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The Kreider family, who base the Northern Virginia chapter of HOPE worldwide out of their Fox Mill home, helped organize the group's Martin Luther King Day fire prevention campaign. From left are Brett, Carson Middle School eighth-grader Noah, South Lakes High School sophomore Logan, Beth and Fox Mill Elementary fourth-grader Elena Kreider.



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From left are Mike Wolf and Fred Rubin representing Troop 160, 100th Eagle Scout Mike Barlow, Mike Rigo of Troop 160 and Steve Housley representing the Boy Scouts Powhatan District.



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Danny Krulick, center, poses with Boy Scout officials. On Dec. 8, Krulick became the 100th member of Troop 160 to reach the rank of Eagle Scout, a record number for the troop.

## Troop 160 Produces 100th Eagle

The year 2009 went down in Boy Scout Troop 160 history as the year the troop awarded its 100th scout with the rank of Eagle. On Sept. 12, Michael Barlow of Franklin Farm became the 100th Eagle Scout from Troop 160. After graduating from Chantilly High School, Barlow went on to Virginia Tech. For his Eagle project, he collected and sorted supplies used in the Fairfax County Public Schools' supply donation program. His name, like all other Eagle Scouts from the troop, will appear on the roll of honor, as well as on the troop

trailer. Mike's brother, Joe, became an Eagle Scout in 2008. Because they have multiple family members in the Eagle Brotherhood, the Barlows are entitled to have their picture appear in the national magazine of the National Eagle Scout Association.

The troop has produced an average of seven to eight Eagle Scouts each year since 2005, and this year reached 10 Eagles, making 2009 a record year for the troop.

The 2009 Eagle Scouts include Sahal Thahir (Jan. 18), Tim Henne (June 9), Brad Stebner (Aug. 9),

Alec Nicewick (Oct. 20), Eric Mitchell (Nov. 12), Michael Grimmett-Norris (Nov. 17), Jason McConnell (Nov. 30), Kevin Bailey (Dec. 1) and Danny Krulick (Dec. 8), in addition to Mike Barlow.

The troop meets at Franklin Middle School and is sponsored by the school's PTA.

Virginia Tech is a place where Troop 160 Eagle Scouts have reunited, often joining the school's Scout Club. Other Troop 160 Eagle Scouts at Virginia Tech include John Krulick, Joe Wolf, Francis Pesce, Sean Idol, Daniel Kennedy and Stewart Butterfield.

Much of the credit for this achievement goes to the troop's recruiting program. Strong recruiting since 2001 under former Scoutmasters Nick Pesce and Fred Wilkerson, who were helped by Kathleen Henne, started the tradition of new scout classes greater than 20, and the strong advancement program in the troop has helped scouts stay on the path to Eagle status.

In fact, most of the scoutmasters since Pesce and Wilkerson have been Eagle Scouts themselves and know the path that must be taken.

## Players Present 'The Violet Hour'

The Elden Street Players continue the 2009-10 season with Richard Greenberg's Tony award-winning play, "The Violet Hour," to be directed by Rosemary Hartman on Jan. 22 at the Industrial Strength Theatre.

For those who want to discuss "The Violet Hour," ESP is adding a "Talkback" session after the 3 p.m. performance on Sunday, Jan. 24. The director and cast welcome your questions about the play.

The cast includes Ian Brown, Adam Downs, Richard Durkin, Heather Plank and Alana Sharp

Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, Jan. 22, 23, 29, 30, Feb. 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Reservations may be made by calling 703-481-5930.

