

Feeding The Hungry

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**Lisa Whetzel, executive
director of Our Daily Bread,
holds one of the bowls that
the charity will sell as part
of its 'Empty Bowls'
fund raiser.**

Bulova New County Chair

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CRIME

Activities reported by the City of Fairfax police department through Jan. 30.

ARSON

4100 Block of Berritt St. On Jan. 25, at 3:35 p.m., an unknown person set fire to a newspaper and walked down the street with it ablaze. The suspect then set fire to a second newspaper and left it burning on the sidewalk in front of a residence. The Fire Marshal will be investigating the case.

BAD CHECKS

9766 Fairfax Blvd. / Cash Store.

On Jan. 26, at 1:48 p.m., a subject attempted to cash a check from Waterborne Energy. The subject

advised he looked up a Secret Shopper job offer through Craig's List online. He was mailed a check and was instructed to cash the check, and then send a money gram to a subject in California. The bank the check was written on was notified and advised there were several fraud alerts on the account.

BURGLARY

3600 Block of University Drive.

On Jan. 26, between 7:45 a.m.-5:45 p.m., unknown person(s) gained entry into the residence and stole an X-Box 360 and the accessories. There were no signs of forced entry. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

CREDIT CARD THEFT / FRAUD

4300 George Mason Drive / Sunrise Assisted Living Center.

On Jan. 28, at 2:20 p.m., the victim reported that sometime between Dec. 27 and Jan. 23, an unknown person(s) stole his credit card. The suspect(s) made several unauthorized transactions on the card. The Patrol Division is investigating the case.

FRAUD ARREST

10521 Fairfax Blvd. / Rite Aid Pharmacy.

On Jan. 27, at 9:15 a.m., the pharmacist reported that an unknown person gave her a forged prescription to fill. Officers arrived

and confronted the suspect and arrested him. Lisandro A. Gomez, 20, of the 800 block of Gregario Drive, Silver Spring, Md., was charged with obtaining drugs by fraud. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Bond was set at \$1,000.

LARCENY

11015 Main St. / AT&T. On Jan. 23, at 2 p.m., the manager reported that between 1:30-2 p.m., an unknown male entered the business and concealed several Bluetooth headsets in his jacket and left the store without paying. The loss is valued over \$700. The suspect is described only as a black male, bald, and

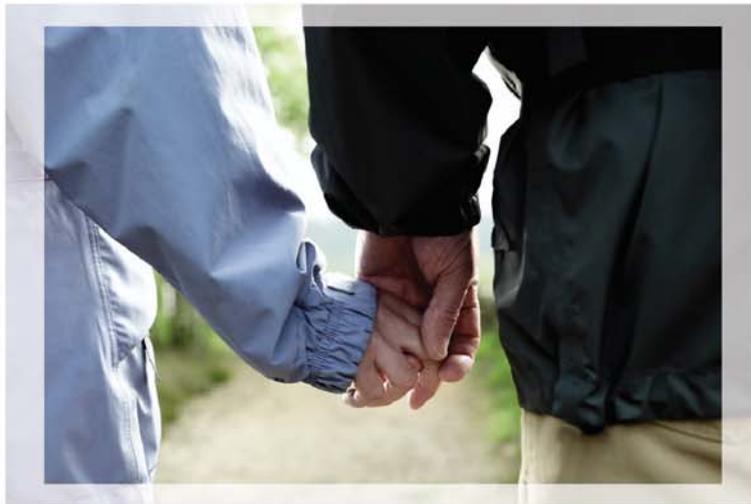
appears to be between 25-30. He is approximately 6-feet 8-inches in height and weighing about 200 pounds. The suspect was wearing a black down vest, grey hooded sweat shirt and grey sweat pants. The Patrol Division is investigating the case.

9600 Main St. / Ulta Cosmetics.

On Jan. 23, at 3:57 p.m., the store manager reported that between 3:50-3:57 p.m., a man and a woman entered the store and began concealing merchandise. The manager confronted the suspects and they both fled the store. The Patrol Division is investigating the case.

10000 Block of Mosby Woods

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Bulova Declares Victory

Democrat wins narrowly over Herrity.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) won the special election for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Feb. 3 by a narrow margin of less than two percent.

In a countywide race where 107,713 votes were cast, Bulova beat Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) by 1,217 votes, according to unofficial results reported by Fairfax County.

Bulova will be sworn in as the county chairman Feb. 6. She follows U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), who resigned from the position in early January to join the U.S. Congress.

As chairman, Bulova, a 21-year board veteran, has her work cut out for her in 2009.

Fairfax County must close a projected \$650 million budget hole in next year's budget and the supervisors would have to raise the property tax rate 14 to 15 cents just to keep most residents' property taxes approximately the same.

"This is going to be a tough time and I am going to need you to be understanding," said Bulova to the crowd during her victory speech.

THE BULOVA-HERRITY race is the closest high-profile county-wide contest between a Democrat and Republican in sev-

Fairfax County Chairman Special Election Results:

*Fairfax County provided these unofficial returns for the Fairfax County chairman special election Feb. 3.

District	Voter Turnout (Percentage)	Bulova	Herrity
Braddock	22.7	8,750	5,849
Hunter Mill	15.5	6,655	5,129
Dranesville	17.1	5,810	6,252
Lee	13.3	4,665	3,489
Mason	15.7	4,510	3,519
Mount Vernon	14.7	5,066	5,256
Providence	14.7	5,148	4,356
Springfield	18.9	5,758	9,155
Sully	11.9	3,437	5,023



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER

Sharon Bulova (D) smiles at her victory party Tuesday night.

eral years. With the exception of U.S. Sen. John Warner's last race, Democrats have typically dominated top-of-the-ballot elections in Fairfax for the past eight years.

"This is going to be a tough time and I am going to need you to be understanding."

— Sharon Bulova, newly elected chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Mark Warner and Tim Kaine won their respective races for Virginia governor in 2001 and 2005 with 54 percent and 58 percent of the vote in Fairfax County. Democrat U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) beat incum-

bent U.S. Sen. George Allen (R) with 58 percent of Fairfax's vote in 2006. Both Democratic presidential candidates — John Kerry and Barack Obama — also won Fairfax County, with 52 percent of the vote in 2004 and 59 percent of the vote in 2008.

The last two Fairfax County chairmen, Connolly and Democrat Kate Hanley, also won Fairfax County chairman's race by a larger margin than Bulova.

Hanley beat former Supervisor Elaine McConnell (R-Springfield) in a 1995 special election with 52 percent of the vote and approximately 3,500 ballots. During her 1999 re-election campaign, she faced minimal competition from other candidates.

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Herrity Concedes Close Contest

Republican chairman candidate came close to a win, trailing Bulova by 1,217 votes.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Two hours after the polls closed Tuesday night, the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd at J.R.'s Stockyards Inn in McLean was tense but upbeat. Supporters of Supervisor Pat Herrity's (R-Springfield) run for the county chairmanship ate, drank, chatted excitedly and crowded around a screen where poll results were projected from a computer.

A campaign staffer continually refreshed the Web page, but the numbers hadn't changed for half an hour. Still, the gathering around the screen watched and waited. Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) was leading Herrity by about 2,400 out of 65,000 votes counted, but many of the Springfield polling places had not yet re-

ported their results, and the feeling was that the numbers could easily turn around.

