

# Year of Sports

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2009 proved to be a strong year for local high school sports teams and the top sports stories for 2010 are beginning to take shape.



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# Time To Get Involved

## Community Engagement Initiative enters second phase in new year.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

As the calendar changes, New Year's resolutions are made and the time for change is declared. Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) like many others made a list of resolutions, however, his have bigger goals in mind.

Cook's Braddock District Community Engagement Initiative, which was unveiled to the public in October, is entering its next phase this month with the Leadership Institute. The institute, slated for Jan. 23, seeks to provide residents with the tools to foster change in their neighborhoods.

"The Leadership Institute is designed for people who are, or want to be in, leadership positions in civic associations," Cook said. "It is a class that will teach the things that those people will need to know if they become com-

munity leaders."

While the Leadership Institute is the second phase of Cook's initiative to stimulate community involvement, it is the first segment of resident participation. According to Cook, the institute is for people on homeowner association, civic association or other community boards or for those considering community leadership. Cook said that attendees of the seven-hour seminar will be educated on the responsibilities of leaders within community organizations and the body itself.

"The institute will give people the leadership skills that are essential for civic associations and homeowners' associations," said Ken Disselkoen, director of the Department of Systems Management for Human Services. "Those leadership skills include running meetings, learning the legal and fiduciary responsibilities, learning how to recruit volunteers and how to reach out to people of different cultural backgrounds."

Those skills will be taught to the participants, according to Volunteer Fairfax's Tonya McCreary, through a series of lectures and seminars that will be hosted by several different groups at the institute. The insti-

**"The goal is to get people involved with their communities."**

— Ken Disselkoen, director,  
Department of Systems  
Management for Human  
Services

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## Knows His Sums

### TJ student from Fairfax to compete in math contest

Daniel Li, a senior at the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, is one of 10 students selected from across the country to compete for \$10,000 in the first national Who Wants to Be a Mathematician. The contest takes place Thursday, Jan. 14 at the annual Joint Mathematics Meetings in San Francisco, attended by more than 6,000 mathematicians. The top prize is \$5,000 for the winner and \$5,000 for the math department of the winner's school.



Daniel Li

A resident of Fairfax, Daniel, 17, has been a US Math Olympiad Summer Program participant (2007) and a member of the U.S. Physics team (2008 and 2009). Daniel says that if he wins the big prize he will contribute to the development of a math and science library at his school and donate some to the school's math team and other academic teams. He enjoys doing logic puzzles like Sudoku.

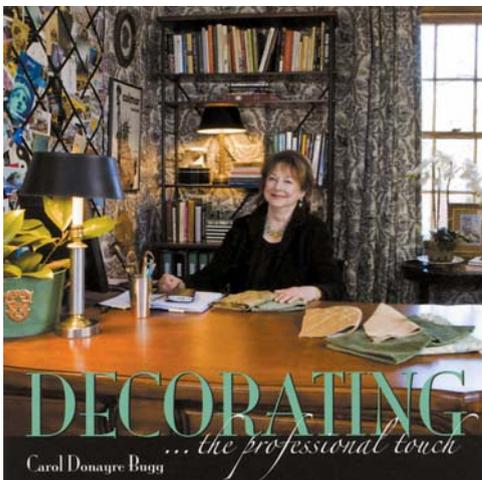
Daniel was selected for the national Who Wants to Be a Mathematician based on his score on a qualifying test with questions on algebra, trigonometry, probability, and math history, which was administered by high school math teachers. The contest is sponsored by Texas Instruments, Maplesoft, John Wiley & Sons, the National Science Foundation and the AMS.

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# Kindergarten Cuts Cause Concern

Full-Day kindergarten potential target for elimination to bridge schools' budget gap.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

More than 10 years after creating plans to implement full-day kindergarten at all of the Fairfax County Public School's (FCPS) elementary schools, financial limitations have not only put those plans on hold, but are actually putting them in reverse. Though no cuts have been officially proposed, one area targeted for potential reductions is full-day kindergarten at all non-title one schools, which serve the community's lowest-income areas.

**"These cuts would be devastating for our schools and communities."**

— Dr. Mahri Aste, principal,  
Mosby Woods Elementary

"These cuts would be devastating for our schools and communities," said Mosby Woods Elementary School Principal Dr. Mahri Aste. "It would be a huge backward step for our children."

According to the FCPS' Fiscal Year 2011 forecast, the school system is facing a \$176 million budget shortfall after closing a \$200 million gap last year. As a result, the school system prepared a list of potential reductions. In addition to cutting full-day kinder-

garten at 69 of the 101 that offer it, the list also includes other cuts such as the elimination of assistant principals, fine arts programs and more. Cutting full-day kindergarten, according to the list, would save FCPS \$13 million.

Fairfax-area schools facing these cuts are Fairhill, Mantua and Mosby Woods elementary schools. These schools, if the cuts come to fruition, will all be breaking their full-day kindergarten classes into a three-hour, half-day schedule. The danger for the faculty members, administrators said, is that positions may be eliminated, or some teachers may be forced to

double their workload. Mosby Woods, for example, has four full-day kindergarten classes, which would be broken up into four half-day sessions. As a result, Aste said, two teachers would teach two half-day sessions each, and two teachers would have to be laid off.

"Right now, we have four full-day kindergartens with 25 students in each," Aste said. "One teacher does one class, but if it is cut, one teacher will do one class of 25 students



Kindergarteners line up in the Mosby Woods cafeteria before starting their first day of school Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009.

in the morning and another in the afternoon. Positions would be cut in half."

