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Amanda Miller, 6, of Alexandria waits with her classmates to perform the Happy Drum Greetings during the annual Chinese New Year celebration at George Mason University on Jan. 24 in Fairfax.

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Petersen Reports from Capitol

Northern Virginia state senator looks to leave mark on environment, transportation.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

For Virginia senators and delegates, the General Assembly in Richmond serves as an opportunity to address the problems, both big and small, they see in their home districts every day.

One of the more ambitious aspects of President Barack Obama's (D) proposed economic stimulus package is a plan to put America at the forefront of the "green" industry, energy efficient and environmentally friendly technology. At the state level, Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) has proposed a series of energy and environmental bills that he hopes will have a similar effect in Virginia.

Petersen described his strategy as two-pronged: make Virginia a net exporter of energy rather than an importer, and give incentives to small businesses to become more energy efficient.

"We bring in energy from all over the U.S. We have some coal power but we should [be getting away] from that. There's a huge gap right now in our states'

economy," said Petersen, who sits on the Energy Committee.

Serving both of those ends is a pair of bills granting tax credits of up to \$1,000 to businesses that create green jobs and up to \$2,000 for buildings that utilize wind and solar power. Both measures, Petersen hoped, would help sow the green infrastructure that will help Vir-

"I see it as a David and Goliath situation. And I'm David."

— Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

ALSO UP for proposal by Petersen are bills requiring state buildings be built to green standards, allowing drilling on private wells to install geothermal heating systems and legislation requiring 20 percent of the energy purchased by Virginia be sustainable by 2020. Petersen said he expected the tax credits to have favorable chances of passing through the General Assembly, but that other measures will be fought by power and energy companies.

"I see it as a David and Goliath situation,"

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Kathy Hackshaw, left, graduated from Edison High School in Alexandria. Her ring was discovered by Rick Evans, an Alexandria resident and graduate of T.C. Williams.

Ring Comes Full Circle

Class ring unites two people who lived on peripheral of each other's pasts.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

I honestly can't remember the last time I saw my ring," said Kathy Hackshaw in the living room of her Fairfax home. The ring in question is her 1979 Thomas Edison High School class ring, with the white mother of pearl stone, the engraved misspelled first name and her maiden last name. It's the one she can't remember losing over 20 years ago. She has since married the love of her life, Dave Hackshaw, and gave birth to two young daughters. Her mind only drifts to her high school days when she remembers Edison's upcoming 30th high school reunion, which her friend and classmate Rhonda Perry was helping to organize. She hadn't thought about the ring in years.

It was the beginning of January and Hackshaw was in the mood to celebrate. As the outreach coordinator for the Fairfax City Democratic Committee, she had a wide selection of inaugural balls and parties to go to. She was also planning her own get-

"I didn't know who she was, so I walk in, of course, feeling like the odd man out."

— Rick Evans

glass. It seemed this ring belonged to someone named Kathleen Lund.

Evans scratched his head. Did he know any Kathleen? They had both attended Alexandria high schools, though Evans had graduated 12 years earlier in 1967. Still, try as he might, he could not come up with any connection. However, he did know one

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City Faces Latest Round of Budget Cuts

Council tries to keep pace with fluctuating revenue shortfall to avoid budget crisis.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

From the outset, officials at the Jan. 27 Fairfax City Council work session struck a somber tone about the city's widening revenue shortfall for the remainder of the 2009 fiscal year. Worse yet, forecasts for the 2010 budget have fluctuated to numbers far deeper than the cuts they came to the session prepared to consider.

"It's going to require us to, I think, look back at what our core services should be and where they're going, because it's clear we're not going to be able to do the same things [we used to]," said Council member Jeff Greenfield, who sits on the city's budget committee.

The council came to the work session having already cut more than \$2.5 million from the current year's budget with another \$1.2 million in unfunded costs to whittle away. Just weeks ago, that figure was ap-

proximately \$800,000. City manager Bob Sisson and assistant city manager David Hodgkins said city staff was playing catch up with revenue forecasts that continue to drop as the national recession deepens.

"In [January] we had a financial update. Since that time, the situation remains fluid, changing on week-in week-out basis," said Sisson. "There's some good news but predominantly it's been negative news for the city's financial condition."

Forecasts for the city's real estate revenues plunged, dropping \$200,000 below the city's previous estimate and residential property values fell 10 percent. In addition, a pair of bureaucratic errors were discovered over the past few weeks which mistakenly sent a combined total of over \$1.5 million in sales tax revenue intended for Fairfax County to the City of Fairfax instead.

The city's budget committee sat in on the meeting, with city staff and top officials from the affected departments and agen-

cies on hand to answer questions. The committee presented a list of proposed cost reductions totaling \$1.14 million that cut across all facets of the government.

A hiring freeze and a one-day furlough would save the city over \$600,000, approximately half the size of the shortfall they were facing. The rest of the cuts were spread out among the city's core departments including police, public works, fire and rescue, parks and recreation and community planning and development. City police chief Col. Rick Rappoport was in attendance to discuss \$150,000 in proposed cuts to his department. The scheduled purchase of one police car would be delayed and computer replacements would be scaled back. Further discretionary cuts would save \$20,000 by eliminating all non-essential travel along with various training programs that Rappoport said helped keep his personnel flexible and versatile.

When asked by Mayor Robert Lederer and City Council members whether he felt the proposed cuts would impact the police department's core responsibilities, Rappoport said no, but cautioned the council that these were temporary fixes, not a sustainable, long-term strategy.

"If I didn't think we could live with this, I wouldn't have put it on the budget," Rappoport told the council. "What you're looking for is long-term, systemic savings. This is not that."

— Col. Rick Rappoport,
chief of police

For now, detectives will have to rely less on department sponsored training

and more on "what they can pick up from more experienced detectives on the job."

Rappoport described the police

department's relationship with the surrounding criminal element as a perpetual arms race of increasingly sophisticated technology.

Failing to keep pace with the mod

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Burke Teen Stuck By Car Dies

Shahm Khaznadar, 16, died Monday, Jan. 26, five days after being struck by a vehicle while chasing his school bus on the morning of Jan. 21. According to a Fairfax County Police release, at approximately 6:45 a.m., a 1998 Ford Mustang driven by an unidentified 51-year-old Alexandria woman was driving in the east lane of Burke Centre Parkway near Marshall Pond when it struck Khaznadar, a student at Robinson Secondary.

"[He] was apparently running to try and catch the school bus and ran out in front of the car," said police spokesman Ed Azcarate.

The boy was flown to Fairfax Inova Hospital and was admitted with life threatening injuries. On Monday Jan. 26, Khaznadar succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the Mustang was not seriously injured.

