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## Snowed In

Emergency personnel work around the clock to respond to large snowfall.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Virginia Department of Transportation expected to remove 500,000 tons of snow from Northern Virginia roads this week, and that was before weather teams started calling for a second storm to hit the region this week.

Parts of Fairfax County received as much as 34 inches of snow during the initial storm that started Friday, Feb. 5. A few days later, local emergency responders were bracing for a second wave of winter weather, expected to bring as much as 10 to 20 inches of additional snow on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

A few Fairfax neighborhoods had not recovered from the first storm, let alone been able to prepare for second wave of harsh

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— Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield)

conditions. Parts of West Springfield, McLean, Great Falls, Clifton and Kings Park West remained totally unplowed and, in some cases, without power four days after first storm and less than 24 hours before the second storm was scheduled to arrive, according to local elected officials.

"If we get [another] 20 inches of snow, that is going to be a huge problem. I think the next couple of days are going to be harder than the last couple of days," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), whose neighborhood street in McLean still had not been plowed on Feb. 8.

**DOMINION POWER**, the largest local utility company, expected to restore service to all their Fairfax customers by the 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9. As of Monday afternoon, approximately 100 households in the



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**In preparation for the second big snowstorm to hit the region in a week, members of the National Guard set up cots Monday, Feb. 8 at the Fairfax County Government Center.**

county served by Dominion still had no electricity, said company spokesperson Daisy Pridgen.

A few of the more isolated parts of Great Falls and some older West Springfield developments were still without electricity on the eve of the second storm, according to local elected officials.

"The people without power are my biggest concern. We have seniors without power who are likely at risk," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield.)

The level of electricity service that had been restored by Feb. 8 was an improvement over the prior two days, when thousands of Fairfax residents were without power, according to Fairfax County spokesman Merni Fitzgerald.

"It went off all across the district. We had huge patches of Great Falls and McLean without power. Dominion has made very significant progress with getting them back

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## VFW Honors 'Unsung Hero'

Robinson teacher receives Citizenship Award.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**R**obinson Secondary teacher B. J. Sadtler is the winner of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) National Citizenship Education Teachers Award. Presented by VFW Post 8469 of Fairfax Station, it recognizes the top U.S. instructors who teach citizenship-education and promote America's history and traditions.

A resident of Fairfax's Woodbury Woods community, Sadtler teaches eighth-grade civics in the middle-school portion of Robinson and has been there 10 years. Social Studies Department Chair Sharon Gressle nominated her, and Principal Danny Meier and others wrote letters on her behalf.

"She's an unsung hero, almost embarrassed to be given such an award, because it's not in her nature to be in the limelight," said Meier. "She just quietly does a great job, each and every day."

He said it's always a pleasure for him to visit her classroom because she's such an "energetic and passionate teacher. She's always been a great role model for our students, and this award is very much deserved. She's an ace, a real star."

Sadtler received the award in January at the VFW post and was delighted. But she's equally pleased just to be at Robinson. "I love teaching here," she said. "We have a supportive community and staff, and teachers who really like what they're doing. It's



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**B. J. Sadtler**

a friendly place. People are positive and happy to be here, and it makes a difference in your attitude in the classroom."

When learning what she does there, it's easy to understand why she was honored. "I've worked hard trying to instill in my students the concept of citizenship, beyond what we learn in the classroom — how we actually behave in a democratic society,"

said Sadtler. "For example, close to my heart are the community-service requirements for students."

She uses herself as a model. She's on her community association's board; is in a volunteer medical reserve corps, helping out at H1N1 clinics; and is active in her church, Burke Presbyterian, and its mission program. She's taken students to participate in missions at Food & Friends and at Christ House, a Washington, D.C. homeless shelter. She also volunteers with Fairfax County's hypothermia program.

For six or seven years, Sadtler sponsored Robinson's Builders Club, affiliated with the Kiwanis Club, and dealing with building community. "We've done everything from collecting socks for the Lamb Center in Fairfax to recognizing school bus drivers," she said. "We also took students to the Capital Food Bank in Lorton to learn about food insufficiency in the county, contribute food and work there sorting food."

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## Unfreezing LCI

McDonnell gives Fairfax Schools its 'fair share.'

**G**ov. Bob McDonnell (R) offered Fairfax County a bit of positive news Feb. 8 during what has otherwise been a extremely difficult and gloomy season of government spending and budget discussions.

McDonnell announced he would reverse former Gov. Tim Kaine's decision to "freeze" the state education funding formula so that the commonwealth's financial assistance was allotted to school districts in the same proportions as last year.

By "freezing" the formula, Kaine preserved money for downstate school districts but cost Fairfax County \$61 million in funding at a time when Fairfax schools are considering raising class size for the third year in a row to save money.

The formula, called the local composite index, has been used for 40 years to distribute limited state education dollars. The local composite index tends to favor school districts with lower property values and lower median incomes, giving them more state funding for primary and secondary education.

The formula assumes localities like Fairfax — with high property values and more affluent residents — can support

**"This is great news for Northern Virginia."**

— Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)

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**Our Daily Bread's Christina Garris and Lisa Whetzel show the bowls created by students at Robinson Secondary School that will be available at Empty Bowls on Feb. 23.**

## Buy a Bowl, Help the Hungry

Local non-profit Our Daily Bread is hosting an Empty Bowls fund-raiser on Tuesday, Feb. 23, to help feed the hungry in Fairfax County. The event will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

Area artists and high school students have made handcrafted bowls that will be sold at the event for \$25 or more. Attendees will receive soup and bread as a reminder of the plight of hungry people in Fairfax County. The Fairfax Saxophone Quartet will provide music and a silent auction will also be part of the evening.

Our Daily Bread, a volunteer-based organization, aims to ease the plight of low-income residents in the Fairfax County area. Its volunteers come from local faith-based groups, community organizations, businesses, schools and universities. To learn more, visit [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://www.our-daily-bread.org).

## Suspect Sought in 3 Incidents

Fairfax County Police are seeking a man that they say confronted a woman on Monday, Feb. 1, as she walked on a path near Lake Mercer and Hooes Road. According to a police release, the man approached the woman around 4 p.m. as she talked on her cell phone. Jumping in front of her several times, he put his hand down his pants, simulating masturbation and preventing her from continuing on the path. The woman shoved the man aside and continued on her way.

According to the release, police believe that the man is the same person who was involved in similar incidents at Lake Mercer Park on July 24 and Dec. 3, 2009. He was described as black, between 20 and 30, around 6 feet tall and 160 pounds.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" with the message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



Police Sketch

## Cook Hosts Constituent Day

Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) is hosting his fourth Constituent Day on Thursday, Feb. 18, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle in Burke Centre. The Constituent Day is a chance for Braddock District citizens to meet with their supervisor close to home.

## NEWS

# 2 Vie for Delegate Seat

**New delegate expected to participate in last 10 days of 2010 session.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n what is likely to be the sixth or seventh trip to the polls over the last 16 months for some locals, residents will select a new representative for Virginia's 41st District in the House of Delegates during a special election March 2.

Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) vacated the delegate seat in mid-January when he won another special election to fill Fairfax County's open State Senate slot. Since the start of the 2010 Virginia General Assembly session, the 41st District, which includes parts of Burke and Springfield, has had no representative in Richmond.

Kerry Bolognese, who challenged Marsden for the delegate slot this past November, is running on the Republican side. Eileen Filler-Corn, who also had a prior run for the seat in 1999, is the local Democrat in the race.

Both candidates live in the same neighborhood near West Springfield High School.