Much concern also lies in the ramifications on the children's education, according to parents and administrators. Aste contended that the school system considers closing the achievement gap between all demographic groups a main priority, and that full-day kindergarten is a major tool in reducing that gap. Aste said that many of Mosby Woods' students come from Head Start, a development program for children

from birth to age 5 that includes children with disabilities or special needs. Cutting their instructional period by three to four hours, Aste said, would set that development back.

In addition, parents of the affected students are also concerned not only about the loss of instructional time, but also the costs of childcare. Elizabeth Yoder, a mother of one 8-year-old already at Mantua Elemen-

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## Deeper Cuts Ahead for County Schools?

Freezing state funding would add \$50 million to the schools' projected budget shortfall.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Members of the Fairfax County School Board were already discussing the elimination of elementary school foreign language instruction, most full-day kindergarten classes and the majority of the county's summer school program as a way to cope with a projected budget shortfall of \$100 million to \$200 million during the 2010-2011 school year.

Now, they may have to come up with a longer list of program cuts thanks to Gov. Tim Kaine's (D) latest state budget proposal, announced in December.

Kaine recommended freezing the state education funding formula, a move that would result in Fairfax schools losing an additional \$50 million to \$60 million in financial help from Richmond during the next school year.

Fairfax County already provides the ma-

majority of its school system's budget. In 2010, for example, the locality covered approximately 73 percent of FCPS' \$2.2 billion operating budget.

If Fairfax County wants to make up for a state funding cut of that magnitude, the Board of Supervisors would have to raise the property tax rate approximately 2.5 cents to 3 cents this spring.

Fairfax's foreign language in elementary schools program costs about \$2.5 million and the foreign language immersion program costs about \$2.1 million annually. The school system spent just under \$5 million on traditional summer school and about \$30 million on full-day kindergarten this year.

"If we had \$50 million, we might be able to avoid an increase in class size," said School Board member Stuart Gibson (Hunter Mill District).

VIRGINIA'S education funding formula takes into account several factors but

largely relies on a locality's property values and median household income to determine how much money each school district receives from the commonwealth.

Described by legislators as a "complicated algorithm," the formula is designed to cover a larger portion of public education costs in Virginia's school districts with the fewest financial resources. The formula assumes that jurisdictions like Fairfax, considered one of the wealthiest localities in the country, can more easily afford to fund its own education systems through local taxes.

As a result, the state covers relatively little of FCPS' budget when compared to what they provide for other localities.

Virginia provides approximately \$23.47 for every \$100 spent on public education in Fairfax County. In other Virginia school districts that reap the most from the current funding formula, the state provides \$84.47 for every \$100 spent on public edu-

cation, according to Fairfax County documents.

"Any time you have a state funding formula that is based on relative wealth, we don't do very well," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), who represents Lorton, Springfield, Fairfax Station and Burke.

**"No other region of Virginia would tolerate this type of discriminatory treatment."**

— Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

**BUT** Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties were expected to benefit financially from a scheduled recalculation of the state edu-

tion funding formula this year.

Though property values and average household incomes remain high in Northern Virginia overall, Fairfax and these other local jurisdictions saw a more substantial drop in home prices when compared with other Virginia localities.

The result should have been that Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William received a

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## Crash Claims Fairfax Sisters

Two Fairfax sisters died last Monday, Dec. 28, in a car crash on West Ox Road. Both Fairfax High graduates, they were identified as Victoria Stefan, 25, and Elizabeth Stefan, 22. Fairfax County Police say tragedy occurred just before 2:30 a.m. and “both women died on impact.”

According to police, they were traveling in a 2003 Jaguar, southbound on West Ox Road near the intersection of Route 29 when the driver, Victoria Stefan, tried to turn right onto the ramp to Route 29. However, say police, the vehicle continued through the intersection and struck a jersey barrier head-on.

Investigators have not determined the final cause of the crash, but police believe the victims had their seat belts fastened and that “speed may have been a partial factor.” Crash Reconstruction detectives responded to the scene and are continuing to investigate the incident.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text “TIP187” plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## Baldwin Guilty of Felonies

Believing that he committed a series of thefts from parked vehicles, in May, City of Fairfax Police arrested Clarence Marcel Baldwin, 21, of no fixed address. On Saturday, May 23, patrol officers responded to the 7-Eleven at 3910 University Drive to investigate a possible fraud case involving someone who was trying to purchase gift cards using a stolen credit card.

A joint investigation by the Patrol Division and the Criminal Investigations Division revealed that, over a period of several weeks, Baldwin and an accomplice had allegedly committed a number of vehicle larcenies in the Country Club Hills neighborhood.

The grand jury indicted him Nov. 16 on seven felonies. A week later, Nov. 23 in Fairfax County Circuit Court, Baldwin pleaded guilty to five counts of credit-card theft and two counts of grand larceny. Judge Marcus Williams then set his sentencing for Feb. 12.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## City Man Guilty of Property Destruction of Vehicles

Last summer, City of Fairfax Police charged a Fairfax man with vandalizing several vehicles in the city. Since then, Vincent Thakozan Stoutjesdijk, 19, of the 9400 block Fairfax Blvd., has been convicted and is scheduled for sentencing next month.

On July 15, at 6:19 a.m., a citizen reported that numerous vehicles had been vandalized in the 4300 block of Ramona Drive. Responding officers identified at least 42 parked vehicles that had been damaged by scratching the paint with a sharp object, tearing off gas-tank covers or ripping off emblems. Police estimated the total damage at \$40,000.