In the end, Springfield came through for Herrity, with the second-highest voter turnout in the county — 18.9 percent — favoring the Republican by more than 3 to 2. The only district with higher turnout was Bulova's Braddock District, where her lead was smaller than Herrity's margin in Springfield.

However, by the time Herrity made his second appearance before the crowd around 10 p.m., faces had become stonier. With almost all of the results in, he was down by about 1,200 votes.

"We ran a very, very great campaign. We ran it against all odds," Herrity told his supporters. "We were underdogs from the start." Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis stood at his side during the speech, and U.S. Rep.

Frank Wolf (R-10) was also on hand.

WHILE THE PRELIMINARY results showed him behind, about 3,000 votes had not yet been counted on election night and Herrity chose not to concede until the following afternoon, Feb. 4.

Herrity said he was not surprised by the 16 percent countywide voter turnout, noting that it was comparable to the turnout in the last special election for the county chairmanship, the 1995 race between Democrat Kate Hanley and Republican Elaine McConnell. But he said he was pleased with his hometown turnout, noting, "I won Springfield big. [Bulova] didn't win Braddock so big."

Herrity said the election results, with a first-year Republican supervisor coming within a percentage point of chairing a county that has only one other Republican supervisor, were significant. "There's a large

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Friday Sentencing For Koger

Feds to request six-to-eight years in prison for embezzlement.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Neither the United States government nor Jeffrey Scott Koger's defense attorney call his criminal actions "sophisticated," but Koger's embezzlement of \$3 million from 400 homeowner associations using 140 bank wire transfers was conducted over years.

"The defendant took steps to cover up and explain away his criminal behavior which made his theft more

"The struggle for Mr. Koger only begins with this [federal] sentencing."

— Peter Greenspun, defense attorney

difficult to detect," according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Hanly. "A significant term of incarceration is needed to reflect the seriousness of the defendant's crime, to impose just punishment, and to deter him from future offenses."

Koger, 39 of Oak Hill, is scheduled to be sentenced Friday, Feb. 6 in federal court in Alexandria. Koger, who also faces criminal charges in Fairfax County (see below), pleaded guilty to wire fraud and tax evasion last November.

Sentencing guidelines in the case recommend that Koger be sentenced to between 78 and 97 months in prison, and that he pay more than \$1.2 million in restitution as well as \$775,272 to the IRS for tax evasion, according to federal court documents.

Koger was the former Chief Financial Officer of his father's real estate management firm, Koger Management Group, which filed for bankruptcy in July 2007. Robert Koger, the

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Misreported Taxes Uncovered

Misreported tax revenue among localities is not uncommon, according to Page Johnson, commissioner for the revenue for the City of Fairfax. Throughout the years he can remember instances in which Fairfax County businesses mistakenly sent tax revenue to the city and vice versa. However, a series of county audits last year, which discovered a total of approximately \$1.5 million in sales tax revenue that had mistakenly been sent to the city, was one of the largest he could remember.

"There really have not been any large adjustments like this for quite some time," said Johnson. "Nothing that I can recall that has worked in either the city or the county's favor."

Both city and county officials said the errors that resulted in the misreported revenue were mostly due to honest mistakes by businesses.

"Our problem has been and will continue to be that Fairfax County and Fairfax City share the same common name and, essentially, I don't know how to put this nicely, businesses aren't quite sure where their business is located or they simply have used the wrong locality code" when filing for their taxes, Johnson said.

Kevin Greenleaf, director of the county's department of tax administration, said identifying reporting errors is a back and forth process. He declined to confirm the accuracy of the \$1.4 million figure, but said that overall the county has recouped \$5 million more than it has lost.

What I can say is that Fairfax County has been by far the net gainer on this," said Greenleaf. "But the door swings both ways."

Sales tax revenue is collected by the state then doled out to local governments like Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax. That led to what Greenleaf described as "a proactive audit stance" that eventually resulted in the discovery of the misreported funds.

"As we audit, we'll find business X is reporting the wrong locality and that we need to go ahead and adjust the accounts," said Greenleaf.

Johnson said the city was considering a request to the state for more involvement in the collecting and distribution of sales tax revenue. Greenleaf said Fairfax County was looking at ways to streamline the process. Fairfax County is currently dealing with a \$650 million revenue shortfall for next year's budget, while the City of Fairfax faces a projected shortfall of \$7 million-\$8 million.

— DEREK B. JOHNSON

Gun Lock Distribution

On Friday, Feb. 7, beginning at 10 a.m., Boy Scout Troop 1965 and the Fairfax County Police Department will distribute free gun locks at the Wal-Mart located at 6000 Burke Commons Road, Burke. The scouts have a limited number of locks, so the event is first come, first serve. This event is the Eagle Scout Project of Daniel Porter, who can be contacted weekdays after 3 p.m. at 571-244-3257.

Taneja Sentenced to 7 Years

U.S. District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton sentenced Vijay K. Taneja, 48 of Fairfax, to 84 months in federal prison for one conspiracy to commit money laundering in a \$33 million mortgage fraud case.

Taneja, who was ordered to pay \$33 million in restitution to four financial institutions, will also serve three years of supervised release.

Taneja's company, Financial Mortgage, Inc. (FMI), originated and sold mortgages on residential properties throughout the metropolitan area. Before his company sold mortgages to financial institutions as long term investors, FMI used "warehouse lenders" to temporarily fund the mortgages before they were sold, according to Dana J. Boente, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

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PHOTO BY DEREK B. JOHNSON/THE CONNECTION

Lisa Whetzel is the executive director of Our Daily Bread, which will be hosting an 'Empty Bowls' fund raiser Feb. 23 at Old Town Hall in Fairfax.

Filling Empty Bowls

Fairfax County charity teams up with local artists for fund raiser.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

As the fabric of the national economy began to unravel in September 2008, charities and food banks across Fairfax County began noticing an unsettling number of trends.

Government at the local and state level began scrambling to cut costs less than halfway through the fiscal year just to stay under budget. Meanwhile, county residents continued to feel the full brunt of the economic recession and the home foreclosure crisis. Both groups, through subsidies and charitable donations, form the financial backbone of many small non-profit organizations in the region.

At the same time, the number families requesting assistance has steadily risen.

"We definitely see that increase firsthand," said Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread on Main Street in Fairfax, a mostly volunteer-based organization that provides financial and food assistance to low-income families.

On Thursday, Feb. 26 the Fairfax-based non-profit organization will be hosting an Empty Bowl fund raiser at Old Town Hall in Fairfax. Seeking to raise from \$7,500 to \$15,000, it will be the first of several, large-scale fund raisers they plan to conduct in 2009. Whetzel said previous ventures, such as their

wine tasting events, have normally brought in less than \$1,500.

The name of the fund raiser is also the motif of the event, with guests purchasing their choice of almost 300 ceramic bowls crafted and designed by local artists across Fairfax County. Stores like the Clay Café in Chantilly and Paint Your Heart Out in Occoquan have donated bowls for the event along with art students at Oakton High School, Robinson Secondary, South County Secondary and Fairfax High schools.

Residents giving donations will be able to use their bowls for a ceremonial dinner of soup and bread, which Whetzel said was symbolic of the area's many hungry and poor. Money taken in at the event would go toward financial and food assistance, which received a welcome but temporary increase in donations over the winter holidays. Volunteer Mike

Kledzik, who has helped to organize and promote the fund raiser, explained.

"Especially at the holidays, you have a build up in food [donations]," said Kledzik. "Then it goes down in April and we try to supplement [the food] with gift cards."

