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Jim Whitfield carries a sign for his church, Burke Presbyterian, at the 17th annual Burke CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, Nov. 22.



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Fighting Hunger One Step at a Time

Annual CROP Hunger Walk draws faith groups from across the county.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

For the crowd gathered at Living Savior Lutheran Church Sunday, Nov. 22, the only way to properly fight for a cause was to put themselves in the shoes of the people for whom they were fighting.

The crowd, representing 23 churches and faith groups from southern Fairfax county, took part in the Burke CROP (Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Hunger Walk to raise money to combat hunger at home and abroad. The 3.8-mile walk, which began at Living Savior in Fairfax Station and concluded at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, drew more than 300 participants for its 17th installment.

"We are walking for the 7 million people who die from hunger-related causes each year," said the Rev. Randall Prior of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Burke. "What we are doing makes a difference in the lives of people around the world."



The participants from Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church gather before the walk.

All money raised by the participants of the walk, an annual interfaith event sponsored by faith communities nationwide, goes to groups that fight hunger. Seventy-five percent of the money goes to Church World Services, which supports sustainable grassroots development, disaster relief and

refugee assistance across the world, and the remaining 25 percent of the money goes to organizations of the participants' choosing. The Burke CROP Walk, for all 17 years, has donated their 25 percent share to ECHO, a Springfield-based, all-volunteer charitable assistance group and Western Fairfax Chris-

"People may be donating more than ever, but the need is greater than ever."

— Janet Smith, Burke Presbyterian Church

tian Ministries.

Last year, the walk drew 365 participants and raised \$22,000 in total, and has raised more than \$200,000 from 3,800 walkers since its inception. Due to the great need, however, the goal for this year's event was increased to \$25,000.

"This year is more important than any other," said Janet Smith, event coordinator and member of Burke Presbyterian Church. "The estimates are that 1 billion people [across the world] will go to bed hungry each night and that's an all time high. People may be donating more than ever, but the need is greater than ever."

In addition to the groups like St. Andrew's, Burke United Methodist and Springfield's Congregation Adat Reyim that have participated in the event every year, the event welcomed several new groups. St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Springfield and

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Senior Center Breaks Down a Few Walls

Senior Center Without Walls enjoys success in its first program offerings.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

When Burke resident Corazon Foley saw her to dream to provide healthy living programs for the seniors in her community come to fruition last summer, she was more than thrilled that her hard work and commitment paid off. One thing that she did not see coming, however, was the rapid explosion of her vision.

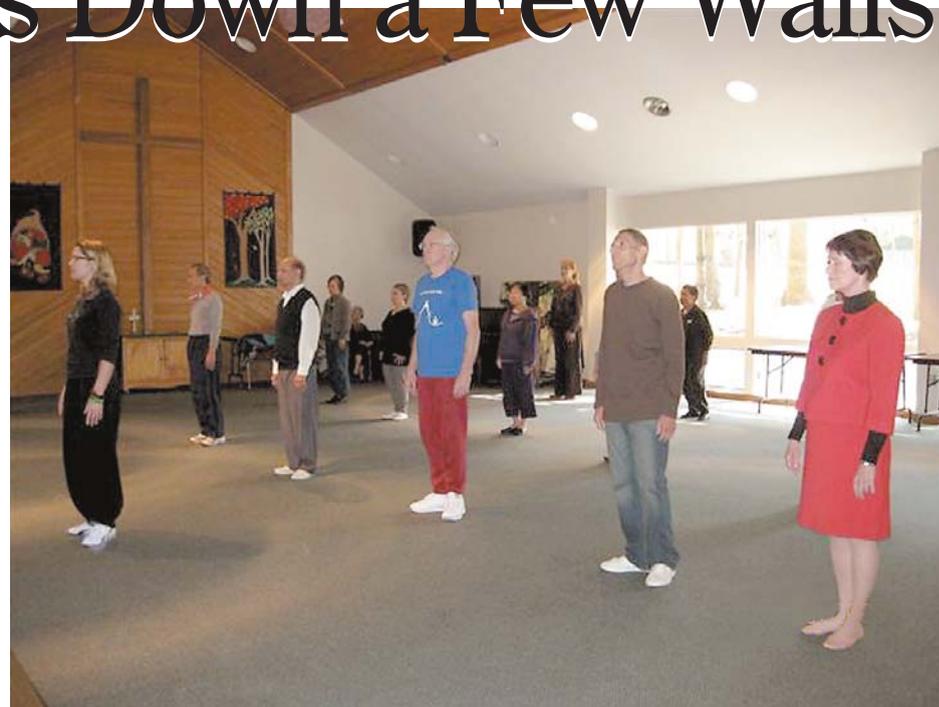
Foley, along with the county's Office of Senior Services, have just wrapped up the first series of class offerings in the Burke/Springfield District Senior Center Without Walls, a network of local organizations that provide ongoing wellness programs for seniors in the two districts without the use of a central facility. The program, which is started as a personal mission for Foley, is now attracting many new suitors to host programs and many more to enroll in them.

"It has been a real privilege to see the joy and sparkle in the eyes, as well as better

balance and more graceful movement, of the senior participants," Foley said. "They all have been so appreciative of the health benefits."

Foley began the quest for a senior center in the area in late 2007, when she was struck by the number of people attending the Lorton Senior Center that lived in the Burke and Springfield area. Aware that the area was lacking a senior center, Foley promptly contacted then-Springfield Supervisor Elaine McConnell (R) but was told that due to budget constraints, funds to build a new senior center was nonexistent. Instead, Foley pursue alternative options and came up with the idea for the Center Without Walls.