According to police, that same day, around 8:45 a.m., a citizen reported a suspicious person trying to break into a vehicle in the 10500 block of West Drive. Officers responded and found Stoutjesdijk nearby and, as a result of the subsequent investigation, they charged him with five counts of felony destruction of property.

Four of those charges were later dismissed, Oct. 26, in General District Court, and the remaining one was certified to the grand jury – which indicted Stoutjesdijk on Nov. 16. He pleaded guilty, Dec. 1, in Fairfax County Circuit Court, and Judge Charles Maxfield set his sentencing for Feb. 12.

— BONNIE HOBBS

## NEWS



PHOTO BY ED FULCINTI

Father John Kelly and Fouad Qreitem, middle, are flanked by Paisano's store managers, from left, John Qreitem, Norman Taweel, Pierre Chahine and Sam Saah.

# Doing Something To Help

## Paisano's restaurants collect food for the needy.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Usually, Paisano's is in the business of selling food – pizza, pasta and other Italian specialties. But for three weeks after Thanksgiving, it also focused on collecting food to give to local people in need.

“People often give to national organizations, but we wanted to do something to help Fairfax County residents – people in our own backyard,” said Fouad Qreitem, Paisano's president.

So he contacted St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Clifton. “It was close to one of my stores, I have friends who attend there and I knew they work with a couple organizations in need of food,” Qreitem said.

The restaurants involved in the food drive were the Paisano's in Fair Lakes, Fairfax City, Chantilly, Reston and Herndon, plus Bella Pizza (also owned by Qreitem) in Centreville. When customers called to place an order, employees taking their calls told them about the food drive and asked – in a low-key way – if they'd like to help.

“I was thinking, if we could collect 500 cans per store, it would be a good thing,” said Qreitem. “But they all did great. The first two days we did it, we raised 1,500 cans.”

By the time the drive ended, Paisano's had amassed nearly 10,000 cans – as well as boxed food items and 20 bags of clothing.

“A real thank-you goes out to our clients and customers,” said Clifton resident Qreitem. “They were so gracious and generous. Some would order food from us, four days a week, and would donate four days a week. It was truly humbling and amazing.”

Each restaurant served as a drop-off site, but Qreitem said about 85 percent of the contributions were given when Paisano's employees delivered food to customers. “It was great to know that people helped other people,” said Qreitem. “The office was just stacked with cans. We estimated that we had enough food to feed a couple thousand people.”

Then, on the morning of Dec. 22, several automo-

biles from Paisano's delivered all the food to St. Andrew, with Father John Kelly there to receive it. The church then shared the bounty with Western Fairfax Christian Ministries (WFCM), House of Mercy, Choices and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge.

WFCM runs a food pantry and thrift store in Chantilly for people in need in Western Fairfax County, and House of Mercy provides food and clothing for the poor in Manassas. The latter, said Kelly, was “established by Jack Fullen, a priest formerly from our diocese.”

**CHOICES OPERATES** a shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and Our Lady of the Blue Ridge is a Catholic parish in Madison, Va. “A lot of the people in the mountains there are very poor,” said Kelly. “So we send them food, clothing and baby supplies all year long, plus gifts and gift cards at Christmas.”

Therefore, he said, when Qreitem contacted his church about its food drive, he was overjoyed to learn about the effort and delighted to channel the food items to those needing them most. St. Andrew also accepted non-perishable food donations at the parish office, weekdays, and in the parish hall after all Sunday masses, and those, too, added to the total collected.

“We've seen a big increase, in the past six months, in people needing assistance with food,” said Kelly. “The effect of the economy is still being felt here. So when Paisano's said they wanted to do this, we were more than happy to jump on the bandwagon with them.”

Actually, said Qreitem, “Our Fairfax City store, on Main Street, opened our eyes to homelessness in Fairfax County. It opened two years ago and, when our manager arrived in the morning to open the business, he discovered homeless people sleeping in the woods on the side of the store. It made me realize not everyone in Fairfax County has money.”

Kelly said the response from Paisano's customers was remarkable, and their generosity “confirms the goodness in people's hearts and their willingness to share and help others less fortunate, even when their own financial picture isn't as stable as it once was.”

“I was 100-percent confident this food drive would be a success,” Qreitem said. “I know the capacity for caring among the greater Fairfax County community is second-to-none.”

**“It was truly humbling and amazing.”**

— Fouad Qreitem,  
Paisano's president

# Funding Formula Doesn't Add Up

## Proposed budget freezes Local Composite Index to detriment of Fairfax Schools.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN  
D-34

**O**n Dec. 18, Gov. Tim Kaine (D) announced the proposed state budget for the next two fiscal years. The press focused on the governor's proposal to finally end the car tax and replace it with an additional 1 percent income tax enacted at the local level.

One thing less noted but more insidious to Fairfax County was the governor's proposal to "freeze" the Local Composite Index for funding public education in Virginia. This is a terrible idea that will specifically take money away from Fairfax and break a promise made to all localities that education funding is based on "need" and not politics.

First, a word of background:

The Local Composite Index is a mathematical calculation which purportedly represents a locality's "ability to fund" public schools. It measures that by tracking the following public statistics: real property

assessments, retail sales and personal incomes.

That aggregated wealth number for each locality is then divided by the number of school age children. The final figure is ranked on a sliding scale from 0 (poorest) to 1 (wealthiest).

The state then funds public education in each locality in inverse proportion to its LCI rating. In other words, if a locality has a 0.20 LCI, then the state funds 80 percent of the basic costs of education. If the locality has a 0.80 LCI, then the state funds 20 percent of the basic costs of education.

