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The snow banks on Royal Robin Lane in Lorton stand several feet tall have buried cars.

Marsden Bill Moves Forward

Bill aims to protect sex offenders' employers.

BY VERONICA GARABELLI
CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

A bill making headway in the General Assembly seeks to protect employers of sex offenders by not listing the name of the offender's workplace on the Virginia Sex Offender Registry.

Senate Bill 635, sponsored by Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37), would still list a sex offender's work address. The bill passed the Senate this month unanimously and now will be considered by the House of Delegates.

Marsden said SB 635 is meant to help sex offenders integrate back into society. Currently, the Virginia Sex Offender Registry's Web site [<http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov>] displays a photograph and description of each offender; lists the offender's crime; and shows the offender's home address and the name and location of the offender's employer.

As a result, some sex offenders lose their jobs, because a customer complains or because the employer fears the stigma of being associated with the sex offender registry.

"It's the address and the location that is still important, not the name of the business," Marsden said. "We don't want businesses to be harmed, and we don't want the offender, if they're doing everything they're supposed to do, being harmed."

A group called Reform Sex Offender Laws of Virginia approached the senator about filing the bill.

Mary Devoy, organizer for the group, said employers who are willing to give sex offenders a second chance despite the negative publicity should not be punished. Devoy said that when sex offenders are unemployed, they can't meet their parole requirements.

"We want the folks on the registry to be able to survive," Devoy said. "Let them live their lives, have a job and raise their children. This bill is one step toward that."

Several people have posted comments about the bill on the Richmond Sunlight Web site. One said that by listing the employer's name, the sex offender registry has "effectively applied the 'social pariah' label to responsible businesses."

Pulling Together

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Snowstorms bring communities closer.

Last week's two-storm "Snowpocalypse" crippled much of the region for nearly a week, shutting down schools, knocking out power and making roadways impassible for thousands. Though the situation was dire, Clifton, Fairfax Station and Lorton residents refused to look at it that way, instead seizing the opportunity to grow as a community.

According to several residents, the storms, which dumped more than 2 feet of snow within five days on the area, served to reacquaint old friends and bring strangers closer as they rallied together to help each other make it through the turbulent week.

"I found that the community really came together to help each other out," Clifton resident Joanna Ormesher. "The weather was awful, but everyone really came together to help. It was amazing."

Ormesher said that her neighborhood lost power for nearly four days in addition to their driveways and sidewalks being completely covered with snow and their main roads blocked. Her home, like many others in the area, runs completely on electricity,

she said. As a result, her family had to use camping equipment to make it through the outage. She used a gas camping stove to cook, oil lamps for light and two wood-burning stoves for heat and charged her cell phone in her car.

"I was a bit like a pioneer woman up here," Ormesher said. "It was quite fun."

Since many residents were facing similar

"The storms, in some respects, brought out the worst in some, but definitely the best in most."

— Joanna Ormesher

conditions, however, Ormesher said that the people in her neighborhood made it a point to make sure that every resident was safe and that they had the essentials. After the power went out, she said, her neighbors began a round robin series of phone calls to get in contact with every resident, which they continued each day until the power came back on. In addition, after the main roads in the area were passable again, Ormesher said that many of her neighbors gathered at the Main Street Pub to share a

drink and conversation.

"It was the nicest thing I've experienced since I've lived here and the fact that we all reconnected was very heartwarming," Ormesher said. "It's just too bad it took a natural disaster like this for people to start talking again."

In addition to strengthening bonds and forming relationships, the storms also helped to dispel notions about a selfish society, as residents across the area seized the opportunity to lend their neighbors a hand and a shovel. Ormesher said that in Clifton, she heard many reports of people shoveling each other's driveways and neighborhood sidewalks, but in Lorton, Commonwealth Cooling and Heating Owner Brian Johnson brought that to the next level.

Johnson, a member of the South County Chamber of Commerce, spent last week traveling across the Lorton area to clear the driveways of the elderly or disabled using only a snow blower. Johnson anticipated the storm's arrival, so he ordered a large truck from New Jersey to haul snow, and then

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Virginia on Track To Allow Concealed Guns in Bars

The General Assembly is poised to loosen up restrictions on guns in bars, clubs and restaurants that serve alcohol despite objections from the hospitality industry and public safety officials.

By this time next year, residents will likely have the right to carry a concealed gun into any eatery, as long as they have the appropriate permit and agree not to consume alcohol.

But on Feb. 10, the Senate's Committee for Courts of Justice voted eight to seven to extend the benefit of "conceal carry" in alcohol-serving establishments to most residents who desire it.

Vienna and Fairfax state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and former gubernatorial candidate Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) were among the committee members who voted for the bill. Northern Virginia Sens. Janet Howell (D-32), Toddy Puller (D-36) and Dick Saslaw (D-35) voted against it.

Now that the measure has made it out of committee, the full Senate and House of Delegates are likely to pass it. Both branches of the General Assembly approved similar legislation in 2009, only to see it vetoed by former Gov. Tim Kaine (D).

Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) has said he will sign the expansion of gun rights into law.

Offshore Drilling Bill Killed

On a party-line vote, the Democratically-controlled state Senate killed a bill tied to Gov. Robert McDonnell's (R) plans for offshore oil and natural gas exploration.

Twenty-two Democrats — including all senators from Arlington County, City of Alexandria and Fairfax County — voted down a bill that would have designated 80 percent of revenue and royalties produced by drilling off the shore of Virginia for the commonwealth's transportation trust fund. All 18 Republicans supported the measure.

