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Nominations Deferred

Approval for parcels on Loisdale Road halted pending study.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Two BRAC-related nominations for properties in Springfield have been deferred pending a county study of the potential impact they're expected to have on the road, including traffic considerations.

The nominations, concerning approximately 36 acres of planned office and retail space along Loisdale Road, would require a substantial increase in the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) density in order to handle the expected increase in traffic and office space. Loisdale Road is currently planned for industrial uses, which typically require less personnel and road traffic.

Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) is a Congressionally-mandated consolidation of defense personnel following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. An estimated 19,000 government employees are expected to be relocated to the southern portion of Fairfax County along with thousands of private sector support jobs.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) authorized a special study that would examine the overall impact the two nominations were expected to cause and whether a recommendation to widen a portion of Loisdale Road was warranted. According to McKay, county staff originally proposed a two-year study, a timeline he said was unnecessarily long.

"If this study took two years, we'd be in 2010. It takes another year to go through rezoning and an-

"If our goal is to accommodate these jobs and revitalize Springfield, time is of the essence."

— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

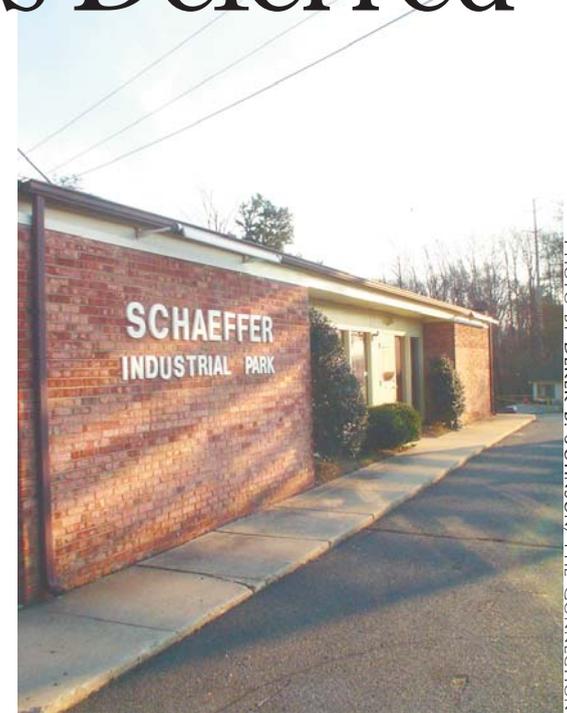


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Schafer Industrial is one of two companies looking to develop parcels of land along Loisdale Road in Springfield.

other year to build. If our goal is to accommodate these jobs and revitalize Springfield, time is of the essence." He said.

McKay also said he was reluctant to support the widening of a portion of Loisdale Road, believing it

would lead to a drastic increase in traffic from motorists looking to avoid Interstate 95.

According to McKay, county staff seemed to favor widening Loisdale Road. "I have real problems with that absent a study saying it's necessary," said McKay. "The last thing I want to do is impact homes and widen

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Barker Reports from Richmond

State senator looks to leave mark on schools, environment.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

For Virginia senators and delegates, the General Assembly in Richmond serves as an opportunity to address the problems, both big and small, they see in their home districts every day. Sen. George Barker (D-39), who sits on the Senate Education and Health Committee, sees storm clouds gathering on the horizon for Fairfax County schools.

"We have growing student populations, both in Fairfax and Prince William [counties]. We need to increase capacity," said Barker. "At the same time, we have schools that need to be renovated and tight

budget situations that make it very difficult to fund projects."

In other words: More students, older buildings and not nearly enough county money to fix either problem.

In an effort to address this perfect storm, Barker has proposed legislation that would create a revolving school construction fund for Northern Virginia schools. The fund as he envisions it would draw donations from both the Commonwealth and a host of private businesses and charities from around the region who are looking to improve their local schools.

However, even if the bill is successful in the House and Senate, it was designed to slowly drip money into the funds over the years from public and private sources.