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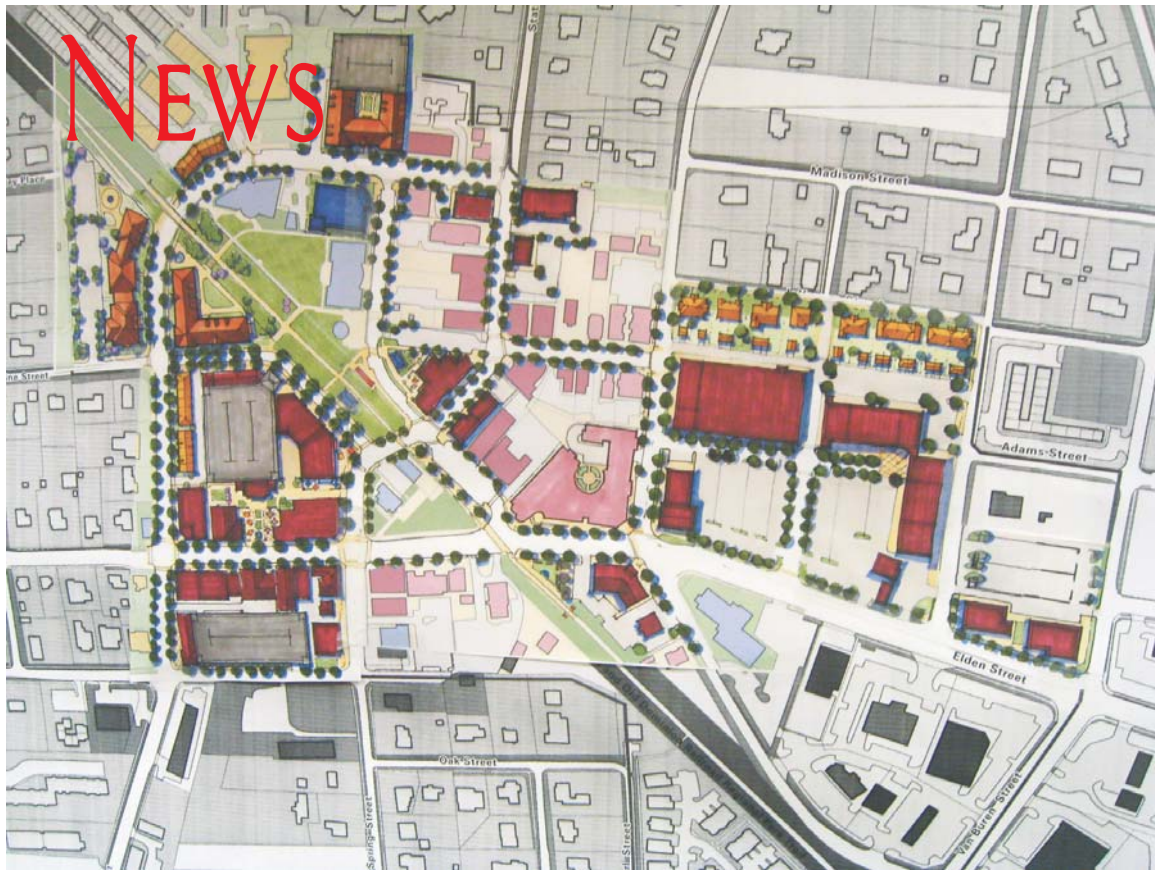


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**Most of Urban Design Associates' higher-density option for downtown Herndon's redevelopment won the approval of the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee last week.**

## Committee Opts for Higher Density

**Downtown redevelopment would still be less intense than earlier JPI proposal.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Initially, Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee member Stephanie Gosnell had opposed additional housing in the downtown area. But when the idea was presented as a way to support more retail business in the town's core, she warmed to it, she told the rest of the committee at its Jan. 6 meeting.

In December, Urban Design Associates, the architecture and planning firm contracted by the town to come up with designs for a revitalized downtown, had presented higher-density and lower-density options for redevelopment, and the committee was to evaluate the plans on a block-by-block basis and come up with a recommendation for town officials. Although the votes were divided, the group chose the higher-density options for most areas in the plan.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER** Aubrey Stokes said most of the residents he had spoken to wanted less den-

sity than either plan provided. However, Jon Eisen, managing principal at StreetSense Inc., said residents he had met with had almost unanimously agreed that they wanted an increase in density in the downtown area, including apartments and townhouses, but not detached homes.

StreetSense was contracted as an economic and real estate advisor to work with Urban Design as the team met with town officials, businesses, residents and landowners to work out a plan. "The overwhelming majority almost all unilaterally agreed with each other, which threw us off," Eisen said. "It's not what we're used to."

Senior town planner Dana Heiberg noted that the now-scraped downtown redevelopment plan by JPI Development Services had proposed a density of about 2.0 FAR (floor-area ratio), meaning 2 square feet of floor space for every square foot of land. Meanwhile, the denser design by urban associates would amount to an FAR of less than 1, and the less-dense option would have only a 0.55 FAR, barely more than what could be developed by right under the area's current zoning. "I think there's a real help in terms of having some residential that supports the retail," Heiberg said.

JPI had proposed 600 residential units on three blocks, while Urban Design's plans showed a maximum of 486 units spread across 12 blocks, Heiberg said. More than 100 of those would be on the land now occupied by the

Pines Shopping Center, the owner of which is unlikely to sell the property any time soon.

Asked how many additional housing units would be necessary to support the sort of retail community that residents wanted, Eisen said there were already enough people in the town, but too much of their money was spent outside of Herndon, due to a "dysfunctional" retail setup in town and numerous other options in the surrounding area. "You have what is called leakage," Eisen said.

He said perfecting the downtown character with an organized marketing strategy, businesses that compliment each other, parking, branding, visibility and a "sense of place" would help solve this problem. "You're not competing against a lot," he said, noting that there was no other quaint downtown within many miles. What the town needed to create, he said, was a scenario in which Reston residents would say, "I'm tired of waiting to get into Jackson's [Mighty Fine Food]. Let's go to Herndon. Because it's cool."

Gosnell said she thought more affordable housing that was attractive to young professionals would support more business in the area, and Eisen agreed, saying he had polled that demographic in the surrounding area. "They're hungry. They're looking for a place that's got some soul to it," he said.

**ADDITIONAL PARKING**, including at least one large garage  
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**Kendra Song, of Rachel Carson Middle School, performs 'Listz, Petrarch Sonnet No. 123' on the piano.**

## Local Students Honor Martin Luther King

In honor and remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Chantilly Pyramid Minority Student Achievement

Committee (CPMSAC) had its 16th annual King Festival, Sunday, Jan. 16, at Westfield High.