Kerry Bolognese (R)



Eileen Filler-Corn (D)

**REGARDLESS OF** who wins the special election, the new 41st District delegate will have only a short time to make a difference in the 2010 General Assembly session. The session is scheduled to end March 13, just 11 days after voters go to the ballot box for Bolognese and Filler-Corn.

But having another person on hand, Democrat or Republican, in the Fairfax County delegation could be critical headed into the state budget vote, which traditionally takes on the last day of the session.

Fairfax County delegates are currently trying to piece together enough political leverage to restore \$61 million in state funding to Fairfax County Public Schools that former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) shifted to other school districts in Virginia before leaving office.

The issue is a top priority for Fairfax's elected officials across the board and has split the General Assembly along regional lines rather than by political party affiliation. Having another Fairfax County delegate in the mix would improve the delegation's chances of restoring the cut education funding.

So far, Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has been reticent on whether he would reverse Kaine's decision on this budget matter.

**IF ELECTED**, Filler-Corn said working to restore Fairfax's state funding for local schools would be a top priority.

"Most of us in the 41st District moved here because of the world class school system," said Filler-Corn, who has two children in Fairfax County Public Schools and is a member of schools superintendent's business and community advisory council.

The Democrat said most 41st District residents she

talks to seem worried about the Commonwealth's cuts in funding for Fairfax schools, much more so than any other issue.

If the school system does not receive the additional funding, several of the programs that parents feel set Fairfax schools apart from others, like elementary music and foreign language immersion, could be eliminated. The school system is also considering a cut to full-day kindergarten programs in all but a few of the neediest communities.

"We need to focus on transportation too but not at the expense of our schools. We want to preserve our quality of life here," said Filler-Corn in an interview.

**BOLOGNESE** is also concerned about cuts to education funding, both at the local level and to Virginia's undergraduate and graduate programs.

The Republican, who works for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, said having a strong public education system from kindergarten through the university level is part of what makes Fairfax County and Virginia attractive to the business community.

"A well-educated work force is attractive to businesses and business people want the best education for their own children as well," said Bolognese.

But the Republican said the top concerns he hears about from constituents on the campaign trail are taxes and government spending.

"My campaign has knocked on 10,000 doors and the biggest issues for people is controlling the debt, even though that is really more of a Washington issue," said Bolognese.

Unlike the federal system, Virginia's constitution prohibits the General Assembly from deficit spending altogether. But Bolognese said it is still important for McDonnell to have as many allies in the House of Delegates as possible that will protect citizens from proposed tax increases.

"My concern is that we don't raise taxes. I know that is what Gov. Kaine proposed. ... With the Democrats controlling the Virginia State Senate, Bob McDonnell needs a strong House of Delegates to help get his agenda through," said Bolognese.

The voters of the 41st District appeared to embrace McDonnell's platform as a candidate just three months ago. He won last November's general election with 55 percent of the vote in the 41st District,

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# NEWS Funding

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their own schools.

But with a steep fall in home values, Fairfax stood to benefit dramatically from the local composite index for the first time in several years.

The Fairfax County delegation to the General Assembly made it their top priority to “unfreeze” the formula while the legislature was in session this winter. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has also been watching the issue closely.

“That is what we tracking most in Richmond,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), chair of the county board’s legislative committee.

McDonnell said he supports unfreezing the formula because “it the right and fair thing to do.”

Given the tough economic circumstances, the General Assembly is likely to decrease overall spending on primary and secondary education, meaning that Fairfax County may not get the full \$61 million it thought it would receive.

But with the formula “unfrozen,” Fairfax is sure to receive a larger share of the education dollars that it would have under Kaine’s proposal, said several local elected officials.

“I am very glad that the Governor understands that fairness and equity issues with the freeze. This is great news for Northern Virginia,” said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

Supervisor Patrick Herry (R-Springfield) said pressure from the business community — which leaned on the Governor to “unfreeze” the formula — also helped the cause. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce sent a letter, for example, expressing their support for reversing Kaine’s decision.

“This is process that never should have been politicized and the governor stepped up to the plate and depoliticized it,” said Herry.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Ashley Napear** of Burke was named to the dean’s list for the fall 2009 semester at the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh. To be eligible for the dean’s list, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 semester grade point average with at least 12 credit hours.

**Lauren Gertscher** has been named to the dean’s list for the fall 2009 semester at Radford University. Gertscher is a criminal justice major in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences. She is a 2007 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary.

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# OPINION

## Surviving a Blizzard Together

Connected neighbors save the day; time to check contingency plans, emergency supplies.

**M**ore than 48 hours after more than two feet of snow stopped accumulating, after two nights of single digit temperatures in many areas, there are still tens of thousands of households without power.

During this blizzard, random and not-so-random acts of kindness have made all the difference for stranded families in the cold and dark. A little preparation to "shelter in place" also helped.

In neighborhoods around the region, families with power offered help to those without. Consider a few examples of list-serve messages, all sent with addresses and phone contact information, and instructions to spread the word:

"If any neighborhood residents still need a place to stay, you are welcome to come over. You can hang out for just a while to watch the game or stay overnight. We have lots of room and can accommodate a family with kids and pets — we have a large dog who would love to have a playmate for a while."

"We have hot coffee, food and beds to sleep in. We also have a 4-wheel drive and if my husband can help with driving please let us know. Happy to help!!"

"We have a warm house and food and beds. Anyone in need is most welcome. We are unplowed, so we can't drive out ourselves."

Consider one family's experience: an elderly mother who lives alone in the suburbs while her children live in other states.

Stranded by two-feet of snow, and out of power for the second day, her children lost phone contact with her. While friends tried to get to her by 4-wheel drive, an appeal via list-serve brought multiple offers from "strangers" to hike through the snow to check on her, and offers to provide a place to stay. The friend of the family was able to reach her, and found indoor temperatures of 31 degrees before getting her to a warm, safe place. But another 24 hours in that house could have been disastrous.

### EDITORIAL

It's hard to fathom the combination of no power, bitter temperatures and no way to get out of the house or the neighborhood.

By the time you read this, written on Monday in the respite between the blizzard and Tuesday's predicted storm, we may already be dealing with the next round of snow in this record-breaking winter.

It's a great time to think about emergency contingencies. Do you know who on your block might need some extra thread in the safety net? Elderly, or lives alone, or any other special circumstance? Do you have a way to reach your family members during a power outage? Do you have food and water for a few days without power?

Here are two links to Ready.gov, explaining the basics of an emergency kit and the required elements of an emergency plan.

<http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>

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We welcome your snow stories, snow tips and snow pictures. Do you know of a random act of kindness to share? Please let us know.

— MARY KIMM

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## Getting Serious About Deficits

Congressman opposes own party in his approach to deficit reduction.

BY U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY  
D-11

**I** spent 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and each year we had to balance the budget. Some years were harder than others, but none were easy. Balancing a budget requires setting priorities, making tough choices and understanding that some people will be upset when they don't get what they want. Over the course of my career on the Board, we had to make those tough choices, and I'm sure there were some who weren't happy with them. But that's what we were elected to do.

I was sworn in to Congress on Jan. 6, 2009, and on that day, the federal budget deficit was estimated at \$1.3 trillion, the largest in history, and the total public debt was \$10.6 trillion.

**THREE ACTIONS** over the previous decade added \$6.7 trillion to the debt: unfunded wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, tax cuts without offsetting expenditure cuts and an unpaid-for prescription drug program. The previous Congress had already passed, and President Bush had signed, the TARP bank bailout program, adding \$750 billion to the deficit. That profligate spending and reckless financial approach contributed to the worst economic collapse since the Great Depression, causing tax revenues to dry up and safety net expenditures to rise.

For too long in Washington, the tough choices were put off while the debt piled up. President Obama and the Democratic Congress did not create this deficit mess. But it is now our responsibility to clean it up.

