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Bumps in the Road

Potholes have become a problem in the wake of February's snowstorms.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

An historic week of snowfall in early February caused many immediate problems such as power outages and blocked roads. However, as the snow melted and the area completed its recovery, new problems began to take shape.

Potholes, residents say, are becoming an issue in the Burke area, causing flat tires, trip alterations and simple frustration for those living or commuting in the area. While they have been a concern for several months, the effects of the snowstorms have worsened the situation.

"The potholes have been a problem for months, but with the freeze and thaw of the winter storm, it has exacerbated things," said Michael Keller, Burke resident and Braddock District Council member. "They're being fixed with a temporary patch and it's just not working."

According to Keller, the worst pothole in the Burke

area is at the corner of Rolling and Burke Lake roads, near Supervisor John Cook's (R-Braddock) office. Keller said that more than six months ago, the Virginia Department of Transportation sent a crew to do work on the traffic lights at the intersection, and dug large square holes in the pavement to install poles. After the work was completed, Keller said that VDOT patched the holes with temporary patches, but every time cars drove over it, the patches would sink slightly. As a result, he said, commuters turning south onto Burke Lake Road from Rolling Road were hitting

a 6-7 inch hole nearly every time they turned.

"Initially, it was 6 to 7 inches deep and I reported it and it got patched," Keller said. "They dug holes into the ground, but the ground couldn't support it and the patches sink when people drive over it."

Other areas of concern, Keller said, are around the Burke Post Office on Burke Road near the intersection with Burke Lake Road and along Braddock Road near the intersection with Twinbrook Road.

Keller said that the roads in both of these areas are constantly eroding, with the asphalt cracking significantly, which will lead to more potholes. In addition, Braddock District Council Chairman Bill Barfield said that portions of Roberts Road have been affected,

"The potholes will get repaired. It may take longer than usual, but it will happen.."

— Bill Barfield, Braddock District Council Chairman

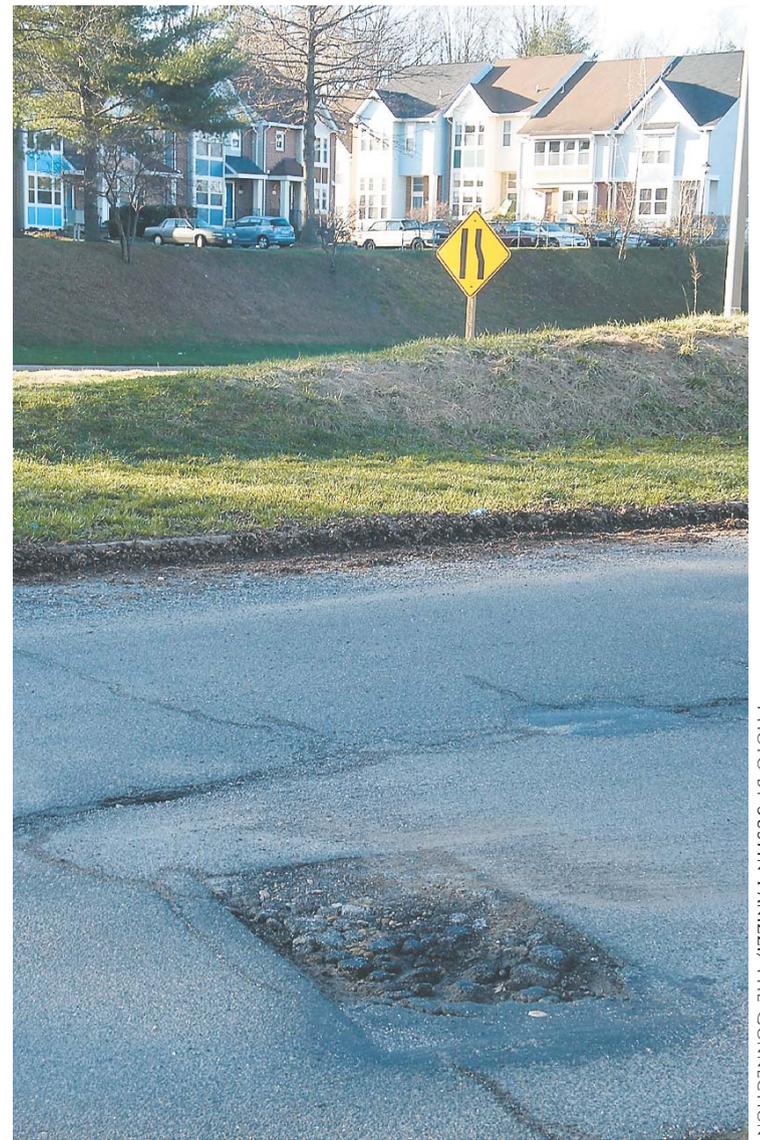


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Potholes like these at the corner of Pommeroy Drive and Chatsworth Court in Burke are becoming an issue for area residents after February's historic snowstorms.

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Herrity, Bradsher Open Dialogue on County Budget

Supervisor, School Board member host March 11 Budget Town Hall Meeting.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) gathered a few dozen members of his constituency at West Springfield High School to talk about the budget, and given the setting, it was only fitting that the school budget dominated the discussion.

Herrity and School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield) led a Springfield District Budget Town Hall meeting Thursday, March 11 to give residents the opportunity to ask questions about the FY 2011 county budget. While both the county and school budgets were up for discussion, the audience was most concerned about the impacts of potential school cuts.

"I'm concerned about the students and teachers having what they need to do their jobs," Herrity said. "We have one of the best school systems in the country, and if programs get cut, we're going to diminish that status."

FCPS Director of Budget Services Kristen Michael and Fairfax County Budget Direc-

tor Susan Datta kicked the meeting off with a brief overview of their respective budgets. Michael said that County Executive Tony Griffin proposed a 1 percent decrease in the transfer for FY 2011, and while the School Board asked for more, several reductions will have to be made nonetheless. She said that custodial support will be cut for the second year in a row. She also talked about the introduction of fees for athletic participation and the elimination of winter cheerleading and indoor track.

Datta discussed the county's \$257 million deficit for FY 2011, the reasons for the deficit and the measures being taken to balance the budget. Datta said that the recession has caused a substantial decline in assessed residential and commercial real estate values and limited revenue growth in other areas. As a result, the county is anticipating much less revenue for FY 2011. Datta said that while significant cuts were made last year, this year's budget is crucial for the county's economic health because cuts made will have a lasting impact.

"Before you wrap up discussion about

2011, you have to think about 2012," Datta said. "We believe that revenue in 2012 will be less than it is next year by 2 percent, so we need to make sure that we're not making the situation worse moving forward by making cuts to balance this year's budget."

AFTER THE BUDGET overviews, Herrity and Bradsher opened the meeting up to questions from the attendees. A major concern for the audience was the proposed \$100 fee for participation in all school sports. Several audience members were concerned that the fees would drive down participation. West Springfield High School's Freshman Boys Basketball Coach Todd Johnson was outspoken against it, saying that freshman sports are critical for students' development, as they help to create friendships and gain confidence. He also mentioned that parents already have to pay for some equipment and ticket fees, so another cost would be an added burden.

"We aren't making sure our children have the fundamental building blocks of education."

— Joana Garcia

"I just want my kids to be able to participate [in sports]," Johnson said. "I think they're very valuable and there are so many positive things that come of out it. We are helping them develop as young men and women and as responsible citizens."

Bradsher acknowledged that she introduced the fees, not to help create a new revenue stream, but to protect sports from being cut entirely. She said that without the fees, the school system would not have the money to support every sport, so she negotiated a fee that was high enough to fund the sport, but low enough so that parents could afford it. In addition, she said that the fees would be reduced as the budget situation improves in the future.

"I introduced the fees because I wanted to keep those sports," Bradsher said. "In order to keep these sports, which I believe are very important for our students because

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County Police Officers Make Business Compliance Checks

Alcohol business compliance checks staged by officers from the West Springfield District Station Neighborhood Patrol Unit in Burke, Annandale and Springfield resulted in four arrests Saturday, March 13.

According to Fairfax County Police, the sting was part of the "Spring Break" enforcement campaign, which was conducted using a county police cadet dressed in plain clothing to purchase alcohol. The cadet entered stores and attempted to purchase alcohol. If asked whether he was 21, the cadet was to respond with his true age and date of birth. If asked for identification, he was to tell the clerk that he had no identification with him. If the sale of alcohol took place, the plain-clothed officer would take possession of the alcohol from the cadet and make the appropriate charge(s).

