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Compromise Reached on Plan Change

Loisdale Road faces new planning due to BRAC.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

As the Fort Belvoir area prepares for a massive influx of new residents and industry as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) move in 2011, many changes are in progress. One of those changes is slated to occur near Loisdale Road, where the Planning Commission has made recommendations on how to zone the area in anticipation of the Department of Defense's consolidation.

THE PLANNING Commission has recommended a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment to the Board of Supervisors to designate portions of a 120-acre area east of Loisdale Road, west of the CSX railroad tracks, south of Loisdale Park and north of Newington Road for office use. The plan amendment, which was the result of a special study authorized by a motion put forth by Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), was proposed to designate a portion of the land for office use to accommodate the needs of the future residents while not disturbing traffic volume.

"The plan amendment has been thoroughly evaluated by staff and the community and is a great compromise," McKay said. "We basically took the existing [Comprehensive] Plan and changed the uses without increasing traffic."

During the 2008-09 BRAC Area Plans Review (APR) process, a group of nominations were proposed to re-plan parcels in and around the study area from industrial to office use. According to the Department of Planning and Zoning's staff report, the purpose of the BRAC APR process was to consider nominations to amend the Comprehensive Plan in the area in response to the Department of Defense's planned move.

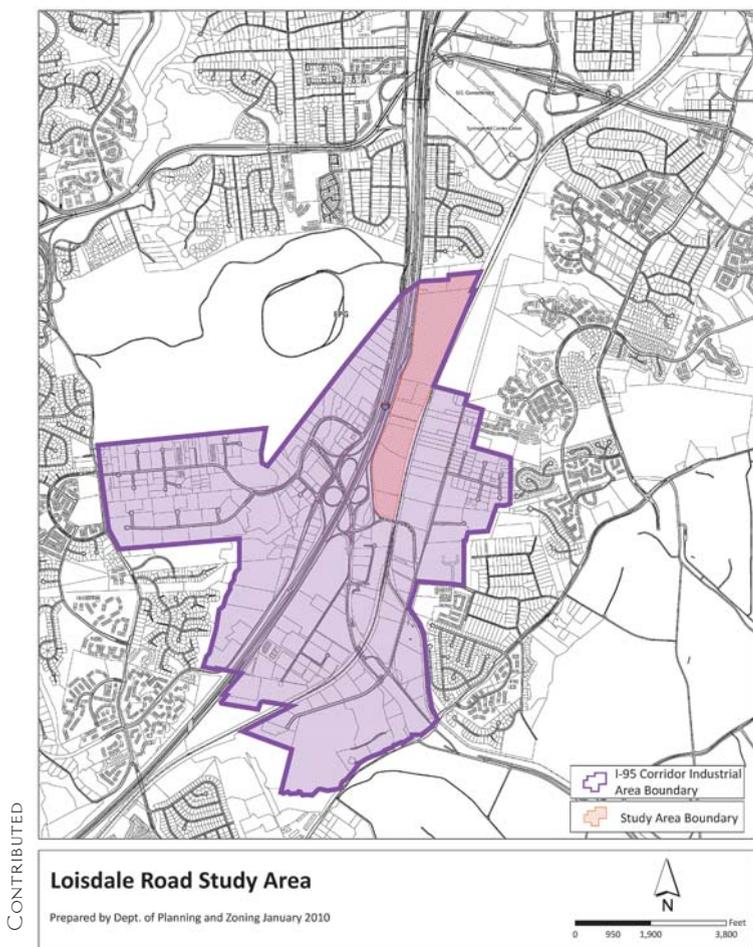
"We basically took the existing [Comprehensive] Plan and changed the uses without increasing traffic."

— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

The staff report said that the move would create a demand for a variety of supportive technical and administrative jobs in private space located near Fort Belvoir, and in turn, a portion of land would be needed to accommodate this anticipated need. In response, the Board of Supervisors authorized the study to analyze the benefits and impacts of each nomination proposed in the APR on Jan. 12, 2009.

"The purpose of the study was to look at whether the proposed land use would be sup

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This map shows the 120-acre plot of land along Loisdale Road that the special study focused on.

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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Newington Reuse Center Opens

U-Haul has added a self-storage reuse center for customers at the Newington U-Haul Center, 8207 Terminal Road. The U-Haul Reuse Program was developed to provide a redistribution network for unwanted, gently used household goods, furniture, sporting equipment, bikes and clothing that formerly were destined for landfills. Items placed in the area are available for reuse, not resale, by the U-Haul community, including U-Haul Team members.

Man Arrested for Shining Laser at Police Helicopter

A Springfield man was arrested after allegedly shining a laser light and a flashlight at a Fairfax County Police helicopter Saturday, Feb. 12.

