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About 400 people, many of them students from Reston schools, braved the cold Saturday morning rain to participate in the 8th Annual Sunrise Valley Elementary School/Make A Wish Foundation 5k.

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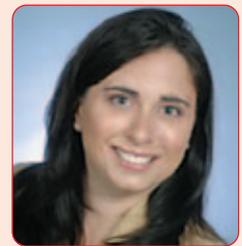
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Students Honor Fellow Restonian

Sunrise Valley Elementary hosts 5k for Make A Wish Foundation.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

About 400 people gathered on Saturday morning, May 10, at the corner of Sunrise Valley Drive and South Lakes Drive, not letting a cold rain shower passing through Reston divert their intentions. They gathered, as they do each year for the past eight years, to contribute toward making someone's wish come true, someone they do not even know.

"It is amazing to see all of you out here," said Jennifer Savory, a counselor at Sunrise Valley Elementary School, as she addressed the crowd gathered for the school-sponsored 5k to benefit Make A Wish Foundation. "We have never had a turnout like this. Never in eight years," said Savory.

This year's event was held in honor of Amy Boyle, a 12-year-old Reston girl battling a brain tumor. It marked the first time the event was held

in someone's honor. Sunrise Valley sixth graders Nina Iandolo and Isabela Alcantara thought of the idea to hold the event in Amy's honor. They learned of her battle with a brain tumor attending the same church as the Boyle family. Amy attends Hunters Woods Elementary School and attended Dogwood Elementary in the past. Michael Boyle, Amy's father, thanked those gathered on Saturday for participating in the event. Michael Boyle said that Amy, a lifetime Reston resident, is at home, but not feeling well at the time. She has battled the brain tumor for 17 months now.

Sunrise Valley Elementary partnered with Milestone Communications, a Reston-based developer and owner of wireless communications structures, to sponsor the 8th Annual Sunrise Valley Elementary School/Make A Wish

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Nina Iandolo and Isabela Alcantara, sixth graders at Sunrise Valley, came up with the idea to hold the 8th Annual Run/Walk in honor of Amy Boyle. It is the first time the event was held in someone's honor.



Michael Boyle, and other Boyle family members — Mike, Tim, Nolan and Mary — thank the 400-plus participants at Saturday's Sunrise Valley Elementary School/Make A Wish Foundation 5k held in 12-year-old Amy Boyle's honor.



Elizabeth English, Sunrise Valley Elementary School principal, left, and Len Forkas, founder and CEO of Milestone Communications, turn over a \$10,000 check from Saturday's 5k to Amy Korbas of the Make A Wish Foundation.

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'Thin' Force To Serve And Protect

FCPD begins series of meetings aimed at input from public.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Jim Diehl's home sits on Fairfax County's border with Loudoun County, in the unincorporated part of Herndon. While streets close to his Rock Hill community receive attention from the Fairfax County Police Department, it is rare to see the FCPD blue in his neighborhood.

"We don't have a police presence," said Diehl. "If we see you guys three times a year that's a good year," he said, speaking to FCPD representatives at a meeting held at Reston Community Center at Lake Anne on Wednesday night, May 7. "We have great service from the Fire Department, but next to none from you guys," said Diehl. He said a previous phone call to the Police Department yielded a 25-minute response time.

"Don't get me wrong, I am really pro-police," said Diehl afterward. "They're underresourced. They're woefully understaffed." Officers in the Reston District Station patrol all of Reston, most of unincorporated Herndon and large parts of Great Falls.

John Kapinos, a strategic planner with the chief's Office of Research and Support at FCPD, said the officer deployment throughout the county is "pretty thin." Diehl said that given the lack of manpower the Police make "unusual" decisions: For example, taking eight officers to conduct a DUI enforcement campaign.

Kapinos said he has spent the last year analyzing the effects of the projected population growth in the county on the Police Department's work. "Over the next 10 years we will need to build two police stations," he said, adding that the county's Planning Commission agreed with that

"I get letters, phone calls and e-mails, but I most appreciate dialogue."
— David Rohrer, Chief of Fairfax County Police Department

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RA Pool, Tennis Passes On-line

Reston Association is encouraging members to not wait in line, but to buy on-line, their pool and tennis passes for the 2008 season. Passes can be purchased by visiting www.reston.org and clicking on the "Shopping and Assessments" link to the left of the homepage. Everyone ages 1 and up visiting Reston's pools and tennis courts needs to have a 2008 RA Pool and Tennis Pass. Passes can also be purchased in person at the Reston Association main office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, in Reston. Call 703-435-6530 for more information or visit www.reston.org.

Bike to Work Day

The Bike to Work Day celebration will take place on Friday, May 16, at Reston Town Square, corner of Market Street and St. Francis Street in Reston Town Center, between 6:30 and 9 a.m. Free breakfast, bicycle-related prizes and t-shirts will be available for those celebrating bicycle commutes. The first-ever Fairfax County map of bike routes in the county is expected to be unveiled at Bike to Work Day. For more information contact Bruce Wright of the Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling at 703-328-9619 or bruce.wright@comcast.net.

Appreciation Party for Redistricting Support

The Leadership Class at South Lakes High School, in conjunction with parent volunteers, will host a thank you party for those involved in supporting South Lakes High School during the redistricting process. The party is open to the public and will take place in the high school gym on Tuesday night, May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call South Lakes High School at 703-715-4500.

AAUW Reviews Legislative Session

The Reston-Herndon branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a review of the 2008 Virginia General Assembly session. State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) will host the review on Thursday, May 22, at the Reston Regional Library, starting at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting will also honor Reston-Herndon branch member Ruby Joyce, recognizing her 50 years of membership in AAUW. The meeting is open to the public. Guests will include members of the Vienna Area Branch of AAUW and the National Council of Negro Women – Reston Dulles Section. For more information contact Carol Van Evera at 703-759-5543 or cvanevera@cox.net.

Instrument Petting Zoo

Reston Community Orchestra is sponsoring an Instrument Petting Zoo where children are encouraged to hear, touch and learn about the instruments in the orchestra. A concert will accompany the event, with the theme "It's All About Youth!" No admission fee will be charged, although good-will contributions will be accepted. The concert is the final program of RCO's 20th Season and will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 25, in the main hall of the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road in Reston. Young talent, including South Lakes High School students, will also play at the free concert and a professional ensemble, the Washington Saxophone Quartet, will make an appearance.

Football Hall of Fame Raffle for HHS

The Herndon High School PTSA is raffling off a football hall of fame package to benefit the school's All Night Grad Party. The package includes four tickets to the induction ceremony — the

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NEWS

Market Opens for Season

Faithful base makes for successful opening of farmers market at Lake Anne.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Wearing his signature hat, a tall American flag slouching over his head, Michael McCormick makes conversation with a customer before selling a mint plant. The next customer approaches his table and the conversation turns to garlic.

McCormick has conversed and sold for 10 years at Lake Anne Farmers Market. On Saturday morning, May 10, he brought his fresh cut flowers, plants and produce from the Ladybug Mountain Farm in Rappahannock County, to the market's 11th opening day. "I had a dream of living off the land and making some money off the land," he said about the decision to buy the land and start a farm in Rappahannock County. About five years ago McCormick retired from his job as the life science teacher position at Langston Hughes Middle School. As customers approach his table at the Lake Anne Village Center parking lot, McCormick throws out suggestions to fight off animals that may harm the plants he is selling. One of this year's features at his table is a copper mesh sleeve, placed around the pot carrying a plant, which electrocutes slugs. "It's a conversation piece, I can't sell it," he said.

"This guy grows everything organically, only he is not allowed to claim it," said Lynn Devore, a Reston resident and one of McCormick's faithful customers. It was not only McCormick who relied on faithful customers for sales on Saturday, as cold rain fell through the morning hours. The rain may have kept some people away, but Market Master John Lovaas said the vendors can always rely on a certain number of customers to visit the Lake Anne market on Saturday morning. "We've got such a faithful base that if it pours rain we still have hundreds of people come out," he said. On a typical day, said Lovaas, between 2,000 and 3,000 customers visit the Lake Anne Farmers Market.

Samuel Dennis of Herndon-based Grace's Pastries has also been with the Lake Anne Market "Since day



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Michael McCormick, a retired Langston Hughes Middle School science teacher, sells fresh cut flowers and produce at the Lake Anne Farmers Market. The market opened its 11th season on Saturday, May 10.

one," he said. "We sell good products and we've always had good reception and clientele," said Dennis of the participation at the Lake Anne Farmers Market.

The good and reliable clientele may hold the key in the success the market could enjoy this year. McCormick said the slowing economy might impact vendor sales. "The big question this year is will they [the clientele] only buy what is necessary," said McCormick.

The Lake Anne Farmers Market is open on Saturdays until November, from 8 a.m. until noon. To learn more about the market, visit <http://restonfarmersmarket.com>.

School Boundary Trial Scheduled

The Circuit Court of Fairfax County has set a trial date for June 3 in the dispute over the outcome of the western Fairfax County school boundary study.

A handful of parents who were moved to the South Lakes High School pyramid from other high school pyramids are challenging the legality of the Fairfax County School Board's redistricting process. The new boundaries are supposed to go into effect for the 2008-2009 school year.