As a result of this operation, 12 locations were entered, with four arrests made for the illegal sale of alcohol to a minor. Those offenses occurred at the CVS pharmacy at 7859 Heritage Drive and the H Mart at 7885 Heritage Drive in Annandale and the 7-Eleven at 8017 Braddock Road and Giant Foods on Burke Centre Parkway in Burke. The stings were conducted using one team consisting of three plain-clothed officers, one uniformed officer, and one cadet.

Seeking Young Orators

The Optimist Club of Central Fairfax invites local students to speak their minds about the topic: "Cyber Communication — Progress or Problem?" as part of the 2010 Optimist Oratorical Contest. Open to students up to 16 years of age as of Dec. 31, 2009, the contest challenges them to express their thoughts and opinions to an audience, and offers an opportunity for scholarships. The entry deadline is Friday, April 2 with the actual presentation to be given at the club's dinner meeting on Tuesday April 27. For applications and information on the contest, please contact Kim Moden at modenrk@cox.net.

Clarification

The article "Meeting 'Good Start' on Budget Review" [Connection, March 11-17, 2010] gave an incorrect amount for the per pupil cost for Fairfax County Public Schools. The per pupil cost is about \$13,000.

RECQuest Sites Open for Spring Break Dropoff

When public schools break during the spring, RECQuest will operate a drop-in program for children in grades 1-6. The program offers fun activities, field trips and games. Snacks are provided. Participants must bring a bag lunch daily and wear comfortable clothing and footwear. The cost is \$70 per week; per person. A payment scale is available. Call the community center to register. Times vary by center. For more information, go online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec or call 703-324-5555, TTY 711.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 20

Budget Town Hall Meeting with Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). 10 a.m., Ravensworth Elementary School gymnasium, 5411 Nutting Drive, Springfield. For more information, contact the Braddock District Office at 703-425-9300.



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The Board of Supervisors listen to presentations from VDOT representatives Morteza Salehi and Branco Vlacich at the Snow Summit Tuesday, March 16.

Snow Lessons Learned

Supervisors host Snow Summit to analyze VDOT snowstorm response.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Snowstorms that dumped more than 40 inches of snow on the region in February left more questions than answers in their wake. Impassable roads, snow-covered sidewalks and slow response times from Virginia Department of Transportation plows frustrated local officials and residents, and on Tuesday, March 16, they finally got their chance to voice their displeasure.

The Board of Supervisors hosted its second-ever "Snow Summit" at the Fairfax County Government Center, bringing VDOT officials in to discuss their actions during the snowstorms and the lessons learned from it.

"I'm proud to say that we received a lot of positive feedback from our customers and elected officials," said Morteza Salehi, VDOT's Northern Virginia District administrator. "But in addition, we also received a lot of feedback on the lessons learned from the storm."

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), chair of the Board's Transportation Committee, led the summit, which attracted elected state officials such as Del. David Bulova (D-37) and Sen. David Marsden (D-37). Salehi and Assistant District Maintenance Coordinator Branco Vlacich each gave presentations to the Board detailing their preparations and response to the storm and areas in which they felt VDOT could have performed more effectively.

Salehi gave the first presentation and countered a

common argument that VDOT failed to prepare for the storm and instead reacted after it was too late. Salehi said that VDOT has a statewide contract with the National Weather Service to provide weather forecasts and alerts, and that VDOT was notified of the storm days in advance. After getting the report, he said, VDOT used its "utilization plan" that helps them to deploy the exact number and type of trucks and other removal equipment needed. Then, he said, special trucks were sent to priority areas to pre-treat roads with anti-icing chemicals.

"The most important improvement [we've made over the last several years] is on the issue of anti-icing and pre-treating, applying and spraying chemicals on the pavement before snow or ice," Salehi said. "It has been well-received by our district managers and those out in the field."

According to Salehi, with no snow or incidents, the VDOT customer service team receives approximately 135 calls a day, and with 6 inches of snow, it gets about 300 calls a day. During the week of the storms, however, more than 34,000 calls were placed. Many of the calls, he said, were to complain about plowing priorities and to report unplowed streets. Salehi stressed that VDOT deployed 2,200 pieces of equipment across the state. Not having enough

equipment was not the problem, he said, it was the fact that VDOT had 17,000 miles of roadway to plow and that the storms were followed by prolonged low temperatures, which slowed melting.

"The most important factor was that snow was combined with low temperatures," Salehi said. "After the blizzard of '96 we had sunshine and heat. After this, we had days of low temperatures."

Vlacich followed and gave more insight on VDOT's actions during the storm, and what it could have done better in terms of removal and recovery. He said that

"We don't have all the answers, but we're constantly trying to improve."

— Branco Vlacich, Assistant District Maintenance Coordinator

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Snow Summit

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VDOT employees in the field worked 12- to 16-hour days everyday for nearly two weeks, many of whom brought sleeping bags to work with them and slept in the office between shifts and ate only one meal a day.

He also said that while people in residential areas complained about slow removal, VDOT requires that roads be plowed in order of priority based on traffic volume. As a result, the first areas repeatedly plowed were Interstates 66, 395 and 495 and Routes 1, 7 and 9, followed by main roads within towns and finally, subdivisions. The subdivisions, Vlacich said, are broken down into "snow maps," which are routes assigned to each driver to plow. Because of the routes, he said that many people saw streets nearby getting plowed before their own streets, so they called to complain.

"It's important to let the crews have the chance to finish their snow maps," Vlacich said. "Getting thousands of phone calls telling us that they didn't get plowed doesn't help us. It makes it harder to identify what we have already done."

While the explanations helped to allay some concerns, the board nonetheless still had issue with several areas of VDOT's response. Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) criticized the snow map system, saying that neighborhoods that Vlacich showed on the map in her district had some of the least cleared streets. She suggested that VDOT improve its mapping system to ensure that all streets are represented on their maps.

"I had to laugh when you showed one of my neighborhoods on the map when that's the neighborhood I got the most complaints about," Smyth said. "There are gaps in the maps between Route 50 and 29, and roads [in that area] fell through the cracks."

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) took aim at VDOT's communi

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PEOPLE

Connection Salutes Top Carriers

Patrick Letson is a standout on many fronts. In addition to the excellent customer service he has delivered on his Burke route since 2007, he has maintained a 3.8 GPA at Lake Braddock Secondary, including AP Japanese and biology classes. He is also a member of the Botball (robotics) Club. He's an avid "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" player, but also enjoys nature photography. Patrick's Connection earnings are being saved up to buy a car.

Originally from the South American country of Colombia, **David Sethian** is hoping to trade living in Burke for New York City when he's on his own. He has delivered The Connection for three years and saves his paychecks faithfully each month. The Lake Braddock Secondary junior makes time for playing drums, hanging out with friends and playing golf.

Mark Alexander has athletic, artistic and ambitious sides. He rows for Lake Braddock Secondary's crew team, plays guitar in a guitar ensemble and is saving to buy himself a computer. As a sophomore, he has delivered the Burke Connection for more than two years and has also been working toward his Boy Scout Eagle Award. Mark enjoys time at the beach and hiking, as well as



Patrick Letson



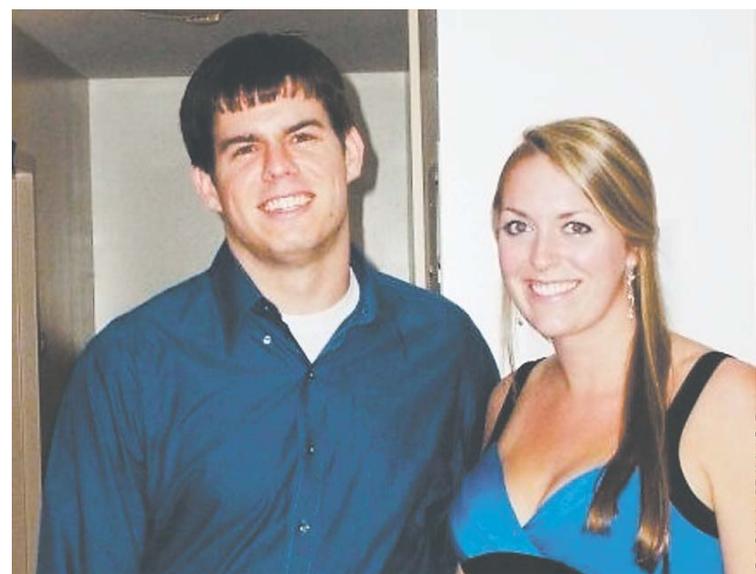
Mark Alexander

CARRIERS OF THE YEAR

the company of his Labrador retriever, Aldie.

Burke carrier **Colvin Fowler** is an "A" student in his home school studies. His favorite activities are playing soccer and video games, as well as anything involving pizza. This 10-year-old Fairfax native has delivered the Burke Connection for nearly two years and tithes part of each paycheck at church. Spontaneous fun is generally playing outside with his brothers and his dog, Bailey.