According to the Fairfax County Police Department, a flight crew was searching for a suspect in an unrelated case around 5:15 a.m. in the area of Newington Forest Avenue and Winding Way when a green laser light and a white light obstructed their vision of the ground and their equipment. They determined the light was coming from Blue Jasmine Court and an investigation by patrol officers led to the arrest of a 46-year-old male resident of Blue Jasmine Court. On Thursday, March 4., the suspect was charged with interfering with the operation of an aircraft and endangering life. He was additionally charged with obstruction of justice.

Interfering with the operation of an aircraft and endangering life is a Class 6 Felony and is punishable by at least one year up to five years in jail, or at the discretion of a judge or jury, not more than 12 months in jail and/or a \$2,500 fine.

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

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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.

PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

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

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NEWS

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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.

Police Seek Hit And Run Vehicle

A 73-year-old Franklin man was seriously hurt Sunday, March 14 when he was struck in a hit-and-run incident outside of Springfield.

According to the Virginia State Police, two vehicles collided in the southbound lanes of Interstate 95 near Exit 166, just south of Springfield in Fairfax County shortly after 4 a.m. One of the drivers, the Franklin man, was standing alongside his vehicle, a blue Ford Taurus, following the crash when he and his car were struck by a passing vehicle at approximately 4:15 a.m.

After striking the man and his car, the other vehicle left the scene. The vehicle of interest is believed to be a large Mercedes sedan or small SUV. The vehicle would be missing its passenger-side mirror and passenger-side molding. It would have also sustained significant damage to its right side and may have blue paint on it from where it struck the victim's car. The elderly gentleman was transported to Fairfax Inova Hospital with serious injuries.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who might be familiar with the hit-and-run vehicle is asked to please contact the Virginia State Police Fairfax Division at 703-803-0027 or email the Area 48 Office at Area48@vsp.virginia.gov.

Mutt Love Rescue Online

Mutt Love Rescue of Springfield, has joined other animal welfare organizations in the area that list their homeless pets on Petfinder.com, an online database of adoptable animals. The site currently has more than 288,500 homeless pets listed, and it is updated continuously. Mutt Love Rescue pets may be viewed at <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/VA545.html>. Potential adopters enter search criteria for the type of pet they want, and a list is returned that ranks the pets in proximity to the Zip code entered. The animal placement group where the pet is housed handles the adoption. Each group has its own policies.

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- Reduce services for children and teens
- Cut the library budget by nearly 1/3 over two years
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PEOPLE

Connection Salutes Top Carriers

Washington Irving Middle School eighth grader **Amy Berglund** excels at a variety of interests: all A's honor roll, first chair alto sax in the Symphonic Band, Potomac Valley Vogues AAU basketball player and an NVSL All-Star and AAU swimmer with the Mason Makos since age 7. Leisure time will find her playing more basketball, bike riding, reading or cheering on the Minnesota Vikings. Vacations generally take the Berglunds back to Minnesota where the family has a cabin and can enjoy tubing and riding ATVs. Amy's paychecks are saved to pay for national basketball tournament fees, at which her team two years ago placed 13th in the country. She hopes to play for the West Springfield varsity basketball team next year.



Amy Berglund



Talia Lagerberg

CARRIERS OF THE YEAR

Springfield Carrier **Talia Lagerberg** seems to do it all. She's a runner and pole vaulter for the Spartans; she plays piano, violin and sings; and she still makes time for movies with friends. In addition to her Connection route, which she inherited from her older brother, she serves dinners at the Heatherwood Retirement Community in Burke. This

past summer, her family spent three weeks as part of the 1,400-member cast of the Hill Cumorah Pageant near Rochester, N.Y. Adopted from Russia with her older twin brothers when she was 2, Talia uses some of her paychecks for vet expenses and toys for her miniature poodle, Remington.

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

— ANN OLIVER



PHOTO BY ANN HIGGINS

Sheridan Wins Passport Prize

As the grand prize winner in the 2009 DC's Wine Country Loudoun Passport Program presented by the Loudoun Wineries Association, Terrence Sheridan of Springfield won a two-night stay at Lansdowne Resort. To be eligible for the prize, Sheridan had his Loudoun Wine Passport stamped by nine different participating Loudoun wineries during the year. The 2010 Touring Guide to DC's Wine Country will be available at the Loudoun Convention and Visitors Association at 112-G South Street (Market Station) in Leesburg, and at all Loudoun wineries. For more information on DC's Wine Country go to www.loudounfarms.org. Here, Sheridan, left, receives his grand prize from Stephen Mackey, president of the Loudoun Wineries Association.



The Doctor Is In

Springfield Estates Elementary School principal **Mary Randolph** reads to a class of fourth-graders on Friday, March 5. The school was celebrating Read Across America Day. Randolph was wearing a Cat in the Hat style in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2.