**The McNair Elementary Singers & Recorder Club performs 'There Will be Peace.'**

## Herndon Police Win National Award

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has awarded the 2009 Community Policing Award to the Herndon Police Department (HPD) for its comprehensive program to monitor and reduce crimes associated with neglected and foreclosed homes.

The award identifies and rewards best practices in community policing by recognizing police organizations that use the power of collaboration and partnerships to make local, national, and global communities safer from crime and terrorism. Award recipients are recognized for developing community-policing models on issues that are specific to individual communities but may be applied in communities around the world.

During 2009, HPD initiated a structured patrol program designed to prohibit criminal activity and improve the quality of life for neighborhoods affected by neglected properties. The department partnered with other town departments, volunteer organizations, Realtors and banks to monitor foreclosed homes. These efforts provided a frequent visible police presence in neighborhoods, resulting in a sense of security and community to affected communities.

Strong community partnerships were developed, and inter-agency communication and cooperation with the police increased. "This program represents true community policing that involves committed partnerships, proactive policing, and problem-solving by those who hold a stake in the results," said Chief Toussaint E Summers Jr.

The Herndon Police Department won the IACP 2009 Community Policing Award in the category for agencies serving populations from 20,000 to 50,000. For more information on IACP, visit [www.theiacp.org](http://www.theiacp.org). For more information on HPD, visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).

## Delegate Rust Sworn in for 5th Term

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) was sworn in for his 5th term in the House of Delegates for the 86th district, which includes parts of Sterling, Herndon, and Oak Hill. The 2010 Legislative Session began last week on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Rust will continue to serve on the Education, Transportation, Commerce and Labor, and Science and Technology (Vice Chairman) Committees, as well as Chairman of the Higher Education and Transportation ad hoc subcommittees.

"I am excited to work with the new administration and the 20 new Delegates this year," said Rust.

Delegate Rust is holding a series of Town Hall meetings on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 to hear from his constituents in Sterling, Herndon, and Oak Hill. For more information on these meetings visit his website, [tomrust.org](http://tomrust.org), or contact his office at 703-437-9400.

## Public Works Requests Go Online

The Town of Herndon has launched a new application on its Web site, [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov), that enables citizens to report problems and request services via Cityworks, an online customer relationship management (CRM) system.

Cityworks, developed by Azteca Systems, handles requests to the town's Department of Public Works (DPW) and includes options for reporting problems, such as potholes, missing street signs, or graffiti, as well as for requesting DPW services such as large container rental or snow removal services. Once a request has been submitted via the system, users may log back into the system at any time, 24 hours a day, to check its status (open, in progress or complete).

The web interface to Cityworks was developed for the town by the Timmons Group, a Richmond-based engineering firm. The

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## NEWS



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The Kreider family, who helped organize the fire prevention campaign, pose with Red Cross volunteer Doris Crawford by a Red Cross disaster relief truck.

# A Day of Prevention

## Teens distribute fire safety information on Martin Luther King Day.

Seventy-eight volunteers, most of them teens and all most all of them from the Northern Virginia Church of Christ, which meets at Oakton High School, spent the morning of Martin Luther King Day passing out fire prevention materials in Reston.

The Northern Virginia chapter of HOPE worldwide, which is affiliated with the Church of Christ and based in the Fox Mill home of Brett and Beth Kreider, organized the campaign with the help of the Fox Mill Fire Department and the Red Cross.

Similar campaigns were going on in about 50 other cities across the country in the third year that HOPE worldwide and the Red Cross partnered on the project. It was the local chapter's first year joining in.

"We're going door to door in areas most affected by house fires and giving them information on how to prevent them," Beth Kreider said. She noted that in the U.S., the Red Cross was called in for more fires than any other disasters.

Red Cross volunteers identified the areas where house fires were



Volunteer with HOPE worldwide, affiliated with the Northern Virginia Church of Christ, enjoy donated Cici's Pizza, Chipotle burritos, KSB Café Bagels and Krispy Kreme donuts in Southview Baptist Church in Fox Mill, following a morning of passing out fire prevention material in Reston.

most common, and the Fox Mill Fire Department provided maps, her husband said.

Beth Kreider said these tended to be more densely packed areas, such as those around the Hunters Woods and South Lakes areas.

Beginning at 9 a.m., the volunteers broke into eight teams and canvassed the selected neighborhoods, leaving door hangers on a total of 912 households and speaking with 407 residents. Logan Kreider, a sophomore at South Lakes High School, said his group encountered one family whose smoke alarm didn't work, and they instructed the residents to contact the landlord.

Many of the volunteers came from the immediate area, but some came from as far as Leesburg and Woodbridge.

Following the morning's project, the groups met at Southview Baptist Church next to the Fox Mill Fire Department for lunch and a debriefing.