WHILE THE COUNTY'S coffers won't be empty next year, charities and non-profits could see a reduction in financial assistance as

the county seeks to manage a \$650 million revenue shortfall. According to county documents, Our Daily Bread received \$77,325 in funds from Fairfax County in 2008 for emergency food, financial assistance and mentoring services. Whetzel puts the figure at \$100,000 annually, including \$75,000 to partially cover the salaries of three part time employees and \$25,000 to partially cover the salaries for two sea

"There's this huge need and it's not going to get any better anytime soon."

— Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread

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POLITICS

Braddock Up for Grabs

Three Democrats face each other in 'Firehouse' primary Feb. 9 and 10.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Sharon Bulova's (D-Braddock) win in the special election for Fairfax County chairman Feb. 3 now leads to the Braddock District's first hotly contested supervisor's race in years.

According to Fairfax County's unofficial election results, Bulova won the special election over Supervisors Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) by approximately 2,000 votes and less than a 2 percent margin.

Though Bulova declared victory Tuesday night and Herrity conceded the race Wednesday after a ballot review. The end result is that Bulova must vacate her Braddock District seat.

BULOVA has represented Braddock, a central portion of the county mostly made up of sleepy residential communities, for 21 years. A popular local supervisor, she has also gone several election cycles without well-known or well-financed political opposition to her candidacy.

At least five candidates had already expressed an

interest in filling Bulova's Braddock shoes less than 24 hours after she declared victory in the chairman's race. Three Democratic Party candidates had already scheduled campaign kick off events for Feb. 4, in anticipation of Bulova's countywide win.

The candidates said the special election for the Braddock District Supervisor seat, which is scheduled by a local judge, is likely to take place early next month, on March 10. The Democratic Party anticipates conducting their "firehouse" primary at the Kings Park Library, Feb. 9 from 6-9 p.m. and Feb. 10, from 3-9 p.m.

All the candidates — Cary Campbell, Ron Christian, John Cook, Janyce Hedetniemi and School Board member Ilryong Moon — have been actively engaged in civic life for several years.

CHRISTIAN, a Democrat participating in the "firehouse" primary, has lived on Braddock Road for 40 years and ran against former Sen. Jeannemarie Devolites Davis (R-34) in 2003.

He is currently chairman of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority, which helps oversee the county's affordable housing program. He also is involved with and helped start Fairfax County's Faith Communities In Action, an interfaith coalition that learn and share information about how better to address local human services needs.

HEDETNIEMI, the second Democrat participating

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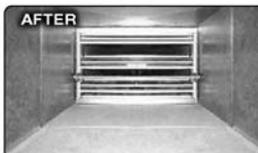
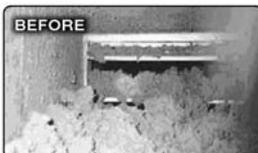
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For These Volunteers, Building Is a Habit

Habitat for Humanity begins work on Maple Ridge condos.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

On the corner of Stevenson Street and Lee Highway in Fairfax, the Sandlot Gang marked its return to the neighborhood with the thudding sound of their hammers pounding into wooden beams.

As members of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, the crew had overseen the construction of a condominium on nearby Westbrook Mill Lane a year earlier that now houses 12 low-income families.

On Saturday Jan. 24, the non-profit group began work on Maple Ridge, a new, nine-family unit condominium on Stevenson Street. At 9 a.m., approximately 20 Habitat members and volunteers began putting up support beams and laying the foundation for the skeletal frame of the building. Construction manager Harry Street estimated that they would most likely stay until 4 p.m.

Maple Ridge will consist of six three-bedroom and three two-bedroom apartments.

"Because of the cost of land, we're doing a lot of condos," said Street.

In order to be eligible for housing, families must make less than 50 percent of the median household income in the area and contribute up to 50 hours of their time to



Volunteers from Habitat for Humanity spent Saturday morning, Jan. 24 construction the foundation of Maple Ridge, a nine-unit apartment condominium for low-income families on Stevenson Street in Fairfax.

the organization. When asked when the project is expected to be complete, Street said it would depend on factors like volunteer numbers and whether there's any fluctuation in the current plan to spend two days a week on the project.

"We're probably looking at roughly around a year, and that's optimistic," he said.

Running the project on the ground are the project managers, otherwise known as

the Sandlot Gang. Nicknamed for their regular contributions to the non-profit organization, they identify themselves on the scene with red hats. In addition to dedicating their time for construction, each project manager must also complete a 10-week training course before they can don the red hat.

Jay Sharp, project manager and member of Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia for four years, said he had been look-

"We're probably looking at roughly around a year, and that's optimistic."

— Harry Street, construction manager

ing to get involved with the organization for some time.

"Habitat was one of those things that was on my list for retirement," said Sharp.

He described most of the Sandlot Gang as older men looking for ways to contribute to society after their retirements. All veteran members of the organization, they're the workers from whom the rest of the volunteers take their cues, and they're counted on to provide assistance to new and unfamiliar volunteers.

"Our job is to make sure the walk-on volunteers are safe and that they learn something," said Sharp.

A good deal of the volunteers onsite Saturday were members of First Baptist Church in Vienna. Congregants had caught wind of the project through a church function and more than a dozen of them signed up for the Maple Ridge project. Suzanne Thompson, a member of the church and ESL teacher, said she was initially apprehensive about how much help she could provide as an amateur, but praised the guidance provided by the project managers.

"The Sandlot crew was very good at explaining something and then letting us try," said Thompson. "I think they're going to be very well-built houses."

Jeffrey Koger To Appear in Federal Court on Friday

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defendant's father, reported to the Fairfax City Police in November 2006 that he believed his son had embezzled \$800,000, kicking off the investigation.

"The defendant's crimes caused substantial harm to numerous individuals, including: KMG which was forced to dissolve and declare bankruptcy; KMG's employees, many of whom lost their jobs as a result of the dissolution; the more than 350 HOA (homeowners associations), many of whom suffered real financial hardship because of the stolen monies," according to Hanly.

KOGER COOPERATED with probation officers in preparing his pre-sentence report "and places no blame on others for his conduct," according to his defense attorney Peter D. Greenspun.

"However, counsel for Mr. Koger feels it is important to bring to the attention of the Court the context of what occurred and a

full understanding of mental health challenges untreated through the time of his offenses," according to documents filed by Greenspun in U.S. District Court, giving the position of the defendant with respect to sentencing factors. "Mr. Koger's actions were ultimately derived not from pure greed

"The tragedy is that Mr. Koger's education and intelligence, and described work ethic should have brought about more, not less for Mr. Koger."

— Peter Greenspun, defense attorney

but rather as a result of his severely deteriorated mental health state coupled with an unhealthy need to provide for his wife," he said.

Untreated mental health challenges included Koger's bipolar disorder, alcohol dependence, bulimia nervosa and borderline personality disorder as well as gambling addictions, according to Greenspun.

Greenspun described his client as a "bright and capable businessman" who lived for years in a "frantic and type A-plus manner" helping to make KMG successful.

There is no evidence of theft before Koger began his relationship with his wife in 2002, Greenspun wrote, when Koger started to support her fitness and restaurant business ventures as well as a newly acquired lavish "extreme life style."

"The theft scheme was not complicated," according to Greenspun. "Mr. Koger took out funds out of a BB&T pass through account. While those transactions were covered up by various KMG accounting and administrative entries, there was no secret as to where the funds were going."