COLLEGE NOTES

Elizabeth S. Bognanno of Springfield made the honor roll list during fall semester at Gardner-Webb University. The honor roll list recognizes outstanding college students who achieve a GPA between 3.2 and 3.7 through outstanding academic contribution during a semester.

The following Springfield students are on Marymount University's fall 2009 dean's list: **Zohra Amin**, who is majoring in business administration; **Lindsey Bell**, who is majoring in politics; **Mary Cameron**, who is majoring in nursing - accelerated BSN program; **Jenna Hampton**, who is majoring in business

administration; **Eva Hua**, who is majoring in fashion merchandising; and **Sheyda Isazadeh**, who is majoring in biology. To be named to the dean's list, students must carry a full academic load that semester, be in good academic standing and have a grade point average of at least 3.4.



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Turkmenistani Officials Visit VDOT Office

On Friday, Feb. 12, Turkmenistani transportation officials attended a briefing at the Virginia Megaprojects office in Springfield as part of an Urban Traffic Planning program in the Department of State's World Learning Visitor Exchange Program. Turkmenistan is an eastern European country and construction crews are currently building a beltway around their capital city of Ashgabat, so the officials were interested in the public-private partnership funding the HOT Lanes program.

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.

PEOPLE NOTES

CAMPS & SCHOOLS



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Members of the Springfield Estates Elementary SCA recently visited the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Students Visit U.S. Capitol

Springfield Estates students take in sites.

BY EMILY WILSON
SPRINGFIELD ESTATES

Rain. Fog. This was the weather SCA members of Springfield Estates Elementary School experienced as they walked towards their field trip destination: the U.S. Capitol.

Although the weather was not ideal, the students made their way to the visitor's center and went through security. After walking through a set of heavy doors, a breathtaking sight met their eyes. The students saw the Emancipation Hall, where a huge marble replica of the statue of Freedom stood, as well as many other famous figures captured forever in marble and bronze. There was a fountain and plants in pots set artistically in the room. While waiting, chaperones took many photos of their groups in front of the fountain, plants, statues or Freedom. Finally, everyone got into line and watched a film about the history of the Capitol and Congress. Then, the tours began.

The officers and representatives of the SCA were split into two groups to take their tour. They visited many famous places in the Capitol: the dome, the Crypt and the Statuary Hall. In the dome, the tour guides showed the students and their parents the famous oil paintings, many of which the slightly older students recognized from their textbooks. Guides showed students which way led to the sides of the building where the Senate and the House of Representatives meet. The dome was huge, and the tour guide announced that they could fit the Statue of Liberty inside, and they would

still have some room left over. At the very top of the dome, there was a painting of George Washington's ascension into Heaven. He was sitting upon a cloud, with 13 maidens with stars above their heads seated near him, to symbolize the 13 original colonies. The scene was painted right underneath the pedestal of Freedom, the famous statue of a woman who stands at the top of the Capitol dome, facing east. Students were very impressed with the beauty and splendor of the dome.

After the dome, the tour guides took the students into the Statuary Hall, where many famous American people stood, in marble and bronze. Tour guides pointed out a famous attraction, the statue of a man from Florida, who invented the air conditioner. But what wowed many students was when the tour guide walked away about 10 feet and whispered towards the floor, and anyone in the room could hear her loud and clear, as though she

shouted it. Guides informed everyone that the Statuary Hall houses many important events, including the Inauguration Luncheon. Many of us might have a vague memory of the room where President Barack Obama had his inaugural luncheon. The last room students visited was the Crypt. There were short, stocky columns placed around the room, and guides explained that this rather odd looking architecture was necessary to support the extremely heavy dome. One of the most historic features of the Crypt is the Compass Stone, the place where the four quadrants of D.C. meet. Surrounding the perimeter of the room were statues of famous people from the original 13 colonies stood. From Virginia was Robert E. Lee.

All in all, students gathered much information from the trip to the Capitol Building. The SCA of Springfield Estates had a grand time.

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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.

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

THURSDAY/MARCH 18

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

FRIDAY/MARCH 19

Kix, ZO2 and more. 8:30 p.m. at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$27 advance, \$30 door. 703-569-5940.

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

SATURDAY/MARCH 20

Gunston Hall 31st Annual Kite Festival. 12-5 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Puppet show, hands-on archaeology, open-hearth cooking, and a modern-day fire truck. Bring a kite or purchase one from the Museum Shop. Costumed characters introduce 18th-century games, penmanship with a real quill pen and basket weaving. Picnic foods and baked goods available for purchase. Adults \$10, \$6 ages 6-18, \$2 ages 2-5 years. \$25 Family Admission for 2 adults and up to three children. 703-550-9220 or www.GunstonHall.org.

