

From left, wine expert John Fitter, winemaker David Noyes and proprietor Vital Hiek of Maison du Vin wait for business to reemerge after the Blizzards of 2010. No business was unaffected by the week of extreme weather.

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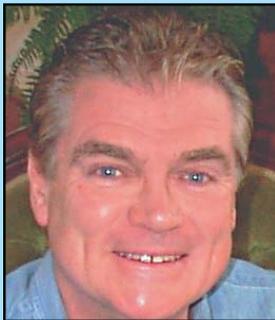
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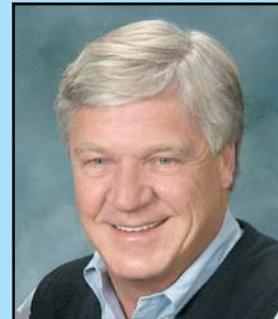
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Jad Bouchebel, left, and his brother Najib man the counter in their family's Le Grand Appetit deli. The eatery lost business to the weather and perishables to the power outages.



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Tom Ternisky, left, owner of La Romantica Pizzeria, poses with some of the customers who braved the weather for a meal on Saturday, Feb. 6. La Romantica was the only business open in the village center that day, as much of Great Falls was without power.

Great Falls Businesses Survive Snowstorms

Some emerge with less damage than others; all come through with stories.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

With a few exceptions, most businesses suffer during prolonged onslaughts of snowy weather, as treacherous or even impassable roads keep customers and employees alike stuck at home. A few, however, at least manage to wring some enjoyment from the situation.

As snow continued to pile up well past the 2-foot mark on the afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 6, Tom Ternisky's Romantica Deli and Pizzeria may have been the only eatery open in Great Falls. "It was so much fun over here," Ternisky said, noting that just about anyone who passed by, from college students having fun in the snow to the workers shoveling it, stopped in for a meal.

WITH THE POWER OUT across much of Great Falls, even such bulwarks as Safeway and 7-Eleven were shut down. But a gas grill and fryer and a borrowed generator to keep the refrigerator running allowed Ternisky to stay in business, although the menu was limited to fried chicken, steak-and-cheese subs and French fries. A few employees managed to make it to the restaurant. Normally, Ternisky said, he has closed during snowstorms. "To be perfectly honest with you, I was just bored at home." Like many Great Falls residents, he had lost electricity. Likewise, he said, "We had people



Safeway managers Susanna Lee and Tanya Stewart spent nights in the store in order to keep it open during the blizzards and make sure it was ready for Valentine's Day.

walking from two or three miles away just to have something to do."

Scores of power company employees were working to restore electricity in the area, and Ternisky handed out menus to the foremen, who, in turn, placed massive orders for their crews. "Every couple of hours, we were thinking about going home, but people kept coming, especially snow plowers," he said. "We just felt like we had to be here."

Romantica was without power for a day and a half, and Ternisky managed to open again briefly on Sunday afternoon and remained open during the following snowstorm.

Safeway may have been closed due to lack



Great Dogs owner Linda Watkins managed to keep her shelves stocked throughout the blizzards, despite a rush on pet food and other items.

of power on Saturday and into Sunday, but that wasn't to say no one was there. Tanya Stewart, one of the store's managers, and a few others slept at the store over the weekend and again on Tuesday night in order to keep it open. "We came with bedding and everything," Stewart said.

Susanna Lee, another manager, said the corporation had told them to stay at a hotel, but there is no such thing in Great Falls.

"It wasn't a sacrifice for us because [the customers] are so nice and so warm around here," Stewart said. She said the lines of customers in the Safeway, Great Falls' only supermarket, had stretched to the back of the store all day on both Friday, Feb. 5 and Monday, Feb. 8, the days before the two



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As of last weekend, business had yet to return to normal in the Great Falls business center, following a week of unreasonably heavy snowfall.

snowstorms, although all registers had been open.

"The customers were very patient. Everybody had fun out of it," Lee said.

Although the store had ordered days' worth of food in anticipation of the weather, the milk and eggs did eventually run out, to be replenished by a delivery between storms on Tuesday morning. The power outage caused losses, particularly of frozen foods that couldn't be preserved in the refrigeration truck parked out back. "There was a lot of stuff we had to save and a lot of stuff we lost," Stewart said.

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PHOTO BY DR. GEORGE BRANCHE

Langley High School Concert Orchestra

Langley Pyramid Orchestra Concert on Feb. 23

More than 200 students will perform in the Langley High School and Cooper Middle School Orchestra Pyramid Concert on Tuesday, Feb. 23. The concert takes place in the Langley High School Auditorium, and begins at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free to the public, and elementary orchestra students are encouraged to attend.

Three orchestras from Langley High School will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Handel, Berlioz, Piazzolla, Grieg and Dvorak. Dr. Scott McCormick conducts the Langley High School Orchestras. Musical interludes include Bianca Lee and Suzanne Kim, harpists; the Langley Chamber Ensemble; Michelle Park and Victoria Youn, pianists; and Arpa Vartanian, solo pianist.

Victoria Youn, Michelle Park, Taihei Yamaguchi and Craig Hunter will perform an unusual piece for one piano, eight hands.

Two orchestras from Cooper Middle School will perform string orchestra selections at the concert, conducted by Erin Maguire. The concert culminates with all high school and middle school orchestra students playing together in "Variations on a Well-Known Sea Chanty."



Cub Scouts Give Back to Great Falls Church

Cub Scouts Zane Givans, left, Gregory Roszyk and Nicholas Hodge, Bear Cub members of the Great Falls Cub Scout Pack 673, present a check for \$1,000 to Deb Cantrell, the Youth and Family Minister at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls. The donation from the Pack is to support the church's Eagle Scout Project Fund and recognizes the support the church has provided the Pack for the past several years. The check is part of a \$2,500 grant provided to the Pack by Booz Allen & Hamilton, where Cub Scout parents Charlie and Natalie Givans, Greg Roszyk and Ron Hodge are employed. Every year, these parents donate significant time and effort supporting activities of Pack 673.

