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Full Of Pep

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On Saturday, March 19, girls from the Springfield/South County Youth Club Cheerleading Program took part in an end-of-season Winter Pep Rally at Lake Braddock Secondary. Performing here are, from left, Hannah Griffin, Angela Biddison and Elena Booher. Assistant Coach Katie Linder, a senior and varsity cheerleader at South County Secondary School, provides support.

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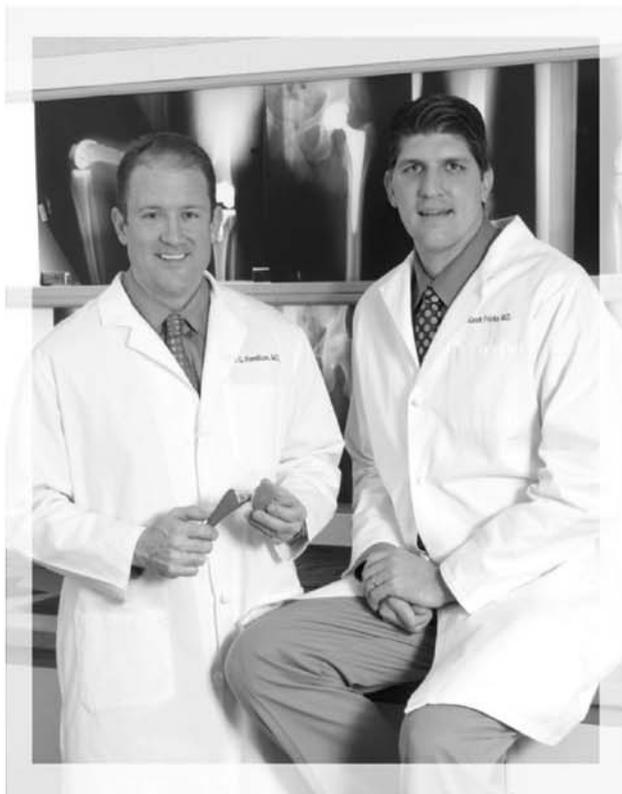
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Herrity Goes Green To Kick-off Campaign

Republican incumbent has St. Patrick's Day theme for kick-off party.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Pat Herrity swore he would never run for public office. But the eldest son of longtime Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Chairman Jack Herrity, who died in 2006, remembered something his father said to him about public service.

"He would tell me that you can't make anything happen unless you have a seat at the table," Herrity said. "Public service is in my blood. I grew up with it and the only way to get things done is to have a seat at that table. I am all about getting things done."

Herrity, who was first elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2007, kicked off his campaign for a second term on Wednesday, March 16, with an Irish-themed event at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. The event, which drew a crowd of about 300 constituents and Republican elected offi-

cial, included Irish performers, hundreds of green and white balloons and St. Patrick's Day decorations.

"My father always said our future success is not preordained," he told the crowd of about 300 people, including Del. Dave Albo (R-42), Fairfax County Circuit Court Clerk John Frey and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). "So, I am asking the voters for another term

so that I can continue my work to ensure that Fairfax County remains the best place ... to live, work and play."

Herrity's father, who served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from 1971 to 1987, was credited with overseeing the county's boom years, and the pivotal transformation of Fairfax County from a sleepy suburb to one of the metropolitan area's

most dynamic economic hubs. Jack Herrity advocated for the construction of Interstate 66, the Dulles Toll Road and the Tysons Corner technology corridor.

In his introduction of Herrity, Wolf told

"Public service is in my blood."

— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)



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Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) launched his campaign for a second term.

guests Wednesday that Pat Herrity inherited many of his father's traits, including a "bulldog attitude of taking issues on. ... The apple has not fallen far from the tree."

As one of three Republicans on the 10-member board, Herrity promised to con-

tinue his efforts to give homeowners tax relief by pushing for more cuts in County Executive Anthony Griffin's proposed FY 2012 budget of \$3.3 billion.

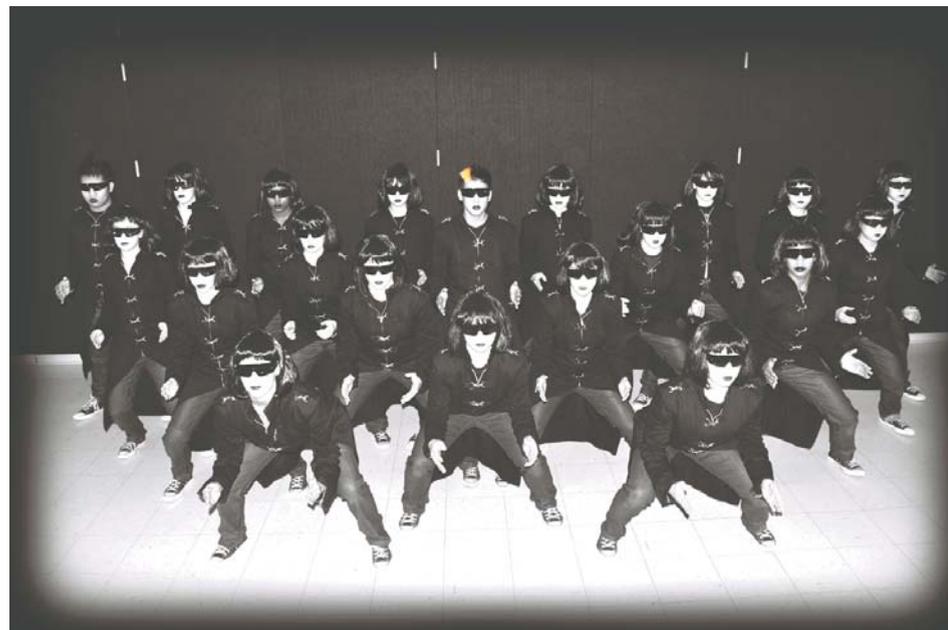
"We've made some progress. Taxes on the average homeowner in 2011 budget were \$4,713, lower than when I took office, but to not be able to cut more than 1 percent out of a \$3.3 billion budget is just wrong," he said. "Even with all of our hard work over the past 3-1/2 years, we still have government run amok in Fairfax County."