Azcarate said police were investigating the incident and believe both speed and alcohol were not factors. No charges are pending in the case, according to the release.

"We had a detective working on the scene and we've been talking to witnesses," he said.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

Forgive Them Father?

Two Herndon brothers were arrested and charged with stealing money from donation boxes at St. Leo The Great Church in Fairfax on Friday, April 25.

Church security cameras show one man putting a hand in a basin of holy water, making the sign of the cross and removing his hat before taking cash from a donation box, according to Fairfax City Police at the time of their arrest.

The brothers were both charged with class one misdemeanors of petit larceny and destruction of property and a felony charge of possession of burglarious tools.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, John Andrews, 53, was sentenced to 12 months for each of the misdemeanors, and 11 months were suspended from each of the charges, according to Fairfax County General District Court computer records.

The felony charges against both brothers were dropped, according to Fairfax County General District Court computer records.

Greg Andrews, 48 at the time of his arrest, was sentenced in September to 12 months on each of the misdemeanor charges and all time was suspended, according to court records.

— KEN MOORE

NEWS

County Gets 'Shovel Ready'

Officials make list of road projects that may be eligible for federal funding.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

The term "shovel ready" has been on the lips of many public officials ever since President Barack Obama (D) revealed that the federal government would send billions of dollars to each state to help fund various infrastructure projects.

As a result, states and localities are compiling lists of unfunded or delayed construction projects for schools, roads, bridges and buildings that are ready to begin breaking ground within the next 1-2 years. The stimulus bill is still being drafted in Congress and has yet to be approved. Part of the problem is determining what projects will be eligible, regardless of their shovel-ready status.

"It's too early to speculate until there's a stimulus package," said Joan Morris, spokesperson for the Virginia Department of Transportation. "We don't know what the rules are going to be."

Nevertheless, state and county officials have already identified a host of transportation projects that they believe would be candidates under the proposed bill. One view held among some state officials is that previously designated projects, which ran out of funding or were delayed in the aftermath of the fall 2008 financial meltdown, are the likeliest choices for federal funding.

"Projects cut or delayed from the plan would obviously be candidates under a stimulus bill," said Morris.



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"We don't know what the rules are going to be."

— Joan Morris, VDOT spokesman

Projects like the unfinished portion of Fairfax County Parkway are prime candidates for federal funding under the proposed stimulus package.

State Sen. George Barker (D-39) pointed to the unfinished portion of Fairfax County Parkway and Telegraph Road improvements as a prime examples of the type of projects that could get moving quickly enough to qualify.

Barker shared the belief that these projects would be among the first to be considered and would take some of the burden off the state government and Fairfax County while they deal with their own budget woes.

"The advantage of federal money is that it can be used to do a number of construction projects that we've planned in the past but don't have the funds for," said Barker.

Here is a list of transportation projects compiled by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sent to the Fairfax County delegation to the 111th Congress. All projects are ready to break ground before 2010 and

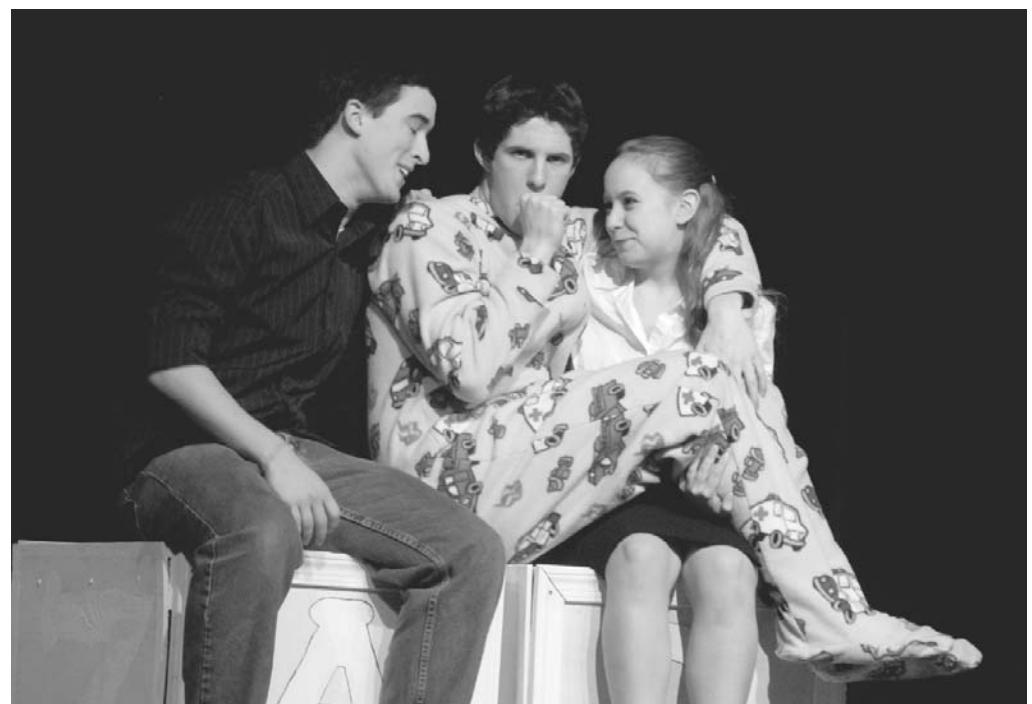
are listed with the amount still left unfunded:

- ❖ \$60 million to complete phases three and four of Fairfax County Parkway through to the Engineering Proving Grounds in Springfield
- ❖ \$9 million to complete construction of a secondary road from Old Keene Mill Road to Fairfax County Parkway in Springfield
- ❖ \$20 million to complete improvements on Interstate Route 29/Gallows Road in Fairfax
- ❖ \$11 million to complete construction of Mulligan Road (Old Mill Connector Road) through Fort Belvoir
- ❖ \$49 million to complete construction of Telegraph Road
- ❖ \$900 million to complete phase one of the Dulles Rail Project
- ❖ \$4.1 million to fund more powerful locomotives for the Virginia Railways Express.

Mommy, Daddy And 'Baby' Makes Three

Ian Johns playing the role of Daddy, Brendan Rice playing Baby and Samantha Melvin, playing the role of Mommy, present the production of 'Baby' as part of the Liberty District Theatre One-Act Festival at Marshall High School on Jan. 24.

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER



NEWS

Richmond Report

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said Petersen, before quickly adding: "And I'm David."

THESE DAYS, a rundown of a Northern Virginia politicians' upcoming legislation isn't complete without discussing transportation. Petersen has drafted a bill that would add the City of Fairfax to a list of localities required to spend 50 percent of funds received from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority on secondary and urban projects. Petersen said the bill, drafted at the request of the Fairfax City Council, was mainly designed to free up money for the city to use on its CUE Bus system.