Connection Carriers of the Year receive a bonus paycheck, passes from University Mall Theatres and a Popeye's meal coupon.



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Tad Ogren and Allie Smith

June Wedding for Smith, Ogren

Barry and Linda Smith of Winchester, Va. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Allie Smith to Tad Ogren, son of Tedd and Cindy Ogren of Burke.

Allie Smith is a 2005 graduate of Sherando High School and a 2009 graduate of George Mason University with a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology. She is employed by the National Counseling Group of Manassas as a mental health counselor.

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS

Tad Ogren is a 2006 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School and will graduate in May from George Mason University with a bachelor's of science degree in biology. He plans to attend medical school in the fall to pursue a career as an Air Force doctor.

A June 19 wedding is planned at First Presbyterian Church in Winchester.

PEOPLE NOTES

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.

Patrick Bench, who was born and raised in Burke, was recently hired by Rasky Baerlein Strategic Communications as a vice president. He served for the last three years as director of business development for the Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment (MOITI), where he helped foreign companies looking for growth opportunities, capital and strategic partners in the United States and assisted Massachusetts companies expand overseas.

On Thursday, March 11, 19 new deputy sheriffs, along with 18 police officers graduated the 56th session of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. The ceremony took place at the George Mason University Center for the Arts. **Deputy Sheriff Kevin Davis** received the Instructor's Award for his outstanding leadership, he was elected the class president. **Deputy Sheriff Carmela Slocum** received the Training Award for outstanding performance during the physical fitness phase of the Academy, and **Deputy Sheriff Manuel Vaz** received the Defensive Tactics award. **Deputy Sheriff Joshua Silver** had the second highest overall academic score of 98.44 percent, and **Deputy Sheriff Andrea Mardocco** was elected class treasurer.

Nine Burke residents received degrees from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg at the December 2009 graduation: **Emily**



Patrick Bench

Barry, bachelor of arts summa cum laude in Spanish; **Peter Duggan**, bachelor of science in business management; **Asha Dwarka**, a bachelor of science in food science and technology and a bachelor of science in biochemistry; **Jacqueline Kretzer**, a bachelor of science in biological sciences and a bachelor of science in human nutrition, foods, and exercise; **Daniel La**, bachelor of arts in economics; **Philip Lung**, bachelor of science in fisheries; **Maureen Murray**, bachelor of science in business cum laude in accounting and information systems; **Fabio Quijada**, bachelor of arts magna cum laude in economics; and **Terresa Tobat**, bachelor of arts in communication.



Pam Charim with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and his wife Cathy Smith.



Valerie Dale, wife of Fairfax County Public Schools chief Jack Dale, of Reston, and Gerald Gordon of Burke. Gordon heads the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and also chaired the gala committee for the Fairfax Symphony.

A Gala Evening

Hundreds turn out for Valentine Pops Gala delayed by snow.

More than 300 people turned out for the arts on Friday, March 5 at for the Fairfax Symphony Valentine Pops Gala.

In addition, the Fairfax Symphony will perform as part of its 2009-2010 Season: "Great Expectations," at George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Saturday, March 13, at 8 p.m. The program includes Borodin's "In the Steppes of Central Asia," Dorman's "Lost Souls, a Piano Concerto for its East Coast Premiere," and Sibelius' "Four Legends from the Kalevala, op. 22." See www.FairfaxSymphony.org.

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Potholes like these at the corner of Pommeroy Drive and Chatsworth Court in Burke have appeared with a higher volume than usual due to the winter's three major snowstorms.

Targeting Potholes

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as well as parts of Fairfax County Parkway, and that he has heard other reports that the potholes caused damage to vehicles.

"There are some roads that are not main roads that are even more torn up than the main roads," Barfield said. "Roads that were in marginal states of repair before the storm and salt have become more deteriorated. The roads that were not in tip-top shape before the storm took it harder."

The most common explanation for the problem, Keller and Barfield agreed, is that the snowstorms expedited the wearing process on the roads. The snowstorms brought much more snow than the region is accustomed to, and as it melted, it put a good deal of water on the roadways. This extra water, he said, seeped into the cracks of the road and softened the asphalt, causing it to form potholes. In addition, he said that the snowplows that came to clear the snow off of Burke's roadways are much larger vehicles than those that typically use Burke's roads. So, with heavy trucks making multiple trips along the same roads that were already weakened by the snow and salt, it not only ruined some patches, but also spread cracks in the asphalt more quickly.

Another explanation, Keller said, came from a geologist he met in Roanoke. Keller said that the geologist told him that VDOT uses an inferior type of asphalt, which cracks and forms potholes more easily than a more robust blend of asphalt. According to a study done by VDOT in 2006 entitled "Detection of Polymer Modifiers in Asphalt Binder," VDOT acknowledged that there is indeed inferior material in its asphalt mixes and recommended that VDOT test its mixtures on a regular basis to ensure that no below-standard material gets put into its asphalt mix. Doing this, the study said, would result in VDOT using less inferior products to make its asphalt and save on

maintenance costs in the future.

"The frequency of quality assurance sampling of polymer modified binders should be increased to ensure that inferior material is not being used in premium mixtures," the report said. "Overall, the increased testing is expected to result in improved pavement quality by reducing the acceptance of inferior material."

While the potholes are becoming a major nuisance for area residents, signs of hope may be on the horizon. According to VDOT Northern District Administrator Morteza Salehi, Gov. Bob McDonnell (R), in conjunction with VDOT, announced last week that he has implemented a statewide "pothole blitz," with the aim of repairing as many of the state's potholes as possible. Salehi said that more than 7,000 potholes have been filled already, and though the region has not seen the benefits of the initiative yet, he assured that it is coming soon.

Barfield said that he has not been given a timetable as to when the initiative would come to Fairfax County, but is urging residents to have patience. He said that the potholes are a problem every winter, but that this year, the problem was exacerbated by an unprecedented weather event that was nearly impossible to fully prepare for. He also said that residents should demand the highest possible return on their transportation tax dollars, but that VDOT is doing as much as it can with the funding and equipment it has.

"The potholes will get repaired," Barfield said. "It may take longer than usual, but it will happen. We have a wonderful infrastructure in Northern Virginia and there will be bumps along the way, but it's a cycle. It comes and it goes, and this is one of those years where it goes."

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THINGS TO DO

Something Sweet's in the Oven

National Capital Area Cake Show comes to Woodson High this weekend.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Cake lovers from far and wide will flock to Woodson High this weekend for the second annual National Capital Area Cake Show. World-class sugar artists will display their cake-decorating skills, while showing off their creativity and ingenuity.

“The show ... features 19 big names in the cake industry.”

— Norm Smith,
The Sweet Life
Cakery

Innovative wedding-cake art, hot trends in decorating, live challenges, classes and demonstrations by many of the top names in the world of cake decoration are just a few of the many treats in store for attendees.

Show times are Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, March 21, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and various ticket options are available. A \$35 ticket is good for both days, including Saturday's and Sunday's challenges. Or a \$15 ticket may be purchased for either day and includes that day's challenge. For more information, plus a schedule of classes, see www.cakeshow.org.

During Saturday's live challenge



More than 200 cakes and confectionery foods were on display at the 2009 National Capital Area Cake Show.

from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., famous sugar artists from TV will compete to see who can create the best, 3-foot-tall, circus-themed cake. Sunday's two, live challenges will be “What's in This Box?” from 1:30-2:30 p.m., and the “Haunted Castle Competition” from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

In Sunday's first competition, Norm Smith and Zane Beg, co-owners of The Sweet Life Cakery in Fairfax, will vie against each other and everyone else participating. They'll open up a box and will have to decorate a

cake with whatever items they find inside, such as fondant, flowers, icing, etc. In the second challenge that day, participants will assemble elements they've been given in advance to create a haunted castle.

“It's the second-largest cake show in the U.S.,” said Smith. “People travel for this event from as far away as Texas, Arizona, Florida and Canada. The show has over 250 cake entries in various categories and features 19 big names in the cake industry. Many stars seen on the Food Network and

TLC's ‘Ultimate Cake Off’ will be at this event.”

There's also a wedding cake competition, plus contests for decorations illustrating nursery rhymes. Pound, chocolate and fruit-and-nut cakes will vie in the tasting division, along with cheesecakes; and on Sunday, the cakes in the challenges will be sold by the slice.

In addition, a portion of the cake show's proceeds will benefit two, local charities — Shelter House Inc. and Kristi's Christmas.

THURSDAY/MARCH 18

Fairfax Antique Arts Association: Keep Respect Alive. 10:15 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Mary Lipsey, president of the Fairfax County Preservation Association, will talk about the threat to hundreds of Fairfax County family cemeteries. Free, annual membership fee required to attend subsequent meetings; \$15 per person, \$25 couple. 703-359-2487.