During his speech, Herrity said transportation would continue to be one of his top priorities.

"Our residents spend far too much of their time stuck in traffic. As a transportation advocate for the last 25 years, I have pushed to make common-sense transportation solutions a county priority," he said, noting that he has helped ease congestion by supporting extended HOV hours, opening shoulder lanes and ramps on Interstate 66 and supporting Beltway HOT lanes.

Herrity also said he would continue to fight for strong neighborhoods. "There has been a lot of focus on Fairfax becoming more urban. While I believe we should urbanize in certain corridors of the county, it is our suburban neighborhoods that make

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COURTESY OF DARIA TORRES

The West Springfield High School Dance Team finished first at the March 12 and 13 NDA National Competition in Orlando, Fla. The team's routine was inspired by the movie 'The Matrix.'

West Springfield Dancers First in Florida

For the second year in a row, the West Springfield High School Dance Team earned a first place finish at the NDA National Competition in Orlando, Fla. The competition took place March 12 and 13 at the Hard Rock Live. The Spartan dancers competed in the Large Varsity Hip Hop Category and topped 16 other teams from around the U.S. They performed a routine inspired by the science fiction movie "The Matrix."

The West Springfield dance team is led by Coaches Tara Perez and Jason King. Team WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

members are Julian Asuncion, Kate DeClark, Chelsea Kopf, Emily Barnes, Nicky Ditnoy, Hannah Ernst, Nicole Mobley, Sara Nolen, Riley O'Rourke, Sarah Thompson, Kristin Toler, Jordan Penrod, Dori Shapiro, Brianna Thompson, Natalie Wawrzeaniak, Jordan Dey, May Ditnoy, K.T. Ignatova, Katie Lee and Lauren Rader.

Highlights of the competition, including West Springfield's performance, can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/ic9dnn>.

Budget Plan Includes Cuts to Area Non-Profits

Fairfax County non-profit agencies worried programs may be on chopping block.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

A coalition of local non-profits is lobbying county officials to preserve the \$3.3 billion budget unveiled by Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin on Feb. 22, calling additional proposed cuts a "perfect storm" of funding disasters.

"For many of us, we're losing stimulus dollars from the federal government and facing potential cuts in the proposed federal budget, while also suffering cuts in state funding," said Amanda Andere, executive director of FACETS, an organization that serves low-income residents.

"If the budget is drastically changed, it would greatly impact the work we do providing necessary human services. It would be the 'perfect storm' of events that will devastate many of our community's most vulnerable residents," said Andere.

Fairfax County's advertised budget, which reflects increased property tax revenues resulting from rising property values, would make available an additional \$30 million in discretionary spending.

Andere said devoting a portion of those funds to human service agencies would soften the impact of looming state and federal cuts.

But members of NonProfit NoVA, a coalition that advocates for the nonprofit sector in Northern Virginia, said they are worried the \$30 million in unallocated revenues would evaporate after attending the March 15 Board of Supervisors budget committee meeting.

According to Andere, who also serves on the executive board of NonProfit NoVA, the meeting had officially adjourned when members learned that the board had instructed staff to provide a list of additional program reductions that could be considered by the board as part of its budget deliberations.

In particular, supervisors discussed a possible reduction in property tax rate, and Griffin released a list of additional funding cuts on March 17.

The suggested reductions, scattered across a wide swath of county government,

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Non-Profits

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will affect many clients of non-profits, Andere said, adding that many programs could be drastically altered or shuttered completely.

“When you layer on state and federal cuts, it’s a grim-looking picture,” said Shannon Steen, executive director of Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services, an agency that helps the working poor, disabled and the elderly. “It’s because of all the uncertainty at the state and federal level that we advocated strongly for the budget that was originally presented. It was a safety net that may not be there for our clients.”

Several directors of area non-profits, including Andere, met Friday, March 18, to discuss the ramifications of diminishing funds, and to launch a public awareness campaign to preserve local funding levels.

Members have posted budget information on several agency web sites, including www.fairfaxalliance.org, asking the public to attend budget hearings and speak out against additional budget cuts. Residents can also find out information about the potential budget cuts at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy_2012_012/fy_2012_budget_reductions.pdf.

“Further cuts are not just nipping and tucking, they would have a major impact, especially because the economic recovery is so fragile. Organizations can recover, but families can’t,” said Ann Zuvekas, chair of the Fairfax County Alliance for Human Services (AHS), an organization that represents non-profit agencies, civic groups, religious congregations and other human service providers.