In a legal response filed with the court April 29, the school board said the court lacks jurisdiction to review the school board's boundary decisions and that the parent group lacks standing to challenge the school board in court. It also rejected many of the allegations made by the parent group.

The board denied statements that members knew

the process for changing boundaries was flawed; that the public had lost confidence in the process; and that the process could have been improved by expanding the number of schools included. It is also rejected allegations that members knew extra capacity at South Lakes could be filled by making programmatic enhancements at the school.

The school board also rejected the notion that its decision was "arbitrary and capricious" as the parent group had claimed in its filing.

The parent group has also stated that the school board did not have the authority to consider socioeconomic factors when making boundary changes, an argument that the school board rejects.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE AND
KEN MOORE

CRIME

Activities reported by the Reston district of the Fairfax County police department through May 7.

ROBBERY/SEXUAL ASSAULT/

ARREST

11900 block Fountain Drive. Police arrested a 17-year-old Reston teen on Wednesday, May 7 after he allegedly robbed and sexually assaulted a 19-year-old Reston woman in an elevator. The victim got onto the elevator on the sixth floor of a parking garage. The suspect got in after her and struck up a brief conversation. He then pinned her up against the wall, touched her inappropriately and demanded her purse. The victim relinquished the purse and the suspect exited the elevator on the fifth floor. There were no injuries. Police checked the area and located the suspect. He was arrested and taken to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center and charged with robbery and sexual battery.

ROBBERY/ASSAULT

12100 block Sunset Hills Road. An 18-year-old Herndon-area man and

a 22-year-old Reston man were the victims of a robbery on Sunday, May 4. They were riding bicycles along the W&OD Trail around 8 p.m. when two men stopped them. One suspect grabbed the handle bar of the 18-year-old's bike and demanded money. The victim refused and was pushed off his bike. He handed over an undisclosed amount of money and the suspects fled. The victims were not injured. The first suspect was described as black, 20 to 22 years old. He was about 6 feet 4 inches tall, weighing 170 pounds. He wore black pants and a red shirt. The second suspect was described as white, 17 to 18 years old. He had medium-length, brown hair, was about 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighed 150 pounds. He wore blue jeans and a black shirt.

INDECENT EXPOSURE

11510 North Shore Drive. On Sunday, May 4 around 11:30 a.m., a man exposed himself to an 18-year-old Middleburg woman in front of Lake Anne Elementary School. The victim was sitting on the sidewalk in front of the school when the suspect said something to get her attention. She turned to see who was speaking to her and the

suspect was exposing himself. He walked away after exposing himself. The suspect was described as being white, in his 50s, with gray hair and a beard. He was approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. He wore a green and black flannel shirt and khaki pants.

LARCENIES

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12900 block Centre Park Circle. iPod and GPS stolen from vehicle

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11700 block Ledura Court. License plate stolen from vehicle

11400 block North Shore Drive. License plates stolen from vehicle

11500 block North Shore Drive. Scooter stolen from vehicle

VEHICLE THEFTS

11500 block Embers Court. 1998 Ford Escort reported stolen

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WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Covenants Committee Meeting. The Covenants Committee reviews the maintenance violations cases on a monthly basis. 7-8 p.m. at Reston Association Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. Call 703-435-6506.

Award Ceremony. State Senator Janet Howell will be the keynote speaker at OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.'s annual volunteer awards reception at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterford at Fair Oaks. Call 703-246-3033; e-mail: info@oarfairfax.org; web site: www.oarfairfax.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 22

Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Monthly meeting of the Board of Directors where formal action is taken on policy issues pertinent to the Association; Member Comments are received; and staff, committee and community presentations are made. 7 p.m. at the Reston Association Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. Call 703-435-6512.

see what we are all about. In addition to our usual meeting, our guest speaker will be a yoga teacher who will demonstrate a few simple poses that we can do in the comfort of our own homes. Contact Jennifer by phone at 703-476-6001 or via e-mail at jenn_schmiel@yahoo.com.

MONDAY/MAY 19

Fiscal Committee Meeting. This meeting will be from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Reston Association Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. Call 703-435-7980.

Heritage Preservation Review Board Public Session, 7 p.m. at Hoover Conference Room, 765 Lynn St., Herndon. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

The NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) May Luncheon Meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. The guest speaker will be Sharon K. Lynn, Assistant Director, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, will speak on the "Fairfax 50+ Action Plan". Call 703-435-3523, to make choice of the lunch entrée for \$16.

Strategic Bragging Workshop. Presentation skills coach Sally Strackbein will hold a workshop titled "Master the Art of Strategic Bragging", from 8:45 a.m. in Reston.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6449 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

Architectural Review Board Work Session, 7:30 p.m. at Hoover Conference Room, 765 Lynn St., Herndon. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

Heritage Preservation Review Board Work Session, 7 p.m. at Hoover Conference Room, 765 Lynn St., Herndon. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

Fairfax Area League of Women Voters and their guests will be discussing the restoration of civil rights to former felons, who now must wait for several years after serving their sentences and then apply to the governor at 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center. Call Wendy at 703-319-4114. Free, open to the public.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

The MOMS Club of Herndon will be hosting its monthly meeting from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. We encourage all Herndon stay at home mothers to join us to meet other at-home mothers and to

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PEOPLE



Chris Griffin and Marilyn Foust visit with each other while attending the 2008 FISH Fling sponsored by the Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help.



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Supporters of the Herndon/Reston FISH program, attend the Herndon-Reston FISH Gala and Fundraiser at Sallie Mae in Reston on May 10.

Fling Gala Supports FISH

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help) held its third annual FISH Fling Gala and Fundraiser on May 10 at the Sallie Mae facility in Reston Town Center. Friends of FISH bid on items in silent auctions, played games and bid on items in the live auction, executed by auctioneer Del. Ken Plum. The Fling was attended by Herndon and Reston residents, FISH volunteers, and some local dignitaries, such as Reston founder Robert E. Simon, state Delegates Ken Plum and Tom Rust, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, and Herndon Town Mayor Steve DeBenedittis.

This year's "Starfish Honorees" are Judy Duncan and Trudy Gibson, the voices of the FISH Answering and Referral Service, taking over 100 calls a day. Duncan has been answering calls since 1988 and enlisted Gibson in 1992 to help take calls and coordinate the FISH transportation program for giving free rides to medical appointments. They each learned about FISH when they, themselves, received free rides to medical appointments years ago. FISH now provides about 100 free rides a month. Duncan and Gibson were honored for their dedication to FISH clients and to the FISH organization.

FISH has assisted local residents for over 39 years, since 1969. To learn more, visit www.herndonrestonfish.org.



Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis was a celebrity greeter at the FISH special event



While helping to support the Reston-Herndon FISH program, Maurice and Suzanne Rudiselle browse through items available during the silent auction for the organization's gala.



Supporters of the Herndon/Reston FISH program, attend the Herndon-Reston FISH Gala and Fundraiser at Sallie Mae in Reston on May 10. The event included a silent auction, a live auction and a variety of food.



The Alan Baylock Jazz Orchestra provided the entertainment.

COMMUNITY



PEOPLE NOTES

On Aug. 2 and 3, **Mark Brightman and Jeroen Ek**, both of Reston, will ride in the 29th annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC), the nation's pioneer charity bike-a-thon that raises more money than any other athletic fund-raising event in the country. They will be among the more than 5,500 cyclists who will ride with the collective goal of raising \$34 million for lifesaving cancer research and treatment for adult and pediatric cancer patients at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund.

BUSINESS NOTES

WorthPoint Corporation, based in Reston, reached a milestone recently when its new Web site (www.worthpoint.com) surpassed its one millionth page view. WorthPoint Founder and CEO Will Seippel said that traffic on the company's site has far exceeded projections and noted that while it took the company several months to reach one million page views, the second million will come within weeks.

Comprehensive Health Services, Inc. (CHS), a workforce health management company specializing in onsite health centers and nationwide examination programs, moved its corporate headquarters from its current location in Vienna to occupy approximately 45,000 square feet in a new headquarters building in Reston.

To Benefit Babies The rain did not deter hundreds of participants from coming to Reston Town Center on April 20 for the annual March of Dimes March for Babies. The March for Babies is a fundraiser to benefit all babies — those born healthy as well as those who need help to survive and thrive. For more information or to help, see www.marchofdimes.com.

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Interested candidates should submit a completed petition and statement of candidacy by Monday, May 19, 2008, by 5 pm to: Reston Association, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston, Virginia 20190-5093.



Candidate statements and petition forms are available at Reston Association and via the RA web site, www.reston.org. For more information, call (703) 435-6512 or send an e-mail to cate@reston.org

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Find out about a proposal to widen Rolling Road to four lanes from 0.369 mile north of the Fairfax County Parkway (Route 7100) northerly to the intersection of Old Keene Mill Road (Route 644). The project length will be approximately 1.40 miles of Rolling Road.

Review the proposed project plans depicting the major design features and the environmental documentation, prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in the form of a Categorical Exclusion, at the public hearing or before the hearing at VDOT's Northern Virginia District office located at 14685 Avion Parkway in Chantilly, telephone number (703) 383-2000 or TTY/TDD 711. Please call ahead to assure the appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions. Property impacts, right of way policies, and tentative construction schedules are available for your review at the above addresses and will be available at the public hearing.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will be available at the hearing.

Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing or submit them by June 22, 2008, to Mr. Doug Miller, VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Parkway, Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1104. You may also e-mail your comments to us at: Meeting_Comments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference "Rolling Road, Fairfax County, PH Comment" in the subject heading.

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OPINION

Trouble with VDOT

Taking down acres of trees with no warning and no good reason.

It's possible that it happened on Earth Day, but it was definitely sometime within a week of that day.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, without notice, bulldozed more than five acres of trees in at least three locations as part of preliminary work on widening the beltway for HOT lanes.

These trees were cleared in McLean, Tysons Corner and Springfield.

Apparently these trees were clear cut in order to make way for "staging areas," that is to say a place to park their equipment.

It's an example of the kind of reasoning that takes place at VDOT, and apparently there is more of it to come.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nick Nicholson of VDOT at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes on April 30.

There is no shortage of parking lots anywhere around the Beltway. With a little cre-

ativity, and a little notice, VDOT could probably have leased an already-paved "staging area." The loss of the trees is no small thing, especially in consideration of widening a road like the Beltway.

A single tree with a 26-foot canopy can absorb the emissions of a vehicle driven 11,500 miles every year. Or so said Fairfax County officials in October 2007 when they launched the laudable goal of blanketing 45 percent of the county with tree cover by 2037. The county will plant 400 trees a year on county property to reduce pollution and energy costs.

EDITORIAL

Too bad the county apparently has no say on what VDOT does with property it "owns." VDOT officials should realize that property "owned by VDOT"

actually belongs to the residents of Virginia. The tree cutting last month for "staging areas" probably set Fairfax County's efforts back by more than a year. And we'll note again that VDOT says there's more to come.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," Nicholson admitted.

Those trees would also have had the effect of buffering residential and business areas from

the noise and view of the Beltway traffic and construction. Three acres alone were across from a middle school, where the trees could have helped clean the air from hundreds of thousands of vehicles a day passing by on the Beltway.

The additional tree canopy envisioned in Fairfax would have the capacity to absorb more than 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually, which could eliminate the need for \$1 million in greenhouse gas reduction services each year.

VDOT officials should undertake an immediate analysis of the way it operates. It must communicate better with local officials and residents. And it must realize that trees have value and take steps to preserve them whenever possible. Even if these sites were the only possible "staging areas," which we do not believe, at least a ring of trees should have been left around the perimeter to act as a buffer.

Construction for the "high occupancy toll lanes" is under way. We can only imagine what surprises lay ahead.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Need Local Planning Control

To the Editor:

Two weeks ago, Fairfax County's contractor issued the final report regarding access to the two metrorail stations planned for Reston. It is unfortunate that, so far, the report has received almost no media attention because it provides a vivid and troubling picture of

Reston's future. The report estimates that providing adequate access to the Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway stations will require capital expenditures totaling \$105 million — \$70 million for roadway improvements, \$27 million for pathways and pedestrian improvements, and \$8 million for new buses and bus facilities — and \$15 million a year for feeder bus service.

The report assumes that Reston's population will grow to 82,000 by

2030 and that jobs in Reston will grow to 80,000 in the same period. The report states that the projected growth will overwhelm the existing road network. The report concludes that the projected growth in population and jobs will generate sufficient new traffic so that Reston will need the proposed road improvements, whether or not the rail stations are in fact built. It also concludes that, even with the road improvements, traffic in the areas around the two proposed rail stations will be heavily congested in peak periods, sufficiently congested that travelers will seek to avoid the area.

The contractor's report sheds new light on last year's debate about planning and zoning. It documents that those who claimed that Reston as presently constructed can accommodate substantial new growth are mistaken. It also reveals that Supervisor Hudgins' insistence on revisions to the planning and zoning ordinance that permit almost unlimited development was shortsighted and irresponsible.

The community deserves to be outraged at Supervisor Hudgins' foolishness, but it also needs to focus on the future. Those who claim to speak for Reston must insist that the improvements identified by the contractor are completed before the rail stations

come into service. Only \$7 million of road changes are to be funded as part of the Dulles Rail project. So another \$98 million will be needed. Since the feeder buses will take cars off the roads, finding the \$15 million per year for bus operating is at least as important. Given the state and the county's reluctance to spend money on transportation, finding the necessary money will not be easy.

The community must also rally behind a complete revision to the planning and zoning ordinance, a revision that puts meaningful controls in place and gives the community control of the process. Supervisor Hudgins promised a complete revision, but since her reelection has apparently lost interest in planning issues. The community needs to seize the initiative and produce a draft that ties growth to the availability of public facilities, particularly roads. Insisting on an elected planning board for Reston is probably the best way to ensure local control of planning and zoning. Finally, current state law limits Fairfax County's ability to plan and zone effectively. The community must pressure our local elected representatives to secure the appropriate changes in state law.

James P. Hubbard
Reston



Mom & Me

Shawn O'Neil of Basalt, Colo., youngest son of Pinky O'Neil of Reston, pose in front of Pinky's teenage home in Lebanon, Pa. Shawn wanted to trace his mother's childhood footsteps on Thanksgiving 2007. He and his wife Annie met Pinky in Lebanon, her hometown. She gave him the backyard tour including the home where she spent her teen years, the church and high school she attended, and the site of her foster home and more. They concluded their trek at the Lebanon Senior Center where Pinky, Shawn and Shirley, a childhood friend, presented a show for the senior citizens' monthly birthday party.

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OPINION

Honoring Sen. John Warner

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Perhaps there has never been another occasion in the history of the Commonwealth when the Governor and seven former governors came together for a celebration such as that held recently to honor U.S. Sen. John Warner on his soon-to-be retirement. The Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia organized the event at the Ritz-Carlton at Pentagon City, and there will likely be many more such events before Senator Warner completes his term. Whether other organizations will be able to attract such a star-packed audience remains to be seen.

All the living governors of Virginia were there: His Excellency, Governor Timothy M. Kaine, and former governors Lynwood Holton, Charles S. Robb, Gerald L. Baliles, L. Douglas Wilder, George Allen, Jim Gilmore, and Mark Warner. Fortunately, only four spoke: Governor Holton who was a student at Washington and Lee University at the same time as John Warner, former Governor/Senator Chuck Robb, former Governor Gerald Baliles, and current Governor Tim Kaine. Three Democrats and a Republican honored the retiring senator with much deserved effusive praise. It was truly a collegial evening reflecting the bipartisan nature of Senator Warner's service. Clearly Mr. Republican in his early days as he sought along with Lynwood Holton to make Virginia a two-party state, Senator Warner in more recent years has been willing to break with his party



on the national and state levels on matters of public policy. There had been talk before his most recent election that he might be challenged from within his own party for renomination, but such a futile effort never happened. For moderate Republicans like Senator Warner and former Governor Holton, the Republican Party left them rather than they having left the party.

As Chuck Robb mentioned, both his career and that of Senator Warner were helped by the women they married — Chuck Robb to Lynda Bird Johnson, daughter of President Lyndon Johnson, and Senator Warner at the time of his first election to Elizabeth Taylor. Both former Governor Baliles and Governor Kaine talked about the esteem with which Senator Warner was held because of his independent nature and his willingness to solve problems without regard to partisanship. One of the most helpful members of the Congressional delegation in moving Dulles Rail through the federal process was Senator Warner.

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Schools Propose \$2.2 Billion Budget

With more than 3,500 unexpected students, schools will need to make some cuts.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Increases in class size, decreases in staff pay raises and freezing expansion of full-day kindergarten: these are a few of the reductions that Fairfax County Public Schools will consider for the 2008-2009 school year.

School officials had requested a \$63.7 million increase to the \$2.26 billion budget but Fairfax County Board of Supervisors only provided an extra \$40 million, leaving the schools \$23.7 million short of what it requested. According to school officials, the 2.5 percent in additional funding is the smallest percentage increase in the county transfer to the system since 1995.

Supervisors gave the schools a larger budget increase than any other agency. Fairfax County Public Schools was one of the only local government branches to receive an increase in funding at all, they said.

AN ENROLLMENT increase and rising fuel prices mean that additional funds provided by the county will mostly be used to cover existing costs and not to fund improvements or new programming, according to a statement released by schools superintendent Jack Dale.

Fairfax County Public Schools saw an additional 3,541 students in 2008, which will cost the system approximately \$22.5 million in additional funding. Transportation costs related to enrollment increase and ris-



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

School board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) disagrees with her colleague At-large school board member Jim Raney's proposals to cut the budget.

ing fuel prices will eat up an additional \$7 million.

Dale has proposed to reduce the employee salary raise from three percent to two percent and halting the expansion of full-day kindergarten and the elementary school foreign language program. He would increase class size by one half of student, likely to affect general education classes more than specialty classes.

The school system has also reduced spending by "streamlining" several programs aimed at at-risk or low-income students, including summer school, Project Excel, QUEST, the Student Accountability program, the Summit program, and Young Scholars program.

WITH UNPOPULAR CUTS proposed, the School Board is looking at other options. Several board members said they would like

to find a way to continue with expansion of the full-day kindergarten and foreign language in elementary schools.