The network was launched July 1, with a pilot program at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church and the positive community response to the pilot program lead Burke United Methodist Church and Durga Temple to offer up their facilities for programs for a Tai Chi and line dancing programs, respectively. The two programs began in Oc-



Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) takes part in the Tai Chi program at Burke United Methodist Church Nov. 6.

tober, with spots for 30 people in the Tai Chi class and 50 for line dancing. According to Cheryl Laferty, program manager for the Center Without Walls, the two programs were at capacity almost immediately with a waiting list of 30 at each site.

"The wait list and the participation validated what we knew- that the folks in this area are active and are willing to partici-

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Join Drumstix Dash Nov. 28

Housing and Community Services of Northern Virginia is hosting the Drumstix Dash, an 8K race on Saturday, Nov. 28, at 8 a.m., at Burke Lake Park. The event includes a family-friendly fun run and walk, refreshments and awards. Runners will enjoy a flat and fast 8K course, while they take in the fall foliage and views of Burke Lake.

Prizes will be awarded to top runners overall, and prizes and awards will also be given to the top three men and women in six age groups. All registered runners will receive a custom T-shirt. All proceeds go to a housing fund to help distressed Fairfax County citizens receive counseling and support services. Registration Begins at 6:45 a.m. Burke Lake Park is located at 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. The park's entrance is on Route 123. For directions, visit the Fairfax County Park Authority Web site: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burkelake/directions.htm. Register for the Drumstix Dash at: <http://tinyurl.com/yjlbgy7> or <http://www.active.com/running/fairfax-station-va/drumstix-dash-8k-and-family-fun-run-2009>. For more, contact Jill M. Landsman at jlandsman@nvar.com or 202-262-7878.

Lake Braddock Clubs Collect Books for Needy Children

The Middle School and High School Library Book Clubs at Lake Braddock Secondary School will be working with Reach Out and Read Virginia (RORVA) to collect gently used or new books for small children during the month of December. The books will be distributed through the RORVA literacy program to a clinic or hospital in the area that serves needy children. The club is accepting picture books and lower elementary chapter books. RORVA's goal is to get families with small children to read together by putting books in their hands.

Collection boxes will be located at Lake Braddock inside the main entrance from Nov. 30-Dec. 22. Books can be dropped off during school hours. The club will then sort and box the donations so that they can be distributed to the clinics and hospitals. For more information about RORVA, visit www.rorva.org/.

Golf Event Raises \$40K

Glory Days Grill, a local restaurant chain, conducted its 14th annual golf tournament on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Piedmont Club in Haymarket. The event raised \$40,000, which is the most ever raised at the tournament. Of that money, \$33,000 will be given to the tournament's main beneficiary, The Sunshine Foundation. The Sunshine Foundation is the original wish granting organization founded in 1976 by former Philadelphia police officer, Bill Sample. Funds raised from the Tournament will fulfill the dreams of seriously ill, physically challenged and abused children, ages 3-18, nationwide. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.sunshinefoundation.org.

Glory Days Grill will contribute the remaining \$7,000 to three local non-profit organizations: Jill's House, The Magic Foundation and Shaken Baby Prevention, Inc.

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WEDNESDAY/NOV. 25

Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service. 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Burke Presbyterian Church with friends and neighbors from St. Mary's Catholic Church, Congregation Adat Reyim and the Rumi Forum. Take part in great fellowship and joyous celebration of Thanksgiving and our different faiths. Burke Presbyterian Church is located at 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke. For more information, visit www.BurkePresChurch.org or call the office at 703-764-0456.

NEWS

Smoking Ban To Start

Some restaurateurs build separate 'smoking lounge' for patrons.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Even with the place a quarter full on a sleepy Sunday night, the thin, gray haze of cigarette smoke still hangs over Q-Ball Billiards in Springfield.

Located in the same shopping center off Rolling Road, Q-Ball is a neighborhood pool hall, mostly attracting a crowd of 20 and 30-somethings who grew up nearby.

Virginia technically has no bars or taverns. All establishments with a liquor license are classified as restaurants and required to serve food.

But to the average person, Q-Ball, with its menu of standard pub fare — burgers, fries and wings — and lack of a traditional sit-down dining service, appears to be more bar than eating establishment.

It is probably safe to say that the happy hour drink specials draw more people to Q-Ball during the dinner hour than the food does.

As in many pool halls, many members of Q-Ball's clientele smoke.

"I would say most of patrons smoke, like 95 percent of them do," said Sonny Kim, Q-Ball's co-owner.

KIM said he and some other local "bar" owners are scrambling to see how they can accommodate customers after new restrictions on smoking take effect Dec. 1.

Last Spring, Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and the Virginia General Assembly passed a measure aimed at curbing smoking in restaurants.

Several bills to restrict smoking in public places had been introduced in previous years and always failed to gain enough support in the General Assembly. But in the 2009 session, Kaine, who favored a total ban on restaurant smoking, reached a compromise with the Republican leadership in the House of Delegates, which had traditionally been opposed to anti-smoking legislation.

Some Virginians, from farmers and factory workers to white-collar businessman, rely on the tobacco industry for their livelihood. Philip Morris, one of the largest cigarette producers in the world, is headquartered in Richmond.

Only two General Assembly members from Fairfax County, State Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) and Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), voted against the new smoking restrictions.

UNDER THE new law, restaurants and "bars" will be required to provide a non-smoking area, though those that want to accommodate smokers can do so through a few measures.

Restaurant and bar owners can build a separate smoking room that is closed off from the rest of the establishment and has its own ventilation system. Establishments are also allowed to permit smoking rooms that are exclusively used for private party rentals, provided that they are closed off from the rest of the establishment and have their own ventilation system.

