

Participants in the Feb. 20 Monopoly Tournament in Lorton included, from left, Ron Kowalski and his sons Alex and Connor, second place winner Bernard Sloan, Habitat for Humanity representatives Toora Arsala and Meredith Magwire, Aubrey Pruitt, Susan Borelli and son Matthew, and third place winner Uzair Saeed.

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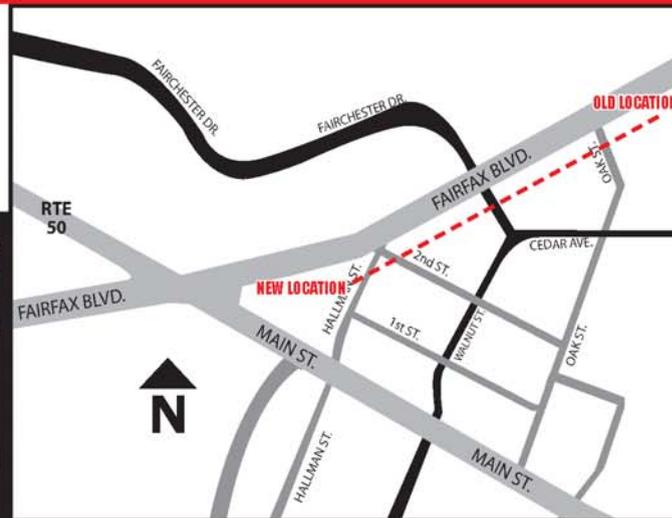
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## County Releases Proposed Budget

Proposal includes cuts to police, schools, libraries, recreation, and virtually everything else.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Christine Niemann likes to check-out workbooks, nonfiction and mysteries from the Sherwood Hall Regional Library. But she also has more unusual reasons for visiting the Mount Vernon facility at least once every couple of weeks. Niemann likes to shop online on the computers at the library.

Niemann, who was browsing Zappos.com for shoes one recent afternoon, understands why the Fairfax County executive Anthony Griffin has proposed cutting back on library branch hours, given Fairfax's budget shortfall next year of more than \$250 million.

In tough times, Niemann knows library patrons like her will be able to adjust to the cuts. But Niemann worries about people who may be relying on the library, particularly its computers, for more pressing matters.

"[A cut to library hours] is not the worst thing except for what it does to all the kids who come here after school because they don't have internet access at home," said Niemann.

In addition to students, the Sherwood Hall staff has also seen more adults with limited Internet access using the library's computers, said branch manager Denise Morgan.

"I have seen more and more people in here applying for jobs. Lots of companies require that you apply online now," said Morgan.

**"I think lots of people are using the library to try and find jobs."**

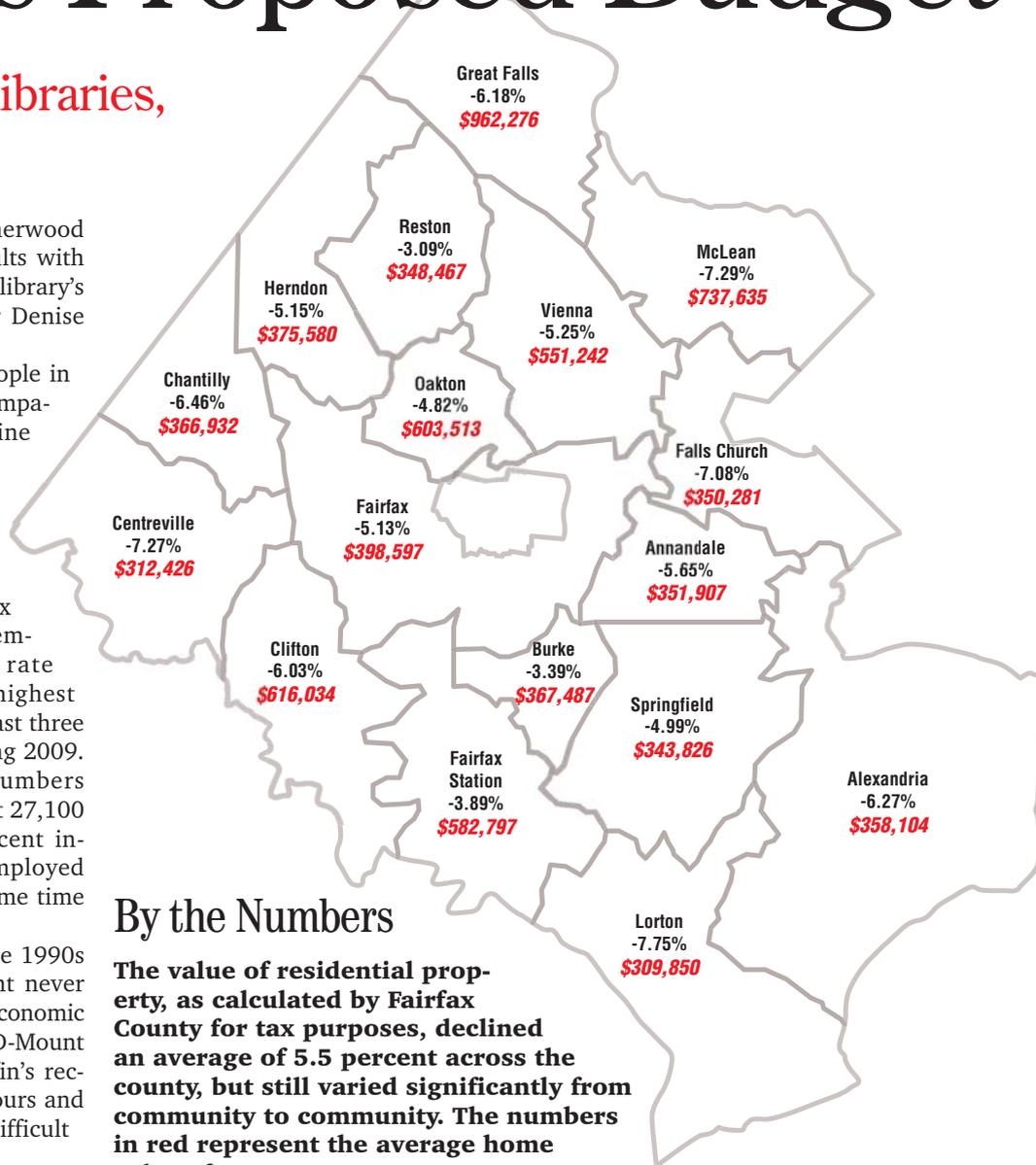
— Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon)

