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Sophomore Katie Jones prepares for the Jan. 13 'Game Time is Anytime' Fashion Show, hosted by the Robinson Secondary DECA.

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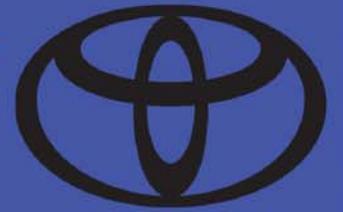
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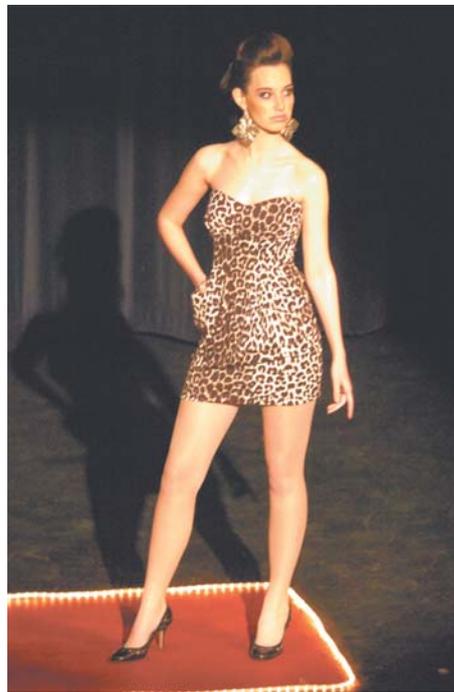
Fashion for a Cause

Robinson DECA hosts fashion show in support of victims of domestic violence.

To spread awareness of the victims of domestic violence, the Robinson Secondary School DECA chapter put on its annual fashion show on Wednesday, Jan. 13. With the theme "Game Time is Anytime," the show included students modeling clothes showcasing eight scenes based on children's board games. DECA members picked Amelia Kakar's, one of Advanced Fashion Marketing students, concept as the theme for the Jan. 13 show.

Working with the Richmond-based charity Stuffed with Love, DECA members also collected toys to be donated to children in domestic abuse shelters in Northern Virginia.

The following businesses provided support and products for the show: Paul Mitchell School, DELiA*s, and Jessica McClintock in Tyson's Corner; Banana Republic in Potomac Mills; Papaya and Lord and Taylor in Fair Oaks Mall, The Men's Warehouse in Springfield, Clifton Saddlery, Fairfax Hudson Trail Outfitters, LAX World, Burke Sporting Goods and Alpha Industries Distribution Company.



Sophomore Katie Jones strikes a pose in a leopard print.



Robinson students model a variety of fashion styles.

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From left, Kaylan Cetestin, senior, and juniors Taryn Hayes and Valerie Agyeman were among the models in Jan. 13's DECA fashion show.

Fire Chief To Step Down

City of Fairfax Fire Chief Tom Owens retiring.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

City of Fairfax Fire Chief Thomas Owens spent the last 12 years of his life dedicating his time, energy and passion to making the city's fire and rescue department more efficient and effective. His endeavor proved successful, and as a result, the city finds itself in need of a new leader.

Owens announced his retirement from the City of Fairfax Fire Department Tuesday, Jan. 12 after six years as the department's fire chief. His retirement, effective Feb. 1, ends an illustrious chapter in the city's history that saw many positive changes to one of the most important components of its infrastructure.

"Chief Owens has provided high-caliber leadership to the City of Fairfax Fire Department since he came to the city in 1998," said City Manager Robert Sisson. "He has strengthened the working relationship between the city's career and volunteer fire



Fire Chief Tom Owens

personnel and fostered an excellent, unique relationship to offer second-to-none service to the residents of the City of Fairfax and the region."

Owens, a graduate of Broad Run High School in Ashburn, initially entered fire ser-

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Secret of His Success

Cameron Johnson shares business secrets with Fairfax Academy students.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

At just 25, Cameron Johnson is an author, businessman and millionaire. On Jan. 8, he came to the Fairfax Academy to share some of the secrets of his success.

"I started my business because it was fun, not because of the money," he said to the students. "I made my first million before I graduated high school. So, I encourage you to do whatever you're passionate about, and you're already doing that by being in this fantastic program."

Johnson gave the keynote speech during the academy's daylong, Creative

Leaders Conference. The event was part of a three-year project in partnership with the Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation to prepare students to meet the challenges of the 21st century work environment.

The day's theme was "Creativity, Entrepreneurship and Innovation." More than 40 alumni and professionals from the fields of digital media, fashion design, graphic design, performing arts, photojournalism and global languages participated.

TV production, graphic design and animation students took part in creative activities modeled after professional film festival and design competitions.

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"I was a ninth-grader and was getting checks for \$100,000 a week."

— Cameron Johnson, entrepreneur, businessman



Sandwich Makers

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) joined Gov.-elect Bob McDonnell (R)

in the kitchen of the Carpenter's Shelter in Alexandria during McDonnell's pre-inaugural tour of community services facilities across Virginia. Following meetings with shelter staff and clients, Connolly congratulated McDonnell, wished him luck as governor, and noted that 'Bob McDonnell makes a heck of a grilled cheese sandwich.'

Filler-Corn Enters 41st Race

Springfield resident Eileen Filler-Corn announced that she would file the required paperwork to be a candidate for the Virginia House of Delegates in the 41st District. Filler-Corn is seeking to be the Democratic nominee for the special election on March 2 to fill the seat left vacant by Sen. David Marsden (D-37), who was elected to the Virginia State Senate last week.

Filler-Corn served as senior advisor to the governor for state and federal relations under former Gov. Tim Kaine (D). Prior to that, she was the deputy director for the Virginia Liaison Office for former Gov. Mark Warner (D) for his entire term.

Filler-Corn has resided in the 41st District for 15 years and lives with her husband Bob and their children Jeremy and Alana.

Republican Kerry Bolognese announced his candidacy for the vacant 41st District Seat last week.

March for Life Jan. 21

Bishop Paul S. Loverde and representatives from local churches Church of the Nativity, Saint Leo the Great and Saint Mary of Sorrows will join thousands of other participants from across the nation to march in peaceful protest against the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision at 37th annual March for Life.

The 37th annual March for Life has a "Stand Up Now! Unite for the Life Principles — No Exception! No Compromise!" theme. A vigil mass will be offered Thursday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and an additional Mass on Jan. 22, at 10 a.m., at the Verizon Center.

'Electric Sundays' Kicks Off

The 2010 Electric Sunday recycling schedule will kickoff Sunday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Interstate 66 Transfer Station located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Residents will be able to recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices, including keyboards, speakers, printers,

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From left, rescue squad officer Rodney Vaughan and hazmat specialist Mark Menton, who works the Alexandria-Lorton corridor, confer about the deployment.

Helping in a Time of Need

Fairfax County Search and Rescue Teams are in Haiti.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Following the 7.0 earthquake in Haiti, Fairfax County's Urban Search and Rescue Team (Virginia Task Force 1) was sent last week to look for and rescue victims.