Virginia will also allow restaurants to permit smoking in outdoor dining spaces and patios, including those with a roof cover, according to the Virginia

Department of Health.

A few eateries are excluded from the new smoking restrictions, including hot dog and other mobile food stands, caterers and restaurants located on premises of a tobacco manufacturer.

The new smoking restrictions also will not apply to bars and restaurants at private membership-based clubs, like country clubs and branches of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

FOR MANY BUSINESSES hoping to accommodate indoor smoking, the addition of a new "smoking lounge" has required some architectural creativity and financial wherewithal.

For example, Q-Ball is currently one large room accommodating a bar area, 19 pool tables, a corner



Virginia restaurants prepare for the new smoking restrictions that take effect Dec. 1.

for darts and a large flat screen television with leather couches used mostly for watching sports.

But Kim and his partners have planned to break up the space by putting a smoking lounge directly in the center of their establishment.

"I want it in the middle of the room so it is a short distance for people in all areas," said Kim, who is a smoker himself.

Q-Ball's smoking room will be small, 12 feet by 26 feet, with clear walls and doors, similar to the smoking huts found in airports. The lounge will only accommodate a few tables and chairs, so patrons will have to put out their cigarette out and leave the smoking room to order a drink at the bar or to play pool, he said.

Still, the smoking room will be a hefty investment. Kim estimates that it will cost the business approximately \$20,000 overall.

"It is really difficult, especially since business has already been slow this year," he said.

THE PATRIOT'S CAFÉ, along Route 50 in the City of Fairfax, has gone ever farther than Q-Ball.

The restaurant is walling off its current bar, adding two new doors and a separate ventilation system, for smoking patrons. But in order to comply with rules mandating non-smoking access, the owners are also building an entirely new bar at the back of the establishment that will be entirely smoke free.

"I think we only of the only places in the area that is doing this but we have a lot of customers that are smokers," said Sara Doxtator, a bartender who has worked at the Patriot's Café for six years.

Still, other local "bars" either don't have the space or the resources to accommodate a separate smok

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PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

The line of walkers stretches down Route 123 in Fairfax Station.

Walking for a Cause

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St. Peter's in the Woods Episcopal in Fairfax Station both took part in the walk for the first time, and Fairfax Christian and One God Ministry in Fairfax came back for their second years.

"Since it's a new thing and it's our first time doing it, our turnout wasn't huge," said Mike Crowe of St. Peter's. "But we had a lot of our members donate and participate in events to prepare for the race. Next year, we expect to have a bigger turnout."

While the walk was important to its participants because of its mission, it served another, equally important purpose. The event, participants said, not only brings together people from many of the county's diverse groups, but also gives a chance for all members of the community, young and old, to give back to their community.

"We always interested in participating in interfaith activities," said Peter Fontneau of Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke. "It's also an activity that works for families because you can bring small children in wagons and dogs."

No Walls for Center

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pate in programs like these," Laferty said.

Now that the program has proven to be successful, Foley and Evan Braff, supervisor of Fairfax County's Office of Senior Services, are seeking to expand the Center's program offerings. According to Braff, on Dec. 3, the center is holding a "kickoff" meeting for the upcoming programs, which are slated for next Spring. At the meeting, Braff said that 25 individuals representing 18 to 20 community organizations and businesses that are interested in lending their facilities to the program will be on hand to discuss how to further grow the center.

"We found a creative way to bring services to people in the community without it having a huge impact on the budget," Braff said. "People are recognizing that we're trying to do things efficiently using existing resources

and they want to be a part of it."

Further strengthening the marketing effort for the center is the support of Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-At Large), Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and John Cook (R-Braddock). The three wrote a letter endorsing the center and its programs and encouraged other organizations and businesses to join the network and offer their facilities for programs. The Board is honoring Burke United Methodist, Accotink Unitarian Universalist, and the Durga Temple along with the Center itself at its Dec. 7 meeting for their contributions to the senior community.

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Last year, 17 million households in the United States were without enough food for some part of some months because they didn't have the money to buy food, up from 13 million households in 2007. That's 49 million people, up from 36 million in 2007.

EDITORIAL

The numbers are almost certainly higher now, as 2009 draws to a close.

The ongoing recession and loss of jobs are driving an ongoing surge of families turning to food banks here in Northern Virginia. There are more unemployed people in Northern Virginia than in any other part of the state, according to the Virginia Employment Commission. While the employment rate is lower here as a percentage of the population, this area still has by far the largest number of people unemployed.

In August, there were 69,770 unemployed people in Northern Virginia, with an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent. The rate was down from 5.1 percent in July, but up from 3.3 percent in August, 2008.

People have lost their jobs, are unable to find new ones. In some cases people who own homes are stuck, unable to sell their houses because the homes are worth less than they paid for them, and are facing foreclosure as well.

Families have used up their safety net, spent

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their savings. They find themselves without being able to put food on the table, and they turn to local food banks, food pantries, churches and other charitable organizations for their most basic needs.

Food pantries around the area have launched additional food drives to try to meet the need.

Many local charities also offer winter coats and holiday gifts, and are also turning to the community to meet the rising needs.

With the holiday season underway, it's time to help.

— MARY KIMM

Support Horinko

To The Editor:

On Dec. 1, in a special election held at Centreville High School, Republicans will nominate their candidate to succeed Attorney General-Elect Ken Cuccinelli.

Marianne Horinko, an active 17 year resident of the Sully District, mother of two public school children and a successful small business owner, is the best overall candidate Republicans could nominate.