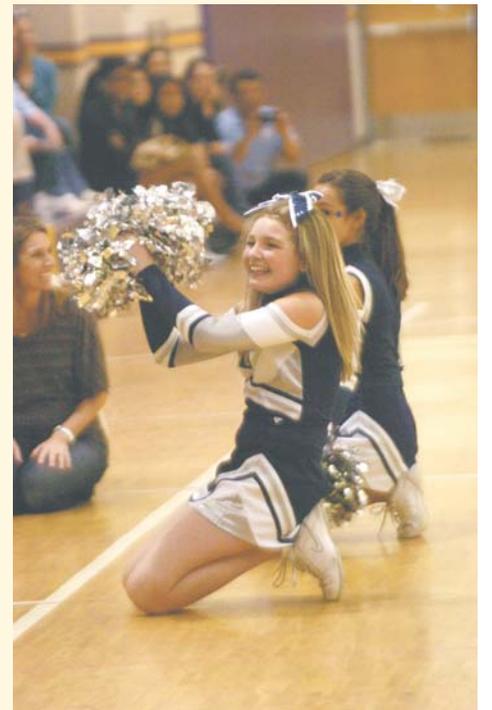
Zuvekas, a volunteer and retired Fairfax County homeowner, said she understands the tough decisions the Board of Supervisors faces every budget season.

“But the Board wisely rejected the same proposed cuts for Fiscal Year 2010 and 2011, when the economy was in serious trouble and when county revenue had dropped, causing a major funding shortfall,” she said. “It would be a shame to make these drastic cuts in human services now, when the local economy has improved and revenue has stabilized.”

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said the board is looking at several options as the debate on the budget unfolds, and he supports budget reductions that would reduce the tax burden on homeowners. “From my perspective, I’m sympathetic to human services, but I’m also sympathetic to our tax payers,” he said. “We need to make sure we’re focusing our resources in the most efficient way for those who can’t help themselves.”



Cheerleading Squad 11 tosses pom-poms into the air.



All-Star cheerleaders Delaney Fetzer, front, and Brooke Kincaid show their spirit. Delaney and Brooke are sixth grade students at Sangster Elementary School.

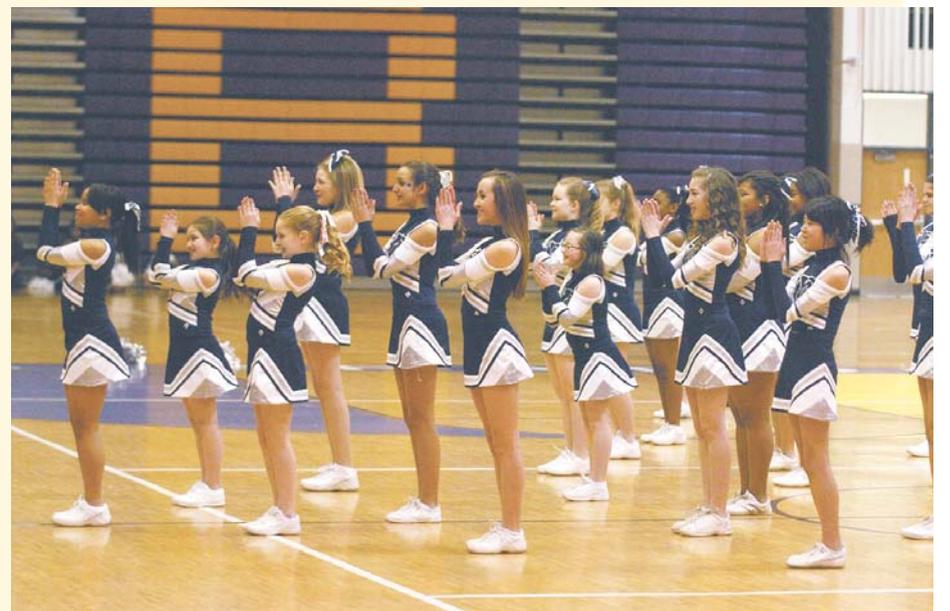
Showing Their Spirit

SYC cheerleaders end season with Pep Rally.

Girls from the Springfield/South County Youth Club Cheerleading Program wrapped up their season on Saturday, March 19, with a Winter Pep Rally at Lake Braddock Secondary.

At the event, Cheer Commissioner Rosemary Florez retired from the program after nine years of commitment and dedication. Eleven-year-old Delaney Fetzer, a sixth grader at Sangster Elementary, was also named SYC’s Cheerleader of the Year for 2010-11.

During its winter season, more than 180 cheerleaders from first through ninth grade took part in the program. On Saturday, each cheer squad performed a dance routine and a couple of cheers for family and friends.



All Star Cheer squad begins their routine during Saturday, March 19’s end-of-season Winter Pep Rally at Lake Braddock Secondary.



At the March 19 end-of-season Winter Pep Rally, girls from the Springfield/South County Youth Club Cheerleading Program received medals for their hard work.



Outgoing SYC Commissioner Rosemary Flores speaks to the crowd at Lake Braddock Secondary School’s gym.

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BULLETIN

THURSDAY/MARCH 24

Virginia International University Job Fair. 1-3 p.m. Virginia International University, Waples Mill Conference Center, 11200 Waples Mill Road, #360, Fairfax. Formal business attire or business casual attire required. www.viu.edu.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Little Angel Consignment Sale. 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave., Fairfax. Children's clothing, shoes, equipment and toys. 703-591-3120.

SUNDAY/MARCH 27

Burke Historical Society Meeting. 4 p.m. The Silas Burke House, 5641 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Tom Moncure, University Council for George Mason University, will speak on "George Mason, the Statesman" wizet@cox.net.

MONDAY/MARCH 28

Senior Fall Prevention Classes. 2 p.m. The Woodlands Retirement Community, 4320 Forest Hill Drive, Fairfax. Held in a heated indoor pool, designed to work on balance and core muscles in order to prevent injuries and falls. \$10 per class. Register at 703-667-9800.

TUESDAY/MARCH 29

Parent Toolbox for Preschoolers. 7 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. \$75 per person, \$110 per couple. Register at 703-896-7907.