Gesher Used Book Sale. 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at Gesher Jewish Day School, 4800 Mattie Moore Court, Fairfax. Books, DVDs, CDs and video tapes. 703-978-9789.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende. Adults. 703-293-6227.

The Ataris, Set Phasers To Stun, The Automatics, Wings Of Apollo, Cerca Trova and John Wayne Hero. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance. \$15 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Premies Today: A Complementary Medicine Approach to Healing Developmental Delays. 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. With speakers Patricia Lemer, M.Ed., NCC and Ambika Wauters, MFA, Homeopath. 703-229-0835.

FRIDAY/MARCH 19

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Book Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360

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Steve Forbert. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

The Chuck Shaffer Picture Show, Earth Note Syndicate, Dreaming of Eden and Those Passing By. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Spring Scrapbooking Event. 6:30-11:30 p.m. at The Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 2148 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Paper crafting professionals available to help. Ground level cropping space, free massages, access to a tool table and more. \$25. All proceeds go to the Dunn Loring Fire and Rescue Dept. Register at www.dlvfrd.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 20

Tuskegee Airmen Group Honored. 4-9 p.m. at Mott Community Center,

12111 Braddock Road, Fairfax. The movie about the lives of the Tuskegee Airmen will be shown, followed by refreshments and a meet and greet with the Airmen. Free, the public is invited. Contact Patricia L. McClenic, 703-324-5641, TTY 711.

Civil War Defenses of Washington, D.C. 2 p.m. at The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Illustrated talk and book signing by Walton H. Owen, Curator and Assistant Director of Fort Ward Museum and co-author of “Mr. Lincoln's Forts: A Guide to the Civil War Defenses of Washington.” Free and open to the public. Books will be for sale for \$50. 703-591-0560.

Japanese Taiko Drum Ensemble Tao: The Martial Art of Drumming. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes before performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$22-\$44. Youth through

grade 12 half price when accompanied by an adult. Tickets available at 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

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

Celtic rock band Mythica. 7 p.m. at Accotink United Unitarian Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. \$12 adv., \$15 at door, under age 12 free. Proceeds benefit the non-profit VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) 703-503-4579 or www.MythicaMusic.com.

Potluck Dinner. 5-9 p.m., at Ravensworth Elementary School, 5411 Nutting Drive,

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SUNDAY/MARCH 21

Lecture by local author **Chuck**

Mauro, "A Southern Spy in Northern Virginia: The Civil War Album of Laura Ratcliffe."

6 p.m. at Panera Bread, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Hosted by Frank Stringfellow Camp #822 Sons of Confederate Veterans. Open to the public. \$5. 703-250-8705 or stringfellowbuva@worldnet.att.net.

N Scale Model Trains will be running from 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK model train club will host its monthly layout. Trains will be running in the caboose as well. \$2 adults, \$1 ages 4-10. 703-425-9225.

NAACP Fairfax County Youth

Council Meeting. 4 p.m. at the George Mason University Johnson Center, Robeson Room, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Meetings are open to youth ages 10-20. restonbell7@gmail.com.

Community Family Fun Day. 1-4 p.m. at Geshher Jewish Day School, 4700 Mattie Moore Court Fairfax. Magic show and balloons by Mr. Twister, moonbounce, make your own matzah, face painting, used book sale, Passover fun and nature activities and crafts. 703-962-9612 or Dmendelson@geshher-jds.org.

Au Pair in America Cultural Fair. 1-3 p.m. at Ernst Cultural Center Gym, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike

Annandale. Au pairs will share their cultures through visual displays, food samples, games and performances. Around the World Scavenger Hunt with prizes for children. Terry Bellus, tbaupair@cox.net.

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The IBIS Chamber Music Society. 7 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Dohnanyi's trio for strings, Jean Francaix's Quintet #2, Ravel's duo for violin and cello and more. Complimentary food/beverages at Meet The Artists reception. \$20 in advance/\$25 at door, seniors and students \$10/\$15.

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West Springfield Crew Boosters Basket Bingo. 1 p.m. at West Springfield High School Cafeteria, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$15 advance, \$20 at the door. Raffles include a Bryce getaway, 32-inch flat screen TV, Amex card, diamond bracelet, gift card bouquet and a Longaberger wrought iron Foyer bench with wall unit. 703-451-9801.

Book Sale. 1-4 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. New and used books and more. 703-293-6227.

Bluegrass Brunch with Dead Men's Hollow and Lisa Kay Band. 1:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$8. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

An Evening with Al Petteway and Amy White. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

MONDAY/MARCH 22

Jonathan Austin: Magic and Juggling. 2:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Magic, juggling and unicycling fun. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$2 cover. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 23

Frances Perkins, New Deal Pioneer. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Kirstin Downey discusses her book, The



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Woman Behind the New Deal. 703-978-5600.

Inova Blood Drive. 1-6:30 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Photo ID required. Appointments preferred, call 1-866-256-6372. Adults.

Teen Book Group. 6 p.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. What's hot and what's not. Age 12-16. 703-644-7333.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 24

Consciousness, Meaning and Your Calling in Life. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University

Drive, Fairfax. Presented by George Mason University's Center for Consciousness and Transformation. Light refreshments included. \$20. Pre-registration recommended at http://cct.gmu.edu.

Joan Marie Giampa Opening Reception: Image Archaeology Doctoral Exhibition. 5 p.m. George Mason University Hall Atrium Gallery, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-349-7178.

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

Jim Weider's Project Percolator. 8

p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/MARCH 25

Think Spring! 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Story time celebrating spring. Ages 2-5 with an adult. 703-249-1520.

Book Club Kids: Planting a Rainbow. 10:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Book club for 3-5 year olds. Activities and fun centered around "Planting a Rainbow" by Lois

DRUM SHOW

Japanese Taiko Drum Ensemble Tao presents The Martial Art of Drumming this Saturday and Sunday at the George Mason University Center for the Arts.

Ehlert. Children should be familiar with this story before coming. 703-644-7333.

An Evening with Joseph Arthur. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/MARCH 26

Choral concert by the James Madison University Chorale and Madison Singers. 7 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Free. www.providencechurch.org/music or 703-978-3934.

The Hint, Struan Shields and Ever Since Beginnings. 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$13 at the door. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles with Memphis 59. 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

George Mason University Dance Company's 2010 Gala Concert. 8 p.m. at the GMU Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$20 adults, \$12 students and seniors at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/MARCH 27

The City of Fairfax Band Association Presents Old Friends, New Friends. 8 p.m. at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. \$13 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and free for under age 18. Purchase tickets online at www.fairfaxband.org. Group discounts are available with advanced sales. 703-757-0220.

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cation system, saying that all streets would have been plowed quickly if VDOT had better communication with its plow operators. He said that he received calls from constituents complaining that their streets were not plowed for more than a week. He added that the poor communication hindered VDOT's ability to adapt to the changing nature of the situation.

"As we saw some problems it occurred to me that the communication between you and the people in the plows is the issue," Cook said. "If you don't have a way to communicate with drivers and they're not in the office, that's not helping anyone. You have to have a management structure that allows you to change during the event."

Another area in need of change, several supervisors said, is the issue of private contractors. Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) questioned the work of the private contractors hired by VDOT to assist in plowing efforts, saying that the contractors were not held accountable for their work, and in turn, neglected to plow many streets. He called for more monitoring of their work and suggested that VDOT provide incentives for good performance.

McKay also took issue with private contractors, but in terms of contractors hired by homeowners' and civic associations. He said that many of his constituents told him that their plows were willing to plow streets outside of these neighbors and that they were willing to incur the cost to help the community. However, due to VDOT restrictions, only VDOT staff or contractors hired directly by VDOT can plow VDOT roads.

"A suggestion I heard from HOAs is that they would have been happy to do VDOT streets but they couldn't because of liability issues," McKay said.

While the summit provided answers to some of the most pressing questions that arose from the snowstorms, Salehi and Vlacich both said that even if the preparation was better and the response more efficient, the sheer volume of the snow would have hampered any efforts.

"The snow impacted residents, neighborhoods, our families and us," Vlacich said. "Our goal, first and foremost, is to do the most good in the quickest amount of time. We don't have all the answers, but we're constantly trying to improve."

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Three Added to Local Hall of Fame

Bruins' Jim Poythress named Coach of the Year.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Dallas Cowboy Jason Witten might one day be immortalized in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, but his first hall of fame honor is Fairfax's to

claim.

On March 14 at the McLean Hilton, the Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame inducted the six-time, Pro Bowl tight end and former Vienna Youth linebacker to its illustrious roster of local football legends.