NEWS

Fairfax Schools See Ups And Downs in Funding Fight

School board lays out budget and Gov. agrees to give Fairfax schools more money.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

While Maryclaire Ramsey appreciates the Fairfax County Public Schools is in a difficult budget position, she also wishes she saw more outside-the-box thinking from the school administration and school board members.

"I don't feel like they are taking a good, hard, long look at operations on a higher level," said Ramsey, who lives in the Fox Mill area of Oak Hill.

Instead of being creative, the school board and schools Superintendent Jack Dale are trotting out the same list of potential cuts — popular programs like elementary school foreign language instruction — that they do whenever they face a budget downturn, according to Ramsey.

A skeptic might think the school board does this because it scares parents and motivates them to go to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to advocate for more money to be transferred to the school system.

Ramsey, for her part, resents the fact that releasing a list of vulnerable programs tends to pit one parent community against another at a time when the school advocates should be working together.

"Everybody is going to have their favorite program. How do you tell parents that freshman sports is more important than band?" she said.

Instead, Ramsey wishes the school board offered more creative solutions to solving the current budget crisis. She would like the school board to explore "revenue generation" or offer more cuts to the central administration for example.

For her and many others, the current school budget proposal offers the same, old-way of thinking.

STARTING NEXT YEAR, it seems almost certain that Fairfax County students have to pay a fee to play high school sports and advanced placement tests.

The Fairfax County School Board voted on its initial budget request to the Board of Supervisors at a Feb. 4 meeting, laying out those programs it intends to ask the county to fund and those it will

The Fairfax Schools Budget So Far ...

The Fairfax County School Board took its first pass at its operating budget for the 2010-2011 school year during a Feb. 4 meeting, tacking on approximately \$23 million in additional spending to the plan originally proposed last month.

Schools Superintendent Jack Dale had presented a \$2.3 billion budget for Fairfax County Public Schools in January. Dale's plan included \$100 million in spending reductions and a request for the Fairfax County government to provide \$57.8 million more to the school system than it did last year.

Fairfax County already devoted more than 50 percent of county revenue, approximately \$1.7 billion, to the school system last year.

The school board amended Dale's proposal slightly, deciding it could not live with some of the cuts that the superintendent had proposed, and asking for more from the county. The school board increased the public schools' funding request to the county by \$81 million over what was provided last year.

During its own budget deliberations, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will decide how much of the county's total revenue to give to the school system. If the amount of funding is less than the school system requested, the school board will have to make additional cuts to the budget currently proposed in the late spring.

The following are some of programs and services the school board would use the additional \$23 million from the county to fund and those programs they have agreed to eliminate.

The school board voted to put the following programs and cuts into the budget:

- ❖ \$17.1 million added to avoid increasing class size by an additional student per teacher
- ❖ \$1.4 million added to keep assistant principals positions
- ❖ \$800,000 added for instructional assistant positions
- ❖ \$1.6 million added for instructional coaches positions
- ❖ (\$900,000) reduction via additional cuts for central administration
- ❖ \$2.2 million added for the Foreign Language in Elementary Schools program
- ❖ (\$110,000) reduction, cutting a fifth grade field trip to the International Children's Festival
- ❖ \$250,000 added to help students from Pimmit Hills Alternative High School transition to another campus or program

The school board has agreed to eliminate the following programs:

- ❖ \$1.2 million for "Focus," a special academic program in place in schools with high-risk student populations
- ❖ \$1.3 million for the Extended Learning Program known as Excel, also in place in schools with high-risk student populations
- ❖ \$6.3 million for summer school
- ❖ \$200,000 for two internal auditor positions
- ❖ \$150,000 for a student suspension program

reluctantly agree to cut at this early stage.

There will be new student fees to participate in high school athletics and to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests. The school board is moving forward with a plan to eliminate Pimmit Hills Alternative High School and two academic programs in elementary schools with large populations of poor students.

Though the school board can restore such programs after the supervisors approve the public school money transfer in the late spring, it is unlikely board members will have the luxury of restoring funding to programs cut this early on in the budget process.

"We are going to be fighting for any money we can get," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

CURRENT CLASS SIZE, foreign language in elementary schools and freshman sports are among the programs threatened by cuts that so far are still funded.

The school board budget includes a request for \$81 million more from the county than the approximately \$1.7 billion the supervisors gave the school system to operate last year.

Schools Superintendent Jack Dale had originally suggested the school board only ask the county for an additional \$57.8 million and include several more cuts in the budget.

But school board members found several of Dale's cuts — including freshman sports, foreign language in elementary schools and larger class size — to be too drastic. The school board also restored \$3.8 million in funding for instruction assistants, instructional coaches and assistant principals that Dale had proposed to eliminate.

Without full funding, including the extra \$81 million, the school board will argue that many of the undesirable cuts they have avoided will have to be made, said school board members.

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Businesses Weather the Storm

FROM PAGE 3

By the day before Valentine's Day, Lee said business was picking back up, and she hoped it would be back to normal by Monday.

JAD BOUCHEBEL, whose family owns Le Grand Appetit European Deli, also in Great Falls Shopping Center, said the mountains of snow filling many of the center's parking spaces seemed to be hampering a rebound in business. "A lot of people have been waiting a long time to park," he said on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Le Grand Appetit also lost a considerable amount of food to the power outage. Bouchebel said the deli had closed during the weekend of the first blizzard, and when he came to check on the shop Saturday and found the power out, he was about to start carrying perishables out into the snow. However, when he learned that there had been no electricity since that morning, he ended up throwing much of it away. He said the power briefly went out again Wednesday morning, while the deli was again closed due to the weather, and the outages damaged the business' walk-in refrigerator, which was still being fixed last Saturday.