Climbing to over 5 percent last summer, Fairfax County's unemployment rate reached its highest point of the last three decades during 2009.

The latest numbers suggest Fairfax currently has about 27,100 unemployed residents, a 34 percent increase over the number of unemployed people living the county at the same time last year.

In previous recessions during the 1990s and 2001, Fairfax's unemployment never got above four percent. Given that economic climate, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) seemed skeptical of Griffin's recommendation to reduce library hours and services next year, even during a difficult

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### By the Numbers

The value of residential property, as calculated by Fairfax County for tax purposes, declined an average of 5.5 percent across the county, but still varied significantly from community to community. The numbers in red represent the average home values for 2010.

MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG

## Mason Neck Park To Remain Open

General Assembly rejects governor's proposal to close Mason Neck State Park.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

The House of Delegates and the State Senate have rejected Gov. Bob McDonnell's (R) proposal to close Mason Neck State Park in an attempt to close the state's \$2 billion budget shortfall.

The park, located in Lorton, was one of five parks statewide that the governor targeted for closure in his latest budget proposal. While McDonnell believed that closing the 1,800-acre park would save the state maintenance and personnel costs, the House and Senate both presented their proposed budgets Sunday, Feb. 21, and closure of the parks was not included.

"It appears that Mason Neck State Park will not be closed and I'm thrilled with the

result," Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) said. "Citizens rallied to support keeping it open and the General Assembly has listened to the communities directly affected."

According to Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation Spokesman Gary Waugh, the parks were targeted for closure in an attempt to save \$101,904. Waugh said that the five parks, which also include Caledon Natural Area in King George County, False Cape State Park in Virginia Beach, Twin Lakes State Park in Prince Edward County and Staunton River Battlefield Park in Halifax and Charlotte counties, were chosen based on attendance, revenue stream and geographic location.

"The parks were chosen based on attendance and revenue stream, which obviously

go hand-in-hand," Waugh said. "But we also wanted to space them out geographically, so we chose parks in different areas of the state."

Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and other area politicians argued that the closures would negatively impact an area whose economy is growing. Connolly estimated that the 88,000 visitors to the Mason Neck State Park last year spent more than \$500,000 at local businesses, which he said generated \$27,500 in state sales tax revenue. As a result, he said, closing the park would not only cost the state admission fees, but also hundreds of thousands more in tax revenue.

**"Closing this park only puts additional pressure on our overbooked county and regional parks."**

— Del. Scott Surovell (D-44)

"The negative economic impact of lost revenue to area businesses and lost sales tax and income tax payments to the Commonwealth is five times greater than the \$101,904 the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation estimates the state will save by closing the park," Connolly said.

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) also lamented the possible loss of the park's recreational opportunities. Surovell said that he bikes every weekend through

Mason Neck State Park with the Mount Vernon "Over the Hill" Cycling team and has also rented the park gazebo for group

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# Monopoly Barons Play for High Stakes

## Annual Monopoly Tournament benefits Habitat for Humanity.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**A**ubrey Pruitt and his fellow tycoons sat hunched over tables Saturday, Feb. 20, clenching fistfuls of money and lording over the most prime real estate. They made millions at each other's expense and managed, for the most part, to stay out of jail while doing it.

These entrepreneurs were not hedge fund managers or Wall Street bankers, however, they were the participants of the third annual Monopoly Tournament hosted by Lorton-based real estate group Ron & Susan Associates. The event, which took place at the Glory Days Grill in Lorton, raised \$3,500 for Habitat for Humanity, a record for the tournament.

"Everyone had so much fun," said Susan Borelli, co-owner of Ron & Susan Associates. "It was a little more work [raising money] this year because of the tragedy in Haiti and the economy, but we actually made more money for Habitat [for Humanity] this year."

According to Ron Kowalski, co-owner of Ron & Susan Associates, this is the second year that proceeds raised by the tournament have gone to Habitat for Humanity, after one year of going to the Lorton Arts Foundation. Kowalski said that he and Susan



**Tournament champion Aubrey Pruitt and third place finisher Uzair Saeed exchange money with Habitat for Humanity representative Meredith Magwire, who served as the final table's banker.**

decided to switch to Habitat because they felt a clear connection between the game and their industry. In addition, Kowalski and Borelli felt that partnering with Habitat's Northern Virginia branch would allow them to build a lasting relationship with the organization.

"The connection between Habitat for Humanity and playing Monopoly has really elevated the event," Kowalski said. "When you say that you're raising money for Habitat for Humanity through Monopoly, people

get it because it works so well with our business."

The tournament drew 48 players, 11 of whom were walk-ins. The tournament consisted of three timed rounds on 12 tables with two winners from each table competing on six tables in the second round. The winners from those six tables then moved onto the final round. The first-place winner won \$500, second place won \$250 and third place won \$100.