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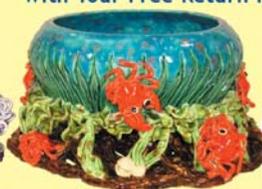
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Opportunity about To Be Squandered

Once-a-decade redistricting offers a chance to do it right; no one with power seems interested.

Have you seen what our political districts look like? It's as if the clown who makes balloon animals has gone mad. And it could be amusing if it didn't matter so much.

Our once-a-decade exercise in partisan hubris is about to unfold. Next week we'll likely see proposals that seek to protect Democratic seats in the Virginia Senate, Republican seats in the Virginia House of Delegates. The status quo in Fairfax County will get another 10-year term. Virginia's incumbents in Congress will get some reassuring padding, even if it means districts that look like boa constrictors that are digesting a couple of meals and have been run over by a car in one or two places.

We are not likely to see districts that best represent residents. No one with power is talking about how to draw lines that increase voter participation and citizen involvement.

Political districts should be drawn by a non-partisan commission that looks at providing communities with representation that works. What works is keeping communities of inter-

est together, so that one town or community is encompassed in some of its political districts. Each resident is represented locally by one member of Congress, a state senator, a state delegate, and then by a county board or city or town council.

The Democratically-controlled Senate and Republican-controlled House of Delegates appear to have a gentleman's agreement in place to focus on their own branch of the legislature and not interfere with each other's lines. So Democrats will gerrymander the senate lines and Republicans will gerrymander the delegate lines.

In Northern Virginia, many of these districts sprawl and crawl out like amoebas to capture a given precinct if it will help or hurt partisan balance. Instead districts should be designed for good representation, shared high school boundaries, shared land use concerns, shared traffic challenges, shared public safety concerns. It's unrealistic to think that part-time legislators will be able to master the nuances

the first time in recent memory, the House of Delegates unanimously passed the conference report to HB 1500, which amended the biennial budget for the Commonwealth. I voted against the original proposed amendments to the budget which called for further spending cuts in education. However, I cast my vote in favor of the final conference report, as it not only restored those previous budget reductions

but also included an additional \$4.1 million for Fairfax County Schools. Other significant features of the approved budget included the restoration of funds for our public safety services, establishing a \$30 million trust fund to support the disabled in our communities, and providing funding for transportation without withdrawing essential resources from the state's general fund.

Our Commonwealth, our county and local governments are currently facing challenging times, but the revised plan achieves a balanced budget while maintaining a high quality of life for all Virginians. Accordingly, I supported this version of the budget.

❖ **Public Safety** - I participated in a bipartisan effort to have the General Assembly classify synthetic marijuana as a controlled substance. I introduced this bill at the request of concerned parents after incidents in which Fairfax County students ingested these

potentially dangerous substances, often with serious consequences. In addition, I am pleased that we were able to restore some of the previous cuts to public safety, helping our public safety officials protect our families and community.

❖ **Transportation** - This year, I introduced a bill to change the current transportation maintenance formula, from one based upon an outdated standard, to one reflecting the actual scientifically-determined conditions of the roads, bridges, tunnels and rails. Although Northern Virginia contains 25 percent of the state's population, we only receive 14 percent of the funds for road maintenance. The new standard in this bill would have ensured that funding goes to those areas that need it. While this bill was successful in the House of Delegates, it was defeated in the State Senate.

The General Assembly also took a first step in helping to repair our broken transportation system and bring some congestion relief to the Commonwealth. While we were not able to agree on a long-term, sustainable funding stream we did provide additional revenue for transportation without raising taxes or hurting education.

❖ **Economic recovery** - I supported the governor's proposals to provide tax credits and financial incentives to new and expanding businesses able to create additional jobs. We have begun to see signs of economic improvement,

and needs that spread out across three or more jurisdictions, as some delegate districts do.

Delegate districts in particular are the smallest unit of representation for many people, with about 80,000 residents to be included in the newly drawn districts. These districts can and should focus compactly on communities.

Meanwhile, in Fairfax County local government, the likely outcome of redistricting will be the status quo, with nine supervisor districts, even though Fairfax County's population has grown by more than 10 percent and so could easily support another district. An additional district would allow for elected officials, both supervisors and school board members, to focus on a smaller number of residents, roads, schools and issues. Fairfax should also consider adding a couple of at-large seats in the future to balance the power of a single supervisor.

Arlington's county board is elected entirely at-large, but should consider changing to have some political districts that could broaden representation for minorities — ethnic minorities, economic minorities and political minorities.

No one actually making decisions seems to be interested in creating districts that best represent the residents of the districts.

— MARY KIMM

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Delegate Back From Richmond

To the Editor:

I returned to the 41st District when the 2011 General Assembly session adjourned on Sunday, Feb. 27. During this legislative session, the General Assembly faced many challenges including making amendments to the state's biennial budget, funding transportation and restoring dramatic cuts to education that have been made over the last few years. Major legislative steps taken in Richmond include:

❖ **Education** - Our investment in education is not only essential for the future of our children, but also ensures the ultimate economic success of the Commonwealth. Funding for public schools, colleges and universities has been significantly reduced in recent years. In accordance with my determination to support our children's educational opportunities throughout the session, I stood up on the House floor to speak against any further reductions in education spending. In addition, I was also pleased to co-patron the Virginia Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2011. This act will increase in-state acceptances while also rewarding our colleges and universities for granting degrees in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

❖ **FY 2010-11 Budget** - For

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Herrity

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Fairfax County great.”
 Judy Kirk, a hostess at Milano’s Restaurant in Springfield for nine years, said she will support Herrity this fall. “I think he’s very ethical. When you ask him a question, he gives you direct answers. He’s a fine citizen, and he has represented the citizens here very well,” Kirk said.