President Obama's call for a spending freeze on non-discretionary spending is a significant and positive step, but not a complete solution. Congress should also pass statutory Pay-As-You-Go legislation, which prohibits spending increases or revenue decreases without corresponding offsets. PAYGO helped create the budget surpluses in the late 1990s. But there is more we can do.

Recently, I called for unspent and repaid funds from the TARP bank bailout program to be used for deficit reduction. I have been concerned with the TARP program since its inception because I don't believe there were enough protections built in to make sure the big banks were helping small businesses and consumers. For that reason, I voted against the release of TARP funds last January.

But today, billions in TARP funds are available. Many in Washington, including the leadership of my own party, believe we should use this money to fund new programs. I disagree. Deficit reduction should be the first priority for these funds. That is why I voted against a recent \$155 billion jobs bill introduced by Democrats. That bill would have spent \$75 billion in TARP funds and added another \$75 billion to the deficit, taking us in the wrong direction.

That was a tough choice, and some people in my own party were unhappy with my decision. But to get our fiscal house back in order, we will have to make some tough choices.

Thankfully, I have some experience doing just that.

### COMMENTARY

## Opposing Connolly

To the Editor:

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) should not be re-elected this November.

I am opposed to the current health care legislation and wrote to him last August to express this opposition and I know that many of my friends and neighbors did as well. Mr. Connolly replied to my e-mail by closing with "But we have to get it right and take into account your concerns and the concerns of others." Yet, on Nov. 7, 2009, Mr. Connolly voted in favor of HR3962 - Affordable Health Care for America Act. He voted "Aye," ignoring the opposition of thousands of voters in the 11th District of Virginia. He apparently was more concerned with ingratiating himself to the House Democratic leadership to advance his political career than with listening to his constituents.

### LETTERS

Now, Mr. Connolly is

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# LETTERS

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quoted in a Jan. 25 Politico article about the fate of health care legislation as saying "We're out of sync. I favor health care reform. I favor comprehensive healthcare reform, but not at the price of forcing something down the public's throat that the public finds distasteful and bitter." Apparently now Mr. Connolly realizes that the American people and just maybe the voters in the 11th District are really, really serious in their opposition to this legislation.

What has happened to change Mr. Connolly's mind about supporting the current legislation? Of course we all know the answer — Sen. Scott Brown (R-Mass.) Mr. Connolly is now afraid for his political life. If the voters in the bluest of blue states, Massachusetts, can turn against a Democrat, then the voters in the 11th District could easily turn against him in November. Furthermore, he must now think that separating himself as far as possible from the House Democratic leadership will help him politically. What a difference two months can make.

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### FRIDAY/FEB. 12

**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.

**Mercury in Summer CD Release.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Marco Benevento Trio and Nathan Moore.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Dan Dietz's 'tempODYSSEY.'** 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Black Box Theater in the Performing Arts Building, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by phone at 703-993-8888.

**The Discovery Series: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet.** 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

### SATURDAY/FEB. 13

**Further Winter Tour 2009 with Phil Lesh and Bob Weir.** 8 p.m. at The George Mason University Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$53.50 at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035. www.phillesh.net or www.patriotcenter.com.

**Moscow State Radio Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Under the direction of Alexei Kormienko, with pianist Alexander Sinchuk and cellist Julian Schwarz in a program that includes Rimsky-Korsakov's 'The Tsar's Bride' Overture and 'Scheherazade,' Symphonic Suite for Orchestra, Op. 35, Rachmaninoff's 'Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini,' Op. 43 and 'Variations on a Rococo Theme in A for Cello and Orchestra,' Op. 33. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$28-\$56, available at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

**Microsoft Excel.** 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Introduction to creating spreadsheets. Age 13 and up. 703-293-6227.

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring.** 10-11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to use a computer, navigate the Internet, and work with common software applications. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-249-1520.

**Deanna Bogart Band Reunion-esque Show.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17 advance, \$20 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Punch Drunk Poets, Brainfang and The Resistance.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**JCC of Northern Virginia Teens in 'The Wizard of Oz.'** 8 p.m. at JCCNV Chaiken Auditorium, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. \$10 adults, \$6 under age 12. Groups of 15 or more, \$8 per person. 703-323-0880.

**Dan Dietz's 'tempODYSSEY.'** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Black Box Theater in the

Performing Arts Building, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$6, \$3 for students and seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door or by phone at 703-993-8888.

**Chinese New Year Festival.** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Cultural life performances, including dragon and lion dance, Asian foods, workshops on Chinese cooking and language, craft and business booths, children's world and a lunar new year parade. Free. 703-868-1509 or tiny.tang@verizon.net or www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org.

**A Tribute to Neil Finn/Crowded House.** 7:30 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$25. 703-938-2404 or wolftrap.org.

### SUNDAY/FEB. 14

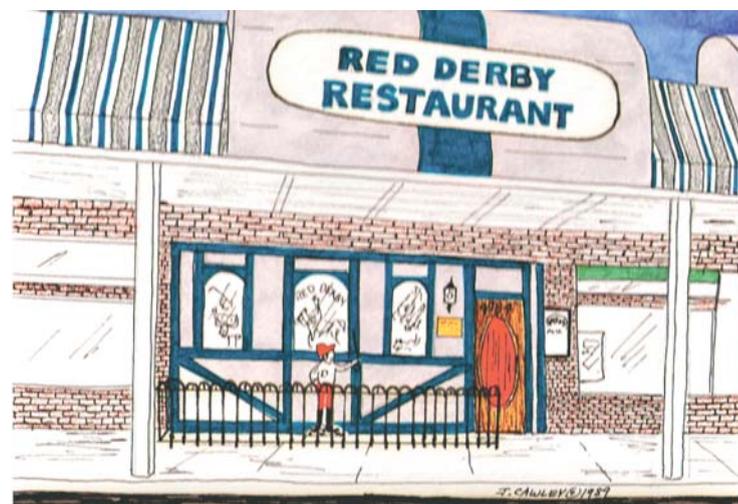
**Love and Legacy: A Civil War Romance.** 2 p.m. at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209

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Main St., Fairfax. Illustrated talk by Susan Inskeep Gray, curator, on the Civil War romance of suspected Confederate spy Antonia Ford of Fairfax and Union Army Maj. Joseph C. Willard, co-owner of the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. Free. 703-385-8414.

**The Acting Company in "Romeo and Juliet."** 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets are \$18-\$36. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

**What A Night!, Light Up The Sky, Sub-Radio Standard and The Miniature Bears.** 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**All You Need Is Love Songwriters Circle: a tribute to The Beatles and love songs.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Getting Rose Garden Ready for Spring.** 2 p.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. With Joe Mirilovich, Rose Expert of the Arlington Rose Foundation. Free admission, door prizes, refreshments and an opportunity to order discount products for your rose garden. 703-

1509 or tiny.tang@verizon.net or visit our www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org.

### MONDAY/FEB. 15

**Eric Lindell and Jamie McLean Band.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Monday Bird Walk.** 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Eakin Community Park. Discover resident birds of the Accotink Stream Valley. Boardwalk is for all ages. Meet at the Prosperity Avenue parking lot. Activity is free. 703-941-1065.

### TUESDAY/FEB. 16

**Book Discussion Group.** 11 a.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Adults. 703-978-5600.

**Book Discussion Group.** 6:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. "A World Lit Only By Fire: The Medieval Mind and the Renaissance" by William Manchester. Adult. 703-978-5600.