"The idea is to allow Fairfax City to use its money now as opposed to holding it for new projects," said Petersen.

McAuliffe Raises Most Money

During 2008, Attorney General Bob McDonnell (R) raised more money than any of the three Democratic candidates he will face in Virginia's gubernatorial race this year. But former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe has taken lead when it comes to Fairfax County fund raising.

McAuliffe, the only Fairfax County resident in the race, collected \$440,113 from the locality's residents and businesses while McDonnell received \$228,115, former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran received \$343,112 and state Sen. Creigh Deeds received \$123,860 from sources in Fairfax County.

McDonnell, Moran and Deeds have been preparing for years to run for governor in 2009 and began some of their serious fundraising early in 2008. McAuliffe announced his candidacy relatively late and only started to raise money during the last two months of year.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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A Time To Sleep?

The Fairfax County School Board is considering changing school start and dismissal times, in part to streamline transportation schedules and costs, and in part to consider a later start time for high school students.

No decision has been made on changing the bell schedule, and no decision has been made on any programs that could be impacted such as after-school activities and athletics.

Before making a decision, the School Board will seek input from parents, staff and community members through six community dialogues in planning stages for the last week in February plus a survey that will be posted on the schools Web site the first week of February.

Members of a grass-roots parent organization, SLEEP (Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal) have been advocating for a later high-school start time for years, arguing that scientific research shows that early start times are unhealthy for most teens. SLEEP organizers asked some of their supporters to share their experiences with the current high school start times; here are some excerpts.

For many more submissions from parents, see www.ConnectionNewspapers.com. For more on start times, see www.sleepinfairfax.org and www.fcps.edu.

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My family has found it extremely difficult adjusting to the early start times of high school in Fairfax County. It was a shock to our systems when my twin daughters started their freshman year at Fairfax High School. We live at the western edge of the school boundary for FHS. The bus comes to our neighborhood at 6:15. In their freshman year and for part of their sophomore year, before they could drive, we were out of bed by 5:30 so they could make that 6:15 bus. My girls would arrive at school by 6:50 for a start time of 7:20. I was told stories of fellow students who would find a quiet hall to lie down in and catch a few more minutes of sleep during the 30 minutes they had to wait for school to start. ... I can think of no reason that serves our children for them to start their day so early.

My girls are now 16-year-old juniors. I insisted that we get them a car so they could drive themselves to school. Now we get up at 6. They leave the house at 6:40 and get to school at least 10 minutes before school starts. Of course, I start my day with them. So at 6:45, I often try to get started on some household business. But, I usually can't. No



Robinson students on the school bus before 7 a.m. in this undated file photo.

one is available so early in the morning. Only our children and the teachers and administrators who serve them. ... As numerous studies have shown everyone who has paid any attention to this issue, these teenagers cannot get themselves to go to sleep at an early enough time to get the eight-nine hours of sleep they need.

— **Denise A. Groppe, Fairfax**

KIDS SUFFER

My son who is in seventh grade must get up at 5:50 in the morning to get on his bus by 6:30. I am a physician, and am well aware of the hormonal changes young adults go through, and one of these is the nocturnal shift of their sleep/wake cycle. I am already noticing that my son is more depressed and irritable during the week; he needs to sleep many hours on the weekend to make it up. There is only one reason later times are not changed — money. Should our kids suffer for it?

— **Robert Hally, M.D., Fairfax Station/Robinson**

Our daughter definitely has trouble functioning early in the morning. Despite the fact that she goes to bed by 9:30 or 10, she is frequently in a nearly comatose state at 6 a.m. She has absolutely never been capable of eating breakfast in the morning. At times, she is so incapable of functioning that she misses large parts of her first pe-

Parents share some of the challenges of getting students up before dawn to go to school.

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I am the father of three kids, 19, 14, 12, and have seen the impact of the early bell schedule on my 19-year-old son while he went through seventh-12th grade at Lake Braddock. He routinely slept through first period and correspondingly struggled with grades in those classes all six years. He was also so tired that one or two times a week he would come home from school and promptly fall asleep for two-three hours. He ... is now a sophomore at George Mason where his first class doesn't start until 9:30.

My 14-year-old daughter is in eighth grade at Frost Middle School and is also struggling with the early bell schedule. She too has to take a nap one or two times a week after getting home from school. Recently, she came home exhausted and went to bed at 3:30 and didn't wake up until 5:30 the next morning. I don't believe this is healthy for her and detracts from family time. ...

I am also a stepfather for three boys and the youngest is 7 and in first grade at Oak View. He is up on his own and then waits at least 45 minutes for the bus to take him to school at 7:50. My other two stepsons are 15 and 11 and attend private school with start times of 8:10 and 8, respectively and both have much more energy when they get home from school.

I have no doubt that cognitive abilities [of high school students] are better suited to a later start time.

— **Tim McCurdy, Fairfax**

I have a son in high school who is borderline inattentive ADD. He strongly dislikes the medications we have tried and does not like the way they make him feel. Occasionally, I let him sleep in when I feel that he can miss his first class and really needs more sleep. On those days, he finds it possible to pay attention in class without medication.

— **Julia Margulies, Woodson/Fairfax**

My son, who is now in college, struggled with the early start times all through high school. I can simply illustrate this by the following story.

In ninth grade, he was very excited about taking Latin. He did very well and was excited about the prospects of learning Latin as a basis for a future in anthropology. In 10th grade he took Latin II and ended up with it first period. Unfortunately, I was soon forced to ask his Latin teacher why his interim grade was an "F." He explained, "because he sleeps in class." He suggested that we insist that my son get to bed earlier. He was already going to bed by 10:30, which for a child at that age was relatively early. I can tell you he was not sleeping in class because he was staying up too late and not because of a lack of interest in Latin.

— **Karen Matthews, Fairfax Station/Lake Braddock**

My daughter just started seventh grade at Robinson Secondary School this past autumn. I have always been in favor of SLEEP's agenda for a variety of reasons. After the first few months on the current schedule, it is now glaringly apparent how important it is to change the current bus schedules.

My daughter is now 13-years-old. This year, she is picked up by the bus for Robinson at 6:40. She usually has to set her alarm for 5:45 a.m. There have been many nights where she has had to go to bed of her own volition since she is so tired. How many 13-year-olds would do that except under strained circumstances? She has often complained of being overly tired in the afternoons and evenings and this does affect her mood and interpersonal interactions. Most weekends we try to let her just sleep until she naturally wakes up to make up for lost sleep during the week. She now sleeps until 10-11a.m. regularly on the weekends.

I thank you for your on-going efforts to make these changes happen as soon as bureaucratically possible. I hope ... we live to see the changes take place before my daughter graduates in 2014.

