Leesburg; Farmwell Station Middle School, 44281 Gloucester Parkway, Ashburn; Harmony Intermediate School, 38174 W. Colonial Highway, Hamilton. Cost: \$60-85. Call 703-771-5913 or e-mail dcc@loudoun.gov to register.

MOVIE TIME. 3 p.m., Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Bring popcorn and beverages and watch "Snow Buddies," Rated G. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

TALKING TRASH. 1-2:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Children ages 8-12 can create a mock archaeological scenario with trash left behind and discover how archaeologists decide what's an artifact, what it tells us and the environmental impact it makes. Cost: \$10.50 per child. Call 571-258-3700.

FROGSHACKLE OPEN HOUSE. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling. Discover a treasure trove of objects from nature. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free. Call 571-258-3700.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

BOOK SALE. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. See Jan. 23 item for details.

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SUNDAY/JAN. 25

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MONDAY/JAN. 26

MUSEUMS TRIP. The Senior Center at Cascades Marketplace, 21060 Whitfield Place, will take a trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Smithsonian American Art/Portrait Gallery Museum or the Spy Museum. Lunch on own. Cost: \$9 for members, \$11 for nonmembers, includes transportation with free admission to the art museum; additional \$15 admission at Spy Museum. Extensive walking. Call 703-430-2397 for departure and return times and locations.

BUDDY STORY TIME. 4:30 p.m., Ashburn Library, 43316 Hay Road, Ashburn. Encourage a child's love of books by pairing him with a teen reading buddy for one-on-one reading time. Recommended for ages 3-6. Visit library.loudoun.gov.

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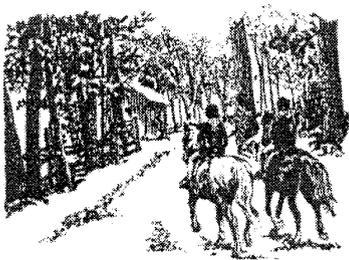
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Potomac Falls Pounces on Briar Woods, Heritage

Panthers bounce back strong following consecutive district losses.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Potomac Falls High boys basketball team displayed some good old fashioned resolve in recently bouncing back strong from a pair of Dulles District losses.

The defending district champs have a much different look than last year's championship squad. Seven of last

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— Jeff Hawes,
Potomac Falls boys
basketball coach

year's players were lost to graduation last spring. But coach Jeff Hawes likes the way his new-look team has progressed over the first half of the season. The Panthers, at 11-4 overall and 6-2 in district play

going into this week, look as if they will certainly be in the hunt for another district crown.

BUT IT WILL not be easy for Potomac Falls. The team lost a pair of district games to tough opponents two weeks ago — setbacks to Dominion, 58-52, on Jan. 8, and Broad Run, 64-56, on Jan. 12.

But Hawes was impressed with his team's spirited, hard-working practice session the day following the road loss to the Spartans. He said the team focused on rebounding the ball better and getting back to running its offense

with better clarity, areas that hurt the Panthers in the Broad Run game.

The results were positive for Potomac Falls, which played some of its better basketball of the season over its next two games — decisive district home wins over Briar Woods, 72-42, on Jan. 14, and Heritage, 72-57, last Saturday.

"We played as well as we have all year in that game," Hawes said of the win over the Heritage Pride in which the Panthers jumped out to a 36-12 lead. "We really stepped it up on defense and ran our offensive sets a lot crisper than we had been doing."

Panther sophomore shooting guard Lukas Mihailovich scored 21 points and senior guard Kevin Bartnick tallied 20 in the win over Heritage. Senior Mick Wagenhoffer added 12 points.

EARLIER LAST WEEK, in the win over Briar Woods, Potomac Falls easily defeated an up-and-coming Falcons' squad that came back in strong fashion three days later to defeat a Dominion team that had not previously lost a district game.

"We beat a pesky Briar Woods team pretty good," Hawes said of his team's 30-point win. "We played really well."

Now, Potomac Falls wants to continue to fine-tune its game as it goes through the second half of the district schedule. The Panthers are in a 10-day break due to exam week. They are scheduled to play district games against Loudoun County and Park View next week, with the game against the Patriots scheduled to take place at Potomac Falls.

"We're going to keep working and try to get better and better," said Hawes, who said his team is a more seasoned squad after having played more than a half of the season. "We've grown up quite a bit as a team and learned from our losses to Dominion and Broad Run."

One key for any good team's success is its defensive play.

"Your defense can never be too good," Hawes said. "We're a little bit better now than we were a week ago, I can say that."



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Potomac Falls sophomore guard Lukas Mihailovich (31) scored 21 points in his team's win over Heritage last Saturday.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Brittany Crichton of Broad Run High School finished second in the all-around competition at the recent **Glory Days Grill Invitational gymnastics** meet at Park View High School. Crichton, competing in the meet's Red Division, scored 34.925 in the all-around competition, finishing behind first-place finisher Vicki Vesecky (35.225) of Loudoun County. Crichton finished second on beam.

Allie Daczkowski (34.525) of Potomac Falls High finished third in all around. She was first in floor exercise (9.35) and third on bars (8.525).