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**Tiny Tots.** 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Very short stories, fingerplays and activities. Age 13-17 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Small Oneders.** 11:45 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Very short stories, fingerplays and activities for you and baby together. Age 18-23 months with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Evening Book Discussion Group.** 6:45 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Evening Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergis. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Joe Firstman, The Kin and Ernie Halter.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Reclaiming Your Financial Future.** 7 p.m. at 10600 Arrowhead Drive #310, Fairfax \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

**Paul VI Catholic High School 20th Annual Pancake Supper.** 6-8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 10675 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax. Food, entertainment, games, face painting, and more. Adults \$6, children under 6 \$4, omelet bar additional \$3.50. campusministry@paulvi.net or 703-352-0925 ext. 330.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 17

**Writers' Roundtable.** 6 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker

Road, Burke. Discuss your work with other writers. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Needlework Group.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring a project to work on in the company of other needlecrafters. 703-249-1520.

**Mother-Daughter Book Club.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Book club for girls. Age 9-11 and their mothers. 703-249-1520.

**An Evening with Tony Trischka.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 18

**Afternoon Reading Group.** 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Make New Friends.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Stories, songs and activities about friendship. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-249-1520.

**David Choi.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Fairfax Antique Arts Association.** 10:15 a.m. at City of Fairfax Senior Center (Green Acres Center), 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Speaker Ivan Dietrich will speak about life in Hershey, Pa. Free; annual membership fee required to attend subsequent meetings. \$15 single; \$25 couple. 703-359-2487.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 19

**Flying Cows of Ventry,** 7-9:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.  
**The Bigger Lights, Sing Me**

**Insomnia and Action Item.** 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$13 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**The D.R.A.M.A Kings and The Blackjacks.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 20

**The City of Fairfax Band: American Treasures.** 8 p.m. at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Gould, Persichetti, Hanson, Sousa, Rodgers and Gershwin and more. \$13 adults, \$7 seniors, age 18 and under free. www.fairfaxband.org or 703-757-0220.

**Flying Cows of Ventry,** 7 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

**Simply Sinatra, with the Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra and Vocalist Steve Lippia.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$21-\$42. Charge at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

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**Rocknoceros Family Happy Hour.** 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566.



**Air Force Airman Anthony J. McAlum graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. McAlum is the son of Gary McAlum of Carthage Lane, Burke. He is a 2009 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School.**



**Air Force Airman Jung Dong Lim graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Ji Bum and Tae Yul Lim of Pierrpont Street, Burke. Lim is a 2009 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.**

## MILITARY NOTES

**Army Pfc. Jonathan T. Martin** has graduated from the H-8 Tracked Vehicle Recovery Specialist Course at Fort Knox,

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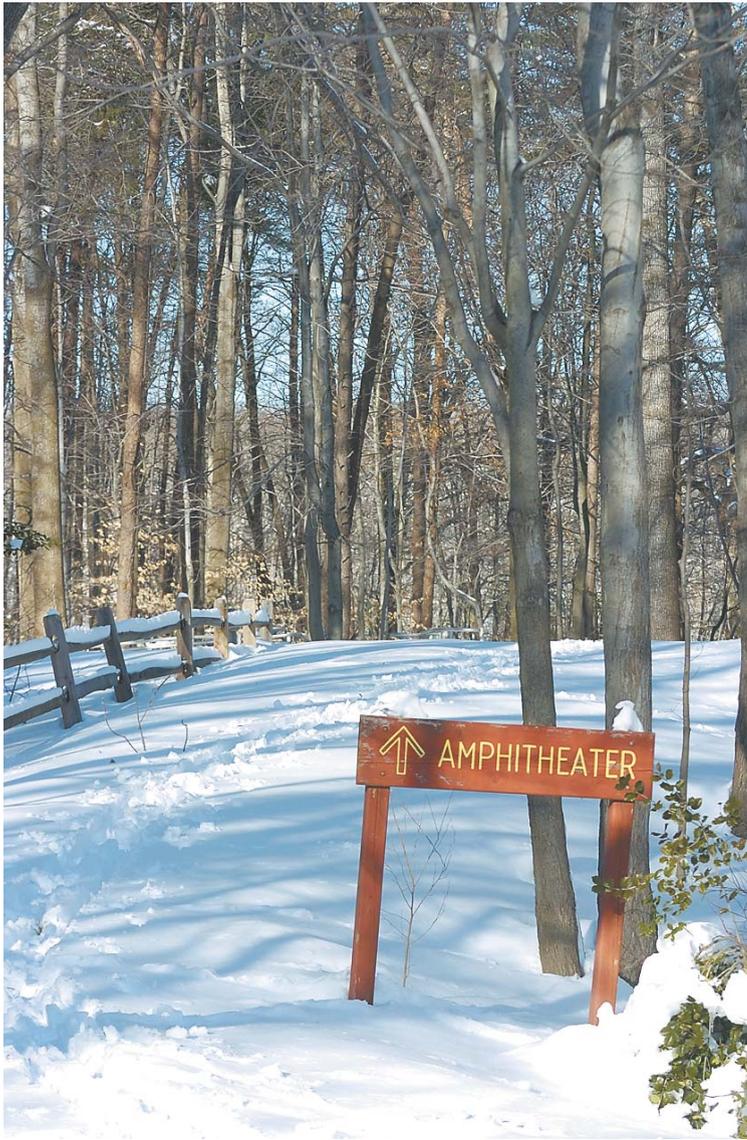
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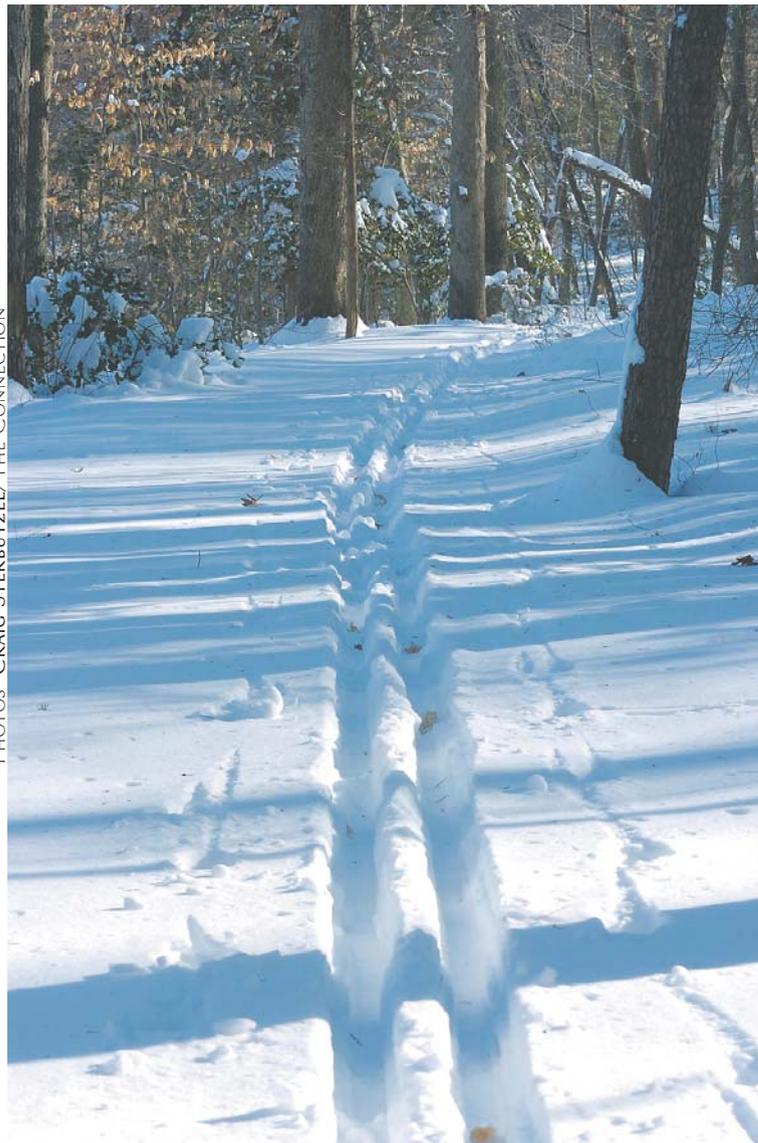
Footprints in the snow lead off on a path at Burke Lake Park on Monday, Feb. 8.