Koger embezzled the money and invested funds in personal accounts and businesses he and his wife were involved in, according to court documents, including: \$733,000 in Jordan's 8 restaurant on Capi-

tol Hill; \$374,960 to pay a contractor to remodel his Oak Hill house and the Tri-Fitness, Inc. facility in Annandale; \$40,000 for a down payment on a 2005 Chevrolet Corvette convertible; \$60,000 for a down payment on a house in New Mexico; and \$56,668 for windows and doors for his home.

Koger also evaded \$775,273 in federal income taxes by failing to file personal income tax returns from 2003-06, according to the Internal Revenue Service. In 2005, Koger received taxable income of more than \$810,257.

"The tragedy is that Mr. Koger's education and intelligence, and described work ethic should have brought about more, not less for Mr. Koger," Greenspun said.

Greenspun is expected to request U.S. District Court Judge Leonie M. Brinkema to sentence Koger to a facility where he can receive extensive medical and mental health treatment as well as an intensive addiction program.

FEDERAL SENTENCING may be the least

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CRIME

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Drive. On Jan. 24, at 12:30 p.m., the victim reported that sometime between Jan. 23, at 9 p.m. and Jan. 24, at 10 a.m., unknown person(s) entered his vehicle and stole his stereo system. It is unknown if the vehicle was locked.

10911 Main St. / 7-Eleven Store. On Jan. 25, at 8:54 a.m., a store employee reported that between 7:30-8 a.m., an unknown male entered the store and placed alcohol on the checkout counter. The suspect asked the clerk for cigarettes and when the clerk put the cigarettes on the counter the suspect picked up the merchandise and left the store without paying. The suspect drove away in a light blue vehicle prior to police arrival. The Patrol Division is investigating the case.

10560 Main St. / Bridges Billiards and Grill. On Jan. 25, at 12:50 p.m., the victim reported that sometime between 1-1:10 a.m., person(s) unknown stole his wallet that was left unattended on a table.

9602 Main St. / Lifetime Fitness. On Jan. 25, at 7:26 p.m., the victim reported that between 6-7:20 p.m., unknown person(s) stole two jackets belonging to him. The jackets were left in an unsecured area of the locker room in a coat closet.



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THURSDAY/FEB. 5

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

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. 703-644-7333.

Owl Tales, 10:30 a.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories and activities about owls. Age 13-23 months. 703-249-1520.

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. jamminjava.com.

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

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Chocolate Lovers Festival, Old Town Fairfax, 3999 University Drive, 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, 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 at 7:15 p.m. on the Grand Tier III. Tickets are



JCCNV Jewish Book Festival

The Third Annual Jewish Book Festival will be at the Jewish Community Center, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, from Feb. 8-16, and includes author lectures and programs, as well as a comprehensive selection of books for purchase. The festival is sponsored by the JCC of Northern Virginia in partnership with The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Book Council.

Contact Laurie Albert at LaurieA@jccnv.org, 703-537-3064 or www.jccnv.org for event hours and costs.

Authors at the festival will include:

❖ **Madeleine M. Kunin,** "Pearls, Politics and Power: How Women Can Win and Lead," Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:15 p.m.

❖ **Warren Adler,** "Funny Boys," Sunday, Feb. 8 at 4 p.m.

❖ **Peter Manseau,** "Songs for the Butcher's Daughter," Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Abbe Smith,** "Case of a Lifetime," Thursday, Feb. 12 from 12-2 p.m.

❖ **Ariel Sabar,** "My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for His Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq," Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m.

❖ **Andy Pollin,** "The Great Book of Washington, D.C. Sports Lists," Sunday, Feb. 15 at 4 p.m.

\$23-\$46, and age 12 and under are half price. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

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 Nomikka Hunter at 703-324-555. 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. jamminjava.com.

Cosmopolitan Clavier Charity Concert. 7 p.m. at Fairfax Christian Church, 10185 Main St., Fairfax. An evening of music by Cosmopolitan Clavier, an international group of pianists, followed by a reception. Donations will be used to help pay for the new stained glass window in the sanctuary. 703-385-3520 or www.fairfaxchristian.org.

Growing Beautiful Orchids, 10 a.m. at Merrifield Gardens Community Hall, 8104 Lee Highway, Merrifield. Jonathan Kavalier, Horticulturist, Smithsonian Institution, will introduce the basics of orchid selection and care and answer questions. 703-560-6222.

Harvesting Ideas from Famous Gardens, 10 a.m. at Merrifield

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SUNDAY/FEB. 8

Cirque Éloize with Nebbia: a Magical Fog, 2 p.m. and 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 begins at 1:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$23-\$46, and age 12 and under are half price. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

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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. LaurieA@jccnv.org, 703-537-3064 or www.jccnv.org for the event schedule and costs.

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

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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. Tickets, including 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. 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 www.jamminjava.com.

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

Crafty Kids, 3:30 p.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Noah's Ark "Stuff-n-Fluff" Workshop. Age 6-12. 703-978-5600.

TUESDAY/FEB. 10

Book Discussion Group, 1 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "Rising Tide" by John Barry. Adults. 703-644-7333.

Virginia Housing Development Authority Homeownership Education Seminar. 6 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Financial responsibility, using credit and building financial security. Contact Jessie Zahorian at jzahorian@nvcc.edu or 703-323-3484.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11

Sonya Kittchell, "Burn Brightly," Residency and John Shannon. Acoustic/indie. 8 p.m. \$10.



Carl Winters, the Kalimba King, performs jazz, spirituals, hip hop and blues on kalmibas, also known as African thumb pianos, at Pohick Regional Library, Monday, Feb. 9.

Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Quarterly Forum, 7:30-9 p.m. at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Firsthand perspectives of civilian and military personnel thrust together at a small Virginia town that became Gen. Grant's supply depot, encompassing repair shops, hospitals, bakeries, and 22 miles of track connecting the wharves to the Union lines. Free, donations accepted. 703-425-9225.

Tiny Tots, 10:15 a.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Very short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-17 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

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Fairfax Schools Anticipate Stimulus Money

Fairfax County Public Schools could receive some additional money from the federal government this year through the national economic stimulus package. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that includes funding for the local school system and the U.S. Senate is expected to take up the matter this week.

Under the bill passed by the House, the school system would receive approximately \$7.5 million to assist schools that serve “at risk” students, \$19.5 million to help students with disabilities and \$17.3 million for school construction. Some of the federal stimulus money could come with restrictions so only a portion of it may plug the projected budget gap for next year, which could range from \$56 million to approximately \$200 million.

The federal government has not yet placed any limitations on the school construction money the school system might receive. But Del. Dave Albo (R-42) has introduced a bill at the state government level that would restrict the use of federal stimulus money to the renovation of existing schools only.

The school system’s chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said he is irritated with Albo’s bill. Fairfax schools anticipate a large increase in the countywide school population and Tistadt has said the school system may have to put school renovation projects on hold in order to build additions or new schools that can accommodate the new students.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

School Board Weighs Teacher Pay

The Fairfax County School Board is considering freezing teacher pay next year to help close a projected gap that ranges from \$56 million to approximately \$200 million in next year’s school budget. Superintendent Jack Dale has not included a cost-of-living adjustment or a salary step increase for teachers in his 2010 budget proposal. The school board will vote on its overall budget, including teacher pay, at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Dale said approximately one third of the school districts in Virginia are planning to cut teacher pay, not just hold it steady as Fairfax is considering. Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, often seen as Fairfax’s largest competitor in the region, have already decided to forego a cost-of-living adjustment and automatic step pay increase for their teachers, he added.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Electronic Training for Concealed Handgun?

