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Helping Out the Homeless

FACETS gets \$130,000 in grant money.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
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FACETS, the Fairfax Area Christian Emergency and Transitional Services, strives daily to stamp out homelessness and ensure that every resident of Fairfax County has a bed to sleep in and a warm meal waiting three times a day. Its ambitious mission is often solo, so when the chance for a co-pilot arises, FACETS seizes the opportunity.

FACETS recently received two grants from the Freddie Mac Foundation and the Phillip L. Graham Fund to help further its goal to end homelessness in the county. The grants, totaling \$130,000, were especially beneficial, FACETS leaders said, given the current state of the economy.

"All of us, in this economy, are bracing for grants to be cut and just hoping to get what we got last year," said FACETS Executive Director Amanda Andere. "So, receiving extra grants shows that the community wants the organization to succeed and for those in need to get the help they need."

The gift from the Freddie Mac Foundation was just the latest in the foundation's long history of supporting FACETS, though it is substantially more than past donations. The foundation, formed in 1991, is the non-profit branch of the massive home loan mortgage corporation and strives to create stable home environments for families through a variety of means.

The foundation gave a \$100,000 grant to FACETS to enable the organization to hire additional staff to support its work to find stable housing for the estimated 1,500 homeless families in Fairfax County. According to Andere, FACETS only had one to two people working with 100 families at a time that were on the waiting list prior to receiving the grant money, making it difficult to make an impact. With the money, Andere will hire more staffers who will be able

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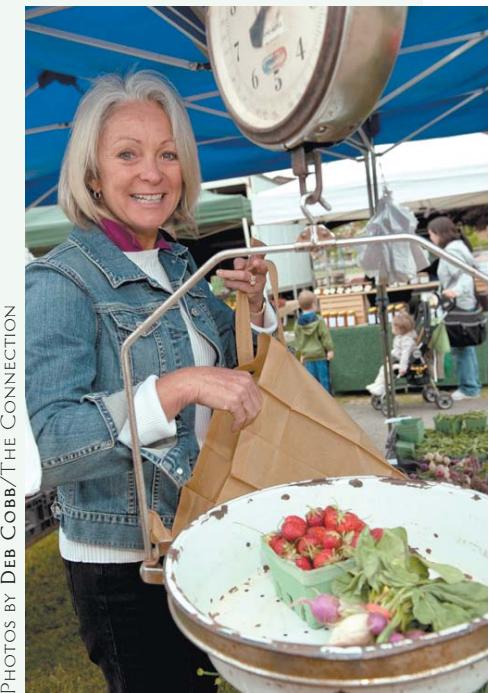
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Rusty Nichols and Pat Stickler sell a variety of prepared meats, soups and other products, including eggs from 'Happy Chickens.' They are with Fertile Plains Custom Pork in Shepherdstown, W.Va.



Fairfax City resident Nicholas Stefanakis, 14 months, is thrilled to get a fresh strawberry from Level Green Farm of Montross, Va.



Barbara Breithaupt of Oakton is a frequent customer at the Fairfax Farmer's Market.



Hannah Thresher, who works for Bees 'n Blossoms, a Providence Forge, Va. apriary, explains to Sean Tingue the health benefits of bee pollen. This is Tingue's first visit to the Fairfax Farmer's Market, 'but I think it's going to be a new hobby of mine,' he says.

Fresh from the Farm

Fairfax residents can shop for fresh produce and more at three farmers markets.

On Tuesday, May 11, City of Fairfax residents visited the Farmers Market at Van Dyck Park. The market is one of 12 in Fairfax County supervised by the Fairfax County Park Authority through the Community Horticulture office. The Fairfax County Markets are local, producer only markets and all products sold are produced within a 125 radius of Fairfax County. The mission of this program is to help sustain local agribusiness and to provide fresh produce and healthy alternatives to Fairfax County

residents.

The Van Dyck Market is open Tuesdays, 8 a.m.-12 noon, through Oct. 26.

The Downtown Fairfax Coalition operates two community farmers markets in Old Town Fairfax. On Saturdays, a market operates from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., through Oct. 30, in the parking lot at West and Main streets behind the Wachovia Bank. On Sundays, a market operates from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., through Oct. 31, in the George Mason Square parking lot across the street from the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

Mayor Lederer Finds 'Courage and Spirit' in Haiti

Fairfax mayor travels to Haiti to support restoration of public health and sanitation.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer saw things that no person should see and made his way down streets no person should have to walk. Death and despair pervaded every corner, every building and every village.

The ghosts of the Jan. 12 earthquake that rocked Haiti and killed 230,000 people were still real as recently as last week, when Lederer and several colleagues went to the island on a three-day public health consultation trip. Though the conditions surrounding him were worse than he could have imagined, his mission, combined with the courage and strength of the Haitian people

made it a voyage he will never forget.

"It's hard to believe, that in 36 seconds, millions of people's lives changed so drastically," Lederer said. "I've never seen anything like it in my lifetime. Haiti was one of the world's poorest countries, and now, it's even worse, but [the Haitian people] are strong and courageous and their fortitude is amazing."

Lederer, CEO of the National Pest Management Association, said that the trip came to fruition because the organization has two member companies in Haiti. Shortly after the earthquake hit, Lederer called them to see if they survived the disaster and the response was grim. That was immediately followed by a plea for help from the country's Minister of Environment. Lederer

put together a delegation of representatives from the association's member companies like Terminix and Orkin as well as a member of the National Institute of Health and other assorted industry experts and traveled to the island.

The group arrived in Haiti at the Port au Prince airport in the early morning hours of Wednesday, May 5. Upon leaving the airport, they were exposed to the brutal conditions of the city. Lederer said that after a brief meeting with the minister, they were taken to a private hospital where the delegation spent three hours inspecting the premises from top to bottom. The things they saw, Lederer said, would have closed an American hospital in an instant.

"We saw incredible problems with rodents and flies and surgical rooms built over murky ponds covered with mosquitoes and holes in the ceilings allowing the insects free admission into what should be a sterile environment," Lederer said. "Severed limbs and bodily fluids in open buckets cluttered the hallways. The sanitation conditions were deplorable."

"I've never seen anything like it in my lifetime."
— Mayor Robert Lederer

ON THE SECOND day, the group visited the main depot of the Port au Prince's sanitation department. Lederer and his colleagues learned that the city, with a population exceeding 1 million people, only had 70 garbage trucks — 40 of which worked. The group also took

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Woodson Booster Worries About Athletic Fee

Fairfax resident Charles Oppenheim worries a proposed sports team fee in Fairfax County Public Schools next year could be a barrier to student participation in local high school athletic programs next year. He spoke at the Fairfax County School Board's final hearing on the 2010-11 budget May 12.