While on the campaign trail this past fall, McDonnell had promoted drilling for oil and natural gas off the shore of Virginia Beach, saying, among other things, that it could bring money to Virginia for transportation projects.

Critics, including Democratic Majority Leader and Fairfax County Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), called McDonnell's offshore drilling proposal ridiculous.

Saslaw, who made money running gasoline and service stations, doubted that there was easily accessible oil off the shore of Virginia. Even if oil or natural gas could be retrieved, it would be 10 years before Virginia would receive any financial benefits and long after a new source of transportation funding was needed, said the Democrat.

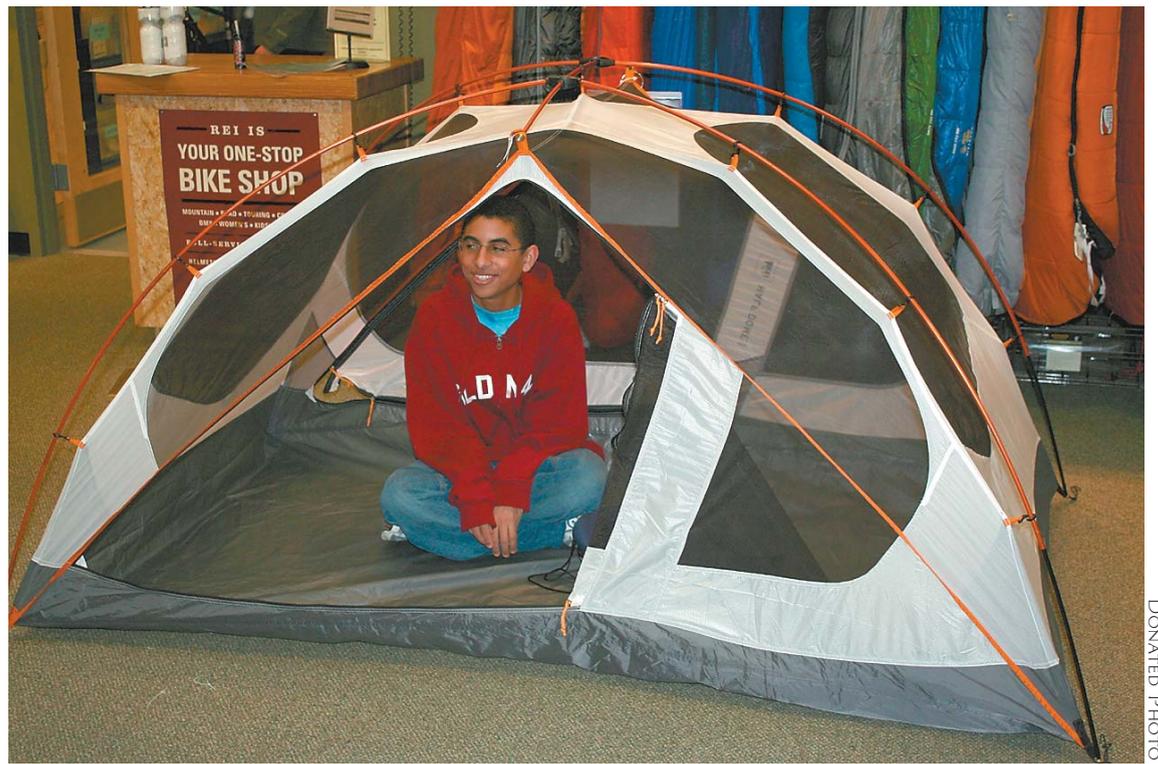
Clifton Community Woman's Club 2010 Homes Tour

The Clifton Community Woman's Club presents its 38th Annual Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace on Thursday, May 20, from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in Clifton. The Homes Tour includes guided tours of four homes and a spectacular garden in the Clifton/Fairfax Station area. In addition to the Homes Tour, the event includes a silent auction, boutique and an art show and sale by local artists. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour.

This event is the club's primary annual fund-raiser for charities and scholarships. All net proceeds support the club's Charitable Trust. Over the past five years, the Trust has distributed more than \$100,000 to worthy recipients, approximately 90 percent in the Northern Virginia area.

Approximately 80 local CCWC members volunteer each year to take place in various projects to support the needs

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Trey McKnight, a ninth-grader at South County Secondary, sits in the tent he won as the grand prizewinner of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's Passport to Adventure Program.

Tent Passport to Adventure

NVRPA names Passport Adventure Prizewinner.

Trey McKnight of Springfield received a new REI Camp Dome 4 Tent plus several other prizes as the grand prizewinner for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's Passport to Adventure Program. In the program, park enthusiasts visited all 21 NVRPA parks in 2009 to receive an NVRPA stamp in their Passport to Adventure. A fully stamped Passport qualified the adventurer to win a number of prizes including an REI tent for the grand prizewinner.