The tournament raised money by charg-

**"We had a lot of fun, a lot of laughter, and I met a lot of good people."**

**— Aubrey Pruitt, tournament champion**

ing a \$25 entry fee for all players, and by recruiting sponsors for the event itself. According to Kowalski, he and Borelli offered local businesses the chance to sponsor any of the tables in the first two rounds for \$250 and the final table for \$500. This year, the final table was sponsored by Lorton-based Commonwealth Cooling and Heating, owned by Brian Johnson.

"I contacted Ron after getting something in the mail looking for sponsors, and he told me I had the opportunity to sponsor the last table and I jumped on it," Johnson said. "My business is in Lorton, and this is my neighborhood, so I figured it'd be a great thing to support. Not to mention that it's very fun, too."

Pruitt, 26, won this year's tournament after placing third last year. Pruitt lives in Greensboro, N.C., but has made the trip up to Lorton for the last two years for the tournament, saying that he would never miss the chance to battle on the Monopoly board.

"I'm a competitor, so I'm always in it to win it," Pruitt said. "It was a lot of fun, though. We had a lot of fun, a lot of laughter and I met a lot of good people."

Fairfax Station resident Dan Polling and his sons Pablo and Matt were also tourna-

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# County Homeless Services in Eye of the Snowstorm

## Fairfax County's homeless support network fights through the record snowstorms.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**R**oads were closed, neighborhood streets were covered, power was lost and cars got stuck. The reverberations of the record-breaking snowstorms that blanketed the entire region in more than 3 feet of snow two weeks ago were felt in many different ways throughout the county, essentially keeping people snowed in their homes for nearly a week.

Many individuals, however, did not even have the luxury of having a home to be snowed into during that treacherous week. Fortunately, the county's far-reaching and tightly knit homeless support community was there to fill the void. Groups like FACETS, The Lamb Center and others kept emergency services running around the clock for the entire week, ensuring that no homeless person in the area had to face the snow and cold without shelter.

"We have a tight knit community that wants to make sure that people who need emergency services get them," FACETS Executive Director Amanda Andere said. "So many people came together to help the people who had the least during the storm."

FACETS, a Fairfax-based non-profit organization that provides a variety of programs and services to the homeless and disadvantaged throughout the county, was at the forefront in dealing with the fallout that the inclement weather created. The organization provides a wide range of services including counseling, short-term housing and medical outreach, but according to FACETS Director of Development Tycie Young, two programs felt the crunch of the storms more so than any other.

According to Young, FACETS operates a walk-in center in Fairfax for the homeless where they can get a meal and a bed for the night, and in addition, has partnerships with churches and other religious congregations throughout the county in which the faith groups offer temporary shelters on a rotating schedule. Young said that on a typical night, FACETS' walk-in shelter serves an average of 60 to 70 people, but during the week of the storms, they saw a significant spike in attendance. Because of this influx, the center and the temporary shelters at area churches were forced to stay open all day and night.

"There was a huge increase that week [in people coming to the shelter]," Young said. "We usually average about 60 to 70 people per night, but from Feb. 5 on, we started averaging 80 to 90 people a night. Our faith communities stayed open the whole time. Some staff that went in Feb. 5 didn't leave until the following Tuesday."

Andere said that FACETS' hot meals program was also affected by the storms. The

hot meals program provides warm meals every evening of the year at sites along Route 50 and is operated entirely by volunteers who cook the meals, bring them to the sites and then serve them. Andere said that FACETS anticipated the storms. Before

the first snowfall, they stocked up on food products and collected non-perishable items that would last the entire week. Then, as the snow started falling, Young said that volunteers continued to deliver food even though driving conditions were less than ideal.

"It was difficult that week, but we kept our critical services running," Young said. "It was definitely a hectic week, but it went as smoothly as you could expect it to go."

The Lamb Center, located on Old Lee

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**"So many people came together to help the people who had the least during the storm."**

**— FACETS Executive Director Amanda Andere**

# Homeless Services Open During Storm

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Highway in Fairfax, like FACETS, operates a walk-in center that provides food and temporary shelter for the homeless. According to Assistant Director John MacPherson, the Lamb Center is usually open only during the day and after it closes at 3 p.m., its guests must find a place to sleep for the night. The week of the storms, however, the Lamb Center stayed open 24 hours a day, and even had to close its doors at one point so that homeless people would not try to get to the center at a time when no public transportation was available.

"We didn't necessarily have more people walking in, but for a couple of days, we actually closed," MacPherson said. "We closed so that people could stay at their local hypothermia centers so that they wouldn't try to travel to us in the snow."

MacPherson said the center experienced few problems during the week, but for the most part, things ran smoothly. He said that after a few days of being locked in with the same people, many of who already knew each other from the hypothermia shelters and the Lamb Center itself, began to get "cabin fever" and bickered with each other or staff members.

"There's a certain amount of cabin fever that occurs with our guests," MacPherson

said. "They go to the hypothermia centers for 36 straight hours then they come here together. They get a little bit tired of each other because they know each other and know how to push each other's buttons, but they think of the Lamb Center as home so they tend to behave better when they're here."

**THE LORTON** Community Action Center (LCAC), a non-profit organization that serves the underprivileged in the Lorton area, was another organization that was negatively impacted by the massive snowstorms. According to Deputy Director Maryam Ulomi, the LCAC's Food Pantry program was especially affected by the weather, to the point where it could not serve some of its clients.

Ulomi said that the program operates by having volunteers bring in canned food, vegetables, bread and other non-dairy items into the center, and in turn, the center schedules appointments with its clients to come in and pick up their allotment of the donated food once a week. During the week of the storms, however, the roads in the Lorton area were so bad that most volunteers were unable to bring in food donations and as a result, the LCAC had no food to give out and was forced to close Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

"Our agency is mainly run by volunteers and most of them couldn't make it out of their homes to buy food and bring it in," Ulomi said. "A lot of our clients were calling frantically to see if we could help them, and that was definitely problem number one."