Cranford United Methodist Women's Ham & Oyster Dinner. 4-7 p.m. at Cranford United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road, Lorton. Fried oysters, baked ham and much more. All proceeds go to mission work. 703-339-5382.

Northern Virginia Chorale and Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Chorale. 7 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. Haydn's Missa Brevis St. Joannis Deo (Little Organ Mass) and Lord Nelson Mass plus Handel's Coronation Anthem, directed by Robert S. Webb, Jr. and accompanied by a professional chamber orchestra. Adults \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Age 12-24 \$10, under age 12 free. 703-239-2180 or www.northernvirginiachorale.org.

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.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers

who earned up to \$49K. Adults. 703-339-4610.

PAWS to Read. 11 a.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Read with a trained reading therapy dog, for a ten-minute session. Call to register. Age 6-10. 703-339-7385.

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

Potluck Dinner. 5-9 p.m., at Ravensworth Elementary School, 5411 Nutting Drive, Springfield. Celebrate 50th anniversary of Ravensworth Farm.

SUNDAY/MARCH 21

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.

Taking Saturn, A Sound of Thunder, Dance Party Hazard, Misanthrope, The Trouble With Satellites, Upon Disfigurement, Ashes of the Massacre and more. 1:15 p.m. at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940. \$10 advance; \$12 door.

MONDAY, MARCH 22

Read to the Dog. 4:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Read to a Therapy Dog. Call to register. 703-339-4610.

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

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 24
West Springfield Pyramid Art

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Show. 6:30 p.m. at West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. An evening of art spanning the elementary level to high school. 703-913-6800.

Open Irish Song Session. 8:30 p.m. at Hard Times Cafe, 6362 Springfield Plaza, Springfield. Open to anyone who would like to sing or listen to Irish songs. 703-913-5600.

SevenMaryThree. 7:30 p.m. at Jaxx 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$20 advance; \$23 door. 703-569-5940.

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.

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

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

FRIDAY/MARCH 26

St. Bernadette School Art Show. 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Bernadette School, 7602 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a life-sized paper mache

tree made by the art teacher and parents and filled with students' origami projects. 703-451-8696.

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

SATURDAY/MARCH 27

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.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers

who earned up to \$49K. Adults. 703-339-4610.

Death Row Reunion, One Slack Mind, Acid Queen and more. 6:15 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$17 advance; \$20 door. 703-569-5940.

MONDAY/MARCH 29

Read to the Dog. 4:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Read to a Therapy Dog. Call to register. 703-339-4610.

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

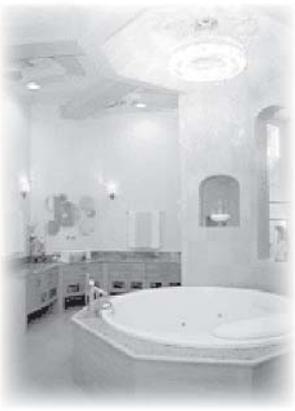
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Annual Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax. Local historian John Murphy will discuss the "History of Fairfax Station from the Early Days to 1900". Free and open to the public. 703-425-9225.

TUESDAY/MARCH 30

Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Evening stories and activities. Pajamas and stuffed animals welcome. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-339-4610.

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Honoring Women's History

Lorton Workhouse performances mark Women's History Month.

On Sunday, March 21, the Workhouse Arts Center presents two performances in honor of Women's History Month — "The Remarkable Susan" by Tim Kelly and "Petticoats in Politics" by Kate Campbell Stevenson.

The South County Secondary School Theatrical Arts Troupe presents "The Remarkable Susan" at 1 p.m., in Gallery Building W-16. Set in a late 19th century courtroom, the drama centers on Susan B. Anthony, who is on trial for the crime of casting a ballot.

At 2 p.m., Kate Campbell Stevenson offers characterizations of early 20th century women who led the fight in securing women's right vote in "Petticoats in Politics." Both performances are free.

The presentation is part of the Workhouse exhibit "Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM RADCLIFFE

Kate Campbell Stevenson as Eleanor Roosevelt

the Arts," a statewide celebration honoring women in the Commonwealth and their contribution to the arts. Learn more by visiting www.vamindswideopen.org.

The Workhouse Arts Center is located at 9601 Ox Road, Lorton.

VDOT Snow Response Reviewed

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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 communication 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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Open Mic w/Bob Gaynor of The Roadducks. 8 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. 703-569-5940.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 31

Open Irish Song Session. 8:30 p.m. at Hard Times Cafe, 6362 Springfield Plaza, Springfield. Open to anyone who would like to sing or listen to Irish songs. 703-913-5600.