— **Larry M. Meinstein, Fairfax/Robinson**

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OPINION

Major Party Candidates Plea Their Cases

Why Vote for Bulova?

BY SHARON BULOVA
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

In my years as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many people from all parts of Fairfax. I am gratified that people tell me that they have chosen to live here because they enjoy the excellent schools, exceptional public safety, and first rate business climate. They tell me that realize that is a good place to live, work, raise a family and grow old.

In the upcoming Feb. 3 election for the Chairman of the Board, the most important message that I hear from voters is that they realize the good things about Fairfax County haven't happened by accident. Voters know that we are one of the best managed jurisdictions of our size in the country because we have had public leaders who have paid attention, set priorities, made the tough decisions, and demanded quality in all that we do.

In the 21 years, I have served on the Board, I have chaired the budget committee for 17 of those years. I know that our budget is our most important statement of our values. We can say we are for something, but if we aren't willing to put resources there, we are misleading. I know that building the annual budget is a constant quest for the best balance between revenue and expenses. We have a AAA bond rating, and we also have schools that rank among the very best in the United States. We have welcomed diversity as a great asset, even though that same diversity has challenged us and sometimes cost us more to provide the services people here need and de-



Bulova

IN HER OWN WORDS

mand. We have worked hard to find the right balance.

Voters know that our Board works best when we work together. I have a long record of reaching "across the aisle" and working with people from all parts of the county to build consensus about priorities. Voters know that I have been a leader in developing new ways to get public input, connect public and private resources, and improve the quality of life for everybody.

Voters know that in the past I was one of the most consistent advocates for mass transit to help relieve our traffic mess. I was one of the early sponsors of the Virginia Railway Express (the VRE) and have spent the last ten years as an advocate for rail to Dulles.

Voters know that as Chairman of the Board, I will continue that civil consensus-building open and honest approach. I won't walk away from a problem because it is hard or because I didn't get my way. I will be the leader of the Board and will set the agenda, but I will always respect those who disagree.

Respectfully, I ask the citizens of Fairfax County for your vote on Feb. 3. I pledge that I will always work to keep Fairfax the place where people will want to choose to live, work, and play.

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Vote Feb. 3

All Fairfax County polling places will be open on Tuesday Feb. 3 for the special election for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to replace Gerry Connolly.

Why Vote for Herry?

BY PAT HERRITY
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

Campaigns are about highlighting differences, but I am confident we can agree on one thing: Fairfax County is a great place to live. For decades we have had the best schools and beautiful parks. We've had a Triple-A bond rating since 1975, and we have been the economic engine for the state.

Yet our future success is not pre-ordained. We currently face significant challenges. Most pressing is our \$650 million shortfall, the largest in our history and larger than all of our surrounding jurisdictions combined. We face this shortfall despite the fact that taxes on homeowners have doubled in the past seven years. County spending has exploded, growing the budget by a billion dollars beyond inflation and population growth, squandering the good times on misplaced priorities.

We've spent \$200 million in the past two years to buy government housing and have built a large housing bureaucracy that makes us among the largest landlords in the County. We're subsidizing housing for those making \$99,000 a year.

At the same time, our schools are in dire need of renovations and class sizes continue to increase. Teacher pay has dropped from highest in the region to sixth highest. Despite this, the School Board, with my opponent's support, wants to spend \$130 million on a fancy administration building.

Fairfax County needs a leader with tested financial skills, who knows how to read a balance sheet, how to say "no," and who will focus spending on priorities. I am a chief financial officer with an award-winning financial track record of turning around troubled companies. I am the only candidate for Chairman with the financial experience necessary to lead us out of this financial train wreck.

I am also a recognized leader in transportation. I sit on the operations board for VRE, and was leading the effort for telecommuting with the Northern Virginia Technology Council before telecommuting was an accepted concept. On the Board, I have led



Herrity

IN HIS OWN WORDS

the efforts for both short-term and long-term improvements to the I-66 corridor.

Contrary to my opponent's accusations, I did not attempt to block the Dulles Rail project. In 2002, I filed suit against the project in order to ensure it was competitively bid, in an effort to save taxpayer money. To date, the project has never been competitively bid. I believe if it had, we would have been able to build a tunnel, the best option for Tyson's Corner, and still have met federal cost standards.

We can't afford to wait for Richmond to solve our problems. Thirty years ago when my father, Jack Herrity, was chairman of the Board, private-sector funding for transportation outweighed federal, state and local funding combined. Developers were held accountable for infrastructure improvements. We need to return to this kind of responsible leadership and creative solutions.

We also need to make our commercial tax base a priority. The commercial tax base was 27 percent but has now fallen to 17 percent, shifting the tax burden onto homeowners. It is important now more than ever for government to be responsive to the need for tax relief for residents. That is why last year I proposed a balanced budget that included an actual tax cut for homeowners. My budget also included an increase in education spending and more money for public safety programs than the budget passed by the Board.

I want my children to raise their children in a Fairfax County that is the best place to live, work, and play. I ask for your vote on Feb. 3.

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

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

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THURSDAY/JAN. 29

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

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

Independent Living Exercise

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

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

Faith Communities in Action

Older Adult Service

Coordination Task Force, 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Rooms 2 and 3, First Floor Conference Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3453 or ciluser@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30

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

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

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

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

John Eaton. 7:30 p.m. Classic songs at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap

Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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

An Evening with Face the Fish and Stepanian. Americana/rock/blues.

9 p.m. \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Philadelphia Dance Company, 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Free pre-performance discussion begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$21-\$42, age 12 and under half price.

Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa

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MONDAY/FEB. 2

Old Town Hall Children's Series: **Mr. Skip - Fairfax's favorite Music Man.** 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-352-ARTS or www.fairfaxarts.org.

Open Mic Night with Ron Goad. 7 p.m. \$2. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Calling All Guys, 7 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Book discussion group for boys. Call for title. Age 9-12 with adult. 703-978-5600.

TUESDAY/FEB. 3

The Guggenheim Grotto. Acoustic. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The Chocolate Lovers Festival will be Feb. 7-8 in Old Town Fairfax, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Contact 703-385-1661 or www.chocolatefestival.net for admission fees and schedule.

❖ **Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast,** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

❖ **Craft Show, Bake Sale and Friendship Raffle,** 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive.

❖ **Scouts and Crafts at City of Fairfax Regional Library,** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at 10360 North St.