The local School Board is considering implementing a \$100 fee per student per sports season, which Oppenheim said could add up to several hundred dollars for some families. School Board members will vote on whether to implement the new fee as part of an overall budget package May 20.

Though the school board has said students who qualify for free and reduced-priced lunch will not be required to pay the fee. But Oppenheim said the additional cost will also be burden for middle class families.

Oppenheim is president of the Woodson High School Athletic Boosters. He said several parents already drop a few hundred dollars each year to join the booster club at their local high school.

The boosters often raise money for functions critical to the success of the local athletic programs, like grass cutting and general playing field maintenance.

If parents decide not to contribute to the boosters because of the new athletic fee, many of the basic needs of high school athletes, such as a need for new uniforms or equipment, could go unmet.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Fairfax Parents Want All-Day Kindergarten in Every School

A small group of residents urged the Fairfax County School Board to find funding for a countywide full-day kindergarten program during the final hearing on the school system's 2010-11 annual budget May 12.

Thirty-seven of the Fairfax's 142 public elementary schools still have half-day kindergarten programs. The School Board has not discussed in any detail expanding the full-day kindergarten program to new sites this year, partly because of budget constraints.

"I know people who are enrolling their children in private kindergarten programs because they want a full day," said Joana Garcia, a parent at Silverbrook Elementary School.

Initially, School Board members had intended to "phase in" full-day kindergarten at all schools over a few years. But they did not add new full-day kindergarten classes to this year's calendar, arguing that the economic downturn was forcing them to make cuts to existing programs.

Several parents said denying students access to full-day kindergarten is a basic equity issue. Children in schools with only a half-day program get half the amount of enrichment and exposure to instruction as students in a full-day program.

Garcia said her child could read a little bit after attending a full-day pre-school on Fort Belvoir Army Base. He then lost considerable reading and language abilities while enrolled in the half-day kindergarten program at Silverbrook.

Those schools with the most challenging demographics — a large number of poor students and English language learners — received full-day kindergarten first. In general, the 37 schools still waiting for the program are among the most affluent in the county.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

NEWS



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Anthony, Tommy, Gianna, Nicky, Nadia and Rosemary Salvi

The Sound of Life

Tommy Salvi is deaf but uses implants to lead life like a hearing person.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Tommy Salvi loves music. The sixth grader listens to everything from classical to pop. He recently loaded the soundtrack from television show "Glee" onto his iPod and wants to perform "Lean On Me" at his school's spring talent show.

Tommy, who lives in Fairfax, started taking piano lessons in the second grade and plays the violin. He also sings in the choir at Canterbury Woods Elementary School.

Music is so important to the preteen that he worked up the courage to testify on behalf of the elementary school band and strings program at a Fairfax Board of Supervisors' annual budget hearing last month.

"He is listening to music all the time. It is a very big part of his life," said Rosemary Salvi, Tommy's mother.

But music may have been largely lost to Tommy had he been born just a decade earlier.

Tommy has approximately 10 percent to 20 percent of the hearing capacity of an average person. He can only hear and play music largely because of cochlear implants that were surgically installed into his ear.

THE SALVI FAMILY never had any doubts about going after an implant for Tommy.

Rosemary Salvi and her husband adopted Tommy when he was 4-months old from Korea. They started to suspect he had hearing problems when Tommy was 7-months old. He didn't flinch when an older brother started banging on pots and pans right next

to him in the kitchen.

Rosemary Salvi works as a music teacher and her husband is an engineer who works with sound. Both are musicians and Tommy's hearing problems were identified earlier than most children's because of his parents' observations.

"Our family is very musical. We were more in tune with that sort of thing," she said.

Tommy's early diagnosis directly led to his unusually early implantation and may have given him a leg up on language development and hearing skills in general.

Johns Hopkins research published in the Journal of the American Medical Association this month showed that children who receive a cochlear implant before 18-months old were able to develop near-normal speech and language skills within three years of the surgery. Those whose implants are installed later don't have the same ability to develop speech and hearing with the same acuity.

The device is a fairly new technology, rapidly developing over the last three decades.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration first approved cochlear implants for use in adults who are deaf or have profound hearing loss in 1985. The agency then expanded approval for implants to children in 1990, according to Cochlear, the Australian company that first developed the device.

Johns Hopkins University is a leader in ear and hearing research but only started performing the surgery in 1992. Tommy, at 14-months old, was Hopkins' youngest patient ever to receive a cochlear implant in 1998.

The Food and Drug Administration did not approve cochlear implants for children under the age of two until two years after Tommy's surgery in 2000.

"He is one of the oldest kids to be implanted so young. He was living with sound at 1-year old. Most of his peers were implanted around 4, 5 or 6-years old," said Rosemary Salvi.

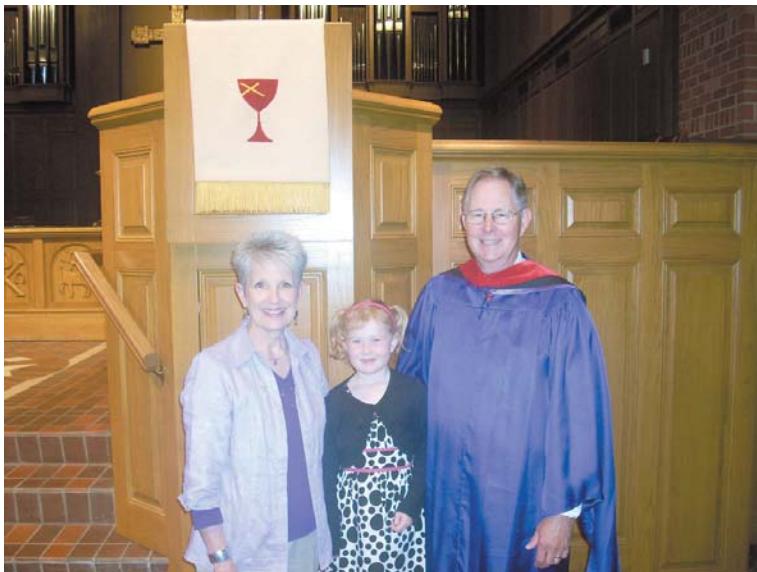
Cochlear implants can be controversial.

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MOM & ME



Me and My Mom on Mother's Day at Mount Holly Steamship Inn in Mount Holly — Kelley M. Shanley



Alaina Nimocks of Fairfax with her grandparents, Robert and Mimi Nimocks of Bedford, Texas, on the occasion of Mother's Day and Robert's graduation from the Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas.

COLLEGE 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.