"If we were to be successful and get this passed, what we would have is the next year to get the [fund] up and running and hopefully a year from now, the economic situation improves and we'll be able to

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Why the Chicken Stood by the Road

Springfield business uses avian mascot to attract customers.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

Sometimes it takes a little more than just a lighted sign or word of mouth to get customers in the door. Sometimes it takes a guy in a chicken suit, standing on the corner waving, which is a winning formula at Cocorico in Springfield.

The chicken out front worked for Lon Naylor and his granddaughter Kaleigh, 2. "She wanted to stop and see the chicken," Naylor said. He was out on Saturday, Jan. 17, scouting for Sunday night's dinner and the menu at Cocorico fit in perfectly.

Cocorico is located on the corner of Franconia Road and Loisdale in a building that has been a gas station, jewelry store and convenience market in the past. Three days a week, Edgar Marcos of Alexandria, puts on a bright yellow chicken outfit and waves at the cars going by while holding a sign. It seems to work, for the children at least.

"Many children come to see the chicken and then eat," said Marily Mazarigos, a Springfield resident who was recently re-



The chicken caught the eye of Lon Naylor and his granddaughter Kaleigh, 2.

hired at Cocorico after leaving in October.

"It's cute," agreed customer Adel Paras, whose son loves eating the charcoal chicken.

Marcos has seen it all too. The waves, gawking from the car window, and finger pointing — it's all part of the day's work for him. "The children, they take pictures with me, and the girls put their arms around me," he said, with manager Gimberto Mazarigos translating. Marcos has to stay

in the little sliver of dirt in front of the restaurant and not on the sidewalk. The Fairfax County Police have warned him to stay off the public property before.

Co-owner Fady Joubran came up with the chicken suit, purchasing it off the Internet. "Kids, they love this," he said.

Cocorico started with the chicken suit last summer and had a few part timers don the outfit before Marcos, mostly college students that came and went. "They think it's

"She wanted to stop and see the chicken."

— Lon Naylor

fun for the first couple of hours," Joubran said. In the summer, the suit gets hot said Mazarigos, and in the winter Marcos wears several layers of clothing under the suit, but nothing's too uncomfortable when payday comes around.

"It's OK, I have to do something to get money," Marcos said, who also works for a local car wash.

It's not always the guy in the chicken suit that pulls people in, according to Jeremy Johnson, a fan of their main dish, Pollo a la Brasa, or charcoaled chicken. "I don't know what it is, it's so good," he said. Johnson Awofeso of Woodbridge agreed. "The chicken is good, that's why I keep coming back," he said.

The Pollo a la Brasa has a Middle Eastern flair to it, but Joubran said it's a combination of a recipe from Peru and the Middle East. Joubran is considering adding some children-friendly options to the menu, and with all the children coming to see the chicken waving out front, it could be a big seller. He's thinking about expanding to other locations as well, maybe even with a second guy in a chicken suit too.

Parents Seek Aid for Disabled Children

Howell warns against 'draconian cuts.'

BY STEPHANIE POWER
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

Helen Hollis is a Fairfax County mother of two. Her daughter graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 2000 and her 22-year-old son has significant delays in his cognitive development ability, with autistic tendencies and some retardation.

Because of a Medicaid waiver received in July, Hollis' son now lives in a group home in Richmond called Hands of Unity. Hollis attended a General Assembly public hearing last week, Monday, Jan. 19, to speak up for those still on the waiting list to receive waivers.

Hollis had been on the waiting list since before age 10.

"We've had many peaks and valleys along the way," Hollis told legislators from the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees. "We've had day-to-day behavioral challenges."

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— Helen Hollis

Hollis was one of 165 people who signed up to speak at the hearing, which gave the public a chance to address Gov. Tim Kaine's proposed budget cuts.

According to Del. Kirk Cox (R-66) of the House Appropriations Committee, 80 percent of the speakers spoke on the issue of Medicaid waivers, which provide at-home services and benefits for mentally retarded individuals.