For the past couple generations, localities in Northern Virginia have rated high on the LCI, which means we've been short-changed on state funding. For that reason, I have contended that the LCI is a pretext that simply enables Northern Virginia's money to be dispersed around the state for public education.

The process peaked a couple years ago



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Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

when Fairfax County — the state's largest school division — reached a .77 LCI, which meant that the state was only funding 23 percent of its base costs to the system educating 170,000 students. Due to our size, nearly every other school division became a

beneficiary under the LCI system.

Then a funny thing happened. The real estate market crashed in Northern Virginia and personal incomes also decreased.

For 2010, the LCI is re-balanced. And, shockingly, the numbers were tilting more favorably to Fairfax and its neighboring localities.

For example, Fairfax dropped from .77 to .71. Loudoun dropped from .67 to .58. Prince William fell from .44 to .40.

These marginal increases represent large amounts of money. For Fairfax, the 6 percent change represents nearly \$60 million in annual spending for K-12 education —

or enough to preserve all-day kindergarten and elementary school music.

That was good news. It was not entirely unexpected. And it was not undeserved. Our localities have been short-changed for years. It was only just that we gain ground.

Then the bad news.

In his Dec. 18 speech, Gov. Kaine stated that his proposed budget would "freeze the LCI" to its present levels in order to give localities "certainty" for budgeting.

Hogwash. In my years in the legislature, no one has ever proposed freezing the LCI before. No other region in this state would let the governor or General Assembly get away with altering a state formula — if it caused them to lose money.

The most infuriating part was the governor's claim that "seventy-nine school divisions" would benefit from the freeze.

Of course, that's because the big loser is Fairfax County whose size equals all the smaller divisions added together. And our schoolchildren apparently don't count the same.

Fairfax legislators can embrace the governor's logic or simply pretend the issue doesn't exist. Or they can stand up for the schoolchildren and taxpayers of Fairfax County and reject this discriminatory treatment.



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# Happy New Year

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To succeed at any of that, we need your help. Let us know how we're doing and let us know what is going on in your part of the community. If you have questions or ideas, call us or send us an e-mail.

We invite you to send letters to the editor or

to send an e-mail letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage.

We appreciate readers' ideas. If you see something that you think might be a story, or something you have a question about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

If you know of a person or an organization doing important work, something that might make a good feature story, we are looking for people to feature each week.

We want to know if someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show.

We publish photos and notes of a variety of personal milestones and community events, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, pool, school, club, etc. E-mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events from local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries are welcome.

is assumed that they will not live within.

Unlike Fairfax County, schools in Pennsylvania are sustained by the local community; any budget shortfall must be made up by the residents who live within the school district (whether they have children in the schools or not). Education is seen as something of extreme importance — it's a way

out of the factories that our parents and grandparents have labored in all of their lives. It is the reason

that I did not follow the path of my father — I do not have to stand at the same machine like he has for the past 37 years. My father worked Saturdays and holidays so that I could receive a college education and an out from the mindless daily toil that he has faced. I can never thank him enough. While residents may complain about the costs, they step up and fund their schools. My 85-year-old grandmother, whose only income comes from Social Security somehow comes up with nearly \$5,000 every year to pay her school taxes. How can a county where 59 percent of its residents have achieved academic excellence not put every penny they have back into education? The parents of Fairfax County want their children to receive a Cadillac education but are

only willing to pay for a Pinto.

Homeowners in Fairfax County have serious decisions to make about where their priorities are. When times were good and their house values were overinflated, no one was complaining. Instead they were flipping houses in a mad dash to make a few extra dollars, while at the same time laying the foundation for the market collapse. Now that reality has set back in, residents simply want to use the drop in the value of their home as an excuse for not having to pay higher taxes. Candidates running for office all seem to think they can offer a tax reduction — how is that possible? Do people actually believe that this shortfall can be closed with a tax cut? We cannot have it both ways. The county cannot continue to educate children at a high level without the funds needed to do so. Further, as teachers get priced out of living in the area, they will move to communities where they are respected and taken care of. Parents want excellent teachers — raise their salaries and you will get them. I have four college degrees. I could be making much more in the private sector; however, the future of this nation and its youth is much more important to me than the greed that comes with an inflated income. I simply want to be able to live in the community that I teach

It is especially important to us to let people know about events ahead of time in our calendar of events. We appreciate getting notice at least two weeks ahead of the event, and we encourage photos. Events for our calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you.

— MARY KIMM,  
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## Get Involved

The first day of the 2010 General Assembly session is Wednesday, Jan. 13.

The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees will conduct a Regional Public Hearing on Friday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m., at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. The hearing will focus on the Governor's proposed 2010-12 Biennial State Budget and is open to the public.

Fairfax County's delegation to the General Assembly will hold a pre-session public hearing on Saturday, Jan. 9, at 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Sign up to speak by calling the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at 703-324-3151.

The nation elected a president who talked about change and commitment to community. Fairfax County voted for this "change." It is time to step up and act. As Ernest Gains wrote "Words mean nothing. Action is the only thing. Doing. That's the only thing."

Thomas Demharter  
Fairfax

## Disagrees with Smoking Ban

To the Editor:

I think Virginia was wrong to ban smoking in restaurants. While I, as a non-smoker, would choose to not frequent a restaurant that permitted smoking, it is not the role of government to tell a business owner what he may or may not do with his own capital.

The owner of a restaurant should be free to establish his own rules regarding smoking. Customers are free to choose whether to dine at a smoker's restaurant or not and workers are free to choose to offer their services (or not) to a restaurant that permits smoking. No one is "forced" to do anything against their will.