Kelsey Cropp of Fairfax was one of five Emory & Henry College students to receive a nomination from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Cropp was nominated for the Barbizon Costume award for Emory & Henry College's production of "I Love You, You Are Perfect, Now Change." Costume design nominees are required to prepare portfolios.

Stephen McGonigle, a senior international business-finance major from Fairfax, was recently named to the dean's list at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College. To earn this recognition, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better in 14 or more credit hours, of which at least 12 credits are letter-graded course work. Only Elizabethtown's full-time undergraduate students are eligible for this distinction.

Claire Brantley of Fairfax was chosen by Canon U.S.A., Inc., Canon Virginia, Inc. and Christopher Newport University as one of the 24 members of

the 2009-10 Class of Canon Leadership Scholars at a ceremony at CNU on Tuesday, Oct. 27. This year's class of Canon Scholars has a high-school grade-point average of 4.1 and an average SAT score (combined verbal and math) of 1369. In addition, these students have also demonstrated excellence and exceptional potential in the areas of leadership, service and citizenship.

David Jiang of Fairfax was one of eight Virginia Tech undergraduate students to be selected as 2010 ACC Undergraduate Research Scholar. Students selected as ACC Undergraduate Research Scholars receive a \$2,000 award that can be used as a stipend and/or direct support of research expenses such as supplies, travel, and the use of specialized research services. Jiana, a senior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science, is working on the project "Assessment of activity of Aedes mosquito traspson, Pogo18." His research supervisor is Jake Tu.

Hyun Kim of Fairfax was recently named to the Miami University president's list. Students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for first semester 2009-10 have been named to the president's list.

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Hearing

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Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a leader in education for the hard of hearing, reports that 600,000 people in the United States are considered "deaf." Yet only 188,500 people have opted for a cochlear implant, according to the National Institute of Health.

Some in the deaf and hard of hearing community point out that deafness is not a medical condition that needs to be fixed because people who are deaf can lead full lives without hearing.

Several medical groups and government agencies, including Hopkins and the Food and Drug Administration, have also pointed out that the benefits people receive from cochlear implants vary widely. For example, not all people with the implant hear well enough to enjoy music.

TOMMY'S COCHLEAR IMPLANT has provided him with an ability to lead a normal hearing life, especially given the fact that he was born with almost no ability to hear on his own.

According to his mother, Tommy is able to discern most of what a conversation partner is saying if the two are sitting in a quiet room with no other noise.

The sixth-grader also speaks as clearly as most normal-hearing children, reads above grade level and is able to attend mainstream classes with normal-hearing students at school.

"A lot of the time, people don't realize he is deaf if they don't see the processor [attached to outside of his head]," said Rosemary Salvi.

When it comes to music, Tommy is able to "match pitch" very well, though, like many hearing children, music doesn't necessarily come naturally to him, said Rose

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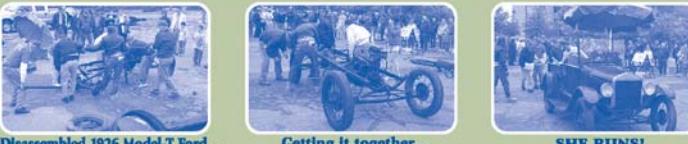
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NEWS

FACETS Gets \$130K in Grants

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to provide housing solutions more quickly and in turn, shrink the wait list faster. The new staffers will also be able to negotiate with landlords regarding late rent, find families reduced rent or alternative housing options and help them to find housing subsidies.

"The Freddie Mac Foundation is committed to helping our community's vulnerable children and families succeed. Having a place to call home is fundamental to making this a reality," said Foundation President and CEO Ralph F. Boyd. "FACETS is helping lead the way to eliminate homelessness in Fairfax County, and we're pleased to be supporting their tremendous work."

The other grant, given by The Phillip L. Graham Fund, was a donation of \$30,000 to bolster FACETS' technological infrastructure in order to operate more efficiently. Named for the late president of the Washington Post Company, the Philip L. Graham Fund devotes its resources to the betterment of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area by awarding several million dollars in grants annually to groups providing educational, social, community, and arts programs and services in and around Washington, D.C.

According to Andere, the grant is covering the cost of purchasing two new computer databases that will more effectively track FACETS' 5,000 clients and 3,000 volunteers. Andere said that FACETS' volunteer corps provided nearly 39,000 hours of service last year, and while that number is impressive, keep-

"Receiving extra grants shows that the community wants the organization to succeed."

— Amanda Andere, FACETS, executive director

ing track of volunteers and clients can be difficult. So, the new databases will allow FACETS' staffers to organize volunteers more effectively so that when their service is needed, the appropriate volunteer can be called upon quickly. Also, the databases will make it easier to keep an up-to-date catalog of all of FACETS' clients so that they when the clients are in need, FACETS staffers can pull up their information quickly and offer an expedient solution.

"With 3,000 volunteers, it's hard to track them all on a spreadsheet," Andere said. "Now, we will be able to instantly grab a volunteer when they are needed."

For example, if we need a volunteer that speaks Arabic to interpret for one of our clients, we can go in the database and pull him or her out. We won't be losing time [searching for volunteers] anymore."

Andere said that the grants were awarded at the end of 2009, but that the money is just starting to make its way into FACETS' hands. Though FACETS' has not had much time to put the money to work, Andere said that it is already having an impact on their efforts and has already aided in putting families in stable housing. The mission may not be close to complete, she said, but every bit helps and these two grants are just the latest example.

"Our goal is to put an end to the county's shelter waitlist," Andere said. "These important grants are helping us do this by dramatically changing the way we deliver services to the homeless. Already we're seeing very positive results with fewer homeless waiting."

Living With Cochlear Implants

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mary Salvi.

"It is not that it comes easily to him. I use the same tools with Tommy that I use with other children who are struggling," said Rosemary Salvi.

Still, Tommy thought the benefits of the cochlear implant were important enough that he was willing to get a second device installed in his other ear last year.

THE NUMBER of people with cochlear implants in both ears is growing but still relatively small, with only a few thousand opting to get a second implant, he said.

Tommy enthusiastically opted for the second implant because his doctors told him it would improve his ability to listen to and play music.

"I knew that I would be able to hear more," he said.

So far, Tommy is adjusting well to the second implant. His audiologist told him that Tommy was her first patient not to cry immediately after she activated the second device.

Tommy has also surpassed expectation for development of new speech and hearing ability. The audiologist did not expect him to be able to hear all that Tommy can hear now for another 18 months, he said.

"I have responded much more quickly to the second implant because of my background in music,"

said Tommy.

Even with a cochlear implant, people who are deaf do not hear sound the way people with normal hearing do.