The following week, Ulomi said, the LCAC was able to open full time, and to recover from the previous week, opened its doors so that all of their clients could go and get food without an appointment. From the time the doors were opened that Monday morning, she said, until the end of the week, the LCAC was completely swamped.

"Last week, when we opened, it was chaos," Ulomi said. "Everyday we did distribution, almost every client we have come in to get served because many of them went for over a week without getting food from us."

While the county's providers of homeless services may not have gotten to provide the level of service to their clients that they are accustomed to for nearly a week during the snowstorms, they nonetheless are proud of what they were able to accomplish. Things may not have been perfect, they said, but given the circumstances, it was pretty close.

"Everyone was well-fed, and no one froze to death, so we did our job," MacPherson said.

# Monopoly

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ment veterans who returned for another shot at Monopoly immortality. Pablo, 12, won fifth place for the second consecutive year and missed a basketball game to do it, while Matt, last year's champion, finished in sixth. Pablo received a custom made trophy for coming in fifth, and Matt got a bobble head doll of the game's mascot, Rich Uncle Pennybags.

"It was tons of fun," Dan Polling said. "Ron and Susan do a great job every year. Last year, they didn't have trophies for fourth, fifth and sixth place, but this year they do, so we're pretty happy."

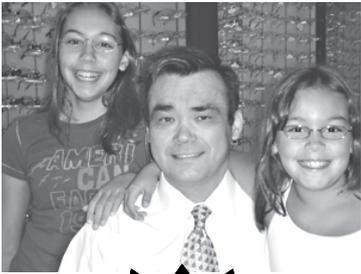
According to Borelli, plans are already underway for next year's tournament. She said that they want to build on the initial success of the tournament, and are brainstorming ways to expand it to bring in more players and sponsors and are also pondering changes that will make the game play more exciting for all participants. Though she could not divulge the plans, she is confident that the participants will be more enthusiastic than ever.

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# OPINION

## Consider the Long-Term Costs

Virginia's budget proposals might balance on paper right now, but future costs will soar.

Virginia, like many states, is slashing the budget in response to record decreases in revenue. Tax collections are far below expected levels because of lost jobs, lost income and consumer restraint.

The cuts, as they translate locally and personally, will range from devastating to gut-wrenching to sad.

Across the country, such budget cutting at the state level will hurt the fledgling recovery, costing hundreds of thousands of jobs. One national economist said that state budget cuts "will be a serious drag on the economy at just the wrong time."

The Federal response to the economic meltdown might well have prevented a global economic catastrophe, but it also fell short by mostly abandoning the consumer and state and local governments.

Gov. Bob McDonnell, while creating a positive image by visiting homeless shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens, has shepherded budget reductions cut disproportionately from people who are most in need. The visits gave the appearance of a man who understood the dire needs of his fellow human beings in times of crisis, but his comments were a preview. He said essentially, he was glad there were faith-based and private organizations caring for the needy, because government can't.

Many of these cuts might appear to help balance the budget right now, but will lead to higher costs.

**CUTTING HEALTH** services to an estimated 28,000 poor children and pregnant women in Virginia will result in more expensive crisis

care, more babies born with expensive and in some cases life-long special needs, as one example.

Cuts in funds that allow people with disabilities to get the supports they need to live in the community will force some into nursing homes and other institutions, where the costs will be enormously higher, and the results the opposite of what is desired.

In Northern Virginia, more than 700 people who are on waiting lists to receive services so they can have the supports they need to live in the community now know that help will not be forthcoming this year. On the waiting list, many identified as "urgent," 55 in Arlington, 12 in Alexandria, 587 in Fairfax and Falls Church, 134 in Loudoun. But the cuts go far beyond, probably taking away funding for people who currently are living in the community, and forcing some of them into institutions.

These are just two examples of proposed cuts that will hurt vulnerable people in devastating ways, but also will likely end up costing more in the not-too-distant future.

## Saving Mason Neck Park

House, Senate budgets include funds to keep park open.

BY TODDY PULLER  
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Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) proposed this week that five state parks be closed to help with the budget deficit. One of the parks listed is Mason Neck State Park, which has a strong emphasis on environmental education and protection as well as recreation in our area. Another is Twin Lakes Park that once was a smaller facility known as Goodwin Lake State Recreational Area for "whites only." In response to a lawsuit Prince Edward State Park for African Americans was established. The two parks were merged in the 1970s. This park has great historic significance as well as being a popular destination.

I spoke with a Senate Finance Committee staff member on Friday, Feb. 19, regarding Mason Neck State Park. They assured me that funding for all five of the parks remains in the Senate budget. Word as of Monday, Feb. 22, is that funding for these five parks is included in both the Senate and House budgets.

Gov. McDonnell has made a long list of proposed budget cuts that will greatly impact public education, public safety, state employee compensation and health and human resources. The safety net for our most vulnerable citizens will be severely impacted under these proposals. Cuts are proposed for Medicaid services, Temporary Aid to Needy Families, mental health care services, dental services and other emergency health care services. Already, Virginia is 47th in the nation among states for

Medicaid eligibility.

On the K-12 education front, I, along with other Northern Virginia legislators, have introduced a budget amendment to base the Local Composite Index (LCI) on the current real estate market estimates rather than the higher appraised values of the older estimates. If the older estimates are used, Fairfax County would stand to lose \$61 million and Prince William County would stand to lose \$22.6 million of state education funding. We are working hard to get this passed.