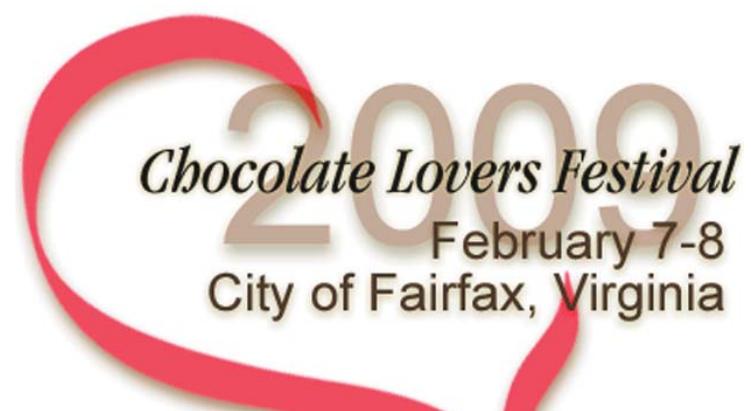
❖ **Question and answer session with Warren Brown and Norman R. Davis,** 10-11 a.m. at City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St.

❖ **Lunch at Fire Station 3,** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 4081 University Drive.

❖ **Child Fingerprinting by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office,** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairfax Court House, 4000 Chain Bridge Road.

❖ **Taste of Chocolate at Old Town Hall,** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 3999 University Drive. Cakes, candies, brownies, fudge, ice cream and more.

❖ **Chocolate Challenge,** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at City Hall Atrium, 10455 Armstrong St.



❖ **The Chocolate Caper Mock Trial,** 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at Fairfax Court House, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, with the Fairfax Bar Association.

❖ **Turley the Magician,** 11 a.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St.

❖ **Jim Moyers Circus Club,** 12 p.m. on South Street and University Drive, weather permitting.

❖ **So You Think You're Smarter Than a Lawyer?** 11:30 a.m. at Fairfax Court House, 4000 Chain Bridge Road.

❖ **Chocolate-Covered Fairy Tales,** 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St.

❖ **An Afternoon With the Living History Foundation,** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St. Games and dancing of the early 1800s.

❖ **Legato School Open House,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Route 123/Chain Bridge Road, between Judicial Drive and Sager Avenue. Learn about the heritage of chocolate.

❖ **Ford House Open House,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 3977 Chain Bridge Road, childhood home of Civil War spy Antonia Ford.

❖ **Ratcliffe-Allison Open House,** 12-4 p.m. at 10386 Main St., depicting lives of everyday people in 19th century Fairfax.

Fairfax Anime, 7 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Watch anime and discuss anime and manga. Pizza and snacks provided. Age 12-18. 703-293-6227. 703-293-6227.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 4

Sonya Kitchell, "Burn Brightly" and Residency. Acoustic/indie. 8 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/FEB. 5

Greg Howard and Harper. 7 p.m. \$25. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Lizz Wright, jazz singer. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Tales for Twos: Penguin Playground, 10:15 a.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories and activities about penguins. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

Independent Living Exercise Class, 12 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Join a family book discussion of Frindle by Andrew Clements. Age 8-12 with adult. 703-644-7333.

FRIDAY/FEB. 6

The Persuasions.

A cappella gospel and pop. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

Future, Politicks, Mello-D & the Rados and The Remedy, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

Lunch Bunnies, 12 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

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Fairfax. Some events require a fee, and other events are free. Contact 703-385-1661 or www.chocolatefestival.net for details.

Fairfax City Neighborhood Outreach Ministry and Emmett R. Anderson Scholarship Committee Black History Celebration and Benefit, 6-9 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Speakers Glen Harris and Pastor Jeffrey Johnson Sr., music by Café, African-American art, crafts, jewelry, desserts, choirs, skits, dance and more. Rondia Pearson-prescott@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Cirque Éloize with Nebbia: a Magical Fog, 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$23-\$46, and age 12 and under are half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul. The All-Ireland Fiddle Champion and her band. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

'Ride on the Freedom Train,' 7 p.m. at James Lee Community Theatre, 2855-A Annandale Road, Falls Church. A collaborative play about Black history. For tickets, contact Nomikha Hunter at 703-324-555. Admission free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec.

Read to the Dog, 1 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call to sign up for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

Amy LaVere, acoustic/roots. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Cosmopolitan Clavier Charity Concert. 7 p.m. at Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main St., Fairfax. An

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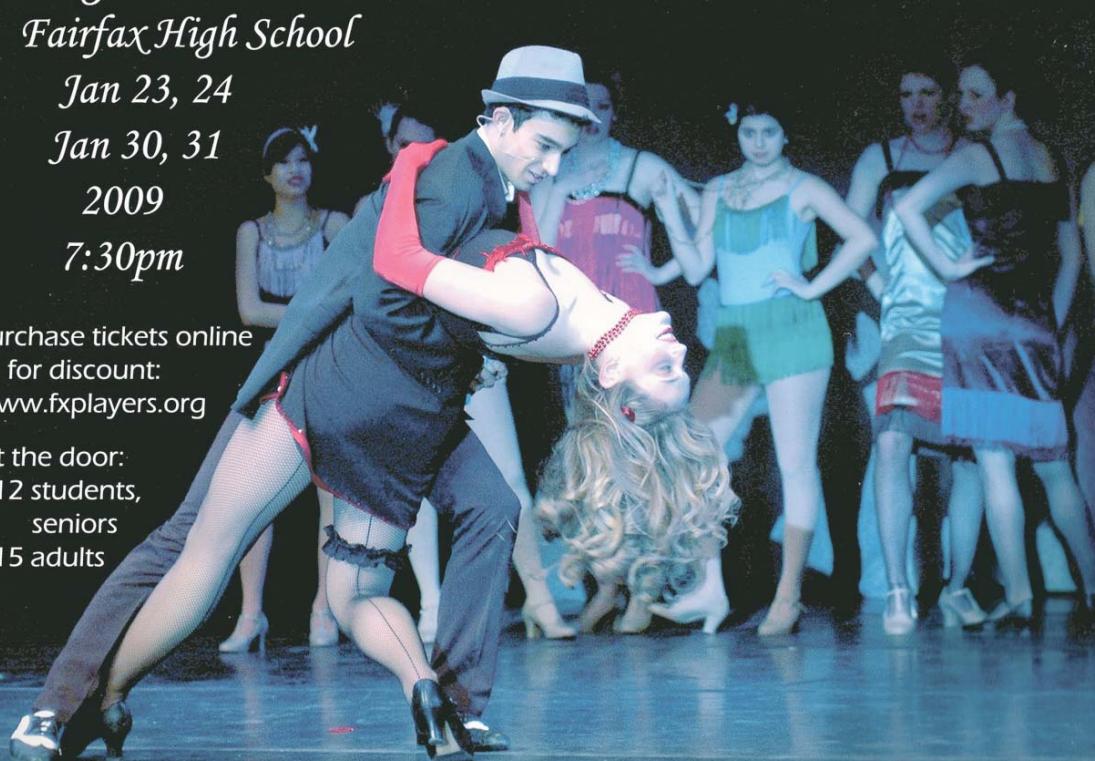


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evening of music by Cosmopolitan Clavier, an international group of pianists, followed by a reception in the Community Room. Donations will be used to help pay for the newly-installed stained glass window in the sanctuary. 703-385-3520 or www.fairfaxchristian.org.