The Medicaid waivers, known as mental retardation waivers, make services found in state institutions available for qualifying individuals inside their house. They help relieve the cost of keeping those individuals at home.

According to Cox, about 4,200 Virginians are currently wait-listed.

Cox filed House Bill 1853, which would eliminate the wait list for mental retardation waivers in 10 years.

"Each of our families is unique," Hollis said. "There are times when help is needed, when caring for a family and raising a dis-



Helen Hollis went to Richmond to thank legislators for her son's MR waiver.

abled child to become the best that they can become."

Hollis said she is thankful for the care her son is receiving.

"The disabled child or children, teenag-

ers or young adults deserve the resources to help them reach their fullest potential," Hollis said.

To balance Virginia's 2009 budget, legislators must cut nearly \$4 billion. Kaine's proposed cuts affect areas like education, transportation and health care.

State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), a member of the Senate Finance Committee, knows how serious cuts to mental-health funding are.

"We're 48th among the states with what we do in public services, so to have to cut is just intolerable," Howell said. "We're trying to do as little damage as possible to public education and services."

Howell said that if Kaine's proposed cigarette-tax increase of 30 cents per pack is too tough to sell, the outcome would be "draconian" because Kaine earmarked the proceeds of the tax increase for health programs.

"We're cutting, literally, lifelines for people," Howell said. "If we don't get a substantial federal stimulus package for Medicaid, people are going to suffer and possibly die as a result."

Co-patrons of HB 1853 include Dels. Dave Marsden (D-41), David Poisson (D-32), Tom Rust (R-86) and Mark Sickles (D-43).

McKay Hails Mall Management

Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee), during the Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Monday meeting, introduced a Board Matter commending "the management of the Springfield Mall for how it handled the traffic and crowds during the early morning hours of Jan. 20," inauguration day.

"While the inauguration events took place in Washington, D.C., they also had a significant effect on Fairfax County, especially in those areas of the county with Metro stations. The county dedicated a significant number of police resources to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station" where the parking lot was filled to capacity by 5 a.m. that day, McKay stated.

"At that point, mall management made an on-the-spot decision to permit more than 2,200 vehicles to park on its premises. Our police have told that by doing so, the mall helped to avert a difficult and potentially dangerous traffic and parking situation," McKay said.

"Thanks to Springfield Mall's quick and civic minded reaction, many more of our citizens were able to participate in this historic event," he said. In recognition of that action, McKay has requested that Michael Lowe, mall general manager, and his staff be invited to a future board meeting to be formally recognized.

McAuliffe Raises Most Money

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

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

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

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

BRAC Nominations Deferred

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our roads just so it's easy for people to bypass I-95."

RATHER THAN oppose the nominations, McKay said a shorter study was preferred. It would provide hard data about the stretch of roadway and would allow the county to make a more informed decision.

"From my standpoint, rather than deny the applications because of a concern about infrastructure, we know we need more office space in Springfield, know jobs being created with BRAC. We know there's going to be a demand for office space," he said. "I think Loisdale Road is a good location for [that]."

Attorney Lynne Strobel of Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubely, P.C., represents Schafer Industrial LLC., which is seeking to build 11 acres of office space.

"I think that this is a little bit different. They wanted to authorize the Loisdale Road study to consider a portion near the I-95 Industrial Corridor," said Strobel. "I think it was an opportunity to evaluate the merits of replanning this area because of its proximity to Fort Belvoir and [the Engineering Proving Grounds]."

Bill Seeks To Draw In School Funding

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provide some funding for it," he said.

Barker claimed the bill was not designed specifically for the Northern Virginia area, but a provision in the bill would create an advisory board of state and local officials charged with oversight of the fund. The majority of that board, according to Barker, would be represented by localities like Fairfax and Prince William counties. Barker said taking the fund outside of direct state control was critical to ensuring that the money taken in is allowed to build up before being allocated.

Barker's bill is currently awaiting consideration in the Senate Committee on Local Government.