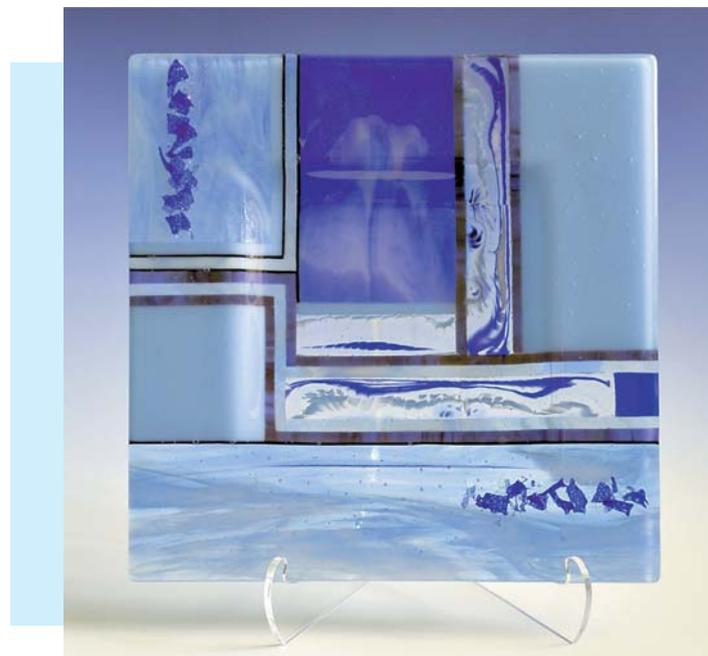
A drawing determined the grand prizewinner. Every participant received several great prizes from NVRPA, with McKnight's name drawn as the grand prize winner.

A ninth-grader at South County Secondary School,

McKnight visited every NVRPA park in 2009 along with his mother Bekah McKnight and brother Kyle McKnight, who attends Newington Forest Elementary. All three participants received prizes from NVRPA that included passes to every waterpark, the Corn Maize and Fall Festival at Temple Hall and the Festival of Lights at Bull Run Regional Park, along with other NVRPA goodies. Trey, the grand prize-winner received a brand new tent from REI.

Some of McKnight family's favorite adventure spots included their trip to the Corn Maize and Fall Festival at Temple Hall Farm, canoeing at Pohick Bay, visits to Aldie Mill and the Carlyle House and the nature center at Potomac Overlook Regional Park.

McKnight's tent and prizes were presented to him at the REI store in Fairfax by NVRPA Executive Director Paul Gilbert and REI Outreach Specialist, Rhonda Krafchin. REI sponsored the Passport to Adventure Program with NVRPA.



'Blue Waters Plate' by David Barnes, Sterling

Sun Exhibit Rises In Occoquan

The Artists' Undertaking Gallery in Historic Occoquan, presents "Here Comes the Sun," an exhibit that features fused glass sculptures and jewelry by David and Dale Barnes of Sterling and monotypes by Frances Metcalf of Springfield. The exhibit runs March 2-April 5. The gallery is open 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and is located at 309 Mill St. in Historic Occoquan. For more information, contact the gallery at 703-494-0584 or at www.theartistsundertaking.com.

PEOPLE



Air Force Airman 1st Class Timothy A. Genders graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Genders earned distinction as an honor graduate. He is the son of Barbra Omera of Furey Road, Lorton. Genders is a 2006 graduate of Evangel Christian School in Woodbridge.

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. 703 971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org.

Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hoopes Road Springfield, has scheduled several community events for February. Contact www.sumcdisciples.org or 703-451-8223.

❖ **Sweetheart Dinner.** Saturday, Feb. 20, 6 p.m., including dinner and entertainment. Reservations requested.
❖ **Blood Drive.** on Sunday, Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., will be in the church's Hottle Hall. Call to reserve, walk-ins also welcome.

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 help CWS in its urgent disaster response by assembling and donating a hygiene kit or a baby kit. BPC is a collection point for the kits. To create a kit, visit either www.BurkePresChurch.org and click on "Haiti Relief" or visit www.ChurchWorldService.org and click on "Hygiene Kit" or "Baby Kit." Both of these sites provide specific instructions on how to assemble a kit. Drop off kits at Burke Presbyterian Church, located at 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Phone the church office with any questions at 703-764-0456.

Messiah's Marriage Matters Ministry will also offer the six-week class "Dream Team: Building Unity in Marriage," on Sundays, Feb. 21-March 28, 9:30 a.m., and on Wednesdays Feb. 24-March 31, 7:15 p.m., at at Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Free child care will be available. Register at 703-569-9862.

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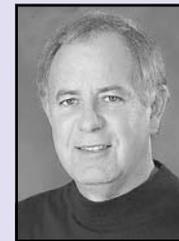
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Kohn Hops On Winter Olympics Ride

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

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

For 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

"He had the athleticism and was a fast, explosive kid and he had drive."

— Mark Bendorf

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Mount Vernon Meeting Feb. 20

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) is hosting the 23rd Annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m., at Mount Vernon High School's Little Theatre.

The exhibit area opens at 7:45 a.m., where the public may speak to representatives of county agencies and departments; non-profit organizations; and cultural, historical and political organizations. More than 40 exhibitors will be present to provide information and answer questions.

Mount Vernon High School is located at 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria.

Monopoly Tournament Goes On

Ron & Susan Associates are hosting the third annual Monopoly Game Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 20, from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Glory Days Grill in Lorton. All proceeds from the event will help Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, by providing affordable housing to those in need. Entry fee is only \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch. The event offers a top prize is \$500 and many door prizes. To learn more, contact Ron Kowalski at 1-888-495-6207 x9, or go to www.lortonmonopoly.com.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices — such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes — including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

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, Thursday, Feb. 18, 5:45-8:30 p.m., <http://www.fcps.edu/ChantillyAcademy>, 703-222-7460

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❖ 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

❖ West Potomac Academy—Communications and the Arts, Health and Human Services, individual visits are welcome, <http://www.fcps.edu/WestPotomacAcademy/>, 703-718-2500.

Church Spaghetti Dinner March 13

Clifton Presbyterian Church is hosting its Annual Silent Auction and All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on March 13, from 5-8 p.m. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6.50 for children 5-12. Children under 4 are free. The church is located at 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, which is behind Trummers in the Town of Clifton. The church has onsite parking and plenty of seating. The Silent Auction funds local food and clothing initiatives for the year. For more information, contact Nicole Smith at nicolereenesmith@cox.net or 703-863-5430.