Tuesday, Feb. 16, marked what is referred to as Crossover in the General Assembly. All bills, except budget bills, have to be passed by the Senate and sent to the House or by the House and sent to the Senate to have a chance for final passage into law.

Most of the bills that I introduced were passed by the Senate either unanimously or by a wide margin. These include SB 221 that states that community associations cannot prohibit an owner from installing or using a natural drying device on that owner's property. The bill provides that a community association may establish reasonable restrictions concerning the size, placement, duration and manner of placement of such natural drying device. SJ 13 was passed unanimously by the Senate. If passed by the House, this proposed Constitutional Amendment would be on the ballot next Nov. 3. It would exempt from taxation real property that is the principal residence of a veteran (or widow or widower of a veteran) if the veteran has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency pursuant to federal law to have a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability.

### EDITORIAL

### COMMENTARY

## Parks Matter

The following letter was sent to Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin.

Dear Mr. Griffin:

On behalf of the families of Noble Estates in Clifton, we urge you to remember the importance of our Fairfax County parks. The parks cost less than 1 percent of the county's budget, yet their value is immense. They make our county attractive to businesses and residents. They preserve and protect nearly ten percent of the county's land to be enjoyed by generations to come.

Like 79 percent of our fellow Fairfax County residents, we love and use our parks. We hike, swim, picnic, walk our dogs and otherwise thoroughly enjoy these wonderful county resources.

We believe the recreational opportunities at the parks, and the land stewardship they provide, are essential to Fairfax County. We understand the need for cuts in every aspect of the county's budget. But to subject the Park Authority to a 31 percent reduction over a two-year period is out of balance.

We believe there are better alternatives. Why not ask the Park Authority for suggestions about cost-saving measures? Ask them to identify the programs most used by the public, and most essential to land stewardship. One simple idea would be to de-fund park positions rather than to eliminate them. This would assure that the current recession will not compromise the future of Fairfax County's parks.

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And if doing more for less is the goal, then the County must not squander a vital resource: our dedicated park volunteers. Volunteers do so much to save the county money. That's why eliminating the park staff who coordinate these volunteers would be a false economy.

We appreciate that times are hard. All we ask is: Remember how much the parks enhance our quality of life in Fairfax County. Please don't subject the Park Authority to disproportionate and disabling budget cuts.

**Kathryn Weller**  
Board of Directors  
Noble Estates Homes  
Association

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Homan Rabie** of Fairfax Station has achieved a grade point average over 3.30 earning inclusion on the deans' list at Farmingdale State College for the fall 2009 semester.

**Mathew J. Snow** of Clifton was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at James Madison University.

**Andrew Beeks**, son of Kenneth and Patricia Beeks of Clifton, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Ithaca College's School of Music. The degree was awarded in December 2009.

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## THURSDAY/FEB. 25

**Latin Dance Nights.** 10 p.m.-2 a.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Ladies free, men \$10.

## 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.

**Dr Seuss' Birthday.** 12 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Bring lunch and hear stories. Ages birth-5 with adult. 703-971-0010.

**Ponderings: Early Signs of Spring Hike.** 4:30-6 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Dress for weather. Ages 6-10. \$6/person. 703-451-9588.

**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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## SATURDAY/FEB. 27

**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.

**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.

**Big Used Book Sale.** 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Raymond of Penafort Church hall, 8750 Pohick Road, Springfield. Hardbacks, paperbacks, fiction, non-fiction, children's and adult books. Snacks and beverages available. Judy Knight, 703-455-7293.

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**Seasons After, Bitter, Seelov Heights, Loculus, Ethereal Genocide Loculus** includes Mike McGowen of Dead Syndicate. Doors at 5p.m. show at 5:15 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. All ages; \$10.

## 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 or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

**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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## MONDAY/MARCH 1

**British alternative rock band Muse with Silversun Pickups.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$55, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. www.muse.mu or www.patriotcenter.com.

**Family Mediation: Why, When, and How.** 11 a.m. at Pohick Regional Library, Room 1, 6450 Sydenstricker Rd., Burke. Mediation and issues such as custody, visitation, child support, spousal support and property distribution. Free. 703-864-2101.

**Latin Dance Nights.** 10 p.m.-2 a.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Ladies free, men \$10.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 2

**Open Mic w/Bob Gaynor of The Roadducks:** Only the Lounge is Open. Food Specials; 21 and over. No cover. Doors at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. \$15 advance, \$20 doors.

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**Open Irish Song Session.** 8:30 p.m. at Hard Times Cafe, 6362 Springfield Plaza, Springfield. Open to anyone

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## THURSDAY/MARCH 4

**We're All In This Together! High School Musical Junior.** 7 p.m. at Francis Scott Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. \$7. 703-313-3900.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 4

**Latin Dance Nights.** 10 p.m.-2 a.m.; at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Ladies free, men \$10.

**Haiti Relief Concert.** Jahworks, ZO2, The Future (from Detroit). Silent auction and celebrity guests along with several Redskin players. Tickets from Feb. 11 will be honored; all ages. Doors at 5:30 p.m. show at 6 p.m., at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. Tickets \$20.

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# Lady Stallions Fall in Districts

**South County loses to West Springfield 44-38 in Patriot Finals.**

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s the West Springfield girls' basketball team mobbed each other after their 44-38 victory at the Patriot District championship on Feb. 22, the South County Stallions tried to fight back their disappointment and revel in how far they'd come.

"Two years ago, we were at the bottom of the barrel and now we were playing for a district championship," said head coach Chrissy Kelly. "It's amazing because this team has done so much."