## A Wintry Mix Blanket of snow covers Burke area.



A cloud of snow flies up at the bottom of the hill near the GMU Field House.

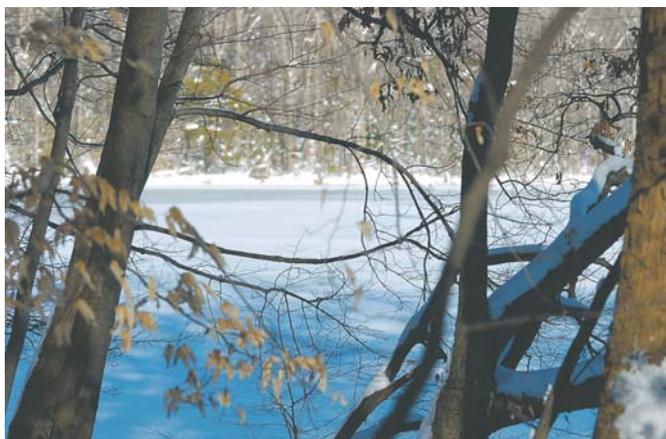


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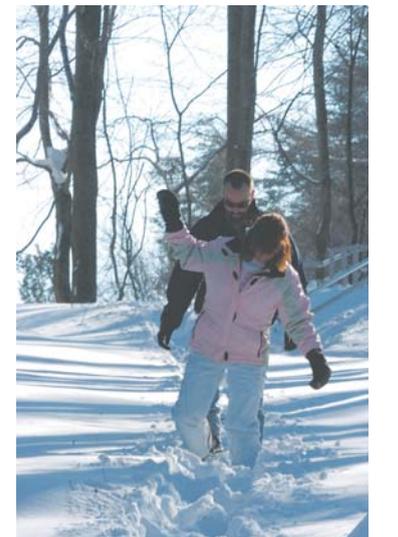
Tracks of a cross-country skier leave evidence that somebody is enjoying the heavy blanket of snow that covered the region last weekend.



A view through the trees at Burke Lake Park.



Snow and ice cover Burke Lake.



On Feb. 8, Karlene Matthes and Lon Osborne hike through the snow at Burke Lake Park.

# Fairfax County Digs Out

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online” said Foust.

In the Springfield and Herndon areas, the highest concentrations of residents were without electricity for long periods of time.

The county opened two emergency shelters at the Robert E. Lee Center in Franconia and Oak Marr Recreation Center in Oakton after the storm, partly to respond to the needs of those communities without electricity, said Fitzgerald. No one showed up at the Franconia location and only two families went to the Oakton location before the county shut both shelters down Feb. 8.

At the Oakton location, one family took hot showers and left immediately. Another family spent several hours there and went home around midnight once they found out their power had been restored, said Fitzgerald.

“The shelters were very well promoted but people found other ways to deal with the lack of electricity,” said Fitzgerald.

Fairfax will consider opening the shelters again if they needed after the second snow storm, she added.

Though the power had come back on in most Fairfax houses, dozens of subdivisions scattered throughout the county had yet to see a snowplow less with than 24 hours to go before the second storm was expected to hit.

The Commonwealth of Virginia, not Fairfax County, is responsible for plowing the vast majority of local roads. Transportation officials said they aimed to make “at least one pass” with a snow plow on every street in Fairfax by Tuesday night, Feb. 9, though the flakes were expected to start falling again in the middle of that afternoon.

“We are trying to get the plows to every street — it’s a major challenge,” said Joan Morris, Virginia Department of Transportation spokesman.

VDOT does not have adequate snow removal equipment for a storm of this size. Hundreds of smaller four-wheel drive trucks that the transportation department typically relies on for plowing have been all but useless in response to this storm.

The smaller plows are built to handle a 4-to-6-inch snowfall but are not effective at removing the two feet of snow that piled onto Fairfax streets after last week’s storm. In some cases the snowdrifts on local streets were higher than the smaller plows themselves.

Approximately 1,900 larger trucks from other parts of the commonwealth have been transferred to Virginia to respond to the shortage of appropriate plows. But simply putting larger, industrial plows on local community roads is not always practical.

The plows are sometimes unable to physically fit down side streets. In those cases, more specialize snow removal equipment has to be brought to a neighborhood, which clears the roads in a slower and more cumbersome fashion, according to officials.

In general, the supervisors were pleased with the Virginia transportation department’s snow removal efforts, saying they thought the agency was doing the best that it could.

“[The Virginia Department of Transportation] is not designed to handle a storm this big because we don’t get them this big. You don’t plan for the storm of the century,” said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock.)

Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has deployed 62 mem-

bers of the National Guard to Fairfax County to help with both snowstorms. The guardsmen arrived Feb. 7, sleeping on cots set up in the Fairfax County Government Center and a few fire stations around the county.

The Virginia National Guard is able to provide back up to emergency responders overwhelmed with hundreds of requests for assistance. For example, on Monday, Feb. 8, the guard transported an 88 year-old dialysis patient who was snowed in to a medical appointment.

“Our mission here is medical transports, employee transports, helping out police and fire squads, and medical assistance,” said Specialist Jeremy Anderson, who was stationed at the National Guard’s emergency operations center, set up in the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center in Fairfax.

Fairfax officials also said regular citizens have been of great assistance in the storm. Some county residents have been volunteering their four-wheel drive vehicles to transport other people to medical centers and doctor appointments.

In a few cases, regular citizens have also picked up and driven county employees — such a fire and rescue workers — to a job site, said Fitzgerald.

“A lot of the people staffing the shelters were picked up by volunteers and brought here,” she said.

“Salt could be a challenge during the next storm.”

— Joan Morris,  
Virginia Department  
of Transportation

**INOVA HOSPITALS** have seen fewer snow-related injuries during this storm than the mid-December storm, said Tony Raker, the health system’s spokesman.

“We believe the reason is the difference between a 6-inch and 26-inch storm. The larger amount of snow has had a paralyzing effect on activity while the smaller amount has a tendency to generate a bit of over confidence, causing folks not to exercise as much caution in the elements as they should,” said Raker.

Some county supervisors have received calls from people in sensitive conditions.

In the Braddock District, one woman worried about getting her son to the hospital later this week, when he is scheduled to have surgery. Another woman is 9 months pregnant and worried about going into labor and not being able to get to the hospital, said Cook.

“It is the people who have an emergency, those are the ones that we are really concerned about,” said Cook.

The second storm may have posed a new set of problems.

Virginia could have run out of the salt before the end of the second snowfall.

“Salt could be a challenge during the next storm — we’ve been replenishing but the domes aren’t full,” said Morris.

A few county officials also wonder where all the plowed snow will go once it is cleared, as the shoulders of major roads and large parking lots run out of space.

The transportation department typically hauls snow from the Capital Beltway and Interstate 95/395 to an area under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge near the City of Alexandria.

“Not running out of space [there] yet ... You can check again later,” said Morris, in response to a question about snow storage.

Reporter Mike DiCicco contributed to this article.