However, the deli had managed to catch some business from the Safeway rushes on Friday and Tuesday, he said. "You see more excitement, people are out to shop before the snowstorm."

The same could not be said for BedHeaders, a shop across the parking lot, specializing in decorative household items. Perhaps no businesses suffered

more from the blizzards than boutiques specializing in nonessential gift items. "There was very little business here while people were running next door getting supplies," said Joan Barmat, the shop's owner.

Eight people had stopped in the Friday before the first storm. The shop was closed Saturday, but Barmat had put out a sign saying it would be open Sunday. No customers showed up Sunday. Three people came in on Monday and the store was closed again the next day for the second storm. "People didn't start coming back in here until yesterday," she said on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Normally, she said, the store picks up some business on Super Bowl weekends, as people head to parties, and before Valentine's Day, when women often hold luncheons and other events. Not so this year. "Today's always the day husbands come in," she said on the day before the romantic holiday, adding that she had seen a "teeny bit" of Valentine's Day shopping traffic.

"These two weeks have been the worst, probably, in our history," Barmat said. The store has been open for more than 16 years. "If this were the first bad thing that happened, it wouldn't be that bad," she said. But business had just seemed to be picking up after a two-year downturn.

A SPECIALTY STORE that fared better was the Great Dogs of Great Falls pet store, where owner Linda Watkins said she had seen the same stampedes Safeway had, only for pet food. "We had big rushes

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New Housing Blueprint

Ending homelessness, moving beyond preservation of affordable housing.

BY SHARON BULOVA

Several years ago, on a freezing February morning, I rode the VRE into Washington, D.C. for a Council of Governments meeting. As I was leaving Union Station, I noticed a middle-aged woman, with sacks of belongings and bedding gathered around her. She was clearly a person with mental illness, muttering to herself and batting the air at imaginary objects.

I remember thinking, "I'm so glad I live in Fairfax County. We have social services programs that would help someone like this woman." But later that week, while jogging down an old alignment of a road near my home, I spotted a tent tucked way back in the woods. It was a homeless person's encampment.

Fairfax County has established a "hypothermia program" to shelter homeless individuals during the cold winter months. The program is a partnership among county agencies, area houses of worship and nonprofit organizations. The hypothermia program has served to crystallize how inadequate our human services network is for dealing with homelessness.

In March 2008, our Board of Supervisors endorsed a "Housing First" strategy to end homelessness as we know it. Working with houses of worship and charitable organiza-



Sharon Bulova

tions, Fairfax County has adopted a strategy for making sure people in our community have a roof over their heads and receive the help they need to get back on their feet. At our Jan. 26 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved a new Housing Blueprint to address the challenge of ensuring there is accessible, affordable housing for all members of our community. Affordable housing was a key topic when the Board considered our current Fiscal Year 2010 budget and the Board dedicated considerable time to discussing housing issues at our post-budget retreat last June.

At the retreat, we agreed that our housing programs must emphasize serving those with the greatest needs, that affordable housing represents a spectrum of needs, and that we can be most effective in accomplishing these goals by working with Faith Community and non-profit partners in the community.

The Housing Blueprint is a strategy for addressing these priorities and represents a new direction compared to the previous policy of

Blueprint Highlights

Resolved: End homelessness; provide affordable housing options to those with special needs; cut the waiting lists for affordable housing in half; produce workforce housing to accommodate projected job growth.

preservation. The new goals stated in the Blueprint are comprehensive: to end homelessness in 10 years, to provide affordable housing options to those with special needs, to cut the waiting lists for affordable housing in half over 10 years, and to produce workforce housing to accommodate projected job growth.

The Blueprint is the product of impressive collaboration by county agencies, concerned citizens, houses of worship and local non-profits. Because of the metrics it includes, the Blueprint sets short and long term goals and can be used to evaluate our programs.

TO VIEW the Housing Blueprint, please visit <http://www.e-ffordable.org/>.

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer in efforts to address homelessness, the County's Office to End Homelessness can be reached by going to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless>.

Sharon Bulova is chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Voice Vote' vs. Accountability

To the Editor:

In many ways Virginia is a progressive state; it's rated as the best managed state and so forth. But in the area of our state legislator's transparency we are stuck in the past century.

The strong message the voters sent last November is that it's time for a change. During the campaign, candidate McDonnell introduced a "good government" plan to bring more responsibility to Richmond in the way the state budgets and

spends money. Polls show voters favor transparency. The voters have responded well to this.

In the current session of the General Assembly, our signature issue is to stop using Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF) federal block grant funds for everything under the sun. Because funds are distributed through "earmarks," we support Del. David Englin's (D-45) proposal (HB 80) for good government and transparency by moving to a competitive TANF Funding Pool. HB 80 would ensure scarce dollars are targeted to effective and efficient programs and would

de-politicize the allocation of these funds. Additionally, the McDonnell Administration and the Department of Social Services supported the bill as a needed accountability reform.

Regrettably, to avoid accountability, on Monday Feb. 8, HB 80 was "tabled by a voice vote" in the House Appropriations subcommittee. Without a recorded vote, it is impossible to know who voted to table. Unfortunately, the legislators who currently have the power to direct "earmarks" are also the legislators who must approve reforming the earmark process.

It is amazing how legislators

who profess to support accountability will not vote yes for good policy. They can get away with this because with "the voice vote" their votes are never recorded. Unless you get up at the crack of dawn and are lucky enough to get into the meeting room to see the vote occur, or have a video recorder it's nearly impossible to know what happened. Even being in the room is no guarantee.