Although several candidates are hovering to challenge Herrity in the general election, no Democrat has officially declared to run against the Republican incumbent, according to Rex Simmons, Fairfax County Democratic Committee Chairman.

“We don’t even know what the districts will look like,” Simmons said. If Democrats do have two or more viable candidates, a primary is likely and Democratic voters can select their candidate on Aug. 23.

Liz Bradsher, current member of Fairfax county School Board and a previously Republican-endorsed candidate, applied to join the Democratic Party in the Springfield District. She said she is still mulling over whether to enter the race.

“I’m still uncertain as to whether I will run as a Democrat, or whether I will challenge Mr. Herrity. I’m in the process of fact-finding and reviewing the two-party system,” she said on Monday.

“I really think that people want someone who will support them and work for them and not just say something and not follow through. That means you must get along with those you work with, so you can help your constituents. And you must be able to work for the greater good and not respond to a small, vocal minority,” said Bradsher.

Simmons added that Springfield District residents deserve a full-time representative.

“No sooner than Pat Herrity had been elected in 2007, he immediately declared he was running for another office, and when he lost his bid to be chairman of the Fairfax County Board to Sharon Bulova (D), he said he would be running for another office. I don’t know how he can look the voters of Springfield in the eye, and say he would like to be their supervisor for four more years,” Simmons said.

“All I can say is that I’ve been able to get a lot done in 3-1/2 years, and I look forward to another four years serving the citizens of the Springfield District and Fairfax County,” Herrity said.

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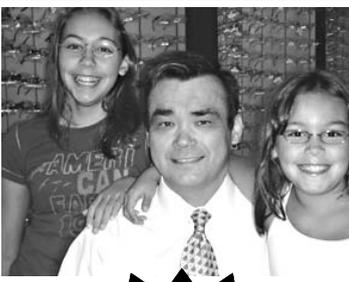


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West Springfield Begins Life without Wahl, Morgan

Spartans open season as defending state champions.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Bobby Wahl and Charlie Morgan carried the West Springfield baseball team to a state championship in 2010, the program's first since 1998.

Wahl and his 90-plus mph fastball mowed down opposing hitters. The right-hander pitched in each of the Spartans' final seven games, doing whatever necessary to help West Springfield win.

Morgan was a power-hitting force from the left side. He set school records for batting average (.551), hits (49), home runs (11), slugging percentage (1.034) and RBIs (40) during the 2010 campaign, including a clutch three-run homer with the Spartans facing a 1-0 deficit late in the state semifinals against Western Branch.

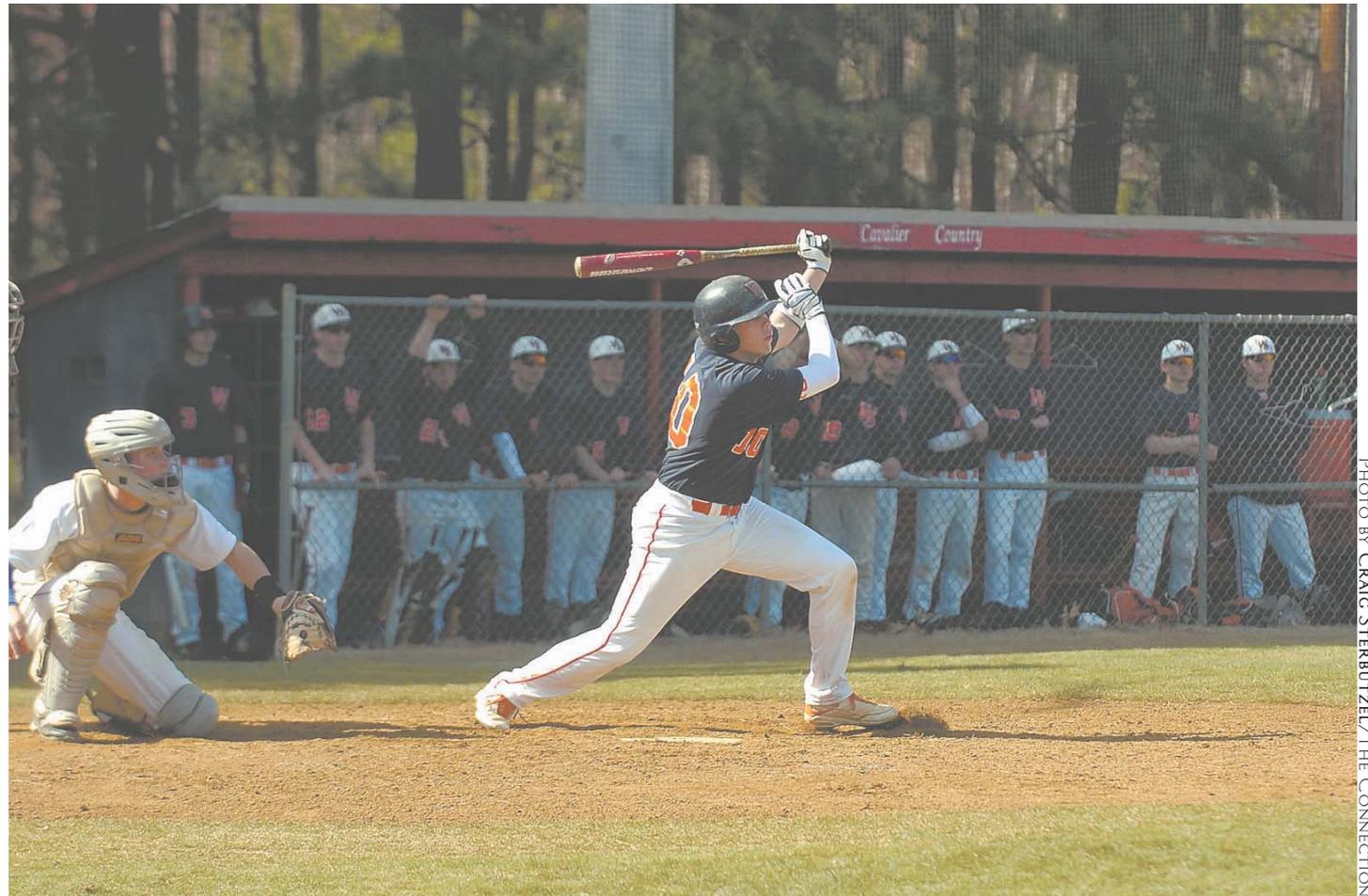
Wahl could also handle the bat, hitting better than .400 for his career. Morgan was also a talented pitcher, allowing no earned runs in 6 2/3 innings in the semifinal matchup with Western Branch. Each possessed the talent to lead a program to greatness.