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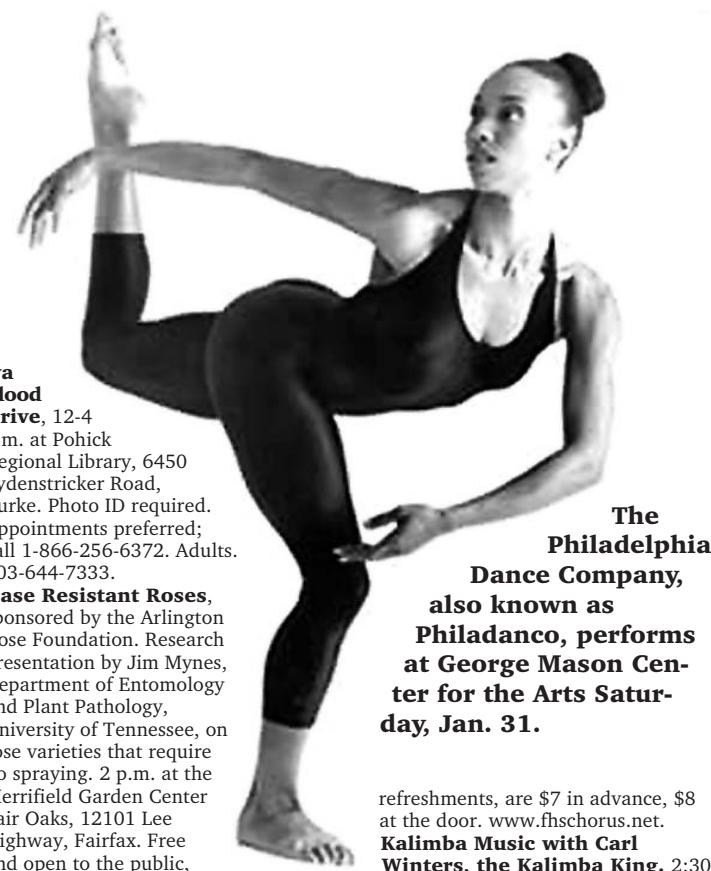
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Growing a Great University, by Dr. Tom Hennessy from George Mason University, 2 p.m., Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Free. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Jewish Community Center Book Festival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the JCC of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike. The nine-day event celebrates Jewish literacy and will include author lectures and programs, as well as books for purchase. Contact Laurie Albert at LaurieA@jccnv.org, 703-537-3064 or www.jccnv.org for the event schedule and costs.



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Blood Drive, 12-4 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Photo ID required. Appointments preferred; call 1-866-256-6372. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Disease Resistant Roses,

sponsored by the Arlington Rose Foundation. Research presentation by Jim Mynes, Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology, University of Tennessee, on rose varieties that require no spraying. 2 p.m. at the Merrifield Garden Center Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Free and open to the public, no reservations required. 703-860-0071.

Ralph's World, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/FEB. 9

The Fairfax High School Chorus Department Cabaret Night, 6:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Chorus students will perform individually and in small groups. Tickets, including

The Philadelphia Dance Company, also known as **Philadanco**, performs at George Mason Center for the Arts Saturday, Jan. 31.

refreshments, are \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door. www.fhschorus.net.

Kalimba Music with Carl Winters, the Kalimba King, 2:30 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Celebrate Black History Month with jazz, spirituals, hip hop and blues played on kalimbas, also known as African thumb pianos. 703-644-7333.

Open Mic Night with Ron Goad, 7 p.m. \$2. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Love, 10:15 a.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, fingerplays and activities about all kinds of love. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-644-7333.

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Love of Steelers More Than Skin Deep

Pittsburgh Steelers fans call Fairfax City sports bar home, especially for Super Bowl XLIII.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

When Robert Bourgeois reports to work this Sunday, a peaceful shift and a quiet atmosphere will not be among the things he expects to encounter.

Two months into his job as a manager at Fast Eddie's Sports & Billiards in the City of Fairfax, Bourgeois expects a capacity crowd to be on hand well before Super Bowl XLIII starts.

"We anticipate it being very lively in here," Bourgeois said. "We'll be crowded. The place will be decorated. You can plan on it being elbow-to-elbow with nothing but Steelers fans."

And, according to Bourgeois, that's at 5 p.m. Kickoff? That's not for another hour-and-a-half.

For as long as anyone can remember, fans of the Pittsburgh Steelers have gathered at Fast Eddie's, located west of Fairfax Circle on Fairfax Boulevard. With the Steelers trying to win a sixth Super Bowl on Sunday, the Fast Eddie's staff expects to have one its most profitable business days of the year.

Fast Eddie's features two full bars. The first — the smaller of the two — greets visitors as they walk through the front door. The second and most populated area features a wrap-around bar located through an entryway leading guests to the dozens of pool tables.

Two projection screens are used to show the games, with audio pumped throughout the facility, and above each bar sit flat-screen TVs for additional viewing. The restaurant staff has even tried to incorporate some authentic Pittsburgh cuisine, such as a sandwich topped with French fries and coleslaw.

Bourgeois acknowledged the money that Fast Eddie's makes on those Sundays when the Steelers are playing requires a significant off-season plan to balance the bar's



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"This is where it's at for Steelers fans."
— Fairfax resident Steven Gongaware

Fast Eddie's bartender Steve Gongaware proudly displays his Pittsburgh Steelers tattoo.

revenue. In short, business will be missed come Monday.

"We're in the thought process of finding what kind of events can we do to make up for the fact that football season will be over and that big Sunday gathering won't be happening," Bourgeois said. "Financially, running a bar, you have to come up with something that will level out your sales."

BEHIND THE BACK bar stands Steven Gongaware, a lifelong Steelers fan who has worked at Fast Eddie's every Sunday for the past nine months. A self-proclaimed "Army brat," Gongaware spent most of his childhood traveling the United States. But Irwin, Pa., a suburb 30 minutes east of Pittsburgh, has always been considered home.

Since he was a teenager, Gongaware has gravitated toward the restaurant industry.

When he turned 18, he started serving. At 21, he became a bartender. But when he decided to leave his previous job at Fairfax's Firehouse Grill, Gongaware became jobless.

Sitting at Fast Eddie's and thinking about the decision he had just made, Gongaware, desperate, found his current, beloved job. Now his Sunday earnings equate to anywhere from 200 to 600 percent more than he makes working a normal shift.