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

VH1's Brittanya O'Campos, Pretty Boi Mo & Romeo, DJ Legacy, DJ Pootie, DJ Skeem and DJ Skoobie. 8 p.m. at Jaxx, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$15 advance; \$20 door. 703-569-5940.

THURSDAY/APRIL 1

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

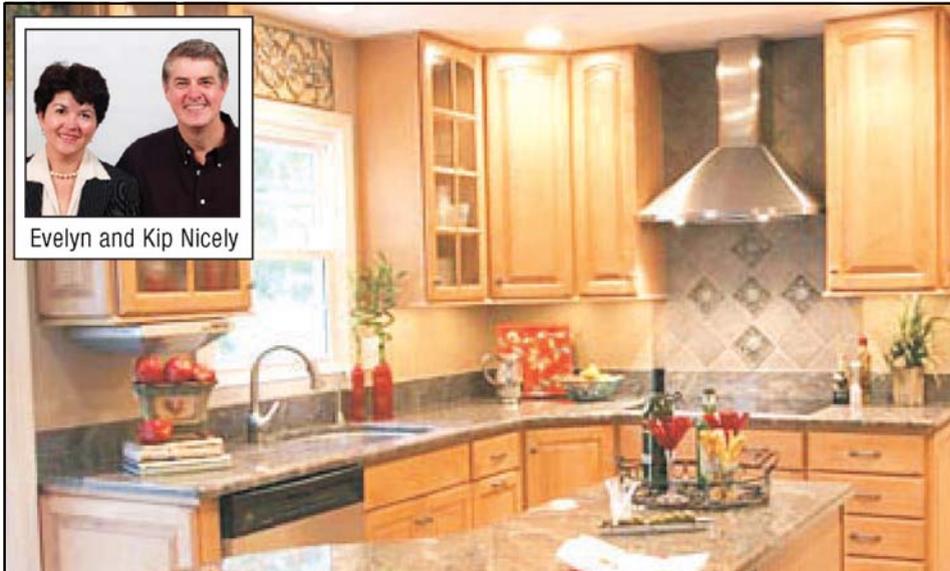
FRIDAY/APRIL 2

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

SATURDAY/APRIL 3

Easter Egg Hunt. 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Children up to grade 6. Prizes for children who find specially marked eggs.

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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.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

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."

College Recruits Senft, Pulos To Power Lancers

Ferrum-bound recruits Andrew Senft, Damian Pulos set to lead Lee lacrosse team.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

For much of their high school careers, Robert E. Lee lacrosse players Andrew Senft, attack, and Damian Pulos, goalie, have spent afternoons together practicing in the backyard.

"Not a day goes by that we don't practice together," Senft said. "We're always trying to better ourselves."

Senft, whose primary job is to score goals, says he has the book on Pulos' goaltending, knowing all of his moves. Pulos contends it's the other way around.

"It's vice-versa," Pulos said. "I know all of his skills."

So when the Ferrum College-bound Senft

was asked by his college head coach Nat St. Laurent if the area had any other impact players he should look at, one player came to mind.

"He asked me if I knew anyone else who would be interested [in playing at Ferrum]," Senft said. "I knew he was lacking a goalie, so I mentioned Damien and sent him some highlights."

"We're always trying to better ourselves."

— Andrew Senft

While Pulos wanted to play lacrosse in college, the offers just weren't coming. "I was thinking about [playing in college]," he said. "But I wasn't getting a lot of looks from coaches. So I thought about just going to a good school."

Senft's scouting report caught St.

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PHOTO BY REED S. ALBERS/THE CONNECTION

The Lee lacrosse team huddles up for a team meeting during their March 15 practice. The Lancers are hoping to contend in the Patriot District, but feature a lineup of first-year players.

WEEK IN SPORTS

Submit Youth Sports Headlines

The local youth winter sports seasons are ending and the Connection doesn't want any child's accomplishments to go unnoticed.

In order to have youth sports items printed or posted on the Web, send the information to Sports Editor Reed S. Albers at ralbers@connectionnewspapers.com.

Travel Soccer Try Outs March 20

The U17 boys travel soccer team, the Patriots F.C. are looking to add experienced players and a goalkeeper to their roster.

U17 Boys, is an NCSL team that plays year round and draws players from the Centreville, Chantilly, Clifton, Manassas, Burke, Springfield, Fairfax and the Fairfax Station areas.

Tryouts are Saturday, March 20, from 9-11 a.m. in the Centreville area.

The Patriots F.C. are coached by Bill Walter, a former NCAA collegiate player who holds a USSF National License and professionally trained by Fabio Vicente, a former Division 1 Brazilian Professional Player.

Players interested in trying out for the Patriots should contact the VBSC Patriots F.C. Manager Jack Dulan at dulang@cox.net or Walter at billybobandktr@aol.com or 571-259-1000.