And now they're gone.

Wahl and Morgan went on to play Division I baseball: Wahl a pitcher at Ole Miss and Morgan a designated hitter at Wake Forest. Back at West Springfield, the Spartans enter the 2011 season with talent, but it will be hard to live up to the success of last year's team. However, head coach John James offers a solution to dealing with potentially overwhelming expectations.

Don't compare the two teams.

"This is a different team," James said. "We lost some guys but we gained some guys. They need to establish their own identity and establish their own legacy and they're going to go out and do that. They're going to work to do that and they can't try to live



West Springfield senior Trevor Snook went 3 for 3 with seven RBIs during a 14-2, five-inning victory against Robinson on Saturday.

up to anything else."

So far, so good for the Spartans, who opened the season with victories in their first two games. West Springfield defeated Fairfax, 4-3, on March 18 before thumping Robinson, 14-2, in five innings on March 19. Against Robinson, senior infielder Trevor Snook finished 3 for 3 with seven RBIs, including a three-run double in the first inning.

"Trevor is a three-year starter," James said. "He's developed every year. He's taken his game a little higher, he's improved and he's an important piece of what we do."

Snook said he is one of several Spartans who need to step up and fill the void left by

Wahl and Morgan.

"Ever since last season, that was one of my goals," Snook said. "Some of us have to step up and fill those voids and I feel like we have the guys to do that. We're pretty confident."

James said he expects seniors Aaron Self (infield), Garrett Wooddell (infield/outfield) and David Pyon (catcher) will play key roles for the Spartans.

On the mound, James said there is not a No. 1 or No. 2 starter. Instead, he will start whoever he thinks gives the Spartans the best chance of winning that particular game. Seniors Michael Simko, JT Williamson, Wes Stonelake and Snook, and

juniors Connor Tagg and Tyler Tobin could be impact pitchers.

"We have one pitching staff," James said, "and we have confidence in all of them."

West Springfield will travel to face Lake Braddock on March 25, at 6:30 p.m. The Spartans' first home game is March 29 against Woodson in a rematch of last season's Northern Region championship game.

James said the Spartans need to focus on this season and not think about last year's state championship or the pressure that comes with it.

"Don't even talk about it," he said. "What's done is done. That's in the past."

Rams Baseball Roughed Up Early

After back-to-back poor outings by his pitching staff, Robinson head baseball coach Jeff Ferrell kept things positive and showed a sense of humor.

"We still expect to compete for a district title," Ferrell said on Saturday after the Rams were run-ruled by defending state champion West Springfield. "Right now, we're expecting a starting pitcher to get to the second inning."

After defeating Annandale, 4-3, in the season opener on March 16, Robinson lost to Woodson, 9-2, on March 18 and West Springfield, 14-2, in five innings on March 19. Against West Springfield, The Rams' starting pitcher walked the first three batters and allowed four earned runs. He was pulled after throwing a first-pitch ball to the fifth batter of the game, having not recorded an out.

While being outscored 23-4 by Woodson and West

Springfield, last season's Northern Region state play-off representatives, Ferrell said he used his entire pitching staff, other than ace Denis Mikush.

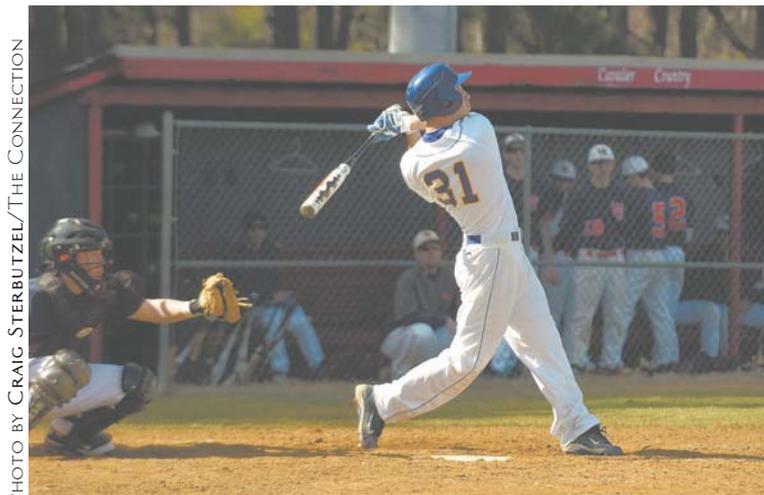
"We did have a chance to throw all our pitchers to find out who can do what," Ferrell said. "We didn't throw our No. 1 these two days, but I think we're still going to be pretty good with him on the mound."