Under the auspices of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), a 72-member team left Tuesday night, Jan. 12, arriving the next day and it quickly achieved success.

"We had a save Thursday morning [Jan. 14]," said county Fire and Rescue Department spokesman Dan Schmidt. "A U.N. security officer of Estonian descent was detected in a rubble pile and extricated in good condition by members of Virginia Task Force 1. And that's the essence of why firefighters do what they do — they want to save lives. So when they did, it was an incredible, adrenaline-booster for them."

But with the situation there still so dire, said Schmidt, "The USAID asked us to send a second team, and County Executive Anthony Griffin and Fire Chief Ron Mastin approved the request." So a 42-person contingent left Thursday, Jan. 14, arriving early Friday morning.

The team comprises two doctors, structural engineers, paramedics, specialists in search-and-rescue and hazardous materials, plus a search canine and handler. The structural engineers include rigging specialists who help shore up unsafe areas using block and tackle, plus other methods, so firefighters can continue to extricate people.

"The federal government funds all costs associated with training and deployment," said Schmidt. The team will be in Haiti, 10-14 days, while other firefighters fill in for them here. They flew on a chartered aircraft, with their bags of personal items, while a second plane carried their equipment, such as jackhammers, cameras, listening devices, concrete-cutting saws and medical supplies. Water and military MREs (meals, ready-to-eat) also went along.

"This team deployed to Haiti in November 2008 for a school collapse, and many of those same members are returning," said Schmidt. The team's first mission was in December 1988, when it responded to an Armenian earthquake with a small, technical-rescue team. Since then, the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team has been deployed all over the world, including to Kenya, Iran, Taiwan, Turkey, Oklahoma City and the Pentagon after 9/11. It also responded after Hurricanes Katrina and Isabel.

"I'm proud of the team. Everybody works together, and we all want to save some lives."

— Lt. Wes Rogers of Oak Hill

LAST THURSDAY, team members reported to the county's Fire and Rescue Academy throughout the day. Some were accompanied by family members; each brought one red and one yellow bag. Lt. Diron Powell, who works at the Franconia, Kingstowne, Springfield and West Springfield stations, helped them check in.

Each person's bags had to be less than 90 pounds total for the two, and Powell made sure they contained all the necessary gear. Filling the red bags were uniforms, toiletries and personal items. The yellow bags were stuffed with operating gear such as flashlights, batteries, gloves, safety glasses, hearing protectors, rain gear, insect repellent and hand cleaner.

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Fire Chief Tom Owens Retiring

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vices because of what he called “a lifelong calling.” In 1969, at age 16, Owens began his career at the Sterling Volunteer Fire Department as an intern. After receiving his associate’s degree in fire service administration from Northern Virginia Community College, he moved to Prince William County for a job with its fire department. Ultimately, Owens returned to the Sterling Fire Department, and soon thereafter rose to the rank of fire chief. His final job before coming to Fairfax County was serving as the first director of the then newly formed Frederick County Fire and Rescue Department in Winchester for eight years.

“I come from a fire services family,” Owens said. “My father is a retired fire chief and I have other relatives who have served and as a child, I became attracted to the business. I couldn’t see myself doing anything else.”

In 1998, Owens made his way to Fairfax, accepting the position of assistant fire chief of operations, where he served until his promotion to the city’s fire chief in 2003. During his six-plus years as chief, Owens made public education, preparedness and action top priorities. His most well known contribution was the establishment of the Office of Emergency Management within the fire department, which works to prepare and protect city residents from the effects of natural and technological disasters.

Owens also created a life safety education program, which emphasized increased fire safety education for children and seniors in the city and created the citizen-based Community Emergency Response Team. In addition, Owens led the expansion of the city’s public safety training center with the construction of a dedicated classroom facility and indoor training facility for city fire personnel. The accomplishment that he is most proud of, however, is the increase in staffing levels for each station’s fire suppression units that he fought for and won.

“I’d say my biggest accomplishment was to elevate the staffing levels on our suppression units from three to four,” Owens said. “It gave us the greatest effectiveness in providing fire services and providing the greatest measure of safety for our residents.”

Owens said that he is stepping down from the post solely because of what he referred to as “the business aspect” of the job. Owens said that certain provisions within the city’s retirement system make it so that the longer he defers his retirement, the less money he would be paid when he actually does retire. So, in order to preserve his pension, he stepped down.

“This is the best place I’ve ever worked,” Owens said. “The city is just an amazing employer. We have a mayor and City Council members that are very serious about ensuring that this community has the best EMT and fire services in place and they stand behind those works with policy action. It’s very bittersweet to leave.”



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Many Numbers Point to Needs

Challenging times as we mark Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision, inaugurate new governor.

Unemployed, uninsured, homeless, hungry. While on a percentage basis, Northern Virginia is better off than most of the rest of Virginia, in raw numbers, we have more people here who are unemployed, more people here who lack health insurance, more people who spend parts of most months without enough food on the table, more people who are homeless.

Some sobering numbers as we celebrate the day of hope and aspiration that is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Sobering statistics as we inaugurate a new governor who has many good ideas, but no plans for new revenue. Cuts in the state budget will affect everyone in Virginia, even those who are not needy.

In November, more than 68,000 unemployed people were looking for full time work here in Northern Virginia, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from just under 50,000 in November, 2008.

Later this month, officials and advocates will conduct the annual "point in time" census of homeless. Last January, there were 1,730 homeless people in Fairfax County at the "point in time" count, more than 1,000 of those are

members of families, most of the adults with jobs. In the City of Alexandria, there were 360 homeless people. In Arlington, 527 homeless, about 200 of those were people in families.

According to the latest U.S. Census numbers, from 2008, there were about 200,000 people (under 65) in Northern Virginia without health insurance. These are people who can't get preventative care, can't get routine care for minor illnesses.

In Arlington County 38,018 or 21.1 percent of the population lacked health insurance.

That number jumped to 62 percent of those living below 200 percent of poverty line.

In Fairfax County, 149,642 people or more than 16 percent of the population lacked health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, 22,399 people lack health insurance, or 18.2 percent of the population. In the City of Fairfax, 3,685 people lack health insurance, or 18.8 of the population.

Another measure of need, and a way of identifying concentrations of poverty, is to look at students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals in public schools.

In Alexandria more than 50 percent of stu-

dents are eligible for free or reduced meals.

In Arlington, more than one-third of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

More than 37,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are eligible for free and reduced meals, that's 22 percent of the student body. And the needy students also tend to be concentrated in particular schools. For example, some schools, like Wolf Trap Elementary, had no students qualifying for free or reduced meals. Then consider Graham Road Elementary, with more than 78 percent of its students qualifying for free and reduced meals, Lynbrook Elementary with more than 76 percent of its students qualifying; Mount Vernon Woods, more than 75 percent; Mount Eagle more than 74 percent. The uneven distribution showed dozens of schools with very high rates of poor students lumped together; dozens with poverty rates in the single digits.