School board members Brad Center (Lee), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield) asked the staff to take another look at implementing an "activity fee" for athletic participation. In earlier budget discussions, the superintendent had said such a fee could produce at least \$2.5 million but the school system's chief financial officer Deirdre McLaughlin said the revenue to be generated was most likely overstated.

Raney proposed some more dramatic cuts. He said the school system should look at closing Gifted-and-Talented education centers and moving those services into every student's base elementary school.

He also asked board members to consider capping enrollment at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology to 1,600 students, the number of pupils the state government has agreed to subsidize. In the 2006-2007 school year, the high school enrolled 1,769 students.

Raney was also in favor of charging students to take Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes.

"We are obligated to provide a free elementary and secondary education. We are currently providing a free post-secondary education in the form of AP and IB courses. We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses," said Raney.

"I don't support any of those initiatives," said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville), who added that the school system would have to retract some students acceptance to Thomas Jefferson if it implemented Raney's proposal.

During the discussion, school board members Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) and Kaye Kory (Mason)

also expressed concern about budget cuts to schools that serve a lot of poor and at-risk students.

Staff said about half of the approximately 35 schools that qualify for extra money to help at-risk students, called Title I funding, would see a reduction in this assistance from the federal government this year. Gibson said he did not want the school system to "pile on" by also cutting money for other programs found in these schools. "Obviously we have some schools in that category and we don't want to rub salt in the wound. What are we doing so that we are not adding insult to injury?" said Gibson.

"We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses."

— Jim Raney

SCHOOL SNAPSHOT 2008 Special School Program Enrollment

Fairfax County Public Schools provided a breakdown of specialty program enrollment based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic factors and special education needs in January 2008. When compared with overall enrollment figures, students who are poor, black, Hispanic, English-language learners or who qualify for special education services are underrepresented in gifted and talented and accelerated academic programs. The same groups of students appear in higher numbers in the U.S. military's JROTC programs.

Program	Overall Enrollment	Economically Disadvantaged	Limited English	Special Education	black	Hispanic	white
FCPS Enrollment (All Schools)	164,843	31,320* (19.9%)	21,771 (7.6%*)	24,000 (14%)	18,133* (10.8%)	26,374* (16%)	80,421 (50.2%)
Career and Technical Education (Middle, High Schools)	55,942	12,855 (22.98%)	8,622 (15.41%)	7,641 (13.66%)	6,802 (12.16%)	8,873 (15.86%)	27,321 (48.84%)
Foreign Language (Middle, High Schools)	44,543	342 (.77%)	3,568 (8.01%)	3,081 (6.92%)	3,855 (8.65%)	4,946 (11.1%)	25,189 (54.76%)
Gift and Talented Services (Kindergarten - 12)	61,775	5,180 (8.39%)	7,595 (12.29%)	Not Available	2,041 (6.83%)	2,475 (8.29%)	16,593 (55.55%)
JROTC (Seven High Schools)	823	302 (36.7%)	142 (17.25%)	229 (27.83%)	216 (26.25%)	203 (24.67%)	283 (34.39%)
2007 Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate enrollment (High Schools)	17,994	1,264 (7.02%)	748 (4.21%)	459 (2.55%)	945 (5.25%)	1,269 (7.05%)	11,006 (61.16%)

*approximate figures computed by The Connection Newspapers

—JULIA O'DONOGHUE

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

More Algebra for Eighth Graders

Fairfax County Public Schools will start offering a standard Algebra I class in addition to its honors Algebra I class to eighth graders in two middle schools next year.

The school system wants to increase middle school enrollment in Algebra I so that more students will have the opportunity to complete calculus by the end of high school.

It is difficult for students to fit in all the prerequisites for calculus if they wait until ninth grade to take Algebra I, said staff.

Currently, about 47 percent of students complete Algebra I by the end of eighth grade, according to Peter Noonan, assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Like honors Algebra I, standard Algebra I will be an "open enrollment" class, meaning that it will be available to anyone who wants to take it. The class will resemble the standard Algebra I currently offered to ninth graders.

Hughes and Thoreau middle school will be the first to offer standard Algebra I through a pilot program next year. Noonan said the school system wants to expand the offering to other middle school programs in following years.

Fairfax County middle schools typically offer standard grade six, seven and eight math as well as Algebra I, Geometry and sometimes Algebra II, according to Noonan.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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honorees include Redskins Art Monk and Darrell Green — four tickets to the game, four tickets to the Football Hall of Fame, three night hotel stay and two lunches and two dinners for four. “The tickets are really hard to come by,” said Ann Marie Ruskin, the Herndon High School PTSA President.

The tickets for the raffle are \$10 each or \$25 for three. They can be purchased on the Herndon All Night Grad Party Web site at <http://herndonang.googlepages.com>. The deadline to buy the tickets is June 1. Visit the Web site for the rules. The drawing will take place on June 11 at the Herndon High School Senior Night. The Hall of Fame festival in Canton, Ohio, will take place Aug. 1 to Aug. 4.

RA District Roundtables

Reston Association will be hosting a series of District Roundtables in June, providing an opportunity for members to participate in an open comment forum on a wide range of topics facing the community. The meetings are hosted by

the District representative on the RA board of directors. They will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the following dates and locations:

❖ Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District, Tuesday, June 3, Lake Anne Elementary School, 11510 North Shore Drive

❖ North Point District, Wednesday, June 4, Buzz Aldrin Elementary School, 11375 Center Harbor Road

❖ Hunters Woods/Dogwood

District, Thursday, June 5, Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road

❖ South Lakes District, Wednesday, June 11, Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road

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'Promising' Strides

Close to 1,000 people participated in Saturday's event to battle ovarian cancer.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Jill Slack-Davis, an assistant professor of research of microbiology at the University of Virginia, discussed the latest research in the fight against ovarian cancer on Saturday morning, May 10, at Reston Town Center. More than 900 people participated in a National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5k that morning, held in cold rain.

"Things are moving forward and we are very excited that we are moving forward," said Slack-Davis while addressing the crowd. She spoke of Pfizer's latest research that targets women with recurring ovarian cancer, research that is moving into second phase of development, calculating the drug's toxicity versus its benefits. "It's promising," said Slack-Davis of the latest research. "There aren't other things of this type that have moved this far," she said.

While Slack-Davis spoke of research strides in the fight against ovarian cancer, the more than 900 people participating in the Reston Town Center 5k took running and walking strides to raise funds and awareness to fight the illness in the



PHOTO BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC/THE CONNECTION

Volunteers make final preparations for the 6th Annual Run/Walk for the Whisper at Reston Town Center, on Saturday morning, May 10. Close to 1,000 people participated in the 5k to raise ovarian cancer awareness and research funds.

6th Annual Run/Walk for the Whisper. April Donahue, the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition President, said she appreciated the efforts and the support of all of the participants. Donahue said she was diagnosed with ovarian cancer when she was 24 years old and she is a survivor of 17 years. She

asked the participants to follow up on their efforts in the race and do one more thing to help fight the illness. "Take one piece of literature to each place you go," to help spread awareness, she said.

Mary Halsall, vice president of the Northern Virginia Division of the National Ova-

rian Cancer Coalition, said the rain did not turn away people from participating in this year's event. "It looks like it's not dampening any spirits," said Halsall.

To learn more about efforts to fight ovarian cancer in Northern Virginia, visit www.nvanocc.org.



PHOTO BY MARC GOLD

Ovarian cancer survivors gathered in Reston Town Center on Saturday, May 10, to participate in the 6th Annual Run/Walk for the Whisper.



PHOTO BY MARC GOLD

Jill Slack-Davis, assistant professor of research of microbiology at the University of Virginia, delivers the latest news in research of ovarian cancer treatment.

“They’re woefully understaffed.”
— Jim Diehl, Herndon resident

Police Seek Public Input

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assessment. In large part the growth could be concentrated in areas of Tysons Corner and Lorton. With an already thin force in operation, and the necessity to man the future stations, the police will have to recruit more officers.

However, Diehl said, when it comes to renovating police stations, the funding becomes a bond issue. His dissatisfaction was directed to the county’s decision-makers, not the police. The citizen-paid taxes, he said, are spent on programs and services that should not precede law enforcement. “The first thing we take care of is the safety of our citizens,” said Diehl. Second is education and the rest follows suit. “Somebody’s got their priorities backwards,” said Diehl.

As for the nearby streets that do receive police attention, Diehl said his neighborhood should receive the same. “We pay the same taxes,” he said.

DIEHL, ALONG WITH the other 15 or so members of the public present at the Wednesday night meeting last week made his intentions clear. They were present to work with the Police Department to resolve issues, improve the service and laud the work of the officers that help keep Fairfax County a safe community. That is the point of the safe community series of meetings the department commenced in Reston on Wednesday night.

“My goal is for us to listen to you, hear your concerns, your comments,” said county Police Chief David Rohrer. “We’re trying to get feedback,” said

Rohrer, a Reston resident. He said the meetings are a way for the police to learn the community’s issues and concerns and help the police deploy its resources not only where it feels necessary, but also where the community deems it appropriate. He encouraged the public to get involved with the citizen advisory groups that meet monthly in the district stations. “I get letters, phone calls and e-mails, but I most appreciate dialogue,” said Rohrer.