Those who have had hearing and gotten an implant after going deaf later in life said using the device is like listening to an electronic voice or a person speaking underwater.

And though Tommy can identify what people are saying in a quiet room, he has a hard time having conversations in noisy places, like a school gym or classroom. Recently, Tommy couldn't make out what his brothers and fathers said when they all started talking over one another at the family dinner table, said his mother.

"He doesn't hear like a normal person. It is completely electronic," said Rosemary Salvi.

Tommy's teachers, family and friends often used "cued speech" to help communicate what they are saying to him. When people "cue," they make hand gestures while they are speaking to emphasize what consonant or other type of sound they are using at the time.

Without the cued speech, Tommy can mix up what is being said, particularly with words that sound the same. For example, when a teacher recently asked Tommy to go get the "red shoes," he came back with a box of "tissues," said his mother.

"He doesn't completely get the language and the communication unless he has the support visually," she said.

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OPINION

Let Us Hear That Concern

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in the 1968, states that all public records "shall be presumed open."

But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold some information.

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a "blanket" approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any information and document they can.

The actual reports filed by police officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

Leaders in Northern Virginia's police departments continue to assert that most people aren't don't care about the level of secrecy employed by police.

"Let us hear that concern," said a Fairfax County police spokesperson. "We are not hear-

Get Involved

Send a letter to your chief of police and your state and local elected officials to let them know that you want more information, that police should rescind their "blanket" approach to withholding information.

Different Perspective

To the Editor:

Paul Herbert ["Historical Perspective," May 6-12, 2010] quotes Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) at length in support of the proposition that slavery was not the reason for the Civil War. Permit me to offer two quotes from a slightly different historical perspective. Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens, in his famous Cornerstone speech delivered March 21, 1861, stated: "The

new constitution has put at rest, forever, all the agitating questions relating to our peculiar institution African slavery as it exists amongst us the proper status of the negro in our form of civilization. This was the immediate cause of the late rupture and present revolution. Jefferson in his forecast, had anticipated this, as the 'rock upon which the old Union would split.' He was right. What was conjecture with him is now a realized fact. But whether he fully comprehended the great truth upon which that rock stood and stands, may be doubted. The prevailing ideas entertained by him and most of the leading statesmen at the time of the formation of the old constitution, were that

the enslavement of the African was in violation of the laws of nature; that it was wrong in principle, socially, morally and politically. It was an evil they knew not well how to deal with, but the general opinion of the men of that day was that, somehow or other in the order of Providence, the institution would be evanescent and pass away. This idea, though not incorporated in the constitution, was the prevailing idea at that time."

Stephens continued: "Our new government is founded upon exactly the opposite idea; its foundations are laid, its corner-stone rests, upon the great truth that the negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery subordination to the superior race is his natural and normal condition. This, our new government, is the first, in the history of the world, based upon this great physical, philosophical and moral truth. This truth has been slow in the process of its development, like all other truths in the various departments of science."

Craig Taylor
Alexandria

Unclogging Interstate 66

To the Editor:

Can anyone solve congestion on

the Interstate 66? I don't know, but at least some elected officials are trying.

I'm talking about U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and Supervisors Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) who hosted a town hall meeting seeking solutions to the parking lot we call Interstate 66. The trio of elected officials — Republicans all — outlined what they have done and plan to do to get traffic rolling again. To end VDOT foot-dragging, they are putting the bureaucrats' feet to the fire.

I'm encouraged. Wolf, Frey and Herrity are walking the walk, which is faster than we sometimes travel on Interstate 66. If they can remove the asbestos from VDOT's toes, we may actually see movement on Interstate 66 in my lifetime. Who would have thought Republicans would care about the little guy? Hear that Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)?

Kalia Sokos
Springfield

A Little Research Required

To the Editor:

Last week's Connection [April 29-May 5, 2010] contained two

ing it from anybody except the media, except individual reporters."

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

It's time to let them hear the concern, and tell them that they do have to justify decisions to withhold public information. Contact your chief of police, along with your state and local elected officials. We'd appreciate receiving a copy of any letter you send.

Police should move to make as much information open to the public as possible. Should they have the right to redact some information, for example, the name of an undercover officer? Certainly. But withholding information should be a rare exception, not a blanket policy. But the process of repressing critical information undermines the contract of trust between police and community, like the name of the shooter and exact details when police shoot and kill an unarmed civilian, as in the case of David Masters.

"Citizens truly do have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods, not summary information the police choose to re-

lease," wrote Ryan Donmoyer in a letter to the Alexandria Gazette Packet. "And the press plays a pivotal role in the unfettered dissemination of such essential information."

We continue to be grateful for the service, presence, expertise and judgment of the police officers patrolling our neighborhoods. The misguided decision to abuse the ability to withhold every piece of information possible comes from the leadership level. The police officers you come into contact with in your daily activities are not at fault here.

— MARY KIMM
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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

they see in print without taking the time to do a little fact checking?

❖ “Since Gerry Connolly has been my congressman, the federal government has bailed out Wall Street, the car industry and the health insurance industry.” Where do I begin? The writer conveniently ignores the fact that Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 was signed by President Bush (R) before Connolly got to

Congress. In addition, on Jan. 22, 2009, Congressman Connolly, joined by 171 Republicans and 98 other Democrats, passed HJ Res 3 against further bailout funding. [Go to <http://www.govtrack.us/congress> and enter “HJ Res 3” in the Bill Search field.] Gerry Connolly voted to reform Wall Street and rein in these so-called “masters of the universe” who have little regard for the health of our nation’s economy. How would Mr. Herrity vote on this matter when his party is fighting right

now to kill Wall Street reform legislation? As for bailing out “the health insurance industry” — really? I didn’t know they needed bailing out since they spent an estimated \$80 million opposing the health care reform legislation. I am sure this was an unintentional error on the part of the writer but this is often what comes from making sweeping statements that try to turn complex and far-reaching issues into sound bites.

❖ “He has done nothing to ease our tax burden.” Congressman

Connolly is one of the few Democrats who support keeping the Bush tax cuts intact; he also voted for legislation that is giving tax cuts and tax credits to a majority of Americans this year. And when they talk about Mr. Herrity’s record of voting against taxes, do they protest too much? I can’t vouch for the content but his primary opponent, Keith Fimian (R), has an entire website entitled “Herrity Hikes Taxes.”

Yes, I support Connolly as the 11th District’s representative to

Congress. He is respected on Capitol Hill as an independent voice in Congress, brings proven expertise on issues affecting local and state governments, is a strong advocate for reducing the federal deficit, and he is promoting Telework to increase productivity and reduce traffic congestion in our area.