The question is one of accountability. The public ought to know what happened.

John Horejsi

Coordinator, Social Action Linking Together, Vienna

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Republican Club of Greater Reston Annual Lincoln-Reagan Dinner. Hidden Creek County Club, Reston. 703-406-9740.

SATURDAY/FEB. 20

McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Monthly Meeting. 9:30 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The program will focus on being a Muslim woman in Northern Virginia, with speaker Wafika Albani, Fairfax County Public Schools Translator and Parent Liaison. The community is welcome. 703-830-6503 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 21

NAACP Fairfax County Youth Council Meeting. 4 p.m. at the

George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. restonbell7@gmail.com.

MONDAY/FEB. 22

Haven of Northern Virginia Six-Week Suicide Bereavement Support Group. 7:30 p.m. at 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Free. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org, or e-mail havenofnova@verizon.net.

THURSDAY/FEB. 25

Superbowl Makes Old Brogue Busy

FROM PAGE 5

to get food and toys and treats and chews. So it was fun. It was really, really fun," she said, adding that the difficulty would be rescheduling grooming appointments.

Normally closed on Sundays, the store had also closed on Saturday and Wednesday during the storms. And business had been slow on Monday and Thursday, although it remained steady, she said. "We welcome dogs in here, so I think a lot of dogs just came on an outing."

Vendors had made early deliveries, so her shelves remained stocked, although she had lost the contents of her refrigerator to the power outage.

"Even though I gave up whole days' worth of business, I made up for it with surges the days before," Watkins said.

With a product whose necessity lies somewhere between food and gift items, Vital Hiek said his wine shop, Maison du Vin, had seen an initial rush before the first storm but still had not seen business rebound to normal by last weekend. "It's Valentine's weekend, and I think a lot of folks in Great Falls still haven't been able to get out," he said, noting that his own sedan was still snowed in while he relied on his SUV for transport.

"Definitely, the blizzard was tough on business for sure," he said. He figured he was down about 30 percent from this time last year. Prior to the snowstorms, he said, business seemed to have been picking up, with January sales up about 10 percent at Maison du Vin and more than 30 percent at his Reston Town Center location, Market Cellars.

Hiek said he expected business to pick up again this week, as

many snowed-in residents had likely occupied themselves with wine consumption. "Hopefully, they did quite a bit of drinking and now need to replenish," he said. "I know I did."

ONE OF THE STORM'S most triumphant tales came from Old Brogue owner Mike Kearney. The power at his restaurant went out on Friday, around 11 p.m., after staff had been sent home, and it remained dead until Sunday afternoon, he said. Around noon on Super Bowl Sunday, he said, "We were over there testing to make sure our food boxes and everything were still good." Since the building had been without heat and the refrigerators had remained closed, most of the food had been preserved, he said.

The electricity came back on around 2 p.m., so as Kearney finished inspections, he called the chef and staff and told them to try to be there by 3 p.m., in preparation for the Super Bowl. "The phones were ringing by the time we got there, asking if we were open, because a lot of people didn't have power at that point," he said, adding that many callers were looking for a place to watch the game.

The restaurant opened, and by 5 p.m., it was nearly full when, "All of a sudden, poom! Out goes the cable," he said, adding that this new outage also knocked out the phone lines and credit card machines. Fortunately, the building is also equipped with satellite television, so Kearney went out and beat the snow off the rooftop satellite dish, and television reception was restored. "By the time the game was on at 6, there wasn't a seat in the place," he said. "We felt very lucky about the whole thing."

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VTRCC Valentine's Luncheon with the Vienna Choral Society. 11:30 a.m. at the Maplewood Grill, 132 Branch Road, Vienna. Enjoy a Valentine treat for your heart, soul and appetite. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

Sharon G. Flake: You Don't Even Know Me. 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Books, 7851L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. crm2238@bn.com.

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

Artisan Jeweler JJ Singh. 7 p.m. at McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Working with outdated or broken jewelry, Singh redesigns pieces into one-of-a-kind statement necklaces. At the end of the presentation she will do a real time 're-design' demonstration. \$10 per person. 703-790-1953.

Dan Dietz's 'tempODYSSEY.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Black Box Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$6, students and seniors \$3. Tickets to performances canceled due to snow will be honored. 703-993-8888 or 703-993-1120.



Brittany's Singer Nolwenn Monjarret performs on Sunday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Old Brogue Irish Pub in Great Falls.

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FRIDAY/FEB. 19
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.

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'This House is Not Kosher.' 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. A comedy written and performed by HHS students. \$5. 703-401-0428 or www.herndonadrama.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 20
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.

By The Bog of Cats. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. Tickets \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageTysons.org/cats.

Minh 'Dreamgirl's Heart' CD Release. 2 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

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Middle East MicFest Tour 2010. 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 day of show. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Family Reunion Workshop. 7:30 a.m. at the Sheraton Premiere Hotel, 8661 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Co-hosted by Reunions Magazine, the workshop includes a presentation by Edith Wagner, as well as tips in planning a family reunion. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for all attendees. Pre-register by email to dmliller@fxva.com.

Langley High School Fashion Show. 7 p.m. at Langley High School Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Tickets \$10. tricia.poythress@fcp.edu.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS McLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER GOVERNING BOARD SMALL TAX DISTRICT ONE OF THE DRANESVILLE DISTRICT FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

NOTICE is hereby given to residents of Small Tax District One of the Dranesville District, Fairfax County, Virginia, of an election to select members of the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center, which is a Special District Agency of Fairfax County, Virginia. The election is authorized by a Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on February 8, 1984, and will be held on **McLean Day**, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia, at the following date and time:

Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents also will be able to vote by absentee ballot. Absentee Ballot Applications will be available at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, beginning on **Monday, April 12, 2010**, at 9 a.m. Absentee ballots must be returned by **Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 5 p.m.**

The election will determine which Small Tax District One residents will join the 11-member Governing Board. The number and categories of Board seats to be filled through the election are as follows:

Four (4) adult residents of Small Tax District One who are at least eighteen (18) years of age as of McLean Day. The candidates who receive the three-highest vote counts will serve three-year (3) terms; the candidate with the fourth-highest vote count will complete a two-year (2), unexpired term.