Marianne believes in fiscal conservatism, keeping taxes low and she will fight in Richmond to maintain public safety in our neighborhoods and to help develop and implement solutions for our traffic gridlock. Learn more about Marianne's views at www.horinkoforstatesenate.com.

Most importantly, she is the only candidate for the nomination that has exactly what we need in Richmond: someone with the right philosophies who has a proven track-record of success in both the private and public sectors and the

day to day experience of feeling the impact of state government on efforts to raise a family.

Please join me in supporting Marianne Horinko for state senator.

Ajay N. Laheri
E-mail Submission

Conservative Candidate

To The Editor:

Recently, by request of friend, I attended the Campaign Kick-off event for Marianne Horinko, candidate for Virginia State Senate in the 37th District.

Upon walking through the door, I was immediately greeted by the personable, enthusiastic candidate seeking Ken Cuccinelli's seat in Richmond. Although only vaguely familiar with Marianne Horinko prior to the event, her succinct and confident introductory speech to the crowd told me everything I needed to know about this impressive candidate.

Her strong, commonsense con-



Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason), right, presents the Sally Ormsby Environmental Stewardship Award to U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) at a ceremony at Friday, Nov. 20 ceremony at the Waterford in Fair Oaks. The award recognized Connolly's record of championing parks, preserving open space, increasing recreational opportunities, and protecting the environment in Fairfax County.

servative values combine with her diverse and admirable experiences of running a large federal agency, managing her own small business, and raising a family to constitute a true leader for Virginia's 37th Senate District.

When I left the event, there was no doubt in my mind that Marianne Horinko was the ideal candidate for that seat.

Mike Piche
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New Smoking Rules on Dec. 1

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ing room and will be forced to go entirely smoke-free.

"There is just no way we pull off a separate room. That would be a whole redesign project," said Bridget Turner, a bartender at Buffalo Wing University on Old Lee Highway in the City of Fairfax.

Since Turner's bar has no choice but to be entirely smoke free, she wonders if they will lose business to other local haunts, like Patriot's Café, where patrons will be able to smoke inside.

"Those bars that will be able to keep their smoking section will have such a step up," she said.

YET OTHER restaurant workers, particularly businesses that try to be more restaurant than pub or sports bar, said they expect a smoke-free environment will actually benefit their businesses.

"I think it is going to impact our business positively. I am pretty sure the dining room is going to grow a lot," said Gabriel Licropiani, general manager of Hopsfrog

Grille in Burke.

Manny Paiz, manager of The Auld Shebeen in the City of Fairfax, said his restaurant has already received "loads of phone calls" from non-smokers asking if his business has gone smoke-free yet.

"I definitely expect to see an increase in some of our restaurant business," said Paiz.

The Auld Shebeen is spread over two floors and currently allows smoking on the bottom floor and at the bar on the top floor at all times. Then after 10 p.m., people are also allowed to smoke in the restaurant area on the top floor, he said.

After Dec. 1, The Auld Shebeen will restrict smoking to the bottom

floor, which is open Thursday through Saturday nights, and go entirely smoke-free on the top floor. Paiz does not expect the new smoke-free environment to cut down on business, since so few businesses will be offering an indoor smoking option.

"It is not like the smokers can go somewhere else," he said.

A few traditional restaurants, particularly

diners and others on low-price end of the price range, feel as if the smoking ban will have a negative impact, they said.

"We have a lot of customers who smoke. I expect business will go down," said Freddy Guevara, who manages the 29 Diner on Fairfax Boulevard in Fairfax.

Guevara said patrons smoke in the diner during all times of day, but it is especially heavy on Friday and Saturday nights.

"People like to eat and then smoke while they drink their cup of coffee," he said.

But on the whole, most Virginia restaurants are already smoke free, according to Barry Hawkins of the Virginia Restaurant Association.

"Over 70 percent of Virginia restaurants are non-smoking right now so most people are coping quite well already," he said.

At this point, Hawkins said most of the restaurant association's members appear ready and willing to go entirely smoke free. Very few have opted to add a smoking lounge before seeing what impact being smoke-free will have on business, he said.

"Very few are going to work with a separate ventilation system and a separate room. There is a cost involved and there are architectural barriers. I know some restaurants in historic districts can change anything on the inside," said Hawkins.

"It is really difficult, especially since business has already been slow this year."

— **Sonny Kim, Q -Ball co-owner**

MILITARY NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 7703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Army Reserve Pvt. Nicholas A. Schender has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. He is the son of Roy Schender of Mizzen Place, Burke. Schender is a 2009 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Army Pvt. Tyler J. Williams of Burke has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Williams is a 2005 graduate of Robinson Secondary School.

Shawn W. Wongkachonkitti graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The cadet is a student at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. He is the son of Theresa T. Flickinger of Lakepointe Drive, Burke. The cadet is a 2006 graduate of Robinson Secondary School.

Daniel K. Frederick graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. The cadet is a student at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. He is the son of Ron and Grace Frederick of Steamboat Landing Lane, Burke. The cadet is a 2006 graduate of Robinson Secondary.



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GOP Primary Candidates Face Off Dec. 1

Three hope to win the Republican nomination and replace Cuccinelli in 37th District.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Republican Party will conduct a "firehouse" primary to nominate its candidate to the 37th State Senate District Dec. 1 at Centreville High School from 6-10 p.m.

All voters wishing to participate will be asked to sign a pledge to the Republican Party, in which the voters usually have to state that they intend to support the Republican candidate in the general election, regardless of who it is.

In Virginia, voters cannot register with a specific political party so both Democrats and Republicans typically use a pledge to discourage "crossover voting," when people from one political persuasion participate in the opposite political party's nominating process.