## 41st District Election

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according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

Several Democrats say political races in Fairfax County, and particularly in the 41st District, have more to do with the candidate than political party affiliation. And they think Filler-Corn’s professional experience makes her the stronger choice in the upcoming special election.

Filler-Corn worked for former Gov. Mark Warner (D), now a U.S. senator, and former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) at the Virginia Liaison Office in Washington, D.C., monitoring and advocating for Virginia’s interests at the federal level.

Fairfax County Democratic Committee Chair Rex Simmons said Filler-Corn’s background in state government means she already has an intimate understanding of Virginia’s economic and social needs. She is also a familiar face for several elected officials on both sides of the aisle.

“I have really worked both in Richmond and at the federal level with the Virginia delegation. ... I think it is important to have that working knowledge of Virginia,” said Filler-Corn.

The surprising win by Marsden in a Republican-leaning State Senate district last month has also given Fairfax Democrats momentum headed into this political campaign, said Simmons. About a third of Marsden’s new State Senate district includes the 41st District delegate seat.

Still, Bolognese made a strong showing in November against Marsden, who was thought to be a relatively safe incumbent, in the general election three months ago. The Republican earned more than 10,000 votes and only lost to Marsden by a margin of 208 ballots.

“Kerry is a great candidate to run because his name is still fresh in the minds of many voters and he has a very good list of supporters that he can use,” said Anthony Bedell, Fairfax County Republican Committee chairman.

Even though McDonnell won the district by 10 points in 2009, Bedell said he still considers the delegate seat to be Democratic-leaning and a tough district to win for Republicans.

President Barack Obama (D), U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) and former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) all won the 41st District by more than 10-point margins in the recent elections.

“That is still a Democratic-leaning district, but I think it is more competitive than it has been in the past,” said Bedell.

## Bulova, Petersen To Meet With Constituents on Feb. 20

On Saturday, Feb. 20, from 10-11:30 a.m., Del. David Bulova (D-37) is hosting a Town Hall Meeting at the City of Fairfax City Hall. State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) is also participating in the event, which will provide an overview of issues that are before the General Assembly. The meeting will be in the Council Chamber at Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax.

Bulova invites constituents to participate in his 2010 Constituent Survey, which can be found online at [www.davidbulova.com](http://www.davidbulova.com).

## Losing Their Training Wheels

The Fairfax County Park Authority is looking for volunteers to help Lose the Training Wheels, a five-day camp that teaches children with disabilities to ride two-wheel bicycles. The camp will run during Fairfax County schools’ spring break, March 29 to April 2, at Lee District RECenter. Volunteers must be at least 15.

Volunteers may register by e-mailing Emily House at [Emily.house@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Emily.house@fairfaxcounty.gov); calling ADA Coordinator Gary Logue at 703-324-8727; or going online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ada/lose-the-wheels.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ada/lose-the-wheels.htm).

# Bruins Gymnastic Reign Ends

## W.T. Woodson upsets Lake Braddock in Patriot District Finals

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock's run of gymnastics domination is over, at least for one season. On Feb. 4 at the Patriot District gymnastics finals, the Bruins were unable to win their third straight gymnastics title as district newcomer W.T. Woodson walked away with the title.

Woodson won the team title with a score of 139.425 with Lake Braddock trailing in second at 134.650. West Potomac took third with a 126.075 score.

Prior to the 2009-10 season, Woodson entered the Patriot District fray from the Liberty District and since then have created a budding rivalry with the Bruins in football, basketball and other team sports.

Go ahead and add gymnastics to that list. Woodson's upset victory at the 2009-10 Patriot District gymnastics finals is just another chapter in the growing Lake Braddock and Woodson rivalry.

"It's been a tough season for [the team] with Woodson coming into the district," head coach Ellen Hagan-Bowerman said. "But the girls did well. I am proud of them."

The Bruins got off to a fast start at the district finals, taking first place as a team in the vault and uneven bars, but they couldn't top the Cavaliers in balance beam and floor exercise events.

"It was stressful," sophomore Caitlin



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**Caitlin Liberatore pounces off the vault during the Patriot District gymnastics finals. Liberatore scored a 9.600 in the event and finished second in the all-around competition.**

Liberatore said. "Woodson is our biggest rival. By the time we got to [the balance beam] the pressure got to us."

Liberatore also expressed the desire to live up to Lake Braddock's gymnastics legacy added an extra degree of difficulty to the night.

"We had a weight on our shoulders," she



**The vault was one of the Bruins' strongest events. Lake Braddock had the highest team score in the event with a 36.100 average from their six vaulters.**

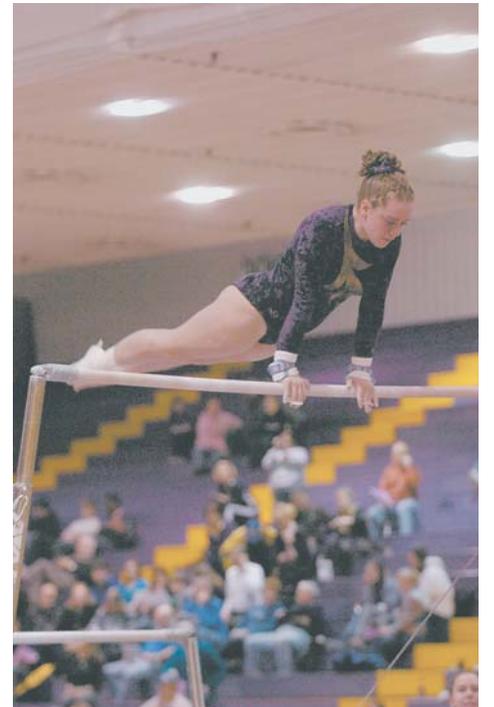
said. "But we gave it the best try we could. It showed in our scores."

Hagan-Bowerman praised her team's spirited efforts, singling out some of the top performers, including Liberatore.

"She really brought everything to the table to-

night," she said.

Hagan-Bowerman also cited the gritty



**The Bruins' six competitors on the uneven bars averaged a score of 34.075, the best score of the six competing teams at the Patriot District finals.**

effort by captain Katie Kubik.

"[She] has been out with several ankle injuries and came back to be outstanding on the bars," Hagan-Bowerman said. Kubik scored a team high 9.050 on the bars and finished second overall in the event.

Another strong performance came from sophomore Elizabeth White who finished 10th in the all-around competition despite

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## 5 Qs with Bruin gymnast Caitlin Liberatore

**Q: What's the song you have to hear before you compete?**

A: "Tik Tok" by Ke\$ha. The beat to it is really fun.

**Q: What's your favorite thing about being a gymnast?**

A: It's that you get so nervous competing, but after you compete you just feel so accomplished. I remember being the little girl in the gym that looked up to the other girls, so it feels good to be that, the girl they're looking up to.

**Q: What's the best part of being a gymnast for Lake Braddock?**

A: My team is just a huge family. It's so much fun to get to know everyone.

**Q: Do you have any sporting goals?**

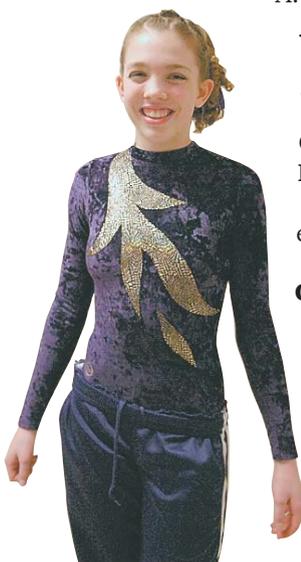
A: I hope to try and make it to college gymnastics.

**Q: If you could trade places with any athlete, who would it be?**

A: [1996 United States Olympic gymnast] Kerri Strug. Even though she broke her ankle, she put forth her best effort on the vault despite being hurt.