Two (2) youth residents of Small Tax District One between fifteen (15) and seventeen (17) years of age (as of McLean Day) will serve one-year (1) terms. One youth resident shall be elected from the area represented by the McLean High School boundary area, and one youth resident shall be elected from the area represented by the Langley High School boundary area. The high school areas are set out in the current edition of the Approved Boundaries of the Fairfax County Public Schools. Youth candidates need not attend either school, but, are required to live within the Approved Boundaries of the aforementioned schools as defined by Fairfax County Public Schools.

All residents seeking election to the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center shall file a completed petition to be received at the address below **on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2010:**

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Nominating Petitions may be obtained at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, beginning at 9 a.m. on **Monday, Feb. 22, 2010.**

Individuals seeking to become candidates for a seat on the Governing Board shall obtain the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small Tax District One. For youths seeking to become candidates for a seat on the Governing Board, the signatures shall be from ten (10) residents of Small Tax District One who are between 15 to 17 years of age as of McLean Day, **and** who reside within the boundaries of the high school area in which the candidate lives.

All petitions will be certified on **Friday, March 26, 2010**, by the Election Committee, and names of candidates will subsequently be published in newspapers having general circulation in the Dranesville District.

Candidate photos will be taken at the McLean Community Center on **Saturday, March 27, 2010**, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Alternatively, candidates may submit their own (passport-type) color photographs to the McLean Community Center not later than 5 p.m. on **Friday, March 26, 2010**. High-resolution (300 dpi) headshots (no larger than 4"x 6") may be E-mailed to mail@mcleancenter.org, by the same date.

All residents of Small Tax District One of the Dranesville District are eligible to vote for candidates in their respective categories: adult and youth.

***Adult:** Any resident who is eighteen (18) years of age or older as of McLean Day; and

***Youth:** Any resident who is fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age as of McLean Day. Youths may vote for one candidate from each high school boundary area.

Verification of age and residence shall be determined from driver's license, student identification card, birth certificate, or other satisfactory evidence. A verification process also is required for residents choosing to apply for absentee voting.

The complete results of the election will be reported by the McLean Community Center's Election Committee to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at their next regular meeting following the election. At that meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, after determining that it is in the public interest to do so, shall appoint those persons receiving the greatest number of votes in their respective categories (adults and youth) to the McLean Community Center Governing Board. Said certification for this election shall be effective upon action by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

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Formula for Partial Relief

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SEVERAL SUPERVISORS said it is unlikely Fairfax will give the school system an extra \$81 million, especially when other county agencies and departments are seeing cuts in their funding.

"I think trying to provide an extra \$81 million in funding would be extremely difficult to do in this economic climate. Our board has to be sensitive to taxpayers who are struggling to pay their mortgages and stay in their homes," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D- At-large.)

Fairfax County already allocates more than half of its general funding to the public school system annually. Since the residential real estate tax generates most of the county revenue, an increase in schools funding would most likely correspond to an increase in real property tax rate for homeowners.

According to county officials, \$81 million is equal to increasing property taxes approximately four cents per \$100 of assessed property value this year.

Some supervisors questioned

whether the school board had really made all the cuts it could, particularly when it came to central administration staff.

"Until the school system looks at their administrative costs, I think this school board will be hard pressed to spend an additional \$81 million on the school system," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

When compared to Dale's budget proposal, the school board did vote to reduce spending on central administration functions by \$900,000 in order to fund other programs, according to school system documents.

Still, other supervisors appeared to be questioning whether the school board had looked at all of its options.

"I have serious questions about cost and whether there are things not on the table to be cut," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville).

GOV. BOB McDONNELL (R) did offer a silver lining in the discussion about schools funding late in the day on Feb. 8.

McDonnell supports restoring

the Virginia state education funding formula to its original 2010 proportions, which means Fairfax will get a larger slice of the financial pie of education funding coming out of Richmond.

Last December, former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) proposed "freezing" the education funding formula to proportions used last year, protecting funding for several school districts downstate from losing money but costing Fairfax County Public Schools \$61 million.

It is unclear whether Fairfax will receive the full \$61 million now that McDonnell has "unfrozen" the formula. In light of a massive budget shortfall, the Virginia General Assembly could cut education funding overall, meaning the pool of money for all school districts may shrink.

But Fairfax County will still receive more money than the locality would have, if McDonnell had stuck to Kaine's original proposal.

"By unfreezing the formula, the Governor had made sure we will see additional money or, at least, some more money that we would have otherwise expected for our school system," said Bulova.



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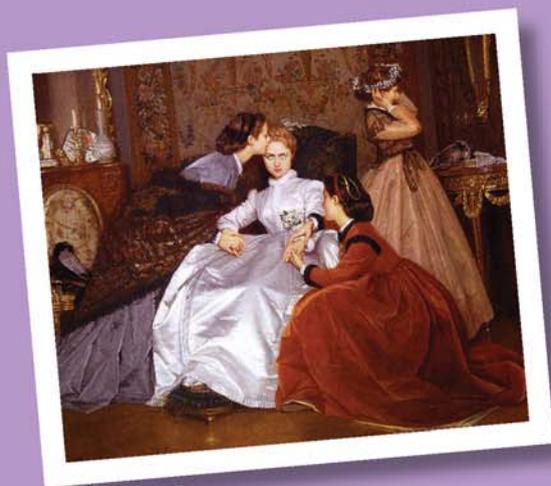
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Snow Day Make Ups Considered

Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Dale was scheduled to release his plan for coping with instructional time lost to snow days at the local school board's Feb. 17 meeting. The school board will vote on a final solution March 4.