The winner of the primary will likely face a Democrat and possibly other candidates in a special election on Jan. 12. State Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), who won a statewide election on Nov. 3, is leaving the seat for the Virginia Attorney General position.

The following is information on the three Republican's running Cuccinelli's state senate position.

Steve Hunt

Steve Hunt, a 51 year-old Fairfax Station resident, served as an at-large member of the Fairfax County School Board from 2003-07. A former Navel flight officer, Hunt now works as a senior systems analyst for SAIC corporation.

In addition to Virginia's "standards of learning," testing scores which students must reach to be considered proficient in a subject, Hunt would like to establish "standards of excellence." The standards of excellence would set higher testing goals for those schools that have an easy time reaching the "standards of learning" thresholds. Those schools whose students met the "standards of excellence" would receive some sort of honor for being among the best schools in Virginia.

Hunt would also like to see the pay of public school principals based on how well students from their particular school per-

form at the next school level. In other words, elementary school principals would be paid according to the performance of their students in middle school, he said.

When it comes to social issues like sexual orientation, abortion, sex education and gun rights, Hunt is conservative and said most of his views are the same or similar to those expressed by Cuccinelli.

"Folks who are animated and excited today about Ken would be animated and excited about my campaign," said Hunt.

Marianne Horinko

Marianne Horinko, a 48 year-old Chantilly resident, served as an acting administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency during President George W. Bush's (R) administration and now runs her own environmental consulting firm.

As a state senator, Horinko said she would fight to keep taxes low and even consider cutting some existing taxes. Specifically, she said she would like to look at eliminating the car tax, an idea that originally became popular during Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore's administration.

"I think we need to look at whether the car tax is worth the amount of infrastructure we use to implement the car tax," said Horinko.

Horinko said she is also interested in establishing a second branch of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in western Fairfax County, since the current campus has to turn away so many qualified applicants now.

"Parents are clamoring for high quality math and science education and we should deliver that to them," she said.

Horinko considers herself a social conservative. She said she is opposed to abortion in all cases and is opposed to some types of contraceptives, including the "morning after" pill.

The candidate describes herself as a defender of Second Amendment rights. If elected, she would support allowing Virginia residents with conceal carry permits for firearms into bars.

Will Nance

Will Nance, 41, lives off Popes Head Road and is the executive director of Greenspring, a retirement and assisted living community in Springfield.

Nance said he is concerned about the expansion of the "nanny state" at the state and federal government level. He is particularly concerned about some of the health care pro-

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At the Fairfax Country Club on Oct. 5, local golfers participated in a fund raiser for the Robinson Secondary School Athletic Boosters, which helps all of the athletic teams. It was the seventh annual tournament.



Above, Best in Show winners for the Robinson Rams Athletic Boosters Golf Tournament 2009 are, from left, Joel Sickler, Meredith Goff, Mary Cate Rush and Dennis Emmerius.



At left, winners of the Robinson Rams Athletic Boosters Golf Tournament 2009 are, from left, Mark Hogen, Nora Pettitt, Gail Hogen and Glenn Hogen.

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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/NOV. 26

Thanksgiving Lunch. Bring a potluck dish to share; otherwise, the cost is \$5 per person. Reservations are welcome but not required. Dress is casual. Senior Center at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. 703-359-2487.

FRIDAY/NOV. 27

Shane Hines and the Trance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

The Grandsons. Roots rock. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$16. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 28

Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit Fairfax United Methodist Church www.our-daily-bread.org.

A Chanticleer Christmas. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$24-\$48. Pre-Performance Discussion held 45 minutes prior to the performance. 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Boys Will Be Boys, I Saw A Ghost, Used Up, What A Night! and Light Up The Sky. 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E.,

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Lipizzaner Stallions 40th Anniversary Tour. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$24.50-\$32.50. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.patriotcenter.com.

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MONDAY/NOV. 30

Marie Digby and Alpha Rev. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/DEC. 1

AIDS Quilt at GMU on World AIDS Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at George Mason University, Johnson Center's Dewberry Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. More than 100 panels

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Sloan. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

West Springfield High School Tiny Tots Concert. 10 a.m. Familiar nursery and show tunes for 4-5 year olds. Some of their favorite costumed characters will be there to add to the enjoyment. Tickets available at the door. ladesio@verizon.net.

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Brooke Waggoner, Adam Levy and Amber Rubarth. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

West Springfield High School Tiny Tots Concert. 10 a.m. Familiar nursery and show tunes for 4-5 year olds. ladesio@verizon.net.

THURSDAY/DEC. 3

Luke Brindley, Peter Bradley Adams and Rosi Golan. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

FX Players Present "Lucky Stiff." Fairfax High School Theatre Department presents the musical "Lucky Stiff" 7:30 p.m., in the school auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. The cost is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. www.fxplayers.org.

FRIDAY/DEC. 4

Graham Colton. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java,

227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 advance/ \$15 day of show. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Opera Recital: "Amahl and the Night Visitors." 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Purchase tickets at tickets.com or at 888-945-2468.

Memphis 59 "Ragged But Right" CD Release. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

Fairfax County Parks and Recreation Department Trip to "Voices of Christmas," at the Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, Pa. Depart at 9 a.m., return approximately 8 p.m. \$140 per person, includes show, lunch and time for shopping. Call 703-359-2487 to reserve.