— REED S. ALBERS

CRAIG STERBUTZEL



Caitlin Liberatore



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**Mike Justice, right, shakes hands with West Springfield head coach J.T. Biddison after signing to play at Old Dominion University.**

## Justice Commits to Old Dominion

Senior offensive left tackle Mike Justice took advantage of National Signing Day on Feb. 3 and signed his National Letter of Intent to play football for Old Dominion University.

Justice played four years with the Spartans including one year on the freshman football squad. Justice has received a full athletic football scholarship to ODU.

# Kohn Hops On Winter Olympics Ride

**U.S. bobsledder, Fairfax man earned bronze at 2002 Games in Salt Lake City.**

By RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**F**or United States Olympian Mike Kohn, one newspaper announcement back in 1990 has proven to play a dramatic impact on his life.

Kohn, a 1990 Chantilly High graduate, learned of a U.S. bobsledding team tryout through his then-high school football coach Mark Bendorf, who had learned through a newspaper announcement of the tryout taking place at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Bendorf, now the Robinson Secondary head football coach, immediately thought of Kohn, an athletic, driven individual who had played wide receiver position over two years as a member of the Chargers' varsity.

"I talked to Mike and read to him [from the tryout notice] what they were looking for and what tests would be done and said, 'This is right down your alley,'" said Bendorf. "He jumped right into it full speed, went to the tryout, made the cut and went to [the U.S. bobsledding team headquarters in Lake Placid [N.Y.]."

Thus began Kohn's 20-year odyssey as a U.S. bobsledder, which includes earning a bronze medal as part of a four-member U.S. sled at the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City and earning a spot on this year's U.S. Olympic bobsledding team, which will be competing at the Vancouver Games over the next couple of weeks.

Kohn, who was a U.S. Team alternate at the 2006 Olympic Games in Torino, Italy, was a late addition to this year's team. He was not originally named to any of the three, four-member sleds set to represent the U.S. in Vancouver. But a training accident to teammate Todd Hays, a driver on one of the U.S. sleds, opened up a door for Kohn, who went on to accumulate enough points during American Circuit competitions to replace the injured Hays and become a driver on the No. 3 U.S. sled.

"The last month has been a whirlwind," said Kohn, a 1997 George Mason University graduate who resides in Fairfax and serves as a sergeant in the Virginia Army National Guard. "I thought I'd hang it up because I didn't hold hope [of making the Olympics team]. But I did hang in there and I'm glad I did."

Kohn and the entire U.S. bobsledding family were concerned first and foremost about Hays' health following his bobsled-



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ding accident, which occurred in Germany. But a phone call from Hays helped put Kohn at ease.

"He wished me luck and asked me what he could do to help me get qualified [for the Olympics team]," said Kohn. "I asked him about his health. He had a pretty serious injury."

**KOHN, 37, GREW UP** in Columbia, S.C. before moving with his family to Northern Virginia when he was 12. He attended Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston from seventh through ninth grades before going to South Lakes High School. His family moved to Chantilly following his sophomore year and Kohn was enrolled at Chantilly High, where he competed on both the football team as well as the track and field squad.

He loved his overall experience at Chantilly. His best friend there was Doug Ewell, the current head boys' basketball coach at Westfield High. The two would ultimately be in the same graduating class at GMU.

One of Kohn's greatest high school football memories was Chantilly defeating pow-



**Mike Kohn, a Fairfax resident, has been bobsledding for 20 years. In Vancouver, he will compete in both four-man and two-man sleds.**

**Kohn, 37, was a late addition to the 2010 U.S. Olympic bobsledding team.**

erful Robinson in the 1996 season opener.

"That might as well have been the Super Bowl for us," said Kohn. "We had been talking about that game all summer. That win for us was one of our biggest ever. I had one or two catches [that night], I think."

Bendorf appreciated Kohn's dedication to the sport and to his teammates.

"He was a wonderful young man to coach, a hard worker and very unselfish as a team player," said Bendorf. "He had all the tools to be a really good football player or at any other athletic endeavor."

In track, Kohn excelled in the sprint events. He was ninth in the state in the 300 race during the winter indoor track season of his senior year. The Chantilly boys' track and field coach at that time was Greg Sullivan, who currently is an assistant football coach at McLean High.

"The thing I liked most about Coach Sullivan was he was equal across the board to everyone," said Kohn, who as a senior was the Chantilly boys' Team MVP of the winter season before earning the Coach's Award that outdoor season. "If you worked

hard, you would be rewarded for it. If not, you wouldn't be."

Sullivan said Kohn's ability, leadership and outstanding work ethic shined at Chantilly.

"Mike was one heck of a hard worker," he said. "He was a track kid for me and also played football. He definitely was a leader on the track team and the kids looked up to him. When he made up his mind he was going to do something he did it. He worked hard and didn't play around in practice. That was the tone he set for all the sprinters."

Following high school, Kohn attended the University of South Carolina where he made the football team as a walk-on. He never played a down during his two seasons with the Gamecocks, but he was thrilled just to be a part of the team.

"It was like the 'Rudy' story," said Kohn, chuckling in recalling the famed movie of the Notre Dame football walk-on. "But by the end of my second year, I realized I wasn't going to be going to the NFL."

True enough, but Kohn had already become involved with another sport he was growing a passion for — bobsledding. He had attended and excelled at the tryout camp at Maryland a couple years earlier and, following that, had gone to Lake Placid and been placed on one of the U.S. Team's four-member sleds.

"I caught on right away," said Kohn, of the sport. "My first ride [in Lake Placid with

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## SPORTS

# Woodson Edges Lake Braddock

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an injury early in the competition. "[White] had her shoulder pop out, but she continued to work hard despite the injury," Hagan-Bowerman said. "She was really great for us tonight." Hagan-Bowerman also welcomed the new rivalry with Lake Braddock. "It was nice to have someone to compete against," she said. "Our district hasn't been very strong for a long time, so it was nice to have someone you look forward [to facing]."

Only two other teams in the past 15 years have won a Patriot District title. In 2003 and 2004 Robinson won the title, and in 2007 West Springfield wore the crown.

Adding another plot to the evolving rivalry between Woodson and Lake Braddock is that both teams practice together throughout the season.

"It's kind of hard," she said. "Woodson, Annandale, Falls Church and [Lake Braddock] practice as one

big team. We all know what we have, so there's no surprises."

While the practices aren't super-intense and the girls often make new friends from other schools, Hagan-Bowerman said it's hard to cheer against the other teams major competitions.

"We all help each other out," she said. "But when you get here, you want everyone to do well. You don't want to pick sides."

While the Cavs are Patriot District newcomers, W.T. Woodson head coach Mike Cooper is more than familiar with the district's competition.

Cooper was head coach of Lake Braddock's gymnastics team from 1988 to 2000.

"It was neat to come back," Cooper said. "I was excited when we heard about the switch. I know Lake Braddock is a perennial favorite [in the Patriot District] so it was fun to go against them."

Lake Braddock and W.T. Woodson will now advance to the Northern Region finals on Feb. 11 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

### WEEK IN SPORTS

## NOVA West Lacrosse Registration Now Open

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# Teacher Receives Award

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During Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Asian tsunami and the Haitian earthquake, Sadtler had her students made personal-hygiene kits for distribution. They also collected school supplies, through the military, for a school in Afghanistan.

In the classroom, the whole eighth grade conducted a mock election for last fall's Virginia races. Students voted online and compared their results with those in their county, precincts and state. The Youth Leadership Initiative in Charlottesville sponsored it and compiled the votes and results.