Barker will present a bill that makes cell phone use while driving a primary offense

Strobel did say that her clients were not opposed to a special study within the timeframe McKay listed.

"I do think two years sounds like an excessive period of time because this has already been reviewed to some degree by BRAC [Area Plans Review] process," she said. "I think nine months is a reasonable timeframe to ask staff to take another look at it."

McKay said he did not think the special study was a result of the potential relocation of more than 6,000 government employees to the General Services Administration warehouse, also on Loisdale Road. The GSA site was passed over by Fort Belvoir in October 2008, with Army officials citing the Congressionally-mandated deadline to have a site up and running by Fall 2011 as the primary reason.

Both nominations list the site's potential selection in the justification portion of their applications. A third nomination, for 68

acres of office space and another 37 acres of open space and outdoor amenities, was withdrawn in October 2008.

Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, has said a delay in development was likely.

"I'm going to say that yes, the study could delay the process, but it's probably a needed step," she said.

The concern about Loisdale Road becoming a bypass for Interstate 95 is warranted, said Manney, but the extent of its use has yet to be de-

termined.

"I think we would see an equal amount of bypassing on Loisdale [Road] that we currently see on Backlick [Road]," she said.

Overall, McKay expressed confidence in the BRAC process and praised the work of county staff.

"[They've done] a remarkable job if you think about it. By and large the process could not have been much smoother," he said.

"I think nine months is a reasonable timeframe to ask staff to take another look at it."

— Attorney Lynne Strobel of Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubely, P.C.

quired to achieve "a minimum level of disparity" in highway maintenance funding across the state. He hopes the language of the bill will lead to Northern Virginia getting a larger cut of the transportation funds doled out by the state. Barker pointed to a 2007 Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) study on surface infrastructure, which found that highways in Northern Virginia were among the most poorly maintained in the state. However, the bill contains little in the way of specific benchmarks or figures mandating fund allocation.

"We're trying to make sure the roads are maintained to the same standard across Virginia," said Barker. "It doesn't say what that standard has to be, and it doesn't address the issue of how much money has to be allocated or what standard has to be applied."

Fairfax County Gets 'Shovel Ready'

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

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

As a result, states and localities are compiling lists of unfunded or delayed construction projects for schools, roads, bridges and buildings that are ready to begin breaking

ground within the next 1-2 years. The stimulus bill is still being drafted in Congress and has yet to be approved. Part of the problem is determining what projects will be eligible, regardless of their shovel-ready status.

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

Nevertheless, state and county officials have already identified a host of transpor-

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

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

State Sen. George Barker (D-39) pointed

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to the unfinished portion of Fairfax County Parkway and Telegraph Road improvements as a prime examples of the type of projects that could get moving quickly enough to qualify.

Below are some of the transportation projects Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sent to the Fairfax County delegation to the 111th Congress. All projects are ready to break ground before 2010 and are listed with the amount still left unfunded:

- ◆ \$60 million to complete phases three and four of Fairfax County Parkway through to the Engineering Proving Grounds in Springfield

- ◆ \$9 million to complete construction of a secondary road from Old Keene Mill Road to Fairfax County Parkway in Springfield

- ◆ \$11 million to complete construction of Mulligan Road (Old Mill Connector Road) through Fort Belvoir

- ◆ \$49 million to complete construction of Telegraph Road

- ◆ \$4.1 million to fund more powerful locomotives for the Virginia Railways Express.

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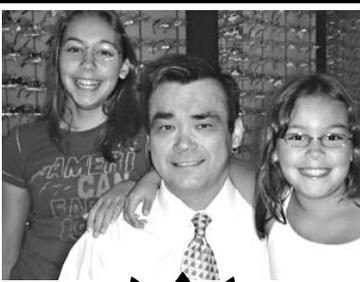
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Why Vote for Bulova?