If no one comes to eat or no one

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## 'Words Mean Nothing'

To the Editor

Fairfax County Public Schools face yet again another budget shortfall. With the 2009-10 school year nearing the halfway point, county leaders are already preaching gloom and doom for next year. As an educator in Fairfax County, this concerns me. Most teachers can barely afford to live in the communities that we teach in; another year without a step increase or COLA adjustment will drive more and more of us out of the district. Having been born and raised in Western Pennsylvania, how this county cannot come up with sufficient funds to meet the needs of its students is beyond my understanding. Unemployment stands at 4.8 percent in the county; the average family income is \$122,000/year; 59 percent of county residents hold at least a bachelor's degree. Let us compare this with Allegheny County, whose population is about the same as Fairfax County. Unemployment stands at 7.3 percent; average family income is \$46,402; only 28 percent of county residents hold a bachelor's degree. It is considered a disgrace to the district if a teacher cannot afford to live where they teach — in Fairfax County, it

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# LETTERS

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wants to work at a smoker's restaurant the owner is then free to change his rules.

Also, if we are going to live with the current law, there is nothing "unfair" in allowing "rich" restaurant owners to build and maintain a separate "smoker's environment." America does not guarantee an equal outcome to everyone. If a smart business owner, through efficient use of his resources, creates enough profit to build the separate smoker's room and that is attractive to his customers and employees, good for him!

**Ben Glass**  
Fairfax Station

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Eric Dennis** of Fairfax received a bachelor of science in civil engineering degree magna cum laude in civil engineering from the College of Engineering during Virginia Tech's fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 19, 2008, in Cassell Coliseum.

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**Asylum Street Spankers.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Bear Tales Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Story time. Ages 13-23 months with adult. 703-249-1520.

**Cowboy Tales.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories, activities and a craft. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-644-7333.

## FRIDAY/JAN. 8

**An Evening with SGGL.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$25. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

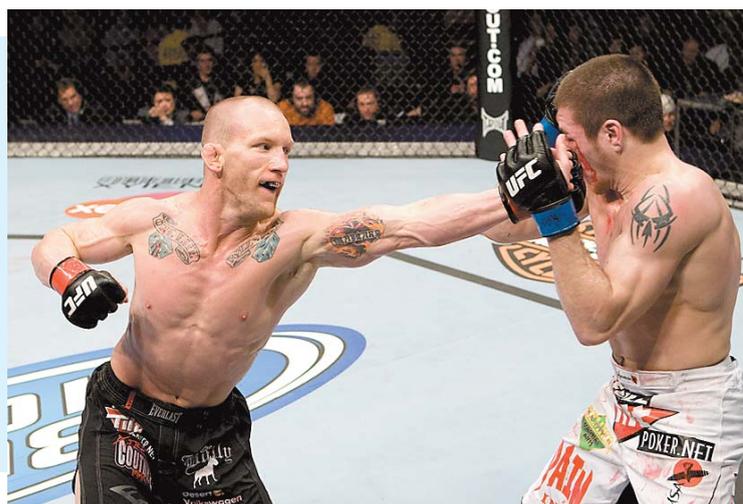
**Lunch Bunnies.** 12 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

**The Fairfax High School Choral Department Cabaret Night.** 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Classic jazz and Broadway songs. Tickets cover admission, dessert and a beverage. \$10 adults, \$5 seniors, students or children over two. \$25 for a family of four. Gift basket raffle available. [www.fhschorus.net](http://www.fhschorus.net).

**Chicago City Limits.** 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolftrap, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improv

## UFC Bout at GMU

**Gray Maynard, left, fights Nate Diaz on Monday, Jan. 11, in a Ultimate Fighting Championship bout at the George Mason University Patriot Center.**



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comedy. \$22. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 9

**Help Send Packages to Troops Deployed Overseas.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. This project is being conducted in conjunction with the America's Adopt a Soldier program. Help pack care packages for service members overseas, collect or donate items for the boxes, or donate towards the mailing cost of \$13 per box. Make checks payable to USPS (United States Postal Service). Contact 703-503-8703, TTY 711 for a list of suggested items.

**Burke Fairfax Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. National Bone Marrow Registry Drive.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road,

Burke. Testing is a simple swab of the inside of the cheek. Contact Tammy Mann at [mannafamily11@msn.com](mailto:mannafamily11@msn.com).

**John Jorgenson Quintet.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Chicago City Limits.** 7:30 p.m. at The Barns at Wolftrap, Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improv comedy. \$22. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SUNDAY/JAN. 10

**Thatswhathesaid, Counting Out Loud, Matthew Pablo and A+ Dropouts.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**This Day Waits, Sub-radio Standard, Streetlight Silhouettes, Bybrooke and Box**

**Robots.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

## MONDAY/JAN. 11

**Ultimate Fighting Championship, with Gray Maynard and Nate Diaz.** 6:15 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$43-\$203, at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**PAL Reading Visits.** 4-5:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Call to reserve a 15-minute slot. 703-249-1520.

**After-School Special: Puzzled?** 3:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Puzzle fun. Age 6-12. 703-978-5600.

**Friends Meeting.** 7 p.m. Kings Park

Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Friends of the Library group monthly meeting. Adults. 703-978-5600.

**Book Club Kids: "Where the Wild Things Are."** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. A book club for 3-5 year olds. Activities centered around the book "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. Children should be familiar with this story before coming. 703-644-7333.

**Get Ready for the Olympics Movie Program.** 2:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Olympic-size fun. A hilarious movie about the first Jamaican bobsled team. 703-644-7333.

**Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

## TUESDAY/JAN. 12

**Let's Hear It for the Girls.** 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Mother-daughter book discussion group. "The Boys Start the War" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor. Age 9-11 with adult. 703-978-5600.

**Tales for Twos: Snowmen Stories.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories and activities about snowmen. Age 24-35 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Daytime Book Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "Goodbye and Amen" by Beth Richardson Gutcheon. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Reading Across the Centuries.** 6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Art of War by Sun-tzu. 703-644-7333.

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## COMMUNITY

# Make-a-Difference Skills

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tute will begin at 9 a.m. with a series of speeches on how to become a leader who “inspires people” to get involved and how to maintain that involvement by Cook, Deputy County Executive Patricia Harrison and Braddock District Council member Bill Barfield.

McCreary said that the attendees will then break into groups and participate in a series of hour-long workshops following that opening session. Members of the Fairfax County Police and Fire and Rescue Departments will host one workshop, “Creating and Maintaining Safe Neighborhoods.” McCreary said that this workshop will discuss the importance of engaging residents in neighborhood watch groups, learning about code enforcement and emergency preparedness.

Another workshop, “The Nuts & Bolts of Managing and Sustaining Community Organizations,” will educate participants about the responsibilities of a civic organization and its leaders. According to Cook, this workshop will cover state statutes that govern community associations and the best practices on how to manage the organization’s legal and fiscal responsibilities. In addition, ideas on how to successfully plan for succession and the long-term sustainability of the organization will be discussed.

“There really isn’t another opportunity to learn about those things all in one place,” Cook said. “Many people don’t have the training or resources [covered in this workshop], and it will help them establish a vision or visioning process for their organizations.”

The other two workshops will focus on environmental stewardship and engaging diverse popula-

tions. In the environmental workshop, members of the county’s Environmental Coordinating Council will discuss ways to “live green” in the hopes of maintaining the cleanliness and livability of the community’s neighborhoods. In the final workshop, “Human Capital and Engaging Diverse Populations,” topics include understanding the various demographic groups and how to utilize skills and abilities of all members of the community.

“Most people in civic associations are over 60 [years old], but not everyone in the community is over 60,”

Cook said. “Our meetings don’t reflect the diversity of the community and we need to change that.”

After the institute, Cook hopes that the ground work for community organization will be laid, and that the attendees will begin to take the things they learned into their neighborhoods and get fellow residents

involved. Then, in late February through May, Neighborhood Colleges are taking place for people who are just starting to get involved and do not know where to begin. Attendees will hear from graduates of the program, meet local elected officials and learn how to communicate with their fellow neighbors more effectively. Essentially, Cook said, the colleges will help fill out the ranks of community organizations and strengthen the foundation built by the participants of the Leadership Institute.

“The goal of this [program] is to increase civic engagement, to get people involved with their communities and believing that they can make a difference and make it a better place to live,” Disselkoen said. “It’s a bit of a change from doing government programs, but residents are the experts on their own communities.”

### Sign Up

Go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/) for information on how to sign up for either the Leadership Institute or the Neighborhood Colleges.

# More Cuts in Education

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larger slice of the state’s overall education funding next year.

But if incoming Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) and the Virginia General Assembly take up Kaine’s suggestion and decide to “freeze” the state’s education funding formula, Fairfax and others would not see an increase in education funding.

Ninety-seven of the commonwealth’s 136 school districts — and constituents represented by the majority of the Virginia General Assembly’s members — would be negatively impacted by the scheduled change in the formula, so it is likely that the freeze will be seriously considered and approved in the upcoming session.

The situation may be particularly tense because the General Assembly will likely have to cut state

education funds across the board anyway, as the result of an overall budget shortfall.

“Any time you cut education, people are trying to get as much money as they possibly can,” said Albo.

Albo and other local members of the General Assembly said they are ready to fight any proposal to freeze the formula, even if they are outnumbered by their colleagues in the state legislature.

“The [funding formula] is used to measure the wealth of a locality and, for years, it has been used to jerk us around. Now, for the first time, the numbers are actually moving in our direction. Now that the system is actually starting to benefit Fairfax, they are asking us to freeze it out,” said Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34).

“No other region of Virginia would tolerate this type of discriminatory treatment. ... We must fight against it,” he said.

### MILITARY NOTES

**Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Patrick D. Healy**, a 2004 graduate of Paul Catholic High School in Fairfax recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned to his current rank in the United States Marine Corps. Healy joined the Marine Corps in June 2005.

Transition Course at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. The course teaches basic skills necessary for integration into the Army for all prior-service service members to fully prepare them for Advanced Individual Training or on to their first assignment. Knight is a 1981 graduate of Robinson Secondary School, Fairfax.

**Army Reserve Sgt. Robert H. Knight** has completed the Warrior

**Jeremiah S. Johnson**, who graduated from Martinsburg High School in

2005, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor’s degree from West Virginia University, Morgantown. Johnson is the son of Gale C. Johnson of S. Rosemont Avenue, Martinsburg, W.V., and brother of Zachery J. Johnson of Green Ridge Court in Fairfax.

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# Stories To Watch For in 2010

With 2009 over-and-done, here's a preview of a few of 2010's top high school sports stories.

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

## District Basketball Play Heats Up

With the holiday tournaments over and just about every local high school basketball team about to enter the bulk of its district play, the basketball scene is primed to heat up the frigid month of January.

The Woodson girls' team comes out of the holiday break with a 6-2 record, recording major victories over Fairfax and McLean. Led by senior Melissa Gallo, the Lady Cavs already have a 2-0 record against Patriot District opponents.