The Virginia Senate Committee for Courts of Justice moved forward a bill that allows an applicant for a concealed handgun permit to demonstrate competency with the weapon by taking an online, video or electronic course as long as it is taught by a state-certified or National Rifle Association-certified instructor.

In order to get a concealed handgun permit, Virginia residents are currently required to complete a hunting course or a firearms training and safety course with a National Rifle Association or criminal justice-trained instructor.

The bill, introduced by Fairfax County Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), received bipartisan support among committee members. Democratic Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-35), and Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) both voted to support the bill. Fairfax County senators Janet Howell (D-32) and Toddy Puller (D-36) voted against the bill.

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Rate of Admission

Virginia colleges and universities have fewer slots for in-state students.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

When it comes to the University of Virginia (UVA,) Vienna resident Joe Sampson is guilty of brainwashing his daughter.

The Madison High School freshman has worn Virginia sweatshirts and been going to football games in Charlottesville at Sampson’s alma mater since she was four or five years-old. She attends science camp there every summer and is thrilled when she gets to stay in the dorms, he said.

“She has always wanted to go to Virginia,” said Sampson.

Like many other Northern Virginia families, the Sampsons are well aware of how competitive it has become to get into the University of Virginia. Even though she has excellent grades, Sampson’s daughter suggested she transfer to a high school near their vacation house in Louisa County for her senior year of high school, in part to better her chances of being admitted to the school of her choice.

“We are not there yet but I want her to be able to go where she wants,” said Sampson.

“I have had constituents tell me that they were forced to send their kids to out-of-state schools, even though their children had 4.0s,” said Del. Tim Hugo (R-40). “We see it daily up in Northern Virginia. We see kids with good SATs and 4.0 [grade point averages] getting rejected from our top schools.”

Hugo has introduced legislation that would cap the percentage of out-of-state residents enrolled in most of the state’s undergraduate programs at 25 percent, leaving 75 percent of the slots open for Virginia residents.

Four of Virginia’s most competitive schools — UVA, William and Mary, Virginia Tech and JMU — currently enroll between 27 percent and 35 percent of their students from outside the state. According to university officials, the General Assembly forces the schools to admit higher numbers of out-of-state students — who pay significantly higher tuition — because the state provides so little funding to subsidize the relatively low in-state tuition rates.

“[The larger percentage of out-of-state students] allows us to keep our in-state tuition low. Our in-state tuition is middle of the road when compared to other schools nationwide,” said Daniel Abramson, a member of UVA’s Board of Visitors, the school’s governing body.

Virginia provides so little money to its public universities that state funding covers only about eight percent of UVA’s budget, he added. Should UVA and other universities be forced increase the percentages of Virginia students they enroll, in-state tuition would probably also have to rise to help the institutions meet their operating expenses.

“You are basically robbing Peter to pay Paul. Capping the number of out-of-state students forces colleges to raise tuition on in-state students,” said Del. David Bulova (D-37), who sits on the House of Delegates’ high education subcommittee.

Some parents said they would be willing to endure higher in-state tuition rates if it meant that more

How Virginia Colleges Compare

Here is how Virginia compares to other top rated public universities and colleges in terms of percent of in-state freshman attending in 2008-2009. When available, the 2009 U.S. News and World Report “best public schools” ranking is listed next to a school’s name in parentheses.

State University	% of in-state freshman
UC-Berkeley (1)	85.0%
University of Virginia (2)	68.5%
UC- Los Angeles (3)	89.6%
University of Michigan (4)	66.0%
UNC – Chapel Hill (5)	80.0%
College of William & Mary (6)	65.0%
Georgia Institute of Technology (7)	60.0%
University of Wisconsin – Madison (7)	60.0%
UC – San Diego (7)	93.0%
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (10)	87.0%
Virginia Tech (30)	73.5%
James Madison University	70.3%

slots were available for their children.

“My daughter goes to college out-of-state. If UVA were to increase their tuition dramatically, I would wager that it would still be a lot less than what I pay now. There is a lot of room between in-state tuition and what we are having to pay to go out-of-state now,” said Andrew Robinson, a McLean resident.

Some other parents, including School Board member Liz Bradsher, said they would be concerned about an in-state tuition increase, especially during financially hard times.

Hugo, a graduate of William & Mary, proposed raising tuition for out-of-state students to compensate for revenue lost by increasing the number of in-state students.

Several state colleges, including UVA and William & Mary, have recently been rated among “best college bargains” because of their relatively low out-of-state tuition rates, leading Hugo to believe that the universities could raise college fees for non-Virginia residents considerably, he said.

Del. Dave Albo (R-42) wanted to cap the number of college credit hours on which an individual student could pay Virginia’s in-state tuition rate. The delegate hoped to free up more spots at Virginia colleges by clearing out students who were wasting time and taking several extra semesters to graduate without a good reason, he said.

Del. David Poisson (D-32) also proposed raising tuition rates on out-of-state students, in part because out-of-state tuition at Virginia state schools is relatively cheap, he said. Poisson hoped to use the difference between what out-of-state students pay now and what they would pay in the future to financially assist in-state Virginia students, who might not otherwise be able to go to college, he said.

No matter how it is done, many parents would like to see Virginia state schools accept more Virginia residents into their undergraduate programs.

“Too many of our best and brightest are not getting into Virginia schools because we are giving away seats to out-of-state students,” said Megan McLaughlin, co-founder of FAIRGRADE, which fought to have Fairfax County’s grading system altered this year.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

'Defense is pretty much all heart, and I think that's something we definitely have,' said Robinson's Katelyn Priftis, pictured here battling for a jump ball against Chantilly Tuesday night.

Rams Depend on Defense

Robinson girls grab two weekend wins but falter Tuesday against Chantilly.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Throughout much of the 2008-09 season, the Robinson girls basketball team has leaned on its stingy defense. While the offense, featuring two freshmen, a junior and two seniors, has plodded along at times, the team's defense has been able to consistently clamp down on opponents.

Entering Tuesday night's game at Chantilly, the Rams were allowing a respectable 46.2 points per game, a middle-of-the-road-type number in the ever-competitive Concorde District.

"Our defense has pretty much been the consistent part for us," said Rams coach T.J. Dade. "Offensively, we've struggled, and we've seemed to find little pieces to put together."

But against the Chargers, Robinson, according to Dade, played tentatively. The team wasn't closing out on shooters and granted way too many open looks.

When the game ended, Robinson had suffered a 56-40 loss, allowing the fourth-highest point total all season and falling to 10-8 overall, 4-5 in the Concorde District. The Rams get back to action when they host Westfield on Friday night.

"The future looks bright for us, but I'd like to get some stuff done now."

— Robinson coach T.J. Dade

"In spurts, we started getting hard close outs, deflections and hard traps," Dade said. "It was a 'rollercoaster game' for us defensively."

THE LACKLUSTER EFFORT was made even more surprising because of the successful weekend that the Rams had just enjoyed. In victories over Washington-Lee and Centreville, Robinson had won by an average of 17 points per contest.

Furthermore, the win over Centreville, coupled with a 41-40 victory on Dec. 16, capped a season sweep of the Wildcats. But the Rams were unable to carry any of that momentum into Tuesday's game.