BY SHARON BULOVA
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR
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Bulova

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vote Feb. 3

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

Why Vote for Herrity?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Chop Tank Murphy, 8:30 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. katesirishpub.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

Philadelphia Dance Company, 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, on the Fairfax campus at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123. Free performance discussion begins at 7:15 p.m.

on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$21-\$42, age 12 and under half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or at www.tickets.com. www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," 3 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performed by members of the Shenandoah University Conservancy. Includes opportunities for audience interaction with Director Mark Kittlaus. clorange@su.edu or acambel@su.edu.

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Karaoke, 8 p.m. Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 Backlick Road Springfield. 703-866-0860 or katesirishpub.com.

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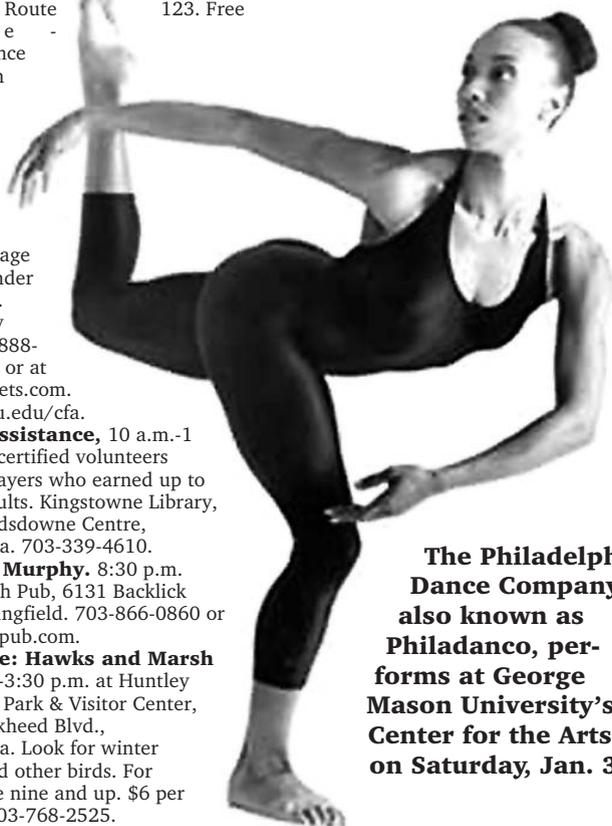
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Girls Night Out, 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Age 12-15 with adult. 703-971-0010.

Lunch Bunnies, 12 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Bring lunch. Age 1-5. 703-339-4610.

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FRIDAY/FEB. 6

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SATURDAY/FEB. 7

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- ❖ **Scouts and Crafts at City of Fairfax Regional Library**, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at 10360 North St.
- ❖ **Question and answer session with Warren Brown and Norman R. Davis**, 10-11 a.m. at City Hall Annex, 10455 Armstrong St.
- ❖ **Lunch at Fire Station 3**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 4081 University Drive.
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Virginia Housing Development Authority Homeownership Education Seminar, 6 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike. The lecture will cover financial responsibility, ways to use credit wisely, strategies to build financial security through homeownership, and a variety of mortgage loans available with affordable financing terms. Attendees without NOVA

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11

Fairfax Station Railroad Museum Quarterly Forum, 7:30-9 p.m. at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Jon Vrana will present Voices from City Point, describing first hand perspectives of civilian and military personnel as they are thrust together at a small Virginia town that became Gen. Grant's critical supply depot in the last year of the war, encompassing repair shops, hospitals, numerous bakeries and 22 miles of track connecting the wharves to the Union lines. Admission free, donations accepted. 703-425-9225.

Springfield Art Guild February Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St. Springfield. Contact Donnalynne Lefever at 703-644-6677 or magickaldl@earthlink.net.

THURSDAY/FEB. 12

Micro Wrestling Federation, 9 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940 or jaxxroxx.com.

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Hawks Seek Postseason Form

Final season in Patriot District presents sense of urgency for Hayfield wrestling program.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

In his 17th season as the head coach of Hayfield's wrestling program, Roy Hill has learned a thing or two about how to manage his team over the course of a season.

It's not that he discounts the importance that goes along with the regular season. Hill views it as only one small journey, and he doesn't want to see his wrestlers get too beaten up or become overly affected by their performances from late November through the beginning of February.