"Some 700 students voted, and mine were the election officers, registering people to vote," said Sadtler. "They got hands-on experience in what it means to be a citizen and even did exit polls so they could see the whole process of voting."

She teaches five civics classes, has helped train student teachers and, for seven years, was the lead mentor for Robinson's new teachers. This year, she's a cross-curriculum team leader and continues working with George Mason University's College of Edu-

cation to mentor master's degree candidates in teaching.

Sadtler learned of her VFW award in December and said it's "always an honor to be recognized for what you do. It's humbling because you work with other people who are outstanding. Teaching is a collaborative experience and we all learn from each other. But I hope that, by recognizing me, they're also recognizing the profession."

— **Danny Meier, principal, Robinson Secondary**

Furthermore, she's also pleased because Robinson is named for James Robinson, who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery during the Vietnam War. "So that informs our teaching and conduct here," she said. "We're inspired by his courage and bravery."

The first day of school each year, Sadtler takes her students to Robinson's memorial at the front of the building to read the citation of what he did. Then they discuss what it means for them as students.

"That's how I set the tone for the year," she said. "So to get an award from a veterans organization is a great honor for someone who teaches in a school named after a veteran."

**"She's an unsung hero, almost embarrassed to be given such an award."**

## Academies Host Information Nights

Fairfax County Public Schools high school career academies are hosting information nights and open houses for prospective high school students who may be interested in academy courses for the 2010-11 school year. The open houses are open to students entering grades 10, 11, and 12 in 2010-11. Information about each academy's information night and open house can be found below.

❖ **Chantilly Academy**—Engineering, Scientific Technology, Health and Human Services, Monday, Feb. 15, 5:45-8:30 p.m., <http://www.fcps.edu/ChantillyAcademy>, 703-222-7460

❖ **Edison Academy**—Engineering and Scientific Technology; Wednesday, Feb. 17, 7-8:30 p.m., <http://www.fcps.edu/EdisonAcademy/>, 703-924-1800

❖ **Fairfax Academy**—Communications and the Arts, Thursday, March 4, 7:30-9 p.m., <http://www.fcps.edu/FairfaxAcademy>, 703-219-2226

❖ **Falls Church Academy**—Health and Human Services, individual visits are welcome, <http://www.fcps.edu/FallsChurchHS/academy/index.html>, 703-207-4011

❖ **Marshall Academy**—International Studies and Business, Engineering and Scientific Technology, Monday, Feb. 22, 7-8:30 p.m., <http://www.fcps.edu/MarshallAcademy>, 703-714-5582

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### FAITH NOTES

**Franconia United Methodist Church**, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, will have a sermon series through Feb. 21 at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, based on Bishop Robert Schnase's book "The Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations." Each of the five practices has a biblical underpinning and is structured to provide practical ideas. The church is also having a free Pancake Dinner at 6 p.m. on Feb 16, and an Ash Wednesday Service at 7 p.m. on Feb 17. 703 971-5151 or [admin@franconiaumc.org](mailto:admin@franconiaumc.org).

**Burke Presbyterian Church** is participating in the Church World Service (CWS) humanitarian relief efforts to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The public can assemble and donate a hygiene kit or a baby kit. BPC is a collection point for the kits. To create a kit, visit either [www.BurkePresChurch.org](http://www.BurkePresChurch.org) and click on "Haiti Relief" or visit [www.ChurchWorldService.org](http://www.ChurchWorldService.org) and click on "Hygiene Kit" or "Baby Kit." Drop off kits at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. 703-764-0456.

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# SPORTS

# Kohn Off to Olympics

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silver.”

It marked the first time in 46 years that the U.S. had earned a medal in bobsledding.

Kohn said his family joined him at those Salt Lake City Games. While he was focused on his sport and excelling, he said he also was able to take in the Olympic experience as a whole.

“At those games, we had fun and we worked hard and it turned out great,” he said. “We went to see other sports and events.”

Four years later, Kohn served as an alternate on the U.S. team at the 2006 Games in Torino, Italy.

“Being an alternate is better than nothing,” said Kohn, who during those Games also served as a tutor to NBC telecasters as they covered the sport. “I helped the TV people understand the sport better, which was great. But it definitely didn’t compare to Salt Lake City.”

This past month, upon learning he would be competing at the Vancouver Games, Kohn said he had to scramble for Olympics tickets for family and friends. His girlfriend Jessica, who is studying opera as a music student at George Mason, will be in attendance.

One of Kohn’s favorite things about bobsledding is the teamwork that goes into both a four-member and two-member sled. “You become real close to the four guys you work and train together with,” he said. In four-team sleds, each member lifts a part of the 500-pound sled at the start of a race. Then, as a unit, the foursome begin running together in order to gain momentum for a fast ride. One by one, each team member, starting with the driver, jumps into his respective seat. By the time each is seated, the enormous sled is whooshing along the icy course path. Ultimately, Olympic caliber bobsledders will reach up and past 90 miles per hour. A fast start, which entails team members running 50 meters in less than five seconds before jumping in, is crucial for a team’s success.

“If we get off the start block in first place, that’s the best place you can be because you can [overcome later] mistakes,” said Kohn.

Kohn has a deep appreciation for the caliber of athletes he has teamed up with over the years on a bobsled.

“Most of our top guys could run in a competitive track and field meet in the U.S.,” said Kohn, who was named People Magazine’s 50 most eligible bachelors in 2002. “They’re as strong as the strongest football players in the NFL. I would put our guys up with anyone when combining power and speed.”

Kohn is scheduled to compete on Feb. 20 (two-man sled competition) and Feb. 26 (four-man).

the team] was pretty rough. It was not what it looks like on TV. It’s a pretty violent ride. There are no shock absorbers or comfortable seats. There are no big padded tires to run on.”

Bendorf, who had grabbed notice of the tryout announcement that led to Kohn’s escapade into the world of bobsledding, said Kohn was the perfect candidate to delve into such a sport.

“He was the only one I approached because I thought he was costumed for that,” said Bendorf. “He had the athleticism and was a fast, explosive kid and he had drive. He had that stick-to-it [nature] to him.”

Both Bendorf and Sullivan helped Kohn prepare for those bobsledding tryouts at Maryland in 1990, which proved somewhat comparable to a track and field decathlon event. Kohn had to prove his prowess in numerous events that tested his running, jumping and body strength. According to Sullivan, athletes had to accumulate a point package of 600 or better to qualify to join the team in Lake Placid. Kohn scored 630 points.

The U.S. Team put Kohn, who weighed about 175 pounds at the time of his tryouts, on a regimented strength conditioning and nutrition plan over the next nine months. He put on 40 pounds but his body fat dropped 8 percent. He improved his 100-dash running time from 11 flat to a world class 10.4. He was totally dedicated to giving his best as a bobsledder.

Kohn ultimately earned a spot on the 2002 U.S. Olympics Team and, as a member of a four-man sled, earned a bronze medal in Salt Lake City. What Kohn remembers most about those Games was that they came in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

“[The Games] were five months removed from Sept. 11,” said Kohn. “I thought I’d be activated by the Army to go to Afghanistan, but the Army said I could compete in the Olympics.”

“The moment [on the medal stand] will live forever,” said Kohn, of representing his country during a time when the U.S. was mourning the loss of life as a result of the terrorist attacks of the prior September. “It didn’t really matter what color [the medal] was, we had gotten a medal. What made it better was the other U.S. team getting the

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— Mike Kohn, U.S. Olympic Team

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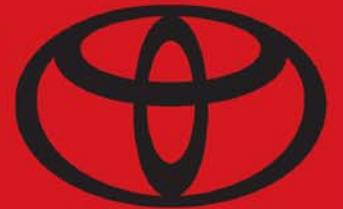
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