Virginia requires school system to provide approximately 180 days — or an equivalent number of hours — in instruction. Fairfax County builds 183 days of instruction into its calendar in anticipation of snow cancellations.

But the school board said it exhausted its three "extra" snow days in December, when another large snowstorm hit. Legally, it will have to find a way to make up many, though not necessarily, all of the snow days missed since then.

According to School Board president Kathy Smith (Sully), the fourth and fifth days of school missed because of snow in one year have to be made up.

"I have never seen us miss this many snow days. We had one year where we went through 10 days but I think we are going to have more than that," said School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville), who has served since the early 1990s.

Several school board members are concerned that another major storm may hit the region, causing students to miss even more class.

"Virginia says we have to have 180 days. I don't know what we do if this keeps going," said Smith.

Dale had not released his proposal at the time The Connection Newspapers went to press but several school board members said he was probably considering lengthening the school day for the rest of the year as well as adding on school days in June.

According to Strauss, any solution is likely to irritate parents.

In the past, parents and teachers have not been willing to give up parts of spring break to make up snow days. They have also been unhappy about an extension to the school day when it was used in prior years. Simply adding extra days onto the end of the school year also doesn't seem viable.

"I am pretty sure we are not going to extend the school year into July," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

Just adding school days onto the end of the year would also do very little to assist high school student who have to prepare for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams in the late spring. The tests take place on a national schedule and cannot be moved back as a result of the snowstorm.

"I think you are going to see some high school students coming into school on Saturdays so they can be ready for those AP and IB tests," said Strauss.

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A Mutiny on this Bounty



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now I don't want to pick on a paper towel any more than I have to, especially when it comes to First Amendment rights, but if they can print it, I can certainly talk about/object to it; Fletcher Christian (Clark Gable) wouldn't have it any other way. I don't know if anybody's noticed, I only have of late, but on some of the paper towel rolls in my last "8-like-getting-12" jumbo pack, there were sayings, expressions, philosophical points of view (albeit with a garden theme for some reason), about how to live that I found somewhat objectionable. Not quite intrusive or offensive, but inappropriate somehow.

Who exactly is a paper towel manufacturer to advise me on how to live my daily life, in or out of the garden? What follows are their exact words: "No two days are the same in one garden." "No two gardens are the same." "You can bury a lot of troubles digging in the dirt." "The flowers of all tomorrows are the seeds of today." "Friends are flowers in a life's garden." As my recently deceased mother might have said, and I quote, "Puke city." Is there a reason why, as a paper towel-buyer, I am being subjected to, proselytized to even, concerning my life (with the garden serving as some kind of metaphor)? I'm not looking for absolution here, I'm looking for absorption, not some observance to some subtle code of conduct. Hubris could not be more clearly evident than when a paper product, a disposable "quicker picker upper," presumes to pontificate in print for its buyers, who are presumably not yet aware. Caveat Emptor has just taken on a whole new meaning, for me. I used to be careful what I wished for; now apparently, I have to be careful about the reasons the manufacturers are selling their products for.

I naively thought that their reasons were product performance, market share, profitability, jobs, retirement, maybe even improving/enhancing their buyers' quality of life vis-à-vis the use of an affordable and effective product. I never thought it was for mind control. Who do they think they are? They're making paper towels (napkins, toilet paper, tissue, etc.); they're not feeding the homeless/changing the world. They're providing goods and services for it, not providing answers to philosophical questions. Have they all of a sudden begun to think of themselves as role models of altruism? Has the pursuit of the almighty buck empowered them to believe they have powers beyond their receipt of dollars and the sense that it accrues? Is there some sort of entitlement which their success has created/spawned? I realize money is paper (linen, actually), but what do they hope to gain (other than more paper/currency) by preaching more than cleanliness?

Oh, I just got it. Since cleanliness is next to Godliness, I suppose the manufacturer figured that they would straddle that blurry line between business and religion (the commercial equivalent of church and state) to win friends and influence lots of people, and hopefully generate profits in the process. "Not a sermon, just a thought."

Whether I'm tilting at windmills here or making much to do about nothing is for readers/buyers to assess. My objection to this paper-towel ploy is really about abuse of power. Just because your product makes it into my home on a regular basis, don't think for a minute that you can influence what we think before or after we actually use it. However, if I have any philosophical questions or concerns in the interim, I'll make sure to call the 800 number listed on your package.

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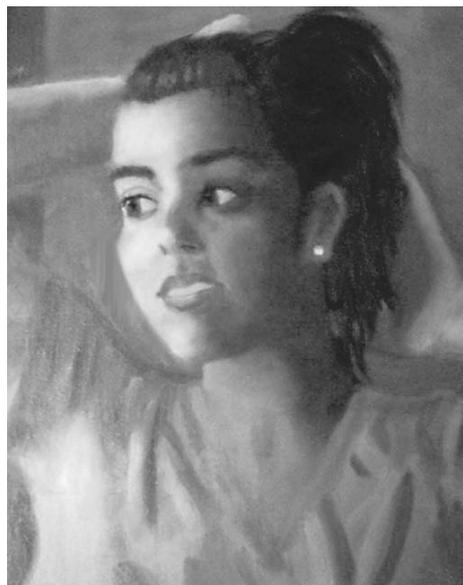
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NEWS



Oil paintings by Allison Volpicelli, 17, a student at Langley High School. One is 'Self Portrait,' the other is 'Italian Pantry.'