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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 organizations, 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.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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-



FILE PHOTO

Sharon Bulova

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 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 nonprofits. 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.

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.

Progress Made at Last

Marsden's bill on pellet guns passes Senate with bipartisan support.

BY SEN. DAVID MARSDEN
D-37

During the last three sessions of the General Assembly, I have attempted to deal with the issue of juveniles carrying dangerous pneumatic weapons (pellet guns) that look like real guns and can cause real damage. I was unsuccessful in my first two attempts while a member of the House of Delegates, but this year I focused just on the illegality of underage possession of these weapons in schools (Senate Bill 580). The weapons must discharge a projectile at a rate of speed greater than 250 feet per second to qualify as illegal to possess, which is an industry standard of sorts that delineates toys from harmful weapons. In a bipartisan effort with two Republican senators, who assisted me with amending my original bill, we crafted a bill that would receive support from Democrats and Republicans, and it passed the Senate 33-5. We compromised on the bill to the extent

that pneumatic weapons constructed with an orange tip to delineate them from firearms, would be excluded from this offense, a Class I Misdemeanor if committed by someone under 18.

This bill would create greater safety in our schools, as the carrying of these dangerous but non-lethal weapons has become very popular with youth gang members. Armed robberies have been committed with these weapons in various parts of the Commonwealth. As the former head of Virginia's Department of Juvenile Justice, and former superintendent of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center, I feel that this common sense measure is of critical importance. A member of Fairfax County's Gang Unit I spoke to agreed. He stated that it gives them leverage to talk juveniles out of carrying these weapons and gives them an enforcement tool to deal with juveniles who bring these weapons to school. Currently, the only recourse that school administrators have is to suspend or expel juveniles possessing these weapons at school based on violations of school policy rather than law.

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Support Autism Bills

To the Editor:

Schools have seen increasing numbers of children on the autism spectrum without the requisite skills to communicate and attend in the classroom. Bills pending before the Virginia General Assembly would mandate insurance coverage for early autism therapies (up through age 9), with demonstrated outcomes showing nearly 50 percent of children achieving "normal levels of functioning" (SB 464 and HB 303).

Applied Behavior Analysis therapies systematically target elemental learning, communication and social skills that neurotypical children naturally acquire through observation and imitation. Although labeled "behavioral," these therapies are not targeted at the "acting out" that some incorrectly interpret as willful misbehavior. By teaching these children to organize and regulate the chaotic sensory inputs that characterize autism, behavioral issues can be controlled or eliminated.

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Save Our County Parks

To the Editor:

If the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approves the potential 15 percent budget cut for FY2011, the Park Authority will have lost \$7.9 million, or 31 percent of its general fund, operating budget since fiscal 2008.

As a Fairfax County citizen and parks volunteer, I respectfully suggest the County Board of Supervisors consider sustaining funding to county parks at the current level approved for FY2010 for two reasons:

1) The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) budget cannot manage another cut after nine years of level funding (no increase) from the county and one (FY2010) a reduction of 14 percent.

2) We should support the outstanding programs and services in environmentally responsible homescape and landscape management made annually by park staff and hundreds of volunteers; their work is an important contribution to the health and well being of Fairfax County citizens in their homes and businesses.

In 2009, the Park Authority welcomed 18.6 million visitors to 417 parks. We groomed fields for 225,000 competitors, improved our 300-mile trail system and worked to control non-native invasive plants, promote native species and preserve woodlands and green open spaces.

It is a well-documented fact that parks help to attract business to Fairfax County. Parks are important to suburban workers. A recent nationwide survey commissioned by EDA showed suburban workers identified "more nearby parks and open spaces" as the amenity they most wanted more of in their work

communities. EDA touts Fairfax County as a premier business location based on the "Fairfax Advantage" which includes a pro-business climate, well-educated workforce and enviable quality of life. When illustrating the County's outstanding quality of life, EDA features parkland and recreational opportunity.

In 2009 alone, Green Spring Gardens Park (GSGP) volunteers gave 14,367 volunteer hours and made 9,223 citizen contacts in the gardens, horticulture center, historic manor house and children's programs (both in public schools and GSGP).

This volunteer action to educate and serve the citizens of Fairfax County in 2009 was the county equivalent of \$188, 638 in compensation from Green Springs Garden Park — a generous return on the county's investment.

With recent EPA mandates for Chesapeake Bay restoration, it makes no economic sense to take money from habitat restoration and bay-friendly landscaping education programs like those produced by our parks staff and volunteers. Proposed cuts to the Park Authority budget threaten quality of life and economic vitality in Fairfax County. At risk is the public outreach, education and preservation service our parks provide on a very modest budget — assisted by a corps of dedicated volunteers.

The win-win solution for the environment, the budget and tax-paying constituents is for Fairfax County to invest money to maintain, if not expand support of the Invasive Management Area, riparian buffer and Green Springs environmental education programs.

Nancy Tillinghast

Fairfax County Master Gardener
And Parks Volunteer

Making Progress

FROM PAGE 6

I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed the atmosphere of cooperation that exists in the Virginia Senate. As you may know, I recently won a special election to finish the last two years of now Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's (R) Senate term. My early experiences have reinforced my belief that the bipartisanship I have experienced in the Senate is closer to what citizens expect of their elected lawmakers.