Hill believes that wrestling differs from many sports because "wrestling is a tournament sport," meaning that if his team can get on a roll and peak at the perfect time, winning a district or regional championship

becomes that much more attainable.

Hill has done quite a bit of winning since the 1988-89 season, his first associated with the program. Under Hill's tutelage, Hayfield has won nine district team titles, six regional team titles and twice earned top-five finishes at the Virginia AAA state finals.

"It's all about trying to be battle tested to prepare for the rigors of the postseason," Hill said. "It doesn't matter if you're undefeated during the regular season if you don't pull it off at the end."

Though Hill admitted this year's team isn't as deep as those he has had in past years, eight members of the Hayfield wrestling team had winning records through Wednesday's set of matches at Lake Braddock.

Ray Borja (35-4), Nathan Coburn (25-14), J.P. Ethier (25-14), J.D. Mason (19-12),



Hayfield senior Ray Borja, top, and sophomore Brennan Reeder work through wrestling drills at a practice last Thursday.

Yaseen Khushnood (5-3), Ronnie Ours (24-13), Lewen Romero (21-7) and Shane Schumack (31-12) all boasted winning marks.

"We're really a young team," Borja said. "Even though we have six seniors on our team, after that, it's just sophomores and freshman. It's important this year for the freshman and sophomores to learn that they have to step up."

To have his team ready when the postseason rolls around, Hill has learned to shorten his team's practices this time of year. The Hawks started this season by practicing for nearly 2 1/2 hours and right now go for about 90 minutes. Soon, Hill will only need an hour.

The level of difficulty doesn't change for mid-season practices at Hayfield, but the pace is quickened because less learning needs to be done. As Hill barked out moves

during practice in Hayfield's wrestling room last Thursday, players shuffled back and forth, hardly staying put for more than a few seconds.

"It's one of those things where you might not feel good while you're working hard, but afterward you realize that you accomplished something,"

said J.P. Ethier, a 135-pound senior who'll leave for the U.S. Naval Academy on July 1. "Toward the end of the season, we have

shorter practices, but there's a greater intensity."

"It's kind of like putting hay in the barn and having faith that you put enough in there to get through the winter," Hill said. "I've known a lot of coaches that have worked their kids too hard at the end of the season and they're physically and emo

"We're trying to reclaim that personality."

— Hayfield senior Ray Borja

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Ray Borja, front, a 125-pound senior on the Hayfield wrestling team, practices a move on sophomore Brennan Reeder. Borja's Hawks are 14-11 in dual meets this season.

Wahl Commits To Ole Miss

Early last week, West Springfield junior pitcher Bobby Wahl became the third Northern Region baseball player in the past two years to commit to the University of Mississippi.

Wahl, who made a verbal commitment, will join twin brothers Matt and Mike Snyder of Westfield at the school. A right-handed pitcher, Wahl went 5-1 with a 1.89 ERA in 40 2/3 innings last spring. He also posted 68 strikeouts

while only walking 18 batters.

"Everything was great ... the facilities, the fields," said Wahl, who took his official visit to Ole Miss last weekend. "I met some of the players, and everything just kind of clicked. It felt right."

At the plate, Wahl hit .419 (13 for 31) with four doubles and six RBIs. The commitment is Wahl's second this off-season. In November he committed to play for the Midland Redskins, an elite summer travel team based in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The Spartans finished 15-5 last season, reaching the Northern Region semifinals.

They return a deep pitching staff this spring and should be one of the early-season in both the Patriot District and Northern Region. "Everyone is real excited," Wahl said. "We feel like we'll have a good team."