Great Falls Library Hosts Students' Art Show

During the month of March, students from Great Falls will display their art at the Great Falls Library. All of the students attend schools in Great Falls or Langley High and additionally, take classes taught by Adrienne Kralick and Michela Mansuino under the auspices of Great Falls Foundation for the Arts. The pieces on display will include original oil paintings and visual journals.

In addition to the art exhibition, children and teens are invited to attend programs at the library that are art inspired. On Saturday, March 6, from 1-3 p.m., young adults ages 10-18 can come to a free painting lesson taught by Adrienne Kralick in the library's large conference room. On Saturday, March 13, 10-10:45 a.m., children and

a parent are invited to a story telling session about Degas and the little dancer. Attendees may wear their ballet outfit for extra fun. Both of these programs are free.

Both Kralick and Mansuino are members of Great Falls Studios, an 80-member artists' organization and both offer classes taught at Great Falls Foundation for the Arts (GFFFTA), 1144 Walker Road in Great Falls. GFFFTA is a non-profit foundation that offers space for studios, classes and art exhibitions in our community. For further information, contact Kralick at AJKralick@aol.com.

Contact Donna Barnako@DonnaBarnako.com, board member of Friends of the Library and Great Falls Studios.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Fashion students 'Rock the Moon Walk.' Langley High School Advanced Fashion will hold a fashion show at the Langley High School Auditorium, Saturday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. Tickets \$10. This event is a practical approach to learning the core elements of marketing, special event planning, public relations, and visual merchandising. The students' creativity, hard work, and devotion have made it one of the best attended school functions year after year. For more information contact Tricia Poythress at tricia.poythress@fcps.edu

Andrew Paulson of Great Falls has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Westminster Choir College of Rider University in Princeton, N.J. Paulson is majoring in voice performance.

Lindsey Watts of Great Falls has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Christopher Newport University, where she is a business major and president's leadership program student. Watts is a graduate of Langley High School and daughter of Bernie and Pennie Watts.

Great Falls residents **Alexandra Puritz**

and **Sturgis Sobin** have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Connecticut College at New London, Conn.

Cara Murnan of Great Falls was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech, where she is a political science and legal studies student. She was also selected to participate in the College Ambassador Program.

Aaron Brooks of Great Falls was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Brooks is the son of Dr. Ken Brooks and Dr. Anita Wolke.

Langley High School Wind Symphony has been invited to perform at the Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis in March. High school and middle school instrumental ensembles around the country audition for the festival via a taped audition sent to Music for All, one of the nation's largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. The Langley High School Wind Symphony is under the direction of Andrew Gekoskie. Only sixteen high school concert bands were accepted into this year's festival, to be held March 4-6. The bands will perform at Clowes Memorial Hall in Indianapolis. www.musicforall.org/programs/mfanf/.

SPORTS

Ready Or Not, High School Sports Teams Enter Playoffs

Following a week-plus of inactivity due to snowfall, Northern Region squads must immediately turn it on again for the postseason.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

For Fairfax County high school sports teams, last week's snow storm brought seasons to an abrupt halt just as they were preparing to wind down regular season schedules and head into district postseason competition.

The momentum and continuity of the winter athletic seasons evaporated as snow continued to rise in accumulation and intensity. Most student-athletes remained at home over the week-and-a-half period as schools closed and extracurricular activities, including sports practices and contests, were postponed or canceled.

"We played last Thursday [Feb. 4]. Then there was no contact with the kids until Saturday [Feb. 13] when we practiced," said Jim Smith, the Chantilly High boys' basketball coach. "I would send out e-mails [to the team] and things like that."

Since late November, local high school teams throughout Northern Virginia have practiced almost daily and competed in games or meets once or twice a week. Then, all of a sudden, it all came to the weather-related halt. Coaches or players could do little except to stay at home and wait for things to clear up outdoors. Fairfax County schools were closed throughout last week. Monday, Feb. 15 was President's Day so students were not expected to get back into school until the following day.

At Centreville High, members of the indoor track and field team had actually considered the possibility of weather problems later in the season.

"We have discussed all season how unpredictable the weather can be and how flexible we must be with our training [and] how we must be diligent about keeping our fitness levels up," wrote Kelley Devlin, a Centreville track and field assistant coach, in an e-mail. "We can't afford to take multiple day breaks. Our team is very good with using cross training machines — ellipticals, treadmills, bikes — if not in their own home, at a neighbor or friend's close by. Or when the roads are safe, they get to a gym or find some safe streets that are close to clear to run on."

Devlin was pleased with how the Wildcat athletes responded to the school and activities' shutdown.

"They have done a wonderful job sticking together and using indoor track facilities in the area to get track workouts in when possible and the parents have been extremely supportive with transporting them," she said.

Centreville, along with the other track programs in the area, concluded their respective postseason district championship meets on Thursday, Feb. 11, just before the latest snow fall hit the area in what has been



Langley's Alexis Doherty (44) and her Saxon teammates will be at home versus No. 5-seed McLean in a first round Liberty District girls' basketball game on Thursday night, Feb. 18, at 5:45 p.m. The McLean player, pictured here in the background, is No. 3 Kristina Bettner.

a record-breaking winter of accumulation in this part of the state. The Northern Region track and field championships are scheduled to take place this Saturday, Feb. 20 at the George Mason University field house.

"We are incredibly thankful to have gotten our district meet in," said Devlin, who saw the Wildcat boys' team garner a first place tie with Robinson at districts. "The runners are highly motivated after much success at the district level. They know they have unfinished business at the regional meet, and are prepared to race hard to get to the Virginia State meet."