While getting this bill through the Senate was significant, I now have to present this bill to the House of Delegates, a more daunting task. I can only hope that they will see this bill as critical to public safety and not an assault on the Second Amendment. In any case, it is very hopeful that a bill like this received bipartisan support in at least one of the two bodies in the General Assembly.

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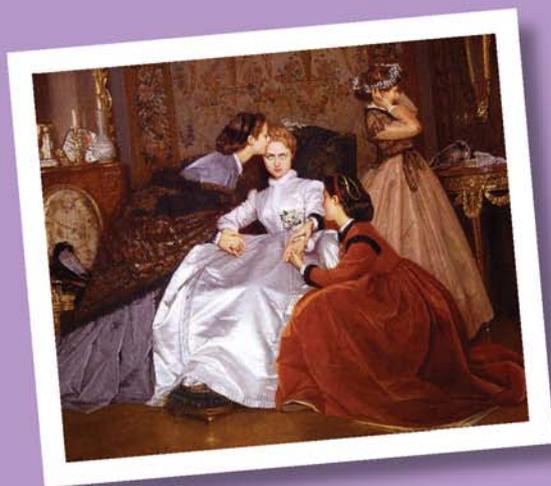
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ably be expected to pay for itself in reduced special education expenditures (based upon an independent actuarial study).

These unexpended funds would then be available to support threatened educational programs such as foreign languages, music or sports. The reduced demand for lifetime social services represents an even more significant fiscal impact on stressed state budgets. Let the Virginia General Assembly and the governor know you support SB 464 and HB 303.

Teresa Champion

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• Louisa May Alcott

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SPORTS

Area Swimmers Qualify for State Finals

South County, Robinson, Lake Braddock and Woodson swimmers compete in Regionals.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

If the results from the Northern Region boys' swim meet on Feb. 15 are any indicator, the South County Stallions' future is bright.

Led by sophomore Michael Herrmann, who qualified for the state finals in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke, the underclassmen gave head coach Robert Jones reason to leave the Washington and Lee pool proud.

"The kids really did their best," Jones said. "I'm very pleased with my swimmers."

The meet also produced a new school record for the 400-yard freestyle relay. The team of freshman Alex Martin, junior Kyle Dost, junior Tyler Jones and Herrmann finished with a time of 3:21.05.

"They missed [the state cut] by one second," Jones said. "But it's the team's best [showing] and I'm very pleased with that effort."

The boys' 200-yard medley relay was even closer. The team of Herrmann, Dost, senior Pedrom Kheirandish and junior Joseph Walton missed the state cut by .23 seconds with a time of 1:41.92.

Disappointed with the finish, Walton said the snowstorm's vise grip on the area may have attributed to the relay's shortcoming.

"It hurt that we hadn't been in the water for over a week and a half," Walton said. "I couldn't get out of my house to go to the pool to practice on my own."

A BLIZZARD wasn't enough to stop the Robinson boys' swim team from making its mark on the Northern Region swim meet on Feb. 15 at Washington and Lee.

Eight Robinson swimmers exceeded state cut times for their events, some even surpassing state cuts they set at previous meets.

"I'm proud of my guys," head coach Clayton Joyner said. "They were in a tough situation with this break."

Five Rams also earned All-American Consideration (AAC) times across four events.

Junior Ricky Munch earned his AAC time in the 100-yard breaststroke and finished third with a time of 58.51.

Munch earned another AAC time in the 200-yard freestyle relay alongside junior Matt Osiecki, freshman Johann Shim and junior Cameron Boster with a time of 1:28.26. The 200-yard freestyle relay team finished fourth in the event.



The Robinson boys' swim team finished in fourth place at the Northern Region swim meet on Feb. 15. Although Robinson did not qualify as a team for the state finals on Feb. 19 in Virginia Beach, the Rams will be sending eight boys to the meet in individual and relay events.

The 400-yard freestyle relay featuring Munch, Boster, junior Ben Zajac and junior Kyle Bumiller finished with a time of 3:12.47, good enough for fourth place and an AAC time.

With the Northern Region meet over, Joyner said it's time to focus on the state meet in Virginia Beach on Feb. 19.

"[The Northern Region meet] was a tough, but every team had its ups and downs," Joyner said. "We're all about preparing for states now."

LAKE BRADDOCK head swim coach Miriam Lynch is optimistic for the Bruins' future. At the Northern Region boys' meet on Feb. 15 at Washington and Lee, she saw two building blocks her team could use in upcoming seasons.

First, her junior boys swam a strong meet, earning three state cut times, giving Lynch a glimpse at the club's future.

Junior John McKenzie earned a trip to Virginia Beach on Feb. 19, for the state finals with a 1:46.24 in the 200-yard freestyle event, and junior David Maquera punched his ticket with a 53:88 in the 100-yard backstroke. In addition to the individual feats, the boys' 200-yard medley relay, featuring four juniors, beat the state cut time of 1:41.69 with a time of 1:40.37.

"My junior boys were awesome," she said. "[This meet] will motivate them for next year."

Despite more than a week of separation due to snowstorms, the team's unity remained strong, Lynch said.

"The meet kind of distanced us from each other," she said. "But the kids were still cheering for each other and were focused [on the meet]."

The meet's move from the usual site of Oak Marr Recreation Center — considered by some coaches as the fastest pool in the Northern Region — to Washington and Lee also forced the team to adapt.

Of course that didn't mean the swimmers were pleased with swimming in a "slower" pool.

"I wasn't that excited about [the meet] because I really like the pool at Oak Marr better," said junior Troy Chewning, a member of the 200-yard medley relay.

Lynch was pleased with her team's results. "It was a great meet," she said.