Though writing this letter took time and research on the web, it was worth it to sign a letter I know is more than repeated rhetoric.

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A Windy Affair for Local Crews

Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Finals postponed due to high winds.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, May 8, the 1,400 rowers at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship Finals might have been from 30 different Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C. schools, but they all shared one thought on the Occoquan River's race course in Lorton.

Curse this darned wind.

"It was just really rough out there on the race course," W.T. Woodson men's first eights coxswain Wade Price said.

Gusting winds from isolated rainstorms moved through the area and wreaked havoc on the race course. The winds were strong enough to break the event's starting grid and forced all races to begin with floating starts.

In addition to the floating starts, the wind gusts were headed down the course, toward the boats' helms.

"The races were slow because there was just so much wind," Robinson junior Emily Martin said.

The weather woes also forced race officials to postpone the Virginia state title races until May 22. But that didn't keep area schools from turning in strong performances during the event's preliminary heats.

In W.T. Woodson's crew history, no team has ever qualified for the national competition in Saratoga, N.Y., but the men's first eight secured a trip there with a second place finish in their heat.

"It's a big deal for us," Price said. "We've

been around for about 25 years and this is the first boat to go to nationals."

Woodson qualified with a time of 5:19.8, finishing behind St. Albans first-place time of 5:06.9.

As the boat crossed the finish line, the rowers leaned back and let out exhausted breaths. At that moment, rower Bob Ericson knew his team had accomplished something great.

"It's been a big year for Woodson," Ericson said. "This isn't what we expected at the beginning of the season."

Not only is the trip to nationals a major accomplishment for the Woodson boat, but

Alfred Hubbard said his team is considered undersized compared to their competitors.

"We're mostly smaller than the other first eights out there," Hubbard said. "We're smaller in weight. Being lighter means you're generally weaker."

Andre Payne said his team entered the race focused on advancing into the men's first eight finals, but the honor is a welcome reward for the team's hard work.

"It's just a great way to finish off a good year," Payne said.

The top six Virginia schools send boats to the nationals competition, and head coach Ashley Frese said the boys had surpassed coaches' expectations.

"They've been lifting weights before school and they come to the river every day for practice," she said. "They've pushed themselves far past our expectations."

The season isn't over for many of the Woodson rowers. Frese had a list of strong



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The W.T. Woodson men's first eights boat finished second in their heat, but qualified for a trip to the national competition in Saratoga, N.Y.

performances that qualified for the finals and petite races on May 22.

"Our men's second eight placed fourth in their heat," she said. "The women's junior four placed second in their heat and our women's first four placed fourth in their heat. Also, our women's first eight placed second in their heat."

Fairfax head crew coach Elana Baldwin was proud of the way her rowers performed at the state finals and equally pleased with how they handled the iffy weather conditions.

"The wind is nothing new around here," she said. "The coxswains haven't said much about it. I don't think it's affected us too much."

In the face of the weather and floating starts, the Fairfax team secured some major victories in the face of strong competition.

"Everything went well," she said. "Our

men's first four made it to the finals, and were very excited about that. And the women's first four took second in a tough heat."

Much like other teams, wind was the word at the Robinson camp after the heat races ended.

"I'm excited about our chances [in the finals]," head coach Jon Barrett said. "But this high wind is just killing us. I've been coaching for 14 years and we've never [postponed the races]."

The Robinson girls' first eight finished first in their heat with a time of 6:39.4, and the men's first eight earned a trip to the petite race with a fourth place finish.

Emily Martin, coxswain of the girls' first eight, said her team had a little bit of luck avoiding a floating start.

"We had the [starting grid], but right af-

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Pull! Harder! Faster!

Winning and losing can rest with the person doing the least rowing — the coxswain.

BY REED S. ALBERS
THE CONNECTION

Emily Martin is by far the smallest person on her eight-woman boat for the Robinson crew team.

While the rowers, who dwarf her in both weight and height, grunt as they push water in unison, Martin is snug in the bottom of the boat screaming at the top of her lungs.

"I can take control," she said. "I know how to put the girls in line."

As coxswain, she won't pull a single oar over the course of the race. The only muscles she'll strain are in her throat.

Instead, she'll command her rowers to

give everything they have while she helps to guide the boat and keep track of how much distance is left in the race.

The physical strength of her rowers propels the boat, but Martin's guidance can be the difference in winning or losing.

"You definitely have to keep your girls motivated," she said. "Even if you have first place, don't let them slack off or say, 'Oh, this is fine.'"

Martin's coxswain skill has helped the Robinson women's first eight boat win four regattas.

"She's really outstanding," Robinson head

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A South County coxswain on a girls' fours boat guides her rowers down the course. A coxswain doesn't just encourage rowers, but also steers the boat and keeps track of distance left.

SPORTS

More Than a Loud Voice

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coach Jon Barrett said. "She has had a huge impact on our team."

Robinson might be blessed with a strong coxswain in their girls' first eight boat, but that's not the case with every school.

Finding a good coxswain isn't always easy, and the job requires more than just a loud voice, Barrett said.

"In the very beginning, you have to make sure [the coxswain] can steer straight," he said. "Most important is the way the girls interact with the coxswain. She has to be their friend, but also their leader. She has to get them to do things they don't necessarily want to do."

On top of all that is the weight factor. With some boats having weight limits, the coxswain is almost always the smallest and lightest crew member. That's the case for Martin, who had hoped to spend her time on the crew team rowing.

"I was actually going to row my freshman year," she said. "But then they realized how small I was. I liked the idea of rowing, but they asked if I wanted to be a coxswain."

Weight limitations sometimes put girls in charge of the boys' boat and vice versa.

I try to make different pitches in my voice and get really loud when something is important."

— W.T. Woodson coxswain Wade Price

when something is important."

Coxswains also must be prepared to receive limited coaching.

"I didn't have a lot of experience [when I started]," Price said. "Coxswains tend to be under coached."

In most cases, Frese said, the coxswain role hinges on one simple attribute — respect.

"The coxswain has to be well respected," Frese said. "[He] has to know his coach really well. He has to portray everything that I would do. I'm not out on the water on race day."

While some might argue that a girl can't motivate boys as well as a member of their own gender, W.T. Woodson coach Ashley Frese said, it really doesn't matter on a crew boat.

As long as they want to win, they'll be fine.

"The women and the men just have to be super competitive," she said. "As long as they have that spirit, they'll be an excellent coxswain."

W.T. Woodson coxswain Wade Price said being small and a good yeller doesn't mean someone has the potential to be a top coxswain.