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."

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.

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

— Jason Witten



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.

Duo Powers Lee LAX

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Laurent's eye. The Ferrum coach called Pulos and asked if he'd want to be play for the Panthers. Pulos' answer was short: yes.

"We got in touch and then I visited Ferrum," Pulos said. "I think it's going to be a real good program."

The two Lancers will be members of Ferrum's first-ever men's lacrosse team. Ferrum, a four-year university in Ferrum, Va., near the Blue Ridge Mountains, will play in the NCAA's Division 3 ranks.

Lee head coach Daniel DiPirro expects his two star players to continue their success at the next level.

"They're going to bring an honest work ethic [to Ferrum]," he said. "They bust their humps. They're all about lacrosse 24/7."

With Ferrum's first men's lacrosse game on the distant horizon, Senft and Pulos are more concerned about their upcoming season as Lancers.

"I'm confident in our team," Senft said. "We lost two seniors last year, but everyone [who is] coming back is ready. We also have a lot of first-year players who are busting

their tails."

DiPirro's assessment of the team is similar to Senft's.

"Our strength is in our attack and goalie," he said. "The [defense] needs to pick it up a bit."

Senior defender Killian Gallagher, a veteran from the youth leagues, will lead a rookie defense, that features some players who "haven't played a lacrosse game in their life," he said.

"They're picking up the game fast," he said. "They have been able to just pick up the sticks and cradle and pass just like that."

The Lee team also will feature some former football players from the school's Division 5 AAA Northern Region runner-up squad.

"We have pretty good size," Gallagher said. "Where we lack in stick work, our size takes over."

That doesn't mean the Lancers will rely solely on brute strength to keep attackers at bay.

When it's time to face "West Springfield and Woodson, we're going to be stronger," he said. "We're going to get the stick skills."

Five Questions with Lee Lacrosse Player Killian Gallagher

Q: What music are you listening to before the start of the game?

A: Actually, I listen to DMX's "X gonna give it you" before every single game. It just hypes me up.

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

A: [New England Patriots quarterback] Tom Brady. He gets all the ladies. He is the man.

Q: Lacrosse defenders always have some story behind why they're in the position. What's yours?

A: To be honest, my Dad was a coach. I was never given the chance to play any other position. He stuck a long pole in my hands right away.

Q: Why do you love lacrosse?

A: I just enjoy being out here on the field. It cools me down. I could be in the worst mood during school and then get on the lacrosse field and it all disappears.

Q: What sport would you be playing if you weren't playing lacrosse?

A: I would probably be doing football or wrestling.

— REED S. ALBERS



Killian Gallagher

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.

The county is still, by far, the largest locality in Virginia, claiming one in every seven or eight residents of the commonwealth. Virginia's second largest locality, Virginia Beach City, is less than half the size of Fairfax, with approximately 470,000 residents.

From 2000 to 2008, Fairfax's population is estimated to have grown a little more than 4 percent.

During the same time period, Virginia's population grew by about 10 percent.

If the 2008 census estimates prove true, Fairfax went from accounting for 13.7 percent of Virginia's population in 2000 to 12.9 percent in 2008. And one percentage point is equal to approximately one seat in the 100-person House of Delegates.

If anything, Fairfax's Northern Virginia neighbors appear more likely to gain political seats or extra representatives in Richmond and on Capitol Hill, given that they have grown at a faster rate than the rest of

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Changes Ahead for Loisdale Rd.

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ported by the roads and transportation structure," said Brian Worthy of the county's Office of Public Affairs. "There is already some industrial development in that area and as planners looked at the alternatives, they wanted something that would not generate much traffic."

In the study, planning and zoning staff evaluated two nominations, or alternatives, for the plan amendment. The first alternative was proposed by Schaeffer Industrial, which currently owns a large amount of the land in the area. According to the staff report, the nomination proposed 1 million square feet of office use on approximately 30 acres. The second alternative, proposed by Bruce Smith of Bruce Smith Law on behalf of an unidentified client, considered designating 200,000 square feet of office use on approximately 23 acres and a 100,000 to 150,000 square foot automobile dealership on approximately 30 acres. According to the staff report, the first alternative adhered more to the original BRAC APR, while the second was proposed to propose a level of development that would not produce significantly more traffic than the area's current Comprehensive Plan dictates.

The study, Worthy said, showed that the second alternative was more effective in providing office space for future residents while keeping traffic volume in check. Ac-

ording to the report, the second alternative was "well suited" for campus-style office use because it would provide a buffer between the higher intensity industrial area of the Engineering Proving Ground and local residential areas. A plan for a car dealership was included because it is considered an industrial use, but the commission felt that it would not generate significant traffic. However, Worthy said that a car dealership might not necessarily be built there.