John Sauter, a Reston resident of almost 30 years, lauded the department for training its officers well. He also expressed satisfaction that the officers are now on foot and bicycles patrolling trails in Reston and urged for more such patrols. He said trails are important to Reston residents. “We don’t want to give them up,” said Sauter.

LaShawn Timmons, the executive director of Southgate Community Center praised the officers who visit the center when not called there to talk to the staff. “We are building rapport with one another,” said Timmons. Others at the meeting applauded the department’s efficiency in dealing with citizens’ concerns in a timely manner and proactive attitude to reach to the community and discuss issues before they become problems.

Members of the public also made recommendations in regard to cultural diversity within the department. Miroslava Archer, a staff member at Southgate Community Center, suggested the Police Department should recruit officers from different cultural backgrounds. Diehl suggested a form of cul

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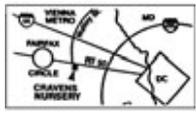
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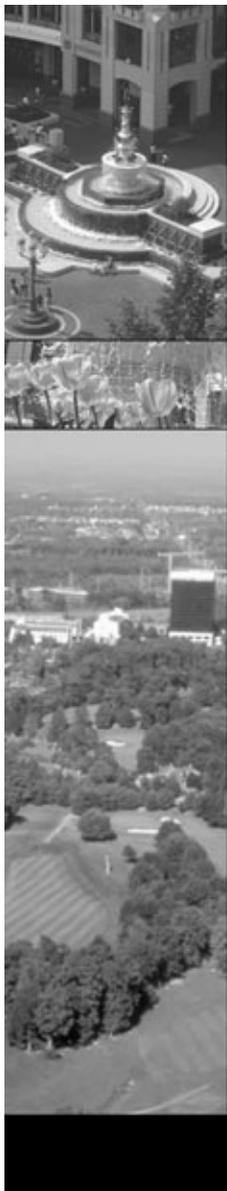
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NEWS

Police Seek Dialogue

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tural training for the officers that could help the officers in situations where some county residents bring perceptions about uniformed police from their own cultures. A Chinese national and an El Salvadoran national could have different ideas about being approached by uniformed officers.

Captain Ronald Novak, also of the chief's Office of Research and Support, said the department does

train its officers in diversity. However, he said, any suggestions to improve officer training or any other part of the department's work is welcomed.

The police department is scheduled to conduct at least two more safe community meetings this month, one in McLean and one in Mount Vernon. To submit comments to the Police Department e-mail John Kapinos at john.kapinos@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Supporting Make-a-Wish

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Foundation 5k Run/Walk. Students from some Reston schools comprised a large number of the 400 participants at the Saturday morning event. Sunrise Valley Principal Elizabeth English singled out students from Sunrise Valley, Dogwood and South Lakes High School, for coming to the event in large numbers. School Board Member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) recalled that it rained even harder than it did on Saturday at the same event five years ago. He admired the will of the participants to brave

Saturday morning's weather. "Thank God you have enough sense not to let a little rain not let you participate," said Gibson.

Ashley Korbas received the \$10,000 check from the race on behalf of the Make A Wish Foundation. "I can't tell you how touching it is to see so many people," said Korbas. "I'm happy we were able to grant Amy's wish," she said, before emotions got the better of her, and Laurie Prather, a counselor at Sunrise Valley completed Korbas's thoughts, "And that we could pay it forward for her."

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SCHOOLS



Hunters Woods Elementary School sixth-graders in Reston have completed a mural with the help of artist Michael Pilato.

These Reston students have accepted scholarships for the President's Leadership Program (PLP) beginning Fall 2008 at Christopher Newport University: Ian Cline, Chelsea Huber, and Marshall Severin.

The Forest Edge PTA is planning to create a memorial garden in memory of Gena Rohlf, a long-time Forest Edge teacher who recently passed away. A community work day is planned for mid May. Students interested in helping to plan or create the garden should contact Jeannie Johns at johnsdije@verizon.net.

It's not too late for creative young people to apply to the prestigious Institute for the Arts (IFTA) for a summer full of dance, music, visual arts, and theatre. IFTA will be held July 7-31, weekdays from 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Students may select four 60-minute courses to attend each day, leading to a summer experience they'll always remember. Tuition is \$750 for Fairfax County residents and \$950 for non-Fairfax County residents. Call 703-227-8443 or visit www.fcps.edu/DIS/OACE/prek12/ifta.htm



Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston performed "Seussical the Musical Jr." last week at the school.

Interested in trying out for the SLHS Marching Band? The 2008-2009 Seahawk Marching Band "Spirit of Reston" will begin summer rehearsal on Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. Any students interested in joining the Marching Band or Flag Corps should stop by the band room (#360) or email Mr. Fore at Grayson.Fore@FCPS.edu

Sports Physicals will be held at South Lakes High on June 2 at 5-7 p.m. SLHS All students participating in summer/fall/spring sports at SLHS must have a physical that is dated May 2008 or later. Cost is \$40 for pre-registered students, \$50

for walk-ins. Appointments preferred: If space fills up, walk-ins may not be available. Go to www.fcps.edu/supt/activities/atp/ppeschedule.htm

Public Art in Reston will take place May 29, from 7-10 p.m., at Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods. This new initiative is seeking members interested in drawing up a master plan to place artwork in public places in Reston. Students - take advantage of this opportunity to be involved in the selection of artwork planned for our community and schools.

News from South Lakes High

The South Lakes' Band Art Auction will be held Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, followed by the Life Auction at 8 p.m. in the Blue Cafeteria. The Band Boosters are hosting an art auction fund-raiser to help raise money for band uniforms and instruments. Contact Sandy Workman at workmanfolks@gmail.com.

South Lakes will conduct SOL Testing on May 19-June 4. The schedule is at www.southlakesptsa.org/solexams2008.pdf

South Lakes Band Orientation for rising 9th graders is Tuesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. South Lakes will hold a Thank-You Celebration on Tuesday, May 20 from 6-8 p.m. to say thanks to parents, alumni and students who have supported the school throughout the boundary process.

The Senior Recital for Choir and Orchestra will take place Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. in the Chorus Room.

South Lakes' Showdown 2008 Volley Boys Game is Thursday, May 22. The freshmen boys will take on the sophomore boys, followed by the junior boys taking on the senior boys in the second match.



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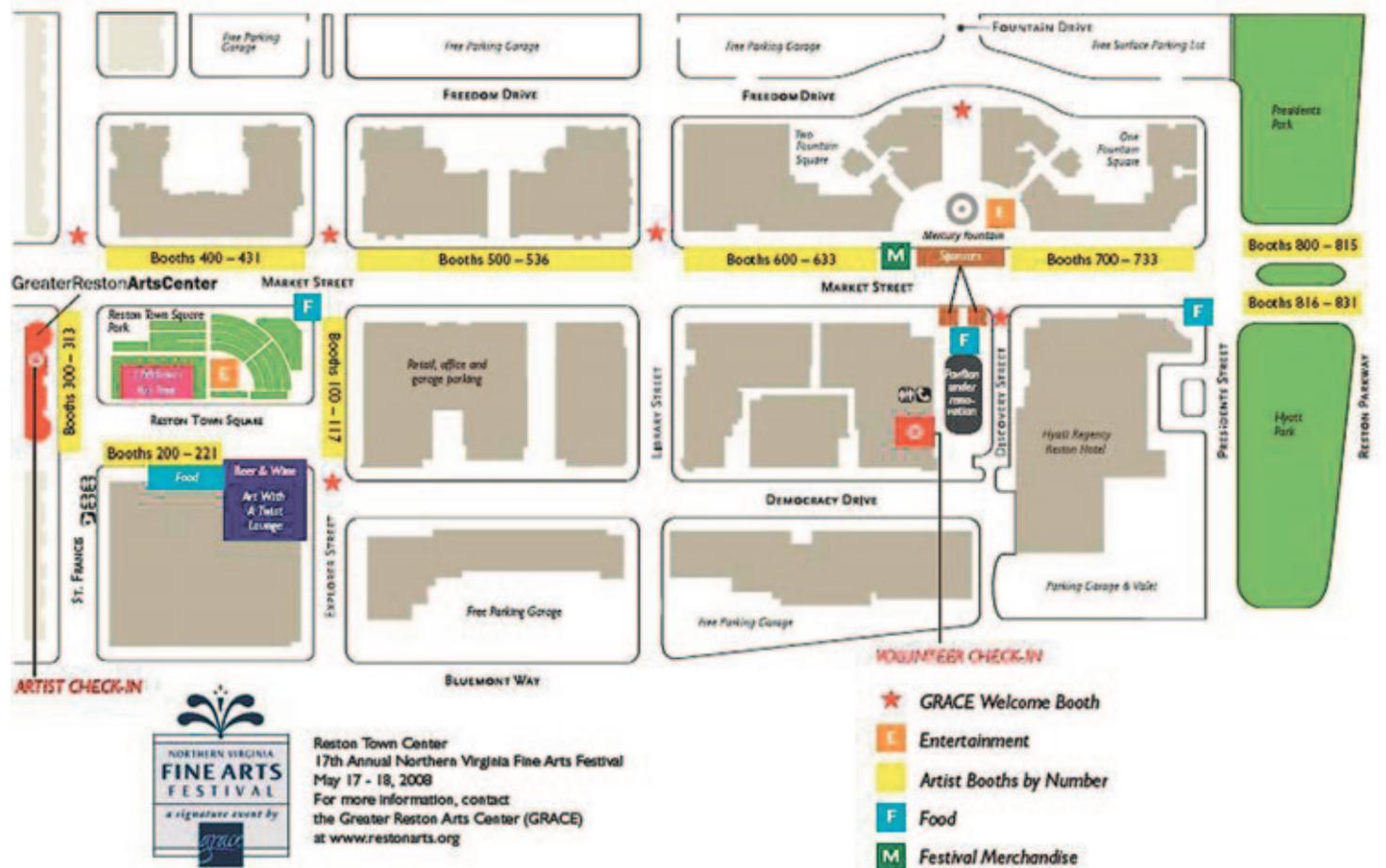
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Arts Festival Spans Market Street