"[Tuesday] was a bit of a setback, but Friday and Saturday were huge," said senior guard Katelyn Priftis, who led the offense with 10 points and knocked down a pair of 3-pointers. "I think we took a lot of steps forward and we took a couple back. But it's nothing that we can't mend.

"We're just going to practice really hard, not dwell on this game and take what we need to learn from this game and move on."

After taking a 7-4 lead, Robinson allowed Chantilly to close the first quarter on a 10-0 run. The Chargers continued to surprise even their first-year coach Valerie Allen by knocking down seemingly every shot they took en route to a 28-18 halftime advantage.

"I knew it was going to be a tough game because Robinson is very physical," Allen said. "They have some good players on their team, and they're very

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Cavs Look To Counter Effect of Losses

With wins Friday and Monday, W.T. Woodson boys surge to top of Liberty.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

In January, the W.T. Woodson boys basketball team lost Liberty District games to Jefferson, Langley and Marshall by a total of four points.

So after the Cavaliers put the finishing touches on a 54-49 win over McLean Friday night, Jan. 30, fourth-year coach Doug Craig let out a sigh of relief, pleased to once again find his team on the much-preferred side of a tight outcome.

"It was nice to win a close one for a change," Craig said. "I didn't sleep a whole lot last night."

The win over McLean — coupled with a South Lakes loss and a Madison win — generated a temporary logjam for first place in the Liberty District. But on Monday, the Cavaliers earned a 61-50 win over the Seahawks and assumed their familiar spot atop the mountain.

"During the season, we expect to be in first place," senior forward Stephen Stepka said. "We expect to win almost every game that we play, and it kind of surprises me that we've lost three district games."

With both wins, W.T. Woodson improved to 12-7 overall, 8-3 in Liberty District play. The Cavaliers will travel to Jefferson on Friday for a rematch of the Colonials' 40-39 upset on Jan. 13.

FOR THE BETTER part of last season, the Cavaliers relied on forward Greg Whitaker, guard Max Lenox and Stepka, a triple-headed scoring machine that resulted in a 19-7 overall record and a 14-2 mark against district opponents.

But after reaching last year's Northern Region quarterfinals, Whitaker was lost to

graduation and Lenox tore his right lateral meniscus back in October, leaving Stepka, a first team All-District selection last winter, to carry the load on his own.

"We knew Stephen was going to do Stephen's thing," Craig said. "He's a three-year varsity player. We expected a lot out of him and he's delivered."

"It surprises me that we've lost three district games."

— W.T. Woodson senior Stephen Stepka

Stepka has delivered this season to the tune of 18.5 points, 7.1 rebounds and 2.3 blocked shots per night. Against McLean, Stepka knocked down three shots from long range en route to a game-high 21 points. He also finished with nine rebounds and

two blocks.

But perhaps Stepka's most impressive contributions came with a little more than a minute to go against the Highlanders. Stepka grabbed an offensive rebound, was fouled and made both free throws. Later, he caused a jump ball and, thanks to the possession arrow, W.T. Woodson maintained

Loss of Lenox

W.T. Woodson guard Max Lenox tore his right lateral meniscus back in October. The injury has sidelined Lenox all season, and he has a doctor's appointment midway through February to chart his progress.

Lenox, a junior, averaged 14.4 points per game last season, but the scoring void has been accounted for by sophomore John Schoof, who starred for the junior varsity team last season. Schoof is averaging 9.4 points per game.

Playing without Lenox for all 19 games this season, fourth-year coach Doug Craig isn't expecting his playmaking guard back anytime soon, although he admitted that having a player of Lenox's caliber would certainly be nice.

"I feel bad for [Lenox]," Craig said. "It's not like college where you get that year back."

possession.

"A lot of people that criticize me say that I don't play hard enough or I don't rebound," Stepka said. "But I feel like I can do all of those things and be an all-around

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SPORTS

Woodson Overcomes Losses

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player, get critical rebounds and hustle on defense.”

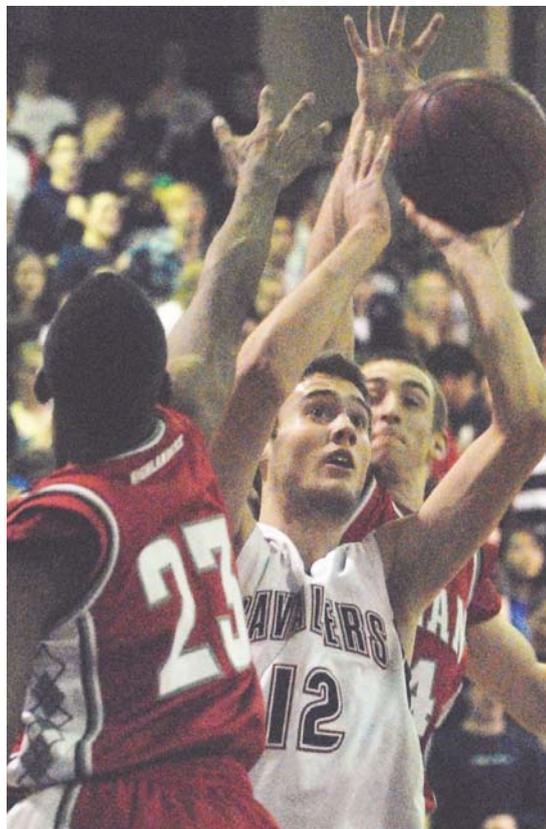
STEPKA WOULD'VE been a one-man wrecking crew against McLean had it not been for sophomore guard John Schoof, who was elevated to a starring role on the varsity squad after Lenox hurt his knee.

The ideal plan, according to Craig, was for Schoof to come off the bench and contribute as a sparkplug-type scorer. But even though he has cracked the starting lineup out of necessity, that hasn't slowed the 6-foot-5, smooth-shooting Schoof.

“At the beginning of the season, the ball was put in my hands a lot more than I expected, but I'm fine with it. I can take it,” said Schoof, who is averaging 9.4 points and a team-best 3.9 assists per game this season. “It stinks to have Max out, but we've done well.”

With a mother who was an All-American at East Carolina and a father who coached there and then later at Iowa State, Schoof has been around basketball his entire life. His older sister, Sarah Schoof, led the W.T. Woodson girls basketball team to the Virginia AAA state quarterfinals last winter, averaging 17 points and nine rebounds per contest.

“Anytime you rely on a sophomore to trigger your offense, there's going to be some games where he doesn't play as well,” Craig said. “But we try to put him in a position to do well. John's a real smart kid. He's a gym rat, so he improves almost game-to-game.”



W.T. Woodson's Stephen Stepka, a senior forward, fires a shot through a group of McLean defenders last Friday night. Stepka's Cavaliers pulled out a 54-49 win.

Rams Defense

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well coached. I was not expecting a 16-point win.”

Much like they have all season, Priftis and junior Sam Partonen guided the Rams offensively. Partonen finished with 10 points and collected five rebounds. She also drilled a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to 13 (45-32) with 4 minutes, 38 seconds to play.

“We do what we need to do to help the team,” Priftis said. “Whether it means that I score six points and she scores 12, or whether I score 12 and she scores six, it doesn't matter. On any given night, whoever needs to step up, steps up.”