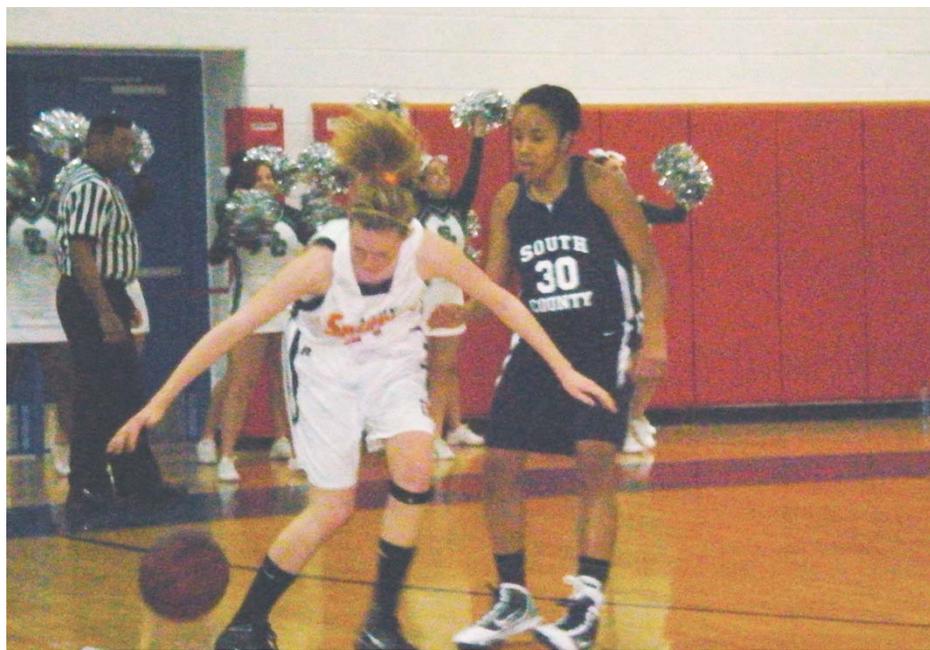
As the No. 2 seed in the Patriot District tournament at T.C. Williams, the Stallions defeated West Potomac and Annandale to earn a trip to the finals.

"We've come so far," Simone Antwi said. "We've worked really hard for this year. It felt good to be in the finals."

South County's match with West Springfield would prove to be the greatest test of the season, against one of the Northern Region's best teams.

Where most teams struggled to keep West Springfield's offensive attack in check, the Stallions used their size and grit to keep the first half of the game close. They led 19-16 after the first half.

The lead didn't last as West Springfield's April Robinson scored 13 points and kept pressure on the Stallions to play keep-up



South County's Jordan Elliott closely guards a West Springfield player.

with the Spartans' offense.

West Springfield's increased offensive and defensive pressure proved to be a turning point.

"We missed some critical defensive rebounds and critical free throws," Kelly said. "It's a game of runs and both teams had runs, but they answered ours well."

With a minute left, the Spartans held a slim 38-36 lead, but South County's attempt to prolong the game by fouling didn't give

the Stallions enough time to complete the upset.

Despite the losing effort, Kelly said her team gave her their best.

**"The kids fought harder than I'd ever seen them fight."**

— Chrissy Kelly

"The kids fought harder than I'd ever seen them fight," she said. "But it was the little things throughout the game that made a difference."

The Stallions still have a chance for redemption, and a title win, in the Northern Region tournament, which begins Feb. 24.

"Our season is far from over," Kelly said.

## Ram Girls Dominate at Swim Finals

**Robinson girls' capture second state title in a row.**

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**I**t only took one race for Robinson head swimming coach Clayton Joyner to feel a victory vibe at the Virginia AAA State Swim and Dive finals on Feb. 19 in Virginia Beach.

"As soon as the meet started the girls opened up as state champions in the 200-meter medley relay," he said. "When that happened, I knew we were going to win the state."

Joyner's prediction came true.

The girls' went on to capture the 2009-10 state swimming title with 227.5 points, their second state title in a row. Langley finished in second with 166 points, followed by Osbourn in third with 127 points.

"Overall it was a great trip and we came out with the [win]," Joyner said. "We won in dominating fashion and I like that."

The first year head coach felt the team had the ability to repeat as state

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# Crawford Takes First at States, Rams Second Overall

**Robinson is first Northern Region school since 1994 to finish second at state meet.**

BY REED S. ALBERS  
THE CONNECTION

**S**tanding on the mats at the Virginia State AAA wrestling finals Robinson Secondary School sophomore Jacob Crawford glared at his opponent in the 130-pound weight class.

Wearing a yellow, blue and white camouflage wrestling outfit, his intimidating body language and attire suggested this match was part of a greater mission.

"My goal since eighth grade has been to be a four-time state champion," said Crawford who, as a freshman, won a 2009 state title while attending Millbrook High School, an AA program, in Winchester. He got his chance on Feb. 20 as Robinson played host to top wrestlers from around the state.

As the match began, Crawford and Michael Chaifant of Frank W. Cox High

School in Virginia Beach locked up and each struggled to gain an upper hand. Crawford wrapped up Chaifant for a takedown, but the Cox wrestler escaped, setting the score at 2-1 after the first period.

"In the first period, he almost took me down," Crawford said. "I got it into my head to keep going and to keep the pressure on him."

With the home crowd's encouragement, Crawford spent the final two periods controlling his opponent, racking up points and keeping Chaifant from threatening his lead.

Crawford won the bout by a score of 6-2.

After the match, Robinson wrestling head coach Bryan Hazard lifted his wrestler off his feet with a victory hug while cheers from the home crowd rained down on Crawford.

"It's a great feeling to be at home and have the home crowd rooting for you," Crawford said. "It definitely helped me pull through and achieve my goal."