Two entertainment venues at the 17th Annual Northern Virginia Arts Festival ensure Market Street is covered from end to end.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
 THE CONNECTION

In 1991, 30 local artists exhibited their works attracting some 3,000 people to the first Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. Last year's event, the 16th Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, featured almost 190 artists from across the nation, attracting more than 50,000 visitors.

"It allows us to extend the festival all the way up and down Market Street."

— **Suzi Guardia,**
 GRACE Education Director

Thousands of people will descend on Reston Town Center this weekend, May 17 and 18, to take part in the 17th Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. Organizers are trying new features to maintain and enhance the excitement and the entertainment of the arts celebration. On Friday, May 2, the Greater Reston Arts Center held

an auction that introduced the artists featured in this year's festival. Auctioneer Ken Plum found the event to be a success and so did Suzi Guardia, the education director at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE).

"The preview party was very successful," she said of the auction. The idea was to build some excitement in the community about the upcoming festival.

The 2008 festival will differ from past festivals in that it will feature two live entertainment venues. One of the venues is by the water fountain next to Paolo's Restaurant and the other at Reston Town Square, the park across St. Francis Street from GRACE. "It allows us to extend the festival all the way up and down Market Street," said Guardia, one of the festival coordinators. Guardia said everyone on the GRACE staff played a part in coordinating the 17th Annual Festival. "It's been a major group effort," she said.

One of the main efforts in organizing this year's festival, said Guardia, was to promote GRACE's many programs through the festival activities. The Children's Tent will feature information on programs for children and the Art With a Twist Tent—a series of programs for adults—will also serve as the Beer and Wine Tent at the festival. Guardia said the goal is to have the visitors leave the festival with knowledge of all of



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

While waiting for her parents to make a purchase, Sofia Caballero, 8, of Herndon, looks at some art at the 2007 NOVA Fine Arts Festival at Reston Town Center.

GRACE's programs and not just remember the festival as a two-day event. "We tried to tie it together as well as we could," she said.

WITH A VARIETY of activities spanning Market Street on both sides, the arts festival needed to attract the participation of many artists. Erica Harrison, the Gallery Manager at GRACE, is helping coordinate the arrival, setup and organization for the 187 artists featured in this year's juried festival. "All of the works are judged twice," said Harrison of the process for the artists to enter their work in the festival.

Entertainment

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Park Tent

Noon to 1 p.m. – Steve Wolf & Bruce Swalm, Jazz
 1 to 2 p.m. – AgAu Quarter, Classical Flute
 2 to 3 p.m. – Rick & Audrey from Sense of Wonder, Singer/Songwriter Duet
 3 to 4 p.m. – Randy Barrett and the Barrettones, Bluegrass
 4 to 5 p.m. – One Horse Town, Americana Country
 5 to 6 p.m. – Rick Franklin & Mike Baytop, Blues

Fountain Tent

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – AgAu Quarter, Classical Flute
 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. – Rick & Audrey from Sense of Wonder, Singer/Songwriter Duet
 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Steve Wolf & Bruce Swalm, Jazz
 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – One Horse Town, Americana Country
 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Rick Franklin & Mike Baytop, Blues
 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. – Randy Barrett and the Barrettones, Bluegrass

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Park Tent

Noon to 1 p.m. – Patty Reese, Bluesy Rock Vocalist
 1 to 2 p.m. – The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band, Crazed Hokum
 2 to 3 p.m. – Naked Blue, Singer/Songwriter Duet
 3 to 4 p.m. – Tinsmith, High-energy Celtic
 4 to 5 p.m. – The All New Genetically Altered Jug Band, Crazed Hokum
 5 to 6 p.m. – Mykle Lyons Acoustic Band, Jazz

Fountain Tent

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Alla Camera, Classical
 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. – Naked Blue, Singer/Songwriter Duet
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ARTS

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The art is judged in the fall for entrance into the festival. Three judges in each category jury that part of the process. On Saturday and Sunday, a different set of judges will visit the artists to determine the 11 prize winners. The works vary from paintings to crafts, photography, jewelry and sculptures, said Harrison. Visitors to the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival are invited to view, purchase and experience art through interaction with artists from around the nation who will man their booths. As for purchasing, Harrison said the artists decide the price ranges on their work. "Prices are completely determined by the artists," said Harrison.

Aside from the musical entertainment and personal time with the artists and their works, the visitors are invited to participate in a number of activities at the festival. The Children's Art Tent will feature activities such as making beads out of recycled materials. The theme for the Children's Tent this year is the "Green Scene," as developed by art students from area schools. "The Children's Tent is always a huge success," said



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Kieran, 3, of Reston gets a closer look at a sculpture at the 2007 NOVA Fine Arts Festival in Reston.

Guardia. Some of the local high school students who participated in putting together the tent this year will have their prom on Saturday night, including Herndon High School students, but have signed up as volunteers to work the tent during the day. "Even though prom is Saturday night, a lot of them are staying engaged" to make sure the tent is organized with success, said Guardia.

Harrison said an oral history project — "Reston Speaks" — will also kickoff during the festival. Adults familiar with Reston and GRACE are invited to do a video interview about GRACE, which

could be integrated into the visual project that will mark the 45th anniversary of Reston and the 35th anniversary of GRACE in 2009. The Initiative for Public Art in Reston will also have a booth at the festival.

In addition to the activities at the festival, eight participating artists have agreed to spend time in local classrooms and become artist mentors. They include Reston-based Nancy Novick and Connie Slack, Vienna-based photographer Val Proudki and Great Falls-based painter Jo Fleming. "That's more mentors than we've had in the past," said Guardia.

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“Oyuz Oyuz, The Supreme Court of the United States of America is now in session. The Hon. Hillary Rodham Clinton, Chief Justice is presiding,” announces the bailiff. Chief Justice Hillary Clinton having been appointed by President Barack Obama to fill the vacancy caused by the untimely demise of Chief Justice John G. Roberts announces: “Today, in a 5-4 decision the Court finds in favor of the plaintiff in the case of the Liberals vs. The United States of America. The Supreme Court finds that the Constitution of the United States infers that each and every resident of the United States of America has the right to two doughnuts each and every day of their adult lives. Thus, change comes to America.



A DIFFERING
POINT OF VIEW

The veto-proof liberal Congress of the United States hastens to establish the Department of Doughnuts, a cabinet level department reporting to the President of the United States headed by a secretary appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate officially entitled as the Secretary of Doughnuts: shortened to “SecDough.” In recognition of the importance attached to

the newest department of the government, it is formally authorized a staff of over 300,000 new government employees to administer the provisions of the Supreme Court ruling.

To fund the Universal Doughnut Coverage entitlement, the 8 percent of the wealthiest tax-paying citizens will be allowed two fresh doughnuts daily subject

to the provisions below concerning obesity. However, those wealthy taxpayers must pay a 10 percent surcharge on their Federal income tax. Those 40 percent of Americans who are below the poverty line and pay no income taxes will be entitled only to two day-old doughnuts.

Not to be outdone, the Department of Health and Human Services requests that the Congress to establish a new Federal administration — the Federal Doughnut Administration or FEDOA to be charged with developing and enforcing the content and standards to ensure that each doughnut contains only organic contents, is of specified size and weight and is edible. Of course, the FEDOA is required to study the effects of doughnuts on obesity. Obese citi-

zens, qualifying for a handicap license plate or tag shall be allowed only one doughnut.

In an effort toward bipartisanship, the Congress has considered the contribution of private enterprise; i.e., capitalism as the existing suppliers of doughnuts and will be authorized a Federal contractual preference in awarding contracts to those firms; e.g., Dunkin Doughnuts, etc. to supply doughnuts.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is required to study and advise the Congress on what are the alternatives to disposing the waste material; i.e., the holes in the doughnuts.

The Congress also established the Doughnut Occupational and Health Safety Administration (DOSHA) to administer the manufacturing, transportation, and distribution of doughnuts and to ensure that doughnuts can be safely imbibed.