Food for thought. These numbers don't indicate a tiny population of needy people, they indicate a region with ongoing problems of "haves" and "have-nots." Those 15-30 percent of our populations in local jurisdictions who "have not" are about to have quite a bit less as the state and local budget processes move forward.

— MARY KIMM

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McDonnell Sworn In, Assembly Meets

State senator files 22 bills as 2010 session starts.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN
D-34

We have a new governor in Richmond as of Saturday, Jan. 16. Congratulations and good luck to Gov. McDonnell (R) and his team.

For those of us in the State Senate, the session began last week. Once we launched, my first act was to file my legislative package that consists of 22 bills listed on the state legislative Web site [leg1.state.va.us].

My first set of bills encourages energy efficiency in state government and private business. These bills also promote clean energy projects to bring jobs and research dollars to Virginia.

❖ **SB 109** ("Green Public Buildings Act") requires all state buildings to be built according to LEED Silver or other approved efficiency standards. My goal is to cut down on utility usage, preserve the environment and save taxpayer money.

❖ **SB 110** (clean energy financing) permits localities to loan money for clean energy projects such as solar or geothermal and then place a lien against the property benefited. This bill will create jobs in one of the fastest-growing industries in the U.S. today.

❖ **SB 111** (electric rate structures) allows the State Corporation Commission to modify electric rate structures used by private utili-

ties, e.g. by requiring "dynamic rates" or "inclining block rates," for the purpose of conserving energy.

My next set of bills is specifically targeted at the transportation issue in Northern Virginia. In the absence of a statewide transportation plan, these bills attempt to hold constant our funding for road maintenance and local projects.

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❖ **SB 114** (Fuel Efficiency Index) adjusts the state gas tax rate every year based upon certain vehicle travel statistics. Essentially, it "indexes" the tax so that it matches up with the actual usage of our roadways.

❖ **SB 115** (Local option) allows counties to add a 1 cent local gas tax to pay for secondary road funding or other specified projects. This option would give localities a reserve fund for transportation when state funding collapses.

❖ **SB 401** (sales tax retention) permits Fairfax County to retain the sales tax it remits to the Commonwealth for transportation and use it for funding its own road network.

My third set of bills protects churches that are reaching out to the homeless and the helpless in our community during this economic downturn:

❖ **SB 116** (fraud protection) gives churches standing to sue for fraud under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act. I filed it in reaction to the widespread fraud cases involving Afri-

can-American churches in the D.C. area. This bill gives our attorney general the power to fight these dishonest practices.

❖ **SB 117** (helping the homeless) exempts churches from rigorous restaurant standards for purposes of serving on-site meals to members or invited guests. This legislation protects churches that serve the homeless as part of their religious mission.

My final set of featured bills involves our system of elections of Virginia. It's a great system. It can also be better by increasing the public's awareness of legislator interests while limiting the impact of "super-size" donors on local and statewide races.

❖ **SB 118** (conflict of interest disclosure) requires that conflict of interest forms filed by General Assembly members shall be posted online. That way every voter knows who employs their lawmaker and what gifts he or she receives. This should be public information.

❖ **SB 119** (contribution limits) forbids "super-size" contributions by limiting individual donations per candidate to \$20,000 per campaign. This limits the influence of one donor over a candidate. It also protects donors by allowing them to "max out" their contributions and not be subject to continuous phone calls from cash-hungry candidates.

We have scheduled a town hall for Saturday, Jan. 23, at 10 a.m. at Legion Post 180 in Vienna with Del. Mark Keam (D-35). This is open to everyone. You can reach us in Richmond by phone at 804-698-7534 or by e-mail at kathy@fairfaxsenator.com.

Indoor Farmers Market Opens

An indoor farmers market opened this week in a storefront within the Fairfax Corner shopping center, off Monument Drive in Fairfax. The address is 11895 Grand Commons Ave., between the Lucy and Il Vino stores, and the market will be open every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

A wide selection of products will be offered, including winter fruits and vegetables, meats, dairy products, baked goods, gluten-free products and a large variety of prepared foods. It will be run by Smart Markets that operated last summer's farmers market in both Centreville and Fairfax Corner. The market will be there through April, when it will return to its site in the shopping center's parking lot.

Suspended Sentence and Restitution

In October 2009, City of Fairfax Police charged a 45-year-old Fairfax man with felony embezzlement, but he was later convicted of a lesser offense. He is William John Naldreff Jr., 45, of the 5400 block of Jennifer Drive.

According to police, on Oct. 27, at 3:41 p.m., a security officer at the K-Mart at 4809 Jermantown Road in Fairfax reported that Naldreff, an employee there, had been forg-

ing receipts and taking money from customer returns since at least October 1.

Naldreff appeared Dec. 22 in Fairfax County General District Court and, at that time, his embezzlement charge was reduced to petit larceny, a misdemeanor. Judge Penny Azcarate then found him guilty and sentenced him to 90 days in jail, suspending all that time. She also ordered him to pay \$709.45 restitution to K-Mart.

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The Fairfax County Park Authority is looking for candidates to work part-time as camp leaders and site directors. Open hires take place March 5, May 7 and May 21, from 12-5 p.m. on at the first floor office of the Park Authority in the Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax. Open hires will also take place on March 12 at Hutchison Elementary School and on April 22 at Fort Hunt Elementary School, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. on both days. The Park Authority will also be hiring staff for summer camps at several other locations. Applicants must bring their original Social Security card and employee eligibility verification, such as a driver's license, passport or school photo ID. Additionally, applicants should bring a voided check to assist in setting up direct deposit. For more, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or e-mail RecPAC@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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— Charles Mann, Inova Health System Board Member



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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/JAN. 21

Windy Weather Story Time. 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Story time about winter weather. Ages 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Genealogy Databases. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Search the library's genealogy databases and other free Internet databases. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Evening Book Discussion. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "The Devil in the White City" by Erik Larsen. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Bundle Up. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "March" by Geraldine Brooks. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Peter Mulvey and Jeffrey Foucault. 7:30 p.m. Jammmin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. www.jammminjava.com.

Age 50 or Better Lunch N' Life. 12-2 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. Phyllis Verhalen performs as Abigail Adams in period costume. \$8. www.fairfax-burkesc.org.

Sully Historic Site historian Tammy Loxton. 10:15 a.m. Fairfax Antique Arts Association, Green Acres Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. "From the Past to the Future ... and Back Again." Learn how Richard Bland Lee's family and others changed the house to suit their needs and adjusted to having an army camp on their front lawn. 703-359-2487.

"Guys and Dolls." 7:30 p.m. at Lake Braddock Secondary School, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Tickets are \$12. ppir930702@aol.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 22

Enter the Haggis and Adam Ezra Group. 8 p.m. Jammmin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. www.jammminjava.com.

Springfield Community Theatre presents 'Heros.' 8 p.m. at The John Swayze Theatre at the New School, 9431 Silver King Court, Fairfax. \$18 general admission, \$15 seniors and students. 703-866-6238 or www.sctonline.org.