"Toyota expressed interest in expanding into the area, so that's why [space for a car dealership was included]," Worthy said. "There's flexibility that is being proposed, but it may not end up as a dealership."

WHILE MCKAY hailed the recommendation, members of Loisdale Estates initially had concerns about the construction on Loisdale Road that would accompany the rezoning. Loisdale Estates Civic Association President Bob Stockton said that the recommendation also had language dictating that Loisdale Road was to be widened from two lanes to four in anticipation of the influx of traffic that will be caused by the BRAC move. Stockton said that the proposal to widen the road concerned neighborhood residents because the widening would eliminate the existing turning lane, eliminate some street parking and would move the bike lane to the east side of the road.

Due to these concerns, Stockton said,

Loisdale Estate residents serving on the Lee District Land Use Committee would not give their approval until they were assured that the changes would not have a negative impact. As a result, the committee voted to defer its decision to approve the recommendations until its March 22 meeting. However, Stockton said that county representatives met with the committee Monday, March 15 and assured it that the changes were not going to have a negative effect on traffic flow or patterns. So, he said, he anticipates the committee approving the recommendations when they vote next week.

"We're not opposed to the zoning," Stockton said. "Our concerns were with the widening of the road and the county has addressed it, and we're very happy with that. We are very pleased with the county."

A Board of Supervisors public hearing on the results of the study and the Planning Commission's recommendations is slated for Tuesday, March 23, at 4 p.m. in the Fairfax County Government Center. While the plan has yet to be officially adopted, county officials are satisfied with the Planning Commission's findings and are confident that their constituency will support it.

"This is a great economic development opportunity to support the BRAC moves in a way that accommodates the concerns of nearby residents yet supports overall revitalization efforts in the Springfield area," McKay said.

FAITH NOTES

The Cranford United Methodist Women's 110th Annual Ham & Oyster Dinner will be on Saturday, March 20, 4-7 p.m., at Cranford United Methodist Church, 9912 Old Colchester Road in Lorton. The menu includes fried oysters, baked ham, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, green beans, applesauce, rolls, beverages and desserts. All proceeds from this dinner go to mission work with women, children, and youth. Contact 703-339-5382.

The Institute of Catholic Culture presents a program that focuses on the disintegration of both the Christian secular cultures in the modern world. The featured speaker is Father Paul Scalia, pastor of St. John the Beloved Catholic Church in McLean. The program takes place on Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Free. For more, visit www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org or call 703-504-8733.

Help pack meals. Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, needs volunteers to help prepare meals for the homeless along the Route 1 corridor in Alexandria on Thursday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m., and deliver the bags on Friday, March 26, at 6 p.m. If interested, call 703-971-5151 or e-mail admin@franconiaumc.org.

Bring the children to meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for eggs on Saturday, March 27, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. Crafts, cakewalks, games, cookie decorating, and face painting. Open to the public. www.sumcdisciples.org or 703-451-8223.

CAMPS & SCHOOLS



Spartan Dancers National Champs at Orlando Event

Fifteen students from West Springfield High School recently beat out 15 other high schools from across the country to be named National Champions in the hip hop category at National Dance Alliance National Championships in Orlando, Fla. They won with their choreographed routine called "The Joker" as an homage to the song "Thriller" by Michael Jackson.

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 Moble, Riley O'Rourke, Dori Shapiro, Kristen Toler, Natalie Wawrzeniak, Kristen Halvorsen, Jordan Penrod, Shawn Spears, Nicky Ditnoy, Sarah Nolen and Sarah Thompson.

SCHOOL 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.

Rolling Valley Elementary School is hosting an informal question and answer session with the principal for rising kindergarten parents/guardians on Monday, March 22, at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Call the school office for information or wish make an appointment to register a child for school at 703-923-2700.

Lake Braddock Secondary band director Roy Holder has been elected to a two-year term on the Board of Directors of the American Bandmasters Association. The association is composed mainly of collegiate and professional conductors and approximately a dozen high school band directors. Holder has been a music educator for four decades.

Rolling Valley Elementary School will host its kindergarten orientation for rising kindergarteners and their parents/guardians for school year 2010-2011 on Monday, April 26, at 2 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. For information or wish make an appointment to register a child for school at 703-923-2700.

As part of the national Toolbox for Education program, **Edison Academy** students will receive approximately \$1,100 worth of Kobalt tools. The Toolbox for Education program, a col-

laboration between Lowe's and Kobalt Tools in partnership with SkillsUSA, helps the next generation of trade professionals develop their skills. Edison Academy is one of six high school academies in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Cadet Marianne Nell-Tuscon, the daughter of John and Nancy Nell of Springfield was inducted into the National Honor Society Honor Society at Randolph-Macon Academy on Nov. 7, during Fall Family Weekend. Marianne is a senior at the academy. Marianne also earned a place on the president's list for the first quarter of the school year.