Campbell Keeps Doin' as a Bruin

A season after earning first team All-Pac-10 freshman team honors and becoming an honorable mention All-Conference selection, Edison graduate Doreena Campbell has developed into a go-to player for the

UCLA women's basketball team. Campbell, a sophomore guard, is averaging 13.0 points and 3.8 assists per contest. She has also made a team-best 19 shots from three-point range (43.2 percent) and is averaging 27.8 minutes a night for the Bruins (14-4, 5-2 Pac-10). Campbell led Edison to a 104-9 record over her four-year tenure, winning four National District and two Northern Region titles, as well as making Virginia AAA state final appearances in 2006 and 2007. She finished her career with 2,234 points — the 11th-best total in Virginia High School League history.

SPORTS

Hawks Eye Postseason

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tionally spent.

"It's tough. I've learned a lesson the hard way about that."

The Hawks had a 14-11 record in dual meets entering Wednesday night's showdown at Lake Braddock, which ended after this edition went to press.

The Upcoming postseason offers greater importance for the Hayfield grapplers because of the circumstances surrounding the school's athletic program. Hayfield will switch to the National District next season and wants to leave a lasting impression on its Patriot District opponents.

Furthermore, since part of Hayfield was split off and assigned to South County Secondary School in 2004, on-field success for most of Hayfield's teams has been sparse.

Hill said that this year's team is the smallest that he's fielded during his tenure as head coach, a point emphasized by the fact that only five freshman came out for the team this winter. Most told Hill that the program required too much work and the expectations were too high.

"We have some other sports here where their num-

bers are huge and they're not that successful because there's not that expectation," Hill said. "I don't know if that's a good thing."

But the wrestlers on Hayfield's team have lifted the Hawks to greater heights this season. In addition to Ethier's (25-14) breakout campaign — he didn't even place at regionals last winter — Hayfield has received solid contributions from 125-pound senior Ray Borja, who'll attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School after graduation.

Borja has a team-best 35 wins and only four losses. He has scored 183 points against his opponents, who have only scored a combined 13

"It's important this year for the freshman and sophomores to learn that they have to step up."

— Ray Borja

points.

"He really looks good and very focused," Hill said.

THOUGH THE Hawks' numbers are down, Borja feels that his team can call upon Hayfield's tradition to help reverse course before heading for a different district. After all, the Hawks have won the Patriot District eight out of the past nine years.

"We're looking at the prior seasons for where we want to be at," Borja said. "Back then, they had this 'Iowa-style' of wrestling where they would just break people on the mat. This year, we're the ones being broken. We're trying to reclaim that personality."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Bruin Swimmers Fall to Spartans

In a battle that featured both of last winter's Patriot District swim and dive champions, West Springfield earned a dual-meet sweep over Lake Braddock this past Friday at Lee District RECenter. The Lake Braddock boys team, which finished second to West Springfield last season, suffered a 174-140 loss while the reigning Patriot District-champion girls team fell, 165-150.

Freshman Alessandra Troncoso (200-yard medley relay, 100 free, 100 breast, 400 freestyle relay) led Lake Braddock with four first-places finishes, while senior Tyler Ogren (200 medley relay, 200 individual medley, 400 medley relay), sophomore Nick Laffose (200 medley relay, 100 free, 400 medley relay), junior Carly Ogren (200 medley relay, 50 free, 400 free relay) and sophomore Troy Chewing (50 free, 100 breast, 400 medley relay) all won three events apiece.

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

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

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

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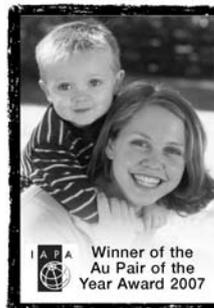
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Elect Herrity

To the Editor:

The voters of Fairfax County have a great opportunity in the upcoming special election on Feb. 3 to return Fairfax County to fiscal responsibility. We can elect Pat Herrity (R) as chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. He has repeatedly demonstrated the ability to understand the pressing problems that face Fairfax County, to identify areas of wasteful spending and to offer workable solutions in his tenure as Springfield supervisor. Conversely, we can elect his opponent who as chairman of the Board's Budget Committee has shown little regard for solving our fundamental problems.