Recruiting volunteers wasn't difficult, Logan Kreider said. "I just talked to the teens in the church and asked them if they wanted to come." He said he and most of the teens volunteered frequently, and almost all had worked as counselors at the summer camp that the church sponsors.

— MIKE DICICCO

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

# Helping in a Time of Need

## Fairfax County Search and Rescue Teams are in Haiti.

By BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

### Fifteen Lives Saved

Virginia Task Force 1 (VATF-1), deploying both a heavy and medium team, has rescued 15 individuals from the rubble in Haiti since their arrival last week in Port-au-Prince.

The last rescue came late Sunday night, Jan. 17, 2010, where a 21-year-old female was trapped in a multi-story building. She was pulled from the rubble and transported to a nearby Israeli Hospital. The team was assisted by the Martinique Search and Rescue Team.

Shortly upon arrival, both teams were merged into one large team, and operate out of a Base of Operations on the grounds of the American Embassy.

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

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

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

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

The team comprises two doctors, structural engineers, paramedics, specialists in search-and-rescue and hazardous materials,

plus a search canine and handler. The structural engineers include rigging specialists who help shore up unsafe areas using block and tackle, plus other methods, so firefighters can continue to extricate people.

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

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

**LAST THURSDAY**, team mem-

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

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

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

"I coordinate with the Family Support Services Team (FSST), making sure people get a checklist of everything required of them," he said. "If something's missing, such as their shot card,

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# OPINION

## Many Numbers Point to Needs

Challenging times as we commemorate vision of Martin Luther King Jr., inaugurate new governor.

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

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

In November, more than 68,000 unemployed people were looking for full time work here in

Northern Virginia, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from just under 50,000 in November, 2008.

Later this month, officials and advocates will conduct the annual "point in time" census of homeless. Last January, there were 1,730 homeless people in Fairfax County at the "point in time" count, more than 1,000 of those are members of families, most of the adults with jobs. In the City of Alexandria, there were 360 homeless people. In Arlington, 527 homeless, about 200 of those were people in families.

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

In Arlington County 38,018 or 21.1 percent of the population lacked health insurance. That number jumped to 62 percent of those living below 200 percent of poverty line.

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

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

meals in public schools.

In Alexandria more than 50 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

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

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

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

— MARY KIMM,

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Anti-Tax Mantra Strangles Debate

To the Editor:

Re: "Large Classes, Tough Choices" [Editorial, Connection, Jan. 13-19], the choices are only hard if we make them hard. We're all for sacrifice when others, including our children, do the sacrificing. Meanwhile, we're all ears for demagogic politicians whose anti-tax mantra strangles debate and action on realistic policy options.

How to fund education (and transportation infrastructure, including Metro and public roads) without raising income or real estate taxes or destroying our educational system as they have in California?

Tax tobacco products at rates closer to the national average for state tobacco taxes, thus raising substantial revenue, suppressing demand and lowering health care costs for us all. (Virginia's state cigarette excise tax rate is 49th nationally.)

Introduce an annually increasing tax on canned and fountain sugar drinks, thus raising revenue, suppressing demand and lowering obesity, diabetes, other harbingers of morbidity and health care costs

for us all.

Raise the gas tax in predictable annual increments, thus raising revenue for roads, taking pressure off money dedicated for education, moving us toward more fuel efficient vehicles, lowering CO2 emissions and a decreasing our reliance on unstable, unfriendly overseas oil sources.

Of course, we have the democratic right to do none of the above. Just let our children compete in a world of better-educated foreign economic competitors and eager, well-educated immigrants. If we believe in American exceptionalism and the tooth fairy, we certainly don't need to make any "tough choices."

**Neil Silver**  
McLean

## Supporting Climate Legislation

To the Editor:

Virginia stands to gain a great deal if Congress passes climate legislation that rewards investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy. We are well positioned to attract new businesses and create thousands of new jobs in the offshore wind industry, and the fact

that we currently lag on energy efficiency means we can harvest a lot of low-hanging fruit and make significant gains relatively easily. Moreover, we are one of the states that stand to lose the most from sea level rise resulting from climate change, as large portions of our coastline, including sections of Norfolk, would be flooded. So Sens. Jim Webb (D) and Mark Warner (D) should work to pass limits carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions.

Unfortunately, most Senate Republicans are determined to see climate legislation fail, something they can accomplish with only enough votes to sustain a filibuster. Now, Sen. Murkowski of Alaska is trying to ensure that if climate legislation fails, there is no

fallback.

She has proposed an amendment to the budget bill that would prevent the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act. The EPA's regulatory authority is a major incentive for members of both parties in Congress to substitute a legislative approach; without it, the obstructionists are likely to gain their objective of keeping a climate bill off the books.

Virginians need strong climate legislation. Sens. Webb and Warner should come out strongly against the Murkowski amendment — and we, their constituents, should tell them so.

**Ivy Main**  
McLean

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# Mission: 'Saving Some Lives'

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ID or equipment, they'd be non-deployable. So they come to me and I see that their issue is handled." Reilly also had a canteen unit bring the members hot and cold beverages and ordered dinner for them from Firehouse Subs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**THE FAIRFAX RESCUERS** will probably work in 24-hour shifts, to start, with down time, here and there. Normally, half the team would work days, and the other half, nights. But, said Vaughan, "Due to the amount of work, it's 'round the clock now."