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Neil Foley and Jeff Walthall. 7-9:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." 7 p.m., at Robinson Secondary School. Information and tickets are available online at www.RobinsonDrama.org. Tickets are \$7 online or at the door, or \$5 in advance by mail. Robinson Secondary School is located at 5035 Sideburn Road in Fairfax.

SATURDAY/JAN. 23

Violinist Augustin Hadelich and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons. Tickets \$25-\$55, available at 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

Microsoft PowerPoint. 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Learn to

put together a Powerpoint presentation. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Chip Bok, Children's Illustrator and Political Cartoonist. 10:30 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Chip Bok will demonstrate his artwork and discuss his new children's book, "The Great White House Breakout," co-authored with Helen Thomas. 703-978-5600.

So You Think You Can Dance Fairfax County Final Competition. 4-7 p.m. at the Annandale High School in the Gymnasium, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. \$3 per person. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services' Teen Services Division. 703-324-TEEN (8336), TTY 711.

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Center's Grand Tier. \$24-\$48. Youth through grade 12 half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Mid-Atlantic Song Contest Awards Gala. 5 p.m. Jammmin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door. www.jammminjava.com.

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Organ Recital. 7 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Jane Moore Kaye will perform works by Buxtehude, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Franck and Alain. \$20 in advance, \$25 at door; seniors and students \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door.



'Tattoos of Ships'

George Mason University's School of Art brings Maggie Michael's exhibition, 'Tattoos of Ships,' to the Fine Art

Gallery in the Art and Design Building on Mason's Fairfax campus through Feb. 13. The gallery is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., unless otherwise noted, and by appointment.

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SUNDAY/JAN 24

The Band of the Irish Guards and the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The U. S. debut of the Band of the Irish Guards, with marches, sailor ballads and Celtic folk songs. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the

Tickets at www.providencechurch.org/music arts or 703-978-3934.

National Christian Choir Concert at Jubilee Christian Center. 6 p.m. at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 25

Game Night. 6 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Have fun on the Nintendo Wii, or get together with friends for a board game. Ages 12-18. 703-249-1520.

Matt Hires, Jason Castro and Caitlin Crosby. 7:30 p.m. Jammmin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. www.jammminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 26

Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call for title. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Teen Book Group. 6 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. What's hot and what's not. Age 12-16. 703-644-7333.

Karaoke Night. DJ Johnny Reb. Doors to the Cellar opens at 9:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax.

COMMUNITY

An Officer and His Dog

Police officer, K-9 partner join force.

Police Officer First Class Robert Mignon and his K-9 partner Loki recently joined the City of Fairfax Police Department. They graduated this month from a four-month K-9 training program that qualified Loki in criminal apprehension, narcotic detection and tracking. Loki is a 15-month-old black Belgian Malinois and lives with his partner and family. Mignon and Loki will take part in additional training every two weeks to maintain Loki's specialized skills. They work during the midnight shift and may not always be visible to the public.

Beginning in 1996, the City of Fairfax Police K-9 program has two officers with K-9 partners, the other being Police Officer First Class Vann Sayasithsena and his partner Niko. Officers and their partners are available for organized public demonstrations.



Police Officer First Class Robert Mignon and his K-9 partner Loki

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Cuts Threaten Some High School Sports

Proposal slashes freshman sports, indoor track, winter cheerleading.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

At a freshman basketball game between South County and Lake Braddock on Jan. 14, South County parent John Butler watched as his son Jacob took the court with the Stallions.

For Jacob the transition from club-level basketball to high school has been eased through a year of play on the freshman squad.

“There weren’t really any other options.”

— Bill Curran

“You can’t just jump into varsity sports,” Butler said. “You have to prepare for it. That’s what makes freshman basketball good for younger kids. It helps them prepare.”

Butler said Jacob is considering playing in college, but for now his son will work his way up the South County basketball hierarchy.

In 2011, however, incoming freshmen may not get the same chance.

On Jan. 7, Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) Superintendent Jack Dale proposed \$104.8 million in program cuts for Fairfax County schools.

On the chopping block are all freshman sports, winter cheerleading and indoor track.

Under the proposal, swim and dive teams also would have their practice time cut in half and all athletes would pay a \$100 per

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Members of the Lake Braddock, South County and West Springfield indoor track teams participate in a relay. For the second year in a row, indoor track is on the county’s planned budget cuts.

FILE PHOTO

Rams’ Swim and Dive Making Waves

Historically strong swim team continues its domination.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

At the start of every season, the Robinson swim and dive team hears the same old predictions.

Rival teams assume graduation has depleted the Rams’ talent and the swimmers simply won’t be as dominant this year. Senior Cody Cardenas said he and his teammates don’t believe those claims for a second.

“At Robinson, we don’t settle with losing,” Cardenas said.

Other Rams listen in on Cardenas comments before junior Ricky Munch jumps in with his own take on the team’s determination.

“We’ve always had the mentality that we’re going to do well,” Munch said. “We don’t think about having down years.”

In fact, everything’s moving along rather swimmingly for the Rams.

After winning the 2009 VHSL state championship, the Rams boys are 5-1 while the



First-year head coach Clayton Joyner discusses tactics with his swimmers before beginning a rigorous practice.

PHOTO BY REED S. ALBERS/THE CONNECTION

girls are a perfect 6-0.

At practice on Jan. 14 at South Run Recreation Center in Burke, first-year head coach Clayton Joyner spoke about his team’s dominating season.

“We don’t have as many big guns as we did in the past, some might even say it’s a

down year,” Joyner said. “But I don’t think that at all. I have faith in my teams. We’re a very strong group of swimmers.”

He has high hopes for the girls’ team, a group that’s been dubbed the “Dream Team.”

“Last year, we had a bunch of new kids

“At Robinson, we don’t settle with losing.”

— Cody Cardenas

come up from the middle school ranks and we won the state title,” senior Elizabeth Lewan said. “We’ve got a solid team this year, and hopefully we can do it again.”

Inheriting a team after a state title victory would seem to add an extra layer of stress, but Joyner said he isn’t fazed by the team’s past success.

“I don’t really think about [the past],” he said. “I’m just focused on the kids in the water now.”

While speed, strength and teamwork might be the cogs that turn Robinson’s winning machine, camaraderie and friendship are as important.

“We’re not a team, we’re a family,” Joyner said. “With a family bond, we’re fortunate to believe in every swimmer we have.”

For many of the swimmers, friendship, not just winning, is a key benefit.

“[I like] the brotherhood [the team has],” Cardenas said. “We all train. We don’t fight. We go as hard as we can. It’s the biggest reason we’re successful.”

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Freshman Sports, Indoor Track At Risk

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sport fee to participate in a Virginia High School League sport. The money would go to the county's general fund.

Bill Curran, FCPS director of student activities, said the drastic cuts represent how the lagging economy has forced the county to scale back its spending in 2011.

"The cuts are more for preserving what we can for the students," Curran said. "Not what we could take away."

Curran said the proposed athletic budget cuts would save the county \$1.8 million, but would also displace 2,200 freshmen athletes and 300 coaches, roughly 12 coaches per school.

"There weren't really any other options," Curran said of cutting the freshman programs.