"[You have to] keep your composure," Price said. "Try to not stop talking to the rowers. You have to find something to say. I try to make different pitches in my voice and get really loud

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Changes Coming for Schools with Poor Students

Many call process for changing programs for needy students flawed.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Laurie Blackburn calls the public school where her son attends first grade extraordinary. She isn't the only one.

Hollin Meadows Elementary has drawn national attention for its outdoor gardening and science program, where students grow food and learn about native plants and insects on the school site. First Lady Michelle Obama visited the Mount Vernon school to learn more about its outdoor program last fall, and Hollin Meadows students have been invited to her vegetable garden at the White House two years in a row.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture interviewed staff at and shot footage of Hollin Meadows for an instructional film they intend to distribute to other school districts around the country.

But the gardens might not survive the Fairfax County School Board vote on the annual budget May 20.

TWO PROGRAMS, Project Excel and Focus, were established more than a decade ago, in part to help elementary schools with a larger percentage of needy students. Superintendent Jack Dale now says the money used for those programs can be spent more effectively in another way.

But what Dale's new initiative entails is unclear and how much money individual schools which benefited from Project Excel and Focus will receive has not been released. The Hollin Meadows community, for example, is not sure whether they will get as much funding under Dale's new plan as they have in the past or whether the school system will let them use any of the money to maintain the gardening program.

"When you are changing from an old program to a new program, you should bring people along and not leave them in the position of not having any clear idea what kind of school their children are going to be going to in three months," said Blackburn.

During county budget deliberations last month, several members of the Board of Supervisors called the school board irresponsible and insensitive to the community when it came to the elimination of Project Excel and Focus, as well as a year-round school calendar program in place in a handful of county schools.

Several supervisors said the school board should have had a long and extensive community engagement process about eliminating such long-standing programs, especially since they affect some of the county's most vulnerable children.

"I hold three public hearings when a gas station wants to change the color of its awning. This is a policy shift of much more importance," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Many of the details about the school

system's new initiative for at-risk students were fuzzy because the schools were not sure how much funding they would receive from the county or the Virginia government, said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville).

"It would have been great to let people know what was happening in February, but we didn't know how much money we were going to get and it looked pretty bad," said Strauss.

Last year, school board members voted to use federal stimulus money to fund Project Excel, which provides an extended school day on Mondays at 16 elementary schools. The supervisors should have known that the stimulus money was limited and would run out at the end of next year, said several school board members.

Dale and many school board members also pointed out that the most significant funding that elementary schools with students in poverty receive comes in the form of a lower staff-to-student ratio, which will not be changed.

Still, several members of the community said they felt "ambushed" by the change and supervisors found the timeline too condensed for such a major change.

During a public hearing in January, the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters complained about the school system's budget documents being "opaque" and said the organization had a hard time parsing out how the school system was spending money.

The Fairfax Education Association and Fairfax County Council of PTAs aired concerns about responsiveness.

"There is no open dialogue. That is not how the school system works," said Arthur Lopez, incoming chair of the schools' minority student achievement oversight citizen advisory committee.

But many school board members contend that Dale's new initiative for students in poverty will reach more needy students. The superintendent plans to boost funding for students who are poor and need to learn English from \$20 million to \$30 million next year.

"Overall, we will be spending more money than we are now," said Dale.

Of the new money, about \$5.4 million will

Schools Affected

Many needy schools currently receive extra funding and support through the Project Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs. The school board is likely to eliminate all three programs and replace them, in part, with a "priority schools" initiative.

Those campuses that would receive extra funding as a "priority school" are not the same as those who received funding under Excel, Focus and year-round calendar.

School	Excel	Focus	Year-Round	Priority School
Annandale Terrace Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Beach Tree Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Brookfield Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Bucknell Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Bull Run Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Cameron Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Centre Ridge Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Clearview Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Cunningham Park Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Crestwood Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Daniels Run Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Dogwood Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Dranesville Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Fort Belvoir Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Fort Hunt	No	Yes	No	No
Forest Edge Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Franconia Elementary	No	No	Yes	No
Glen Forest Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Graham Road Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Groveton Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Halley Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Herndon Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Hollin Meadows Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Hutchinson Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Hunter Woods Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Hybla Valley Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Kent Gardens Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
King's Glen Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
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Mount Eagle Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Mt. Vernon Woods Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Parklawn Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Pine Spring Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	No
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*Project Excel, Focus and the year-round calendar program does not exist at the middle school level but middle schools are included under the "priority school" plan.

students and other minorities.

According to a written proposal, extra funding could be provided for literacy coaches and instructional coaches and to enroll all eligible 4-year olds in the Head Start program. Instead of providing an extended day or year-round school year to all students attending a particular school, individual pupils could also be asked to start school early in August if their academic achievement is lacking.

DALE and several school board members said the three current programs are static and limited. Those schools that were initially enrolled in the Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs a decade ago are still the only ones receiving the services.

Demographic changes over the last few years have also meant that those schools with largest number of poor students and the lowest achievement rates now are not necessarily the ones where Excel and year-round calendar are in place.

"Once a school was in the program, the school was always in the program. And no one else could get into the program," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

The Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs were also only in place in elementary schools. Dale's new plan would give extra funding to middle schools – Hughes, Sandburg, Whitman, Glasgow, Herndon and Poe – because they have high levels of poverty.

Finally, Dale said there was no compelling evidence that Excel, Focus or a year-round calendar was boosting achievement. When comparing schools that had those three programs with similar schools that didn't, the school system saw no difference in academic achievement, said Dale.

BUT some individual schools have seen tremendous results, said school board members and parents.

In addition to Hollin Meadows, Graham Road – which has the Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs – has been nationally recognized.

And even though Hollin Meadows is listed a "priority school," it isn't clear that it will receive the same level of extra funding it does now, said Blackburn.