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



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**Canine search specialist Teresa MacPherson and her dog Banks.**

use."

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I set up repeaters, enabling the



**Fair Oaks resident Richard McKinney, captain of the Frying Pan Station, begins the check-in process.**

radios to talk further than line of sight," he said. "Depending on the terrain, we could have a 4-mile range. I'll also set up satellite communications to talk to our Operations Center at the Fire and Rescue Academy and will establish communications with our USAR team already in Haiti."

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



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

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

"We'll search buildings, going in void spaces and looking for trapped people," he said. "USAID will tell us which buildings and areas to check." What makes it so dangerous, said McKinney, is the unknown. "You really don't know what you're getting yourself into," he said. "Once an earthquake's destroyed a building, it's unstable."

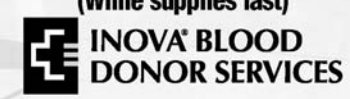
But he's glad to do what he can and he likes the camaraderie among the people on the team. "Most of them I've known, my whole career, so they're just like a second family," he said. He's been with them to Oklahoma City, Taiwan and the Pentagon after 9/11.


Toughest, said McKinney, is "the death and seeing people at their worst." But he finds satisfaction in "the chance of finding someone alive — or even finding deceased people so their families can have closure."


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3119 OXFORD FOREST DR	5	6	0	OAK HILL	\$950,000	Detached	0.83	OXFORD FOREST		
3224 NAVY DR	5	4	1	HERNDON	\$923,000	Detached	0.92	DARTMOOR WOODS		
13247 MIDDLETON FARM LN	5	4	1	OAK HILL	\$875,000	Detached	0.24	MIDDLETON FARM		
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2109 HIGHCOURT LN #101	2	2	0	HERNDON	\$205,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		WORLDGATE		
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**Jeremy Staadeker**, CPA at the Reston-based firm Ryan, Sharkey &

Crutchfield, LLP, recently obtained the Certified Valuation Analyst designation. The National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts awards the designation.

Reston Town Center Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage sales associate **Brent DeRobertis** was awarded the 2008 Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES) Distinguished Service Award. The SRES Council recognized him for being a driving force for change, and for his efforts to better serve the demands of the senior market. The SRES Designation program trains realtors to profitably and ethically serve the real estate needs of clients age 50-plus.



Pictured, from left, Dylan Ellis, Jackson Trust, Kim Coffman and Misha Barth.

## Fourth-Grader Wins Herndon Elementary Geography Bee

The final competition for the 2009-10 Herndon Elementary School Geography Bee on Tuesday, Jan. 12, was broadcast live on the WHES TV show, and it was moderated by Kim Coffman of the school's business partner Minerals Management Services.

The winner is fourth grade student Misha Barth. The runner up is Jackson Trust, fifth grade, and the third place winner is Dylan Ellis, sixth grade. Barth will take a written, multiple-choice qualifying test for the state bee. The 100 students in Virginia with the highest score will advance to the state com-

petition in April.

The following students won the grade level competitions:

- ❖ The Grade 6 finalists were Dylan Ellis, James Riet, Natalie Verges and alternate Michael Volpe.

- ❖ The Grade 5 finalists were Noor Elgamal, Ferdinand Sityar, Jackson Trust and alternate John Villanueva.

- ❖ The Grade 4 finalists were Adam Asif, Misha Barth, Ian Kwon and alternate Bryan Jimenez.

The National Geographic Society provides the questions and answers for the Bee.



## Reflections Winners at Herndon Elementary

Herndon Elementary PTA Reflections contest drew more entries than ever before. The students competed with the works of art based on the theme 'Beauty is...'. Entries judged as outstanding in each category have been forwarded to the county level for the next round.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Upper grade students at Herndon Elementary will present the musical 'Westward Ho!', directed by Dr. Becki Jones and Cara Chaapel at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21. All students in the 4th through 6th grades are participating in the performance featuring skits and humorous songs. The show will be at Herndon Elementary gymnasium and is open to the public.

Senior Policy Advisor **Veronica Epley** completed a Master of Arts Degree in Security Studies at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security in Monterey, Calif. Epley currently serves as Senior Policy Advisor to the Director of the Contingency Planning and Incident Management Division of the Office of Infrastructure Protection. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and resides in Herndon.

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"Luciana and I have worked with the Community Coalition for Haiti and we ask you to join us in supporting the humanitarian efforts that are under way."

— Robert & Luciana Duvall



"We all need to take swift action to make sure that relief reaches the people of Haiti as quickly as it can."

— Darrell Green, NFL Hall of Fame

# Herndon, Westfield Girls Go Down to Wire

**Late trey by Ramirez lifts Bulldogs to Concorde District basketball win.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

In a game that featured numerous standout players Friday night, Jan. 15, Westfield High junior guard Yawrely Ramirez might have tended to get lost in the action. But at game's end, it was the junior guard's clutch, timely three-point basket that proved to be the difference in the Bulldogs' 57-54 win over Herndon. The Concorde District contest between the two elite teams took place at Herndon.