"There's no question that the experiences I had [at Vienna Youth] helped me reach my dreams," Witten said. "Thank you for helping make my dreams come true."

Witten was unable to attend the ceremony due to duties with the NFL Players Association and its yearly meeting in Hawaii, but his award will be held in Fairfax until next year's ceremony and he vowed to claim it in person.

Former Robinson Secondary School head football coach Nick Hilgert joined Witten as one of the three 2010 inductees to the Hall of Fame.

Hilgert, who served as head coach from 1983 to 1996, was the first Robinson head coach to take the Rams to the state football finals in 1988. Hilgert also worked as an assistant coach at Hammond High School and Marshall High School.

Known for being a likeable coach and teacher, Hilgert used his time at the podium to remind the

student-athletes in attendance to strive for excellence in everyday life.

"There's a lot more to [sports] than winning and losing ... you don't just go out for sports to be winners," he said. "Always do your best. If you do your best, then you're not a loser. Learn more, study more, work hard and don't be satisfied with average."

Richard Herman of Fort Belvoir Sports also was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his decades of service to area youth sports. In 1993, he founded a select basketball program, and in 2000 founded a youth track club.

He currently is the Fort Belvoir youth football commissioner.

"I love children and I'll probably do this until the day I die," he said. "I appreciate this award and I'm very humbled."

"Thank you for helping make my dreams come true."

— Jason Witten

IN ADDITION to the Hall of Fame inductions, various service and player of the year awards also

were handed out.

Josh Hogan (W.T. Woodson), Kevin Samson (Madison), Anton McCallum (Hayfield), Brian Laiti (Robinson), Hunter Debutts (Episcopal) and Bo Revell (Battlefield) were named the High School Players of the Year.

Jim Poythress (Lake Braddock) and Mickey Thompson (Stone Bridge) were named High School Coaches of the Year.

Solomon Thompson Jr. won the Karl Davey Memorial Award. John Page won Official of the Year and Joe Swarm, director of student activities at Marshall High School, won the Tom Davis Meritorious Service Award.

Damian Caracciola, Southwestern Youth Association youth football commissioner, won the Gene Nelson Commissioner's Award.



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Lake Braddock football head coach Jim Poythress was named Coach of the Year at the ceremony. Poythress led the Bruins to a state finals appearance in 2009.

Determination Leads to Dream School

Robinson's Mickey Bennett chases his dream of wrestling for West Virginia University.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Mickey Bennett, a 145-pound wrestler for Robinson, had just about everything squared away to begin his transition to West Virginia University next fall.

He had paid his first-year tuition deposit and had a roommate and dorm assignment lined up, but a spot on the team's NCAA Division 1 wrestling team was still in limbo.

"West Virginia was my top pick for college," the senior said. "I had been looking at West Virginia for a while. I went to a camp there and hoped they would notice me."

Through various camps and fund raisers at West Virginia, Mickey had attempted to draw attention to his wrestling.

Mickey hoped his first-place finish at the

Northern Region wrestling tournament would earn him a spot on Mountaineer's wrestling team.

No offer came.

His third-place finish in 145-pound class at the Virginia AAA state wrestling tournament didn't yield any news.

"It was getting upsetting," said Marcia Bennett, Mickey's mother. "We hadn't heard anything [about Mickey's recruitment]. We knew they had just recruited two other kids in his weight class. We

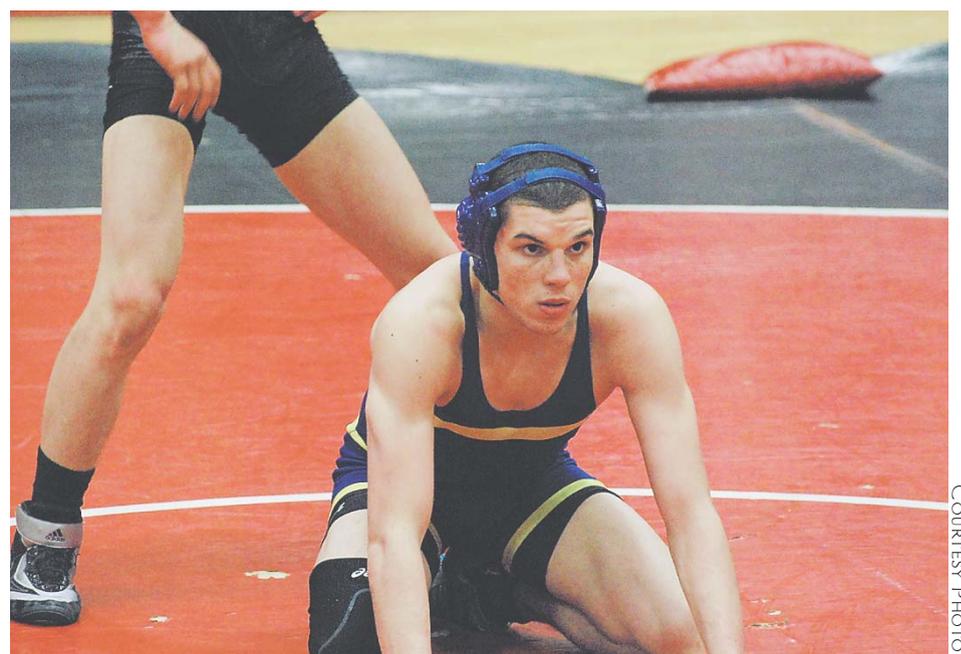
were like 'What now?'"

Mickey Bennett faced a grim situation. It appeared he would have to walk on to the wrestling team and try to earn a spot over wrestlers who had been recruited — some of them national and state champions.

"If I had to walk on, then that's how it was going to be," Mickey Bennett said.

"He was going to make them want him."

— Marcia Bennett



COURTESY PHOTO

Setting his sights on joining West Virginia University's wrestling team, Bennett put in hours of extra work at camps during the summer to better his chances.

As it turned out, Mickey Bennett had been a Mountaineer all along. His family's worried frenzy over his wrestling career had

kept them from performing a simple task.

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Spartans Fall in State Semis

Spartans suffer loss to Lake Taylor in state semifinal matchup.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

For much of the West Springfield girls' basketball season, the Spartans defense had been a catalyst for the team's offense.

Their aggressive style of play helped the team earn a trip to the Virginia AAA state semifinals on March 10 at the Stuart C. Siegel Center in Richmond. In the semi-final match against Eastern Region foe Lake Taylor, the offense couldn't keep pace, resulting in a 56-44 loss.

"We weren't shooting well at all," head coach Bill Gibson said. "You have to shoot at least average, but we weren't doing that."

Jordan Miller led the team in scoring with 12 points. Logan Battle and April Robinson both tallied 10 points. Melanie Todd rounded out the top West Springfield scorers with seven points.

West Springfield's accomplishment of playing in the final four of the state tournament was not lost on Gibson.

"There's 137 AAA teams in the state and to get to the final four is quite an honor," Gibson said. "The kids played real hard and [the loss] is nothing to be ashamed about."

"The kids played real hard and [the loss] is nothing to be ashamed about."

— Bill Gibson

the young team in future big game situations.

"The pressure of being in a big game is something you can't simulate," he said.



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The loss of senior Mel Todd will leave a gap in the Spartans roster next season head coach Bill Gibson said.

Despite the disappointing outcome, Gibson viewed the loss as another learning experience for his young team.

The team's core of Robinson, Battle and Miller will be juniors next season. The Spartans will graduate only five senior players at the end of the year.

Gibson noted that the state semifinals experience will help

The loss ends a top-notch year for the West Springfield girls' basketball team. The Spartans finished the season with a 25-3 record and won the Patriot District championship, but lost to Oakton in the Northern Region finals.

Gibson hopes the young core of players can carry the team back to the state playoffs, but he said replacing Naomi Ngalle, Julia Stejskal, Jaz Gaston and Memi Turay will be tough. Even tougher, though, is finding someone to fill Todd's role.

"When you have a team like this, you look at what you've lost," he said. "We're losing Melanie Todd, one of the best athletes I ever had. We're going to lose her athleticism and the things she did to change the momentum of the game."

Mickey Bennett Climbs to Mountaintop

FROM PAGE 12

"I didn't check the mail during the entire week of regionals and states," Marcia Bennett said. "I pulled out the mail and there was a 3-inch packet from West Virginia saying they would like him to wrestle for them."

Mickey Bennett's dream of becoming a Mountaineer goes back to his first day with the Robinson wrestling team.

Mickey, who played defense in football, wanted something to do during the off-season.

"For 10 years, I played football," he said. "After the season I wanted to try something new."

With no wrestling experience or any understanding of the sport, Mickey Bennett joined the Robinson wrestling team — one of the region's premier wrestling programs — as a freshman.