The \$100 athletic fee is estimated to bring in \$900,000, half of what is being cut from the activities' budget.

Students who cannot afford the \$100 VHSL fee would be covered similar to those who receive free and reduced lunches, Curran said.

THE PROPOSED cuts also affect sophomore and junior athletes who would have to compete with incoming freshmen for limited spots on junior varsity teams.

"Coaches are going to have to make player evaluations," Curran said. "They'll have to make cuts at the junior varsity level."

Not surprisingly, the budget cuts aren't that popular with local parents.

"It's placing kids in a bad situation because you're taking opportunity away from them," Butler said. "[Freshman] sports help



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The South County freshmen basketball team huddles up before their game against Lake Braddock. In 2011, freshman sports such as basketball may cease to exist due to proposed budget cuts.

students transition from middle school to high school. It's not just about sports."

On the opposite side of the court during the recent South County-Lake Braddock freshman basketball game, Lake Braddock parent Tonna Roberts also expressed displeasure with the proposed cuts.

"It doesn't surprise me because the county has thrown us out before," she said. "I don't think they think freshman sports are important."

Like Butler, Rogers' also focused on how

future students would deal with the leap from middle school to high school.

"It's hurting the opportunity to get fully acclimated with the school," she said. "It's huge to become part of the school. To not allow [freshmen] to have activity with each other in the school is criminal."

For the second straight year, indoor track is also at risk, a move that Lake Braddock indoor track coach Mike Mangan said could displace as many as 2,700 athletes.

"It's amazing that we're re-fighting the

same battle we did last year," he said. "But as a group, we're ready to show that we provide a lot of opportunity for the kids."

He pointed out that indoor track serves a diverse group of students who benefit from the sport's existence.

"We're the largest female sport, we're one of the largest minority and low-income sports, and there's virtually no money barrier to enter our sport," he said. "You just have to have a pair of shoes. You don't have to have prior training and there's no cuts."

The sport also has launched some of the area's top athletes, including nationally ranked runner Liana Epstein of Lake Braddock.

"If there isn't indoor track, [Epstein] never runs," he said. "She started out with indoor track and moved to cross-country from there."

Mangan also questioned if the county really had explored alternatives to removing freshman sports, winter cheer and indoor track.

"It's hard for me to believe that we can't find a way to take care of these kids," he said. "Instead of having one group taking a hit for everyone, we should look at other ways to [save sports] by cutting our costs."

Community members will have a chance to speak on the proposed budget cuts at public hearings taking place Monday, Jan. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m., at Luther Jackson Middle School in Falls Church.

An online petition opposing the cuts was started on Jan. 11 with a goal of gaining 1,000 signatures. It is available at www.thepetitionsite.com. As of Tuesday night, Jan. 20, the petition had 758 virtual signatures.

Swimming

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The boys and girls teams even enjoy displaying their love of swimming to the entire student body with wacky theme dress-up days.

"[Last Friday] it was animal print for the girls and pretty in pink for the boys," Lewan said. "It's fun to dress up as a team and sing songs on the bus to meets. It's our tradition."

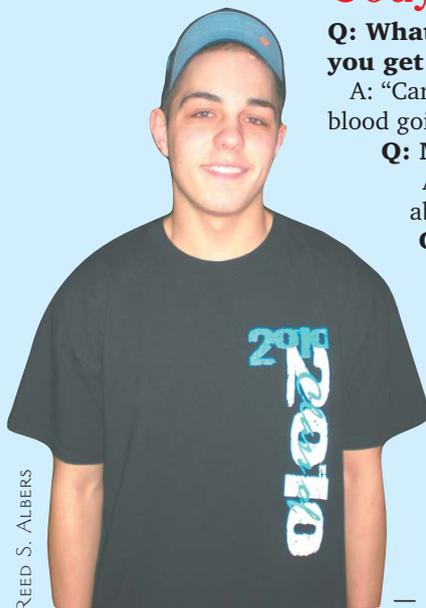
Crazy clothing might help the team's morale, but at the end of the day, the Robinson tradition of winning also drives the team.

"We have a rich history of being [a good team]," Munch said. "It's nice to swim in that atmosphere."

The winning drive also is one of the reasons the seniors take pride in passing on their traditions to the next generation.

"I just want to see the team keep winning when I'm gone," Cardenas said. "Every year, we come out to be the No. 1 team in the area. I don't want that to stop."

5Qs: 5 Qs with Robinson swimmer Cody Cardenas



REED S. ALBERS

Senior swimmer Cody Cardenas is looking to help Robinson repeat as swimming state champions this season.

Q: What's your favorite song to listen to before you get in the pool?

A: "Carrion" by Parkway Drive. It's scream-o and it gets my blood going before meets.

Q: Most you've ever spent on a pair of goggles.

A: The goggles weren't that expensive. They were about \$50.

Q: Do you have any sporting goals?

A: I'd like to swim in college, maybe at West Virginia University.

Q: If you could play or train with one athlete, who would it be?

A: Derek Jeter of the New York Yankees. I'm a really big Yankees fan.

Q: So who's going to win the Super Bowl this season?

A: I'd put my money on the Minnesota Vikings. It's all about Brett Favre this year.

— REED S. ALBERS

WEEK IN SPORTS

Umpires Needed

Northern Virginia Baseball Umpires Association (NVBUA) is in need of officials for baseball and volleyball. Umpires are needed for colleges, men's leagues, high schools and youth recreational leagues. Experience is helpful but not required. Formal classroom and on-the-job training will be provided. Classes will begin in mid-February. Umpires are needed for all communities in the greater Washington D.C. Metro area. Support your local community's sports leagues by signing up. Call Ken Williams at 703-400-3232 for more information or go to umpires.org to fill out a "New Ump" form.

Businessman Shares Story of His Success

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Successful fashion designers gave advice on turning designs into something profitable. Theater professionals, composers and dancers discussed how to carve out a career the performing arts.

U.S. State Department personnel visited Chinese and Korean language classes, and the official photographer of the U.S. House of Representatives spoke to the photography class about photojournalism. In addition, academy alumni returned to update students on their own careers and give them tips for success in college and the workplace.

Johnson, though, was definitely one of the day's highlights. A Roanoke native, he never let his young age stop him. He loved the movie, "Home Alone II" so, at 8, when he and his family planned to visit New York, he first wrote to Donald Trump, asking if he could see the suite in the Plaza Hotel where Macaulay Culkin stayed in that movie.

"I didn't know Mr. Trump's address, so I addressed my letter to Donald Trump, Plaza Hotel, New York," said Johnson. "When we got to New York, Mr. Trump had arranged for us to stay in that suite. I wanted to be a successful businessman, so the lesson I learned was that, if you don't ask for something, it's never going to happen."

"Nothing's going to come to you," he said. "And that's why you're in the academy, because you want to follow your own path. You don't want to follow the path someone else creates."

Although Johnson began his first business at age 9, he started making serious money at age 12. Beanie Babies were a huge craze then, and his sister Claire, 5, had 30 of them. So he bought them all from her for \$100 and resold them at a big profit.