While the game's standout players such as Herndon's Phyllis Martin (game-high 22 points) and Alexis Lewis (18 points, 10 rebounds), along with Westfield's Shelby Romine (14 points), Jessica McNamara (13) and Siobhan Beslow (10) contributed many of the night's top highlights, it was Ramirez, a steady Bulldog starter who is averaging seven points per game, who made the game's most memorable basket.

Following a pair of free throws by Martin, Herndon's talented senior backcourt player, the Hornets held a 54-52 lead with 25 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter. After a timeout, Westfield worked the ball around looking for a game-tying or go-ahead basket. But Herndon's aggressive defense forced a loose ball around the area around the top of the key. In the scramble for the ball, Westfield gained possession. The ball then was passed left to Ramirez on the perimeter. The 5-foot-7 inch guard dribbled left, spotted up behind the three-point line and converted from long range. Just like that, Westfield was on top, 55-54, with eight seconds showing.

Moments later, Westfield's



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**Brandi Delgado, a Herndon High sophomore, goes up for a basket in a recent game against South County. The Hornets will play at Chantilly this Friday night.**

Beslow, a junior forward, came up with a steal as Herndon was trying to get off a game-tying or game-winning shot. She then converted both free throws to make the score 57-54 with two seconds left. The Hornets could not get off a shot after that and the visiting Bulldogs had come out with the hard fought triumph.

"We wanted to get a big [defensive] stop," said Herndon coach Reggie Barnes, of the Westfield possession that resulted in the big three-point basket by Ramirez. "We wanted to know where Shelby Romine was and stay with her. The

play seemed to break down but Ramirez stepped up and made the shot."

Pat Deegan, Westfield's coach, said Ramirez got a good look at the basket and made a textbook shot, displaying good shooting form and not rushing.

"She got a good look, she wasn't rushed and she just stepped up like in practice every day," said Deegan. "I wasn't surprised it went in."

With the win, Westfield improved to 12-2 overall and remained perfect in district play at 4-0. Herndon slipped to 8-5 and

points for the Highlanders. The exciting game went back and forth as both teams played with intensity. With the win, McLean improved to 7-6 while South Lakes, last year's regular season district champion, fell to 9-4.

**Kyle Petrillo**, a seventh grader

from Herndon, participated in the 2010 second annual Football University Youth All-American Bowl, which took place Jan. 10 in San Antonio.

The bowl game honors the top seventh and eighth graders in the nation, bringing them together to play in an all-star format on a na-



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**Herndon High girls' basketball coach Reggie Barnes**

1-2 in the district.

**HERNDON**, behind five first half three-pointers, carried a 31-28 lead into halftime. But Westfield opened up the second half with 13 straight points, capped by a backdoor layup basket by junior forward Dani Knox (4 points) to make the score 41-31 Westfield, with about three minutes left in the third quarter.

Westfield outscored the Hornets 18-8 in that third quarter and carried a 46-38 lead into the final quarter. Herndon came right back, getting within 46-44 on a three-point shot off the right wing by Martin early in the final stanza and eventually re-gaining the lead, 48-47, on two foul shots by Lewis, a senior wing, with 5:48 remaining.

The Herndon lead had extended to 51-47 a few minutes later on a baseline layup basket off the left side by Martin with 2:35 left. But several possessions later, Westfield's McNamara, a junior shooting guard, drained a three-pointer from the left side of the top of the key area to deadlock the game at 52 with 50 seconds remaining. Herndon would retake the lead on Martin's two free throws with 25 seconds left, setting up the game's final dramatic seconds and the game-winner by

Ramirez.

"We finished it off at the end, that's what matters," said Westfield's Romine, who a year ago was the District Player of the Year and is averaging 16 points per game this season. "We struggled a little bit in the [fourth quarter] with our shooting and rebounding. Herndon is a very tough and physical team. I've been playing against them a long time."

Both teams, throughout the game, took advantage of the three-point line, with Herndon converting seven treys and Westfield five. Martin nailed four of the long range shots, while teammates Jasmine Johnson (6 points) drained two and Jenna Aschenbach one. For the Bulldogs, McNamara and Romine both made two three-pointers and Ramirez had one. Ten of McNamara's 13 points came in the third quarter.

Herndon did a nice job holding down Romine in the second half after she had scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half. Overall, the 5-8 senior played an excellent all-around game, passing the ball and defending well, rebounding the ball (six boards) and getting it down the court.

"She's sort of like the engine that drives everything," said Deegan, of his talented backcourt player. "She gets up on the boards and rebounds and plays great defense. She can score and run the break well."

Deegan said Herndon did a good job defending Romine.

"Herndon played real well and had an idea what we wanted to do," he said. "They wanted to take things away from Romine."

Barnes, the Herndon coach, was proud of his team's play but disappointed the Hornets could not finish the game off and get the win. He credited Westfield with playing well.