"When he came into the room, we didn't know what to expect," Robinson head wrestling coach Bryan Hazard said. "He was a

tough kid to deal with, but as he started to gain experience and confidence, he shattered our expectations."

Marcia Bennett didn't know what to expect either.

"I remember picking him up and he was soaking wet. He came out and said, 'This is sweat,'" she said. "I thought he had gotten in a water fight. The next practice I picked him up and he was all wet again. After two or three more days, I realized he wasn't getting in a water fight."

Mickey Bennett spent a season on the junior varsity team where he found such early success that it prompted him to make a drastic change in his sporting life.

"I decided to quit football so I could focus on my wrestling," he said.

WITH A renewed focus, Mickey Bennett earned a few matches on the varsity roster in his sophomore year before earning a full-time spot as a junior.

When the season ended and other wrestlers played other sports or took time off,

Mickey Bennett toiled on the mats, chasing his dream.

Mickey Bennett started going to as many wrestling camps as he could, finding any way to improve his skills.

"For two summers in a row, he went to over 30 days of camps," Marcia Bennett said. "He just did a lot of work while everyone else was going to the pool."

Hazard said it's uncommon for a wrestler to enter a program with no experience and reach Mickey Bennett's potential.

"There are people who have been national champions who did not start wrestling until their freshman or sophomore year," he said. But without prior experience, he admitted it can be difficult to achieve Mickey Bennett's success."

With a resumé of impressive victories, Mickey Bennett embarked on his quest to gain the eyes of the West Virginia coaches.

He sent letters of recommendation, visited coaches at the school, attended fund raisers at WVU and wrestled at events where he might be seen by the coaches.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Submit Youth Sports Headlines

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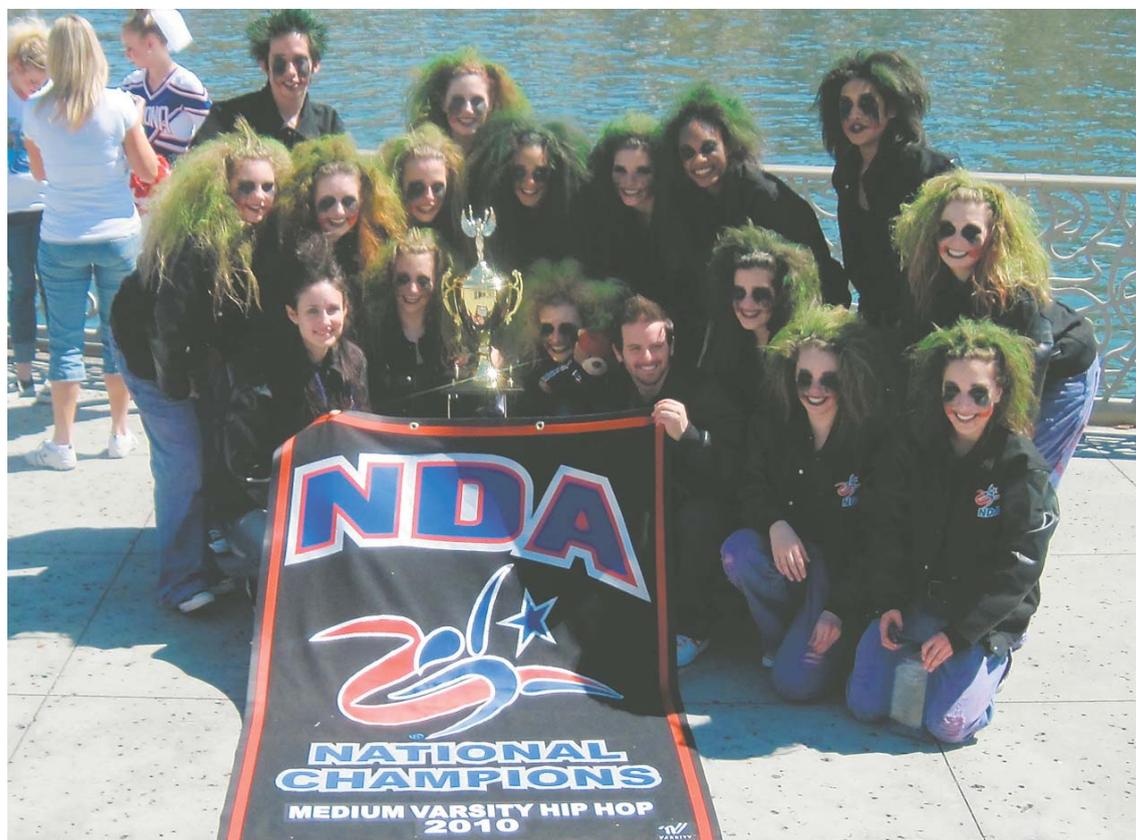


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In addition to winning their category, they were

also recognized for Superior Showmanship for their costuming and execution.

Led by their coaches Tara Perez and Jason King, the team is made up of Morgan Brown, Kate DeClark, Hannah Ernst, Chelsea Kopf, Nicole Mobley, Riley O'Rourke, Dori Shapiro, Kristen Toler, Natalie Wawrzeniak, Kristen Halvorsen, Jordan Penrod, Shawn Spears, Nicky Ditnoy, Sarah Nolen and Sarah Thompson.

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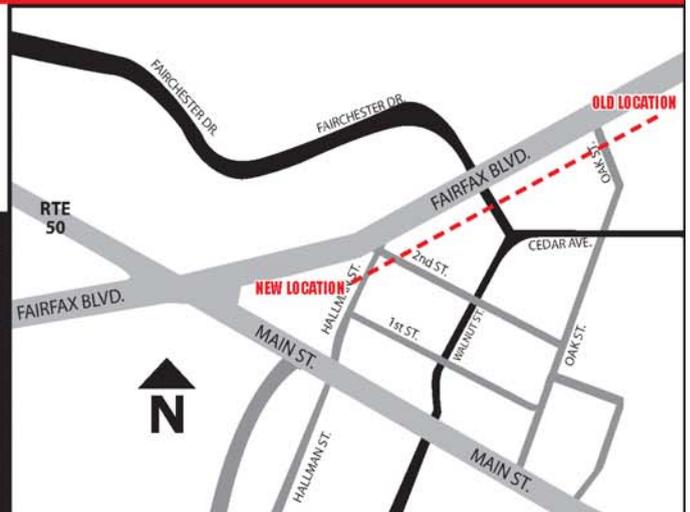
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OPINION

The Transportation Fix

No help on congestion just a small part of spreading pain from budget.

The Virginia General Assembly has adjourned. If for some reason your attention lapsed between the campaign for Governor (Gov. Bob McDonnell took office just two months ago) and now, you might expect a transportation plan as one of the outcomes of this assembly session.

Here is the transportation relief proposed and passed and likely to be signed: the maximum speed limit on some roads will increase to 70 miles-per-hour.

This seems like it might violate equal protection standards, since there are very few hours of the day on any Northern Virginia's roads that getting above 55 is possible. Heck, most of us are really happy if traffic on the Beltway or 66 or 95 or Toll Road moves along at 30 mph without frequent stops.

So in other parts of the state not dominated by congestion, vehicles will be moving faster.

In Northern Virginia, there will be even less

money for even fewer efforts at relieving congestion.

The governor's commitment to fixing transportation, the center of his campaign that boosted him to an election victory even in Fairfax County (not Arlington or Alexandria) turned out to be far weaker than his commitment to eschew any new forms of revenue that might be needed to pay for such a fix.

Seriously, the Governor made no major proposal to the General Assembly on transportation.

EDITORIAL

Many, many people will face hardships that the rest of us can barely imagine because of the greatly pared down budget just passed in the General Assembly, especially people with disabilities of all kinds, working poor families, people who need mental health care, people who are struggling with addictions, families who can't afford health insurance whose incomes are just enough to keep them from getting assistance,

etc.

Localities will press to raise property taxes so they can buffer some of the cuts to education, health care and the safety net passed along from the state.

Parents and students and teachers will feel the pain as school districts struggle to adjust priorities in ways that won't sit well.

And everyone who needs to get anywhere will sit in traffic, wait longer for buses, pay more for rides on public transportation of all kinds.

But don't forget that if you are lucky enough to drive through some of rural Virginia on an interstate, you'll probably get to go 70 miles-per-hour. That should compensate for some of the pain.

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— MARY KIMM

Teen Cough Medicine Abuse

Adults need to be aware of new drug problem.