Tori Severin of Stone Bridge High won the bars event (9.175). She was also fifth on vault. Amy Fisser, also of Stone Bridge, was sixth in all-around scoring. She finished third on the floor exercise while teammate

Casey Merwin was fourth on floor.

Stafford High (Fredericksburg) was the Red Division team champion with 102.175 points. Loudoun Valley and Loudoun County finished second and third, respectively, while Stone Bridge, Broad Run, Potomac Falls and Freedom finished fourth through seventh.

In the Blue Division competition, Park View High's Brittany Zartman finished third in all around with 32.225 points. She finished second on the beam, along with fifth-place finishes on bars and floor exercise.

Also from Park View, Linda Poplawski was fifth in all around. She was a third-place finisher on vault.

Orange County High (Orange, Va.) won the eight-team Blue Division title. Colonial Forge (Stafford) was second and Park View

was third. Briar Woods finished fifth.

The Freedom and Briar Woods High School communities came together Dec. 19 in a **Coaches vs. Cancer** event to raise cancer awareness and money on behalf of the American Cancer Society. On the special evening, the two rival Dulles District boys basketball teams — the Eagles and the Falcons — went head-to-head on the court. The night's theme was, "Beat Cancer Black and Blue!"

The evening consisted of a pregame benefit dinner, silent auction and several half-time fund-raising events. The total donations on behalf of the two schools to the American Cancer Society was just under \$1,800. Freedom and Briar Woods would like to thank everyone who supported the

special night.

The Potomac Falls High wrestling team competed in the

16-team **Jefferson Invitational Wrestling Tournament** Jan. 9-10, at Jefferson High School (W.Va.). The Panthers took the first-place team title with 227.5 points. Sherando High (Stephens City, Va.) finished second with 210 points, Hedgesville (174) of West Virginia was third, Loudoun Valley (173.5) took fourth and Brentsville District High (150.5) finished fifth. Broad Run High also competed at the event.

Potomac High individual champions were Charlie Haislip (140-weight class), Ryan Hagen (152) and Zach Duffin (285). Other place finishers for the Panthers were Paul Rowane (second at 125).

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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.

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Committee Tackles Safety, Zoning Issues

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signed agreements with the Sheriff's Office and that they generated 237 arrests last year.

"It's another initiative that is being embraced by the community," Delgaudio said. "We are pushing for expanded agreements, but I don't think we can push it out of HOAs or into unincorporated areas."

THE INSTALLATION of a teen curfew ordinance countywide was also discussed, but was not supported by the Sheriff's Office and in turn, the committee. Delgaudio said that the reasons to reject a curfew included the fact that teens are not committing most of the crimes and that a curfew could prevent teens from participating in sports, church programs and other positive activities. He also noted that when a teenager is detained, the offender must be held until the parents or guardians are located, which would divert attention away from more pressing issues.

The zoning enforcement strategy that the committee supported was to establish a team consisting of members from several county departments to increase the efficacy and efficiency of zoning enforcement. The supported strategy calls for creating the team using the Fairfax County's Code Enforcement Strike Team as a model. The team would handle citizen complaints and departmental referrals and enforce the zoning laws and ordinances solely, therefore eliminating the problem of multiple agencies addressing the same problems with no cooperation.

"If the county cannot work together, then forget it," Delgaudio said. You can't put a

price tag on [governmental departments] picking up the phone to solve the same problem. It's chaos right now."

According to the committee's report, the program, if modeled exactly after Fairfax County's program, would have 14 members divided into three separate teams. Each team would have a building/property maintenance inspector, one health inspector, one fire inspector, one zoning inspector and one police officer or deputy sheriff on two of the teams. Delgaudio said that Loudoun's team could be as small as 10 members and that Sheriff Steve Simpson already said he can loan one deputy and one bilingual deputy.

THERE WERE SEVERAL strategies that the committee did not get to, electing to address them at the February meeting, including transportation issues. McGimsey said that getting easy access for pedestrians and bicyclists over Route 7 is a high priority, which is also an item on the Supervisors' \$745 million stimulus wish list that they submitted to the National Association of Counties Jan. 6.

Both McGimsey and Delgaudio said that continued community input is what will make this project as successful as it can be. So far, they feel that the community has embraced the strategies that they have recommended and are finding support from all ends of the county.

"I have sat in on their meetings," Capt. Ricky Frye of the Sheriff's Office said. "And I'm very enthusiastic about the changes coming our way."

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Finding Fun throughout County

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On the first Sunday of each month, the Ashburn Volunteer Fire Department hosts a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, hash browns, coffee and juice. Breakfast is from 8 a.m.-noon and costs \$4 for children ages 3-8, \$6 for seniors and \$5 for adults. Children under 3 are admitted for free. The apparatus bay is open for children to check out the fire and rescue equipment.

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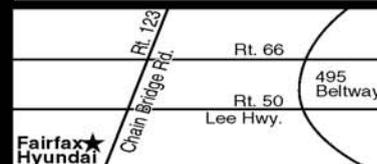
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