After claiming her first Patriot District swimming title, Woodson head coach Susie Hamrock set her team's sights on finishing near the top at the Northern Region swim finals on Feb. 15 at Washington and Lee.

"We wanted to be in the top two teams," Hamrock said.

Although Woodson was unable to garner one of the top two seeds, the Cavaliers finished the meet in fifth place as a team, they did manage to send a few more swimmers to the state meet in individual and relay events.

"The team just had a great meet," Hamrock said. "We had some better finishes and we mixed things up on our relays."

One relay shake-up involved putting together swimmers for the 200-yard freestyle relay who hadn't been swimming together for much of the season.

"We never put that relay together [in the regular season]," senior Braden Baffer said. "So we stacked it [with our best swimmers] and tried to win it from the outside lanes."

The relay earned a state qualifying and All-American Consideration (AAC) time of 1:28.01 and finished third in the event.

Senior Kevin Vest was another top performer for the Cavaliers. He broke his own record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 21.34. Vest finished second in the event and beat the state cut and AAC time. Vest also beat the state cut in the 100-yard freestyle where he finished in third place with a time of 48.04.

Northern Region Final Team Results

1. Oakton - 244 points
2. Fairfax - 215 points
3. Langley - 198 points
4. Robinson - 193 points
5. W.T. Woodson - 188.5 points



South County head coach Wendell Johnson, whose team is enjoying its first winning season in school history, said the storm had hurt his team's chemistry. 'We were getting into a routine,' he said.

Hoops Teams Prep for Post-Season

Teams complete two of the previously cancelled games.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

The South County boys' basketball team couldn't have asked for a better season. For the first time in school history, the boys were enjoying a winning 14-4 record and looking to ride their momentum to a top spot in the Patriot District tournament.

"We were getting into a routine," head coach Wendell Johnson said.

Then Old Man Winter paralyzed Northern Virginia with a blizzard that closed schools and cancelled the final four games of the Patriot District basketball season.

"It's frustrating," Johnson said. "But we weren't sure what we could do about [playing the rest of the season]."

Coaches were resigned to the fact the season could not continue under the circumstances and discussions began to try to save the post season.

"Basketball is a tournament game," Johnson said. "We didn't want the season to end without a tournament."

The back-up plans, which included advancing the top two teams from each

district based on regular season record to the Northern Region finals in late February, may be shelved.

AFTER A WEEK and a half suspension of high school sports, teams in the Patriot District are lacing up their shoes to pick up where they left off and finish the season by playing two of the final four games.

"These kids want to play."

— Doug Craig

On Feb. 16, teams resumed district play and finished the season on Feb. 17. The Patriot District tournament follows the season end on Feb. 19.

T.C. Williams will host the Patriot District tournament over the weekend with the girls' finals set for 6 p.m., and the boys' final at 8 p.m. on Feb. 22.

"The [Patriot District Council] did a good job of trying to get some games back," W.T. Woodson boys' basketball coach Doug Craig said. "These kids want to play."

Coaches were thrilled to finish at least two of the previously cancelled four games, but a week spent cooped-up in a house rather

than on the court had some cursing the missed practice time.

"We had installed new [offenses before the snow]," Lake Braddock girls' basketball coach Carl Harris said. "We were preparing for the district tournament. ... It was frustrating [to not have games or practice]."

Harris, whose team is 3-13, prepared his team for an extended break.

"I told the girls on Thursday before the snow to get to a court and have a basketball in their hands," he said. "We just had to wait [the snow] out."

To Harris, games lost equaled experience lost, and game-time experience is crucial for his young team.

"When you lose, you can learn something from it," he said. "You learn from the experience of that game."

West Springfield girls' basketball coach Bill Gibson also gave his players a pre-snow warning, asking them to "stay in shape" during the break.

Gibson, whose Lady Spartans' lead the Patriot District girls' table with a 16-1 record, said he wasn't worried that missed practices might hurt his team chemistry, but mentioned the break will give teams new life for the post season.

"[The storm] has given every team a chance to start all over again," he said.

5 Qs with South County swimmer Pedrom Kheirandish.



Pedrom Kheirandish

Q: If you could be any athlete, who would you want to be?

A: [Indianapolis Colts quarterback] Peyton Manning. The man is just an animal and he's the best quarterback I've ever seen.

Q: Do you have a favorite sports moment?

A: I would have to say when our 200-yard medley relay made states.

Q: What sort of music do you listen to before a swim meet?

A: I love to listen to hard rock and metal.

Q: Who inspires you to compete?

A: My parents and my family.

Q: Have you been watching the Vancouver Winter Olympics?

A: I've been watching the downhill skiing and luge. I saw the video [of Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili's] crash. It was pretty gruesome.

— REED S. ALBERS

Ups and Downs in Funding Fight

School Board lays out budget and governor 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 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 reluctantly agree to cut at this early stage.

The request included are new student fees to participate in high school athletics and to take Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate tests. The School Board

The Fairfax Schools Budget So Far ...

The Fairfax County School Board took its first pass at its operating budget for the 2010-11 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 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

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.

"To make any real difference, this budget has to be fully funded. ... And we have no guarantee that even [the superintendent's] original request will be funded," said School Board member Brad Center (Lee.)

SEVERAL SUPERVISORS said it is unlikely Fairfax would 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 4 cents per \$100 of assessed property value this year.

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Aftermath

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contacted the Lorton Community Action Center to see if there were any people who were not going to be able to clear their own driveways and walkways. The LCAC gave him a list of people, and as soon as the first storm concluded Saturday, Feb. 6, he set out to all of the Laurel Hill-area homes on the list.