Herndon, this week, was scheduled to host Robinson on Tuesday, Jan. 19 before playing at Chantilly on Friday, Jan. 22. Westfield, meanwhile, was set to play home games against Chantilly and Oakton on Tuesday and Friday, respectively.

grams to fit the needs and skill levels of all players. Registration for tryouts to the Herndon/Reston 2010 Showcase Glory softball team are now open. This program is designed for high school juniors and seniors in the Herndon/Reston area who are interested in playing on a college showcase softball team.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Andie Romness** scored 19 points and Melissa Wilson 16 to lead the McLean High girls' basketball team to a 60-55 Liberty District home win over South Lakes on Jan. 12. Caitlin Baker also scored in double figures with 10 points. Kristina Bettner and Patricia Pascoe both scored five

## Not Able Without Cable



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

It's only now, the Sunday afternoon following the previous Thursday night, that I'm able to recount the difficulties and demands of the 15-day, eight-hour period beginning 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16 and ending at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, New Year's Eve. It had nothing at all to do with my cancer and/or any consequences there to (not really, anyway). It had to do with my Cable. Specifically, not having Cable service, meaning no television and computer for over two weeks.

Let me try to explain as patiently as I am able to do so, now, the events leading up to and the ultimate conclusion to some of the worst two weeks of my life (death, taxes and health-related news notwithstanding).

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, a contractor for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission began digging up my neighborhood street to solve a much-needed browning-of-our-tap-water problem. Days before the initial dig, I noticed spray paint markings on the street and on my driveway indicating Miss Utility had been contacted. (Little did I know that certain colors were missing; had I known that, the subsequent pain and suffering that we endured could have been avoided. But alas, poor Yurik, I know very little of what I'm talking.) Within an hour of the beginning of the dig, sure enough, the unmarked ground did not direct the construction crew away from my cable and phone lines and as a direct result, I received one (two, actually) of the most unkindest cuts.

I will spare you the details of the many phone calls made by yours truly to rectify the problem because that's not really the point of this column, and besides, I can't do the story justice in print as I can in voice. The point of this column is to discuss how one survives when they lose something that is most crucial to their day-to-day existence and lose it not because of anything they said or did, but lose it (and then not have it repaired or responded to in a reasonable time) due to the negligence of others. Collateral damage is how I found myself characterizing my circumstances.

If truth be admitted to, I barely survived. Every day that the problem persisted, I fell deeper into an emotional hole. Every day that the much-needed connections to the outside world remained disconnected, I fell even deeper into that abyss. Every day that progress was supposed to be made to repair the lines (and then ultimately wasn't) took an ICC-type toll on my psyche. Every day that I couldn't resume my routine: work, play, business, banking, hobbies, areas of interest, areas of need, etc., via the television and computer and thus fill my day accordingly was yet another day spent not in paradise (we did borrow DVDs from a neighbor, one of which included the first two seasons of Magnum P.I.; he was in paradise, literally and figuratively) but one spent in a blackening hole, cratering more and more every day.

When the third (fourth? fifth? I've lost track) cable technician/team knocked on my door on Dec. 31st at 8:15 and asked if I had a picture, I thought I had died and ended up back on my couch watching television. It wasn't until 30 minutes later that my service was 100 percent restored, finally; you can't imagine the emotional release I experienced when that service returned to normal. It's still taken me a few days to regain my composure, resume my routine and get myself back on track, however.

In retrospect, I don't know how I managed, really. Given that I'm a homebody, not a reader and connected to the outside world electronically (like most people), being cut off as I was, without any warning was almost too much; in fact, it may have been one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I may be reconnected now, but I feel like I've lost two weeks of my life, two weeks that I really didn't have to lose.

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From left, Claudette Chenevert, Joan Walsh and Cindy Burgess, founding members and past presidents, hold a cake celebrating the group's fifth anniversary as the 113th chapter of Assistance League, a national volunteer service organization.

## Assistance League Celebrates Anniversary

Members of the Assistance League of Northern Virginia took time out from holiday activities to celebrate their fifth anniversary and last year's accomplishments at their annual luncheon. Assistance League is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting literacy and well being through community-based programs. Volunteer members develop, fund and staff philanthropic programs in response to current community needs.

Assistance League has three on-going programs, Operation Hugs which offers comfort to youth and adults treated for sexual assault and abuse at the Inova Fairfax Hos-

pital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Clinic; Lullaby Program provides infant layettes to new mothers who lack financial resources and a social support system and Operation School Bell, provides language arts and literacy skills enrichment for at-risk primary grade students.

This year Assistance League is expanding its Operation School Bell to include providing new clothing to three schools in Fairfax County and one in Prince William County. A second new program is the Weekend Food for Kids Program, which will supply food for children at one Title 1 school in Fairfax and one in Prince William County for one long weekend.

## Elden Street Players Receive 19 Award Nominations

The Elden Street Players have received 19 nominations for awards from the Washington Area Theater Community Honors (WATCH) for five of their productions during 2009. Thirty community theater companies participated in WATCH adjudication with 114 productions (33 musicals, 81 plays) being adjudicated in 2009.