West Springfield High School Wind Symphony has accepted an invitation to perform at the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, in Indianapolis in March 2010. High school and middle school instrumental ensembles around the country audition for the festival through a taped audition sent to Music for All, a national organization that supports active music making. The West Springfield High School Wind Symphony is under the direction of Laurence Einuis.

The following Fairfax County Public Schools teachers earned national board certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) in 2009: **Elena Sonnino (Garfield Elementary); Carol Bolon and Carrie Faxon (Lee High); Erin Fortenberry and Julie Smith (Ravensworth Elementary) and Morgan Greenawalt**

(Sangster Elementary).

The Virginia Board of Education has recognized Fairfax County Public Schools as one of 15 school divisions to receive the 2010 Board of Education Excellence Award for meeting all state and federal accountability benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and for making significant progress toward goals for increased student achievement and expanded educational opportunities. The following Springfield area schools were also recognized with the Excellence Award: **Lake Braddock Secondary, Orange Hunt Elementary and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.**

Several Springfield area schools received the Board of Education Competence to Excellence Award for meeting all state and federal benchmarks for at least two consecutive years and for making progress toward goals set by former Gov. Tim Kaine (D) and the board. Springfield area award winners are **Key Middle, Kings Glen Elementary, Kings Park Elementary, Rolling Valley Elementary and West Springfield High.**

Before he stepped down as governor, Gov. Tim Kaine (D) recognized three Springfield-area public schools with the 2010 Governor's Award for Educational Excellence. The schools are: **Hunt Valley Elementary, Springfield Estates Elementary and West Springfield Elementary.**

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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.

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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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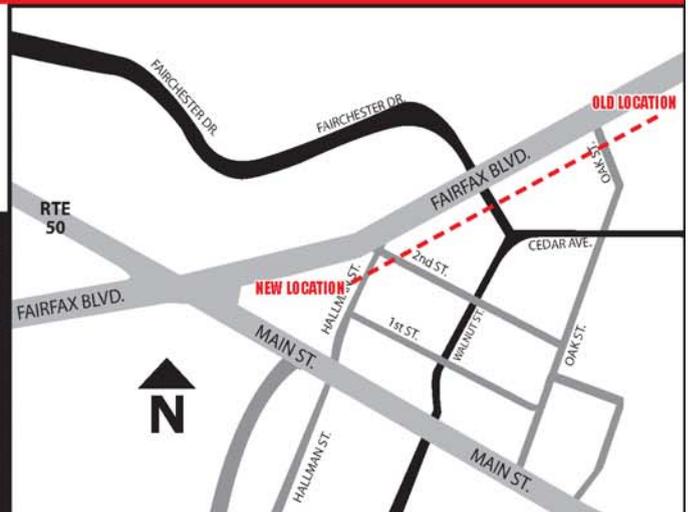
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Another Budget Solution

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?

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Supporting Martin

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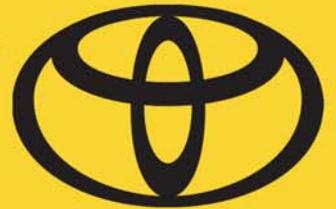
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Sen George Barker (D) just voted to the far-left of his own party against SB 417, a Senate bill that would provide the citizens of Virginia constitutional protection against mandated federal health care. Not only is this deeply disturbing, but it is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

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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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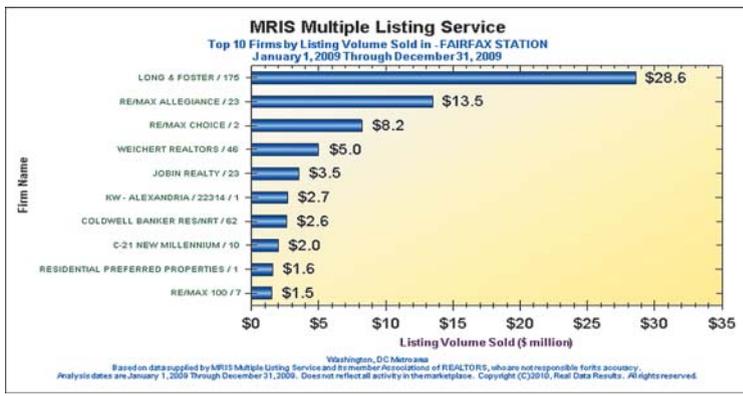
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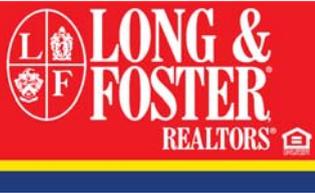


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