BASKETBALL DISTRICT tournaments are slated to begin this week. In the Concorde District, teams' district records over the first round of the regular season schedule are being used to determine tournament seeding. Any games played over the second half of the regular season district schedule do not count toward postseason seeding. In the case of the Chantilly boys' team (13-6 overall record), that meant recent district wins over Oakton on Feb. 4 and Robinson on Jan. 28 got wiped off the board in regards to tournament seeding.

The top-seed Herndon boys and the No. 2-seed Centreville team both were scheduled to receive first round byes in this week's six-team Concorde tournament. Chantilly, the No. 3 seed, was scheduled to host No. 6 Robinson in a district quarterfinals round game on Wednesday, Feb. 17, while No. 4 Oakton was set to host No. 5 Westfield in the other quarterfinals. Wednesday's winners will advance to Friday's semifinals round and a seeding at next week's 16-team Northern Region tournament. Meanwhile, Wednesday's district

quarterfinals round losing teams will see their seasons end.

It might not seem fair that teams that have not played in 11 days all of a sudden have to compete in a do-or-die district playoff game. But that's the way it is for teams in the Concorde and elsewhere. Teams are in the same quandary as a result of the final week-and-a-half of the regular seasons being wiped out.

Smith, the Chantilly coach and the former head coach at McLean High, said it was good to get back onto the practice floor on Saturday. Like other coaches across the region, he hopes his team will be ready to jump into playoff action following the long layoff.

"It's kind of hard to gage the emotional tempo of the team," said Smith. "But I thought we had a great practice [although] the kids got tired quickly and the conditioning was a little bit of a factor."

Smith told his players, weather problems or not, just one district champion will be crowned in each of the region's four districts — the Concorde, Liberty, Patriot and National.

"The thing I said to my kids on Saturday [at practice] is that there will be four district champions, and the following week there will be one region champion," said Smith. "The teams that win [championships] will be the teams that navigated best and did not allow [the schedule disruptions due to the snow] to be a distraction. There is nothing we can do about [the past two weeks] or change. Our next step is to get ready for Robinson."

Tim Anderson, the Langley High girls' basketball coach, said the biggest factor going into district tournament play following the less than ideal conclusion to the regular season is to excel in basics.

"The bottom line is to execute on the floor," said Anderson, whose Saxons were set to host cross-town rival McLean in a Liberty District tournament contest Thursday, Feb. 18, at 5:30 p.m. "And, if you don't win, your season's over."

Anderson said his squad, which had its first practice in over a week this past Saturday, was not overly distracted by the unusual end to the regular season.

"Our girls on the varsity team practiced on Saturday and we had a normal practice," he said. "They seem to really roll with things pretty well when they know [the weather is] something they can't control. The thing that is frustrating for them is that they have missed school and classes, and they've missed the practices and games."

The following Liberty District girls' basketball tournament first round games were scheduled for this Thursday night, Feb. 18: No. 8-seed Jefferson at top seed Madison (7 p.m.); No. 5 McLean at No. 4 Langley (5:45 p.m.); No. 6 Fairfax at No. 3 Stone Bridge (5:45 p.m.); and No. 7 Marshall at

No. 2 South Lakes (7 p.m.).

The girls' semifinals will take place the following night (Friday) at Madison High School. The first game will start at 5:45 p.m.

The Liberty District boys' first round playoff games will also take place on Thursday and are as follows: No. 8 Madison at top seed Langley (7:30 p.m.); No. 5 South Lakes at No. 4 Fairfax (7 p.m.); No. 6 McLean at No. 3 Stone Bridge (7:30 p.m.); and No. 7 Jefferson at No. 2 Marshall (7 p.m.).

The Liberty boys' semifinals games will be held on Friday night at South Lakes. The first game will start at 5:45 p.m.

The boys' and girls' district finals will take place next Monday evening, Feb. 22 at South Lakes. The girls' title game will be at 5:45 p.m., followed by the boys' championship.

WRESTLING, as a result of the long lay-off, was scheduled to forego its district tournaments and, instead, have an expanded Super Regional's tournament on Tuesday, Feb. 16 and Wednesday, Feb. 17 of this week at Fairfax High School. Then, in a quick turnaround, the state AAA tournament is set to take place this Friday and Saturday at Robinson Secondary School.

This week's region meet was to consist of 32 wrestlers competing at each weight class with the top four advancing to states. The field of 32 wrestlers at each weight class is double the usual number of 16 wrestlers who would compete at regionals in a normal year.

Wrestlers were set to miss school on Tuesday for the first round of region matches. Many of the athletes were planning to report with their teams to Fairfax as early as 6 a.m. And some will be there as late as midnight. Those wrestlers who qualify for states later in the week will miss school on Friday as well.

Mike Gonzales, the Herndon High wrestling coach, said his team members were getting emotionally geared for the postseason districts and regionals before the snow storm buried the end of the regular season and forced cancellation of districts. The coach said his Hornets have done a good job of re-grouping for the revamped postseason.

"There was a lot of momentum going into the postseason," said Gonzales. "Then you get a week off and feel you have to get back in shape again. But they're ready. The kids who are [usually] motivated will still be motivated. The kids I have are motivated and see the opportunity of making it to states."

Other region wrestling tournaments across Virginia took place this past week-end. Those wrestlers will have close to a week to get ready for the state meet. Northern Region wrestlers, on the other hand, still have to compete at regionals and then, for those who qualify, get right back into action again two days later at states.

"This wacky schedule will work as a disadvantage, especially at a high level of wrestling," said Gonzales, of Northern Region wrestlers who qualify for states. "They'll only have one day off."

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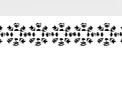
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Great Falls \$1,375,000



Great Falls \$1,895,000



Great Falls \$1,469,000



Great Falls \$1,725,000



Vienna \$1,699,000



Great Falls \$1,075,000



Aldie \$379,000



McLean \$17,500,000



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