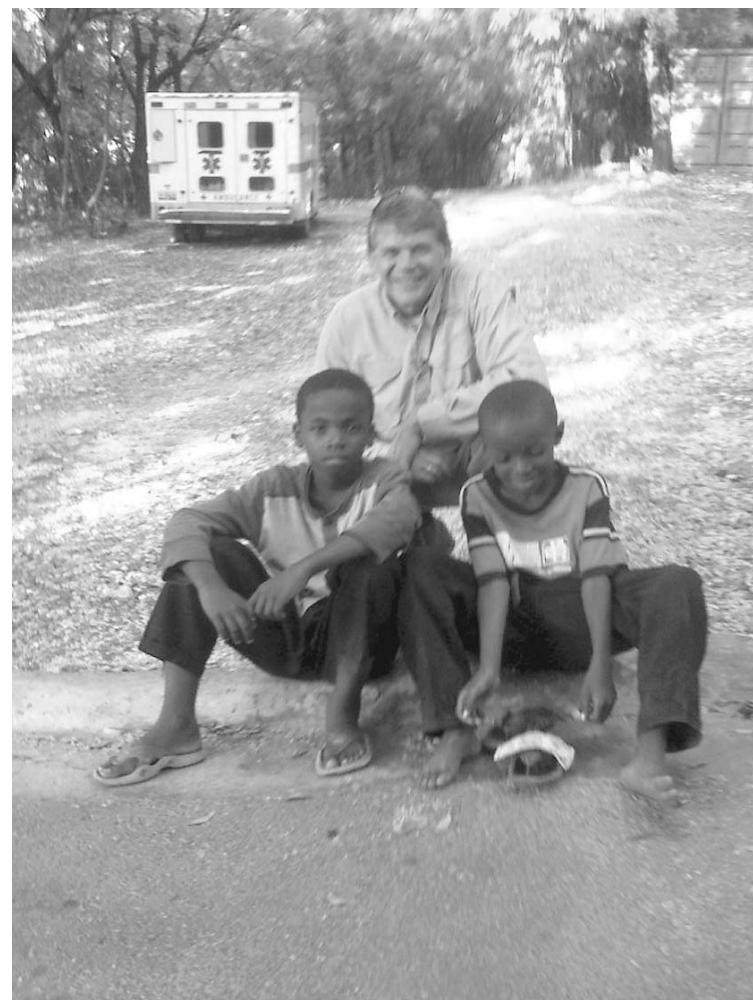
"My concern is that it is May and all we have seen is an outline of an outline," said Blackburn.

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Mayor Robert Lederer, back row, third from right, with the other members of the delegation.



Mayor Robert Lederer poses with two children he met during his trip to Haiti.

Lederer Visits Haiti

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a tour of the newest tent city sponsored by the Haitian government that would eventually house over 100,000 people. In addition to trash piled 20 feet high and 50 feet long, corpses were also being burned and disposed of around the perimeter of the tent city.

"The rubble is just piled high with trash and bodies. It still seemed like it happened yesterday because nothing has been removed," Lederer said. "These tent cities had trash piles 20 feet high 5 feet away from them on one side of the road, and on the other, they're burning bodies. It's impossible to describe the reality of their lifestyle right now."

On the third and final day, Lederer and the rest of the delegation met with the pest control companies in Haiti that survived the earthquake to discuss the problems the delegation found and to determine a strategy to rectify them. A large problem, Lederer said, is that Haiti has received a great deal of food, water and other supplies, but no infrastructure is in place to distribute them, so much of it is rotting away at the city's shipping ports. Also, Lederer said that with the influx of free food and water, Haitian citizens are not purchasing the food and water produced within the country, which in turn is destroying the economy.

SO, LEDERER and his colleagues pledged a \$500,000 assistance package to the coun-

try to help improve sanitation. Instead of simply handing over money, though, the delegation decided to use the money to personally train Haitians on how to make living conditions acceptable and to protect themselves from disease and sickness. That way, Lederer said, the old adage about teaching a man to fish instead in lieu of giving him food would come true, and the Haitian people would know how to take care of the problems themselves.

"We're going to take over pest control in Haitian hospitals, raise the money and then use it to hire Haitians directly to take care of these issues," Lederer said. "I hope somehow, in a small way, we will be able to make a difference because these are life and death issues, not quality of life issues."

Though Lederer and the delegation formulated a solution to the problem, it does not mean that all work is done for the city's mayor. Lederer said that many more trips to Haiti are in store to ensure that the money he helped raise is being used effectively and that the threat of communicable diseases like malaria and Dengue Fever is eradicated. He will stay until all work is done, and after what he saw during that three-day trip, he will never lack the motivation.

"We're in it for the long haul," Lederer said. "There is total despair, but at the same time, the strength of the [Haitians'] souls is remarkable. You can't help but be motivated by their courage and spirit. It's a sight I will never forget."

Citizen Committee To Advise On School Boundaries

The Fairfax County School Board voted to establish a new Facilities Planning Advisory Council to oversee and assist with issues pertaining like school closures, new school openings, boundary changes and facility renovations.

The new council will be made up of 13 members, including one from each Fairfax magisterial district, three at-large representatives and a City of

Fairfax participant.

Each member of the Fairfax County School Board would appoint one person to the council. The City of Fairfax, which has its own School Board, would select its own member.

The School Board envisions council members serving three-year terms. Fairfax County school system employees would be barred from participating.

The School Board is establishing the council, in part, as a response to public criticism about a lack of community engagement in recent school boundary decisions. School Board member Liz Bradsher (Springfield), who has extensive experience with bound-

ary changes as a parent, spearheaded the effort to provide more public input earlier in the facilities planning process.

Before being elected to the school board, Bradsher spent several years fighting to have new schools built in southern Fairfax ahead of the school system's official timeline. She and others said a residential development boom in Fairfax Station and Lorton warranted the school construction on accelerated schedule.

When a new South County Secondary School eventually opened, Bradsher and others were frustrated that the building was over capacity and children who lived within walking distance of the campus had to go

to Hayfield Secondary School, located several miles away.

The school system also saw public outcry during another school redistricting that moved several students to South Lakes High School in western Fairfax County. Many families affected said they felt "ambushed" when they found their neighborhoods would be affected by the decision.

Coming up, the School Board will have to tackle the redistricting of Annandale High School, which is several hundred students over capacity. They must also come up with a solution for overcrowding in elementary schools in western Fairfax County.

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My Semester in Richmond

Student from Fairfax interns at 2010 General Assembly.

BY BETSY COLINDRES
 VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH

The 2010 General Assembly Session is one to remember. Being a part of history in such a fashion was incredible, during session many once-in-a life-time moments happened. As a Capital Semester Student, I was excited to be a part of history with the inauguration of our 71st governor. My first major event as an intern was the governor's inauguration and his first legislations and press appearances. On Jan. 16, Robert "Bob" McDonnell (R) took office on the steps of the Capitol. Although I was not able to attend the inauguration in person, I was excited to watch it on television because I would be working during the 2010 General Assembly Session with a new governor.

My internship at Capital Semester was very different than any other internship I had experienced before. Within my first week, I was able to attend a couple of committee meets, one for Appropriations and another also for Appropriations but based on the 2010 budget specifically.

This year unlike most, we had the great pleasure of hosting a couple of celebrities at the General Assembly. Wayne Newton and Erick Estrada stopped by to show support for organizations they believe and strongly support.

During Capital Semester, I worked in Del. Beverly J. Sherwood's (R-29) office, she represents the 29th District. The 29th District is still a developing area. Construction, hunting and agriculture greatly provide to the community. Therefore, issues relating to guns and waste grease were notorious for her constituents along with budget cuts that affected all Virginians.