A Federal doughnut entitlement is absurd. However, when one thinks seriously about the current size of our government, the depth and breadth of its regulation of our daily and personal lives, the extent to which it competes with private enterprise, and the confiscatory tax burden we pay to sustain it, are doughnuts really any more absurd than a Federal wind insurance program, a state-run hotel and conference center at The George Mason University, or the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors buying up foreclosed homes?

Good Public Policy So Elusive

BY JOHN LOVAAS
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

Our neighbors in Herndon have done it again! They just re-elected, albeit by narrow margins, the anti-immigrant crowd that has pretty much divided that community along ethnic lines. Division and Herndon now seem to be synonyms. But, we shouldn't be too hard on them for the immigration issue is one that has proven too tough for other localities (Prince William County perhaps the worst) as well as for the federal government which bears ultimate responsibility for the issue. As a matter of fact, good public policy is generally scarce these days everywhere one looks to elected officials — Fairfax County, Virginia and America-wide.

For this country of immigrants, we certainly seem to have forgotten both our roots and the source of our greatness as a nation.

Senator Barack Obama may bring some hope to this issue as he does to a number of others — such as Social Security, and the Bush War on Iraq. He favors a comprehensive solution, not just relying on dysfunctional and obscene physical barriers as the current administration does and their chosen heir, John McCain, now apparently does as well. Obama is not alone, however. There are others normally closer to McCain who also are awakening to the need for more pragmatic as well as humane solutions. A

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recent story in the Richmond Times Dispatch quoted Daniel Griswold of the Cato Institute in Washington as recognizing that enforcement has largely failed and that there is indeed major demand for more immigrant workers in our economy. He argues that the number of Americans available to fill particularly the blue collar jobs ably done by immigrants, for example, has declined by nearly five million in the last decade.

Several months ago in this column, I posited that we need to take a fresh new look at the flow of immigrants, why they are coming and how badly we need them. We can certainly ease the pressure and the tension if we sharply increase the number of immigrants allowed into the United States as reflected by the demands of our economy. Take these good people out of the shadows — document and legalize them from the beginning. For those already here, Senator Obama, the Cato Institute and others have defined rigorous pathways to legalization that will serve them and our country well. The pathways include building English language skills, paying taxes and the like. It is time to energize a constructive dialog in the U.S. Congress to begin anew to legislate immigration policy that better approximates who we are.

Then, let's get on to all the other pathetic public policies plaguing America: healthcare, energy, climate change, campaign finance/public corruption, etc.

1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Call 703-464-5559.

TOPS Club, Inc. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a nonprofit weight loss support group, meets every Tuesday at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. Weigh-ins begin at 6 p.m., with meetings at 6:30. Contact Bobbie Cippel at 703-476-4062 or visit www.TOPs.org.

HEALTH NOTES

Send announcements to the Connection, to reston@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6449. Deadline is Friday.

Mothers of Toddlers Support Group. Meets the first Thursday of each month in the Community Room at the Reston YMCA, 12196 Sunset Hills Road. Call 703-689-9240.

Peer support group for survivors of

clergy abuse and others affected by the abuse, on the last Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m., in the downstairs meeting room at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Road, McLean. Meetings are sponsored by Voice of the Faithful-Northern Virginia affiliate. Contact Ellen Radday at 703-538-6128.

Run, jog or walk with Body by Geoff, every Saturday, 8 a.m. Free. Meet at Body By Geoff,

RCTV SCHEDULE

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THURSDAY/MAY 15

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
10 a.m. Strength Advantage
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Arnette Report
7 p.m. Life with Connie
7:30 p.m. Everyday Heroes
8 p.m. Toastmasters
8:30 p.m. Swingtime
9 p.m. Yoga with Cynthia
9:30 p.m. Business Focus
10 p.m. Defend Yourself
10:30 p.m. Community Voices
11 p.m. Where's MJ

FRIDAY/MAY 16

11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
7 p.m. Just Another Sports Show

SATURDAY/MAY 17

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
10 a.m. Defend Yourself
10:30 a.m. Strength Advantage
11 a.m. Guitar Instruction
11:30 a.m. Just Another Sports Show
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Arnette Report
7 p.m. Toastmasters
7:30 p.m. Dogs Best Friend
8 p.m. Guitar Instruction

SUNDAY/MAY 18

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
5:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction
6 p.m. RCC News & Views
6:30 p.m. Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins
7 p.m. Strength Advantage
7:30 p.m. Business Focus
8 p.m. Reston Impact Bush on the Couch—Meet the Author
9 p.m. Health Focus
9:30 p.m. Where's MJ

MONDAY/MAY 19

11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
7 p.m. Strength Advantage
7:30 p.m. Defend Yourself

TUESDAY/MAY 20

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Health Focus
7 p.m. Update On ...
7:30 p.m. Virginia Legislative Report with Del. Ken Plum, Walter Alcorn, Alcorn Consulting - "A New Age in Recycling"
8 p.m. Your Dog's Best Friend
8:30 p.m. Swingtime
9 p.m. Yoga with Cynthia
9:30 p.m. Go Tell Everyone
10 p.m. Reston Impact: Giving Circle—and, Fairfax Taketh Away

WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

9 a.m. Yoga with Cynthia
10 a.m. Defend Yourself
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6 p.m. The RCC News & Views
6:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction
7 p.m. Your Dog's Best Friend
7:30 p.m. Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins
8 p.m. Update On
8:30 p.m. Reston Impact: Capitol Talk with Congressman Moran
9:30 p.m. Go Tell Everyone
10 p.m. Latin Profiles
10:30 p.m. Virginia Legislative Report with Del. Ken Plum, Walter Alcorn, Alcorn Consulting - "A New Age in Recycling"

Visit www.rctv28.com to see many of these shows in their entirety online.

CALENDAR

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Senior Cinema. Seniors can watch a movie at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, 10 a.m. Call 703-435-6800, Ext. 2109. The movie will be "Something's Gotta Give."

Spanish Chats. Informal refresher for people who want to practice Spanish at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 7 p.m. Adults. No registration is required. Call 703-689-2700.

Guys Read! All-male book discussion at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 7:15 p.m. Call 703-689-2700. Ask for title. Age 8 and up.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Bluegrass. High Ground will perform at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon at 8 p.m. with the doors opening at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call 703-435-8377.

Community Concert. Singers and musicians from Chantilly, Herndon and Reston will present a community concert at 7:30 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon. Chantilly High's 45-member Women's Select Choir and Symphonic Chorale is partnering with the 45-person Floris UMC choir, plus members of the Herndon and Reston Community Orchestra. The concert is free but, due to limited seating, seats should be reserved at www.florisumc.org. The event is a charity concert, with donations accepted at the door for the Child Rescue Center in Sierra Leone, Africa, which the church supports.

Bike to Work Day. Join fellow commuters around the region who choose to bike to work - whether this one day or on a regular basis, 6:30-9 a.m. Reston's Pit Stop is at Reston Town Square (1/3 mile west of the Pavilion in Reston Town Center). Food, raffles and information for all. T-shirts for most registrants. Call 703-435-6501.

Friday Night Live. Gonzo's Nose will perform on the Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon, from 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. Free. Call 703-481-6133.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. More than a half mile of juried artists booths will be interspersed with live music performances, festive foods, artist demonstrations, and hands-on fun at the Reston Town Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5 per person, \$10 per family.

Saturday Samplings. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lake Anne Florist & Chesapeake Chocolates, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, will have free samples of the flower of the month, "Virginia's



Finest" gourmet treats, and hand made chocolates. Visit www.therestonmarket.com.

Saturday Storytime. All ages at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 10:15 a.m. Call 703-689-2700.

Family Cook Out. The Kinship Care Committee of Fairfax County is holding a family cookout from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston. The event is designed for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and other relatives who are raising children for other family members. Families are invited to attend the cookout to meet other kinship families and learn about available community resources. Call 703-324-3517, TTY 703-222-9693.

Band Art Auction in the South Lakes High School Multipurpose Room. The preview will begin at 7 p.m. with the live auction starting at 8 p.m. Ross Galleries of Holbrook, N.Y. will conduct the auction, which will feature more than 150 custom framed and matted works of art, and documented sports memorabilia. A fundraiser designed to raise money for new marching band uniforms and instruments. Tickets for the event are \$10 and the public is welcome. The ticket price includes light refreshments and door prizes throughout the auction. Contact Grayson.Fore@fcps.edu or 703-715-4590.

Free Saturday Morning Concerts, every Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lake Anne, Plaza Fountain, in front of Reston's Used Book Shop. Presented by Friends of Lake Anne. This week's performers are Snakehead Run. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com or call 703-464-5559.

Health Fair. Health Fair at 905-B Herndon Pkwy, Herndon, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Minimum \$20 donation to attend. Call 703-437-8195 www.unitedwellnesscenter.com.

Chorale. Join the Reston Chorale for an evening of American Jazz and Pop Standards at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods Plaza, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Cost is \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors/Youth. Call 703-476-1111 or visit

The Ravel Dance Studio of Reston will be performing "Coppelia" — the story ballet of an eccentric toy maker who fashions a life-sized doll so lifelike many refuse to believe she isn't real. The ballet will be at the Reston Community Center Stage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, Friday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for children. Call 703-437-9664 to purchase tickets or e-mail Rhall1006@aol.com.

www.restonchorale.org.