Crawford's win would be the only state title win for the Rams, who placed second overall at the state tournament.

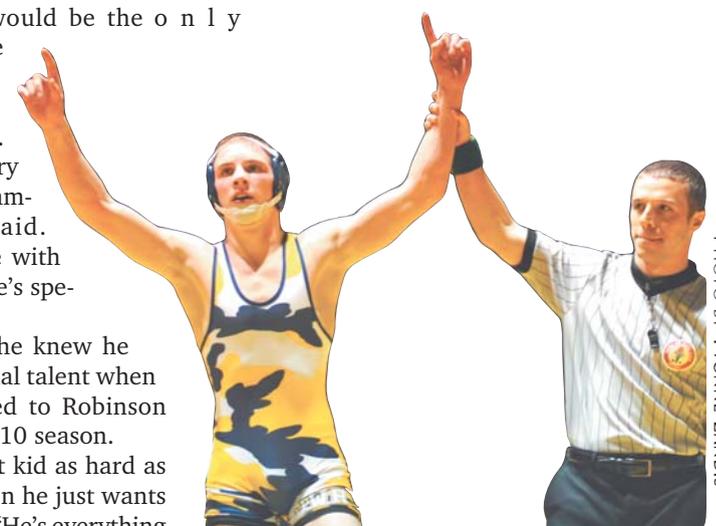
"You don't see very many [two-time champions]," Hazard said. "You don't get to be with many in your life. He's special."

Hazard said that he knew he was coaching a special talent when Crawford transferred to Robinson prior to the 2009-2010 season.

"You can push that kid as hard as you need to, and then he just wants more," Hazard said. "He's everything you want in an athlete."

After winning his second state title, Crawford didn't take long to savor the win. Instead, his thoughts turned to the next state title attempt.

"I'm going to improve in every position out on the mat," he said. "If I work as hard as I can, hopefully I can achieve my goal."



Jacob Crawford's hand is raised in victory as he wins his second state wrestling title in two years.

Robinson's accomplishments didn't stop with Crawford. The Rams are the first

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## SPORTS

# Robinson Girls Finish Second

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champs when he took over the team in December. "I knew in the beginning of the season we had a really good shot to win the state," he said. "As long as we didn't do anything stupid and we stayed focused, we could win it."

Although it was a team victory, individual performances helped buoy the Rams above their competition.

After earning a time of 2:01.90 in the medley relay, sophomore Rachael Canty spearheaded the Rams push for the state title.

Canty's third place finish in the girls' 100-meter breaststroke padded Robinson's point total, and she also contributed as a member of the 200-meter

freestyle relay and 200-meter medley relay.

"She was huge for us," Joyner said. "When the going gets tough and I need someone on the front lines, she's one of the first people I want there."

While one state title winning streak has begun to the Rams, another met an end.

The boys' swim team's seven-year state title streak expired at the hands of Oakton who won the boys' state title with 202 points. Robinson finished in fourth with 152 points.

"I was proud of them," Joyner said. "There were just some really good teams out there this year."

Despite the disappointing loss, Joyner said the team is far from entering a rebuilding year. "We're returning just about every person on the boys' team. Our guys are going to come out swinging next year."

# Crawford Leads Ram Grapplers

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Northern Region team since Centreville in 1994 to place second at the state meet. Cox High School took first place and the state title.

"We wanted to win it," Hazard said. "But it's nice [to get second]. It's nice to come out of here with some hardware."

Hazard said the short break between the Northern Region tournament, which finished on Feb. 17, and the start of the state finals on Feb. 19, as a possible factor in Robinson second-place finish.

"It is really hard to cut weight for six days," he

said. "Then you have to come back and wrestle with emotion for [two days]."

Robinson's Dallas Smith also competed for a state title in the 103-pound weight class. Deep Run's Kasey Early defeated Smith 8-3 in a match where Smith found himself trailing 5-3 after the first period.

"I just didn't wrestle as well as I planned and gave up a bunch of points early," Smith said.

Despite the loss, Hazard raved about Smith's future with the Robinson team.

"He's a stud," Hazard said. "He works his butt off. I thought he had the match, but sometimes you bite the bear and sometimes the bear bites you."

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9273 LAUREL RIDGE CROSSING RD	3	2	2		LORTON	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.04	LAUREL RIDGE CROSSING
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# Mason Neck

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event. He said that closing the park, which is Fairfax County's only state park, would eliminate activities like these and many more for many of Northern Virginia's 2 million residents and cause logjams at local parks when people who use Mason Neck go elsewhere.

"There are limited venues for these kinds of activities in the Mount Vernon community," Surovell said. "Closing this park only puts additional pressure on our overbooked county and regional parks."

If the closure plans had survived the entire budget process, the park would have been closed as early as July 1. Now that the General Assembly's amendments to McDonnell's budget were approved in each house, they will be sent back to McDonnell, who can sign or veto the Assembly's proposals, or he can return to the Assembly with amendments to their proposal. If he vetoes the Assembly's bill, the Assembly will reconvene later in the spring. So, unless McDonnell vetoes the Assembly's budget or places amendments on it, the Assembly's decision to keep the five parks open is final.



2nd Lt. Wes Dixon

## Dixon Earns Wings

In a ceremony at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas on Feb. 12, 2nd Lt. Wes Dixon, son of Wendy Burdette of Clifton and Chuck Dixon of Fairfax Station, graduated from UPT and received his Air Force Wings along with the Class of 10-03 of the 80th Flying Training Wing, Euro-Nato Joint Jet Pilot Training. Wes Dixon will continue training at Sheppard Air Force base until June, when he'll move to Davis-Monthan Airforce Base, Tuscon, Ariz. to train in the A-10. After completion of the training in late 2010, he will be stationed in Baltimore, Md., where he will fly A-10's with the Maryland Air National Guard.