After two days of working in Laurel Hill, Johnson said that the roads finally became clear enough so that he could get to the people on the rest on the list. In total, Johnson, along with the help of fellow Laurel Hill residents Peter Meincke and Christopher Morin for one day each, serviced 24 homes, and only asked for a monetary donation to the LCAC in return. As of Monday, Feb. 15, Johnson had raised \$1,500.

"I knew the storm was coming and I thought it'd be a great opportunity for community service and to help the LCAC," Johnson said. "I live in Lorton and my business is in Lorton, so I just like to give back to my community. It was a good feeling and I just hope that it rubs off on other people."

By the end of last weekend, most area roadways were cleared, but residents still faced the task of preparing their sidewalks and bus stops so that children could return to school after five straight snow days. Joyce Curci, a Laurel Hill resident, was one of many area residents who hit the streets with a shovel in hand to help clear a path for students to walk to and from bus stops and schools. Curci, who lives on Western Hemlock Way, spent most of her day last Saturday shoveling all of the sidewalks in her neighborhood so that the children could walk safely to Laurel Hill Elementary School and South County Secondary School. While the work was demanding, she said that if it made the students' journey to school safer, it was worth it.

"Our kids need to get back to school," Curci said. "So, I came out here to shovel because I want to make sure that they can not only get to school, but that no one is walking in the street [to do so]."

Though there were some complaints of price gouging on snow removal around the area, Ormesher said, there were few other problems due to so many people lending a hand to their fellow neighbors. That communal spirit, she said, triumphed over any misdeeds and ultimately, the storms became a kind of bright spot in an otherwise dark period.

"The storms, in some respects, brought out the worst in some, but definitely the best in most," Ormesher said. "It was wonderful."

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

THURSDAY/FEB. 18

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.

Dinosaur Days. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield. Stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-451-8055.

Reading and Rocking Preschool Class. 10:30 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Early literacy storytime. Ages 2-4 with an adult. 703-339-7385.

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 cancelled due to snow will be honored. 703-993-8888 or 703-993-1120.

FRIDAY/FEB. 19

Lunch Bunch. 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch, listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

Ponderings: Winter Survival Tips. 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Naturalist shows off severe-weather shelter building skills. Program concludes with campfire. Recommended for ages 6-10. \$6/person. 703-451-9588.

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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.

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.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. 703-339-4610.

PAWS to Read. 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Read with Chance, a trained reading therapy dog, for a 10-minute session. Call to register. 703-339-7385.

Wonderful Wetland Waterfowl Hike. 2-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. For children 9 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult. \$6/person. 703-768-2525.

All A-Buzz About Bees. 5-6:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Suited for anyone 11 and older. Children must be accompanied by an

adult. \$6/person. 703-768-2525.

DC Baby Planners Registry 101. 5 p.m. The Story Tellers, 308-D Poplar Alley, Occoquan. info@storytellers.com or info@dcbabyplanners.com

Third Annual Monopoly Tournament to Benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Glory Days Grill, 9459 Lorton Market St., Lorton. \$25 entry fee includes breakfast and lunch with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. Top prize \$500. Pre-registration required by Feb. 12. www.LortonMonopoly.com or 1-888-495-6207 ext. 9

Gallery After Hours: Word Beat.

7:30 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Jazz percussionist Tom Teasley and singer/actor Charles Williams pair words with percussion. Tickets \$15-\$25. Cash bar and light fare available. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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'Key to Harmony' by Huh Hwe-tae

Emography Exhibit

George Mason University's School of Art brings Huh Hwe-tae's exhibition 'Emography' to the Mason Hall Alumni Atrium Gallery on the Fairfax campus on through March 15. This traveling exhibition demonstrates the artist's contemporary painting known as emography as well as elaborate seal engraving pieces. The Web site www.moosan.net contains the history of emography and all of Huh Hwe-tae's work. For more information, contact Young Yim at 571-215-9417 or emography05@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/FEB. 21

The Northern Virginia NTRAK Model Train Club. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. N Scale Model Trains will be running in both the station and the caboose. \$2 for adults, \$1 ages 4-10. 703-425-9225.

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MONDAY/FEB. 22

Evening Book Discussion Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Call for title. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Read to the Dog. 3:30-4:30 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Sign up for a

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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Funding Fight for FCPS

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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.

COLLEGE NOTES

The following local students are on Marymount University's fall 2009 dean's list: **Nicholas Chocola** of Clifton, who is majoring in business administration; **Diana Davis** of Clifton, who is majoring in theology and religious studies; **Natalie Brooks** of Fairfax Station, who is majoring in information technol-

ogy; **Lisa Korpusik** of Fairfax Station, who is majoring in nursing - accelerated BSN program; **Miguel Bustillos** of Lorton, who is majoring in business administration; **Vivian Obando** of Lorton, who is majoring in business administration; **Ihda Sarsour** of Lorton, who is majoring in health sciences; and

Meghan Wright of Lorton, who is majoring in nursing - accelerated BSN program. To be named to the dean's list, students must carry a full academic load that semester at Marymount University, be in good academic standing and have maintained a grade point average of at least 3.4.