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SATURDAY/DEC. 5

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Person L, John Nolan and Brian Bonz. 9 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance/ \$12 day of show. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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Flatpicking guitarist Doc Watson with banjoist David Holt and grandson Richard Watson, performing "Hills of Home." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Traditional Appalachian roots with a variety of American musical genres including bluegrass, country, gospel and blues. Adults \$21-\$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

The Celebration Singers. 4 p.m. at Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road,

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CAPPIES

West Springfield Stages 'Lion'

BY CHRIS PAPAS
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What lies through the wardrobe? A lion, a witch, and a show, of course. West Springfield High School brought the realm of Narnia to the stage with prancing animals and evil armies in their production of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe."

The beloved story, originally written by C.S. Lewis and adapted by Joseph Robinette, tells the tale of four young orphans who find themselves magically transported to the kingdom of Narnia, a land ruled over by an evil sorceress who has wrongfully claimed the throne. Only with the help of Aslan (Austin Barbera) and his woodland friends will they be able overthrow the wicked queen and take their rightful place.

Several actors provided strong performances that stood out from the large ensemble. Doug Dunphy and Grayson Van Beuren, playing Peter and Edmund, both provided dynamic performances as characters that were forced to change by their experiences in Narnia, all while speaking in a believable British accent. Lucy (Megan Dumond) had an endearing innocence and sweetness that made her shine in the cast of often oppressed and downtrodden characters. Ruthie Rado, as the White Witch, commanded the stage with her villainous presence and sent shivers down spines with her booming voice.

Cast members had to portray a variety of creatures and rose to the challenge. Tumnus was portrayed with excellent physicality by J.D. Fortney, expressing his character's torn emotions through his fawn-like movements. John Barbato played Mr. Beaver with a human charm that belied the tail he was wearing. There were times when scenes were too chaotic or too broad in scope to be fully taken in, and some actors did have issues with fully developing their parts, but overall the cast provided convincing portrayals of their wild roles.

Technical aspects of the show were, for the most part, done effectively. Kelsey Rose composed an original score that helped guide the story along its way and built dramatic tension, adding positively to the show. The depiction of the wild animals was achieved largely through excellent costuming and make-up work that transformed humans into a plethora of species, although some critters proved more difficult to adapt than others. Sets depicted the grand setting of Narnia, fully communicating the adventurous location the orphans found themselves in. Ultimately, the crew worked together to help create a technically solid production.

In the end, West Springfield's show was an interesting display of technicality and performance that resulted in a fine play. The company put on an entertaining performance that allowed the audience to escape through the wardrobe, if only for a few hours.

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Springfield. A costumed and choreographed Christmas show. 703-451-2375 or www.springfieldvaumc.org.

Northern Virginia Chorale and Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Chorale Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. Gwyneth Walker's Rejoice!, John Rutter's Winchester Te Deum, Z. Randall Stroope's All My Heart This Night Rejoices and more, including a brass quintet, percussion and piano. Adults \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Students 12-24 \$10, under age 12 free. www.northernvirginiachorale.org or 703-239-2180.

The 20th Annual Model Train Display. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Many different gauge model trains will be running in the main building, caboose and on the grounds. Enjoy hot chocolate and a gingerbread man. \$5 adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225.

Festival of Lights and Carols. 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Old Town Hall and Kitty Pozer Garden, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax.

Lunch with Santa. Seatings 11:30 a.m.; 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m., at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$5 per child, maximum of five tickets per purchase. For ages 12 and under. Tickets available at the Parks and Recreation office,

10455 Armstrong St. and Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Lunch will be Chick-fil-A chicken nuggets, cookies and juice.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree. 5-6 p.m., at Kitty Pozer Garden, next to Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Caroling and bell ringing with the Jubil-Aires and Good News Ringers.

Opera Recital: "Amahl and the Night Visitors." 8 p.m., at the Harris Theater, George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Purchase tickets at tickets.com or at 888-945-2468.

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

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Virginia Opera presents Donizetti's romantic comedy "The Daughter of the Regiment." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$48-\$98. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Mary Fahl at 7 p.m. Todd Sheaffer and Greensky Bluegrass at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

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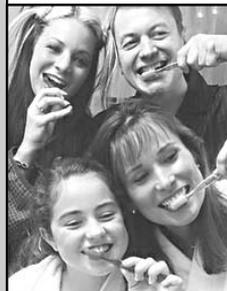
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Osman Mansaray continued his strong play of late with a 60-yard rushing performance and a 10-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.



Lake Braddock's Andrew Weidinger attempts to haul down Robinson's Jared Velasquez. The Bruins defense was able to shut down the Rams' powerful running attack for much of the game.

Bruins Topple Robinson in Semi-Finals

Gutsy play from junior quarterback helps end 11-game losing streak to Rams.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

It only took one drive on offense and defense for the Lake Braddock football team to show a rowdy crowd of Robinson fans who owned Jack Coffey Stadium on Nov. 20 at Robinson Secondary School.

On the first drive of the Northern Region AAA Semi-finals, the Bruins stonewalled the Rams on fourth and two, halting running back Connor Riley's attempt for a first down.

After Robinson's failed fourth down conversion, Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich took the field and immediately turned the Rams' turnover into a 30-yard drive, capped by a 18-yard touchdown reception by wide receiver Brandon Johnson.

"The opening drives were just great for us," Nebrich said. "We really set the tone of the game with the defensive stop and the touchdown drive."

Following the touchdown, the Bruins never looked back, thrashing the Rams 38-7 — a season high for points against the Robinson defense.

The Bruins win ends an 11-game losing streak to Robinson.

The opening drive wasn't the game's only statement-making touchdown.

With 15 seconds to play in the third quarter, Nebrich ended Robinson's comeback

hopes with a gutsy series of quarterback sneaks for a 1-yard touchdown run.