Mikush is a right-hander who throws in the mid-80s with a quality curve ball, Ferrell said. Dan Cochrane and Connor Graber have emerged as the top candidates to fill the No. 2 and No. 3 starter roles.

Ferrell also said he expects designated hitter Alex Torres, second baseman Joe Priftis and outfielder Jared Velasquez to be key contributors

Robinson will host Kettle Run on March 26, at 12 p.m.

— JON ROETMAN



Jared Velasquez walked and scored a run during Robinson's loss to West Springfield on Saturday.

ENTERTAINMENT

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/MARCH 24

Let's Spring into Springtime. 10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

The Drew Kennerley Magic Show. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Kennerley is an experienced 15-year-old magician who performs comedic magic shows for children. Tickets distributed 30

minutes before program begins. Age 6-10. 703-249-1520.

What You Need to Know About the New Credit Card Rules. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Find out about the new credit card rules. Adults. 703-978-5600.

Lunchtime at the Movies: Fairy Tales. 11:30 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Bring lunch and watch movies based on children's books. Call for titles. Age 1-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

FRIDAY/MARCH 25

Mason Dance Company 2011 Gala

Concert. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Featuring work by Ohad Naharin, Lar Lubovitch, Robert Battle and Susan Shields. Tickets \$20 adults, \$12 students and seniors, available at the Center for the Arts Box Office, open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., or at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Swingin' into Spring. 8 p.m. Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Fairfax Swing Band and Main Street Community Concert

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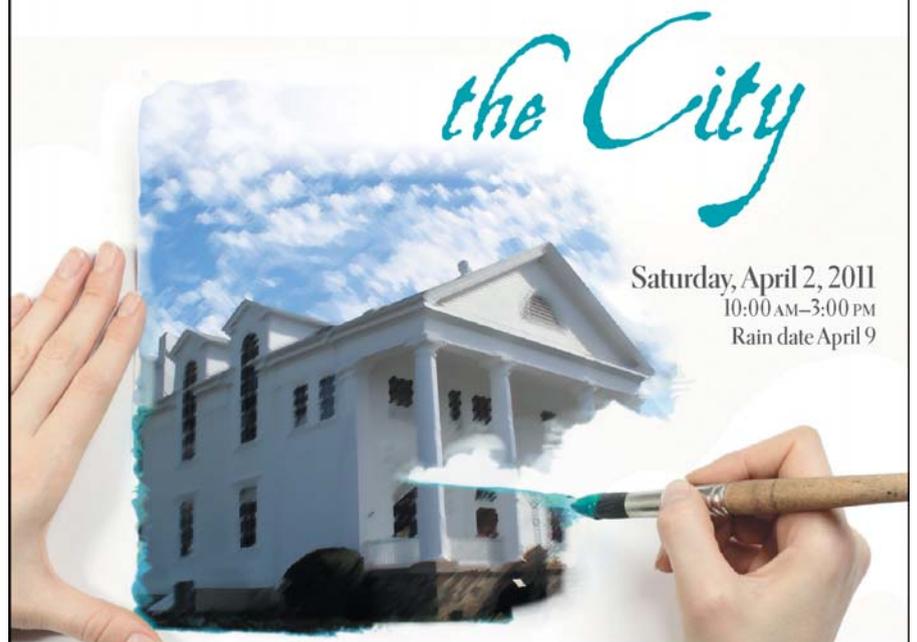
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Buy a Pretty Dress, Help Save a Life

Fashion show will raise money for childhood cancer research.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

An upcoming, charity fashion show in Centreville is called Runway for Another Day for one simple reason.

“All the money we raise from the runway event will hopefully help a child live to see another day,” said event organizer Alyson Pollard.

All proceeds go to Band of Parents, whose children have a cancer called neuroblastoma, and will help fund research and treatments for this currently incurable disease. For 1998 Robinson Secondary grad Pollard, who now lives in Little Rocky Run, it’s also a way to help her brother, Nick Franca, 21, who’s been battling it since 2005.

Besides that, she added, the fashion show promises to be exciting and entertaining. “It’s going to be a truly magical afternoon, perfect for a mother-daughter day out,” said Pollard. “It’s full of fashion and fun, and the icing on the cake is that it’s for such a great cause.”

Runway for Another Day is slated for Sunday, April 3, from 2-6 p.m., at the Chantilly Country Club, 14901 Braddock Road. There, women and teens will have a chance to buy everything from prom gowns to semi-formal and everyday dresses at bargain prices. Tickets are \$25, presale only, and space is limited; call Pollard at 703-946-3416.

The runway show will feature some 35 of the top evening gowns and prom dresses “because they’re the most entertaining to look at,” said Pollard. “Then they’ll be sold, silent-auction style.”

Overall, though, about 150 dresses will be on display and available for purchase. They’re divided evenly between formal wear and all-occasion dresses. Several classic, little black dresses will sell for \$30, and everyday dresses and sundresses for teens and adults will range from \$25-\$30; these will be on clothing racks throughout the room.

“Ann’s Boutique in Burke Centre donated six, brand-new, designer dresses that average \$300 apiece,” said Pollard. “They’re beautiful dresses and will be on mannequins and available for \$100. Ann’s was amazing to do this for us. They were very helpful,



PHOTO BY HAYAN CRONIN

Alyson Pollard, whose brother Nick Franca is currently battling neuroblastoma, poses with some of the nearly 150 dresses that will be available for purchase at the Runway for Another Day event.

willing and supportive of the event.”