DESPITE ROBINSON'S performance against Chantilly, Dade isn't worried. The defensive effort, while he may not be able to explain it, serves as more of the exception than the rule this season. Many times Dade has had to calm his team down, exhorting them to relax and not be so aggressive.

The Rams force an average of 23 turnovers and generate about 20 deflections per game, two numbers that often lead over pursuing an opponent. It's something Dade would rather work with than what he dealt with Tuesday night.

“I'd rather have an aggressive team and have to tone them down a notch than have to have them buy into being aggressive,” Dade said. “Sometimes, we get over aggressive and that tends to take you out of defensive position.”

Something else that Dade would like to see altered would be his team's scoring balance. Freshmen Brigitte Kuter and Megan Green have stepped into starting roles, but it's the upperclassmen that Dade would like to see more out of.

“The future looks bright for us, but I'd like to get some stuff done now,” Dade said.

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After declaring herself the winner for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman's seat, Supervisor Sharon Bulova is introduced by former chairman U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly during a victory party in Fairfax on Tuesday night.

Bulova New Board Chair

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In 2004, Connolly won his first chairman's race by nine points and approximately 17,000 ballots. Connolly then beat Republican candidate Gary Baise by over 20 points and 45,000 votes in 2007.

IN THIS WEEK'S election, Bulova also lost two magisterial districts, Mount Vernon and Dranesville, which Hanley and Connolly had won in the four most recent county chairman elections.

"I think the Republicans are very motivated and the Democrats are feeling content."

— Scott Surovell, head of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee

"Herrity was competitive in more magisterial districts than I thought he would be. ... I think the Republicans are very motivated and the Democrats are feeling content," said Scott Surovell, head of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

According to Bulova, Democratic voters may also have been distracted by

the winter holidays and historic presidential inauguration during short chairman's campaign.

Connolly added that Bulova also had to overcome Herrity's name recognition. Though Bulova has served on the county board two decades longer than her Republican opponent, Herrity's father, Jack, was a well-known Fairfax County board chairman for 12 years during the 1970s and 1980s.

VOTER TURNOUT countywide was low, 16.1 percent, but higher than several polling place officials said they expected for a special election, particularly given the light snowfall in the

morning.

Some residents who do not normally participate in "off year" elections said they felt compelled to show up because of the county's fiscal crisis.

"I do not usually vote in special elections but it seems like we have some financial issues in the county that we need to deal with," said Clifton resident Duane Freer, who supported Herrity.

Others said they had come out because one of the political parties had contacted them and reminded them the election was taking place that day.

"This is my first time voting in a special election. I am a member of the Democratic Women of Clifton and I got an email from them this morning that said we needed to come out and vote," said Dana Jones, a 22 year-old who brought her mother and sister to the polling station with her.

Residents who lived in either Bulova or Herrity's home magisterial districts were also motivated to turn out for the special election. Of the county's nine magisterial districts, Braddock — which Bulova has represented for over 20 years — had the highest voter turnout of 22 percent. Springfield — which Herrity and his father have both represented — had the second highest, with 18.9 percent.

With 11.9 percent, Sully was the magisterial district with the lowest turnout in the special election. It is also the only district besides Herrity's Springfield that is represented by a Republican, Michael Frey, on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

SUPPORTERS expect Bulova will bring a new style to the county chairman's position.

Nearly all of Fairfax County's recent chairman — Connolly, Hanley, Tom Davis, Audrey Moore and Jack Herrity — had "larger than life" personalities. But Bulova has a quiet, more measured leadership style, said Florence Naeve, who worked as Bulova's chief of staff for 20 years.

"Each chairman was right for their time and Sharon is right for the time we face now. ... People feel comfortable with her and both sides of the aisle trust her. She is a calm leader. This is going to be a difficult budget cycle and Sharon is the right person to lead the county now," said Naeve.

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Importance of College Options

Northern Virginia Community College will have a growing and critical role in coming decade.

Here in Northern Virginia, residents, businesses and government all recognize the importance of quality public schools. Great schools benefit everyone, not just families with children in school.

In Fairfax County, the public schools absorb more than half the county funds available. In Loudoun, the percentage is much higher. Spending per student in Arlington and Alexandria demonstrate those localities' commitment to their public schools as well.

Another critical component of the quality of life, education and the economy here is the Northern Virginia Community College. While it's hard to overstate the importance of NOVA, the second largest community college in the nation with more than 60,000 students, will play an even bigger role in the decade to come.

WHILE NVCC (or NOVA as it is more commonly known), along with local school districts, has taken its share of budget cuts, the General Assembly should not take steps to cap

its tuition. Northern Virginia Community College offers access to high quality college classes and degree programs at a very affordable price (well under \$3,000 annual tuition for a full-time student) and also offers support to students with financial need in a variety of ways. The school must have some flexibility to manage its revenues to continue to meet growing demand.

NOVA is one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States, with students from more than 180 countries; international students make up about 20 percent of student population.

The community college conducts significant outreach to the many students in Northern Virginia high schools who could be the first in their family to go to college, many of them immigrants. This is a critical link to the American dream.

NOVA provides an affordable path to a four-year college degree, plus provides certificates

and training in careers high in demand like nursing and health care, "green" technologies.

With even many affluent families feeling the effects of the economic crisis, many students in Northern Virginia will need to find alternatives to paying full freight for four years of college education.

NOVA accepts IB and AP credits, so an advanced student from Fairfax County could arrive at NOVA with a year's worth of college credit, get an associates degree in one year at an affordable rate, and then transfer to a four-year college, finishing in three years and potentially cutting their college costs in half.

Students who graduate from NOVA with an associate's degree and a minimum grade point average are guaranteed admission to other Virginia colleges and universities, including George Mason University, the University of Virginia, and the College of William and Mary.

NOVA has campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge along with educational centers in Reston and Arlington. NOVA offers more than 160 certificate programs and degrees at the associate's level, along with distance learning programs.

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EDITORIAL

Community Speaks Out on Start Times

FCPS considers later start times for high school students.

The following are excerpts from letters to the editor in reaction to Fairfax County Public Schools' study and proposal to set later start times for high school students. To read the full text of the letters, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

Children who see their parents whine about an "early start" in a public newspaper will be some of the same children who are taking mommy and daddy with them along to job interviews later. This is not the kind of self-discipline that America was built on.

Benjamin W. Glass III
Fairfax

Every parent has already had to make adjustments for the current schedule, which is only approximately 10 years old, and has to keep adjusting when our family activities and schedules change, as they always do.

Caroline G. Hemenway
Herndon

The later school hour will not effectively change anything. My

own daughter, for example, will arrive home later, will still have the same amount of homework, which she will begin later, will get to bed later. I will bet it will be a "wash." As she is now, routinely up until 11 or later, I shudder to think how late "we'll" be up as I stay up with her for moral support. Yet, as an elementary teacher, I will be expected to report to school earlier, not to mention that my before school meetings that now start at 7:15 could start as early as 6:45.

Laura May
Fairfax High School Parent
Fairfax County Teacher

This change is unlikely to increase the amount our high school children sleep and it will have more of them out after dark in the evening (and/or reduce participation in extra-curricular activities); it will have very young children waiting for buses in the dark and likely getting less sleep; and, it will have a negative effect on family-work dynamics for many Fairfax County families.

I believe that the School Board should think hard before agreeing

to approve this change in the county schedule. ... I think the School Board is being sold a bill of goods by an organization that is addressing the needs of only one segment of our population.