"We knew coming into this game if we got the lead, we had to close out the game," Nebrich said. "We called a simple wedge play and [the third quarter touchdown] helped seal the game for us."

Nebrich threw for 210 yards in the game, had two rushing touchdowns and one passing touchdown.

Nebrich's hard-nosed rushing touchdown proved to be the straw that broke the Rams' backs, sending the Bruins to the Northern

Region finals and the disappointed Robinson faithful to the parking lots.

The junior quarterback's series of rushes earned high praise from Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress.

"[Nebrich] was the unanimous player of the year in the Patriot District this season, and I think he just solidified himself as player of the year in the Northern Region," Poythress said. "What he's done for us is just unbelievable."

While Nebrich's play stole the show, it was the Bruins defense that held on to the sizeable lead by stymieing Robinson's highly touted rushing attack.

"Our defense came to play," Lavery said. "We had a statement to make. We had respect to earn. We lost to them but we had to come back with a big win."

Robinson was held to a season low seven points by the Bruins defense and was un-

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Chris Lavery

able to create gaps in the Lake Braddock defensive line for running backs Connor Riley and Jared Velasquez.

"It's so much stress on the defense to hold a lead," Poythress said. "We were lights-out on defense. We only gave up one play, other than that we were just lights-out."

Robinson defeated Lake Braddock during the regular season 28-21 on Oct. 2, but Nebrich said dishing out some revenge didn't cloud the Bruins' goal of advancing in the playoffs.

"We were relaxed," Nebrich said. "We came into this game wanting revenge, but we were able to stay poised and get the win."

Robinson head coach Mark Bendorf said the Bruins' motivation to avenge the regular season loss was one of the difference makers in the game.

"You have to give [Lake Braddock] credit," Bendorf said. "From a psychologi-

cal stand point, they were highly motivated after losing the first game. But we had some penalties that put us in long yardage situations that got us off schedule."

As the final moments ticked off the clock, Lake Braddock supporters serenaded their team with a "we want Woodson," chant, begging for a chance to avenge a regular season loss to the No. 1 seeded Cavaliers.

The Bruins lost to Woodson 42-43 on Sept. 11 in a dramatic game that featured a questionable missed-call during a two-point conversion.

The Bruins and Cavaliers are the 2009 co-Patriot District Champions, but there won't be any sharing of the Northern Region title when they meet on Nov. 28.

"It's an all-Patriot District final," Poythress said. "It's a pretty good year for the Patriot District, but we're motivated for Woodson. Let's just say that."



Lake Braddock receiver Brandon Johnson unsuccessfully stretches for a touchdown after catching a pass from Michael Nebrich.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

SPORTS

O'Rourke Signs with Univ. of Pittsburgh

Local gymnast and J.E.B Stuart senior Katie O'Rourke signed her National Letter of Intent to compete for the University of Pittsburgh on Nov. 12.

"At first I didn't know what to think about [Pittsburgh] because it's the 'Steel City,'" O'Rourke said. "But I really liked the campus and the coaches."

The University of Pittsburgh is a member of the Big East Conference.

Lacrosse Registration

Northern Virginia West Lacrosse (NoVa West) is currently in the process of registering for its indoor lacrosse season. The group is also accepting registrations for try-outs in its summer select teams, which include U11, U13, U15 and two levels of high school play. For more information about NoVa West Lacrosse's youth sports offerings for 2010, visit, <http://www.novawestlax.com>.

Cavaliers Roll To Region Finals

With a 28-9 victory against Patriot District rival, the W.T. Woodson varsity football team has punched its ticket to the Northern Region AAA Finals.

Running back Jonathon Stokes broke a



Katie O'Rourke and her coach Tatiana Perskaia pose for photo during O'Rourke's signing ceremony.

66-yard touchdown run in the first quarter to open up the scoring for Woodson and quarterback Connor Reilly followed Stokes' score with a 55-yard touchdown pass to Colin Dempsey. South County had trouble breaching the Cavaliers' strong defense as David Jordan scored the lone touchdown for the Stallions in the second quarter.

The Cavaliers will face off with Patriot

District foe Lake Braddock at home on Saturday, Nov. 28 at 1:30 p.m. The Northern Region Finals is a re-match of a budding Patriot District rivalry. Lake Braddock defeated Robinson 38-7 on Friday, Nov. 20 to earn its spot in the finals. During the regular season, Woodson defeated Lake Braddock 43-42 on Sept. 11.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Interact Club at West Springfield High is collecting donations for Kristi's Christmas, a local charity that helps needy children all year long. Kristi's Christmas was founded in 1987 in memory of West Springfield alumna Kristi Brown, who was killed in an automobile crash. In December, Interact Club members will be teamed up with needy elementary school children from Fairfax County. They will have breakfast with their buddies, then take a shopping trip to select basic clothing items. The children will be treated to lunch and surprises after the trip. All of donations to Kristi's Christmas are used to help needy children and funds stay in Fairfax County. Contact club sponsor Barbara May at 703-913-3800 or bamay@fcp.edu.

Virginia Tech's college of liberal arts and human sciences faculty and student recognition reception and program recently took place in Owens Banquet Hall. After a welcome and introduction from Sue Ott Rowlands, dean of the college, 64 students were presented with 18 different scholarships. During the ceremony, **Emily Barry** of Burke, a junior majoring in Spanish, was presented the Hulick Endowed Scholarship for Leadership, Friendship and Service.

Sean McCarthy of Burke, a senior majoring in political science, history in the college of liberal arts and human sciences, was chosen to be a resident advisor for the corps of cadets at Virginia Tech for the 2009-10 academic year. In order to be chosen as a resident advisor for the corps of cadets, students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, complete at least 30 credit hours, take a training course, and go through an extensive interview process.