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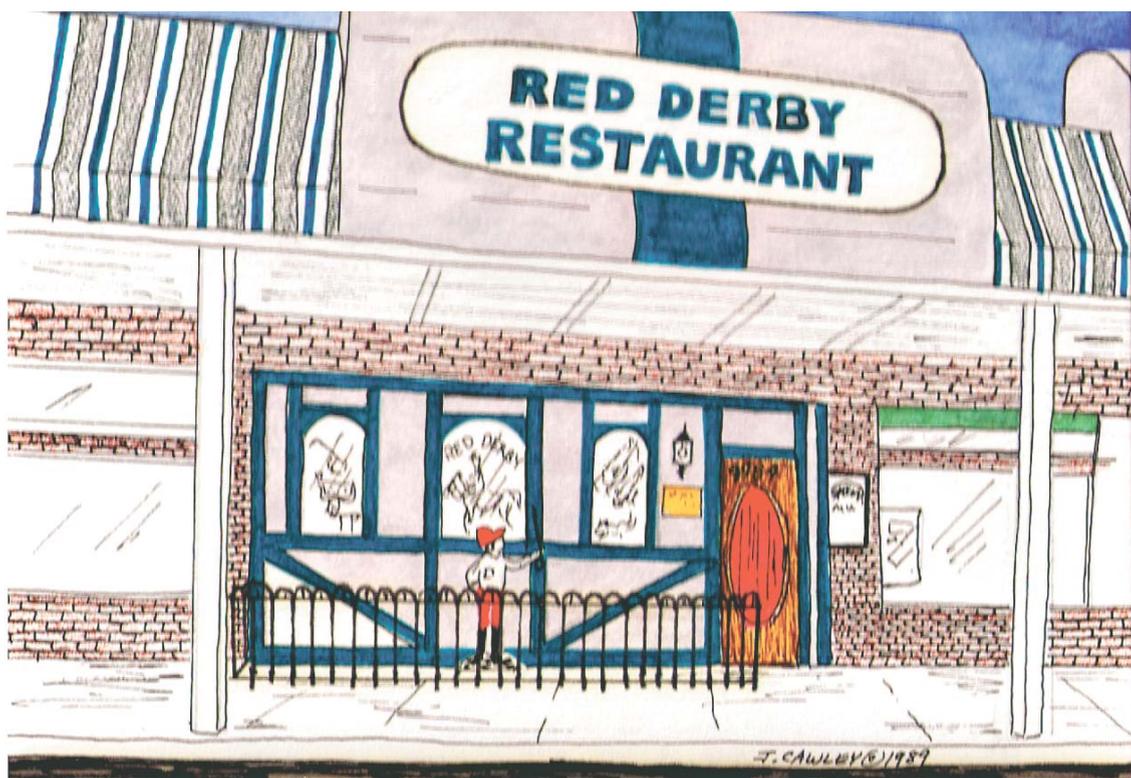
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The exhibit runs through March 1. The gallery is open daily, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and is located at 309 Mill St., Occoquan. For more information contact the gallery at 703-494-0584 or at www.theartistsundertaking.com.

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15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-971-0010.

Nature Quest: Signs of Spring. 10-11 a.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Ages 3-6. \$4/child. 703-451-9588.

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. Free. 703-941-1065.

TUESDAY/FEB. 23

Life Line Screening. Beginning at 9 a.m. at the Springfield Masonic Lodge #217, 7001 Backlick Road, Springfield. Screening are available for cardiovascular conditions, abdominal aortic aneurysms, heart disease and bone density. Packages start at \$139. Reservations required at 1-877-237-1287 or www.lifelinescreening.com.

Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 12 months to 5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 24

Travel Club. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield. Bring lunch and enjoy a discussion. Adults. 703-451-8055.

Tell It Again. 6 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield. Music and activities in English and Spanish. Age 4-12 with adult. 703-451-8055.

Practice Your English. 10:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

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FRIDAY/FEB. 26

The Virginia Opera presents Mozart's Don Giovanni. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Friends of the Burke Centre Library Big Book Sale. 10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. 703-249-1520.

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Film Screening: "A Man Named Pearl." 7:30 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An artist workshop and lecture with self-taught topiary artist Pearl Fryar and a screening of the film "A Man Named Pearl." Cash bar and light fare available. \$5-10 for film and workshop. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy: Masters of the Fiddle. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$22-\$44. Youth through grade 12, half price. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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Film Screening: "A Man Named Pearl." 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Gallery W-16, Second Floor at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. A special Youth workshop and lecture will be at 5:30 p.m. \$5-10 for film and workshop. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 28

The Virginia Opera presents Mozart's Don Giovanni. 2 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

Disney Live Rockin' Road Show. 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. At the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$22-\$55. Tickets available by Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT.

Bones. 1-2:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Search clues left behind in animal skulls, teeth and bones. Ages 9-12. \$6/person. 703-768-2525.

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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Sylvia G. Zamora, dated March 7, 2005, and recorded March 16, 2005, in Deed Book 17075 at page 1769 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:
 Tax Map No. 070-2-14-01-4257D

Commonly known as 4257 Americana Drive, #102, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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Lot 206, Section 2-A, South Run Forest, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 6880 at page 363, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

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PEOPLE

Kohn Off to Vancouver Olympics

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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."

Brian Shimer was the driver on the U.S. sled of which Kohn was a part of at the 2002 Olympics. The foursome was in fourth place going into their final run on last day of competition. One place away from a medal, the Shimer team came up big in that last race to land a third place finish and the bronze. A German team won the gold, and another U.S. team took the silver.

"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 silver."

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

— Mike Kohn,

U.S. Olympic Team

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).

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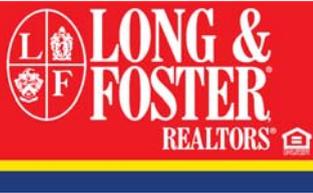


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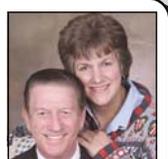
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