"This is where it's at for Steelers fans," Gongaware said.

As people file into Fast Eddie's on Sunday for the Super Bowl, Gongaware will be there ready to pour, mix and cheer, gladly showing off the Steelers tattoo that wraps his forearm.

While some might prefer to spend such an important Sunday at home in front of some state-of-the-art home theater system,

the decision whether or not to work, for Gongaware at least, was an easy one.

"Honestly, with the way the economy is, I've gotta work," Gongaware said. "On a day that's going to bring out as many people that are going to be here, for a bartender, you've gotta work."

As kickoff nears, Fairfax City resident Bill McCann will arrive with his 13-year-old son Jake. The McCanns have been frequenting Fast Eddie's for the past three years, although they typically only attend afternoon games because, after all, Fast Eddie's is a bar.

McCann grew up in Pittsburgh and moved here out of the Navy in 1989.

The McCanns will head for the table in the far back of the first room, directly opposite of the bar's biggest screen. They'll jump and cheer and, most importantly, spend some quality time together.

"It's absolutely the best Steelers bar in Fairfax County," McCann said.

Muzzio Breaks Muzzio's Record

The Robinson high jump record won't leave the Muzzio family's living room. Joey Muzzio, a sophomore high jumper on Robinson's indoor track and field team, was

chasing his father's 27-year-old school record of 6-feet 4-inches. Rob Muzzio was an Olympic decathlete, finishing fifth at the 1992 Barcelona Games. He also was a two-time NCAA decathlon champion at George Ma-

son University. But on Saturday at the Virginia Tech Invitational, Joey Muzzio tied the mark and eventually broke it with a leap of 6-5, which was good enough for third place during the highly competitive event.

Behind Shaw, Michigan Ranked

With the return of sophomore first baseman Dorian Shaw, a 2007 Robinson graduate, the University of Michigan women's softball team will open the 2009 season ranked No. 8 in the country, according to the USA Today/NFCA Division I Top

25 poll. The Wolverines went 52-8 last season, winning a share of the Big Ten title and making a fourth straight NCAA Super Regional appearance. Shaw, a first team All-Conference selection, made 58 hit .285 (43 for 151) with 11 home runs, 39 RBIs and a .536 slugging percentage. She was named first team All-State three times at Robinson and was her district's (Robinson switched from the Patriot to Concorde District after the 2004-05 season) and the Northern Region's Player of the Year from 2005-07.

Jefferson Undefeated

Behind solid performances from senior

WEEK IN SPORTS

Chrissy Franzel (Burke) and junior Amanda Gilbert (Fairfax), the Jefferson girls gymnastics team remained undefeated with yet another first-place finish last week.

Competing at West Potomac High School for a seven-team meet on Thursday, Jan. 22, Jefferson edged out second-place Lake Braddock, 133.85-130.9.

With a score of 34.9, Franzel finished fourth in the all-around portion, while Gilbert (34.35) took fifth. On the Lake Braddock side, Emily Parillo finished second in the all-around competition with 36.450 points. Sarah Price (32.450) took eighth and Chelsea Stanger (29.450) was ninth.

PEOPLE

Ring Takes 30-Year Trek

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thing.

"I thought: somebody would probably really like to have this," said Evans.

In order to find the owner of the discovered ring, Evans went to the foremost authority he could think of, visited his computer ran a Google search. After Kathleen Lund turned up zero matches, he put two-and-two together, changing the first name to the more commonly used Kathleen. This time he found some more promising leads but ultimately failed to find the person he was looking for.

It was at this point that many would abandon the cause, satisfied in the knowledge that they put forth an effort on behalf of someone they didn't know. Evans, however, admitted to becoming "a little obsessed" with making sure the ring found its owner. He was also just curious about how it ended up in his pocket.

The date on the ring, 1979, caught his eye. Whoever this ring belonged to, their 30th high school reunion was surely coming up. If he wanted to find her, what better way than to contact the person in charge of setting up the event. After some digging, he was able to get in touch with Rhonda Perry, who, as it turns out, knew a Kathleen Lund.

"It was funny to hear how giddy she was the night she found out this guy had her ring," said Dave Hackshaw. "She considered it lost forever."

It's Jan. 21 and Kathy Hackshaw is in a state of nervous anticipation. Her inaugural brunch was underway, and dozens of guests were roaming her main floor. On top of that, the man claiming to have found her lost class ring was expected to walk through the door at any second. She went to the kitchen to put some quiches to work in the oven.



"First, we were just going to mail the ring," said Kathy Hackshaw. "Then I invited him to the brunch."

It was a bold move from both perspectives.

"I wanted her to know this wasn't some guy, some stalker," laughed Evans.

Kathy Hackshaw admitted to having similar thoughts, though he had sounded nice on the phone.

Evans came in minutes before Vice President Joe Biden (D) took the oath of office. He admitted to feeling awkward.

"I didn't know who she was, so I walk in, of course, feeling like the odd man out," he said. "I don't know a soul in the room."

Evans came upon the woman tending to the quiches in the oven.

"Are you Kathleen Hackshaw?" he asked.

"Oh my God!" she screamed.

All fears subsided.

"I just looked up and this very nice smiling unfamiliar face said 'It's Rick,'" said Kathy Hackshaw.

She took him into the living room and told the guests in attendance who he was and what he was here for. And of course, she showed them the ring.

"Her eyes sparkled" when she saw it, said Evans. "She put it on her finger and it fit like a glove."

For Evans, he was now tantalizingly close to solving the puzzle that had pestered him over the last three weeks. He sat with Kathy Hackshaw and tried to figure out whether they had known each other and how her ring could have ended up in his pocket. They threw out names of friends, teachers and common hang-out spots. Though they had found some connections, they were always by an unsatisfying degree of separation. Grasping for straws, Evans had a thought.

"Are you a rorer on the Potomac?" he asked.

"No," Kathy Hackshaw said.

The mystery endures.



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Two-Wheeling To Help

Ryan Dodd bicycles In Journey of Hope.

In June 2009, Ryan Dodd, 23, a senior at the University of Tennessee and 2004 Graduate of Robinson Secondary, will be meeting 90 other Pi Kappa Phi's from universities across the country and embarking on a 64-day Journey of Hope.

The Journey of Hope is a 3,900 mile cross-country cycling trek that raises funds and awareness on behalf of people with disabilities.

The Journey of Hope team members are all members of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and are joining forces to pave the road for a better understanding of people with disabilities. From the West Coast to Washington, D.C., the Journey of Hope team will be cycling from city to city, bringing the message Push America in a unique and inspiring way.

