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Newly elected Lynchburg Del. Scott Garrett lands three House committee assignments on the opening day of this year's General Assembly session. Former Lynchburg Del. Preston Bryant, who served in Gov. Kaine's Cabinet, joins a consulting firm. The mood in Richmond is subdued as legislators prepare for a painful session.

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In address, governor bids farewell, says thanks to Assembly

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Virginia's 70th governor, Timothy M. Kaine, bid farewell Wednesday night to four years of leading the commonwealth in turbulent times, proclaiming that it has emerged from the national recession as a leader among states.



"No state in America has enjoyed the success we have seen in recent years," Kaine in his final state of the Commonwealth Address at the Capitol in Richmond.

"Virginia is well positioned going forward because of our economic, educational and political leadership."

Kaine's 23-minute message to a joint session of the General Assembly included a number of personal passages.

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Byron temporarily in line of succession during Kaine speech



Del. Kathy Byron, R-Campbell County, in her seventh term in office, was tapped by House Speaker William Howell to step in as acting governor in case of a catastrophe Wednesday night.

RICHMOND — Del. Kathy Byron, R-Campbell County, was not in her House of Delegates seat during Gov. Timothy M. Kaine's State of the Commonwealth speech to legislators Wednesday night.

Byron was at an undisclosed location and under state police guard because House Speaker William Howell had designated her for an unusual role: to step in as acting governor in the event an unforeseen catastrophe were to take the lives of other top

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DISASTER IN HAITI

Tens of thousands feared dead as rescuers search for survivors

- Central Va. responds with aid, concern for local Haitian population



An earthquake survivor weeps as she deals with the aftermath of the magnitude-7 tremor that caused widespread destruction and death on the island nation of Haiti. Tens of thousands of people are feared dead in the disaster.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — The earthquake spared neither poor nor powerful: the president was homeless, the U.N. mission chief missing, the archbishop dead. Whole neighborhoods were flattened and perhaps tens of thousands of people killed in the latest catastrophe to befall impoverished Haiti.

Dazed survivors wandered past dead bodies in Port-au-Prince's rubble-strewn streets Wednesday, crying for loved ones, and rescuers searched collapsed buildings for signs of life.

The first cargo planes with food, water, medical supplies, shelter and sniffer dogs headed to the Western Hemisphere's poorest nation a day after the magnitude-7 quake flattened much of the capital of 2 million people.

Hospitals, schools and the

main prison collapsed in Tuesday's quake. The capital's Roman Catholic archbishop was killed when his office and the main cathedral fell. The head of the U.N. peacekeeping mission was missing in the ruins of the

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Locals reach out to loved ones, rush to help Haiti

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As Haiti emerged from the rubble of its worst earthquake in more than 200 years, some members of the Lynchburg community struggled to reach loved ones, while others rushed to provide relief.

Liberty University currently has 17 Haitians enrolled on student visas,

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Council interviews candidates

candidates

Vote on replacement for Garrett will come Friday morning

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Budget pains and the challenge of being an unelected leader were two

interim council appointment

frequent points of focus Wednesday during Lynchburg City Council's interviews with the vacancy appointment candidates.

Each of the five men council slot participated in the public interviewing

process.

Council was not limited in what it could ask and did not ask all candidates the same questions. Officials are seeking an interim successor to former at-large councilman Scott Garrett following his election to the House of Delegates.

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CLOCKWISE, FROM TOP LEFT: STEWART HOBBS, NAT MARSHALL, RANDY NELSON, JOE SEIFERT AND JIM WEIGAND.



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