Susan Merrill
Burke

The potential disruption to normal after-school activities and athletics is significant. There would be less time for after-school teacher-student meetings, clubs, music lessons, drama, band, etc. There would be less sunlight for outdoor athletic practices.

Sung-Joo Park
E-mail Submission

The final report is a treasure trove of relevant information. It portrays this information objectively and draws no conclusions from it, as every reader's situation will differ. Readers should form their own conclusions and then act in their own interests, and this reference material is intended solely to help them do that.

Your readers would be very well served to look over the TTF Final Report and use its materials to help them make up their own minds. It's posted on the FCPS Web site [<http://www.fcps.edu/fts/>

taskforce07/documents/index.htm].

Dick Reed
Chairman
FCPS School Board
Transportation Task Force

Sports programs are not in danger of being cut due to the proposed bell schedule changes. The School Board and the Board of Supervisors have asked for approaches for rescheduling, not for the elimination of sports. The RECenters have a special obligation to our high school teams. Fairfax County made the decision to put pools in the RECenters "with the understanding that they would provide a home for local high school teams."

Therese Tuley
SLEEP Chair
Robinson PTSA member
Fairfax Station

I see no reason why a high school student should be staying up past 11 p.m. ... This change is an adjustment to meet the convenience of families who don't have the discipline to keep kids on schedule and go to bed on time.

Lorenda Wieder
Fairfax

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Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield) speaks to the crowd Tuesday at his election watch party at J.R.'s Stockyards Inn in McLean. Although unofficial results showed that he trailed Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) in votes for the county chairmanship, Herry vowed not to concede until all the votes were counted.

Herry Loses Chairman Bid

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percentage of the population that are frustrated with the direction of the county," he said. "There are a lot of statements being made tonight."

Had he been elected chairman, Herry said, he would have governed based on his platform of setting spending priorities with taxpayers in mind, di-

recting school funds more toward teacher salaries than administration and advancing "common-sense" transportation solutions, such as the environmental impact study he has promoted for improving the Interstate 66 corridor.

He added, "There still could be another Republican on board," he said, referring to the seat Bulova would vacate.

Federal Sentencing for Koger

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of Koger's problems. He also faces three counts of attempted capital murder of police officers, two counts of aggravated maiming and five counts of use of a firearm in the commission of felonies in Fairfax County courts.

"The struggle for Mr. Koger only begins with this [federal] sentencing," said Greenspun.

Additional aggravated malicious wounding charges in the City of Alexandria Circuit Courts could also be prosecuted, although they have currently been nolle prossed, or set aside.

According to police reports and testimony at Koger's preliminary hearing in Fairfax County court in June 2008, Koger stopped his 1990 Jeep Cherokee behind a taxicab stopped at a traffic light at the corner of Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street in Alexandria in the early morning of Feb. 2, 2008.

Koger got out of his Jeep, walked to the taxi driver's window and fired several shots into the cab. The driver was seriously injured.

Koger shot two other men in another car, who escaped him by driving into the Fairfax County Police Station on Franconia Road.

"These incidents are without reason and there is not any evidence of motive," according to Greenspun, who called the incidents "serious events" although

"nothing but the delusional actions of a very challenged and intoxicated man."

Koger eventually fled in his Jeep to elude a Virginia State trooper. Koger crashed into a traffic control box in front of Springfield Shopping Mall, and got out of his car with a firearm in his hand.

When Koger fired his weapon, the trooper and Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority officers shot back, hitting Koger in the midsection. He was hospitalized with life-threatening injuries, but recovered.

After being shot, Koger said, "Help me, they're coming to get me."

Koger had a blood alcohol content of .25 or higher — three times the legal limit in Virginia to drive — according to federal court documents.

In August, Greenspun, filed notice of Koger's possible intent to claim the insanity defense.

"Law enforcement, family and defense counsel have not been able to identify any assaultive behavior in the span of Mr. Koger's life," he said.

At the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, Koger has been placed in solitary confinement from time to time due to concerns for his safety and suicidal tendencies, according to Greenspun.

Koger faces more than three life terms in prison if convicted in Fairfax County Circuit Court. His trial on those charges is currently scheduled for later this month.

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Charity Bowls

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sonal part-time employees. County spokesperson Merni Fitzgerald said county phone lines have been receiving increasing volumes of callers looking for county or non-profit help.

"Clearly demand for help, for basic needs [like] food and rent is increasing dramatically," said Fitzgerald.

COUNTY FUNDING for charities and non-profits comes out of the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), which had an overall budget of \$8.7 million in 2008. Slides from a November 2008 Power Point presentation concerning CCFP priorities for 2009/2010 show a marked shift in emphasis, with self-sufficiency assistance projected to receive \$5.6 million, or 62 percent, of the pool's funds in 2009. In 2005 and 2006, self-sufficiency received 26 percent of CCFP's total budget.

Fitzgerald said specific reductions wouldn't be available until at least a Feb. 23 Board of Supervisors meeting. She also said the county is considering across-the-board budget cuts in the face of a potential budget crisis.

"What I can tell you is every single agency [and the CCFP] has identified 15 percent in possible cuts," said Fitzgerald.

Whetzel said her organization is cognizant that less county-funding may be available at the same time more families are reaching out to charities and non-profits to help make ends meet. The series of planned fund raisers, starting with the "Empty Bowls" event, was a reaction to that possibility.

"Because we've seen the skyrocketing demands for assistance, we feel like we've got to do something bigger [and] be more creative in how we market Our Daily Bread," said Whetzel. "There's this huge need and it's not going to get any better anytime soon."

Our Daily Bread's food program serves 60 low-income families across the county, according to food manager Christina Garris. The wait list for the charity's food program normally averaged 15 families before September 2008. Since then, that number has risen as high as 70 and currently sits at 56. The food program includes bimonthly grocery deliveries and emergency food assistance to families. Garris said the backlog makes it impossible to reach everyone in time, and some families have lost their homes waiting for help.

"There's a waiting list of three to four months to get into the food program. By the time a family gets called up, they're gone, it's too late," said Garris.

More

The Empty Bowls fund raiser will take place Feb. 26 from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Old Town Hall in Fairfax. To RSVP the event and obtain additional information on how to donate to Our Daily Bread, call 703-273-8829 or e-mail at info@ODBfairfax.org.

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She is currently chairman and the Braddock District representative on the county transportation advisory committee and previously served as head of a citizen design committee for the new Virginia Railway Express garage in Burke Centre.

Hedetmiemi, an Annandale resident, is also president of her community association and the previous president of the Braddock District Council, a larger coalition of civic and community association.

MOON, the third person running in the Democratic "firehouse" primary, is the only candidate in the race who has served in elected office.

Moon, the first Asian American to win an election in Northern Virginia, is a current at-large member of the Fairfax County School Board.

He was appointed to the Fairfax County Planning Commission for four years and served on Gov. Tim Kaine's (D) urban policy task force. Moon is also a resident of Kings Park West.

Cook is president of the Kings Park Civic Association and currently the only Republican in the race. Campbell, the independent candidate, ran against Bulova in the special election for county chairman and the 2007 Braddock District supervisor's race.



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Taneja's company filed for bankruptcy

in June 2008.

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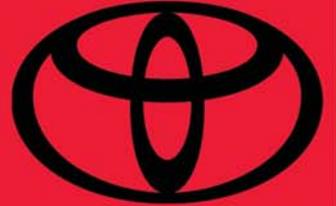
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