Ryan and the rest of the Journey of Hope 2009 team will be making dozens of presentations in communities across the nation, helping others to understand the issues facing those with disabilities. After cycling an average of 75-100 miles each day, the team will take part in many special events, often meeting with those for whom they're riding.

To help prepare himself for the race, Ryan is running close to 5 miles a day and biking more than an hour five days a week.

The Journey of Hope is a project of Push America, which was founded by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1977 with the mission to build leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today. Its members have raised more than \$8 million for Push America since its establishment.

In addition to raising awareness, the Journey of



Ryan Dodd

Hope will raise more than \$400,000 for future projects and programs of Push America. Brian is committed to raising a minimum of \$5,000 on behalf of Push America and people with disabilities.

Born in Walnut Creek, Calif., Ryan is the son of Brenda Dodd of the Bonnie Brae community and Jack Dodd of Oakton. While at Robinson, Ryan

took IB courses and played defensive line on the Rams football team for four years. The team won two district championships and was regional runner-up twice. At Tennessee, Ryan is a finance major and a member of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, a logistics club. He ran three different SGA campaigns; two as a senator and one on a support committee. He was initiated into Pi Kappa Phi in the spring of 2005. He recently spent a weekend at the Northern Virginia Training Center, doing the Give a Push Weekend, where he helped clean up nature trails, built a Zen garden, and built a new storage facility for the athletic equipment.

Ryan will be graduating with a degree in finance in May and hopes to work in investment planning or portfolio management.

Anyone interested in "Going the Extra Mile" by making a tax-deductible donation to Push America on behalf of Ryan Dodd should contact him at 703-407-8256 or e-mail rdodd4@utk.edu.

— STEVE HIBBARD

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New Year



A demonstration of how to make Chinese dumplings was one of the activities.



Tasherit Dahal performs a traditional Indian folk dance as part of the Jan. 24 Chinese New Year celebration at George Mason University. The event also celebrated other Asian cultures.

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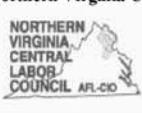


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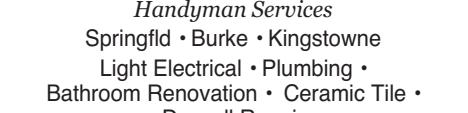
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Marilyn Ione (Olson) Oien of Lancaster Virginia passed away Saturday, January 17, 2009. She was the daughter of Walter Olson and Olga (Sealander) Olson, who preceded her in death. She graduated from Fergus Falls High School, Fergus Falls, Minnesota Class of 1956. She then graduated from the St. Francis School of Nursing at Breckenridge, Minnesota. She worked as a nurse at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Dewitt Army Hospital, and at the Veterans Hospital, Washington DC, and ended her career at the Inova Fairfax Hospital Emergency Room, Fairfax Virginia. She was loved by both patients and staff throughout her career.

Surviving are her husband of 49 years Eldor Roger Oien; three sons, John E. Oien, Paul D. Oien both of Lancaster Virginia, James R. Oien and his wife Cynthia (Venable) Oien of Lively, Virginia; five granddaughters, Lauren Oien, Jessica Oien, Crystal Pabon, Brandy DeJesus and Brittany Hanson; eight great grand children: Aryanna, Haley and Chloe DeJesus Kayla, Tyler and Elijah Pabon; Cameron Hanson and Lexie Seabolt; and her brother, Delmar Olson of Pringle, South Dakota.

Graveside services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday January 30, 2009 at Quantico National Cemetery Quantico, Virginia. Friends may call 6 - 8p.m. Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Currie Funeral Home, Kilmarnock, Va.

Memorial may be made to the American Cancer Society Memorials, 895 Middle Ground Blvd., Suite 154, Newport News, VA 23606.

25 Sales & Auctions

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION SALE – REDEEMED PROPERTY

Under the authority of Section 7506 of the Internal Revenue Code, the property described below will be sold at public auction on an open occupancy basis. The United States redeemed this property under the provisions of Section 7425 of the Internal Revenue Code on January 5, 2009. The property was deeded to the United States on January 15, 2009. The sale will be by public auction to be held on:

DATE: February 25, 2009

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: ALL THAT certain property situated in the Township of Great Falls, in the County of Fairfax and State of Virginia, and being more particularly described in a deed dated 12/09/1988 and recorded 12/12/1988 in Book 7218, Page 1075 among the Land Records of the County and State set forth above.

Known as 11217 Raehn Court, Great Falls, Virginia, 22066, further identified as Tax Map/Parcel ID Number: 002-2-02-0031. Property is a single family dwelling consisting of 5,038 sq. ft. of living space, with 4 full baths, 1 half bath, 4 fireplaces, a 3 car detached garage, and an 800 sq. ft. swimming pool.

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Fairfax Police Chief Rick Rappoport, right, discusses \$150,000 in potential cuts with the city's budget committee.

Council Trims Budget

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tainly a valuable thing that we're doing," said Council member Joan Cross of the senior lunch program.

"We don't do much for teens other than sports," said Council member Gary Rasmussen, concerning the possible closing of the teen center.

The council eventually approved more than \$ 1 million in total budget cuts before adjourning, leaving approximately \$164,000 of unfunded city costs to account for.

Council member Steve Stombres capped the night by calling for a vote to cut the City Council and mayor's salaries for the remainder of the 2009 fiscal year. Council member Dan Drummond, who helped spearhead the effort along with Stombres, seconded the motion.

"It occurs to me the only way that we can deal with this situation is through an approach that is a shared burden, where everyone is pitching in and making a mutual sacrifice to the benefit of the community," said Stombres. "In that spirit, I believe the City Council should not be exempted from that shared sacrifice and pain."

The vote passed 4-3, with Council members Stombres, Drummond, and Rasmussen voting in favor and council members Cross, David Meyer and Greenfield voting against. Lederer cast the tie-breaking vote.

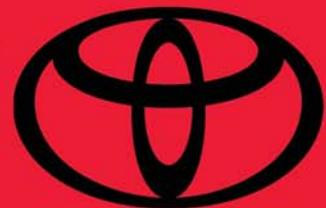
Paul VI Hockey Earnings Exhibition Win

Paul VI's hockey team, traveling to Maryland Saturday morning, Jan. 24, earned a 4-2 win over the Washington Independents, a team made up of players from three area private schools. Adam Kosna and Mickey Sheridan scored first-period goals for the Panthers, while Matt Riley assisted on Kosna's goal. The Independents tied the score at two early in the final period, but

Paul VI answered with Kosna's second goal (with another assist from Riley), and Kosna later added a helper on the final tally from Zach Depont. Paul VI is 3-3-1 in Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League play and currently is third in the Central Division. The Panthers face W.T. Woodson on Friday at SkateQuest of Reston. Puck drops at 6:10 p.m.

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