“Several sororities at GMU also donated dresses because they’re always having spring and fall formals,” said Pollard. “And we’d be thrilled if people want to make further donations above the asking price. Everything’s tax-deductible because Band of Parents is a nonprofit.”

The models will be GMU and Robinson Secondary students, plus Franca’s girlfriend, Kelly Embley. “We’ll even have some girls modeling who are current survivors of neuroblastoma,” said Pollard. Corsages for the survivors will be provided by A Flower Blooms in Clifton, and The Hair Garage of Clifton is doing the models’ hair.

Pollard was raised in the Town of Clifton and, as a student at Robinson, she helped plan her school’s prom, so she’s excited to be involved with prom gowns again. “If any gowns are left over, I’ll try to offer them to local high-school girls who may otherwise not be able to afford them,” she said.

Besides the fashion show, the day’s fun will also include surprise guests, possibly a sports figure and a musician, refreshments and a raffle of goodie baskets containing

items such as spa packages, prom-night limo deals, plus hair and makeup packages.

Forget Me Not Cakes of Gainesville is providing cupcakes, and four baskets of gift items will be raffled off. Three baskets will be prom-themed and will contain goodies such as Vera Bradley bags, plus gift certificates for limousine rides, spa treatments, hair appointments and makeup. The fourth basket will feature high-end electronics.

In addition, vendors will be on hand with a dazzling array of hot fashion trends and accessories. Clothing, jewelry and makeup vendors will display and sell their wares and will then donate a portion of their profits from that day’s sales or orders to Band of Parents.

Some limousine companies will offer information about their services and will bring their limousines to the event for people to tour. And Bonefish Grill in Greenbriar has provided gift cards for the “swag bags” each attendee will receive.

Sponsoring Runway for Another Day are Village TimeSaver of Clifton, CleanOffice Inc. of Chantilly, Ann’s Boutique of Burke, and Deb Gorham of Long & Foster, Real-

tors. More sponsors are needed, though. Those interested should e-mail Pollard at runwayforanotherday@gmail.com.

Pollard’s sister Megan is helping design and coordinate the event. The whole thing is dedicated to Chantilly’s Rachel D’Andrea, who succumbed to neuroblastoma in January at age 3, and they want to raise \$10,000 for the cause, in her name. Those unable to attend, but wishing to donate a dress or money to the cause should phone Alyson Pollard.

“When families are going through the nightmare of caring for a child with cancer, people ask them, ‘What can we do?’” she said. “Sometimes the answer is a meal, sometimes it is a shoulder to cry on. But what if we could offer these families, my own included, hope — hope for a cure and cancer-free days?”

Therefore, she wants a good turnout for the fashion show for two reasons. “We got way more dresses than we ever anticipated, and we want to offer them to people,” said Pollard. “At the same time, the more people we have, the more buyers and the more money we’ll raise for the charity.”

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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Ram Boys Tennis Returns 3 Starters

The Robinson boys tennis team begins the season with three returning starters. Senior Tim Ferrell moves into the top singles slot after playing No. 2 last season. Ferrell finished third in the district tournament last year. Also a senior, Michael Cable moves up from the No. 5 spot to play No. 2. The remaining returner, David Smiley, another senior, is starting for the third consecutive year at No. 4. Freshman Aaron Christian has moved up the ladder to take the No. 3 singles position. Senior Dillon Meyer is in the No. 5 position, followed by sophomore Jacob Schreiman. Junior Amit Gupta and sophomore Brian Bui are also close on the ladder and will both get their share of playing time.

At this time, the only set doubles team is Ferrell and Cable at No. 1. There are a number of players under consideration for the remaining doubles positions.

The team has already scrimmaged two of the regional powerhouses. The defending regional champion, Thomas Jefferson, has simply reloaded from last year and defeated the Rams, 7-2, although a number of matches were close. Dillon Meyer at No. 5 was the only singles winner. Robinson traveled to Patriot District champion and rival, Lake Braddock. Seniors Cable, Smiley, and Meyer won their singles matches. Christian and Gupta hung on for a tough win at No. 3 doubles. Although the Rams lost, 5-4, it was a good effort and sets the mark where the team wants to go this season.

Robinson's home opener is on March 24, at 4 p.m., against Oakton.

— ROBINSON HEAD COACH PAUL FISHER

COLLEGE NOTES

Mercedes Jara, a Burke resident, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Jara is pursuing a degree in communications.

Manjot Kaur, a Burke resident, has been named to the dean's list at

Marymount University. Kaur is pursuing a degree in biology.

Nathanon Ketram, a resident of Burke, has been named to the dean's list at Marymount University. Ketram is pursuing a degree in biology.

CALENDAR

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Microsoft PowerPoint. 2:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. How to put together a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Age 13 and up. 703-293-6227.

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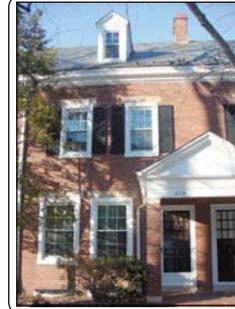
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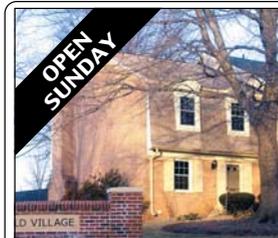
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Fairfax Station \$599,900

WOW ... 1 acre in Fairfax Station for under \$600K! 5 bedrooms, 3 full baths, gleaming hardwood floors, screened-in porch, 2-car side-load garage, all on a 1 acre, fenced lot. Hurry before someone steals it from you.

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