Since Sherwood is very significant within the House of Delegates, I worked with Cheryl Swartz, Sherwood's legislative assistant. Since Sherwood is a senior member we had the luxury of having an office with a window. It was not until I got to the General Assembly Building that I noticed how much seniority meant. During my internship, I mainly dealt with constituents and their concerns. Constituents' correspondence and concerns were handled very systematically, since Swartz and Sherwood were not new

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

THURSDAY/MAY 13

Swing Dance with DeJa Blue Blues Band. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

Jason Castro. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15.



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Intern Betsy Colindres, right, poses for a photo with TV star Erik Estrada, who lobbied the Virginia General Assembly during the 2010 session.

to the legislative process. I drafted letters to residents that appeared on the Winchester Star, congratulating them on excelling in their line of work or good deed. I also outlined letters to constituents that wrote in regarding personal concerns with the legislature. E-mails were a huge form of communication for constituents in informing us of their concerns. I checked e-mail about twice a day before cross over, and about every hour once cross over began.

Within the last week of the General Assembly being in session, I had to keep a constant eye on e-mails because they became overwhelming quickly. There were a couple of occasions where we had more than 5,000 e-mails to check in a day. Although e-mails from non-constituents were deleted, the ones that remained still needed to be answered in a timely manner.

Unfortunately, there were a couple of affairs I would have greatly appreciated experiencing but was unable to happen. I was unable to sit-in on session, although I did watch it every day online.

Overall, my internship at Capital Semester was very educational in a variety of ways. I learned specific details about the legislative process. I was able to see most of the steps of how a bill becomes a law. I was also privileged to receive insight from Swartz on matters that were not talked about within our respective political parties. The beginning of the internship I looked forward to the busy days at the General Assembly Building, and now I can say that I enjoyed the fast paced and controversial environment.

Betsy Colindres, a Fairfax resident, attended Fairfax High School. A double major in criminal justice (B.S.) and homeland security (B.A.) at Virginia Commonwealth University, she will be graduating this May and plans to pursue graduate school in the near future.

FRIDAY/MAY 14

Dan Navarro and Peter Bradley Adams. 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17.
Fairfax Academy's Spring Dance Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Tickets \$10-\$15. 703-219-2385 or gwen.plummer@fcps.edu.

SATURDAY/MAY 15

Spaghetti Dinner. 5-7 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center Cafeteria, 4401 Sideburn

Road, Fairfax. Pasta, salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverage. Adults \$8, students and seniors \$7, \$6 under age 10. Children under age 2 free. Proceeds benefit the Senior Center. Open to the public, walk-ins welcome. 703-359-2487 or jormesher@fairfaxva.gov.

City of Fairfax Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax. Antique cars, live bluegrass music, food and more. See a Model-T Ford reassembled and

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NEWS

Parents Will Have To Take Safety Course

Starting in September, parents and guardians of minors seeking driver's licenses will have to complete a 90 minute program with their children before the students can get behind the wheel legally.

The course will emphasize parental responsibilities for juvenile driving behavior, juvenile driving restrictions, the dangers of driving while intoxicated and underage drinking.

All Fairfax County public high schools will offer the course to families once each academic quarter. The county will provide the program at no cost for those parents of students enrolled in driver's education through a 10th grade health and physical education class.

The new requirement is the result 2009 legislation sponsored by Fairfax delegates Dave Albo (R-42), Tom Rust (R-86), Adam Ebbin (D-49) and former Fairfax Del. Margi Vanderhye (D-34).

The House of Delegates passed the legislation 74 to 25, with only one Fairfax delegate, Tim Hugo (R-40), voting against the measure. The State Senate passed the measure 37-2, with former Fairfax County senator and current Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R) voting against it.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Lyme Disease Town Hall Meeting

Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) will host a town meeting on Lyme disease, along with special guest, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Saturday, May 15, at 10 a.m., at the Government Center. A panel of experts will present information and answer questions.

Free Disabilities Act Seminar, May 17

Breaking Down Barriers is a free seminar on the updated, Americans with Disabilities Act and other employment-related laws affecting persons with disabilities. It takes place on Monday, May 17, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Fairfax County Government Center.

The Fairfax County Office of Human Rights and Equity Programs (OHREP) is hosting it in partnership with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Washington Field Office (EEOC) and the ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia.

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SPORTS

Rowing Competition

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ter our race it broke," she said.

Heading into the state finals, the girls' eight had won four regattas. Senior rower Cate Oakley said the girls turned in one of their better performances in the preliminaries.

"The race felt really good," she said. "I think we'll have a lot more we can bring in the final."

Robinson rowers said the floating start format might have hurt the team's performances.

"The [coxswains] have been telling me

[the floating starts] are making the races a challenge," Barrett said. "When you're up there, you want a perfect start and [officials] are having a hard time making that happen."

The Lake Braddock crew team competed at the event, earning a fourth place finish in the women's second eights heat, and a third place finish in the men's second eights heat.

The Bruins' main boats also found some success at the event. The Braddock girls' first eights boat took third in their heat and the boys' first eights crew took fifth in their heat.

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Bruins Advance to Regions, Cavs in Districts

The Lake Braddock boys' lacrosse team secured a berth in the Northern Region lacrosse playoffs next week with an overtime win over district rival Lee on May 6.

During the overtime period, forward Kirk Tobias scored after defender Steven Puffenbarger cleared a Lee attacking attempt.

The Bruins' 9-8 victory avenges an earlier loss in the season to Lee

"We were much better offensively than last time," head coach Steve Price said. "We controlled the ball much better and had about six or seven minutes more time of possession. That was the difference."

Lake Braddock's run in the Patriot District tournament ended with a 12-7 loss to W.T. Woodson on May 10.

Woodson junior attacker Neal Cormier led the Cavaliers with five goals and one assist

in the game.

Price said the Bruins' performance in their match with Woodson isn't necessarily reflected by the final score.

"It was a 2-1 ball game after the first quarter," he said. "It was 5-3 at the half. It was very close. We schemed up some defensive stuff where we were shutting their best player off."

W.T. Woodson will play Annandale on May 14 for the Patriot District Championship at Lee High School. The Bruins will play the winner of the Concorde District tournament final on May 14 between Chantilly and Robinson.

Despite the tournament exit, Price said he likes what he sees from his team in the final leg of the season.

"The region tournaments are different," he said. "It's like a whole new season."

Cooley Football Camp June 5-6 at Fairfax H.S.

Washington Redskins tight-end Chris Cooley will offer his annual Old Spice Chris Cooley Football Camp on June 5 and June 6, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Fairfax High School.

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FAITH NOTES

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