BY ANA BURNS

The latest and among the most dangerous drug abuse problems has arisen among teens and is creeping across America, affecting many communities. There are codenames for it: *Skittles*, *Robo*, *Triple Cs*, *Dex*, *Tussin* and *Vitamin D*, to mention a few. This is the practice of getting high by taking excessive doses of over-the-counter (OTC) cough medications. These are the same medicinal remedies that we commonly stock in our medicine cabinets and are readily available in drugstores and supermarkets everywhere.

The "high" is caused by dextromethorphan, known familiarly as DXM, and is an active ingredient in more than 100 nonprescription cough syrups, tablets and gel caps like Dimetapp DM, Robitussin, Sudafed and Vicks 44. A normal dose of cough medicine is 15-30 milligrams. Surprisingly, children are sometimes ingesting 25-50 times the recommended doses.

DXM, when used as directed, has a long history of being safe and effective. However, when taken in large doses, it can produce a hallucinogenic high, along with dangerous side effects, caused by the DXM itself or other active ingredients in the medicine. Among them are stomach pain and heart problems, as well as delusions, depression, high blood pressure, loss of consciousness, nausea and vomiting, numbness, rashes and seizures.

Certainly, as a community, we would want to ensure that OTC cough and cold medicines containing DXM remain accessible to those who need them. However, the potential for

abuse among youth, demands immediate attention. Local organizations and concerned individuals should join together to mobilize the community to fight against this growing epidemic.

Authorities tell us that DXM overdoses typically occur in clusters, as word about the "high" spreads in a community's middle and high schools. According to a recent study, it's estimated that one out of 10 people aged 12 to 17, or 2.4 million children from all backgrounds and geographic areas have said they have taken cough remedies to get high.

COMMENTARY

It is vital that adults, particularly parents be aware of the possible signs of abuse. A red flag should be raised if you see your child making frequent purchases of OTC cough preparations from the same or different stores, or from the Internet, hides cough medicine bottles in his/her bedroom, is exhibiting odd behavior; has declining grades; a loss of interest in friends and activities; or is experiencing hallucinations and/or any of the side effects mentioned above.

Be cautious about your medicine cabinets. You should know what is in there, keep track of your medicines, and discard OTC and prescription medications that you don't need. If you suspect a problem, immediately contact a local substance abuse prevention/intervention professional, such as your pediatrician or family doctor. The time to educate and act is now.

Ana Burns has a B.S. in health policy and administration and is an epidemiology program assistant. She is pursuing her masters degree in public health and grew up in the Fairfax area.

Against the Tide?

To the Editor:

I opined that when Ken Cuccinelli (R) was elected Attorney General he would likely become an embarrassment to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Commonwealth has a myriad of problems and turmoil created by the severe downturn in the Nation's economy. Cuccinelli would do better if he helped solve these problems rather than creating new ones.

When he was a state senator, Cuccinelli pursued his own social agenda, which is probably derived from his religious faith, this is understandable. But, his religious beliefs should not be the basis for his actions as Attorney General of Virginia.

LETTERS

Ken Cuccinelli can continue to tilt at windmills in a time when the Nation's Defense Department is trying to fix the "Don't Ask Don't Tell" issue. In my opinion, Cuccinelli is swimming against the tide of history. If [Former Republican Del.] Vincent Callahan thinks Cuccinelli's action is ill-advised, then that's good enough for me.

Some 50 years ago, when I was a student in graduate school, I rode in a carpool for 13 months with another Air Force officer who I later found out had to resign his commission because he was a homosexual. He also had a wife and daughter at the time of our military assignment at school, as did I. My life has been no better or worse because I happened to have been assigned by the military to the same graduate school program

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OPINION

Another Budget Solution

Tough Times? Community Development Authorities deserve a look.

ANDREW A. PAINTER

NO one knows how the Commonwealth's dire \$4.5 billion budget shortfall will be resolved, but it is likely that the General Assembly will again shift a significant portion of the state's budgetary woes to local governments, effectively forcing them to raise local taxes to pay for services. This year's budget crisis is emblematic of the constant dilemma whereby the needs of citizens far exceed the ability of their respective local governing bodies to finance and pay for these needs.

Fortunately, Virginia permits local governments to utilize a myriad of public-private partnership tools to finance services, including Community Development Authorities, or "CDAs." Area governments should give serious consideration to the use of CDAs to help alleviate their budget difficulties and spur economic development. CDAs have been particularly useful for spearheading revitalization initiatives and recently, Fairfax County authorized the creation of a CDA in 2009 to help spur redevelopment in the Merrifield area.

CDAs exist as special taxing districts created by local governments to independently issue tax-exempt bonds. These bonds finance public infrastructure improvements associated with new development. In recent years, the use of CDAs has proliferated across the Commonwealth and have helped to finance a broad range of infrastructure, including transportation improvements, public water/sanitary sewer lines, storm water management, parking and more.

CDA bonds are typically repaid over a 20- or 30-year term from revenue generated from properties within the district, including special property taxes,

special assessments, and/or incremental tax revenues. Where properly used, CDAs not only provide a way to shift certain capital infrastructure costs to the private sector, but also may ultimately free up needed local revenue and debt capacity to pay for other critical services and personnel.

While some localities may be receptive to the idea of creating a CDA, others may be concerned about the potential for default on bond payments. Even where the risk of default is low, many localities remain concerned about how CDA debt will be perceived by credit rating agencies and whether it will indirectly impact their debt capacity.

COMMENTARY These valid concerns can best be addressed jointly by the governing body and developer through proper financial due diligence, the crafting of well-written authorization agreements, governmental oversight, and prudent fiscal policies.

The establishment of a new bond-issuing authority through a successful CDA only comes as the result of careful, deliberative negotiations between private individuals and local government. Forging a mutually-beneficial partnership, developing a transparent process with citizens, and crafting tight ordinances and agreements is critical.

MOREOVER, it is imperative to have an experienced, well-capitalized developer with a strong project in a strategic location that guarantees a reasonable return on investment and an acceptable level of assurance to the participating jurisdiction.

Existing CDAs have shown that they can provide faster delivery of key capital projects than traditional financing arrangements and can have a positive impact on a jurisdiction's taxable real estate values. Wise leadership, strategic partnerships and strong projects that deliver public services and new economic development would be an asset in any budget year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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with a man who today would be categorized as being gay.

I do not know why a man or woman is gay. Some say they are born that way and others say it is because of the environment in which they grew up. Some say it is a combination of both. Be that as it may, I doubt if Ken Cuccinelli knows why, either. Maybe, because of his upbringing, he feels compelled to fix what he perceives to be a problem, which, in my opinion, is bigger than him. If all of us are children of God, I sincerely doubt if a mortal man like Cuccinelli can do anything to change person's sexual orientation. The question then becomes: Does Cuccinelli believe that it is OK to discriminate against people who are gay? Even if, some of them, men and women in our armed forces, are fighting and dying to protect the freedom he and all of us enjoy in our beloved country?

Lon Caldwell
Springfield

Supporting Martin

To the Editor:

I just received an announcement that Scott Martin will be running for the 39th State Senate Seat next year. I can't tell you how happy I am that we will have a principled and common sense candidate running to represent us.

Sen George Barker (D) just voted to the far-left of his own party against SB 417, a Senate bill that would provide the citizens of Virginia constitutional protection against mandated federal health care. Not only is this deeply disturbing, but it is an indication of how out of touch George Barker is with the interests of his constituents.

Show me where in the U.S. or Virginia Constitution it states that the government has the right to force me to obtain a specific health insurance policy for my family and me? Health insurance needs reform, but forcing citizens to obtain government mandated insurance is not only wrong, it is unconstitutional.

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Coming To Our Census: Population Growth

Will Fairfax County's million-plus residents be enough?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

This is one of three articles about the upcoming 2010 census and what to expect in Fairfax County. To see other articles, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

In a little more than a month, the United States will count its residents and update demographic information for the first time since 2000.

Fairfax County residents will receive their census forms through the mail or by hand delivery in the middle of March. The completed forms are due April 1.

The U.S. Constitution calls for each state's apportionment of seats in the House of Representatives to be based on the results of the census that is taken every 10 years. The information gathered during the census is also used to redraw political boundaries at the state and local level.

Fairfax County officials are encouraging all citizens to participate in the census since an increase the county's population could lead to, among other things, a greater num-

ber of representatives in Richmond or on Capitol Hill.

"Political representation is based on our population so we want to make sure we are accurately counted. Our numbers provide us representation in congress. It is also important that we have adequate representation at the General Assembly level," said Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

OVER THE PAST few decades, Fairfax has gained political clout as a result of population counts taken during the 10-year census.