The nominations received are:  
From the production of "Shining City" (January, 2009)

- Outstanding Lead Actor - Michael Kharfen as "John"
- Outstanding Cameo - Ian Brown as "Laurence"

### From production of "Falsettos" (March, 2009)

- Outstanding Musical - Produced by John Segota
- Outstanding Music Direction - Elisa Rosman
- Outstanding Lead Actress - Amy K. Cropper as "Trina"
- Outstanding Lead Actor - Harv Lester as "Marvin"
- Outstanding Lead Actor - John Loughney as "Whizzer"
- Outstanding Sound Design - Stan Harris

### From production of "The History Boys" (June, 2009)

- Outstanding Featured Actress - Jane

MacFarlane as "Mrs. Lintott"

- Outstanding Light Design - Ken & Patti Crowley
- Outstanding Sound Design - Kevin Garrett

### From production of "Passion" (August, 2009)

- Outstanding Music Direction - Elisa Rosman
- Outstanding Lead Actress - Evelyn Trester as "Fosca"

### From our production of "The Musical of Musicals" (The Musical!) (October, 2009)

- Outstanding Musical - Produced by Janet Bordeaux
- Outstanding Direction - Wade Corder
- Outstanding Choreography - Amanda M. Cane
- Outstanding Featured Actress - Mimi Preda as "June"
- Outstanding Featured Actor - Brent Stone as "Jitter"
- Outstanding Sound Design - Kevin Harney

ESP President Jeff Boatright said that he was very proud to have received nominations for all five of the Main Stage productions put on by ESP during 2009. "To have received this many nominations in so many wide ranging categories speaks highly of the overall quality and versatility of our theater program".

The awards ceremony announcing the recipients of the awards will be held on March 14, at The Birchmere in Alexandria.



## Herndon High Dance Team Finishes Second, Third at AU

Herndon High School's Dance Team, captained by Erin Mancini and Brooke Brylawski, finished second in the Jazz category and third in pom at the American University Invitational. The next step for the Herndon High dance team is the UDA (Universal Dance Association) national competition in Orlando, Fla.

### WEEK IN HERNDON

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interface is accessible via the Web site's "Report a Problem" and "Online Services and Payments" pages, both located in the "Quick Links" section on the homepage. Currently, the CRM system is limited to requests to DPW; development of CRM applications for other town services is under way.

"Responsiveness to citizen requests for service is a hallmark of town operations and is a key element of our 2027 Vision tenet 'Exceptional Service,'" said Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. "The launch of this easy-to-navigate CRM application on our Web site makes it more convenient than ever for citizens to request service and to track their requests, 24 hours per day, seven days per week."

## Art Proposals Sought for Grant

The Town of Herndon is accepting grant proposals up to \$5,000 through the Virginia Commission for the Arts Local Government Challenge Grant Program for projects to be implemented in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Nonprofit arts organizations incorporated in the town must meet general policy guidelines as published by the Virginia Commission for the Arts. See [www.arts.virginia.gov](http://www.arts.virginia.gov) for guidelines and other resources. Applicants should provide full documentation of their projected budgets and program planning, as well as a detailed description of the project implementation.

The performing arts supervisor at the Herndon Department of Parks and Recreation must receive proposals on Feb. 8, by 5 p.m. They may be delivered to the Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, VA, 20170.

Proposals also may be mailed to the Town of Herndon, P.O. Box 427, Herndon, VA 20172-0427, Attn: Performing Arts Supervisor. Call 703-435-6800, ext. 2120 to learn more.

## Public Hearing on Downtown

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with up to 426 spaces, would also be necessary to support any increase in density, Eisen said. According to Urban Design's plans, the main garage would be situated on the block surrounded by Center Street, Elden Street and the Washington & Old Dominion Trail, the only block large enough that the structure could be surrounded by buildings. Other, smaller garages could be planned for other blocks and would be necessary if the denser plan were realized.

Committee member and homebuilder Tim McGrath asked whether the main garage would need to be built by the town, and Eisen said it would. "The town needs to understand its financial commitments,"

McGrath said. "I think the town has been naïve as to what their investment needs to be."

Eisen agreed that Herndon would have to provide certain infrastructure, but he said there was a formula for calculating the return in tax revenue the town would get on its investment. As far as the parking garage, he said, "I think you would benefit greatly because it's making it easier for developers to come into this town and build."

The town Planning Commission will hear the committee's recommendations at its Jan. 25 work session and will discuss the plan again at its March 1 meeting. A public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission on March 1.

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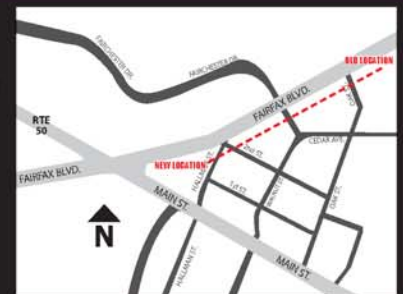
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