Woodson's boys' team has a 5-4 record after the break and has a 1-1 record in the Patriot District to start 2010.

The Fairfax boys' team, which endured a difficult 2-6 start to the season in December, opened January with a 61-31 victory over Madison. The boys' team is currently 1-2 in Liberty District play.

Behind senior guard Lauren Buford, the Lady Rebels have a 5-4 record entering the month of January. The girls earned their first Liberty District victory on Dec. 18 against Marshall with a 48-32 win.

After earning back-to-back victories against Fairfax and West Springfield in mid-December, the Robinson boys' basketball team is enduring an uncharacteristic slump.

Since their Dec. 15 victory over West Springfield, the Rams have dropped five in a row, but they are looking to rebound against Chantilly on Jan. 8.

The Lady Rams currently have a 6-2 record and will have a chance to put some distance between themselves and the rest

of the Concorde District in January.

A rocky four-game losing streak to started the season for the Lake Braddock boys' basketball team, but they were able to put together a string of four wins in December to earn a 4-4 record.

With a 0-1 record in the district, the boys' team will look to January to make up lost ground on South County and T.C. Williams. The girls' team is currently 1-6 and starts its January play against West Springfield.

## Baseball and Softball

With the winter sports season nearing the midway point, it's not too soon to be thinking about spring training and the upcoming baseball season.

Local teams will be looking to build upon the success they shared in 2009, starting with Lake Braddock and their 17-7 season. The Bruins advanced to the state playoffs but were defeated by Hanover 0-4.

Patriot District newcomer W.T. Woodson will be partaking in their first baseball and softball seasons in the Patriot District in 2010. The baseball team went 11-13 in 2009 and had their season ended by Westfield in the Northern Region playoffs.

Another school entering their first season in a new district is Fairfax, who exited the Concorde District for the Liberty District. The baseball team had a down year with a 3-17 record and the softball team recorded a 14-8 season.

Robinson's boys' baseball team ended 2009 with a 13-12 record and will looking to compete in the historically strong Concorde District.

Area baseball and softball teams will also be looking to battle for home-field advantage in the state playoffs.



FILE PHOTOS

**Coming out of the holiday break, the Woodson girls' basketball team has a 6-2 record and a 2-0 record in Patriot District play.**

Westfield will be hosting the VHSL State Baseball Finals in 2010 and if local teams can garner top seeds, they'll enjoy playing in the comfy confines of Fairfax County instead of journeying around the state in June.

Other local soccer teams of note include the Woodson girls' team who finished 2009 with a 13-1-2 record and the Lake Braddock girls' team who recorded a 9-7 record in 2009.

## Spring Soccer Fever

Those hankering for some soccer before the FIFA World Cup in South Africa arrives in mid-June should check out the local high school soccer scene.

A good starting place for those craving the beautiful game might be Robinson Secondary School, home of the 2009 Northern Region Boys' Soccer Champions.

In 2009, the Rams were the class of the Northern Region when it came to soccer.

In addition to capturing the Northern Region title and the Concorde District title, the boys' team also shutout 10 opponents in the 2009 season.

With a season as successful and dominating as 2009, it's only natural that the Rams will have to contend with the ire of the Northern Region and play with a target on their backs.

## Patriot District Football

When it comes to ultra-competitive divisions, the NCAA has the Southeastern Conference, the NFL has the NFC East and the Northern Region has the Patriot District.

In the 2009 season, the historically strong Concorde District gave way to a new set of stars in the Patriot District.

Patriot District rivals Lake Braddock and Woodson squared off in the Northern Region finals and just a week before that, it was three Patriot District teams in the semi-finals — South County, Woodson and Lake Braddock.

The Patriot District also featured one of the best quarterback rivalries in the area between Lake Braddock's Michael Nebrich

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**Patriot District rivals Lake Braddock and Woodson faced off in the Division 6 Northern Region football finals in 2009. In 2010, the Patriot District should be one of the most competitive districts in the region.**

## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

# Full-Day Kindergarten

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tary and a 3-year-old son who will attend the school next year, said that losing those three or four hours will take away time that is not only important for education, but also for socialization. Yoder said that the lunchtime, free time and other socialization periods would be the things that will be eliminated to save educational instruction. As a result, she fears that her son would not be

stimulated enough to learn effectively.

Also, Yoder said that she works full-time, and that her family depends on the all-day childcare that full-day kindergarten provides. If full-day kindergarten is cut, Yoder and many other working parents will be forced to find a childcare provider for the other half of the day, which would be yet another expense for the family to deal with.

"I went to work full-time back in September, and we had a plan in place," Yoder said.

"So of course, we now have a tremendous concern. It's going to be a difficult year for us [if these cuts happen]."

FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale will release the Fiscal Year 2011 Proposed Budget on Jan. 7, and for the next several months, the School Board will conduct work sessions and public hearings to debate cuts and receive input from the community. The School Board will then present their final proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors on April 7, followed by three more work sessions and two more public meetings. On April 27, the Board of Supervisors approves the county budget and the School Board adopts the fi-

nal school budget on May 20.

"It's too early to tell what we'll end up doing [in terms of cuts], but I always encourage people to use their voice and speak out to help us make these decisions," School Board Member Patricia Reid (Providence) said. "With the budget situations we're in, we're going to be having some difficult discussions over the next few months."

## Budget Information

Go to [www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm](http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2011.htm) for current school budget information, including upcoming public hearings and School Board work sessions.