Fairfax acquired a new congressional seat, Virginia's 11th District, when the 1990 census reflected the locality's significant population growth. The Virginia General Assembly also opted to move the 86th District delegate seat from Southwest Virginia to the Herndon area after the 2000 census showed

Growth in Northern Virginia 2000-08

Locality	Additional Residents	Percent of Growth
Fairfax	36,231	4 percent
Arlington	20,500	11 percent
Alexandria	15,600	12.6 percent
Loudoun	120,400	71 percent
Prince William	84,000	30 percent
Virginia	620,228	10 percent

a population boom in western Fairfax.

Following the 1990 head count, local officials also added a new seat, the Sully District, to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

But it is not clear that Fairfax would gain representatives or create new political seats as a result of the 2010 census, even though the number of Fairfax residents has continued to climb over the last decade.

ACCORDING TO ESTIMATES from the census bureau, approximately 1.01 million people called Fairfax County home in 2008, up from 979,000 at the beginning of the

decade.

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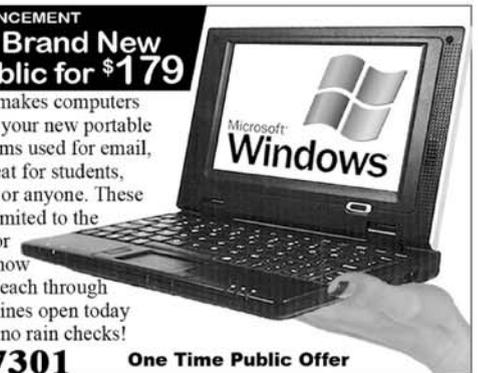


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Will the Numbers Add Up for Fairfax?

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the state as a whole.

From 2000 to 2008, Arlington County has grown by approximately 20,500 residents, an 11 percent increase; the City of Alexandria has grown by 15,600 residents, a 12.6 percent increase; Prince William County has grown by approximately 84,000 residents, a 30 percent increase; and Loudoun County has grown by approximately 120,400 residents, about 71 percent.

"I think, with the population growth, you'll see a movement toward outer Fairfax, Prince William and Loudoun but it is hard to know until the numbers come in," said former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), who helped orchestrate the political redistricting for federal and state seats following the 2000 census.

The number of Fairfax representatives and the state and federal level will also depend largely on which political party controls redistricting since partisans often manipulate political boundaries to their advantage, according to Davis.

If the Republicans are in control, they may try to keep more rural districts, which tend to favor their party, in the legislature.

"You may be able to do four congressional districts in Northern Virginia. It just depends on who draws them," said Davis.

WITHIN THE COUNTY LIMITS, elected officials seem divided and a little hesitant to talk about what local population growth might mean for the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The greatest amount of Fairfax's population growth has taken place in south county around Lorton in the Springfield and Mount Vernon districts. The shuttering of a federal prison and opening of a world-class arts center has led to revitalization and a boom in residential housing in the area.

"There is a lot of growth happening in my district that is not happening in other districts. Fairfax is growing because of that part of the Mount Vernon District," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), who has represented the Lorton

Population Growth, Household Characteristics, Commute

The year 2000 was the last time the U.S. Census did a precise survey of Fairfax County residents but the federal government also collected information through an American Community Survey from January 2006 to December 2008 in order to determine how the county has changed.

Many of the trends found when comparing the 2000 Census data to the 2008 survey estimates are likely to also show up when the 2010 Census is completed.

	Fairfax County		Virginia		USA	
	2000	2008	2000	2008	2000	2008
Population	969,749	1.01 million	7.07 million	7.8 million	281 million	307 million
Households w/ Married Couple	59.4%	56.3%	52.8%	50.7%	51.7%	9.6%
One-person Households	21.4%	25.8%	25.1%	27.4%	25.8%	27.5%
Average Household Size (People)	2.74	2.72	2.54	2.54	2.59	2.61
Average Family Size	3.2	3.29	3.04	3.1	3.14	3.2

area for 23 years.

In 2008, the Mount Vernon District was estimated to have 123,873 residents and the Springfield District came in at 126,116 compared to just 114,702 residents in the Providence District and 109,321 in the Braddock District, according to information provided by Fairfax County's demographic information.

But whether that growth warrants the creation of a 10th magisterial district and an 11th chair on the Fairfax Board of Supervisors is uncertain.

"The change in population could or would justify creating a new district. I don't think there is agreement on the board to do that but we haven't talked about it at all," said Hyland.

HYLAND'S DISTRICT is already fairly divided into two separate communities by the Fort Belvoir Army Base.

Neighborhoods to the north of the base have Alexandria mailing addresses, older

housing stock and the residents tend to be more established, having lived in the county for several years. Families in that part of the district generally attend West Potomac or Mount Vernon High School and their homeowners associations and other civic groups are organized under the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations.

But south of Fort Belvoir, especially in the Laurel Hill area, residents are more likely to be newcomers to the county and younger. Much of the housing stock was recently built and has a Lorton or Springfield mailing address.

Those living south of Fort Belvoir usually attend Hayfield and South County secondary schools. They have their own umbrella civic organization, the South County Federation, and their own regional cultural attraction, the Lorton Arts Center.

"I think Lorton, as it stands now, is pretty disconnected from the rest of the Mount Vernon District. It is a ways from there and it has its own character and own flavor that

is very different from Mount Vernon," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), who sat on the county's political redistricting advisory committee following the 2000 census.

Since Fairfax created its last supervisor seat, Sully in 1991, the census estimates that county's overall population has increased by more than 200,000 residents, or approximately 25 percent.

But even with the large amount of population growth over the last 20 years, Bulova said she is not fond of the idea of creating another magisterial district and seat on the county board.

"We would have an awfully large board with the addition of another district and another member. My personal preference is not to make changes to our boundaries," said Bulova.

Adding another supervisor seat will also lead to more operational costs for the county. Each supervisor currently has their own district office and few members of the staff that are built into the county's budget.

Town Hall Meeting Focuses on County Budget

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we don't have middle school sports, I did what I had to do."

Another major concern for several audience members was the way the county was spending its money. An example cited by audience members, and seconded by Herrity, was the county spending money on housing subsidies for county employees and low-income families. Joana Garcia, a Fairfax Station resident, said that the county is worrying about providing for people from outside of the county

while the money could be used to support the people already within it.

"We have a county purchasing homes that need to be renovated, but we aren't making sure our children have the fundamental building blocks of education," Garcia said. "There are children on my bus route that are riding three across [in a seat] with children on their laps and we're spending all this money on these houses."

Herrity said that he agreed with Garcia's sentiment, saying that the money being spent on the housing program is mostly for county employees living outside the county to move to here. He said that while he drew

criticism for voting against the subsidies, he did so with the belief that the money could be better used to fill budget gaps in education and public safety.

"I've been leading the charge against this, and I'm made out to be the bad guy," Herrity said. "But right now, we need to be focusing on the things that we should be doing. A lot of this [money for housing subsidies] is going to move people from Gainesville to here because they work for the county. That's not the role of the county. Its role is to educate, ensure public safety and get that money to the people who really need it."

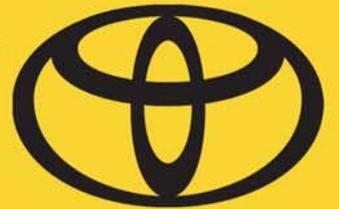
While the disagreements between the

Board of Supervisors and the School Board over the school budget are sure to continue, Herrity said that as long as a bipartisan approach is taken to balancing the budget, the situation will be corrected. A combination of interagency cooperation and citizen involvement, he said, are the keys to satisfying all parties.

"There's a lot in flux right now and this budget needs work," Herrity said. "We need to work through this process with an open dialogue and by doing things that make sense."

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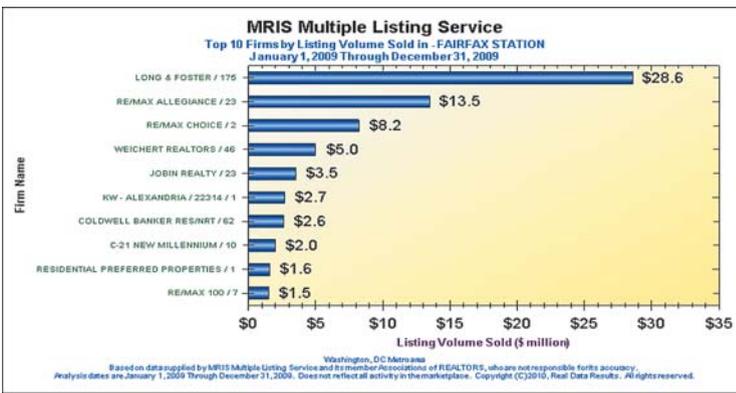
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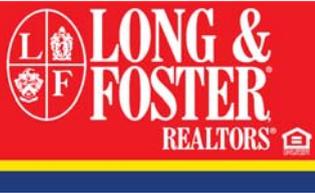


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