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'The Worst Is Over'

GMU economist claims worst has passed.

BY JEFFREY AARON
THE CONNECTION

Lorenzo Abella had a plan last week when he walked into a summit at Best Western designed to help small business survive and thrive.

He was going to stay for one of the scheduled three hours. If he didn't learn anything, "I would politely leave," said the part-owner of Pane e Vino Ristorante in Lorton.

Abella stayed for three hours and then some at the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's first economic summit appropriately called "Surviving and Thriving in Today's Economy."

Five representatives from local, state, and federal agencies ranging from the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce to the Small Business Administration told 115 business owners how they can help their small business and noted economist Dr. Stephen Fuller told them what to expect economically now and in the future.

"The worst is over," Fuller said.

"2010 will be better than 2009 and 2011 will be better than 2010."

— Dr. Stephen Fuller, economist

"2009 was the worst year of this current business cycle. The economic environment is improving, but it will be a long haul before we feel good," he said.

Fuller likened 2009 as one of the worst economic years since the Great Depression. Retail businesses will feel a recovering a little more slowly because they're more impacted by unemployment, he said. They have to wait until growth occurs and more disposable income is generated.

The 69-year-old economist predicted that "2010 will be better than 2009 and 2011 will be better than 2010. Early 2011 we will have replaced everything we lost and 2011-12 will look like a normal year."

Among other illustrations, Fuller credits Enron, Madoff, and greed as the culprits in the downfall in the economy. "Greed took over and people took more and more risk. People threw wisdom out the door." But now "consumers are discovering maybe they don't need four flat screens TVs, maybe not even one," he said.

THE SFDC'S GOAL for this first-ever summit was to make small business owners aware of the services agencies

provide and put a face with a name, according to Loretta Mayfield, SFDC's marketing manager.

Howard Newman was one of those Richmond Highway business owners who met with Dave Fuller, the Business Services manager with the Virginia Department of Business Assistance.

Newman, who has owned Fast Signs of Alexandria, learned how he could make his company more attractive to the state almost overnight by making changes in how he markets his products to government.

"We expanded the range of our products by being more comprehensive," he said.

In short, Fast Signs has the capability of producing say widget AA1 but governments need widget AA2. Newman has always had the capacity for producing AA2 but didn't market his firm for the capability. Now that he has expanded his product line, he has made his business more appealing to government contractors.

"It was very instructive. I didn't expect that to happen," said the owner of the 18-year-old business.

The state's representative gave Newman "great ideas to work for VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation). People were anxious to help small businesses become as viable as possible."

Newman has owned the business since 1999. This past year he has had to layoff one employee of five and reduced the number of hours the four remaining employees work.

Newman admits that marketing and advertising budgets are the first to go in any business that is suffering financially. "People aren't able to buy. If they don't advertise, we don't produce. Small businesses are hanging on by the skin of their teeth, but if you give up, you're toast," he said.

Abella is responsible for the financial-end of his three-year-old family-owned restaurant in Lorton.

The summit was "timely because I'm trying to refinance some of our debt to move ahead and make it through these times," he said.

And he appears to be moving in the right direction. A bank representative was present at the summit and Abella met with him days afterward.

"That's the kind of quick response needed," he said. But in order to qualify for loans guaranteed by the SBA, Abella is going to have to hurry in order to meet the agency's Dec. 31 deadline. "I'm racing against the clock," he said, but confident he can provide his business plan and other paperwork on time.

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posals that have been floated, which he said would interfere with end of life care.

"I am interested in protecting seniors at the end of their life. I want to see them getting the top quality care that they deserve until their natural death," said Nance.

Nance would also be interested in working on legislation to clamp down on scams and criminal enterprises that target the elderly.

"Every day, I see seniors targeted at Greenspring. You wouldn't believe the

phone scams and the mail scams that go on," said Nance.

NANCE ALSO considers himself anti-abortion, making an exception for cases when the mother's life is at risk. He said he would also be willing to sign a pledge not to raise taxes.

Nance would fight hard for a Virginia constitutional amendment that would protect citizens' right to property.

"I just feel it is one of the most American of all the rights that we have, the right to our personal property," said Nance.

EXCEL Award for Michell

Pamela L. Michell, executive director of New Hope Housing, was named the recipient of The Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman 2009 EXCEL Award. The EXCEL Award is given through a competitive process by the Center for Nonprofit Advancement. It recognizes outstanding leadership achievement in innovation, motivation, community building, ethical integrity and strategic leadership. The



Pamela L. Michell

award was presented at the Center for Nonprofit Advancement's annual meeting Oct. 28. New Hope Housing serves homeless men, women and children through innovative shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing programs in Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church and Arlington County. Last year New Hope Housing helped more than 820 individuals, including 130 children.

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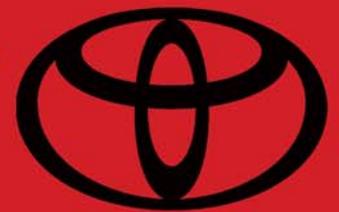
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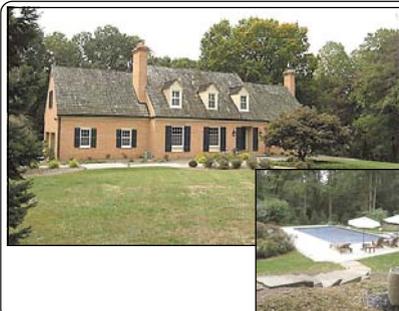


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