Wes Dixon is a 2003 graduate of James Robinson Secondary School and a 2007 graduate of The Citadel. He is employed as a first officer with American Eagle Airlines, however, is presently on a military leave.

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the original principal amount of \$167,000.00, recorded as Deed  
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Court of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned Substitute  
Trustee will on Friday, March 5, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., by the front  
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**PROPOSAL TO CHANGE REMEDIAL ENDPOINTS AT  
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There has been a release from an underground storage tank  
system at:  
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8011 Braddock Road, Springfield, VA  
VADEQ PC #1999-3230

**21 Announcements**

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VADEQ) re-  
quired Sunoco, Inc. (R&M) to develop a Corrective Action Plan  
to address cleanup of petroleum hydrocarbons at the site. The  
Corrective Action Plan was approved by the VADEQ in 2003.  
This notice is for the proposed change in remedial endpoints,  
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The Corrective Action Plan Addendum was submitted to the  
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feel free to contact Kurt Kochan at (703) 583-3825. The DEQ  
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# NEWS

## Griffin Proposes Budget

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budget cycle.  
"When I drive by the Sherwood Hall Regional Library in the morning, I see people already lined up to use it when the doors open. I think lots of people are using the library to try and find jobs," said Hyland.

**THE DOWN ECONOMY**, driving Fairfax's unemployment, is also behind Griffin's recommendations to cut funding to libraries, parks, public safety, social services and virtually every other department, agency, program or service that gets local dollars.

Fairfax funds approximately 62 percent of its local budget through local real estate property taxes.

In the county, residential home values, which account for more than 80 percent of the county property tax revenue, have declined approximately 5.5 percent this year. Commercial real estate has taken an even bigger dive of 18.2 percent, creating a far weaker revenue stream for Fairfax's 2011 budget.

Griffin proposed that Fairfax County Public Schools should take a reduction in financial assistance from the county in 2011, unprecedented even during other tough economic times.

The county executive made his initial budget proposal for the next fiscal year, which starts in July, on Feb. 22. Griffin closed a \$257.2 million funding gap in Fairfax's \$3 billion-plus general fund by making approximately \$119 million in cuts and raising approximately \$120 million in revenue.

**PROPOSED BUDGET** cuts would result in the loss of approximately 280 county positions, not including those in the school system, and force the county to lay off approximately 100 employees, said Griffin.

Revenue enhancements include restoring a county vehicle fee of \$33 per car and raising rates for the School Age Child Care program that the county operates for public school students in the afternoon.

Under Griffin's proposal, Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would also increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though declines in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year, even though the rate would be going up.

After a series of public hearings on April 6, 7 and 8, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors will mark up the budget and adopt it for-

mally later that month.

Fairfax schools' funding has traditionally accounted for between 50 percent and 55 percent of the county's government spending each year. With a 3 percent reduction in the county general fund overall next year, Griffin said it would have been very difficult to maintain the school system's funding at least year's level.

He has called for a 1 percent reduction to the schools annual transfer, which typically amounts to approximately \$1.6 billion. But earlier this year, the school system had indicated that they would ask the county to increase their transfer by approximately 5 percent, or \$82 million.

If the Board of Supervisors adopts Griffin's suggestion to reduce school funding, then the School Board would have to cut approximately \$98 million out of its budget for next year.

School superintendent Jack Dale has indicated that programs such as foreign language immersion, elementary band and strings, and most full-day kindergarten classes would be eliminated. He has also said he would have to raise the average number of students in a class significantly.

Several other agencies have been asked to cut far more than 1 percent from their annual spending plans. Fairfax libraries and parks, for example, would take a 15 percent reduction in Griffin's current proposal.

"Those two services have been asked to do more because they are discretionary. They are not required by the federal government or the state," said Griffin.

**UNDER THE** county executive's proposal, public safety would also have to make major sacrifices.

Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohr would have to eliminate 67 positions from his department, including 33 sworn officers.

Griffin has proposed eliminating the middle school resource officers program, where uniformed officers are stationed in the county's public middle schools. The county would also cut a unit that provides most of the undercover work related to underage drinking laws, such as when officers pose as minors and try to buy beer from a local grocery store.

The two officers who work the marine patrol, primarily along the Potomac River, would also be cut, according to Rohr.

"Our top concern is the school resource officers. We have to have a presence in our middle schools. It is big part of our anti-gang initiative," said Rohr.

## COLLEGE NOTES

**Homan Rabie** of Fairfax Station has achieved a grade point average over 3.30 earning inclusion on the deans' list at Farmingdale State College for the fall 2009 semester.

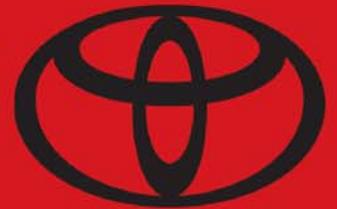
**Meagan McAllister**, daughter of James and Ellen McAllister of Fairfax Station, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's

School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the fall 2009 semester with a GPA of 3.5.

**Andrew Beeks**, son of Kenneth and Patricia Beeks of Clifton, graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Ithaca College's School of Music. The degree was awarded in December 2009.

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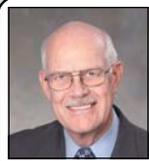


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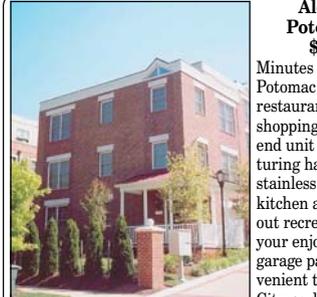
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