"It was 1995 and eBay had just started," he said. "In five days, I made \$1,000." Then he wrote to the Ty Co., which made Beanie Babies, so he could obtain more.

"I found out how to write a professional letter and typed it so they wouldn't know I was 12," said Johnson. "I told them I wanted to promote their Beanie Babies online and ordered 1,000 from them. They were \$2.50



Cameron Johnson, left, speaks with student and musician Sol Creech.

PHOTO BY BONNIE HOBBS/THE CONNECTION

apiece and I spent my life savings."

When they were delivered to his house, he had some explaining to do to his parents. But eventually, he stocked 5,000 at a time. "I was mailing out 40 orders a day," he said. "At the end of that year, I'd made \$50,000."

At 15, Johnson bought his own domain name on the Web to protect his brand so no one else could have it. "You have to be able to market yourself," he said.

Also at 15, he started a free, e-mail service to block out spam. He knew nothing about computers, but partnered with people who did. "We sent people targeted advertisements for products they were already interested in. For example, if they liked books, we'd put Barnes & Noble ads on the Amazon Web site. So I was a ninth-grader and was getting checks for \$100,000 a week."

Johnson and his two partners then sold their company and he went to Virginia Tech. There, in his textbook, he discovered a photo and half-page write-up about himself when he was 15 and Business Week did a story on him.

He next created an online marketplace where people could exchange gift cards for money or other gift cards they wanted more. It launched in December 2003 and charged a 7.5 percent processing fee. "We did \$100,000 in sales, our first month," he said.

He then left college to raise \$5 million in venture capital. "I'd always started small and refused offers from outside investors," he said. "I could have raised twice that amount of money, but would have become an employee, with the investors calling the shots. So I walked away from it and my partner and I sold 'Certificate Swap.'"

Since Johnson had run 12 businesses before he was 21, he decided to write a book containing the 19 secrets of entrepreneurship. It's titled, "You Call the Shots - Succeed Your Way and Live the Life You Want," and Donald Trump wrote the foreword.

Oprah Winfrey saw it and invited Johnson to compete last year in her show called "Oprah's Big Give," in which contestants helped people in need. "It showed me I had to have the skills to figure things out in any situation," he said. "I was the runner up, won \$100,000 and pledged it to Richard

Branson's charity."

Johnson said he learned about his mentors, including Trump, Branson and Bill Gates, by reading their autobiographies, and told the students to do likewise with whoever inspires them. "Reach out to people because they want to help you," he said.

Johnson then answered questions from the audience. A boy asked how much he donates to charity. "I tithe 10 percent to my church, but I actually donate my time to charities, instead," said Johnson. "I'm on the board of Jobs for Virginia's Graduates that helps at-risk kids stay in school."

A girl asked how he decides which projects to become involved with, if he wants to do too many things. "Choose one, learn from it and do all you can with it," he said. "Then go on to the next one. Life is building blocks, and I learned through trial and error what worked and what didn't."

His company is called Cameron Johnson Inc. and he currently hosts a BBC show in London, travels and does consulting for several companies. Afterward, Academy Administrator Dave Saunders told the students, "The message we're hearing is 'You can do it.'"

Johnson said he agreed to speak there partly because Virginia is his home. But mainly, he said, "I think this is a great program they're doing for so many special, unique interests, and I wanted to see it in action."

Despite his immense success, he said family and friends keep him grounded, plus his own, internal goals. "I don't rest on what I did as a teen," he said. "There are always newer and bigger businesses."

A highlight of the conference will be a keynote presentation by Cameron Johnson — author of "You Call the Shots"; finalist on "Oprah's Big Give"; featured guest on CNBC, ABC and MSNBC shows; and 2009 recipient of the Ten Outstanding Young Americans award given by US Junior Chamber of Commerce. At 25, Cameron has founded and sold more than a dozen successful businesses and regularly speaks to corporate, college, and high school audiences about how to turn inventive ideas and passions into a productive career.

PVI Students Meet Author

One of the messages author Carolyn Baker recently shared with classes at Paul VI Catholic High School was: "You all have a story to tell." Baker wrote "Last to Leave Home," a nonfiction book relating her experiences growing up with a brother with Down Syndrome. Baker spoke to PVI's freshman English classes, as well as upperclassmen students taking an elective class called The Exceptional Child.

"Last to Leave Home" includes anecdotes about Baker's brother Mark, wrapped in tid-

bits of scientific research about Down Syndrome.

"Mark's story has really helped people understand those with disabilities," Baker said. Baker has donated all proceeds from her book to the Adult Down Syndrome Center in Atlanta. During her presentation at PVI, the author answered students' questions about the writing process, and encouraged them to write as often as possible. Her presentation also covered contributions and achievements individuals with disabilities have made in society.



Carolyn Baker, left, author of 'Last to Leave Home,' recently spoke to Paul VI students about the writing process.

FAITH

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Burke Presbyterian Church is participating in the Church World Service (CWS) humanitarian relief efforts to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The public can help CWS in its urgent disaster response by assembling and donating a hygiene kit or a baby kit. BPC is a collection point for the kits. To create a kit, visit either www.BurkePresChurch.org and click on "Haiti Relief" or visit www.ChurchWorldService.org and click on "Hygiene Kit" or "Baby Kit." Both of these sites provide specific instructions on how to assemble a kit. Drop off kits at Burke Presbyterian Church, located at 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Phone the church office with any questions at 703-764-0456.

United Methodist Men Breakfast is on Saturday Jan. 23, at 8 a.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. The men of Franconia UMM (United Methodist Men) will begin another year in ministry to the men of the congregation with their annual kickoff breakfast to plan out the entire year of 2010. All men are welcome. 703-971-5151 or www.franconiaumc.org.

Grace Presbyterian Church Weekday Preschool Open House. Friday, Jan. 22, at 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; pre-orders only, \$10 per large one topping pizza. Classrooms will be open from 7-8 p.m., with hands-on activities to explore with children. Music and movement will be available with our music teacher, 7:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Appropriate for age 2-5. 703-451-3314.

An Evening with Dr. Hugh Ross. Sunday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m., at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. In partnership with Reasons to Believe and the C.S. Lewis Institute. Ross is an astronomer and speaker who makes a case for believing that the universe is the work of a Creator and not chance. Free and open to the public. 703-971-4673 or www.newhope.org.

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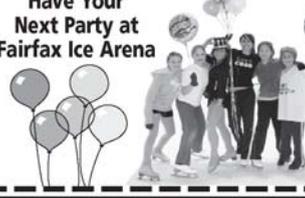
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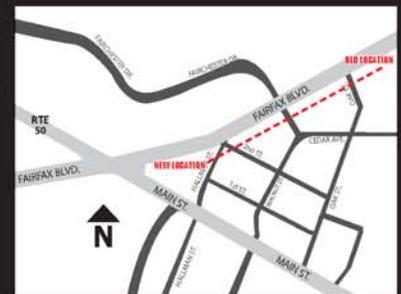
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Navy Seaman Jeffrey A. Foster, nephew of Debra Rainford of Fairfax, was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Foster is a 2005 graduate of Williamsport High School of Williamsport, Md.