What have Pat's opponent and her Democratic colleagues on the Board really done to address transportation, education, crime and general quality of life issues? They have been consistent in raising our property taxes, in spending more money and in creating budget deficits. Now is the time for Fairfax County citizens to act and to change the direction of our government. Elect Pat Herrity on Feb. 3.

Anne Damon
Fairfax

Contrasting Candidates

To The Editor:

A few days ago I received a mail piece from Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) that contained some pretty ugly attacks on Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield). In this day and age, when it seems like the public has turned away from such negative campaign tactics, I found it interesting that Mrs. Bulova would resort to this while we face difficult times in Fairfax County.

But then it dawned on me, the Bulova campaign has to stoop to such tactics to cover up the truth about Mrs. Bulova's fiscal mismanagement of Fairfax County.

Here are the facts that Sharon Bulova doesn't want you to know:

FACT: As Budget Chair of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova has presided over the largest fiscal crisis Fairfax County has ever seen. Fairfax County is facing a \$650,000,000 budget shortfall. That is a larger than the combined shortfalls of Arlington, Alexandria, Loudoun, Prince William and the District of Columbia.

FACT: Sharon Bulova has distorted her own record as a tax-cutter. The truth is over the past seven years our homeowners' taxes have doubled!

FACT: Under Sharon Bulova's "leadership" as budget chair she spent \$200 million to buy government housing which makes Fairfax County the largest landlord in Fairfax County. Is that a proper use of taxpayer dollars when you face such a massive financial crisis?

FACT: Sharon Bulova proposed spending \$130 million on a school "administrative building" instead of putting the money directly into the classroom to benefit both our teachers and students.

After reading these facts it is clear that Sharon Bulova is not the person we want managing our county during these tough economic times.

There is someone who we do want to manage us through these tough times. His name is Pat Herrity. It is time for a change in Fairfax County. There is only one candidate in this election that has the experience, vision and skills to offer that change and put Fairfax County back on track.

Anthony Bedell
Chairman

Fairfax County Republican Committee

False Claims

To the Editor,

The letter posted online Jan. 26 entitled "Two Contrasting Candidates" restates several false claims that [Republican Board of Supervisors chairman candidate Pat] Herrity has made throughout this short campaign. Supporters of Mr. Herrity have repeatedly told him that his claims are false, yet Herrity continues to make them as if saying them enough times will make them true.

First, Mssrs. Herrity and the letter writer continue to blame a global recession and national housing collapse on Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock). Voters know better. Since first being elected in 1987, Sharon Bulova has presided over the growth of Fairfax County. Property values and income of Fairfax residents have more than doubled. Fairfax has become the largest and most successful jurisdiction in the region, outpacing somewhat comparable jurisdictions such as Montgomery County, Md. Blaming Sharon Bulova for a revenue shortage created by global meltdown is a sign of desperation.

Mr. Herrity attacks Sharon Bulova for working with non-profits and the business community to preserve affordable housing. This approach was found necessary after the approach promoted by Mr. Herrity failed to produce any gain in affordable housing units. Fairfax County is not the largest landlord in Fairfax County as claimed by Herrity — many for-profit corporations own and manage far more units in Fairfax County.

Herrity attacks Sharon Bulova for proposing the purchase of the Gatehouse II School Board complex after she made the motion, which passed unanimously to block this purchase. Mr. Herrity even sat in the boardroom and voted for her motion to block the purchase.

Sharon Bulova has managed Fairfax County's \$3.35 billion budget for 1,000,000 citizens for over 17 of her 21 years on the Board as Chair of the Budget Committee. Fairfax County's budget is larger than four states and 115 countries and it employs 12,000 people plus an additional 22,000 people that work for the schools.

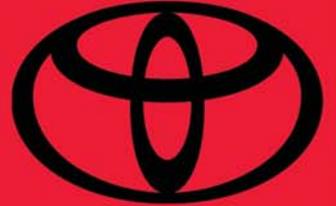
We need a tested leader for these tough times. Sharon Bulova is that leader. Please consider these facts and join me in voting for Sharon Bulova for Chairman.

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