## FAITH NOTES

**Movie screening: Food, Inc.** 7:30 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Free movie with Doug McCusker, author of Ethical Eating. Vegetarian potluck at 6:45 p.m., film starts at 7:30 pm. Reservations recommended. 703-503-4579 or [administrator@accotinkuuc.org](mailto:administrator@accotinkuuc.org).

**New Beginnings Divorce Care:** a 13-week program with a Christian approach to divorce and separation. Beginning Saturday, Jan. 9 at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. The course runs continually and can be joined at any time. Free. Contact Don Emery at 703-815-6762 or [donemery@aol.com](mailto:donemery@aol.com).

**Seniors are invited to the Lunch N' Life** sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 12-2 p.m., at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. The program will be presented by Phyllis Verhalen performing as Abigail Adams in period costume. Seating is limited. For reservations, call Faye Quesenberry 703-620-0161 by Jan. 14. \$8; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office 703-323-4788. See [www.fairfax-burkesc.org](http://www.fairfax-burkesc.org).

**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](http://www.franconiaumc.org).

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## Man Sentenced For Assault

A Penderbrook man has been sentenced to six months in jail for a Sept. 9 assault in Fair Oaks. He is Daniel Jimenez Munoz, 25, of the 3900 block of Penderview Drive in Fairfax.

According to police, an 18-year-old woman was walking outside an apartment complex in the 12100 block of Polo Drive, around 10 p.m., when a man approached her and tried engaging her in conversation. She ignored him and continued walking, but he grabbed her and threatened her with a small knife.

The victim struggled with him and was able to break free. The man then fled on foot toward Monument Drive. The victim did not require medical attention. On Sept. 15, a Fairfax County police officer arrested Munoz from that sketch. A subsequent investigation led to his arrest on assault and abduction charges.

Munoz appeared Nov. 9 in General District Court and, at that time, his abduction charge was dropped. However, Judge Mitchell Mutnick found him guilty of assault and sentenced him to 360 days in jail, with 180 days suspended.

## Bad Check = Jail

In July, City of Fairfax Police charged an Oak Hill man with attempting to obtain money by false pretenses from a Fairfax business. Now, Donovan Antoine Myers, 20, of 12800 block of Wrexham Road, has been sentenced to jail and probation for his actions.

According to police, on July 31, around 10:27 a.m., an employee of Cash for Less at 9766 Fairfax Blvd. reported that a man was trying to cash a fraudulent check. Police responded and arrested Myers.

He appeared Nov. 17 in Fairfax County General District Court and, at that time, his charge was reduced to a misdemeanor offense of bad-check larceny. Judge Mark Simmons then sentenced Myers to 180 days in jail, suspending 178 days, and placed him on a year's probation.

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**The Clifton Presbyterian Church has a Caregiver Support Group** that meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton. This group is for caregivers of seniors with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other age-related problems. 703-830-9175 ext. 17.

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## SPORTS

# 2010: Year Ahead

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and Woodson's Connor Reilly.

Further cementing the power-swap, two of the Concorde District's playoff teams, Oakton and Westfield, exited the playoffs in the first round courtesy of Patriot District opponents.

While the Patriot District reigned supreme in 2009, the district is seeing some of its brightest stars leave at the end of the 2010 school year.

Regardless of what lies in store for the district in 2010, there's no doubt that 2009 brought out some of the best storylines in local area football and will be a must-watch district in 2010.



The Robinson boys' soccer team won the Northern Region championship in 2009. The Rams will be one of the top teams to watch this spring.

## One Down, Four To Go

Lake Braddock's cross-country team almost had their names erased from the Virginia High School League record book in 2009. That was until the Bruins stopped Midlothian from capturing their fifth straight state title at the 2009 State Cross-country finals.

With the VHSL record for consecutive

state championships currently being shared by Lake Braddock and Midlothian, 2010 might be the start of Lake Braddock's attempt to re-claim the mark for their own.

Although standout distance runner Liana Epstein will be graduating, the Bruins have found a new spark in a talented youngster. Freshman runner Sophie Chase finished second at the state finals and had another strong performance in the Northern Region finals.

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The City of Fairfax Police Department is hosting the third session of its Citizens Police Academy from March 18 through May 20. It offers an opportunity for interested citizens to learn about the role of the Police Department and its many functions, services and capabilities. Initiated in 2007 by Police Chief Richard Rappoport, the objective isn't to train individuals to be police officers, but to produce informed citizens.

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Applicants to attend must meet the following minimum requirements: Be a city resident or work in the City of Fairfax, be at least 18, pass a police background check and be a U.S. citizen. Classes are on Thursdays, from 6:30-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Sgt. Pam Nevlud at 703-385-7966 or Capt. Michael Artone at 703-385-7972. To obtain an application, go to [www.fairfaxva.gov/Police/CitizenPoliceAcademy.asp](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Police/CitizenPoliceAcademy.asp).

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Krista N. Yancey** of Fairfax has been named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2008-09 academic year at Bucknell University. A student

must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition. Yancey is the daughter of John Yancey of San Diego, Calif. and Carol and Richard Bryan of Fairfax.

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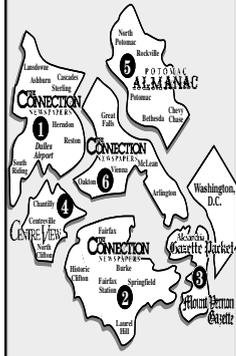
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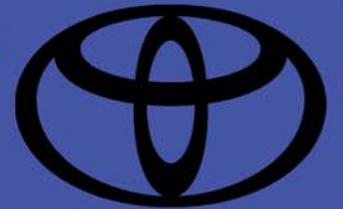
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