David H. Besson has entered Basic Cadet Training at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation to enter the first academic year at the academy. Cadets must complete the six-week, two-phased orientation program prior to entering their freshman year. Besson is the son of Paul and Marguerite Besson of Pheasant Ridge Road, Fairfax. Besson is a 2009 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School, Alexandria.

Navy Reserve Seaman Recruit Luis M. Orbezo, a 2008 graduate of James W. Robinson Secondary, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Cadet Sarah Anne Haight, daughter of Catherine and William Haight of Fairfax, completed Cadet Basic Training



Air Force Airman Prabhjot S. Sidhu graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Parmjit Sidhu and Jatinder Kaur of Modano Court, Fairfax. Sidhu is a 2009 graduate of Pimmit Hills High School, Falls Church.

at the U.S. Military Academy. Haight entered West Point on June 29 and has successfully completed six weeks of

CBT. Haight graduated from W T Woodson High School. She plans to graduate from West Point in 2013 and be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Steven S. Hong has received a four year Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) scholarship to attend Virginia Military Institute, Lexington. The mission of ROTC is to provide future officers with leadership qualities needed in the regular Army and the Reserve Components. The cadet is pursuing a degree in international studies. He is the son of Joo Pyo Hong and Soyoung K. Hong of Guinea Road, Fairfax.

Kaitlin E. Rayburn has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The cadet is a student at the University of West Florida, Pensacola. She is the daughter of Jerome T. and Brenda J. Rayburn of Provincetown Court, Fairfax. The cadet is a 2007 graduate of James W. Robinson Jr. Secondary School.

Matthew W. Schenaker has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader's Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky. The cadet is a student at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg. He is the son of Michael J. and Debra J. Schenaker of Del Mar Court, Fairfax.

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Petersen on Courts Of Justice Committee

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) filled one of the two vacancies in the Courts of Justice Committee in the Virginia State Senate. Petersen's assignment was announced Monday, Jan. 18, by Sen. Richard L. Saslaw (D-35), the Senate majority leader, on the Senate floor.

Licensed in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Petersen has been in private practice as a trial attorney since 1994 and is a law partner at Surovell Markle Isaacs & Levy, PLC in downtown Fairfax.

"I've had a chance to see what works and what doesn't in the administration of justice. So I'm excited to use that first-hand knowledge as a committee member in the State Senate," Petersen said, in a press release.

Helping Keep Children Safe

City of Fairfax Police, in conjunction with the Optimist Club, will be offering Safe Assured identification kits on Friday, Jan. 29, and Friday, Feb. 26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the City of Fairfax Police Department, 3730 Old Lee Highway.

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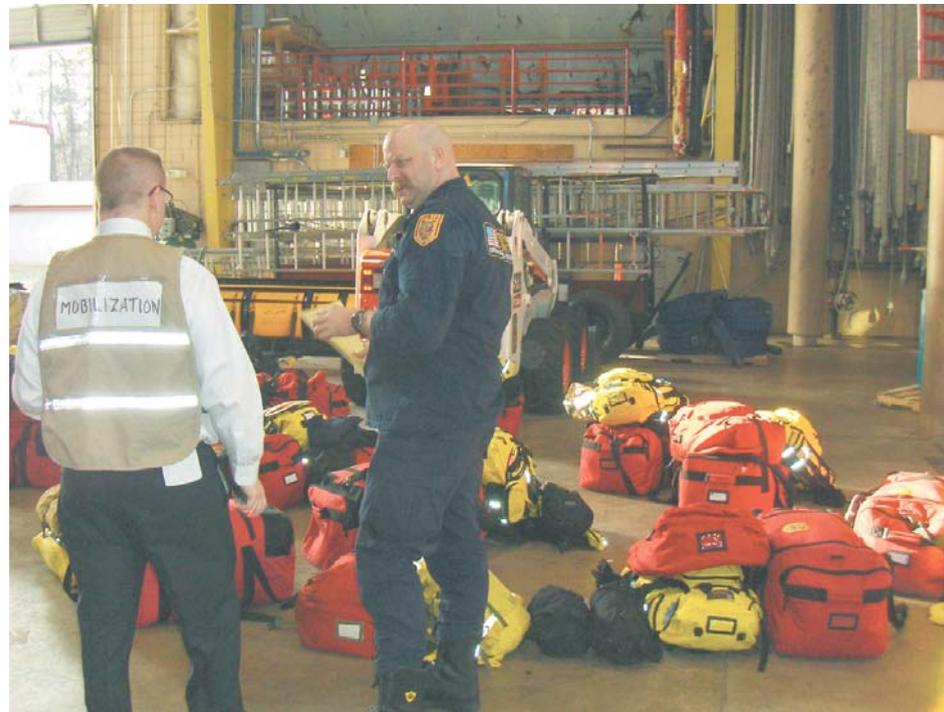
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Team members went through several check-in stations. They started with medical and passport checks and turned in their cell phones, keys and pagers. Deputy Fire Chief Mike Reilly, of Centreville's Virginia Run community, worked as the mobilization manager, in charge of sign-in reception, food, equipment and getting everything to the departure point.

"I coordinate with the Family Support Services Team (FSST), making sure people get a checklist of everything required of them," he said. "If something's missing, such as their shot card, ID or equipment, they'd be non-deployable. So they come to me and I see that their issue is handled." Reilly also had a canteen unit bring the members hot and cold beverages and ordered dinner for them from Firehouse Subs.

Teresa MacPherson of Catlett is the canine search specialist. She's not a member of the fire department, but has been on the team since 1993. Her partner's a 5-year-old black Labrador named Banks.

"We were in Haiti in '08 for the school collapse," she said. Before Banks begins a search, MacPherson unclips his leash so he's unencumbered. "We don't want any snagging," she said. "He can go places we can't. I say, 'Go find,' and he starts looking for live, human scent in the rubble. He covers a lot of area in a short amount of time. Where he finds the strongest scent, he starts bark-



From left, Deputy Mobilization Manager Paul Torpey and USAR team program manager Keith Morrison discuss the logistics of the team's impending departure for Haiti.

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ing; then someone will start searching."

MacPherson was eager to leave and get busy. "We train hard for this," she said. "We want to go and help."

Lt. Rodney Vaughan is a rescue squad officer on the team. Formerly of Centre Ridge, in Centreville, he now lives in Gainesville and has been a team member since 1998. He responded to numerous hurricanes, including Katrina, plus Taiwan in 1999 and Iran in 2003. In Haiti, eight to 10 people will be assigned to him.

"When Technical Search locates victims, through listening devices, dogs or hearing them yell out, we'll confirm how deeply they're embedded," said Vaughan. "For example, they could have been on the first floor of a six-story building that collapsed, so we coordinate the rescue effort."

"If we need heavier equipment than we have, we'll work with heavy riggers, delayering [debris] 'til we get to them," he continued. "We're not going to stop 'til we get to them."

The Fairfax rescuers will probably work in 24-hour shifts, to start, with downtime, here and there. Normally, half the team would work days, and the other half, nights. But, said Vaughan, "Due to the amount of work, it's round the clock now."

He, too, helped with the mobilization, "pushing paperwork, getting everything

in order," and looked forward to "getting down there and doing what we train relentlessly to do — rescue people. It's a lot like a soldier trains for a war — not that you want one — but when that time comes, you want to be able to put it to good use."

Vaughan said they'd all "done this enough" so that they can quickly assess whatever situation they encounter and proceed accordingly. Hardest, he said, was wanting to get there as fast as they could, but understanding that it takes six to 14 hours to assemble all the gear, get the plane ready and the equipment on board.

"It's a huge undertaking and we'd like it done in 30 minutes," he said. "Then, once we're on the ground, the physical work and sleep deprivation will eventually take a toll on us. But when we're working, we don't let it bother us."

Vaughan will miss his two daughters and wife Erica, though. But, said Erica Vaughan, "I'm so proud of what he's doing. He's been training to do this and I hope he'll save some lives." She said she never gets used to his deployments and worries about him while he's gone. But, she added, "I know he's in the Big Man's hands and [the fire department] does a good job of keeping us updated."

Technician Kevin Dabney of Vienna has been on the team more than 10 years. A rescue specialist, he helps with team organization and works under the Task Force leaders, Fire Chiefs Jim Strickland and Robert Zoldos.

"I'll command others to do search and

rescue, and we'll help in any way we can," said Dabney. "We're 100-percent self-sufficient and don't need anything from the local government."

After receiving a geographical location to search, the Command and General Staff Team that Dabney's on determines which people should go where and sees that they're properly equipped. It also handles safety, logistics, medical, planning and operations matters.

We ask, 'Is there medical transport? Where do we send survivors?'" said Dabney. "What about security issues — are there roadblocks?" So behind the scenes, there's a whole lot of work."

When they hear of possible survivors needing rescue, first a small reconnaissance team assesses whether it's a workable location. Then, if it's a go, six to 80 people — including medical personnel, technical search specialists, dogs and structural engineers — would respond. The size of the response depends on the size of the site and the suspected number of victims needing rescue.

Since firefighters communicate by radio, Lt. Wes Rogers' specialty is also crucial. Rogers, of Oak Hill, works in communications in the Massey Building in Fairfax and also on the USAR team.

"I set up repeaters, enabling the radios to talk further than line of sight," he said. "Depending on the terrain, we could have a 4-mile range. I'll also set up satellite communications to talk to our Operations Center at the

Fire and Rescue Academy and will establish communications with our USAR team already in Haiti."

Typically, team managers receive radio updates about the victims, plus the status of the search teams, where they are, if they're all right and if they need anything.

Last Thursday, Rogers could hardly wait to get there already and start helping. "Everybody here has that attitude," he said. "I'm proud of the team. Everybody works together, and we all want to save some lives."

Squad officer Richard McKinney of Fair Oaks is captain of the Frying Pan Station. He's a 30-year member of the fire department and has been on Task Force 1 since its inception.

"We'll search buildings, going in void spaces and looking for trapped people," he said. "USAID will tell us which buildings and areas to check." What makes it so dangerous, said McKinney, is the unknown.

But he's glad to do what he can and he likes the camaraderie among the people on the team. "Most of them I've known, my whole career, so they're just like a second family," he said. He's been with them to Oklahoma City, Taiwan and the Pentagon after 9/11.

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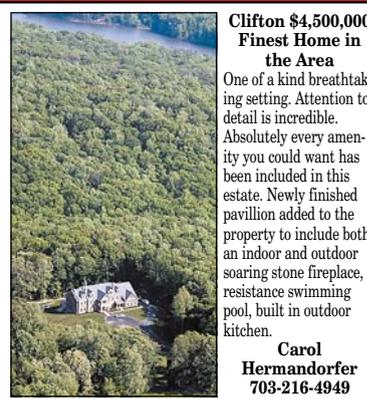
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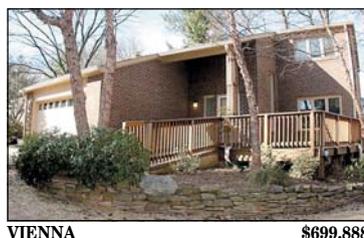
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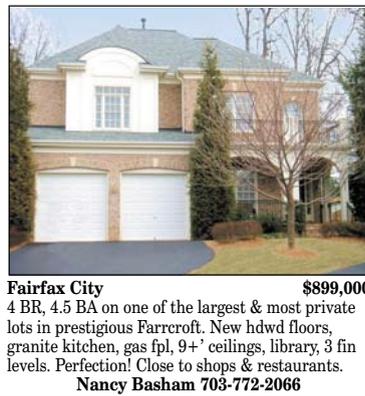
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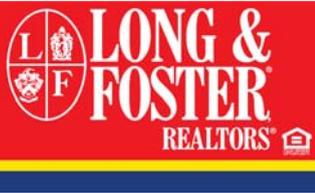


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A true passive solar home! Beautiful California styled contemporary with remodeled kitchen and baths. Pristine hardwood flooring, vaulted ceiling, large sunfilled windows, open spacious floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, rec room, family room, den, 2 car garage. Fantastic location

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Charming wonderfully priced 3 level Cape Cod on peaceful 1+ acre lot, Walking distance to Fountainhead

Park. Quality built, mostly brick, 5BR, 3BA, Fin walk-out LL, Hdwd floors, scrnd Porch, updated Kitchen & Baths. Walk-in Attic, storage galore! Deck overlooks woodland, beautifully landscaped.



Fort Belvoir **\$2750/mo. Rental**

Immaculate 4-level brick townhome in Inlet Cove, close to Lorton VRE, Metro, and minutes to Fort Belvoir. Gorgeous open floor plan w/hardwood floors, 9 ft+ ceilings, huge kitchen w/island. MBR w/tray ceiling, walk-in closet, soaking tub w/separate shower. Finished walkout level w/gas fireplace, patio, deck plus 2-car garage. Must see this beautiful 1st time rental.
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Woodbridge **\$449,900**

Picture Perfect
Lovely 4 Bedroom, 3 1/2 Bath
Colonial, sited on a perfect lot, Large Gourmet Kitchen w/Centre Island, Breakfast Room w/ Glass

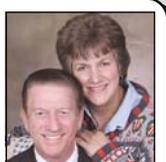
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Gorgeous Deck w/built-in Hot Tub, Manicured yard completely fenced with Privacy Fence, Lower Level offers theater Room, exercise Room, 5th Bedroom & full Bath.
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Alexandria **\$450,000**

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Very spacious 5 BR, 4 BA, 3 level house in Hayfield Farms. In need of a little TLC to make it home and value priced to sell. Sunroom off kitchen, hardwood floors on upper 2 levels. Finished lower level with walkout to fenced back yard. Convenient to Ft. Belvoir, schools, shopping, restaurants & transportation.

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