Classical Music. Enjoy an afternoon of Chopin, Mozart, and more at 3 p.m. at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Reston. All are welcome to enjoy and celebrate. Reception follows. Free. Visit www.WashingtonPlazaChurch.com, email Administrator @WashingtonPlazaChurch.com or call 703-471-5225.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. More than a half mile of juried artists booths will be interspersed with live music performances, festive foods, artist demonstrations, and hands-on fun at the Reston Town Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Suggested donation of \$5 per person, \$10 per family.

Walk on the John Smith Trail, 1:30 p.m. at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Meet for carpool to the site where Captain John Smith explored during his Potomac voyage 400 years ago. Led by Marion Meader. \$5 donation appreciated. Visit www.therestonmarket.com.

Hershey Track and Field Meet. 3 p.m. Ages 9-14. At Herndon High School. Winners have the opportunity to advance to district, state and national meets. Call 703-787-7300.

Choral Evensong. The choirs of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, will join to present a service of Choral Evensong Sunday at 5 p.m., celebrating Trinity Sunday. Everyone is welcome, and no tickets are required. Contact Peter Waggoner, director of music, at 703-437-3790, ext. 16 or peterw@saint-timothys.org.

MONDAY/MAY 19

It's a Small World - Terrariums. Celebrate spring by planting a small world in a jar. Find out how a miniature water cycle works in a terrarium. At the Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. \$4 RA members / \$7 non-members. Call 703-435-6510.

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FAITH NOTES

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Gyumed Khensur Rinpoche Losang Jampa, Sera Mey monastery in India, presents authentic Tibetan Buddhist teachings, Saturday, **May 17**, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Visit www.guhyasamaja.org or call 703-774-9692.

Non-denominational **Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship **every Friday** at 7 a.m. at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and **every Thursday** at noon at 555 Grove St., Ste. 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

Seahawks Hoping To Soar at Districts

Baseball team defeats Madison; South Lakes announces Hall of Fame inductees.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High baseball team has had flashes of play this season in which it has displayed the kind of squad it is capable of being.

The most recent of those came early last week when the Seahawks stunned high-profile Madison, one of the Northern Region's elite teams. South Lakes, in the Liberty District contest played in Reston on May 6, defeated the Warhawks, 7-2.

South Lakes received an outstanding outing from senior starting pitcher Paul Kirchner, who went the distance (7 innings)

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and held down the mighty visitors. He was aided by a South Lakes defense that committed no errors behind him.

"He just kept them off balance," said South Lakes coach Galvin Morris, of Kirchner's effort. "They were hitting the ball in the air a lot."

South Lakes (4-15 record) went on to lose its final regular season game, 4-0, to district opponent Marshall on Saturday night. The game was originally scheduled to be played at South Lakes. But poor field conditions as a result of the recent rains resulted in the game being played at Waters Field in Vienna.

The Seahawks struggled at the plate in the loss to the Statesmen.

"We played well," said Morris, pleased with his team's pitching and defense in the setback to Marshall. "We didn't play to our potential on offense. We kind of struggled at the plate a little bit. We had some opportunities. We didn't play the same way we played against Madison."

South Lakes was tabbed to be the No. 7 seed at this week's district tournament. The Seahawks were set to meet No. 6 Marshall in a play-in game on Tuesday at Marshall. The winner of that game was scheduled to play No. 3 Langley in a quarterfinals game on Wednesday. The quarterfinals game winner will automatically secure a spot in the upcoming 16-team Northern Region playoffs.

SOUTH LAKES is certainly capable of winning a few games at districts. All four of its wins this season have come against district foes. However, South Lakes was 0-4 total in games against Marshall and Langley.

Still, the win over Madison was a confi-



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High boys' lacrosse team had one of its best seasons in recent history. The Seahawks missed making the Northern Region playoffs, but had eight players named to the All-District team. Those players are: Tyler Harned (midfield 1st team), Ed Reed (Defense 1st team), Matt Shinrock (attack 2nd team), Alex Golembiewski (midfield 2nd team), Trevor Cox (defense honorable mention), Will Johnson (midfield honorable mention), Ricky Stout (goalie honorable mention) and Alex Clough (attack honorable mention).

dence-booster.

"We were happy with the win, obviously," said Morris, of defeating the Warhawks last week. "Our kids came out and played well. We put it all together."

The Seahawks have improved as the season has gone on, according to Morris, and they always give it their best, win or lose.

"I think we've gotten a little bit better [with each game]," said Morris. "We play each game like it's a championship. It was definitely a joyful atmosphere [following the Madison win], not only for our players but for the fans. Any time you beat a program like Madison, everybody is happy with that."

South Lakes senior catcher Scott Reed had base hits in each of his team's games last week—a triple against Madison and a double against Marshall—to cap an incredible regular season in which he got at least one hit in each of the team's 19 games. Morris said the only other South Lakes ball player he can recall getting a hit in every game of a season was former Seahawk standout Wyatt Toregas, who is now a member of the Cleveland Indians' organization.

"He's hitting the ball with confidence and hitting the ball well," said Morris, of Reed. "He's improved a lot [from last year] as far

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South Lakes center fielder Nina Rodriguez makes a running catch during a home softball game this spring.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

ON THE WEB

Read about Week 7 action of Herndon Reston Youth Lacrosse.
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Registration is open for the Reston Youth Association (RYA) Fall 2008 Football and Cheerleading programs. The RYA programs are open to youth ages 6-to-16 in Reston and the surrounding areas. The fee is \$100 for those registered by June 30. Financial assistance is available. No experience is needed and league rules require full player participation regardless of ability or experience. There are three levels of play in each weight class based on age, weight, and experience. Games will be played on the new turf fields at Lake Fairfax Park. Obtain information on the RYA programs and register online at restonseahawks.org. Registration forms are available at the Reston Library, Community Center and YMCA. For questions call the RYA Hotline at 703-620-2019 or send an email to vp@restonseahawks.com.

The Sterling Tigers, a U12 Girls WAGS travel team (rising U13 in Fall 08), is looking to add two additional players to their roster for the Fall 2008 season, when the roster will be expanded for 11 vs 11 play. The coaching staff includes a former NCSL Div. 1 and WAGS Div. 1 State Champion Coach. The team's trainer is a former professional player with over 20 years of experience who holds a USSF C license. Find out why players come here to play, and stay! Players who would like to try out with the Tigers or learn more about the team should contact Coach Rob Abbott at 703-304-8013 or rsa420@yahoo.com.

Herndon High School, in conjunction with the **Herndon Braves** of the Cal Ripken Sr., Collegiate Summer Baseball League, will be hosting four weeks of instructional baseball camp. Instruction will be provided by coaches and college players from Herndon High School and the Herndon Braves to help players develop and improve their skills.

Camp will operate from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday of the following weeks: June 23, June 30, July 7, and July 14. Camp is open to both boys and girls ages 7-to-14. For more information, go to herndonbraves.com or contact Lauren Taggart at 703-754-6808.

The Virginia Elite Volleyball Club won the age 18, 17 and 16 year old Chesapeake Region Volleyball Association (CHRVA) Championships, held at the Discovery Sports Center between April 20 and April 27.

All three Virginia Elite teams beat tough competition to win their respective Regional Championships and will represent the Chesapeake Region at the U.S. Volleyball Association National Championships in Dallas, Tex. June 26-July 5.

Joining Virginia Elite's three championship teams at the National Championships will be the Club's 15-year old team, which placed second in the Chesapeake Region.

"When we started the Virginia Elite Volleyball Club three years ago, we could only imagine this level of success in the Chesapeake Region," said Tom Lowery, President of the Virginia Elite. "This week, our teams



The Elite volleyball organization consists of some of the top prep school players in Virginia. The team recently won Chesapeake Region titles at three different age groups.

won three regional championship titles, with two of our younger teams placing second and third in the region. We're incredibly proud of our players and coaches and everything they've achieved."

The Virginia Elite Volleyball Club attracts some of the best high school volleyball players in the Washington, D.C. area.

The Virginia Elite 18's are made up of the following players: Marguerite Hanna (Loudoun County High School), Brooke Bauernfeind (Broad Run High), Jasmine Davis (Flint Hill School), Amanda Friday (Robert Lee High), Cindy Murphy (Loudoun Valley High), Kelsey Maloney

(Westfield High), Lauren Sears (Broad Run High), Kelsey Sullivan (home schooler), Morgan Petkovich (Loudoun County High) and Megan Shifflett (Langley High).

Members of the Virginia Elite 17's are: Allie Darling (Centreville High), Ashley Scott (Heritage High), Abby Hogge (Paul VI Catholic High), Danielle Caputo (Loudoun Valley High), Meredith Erwin (The Maderia School), Logan Sebastian (Langley High), Shaylin O'Connell (Loudoun County High), Lauren Wong (Dominion High), Theresa Harvey (Fairfax High) and Christie Fellows (Flint Hill School).

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as being confident at the plate. The game has slowed down tremendously for him."

Over Reed's first 18 games of the season, he was batting .491 with two home runs, two triples 10 doubles and 21 RBIs. His on-base average was .547 and his slugging percentage was .842.

The All-Liberty District team was recently named. Both Reed and senior center fielder Noah Sweet were named to the First Team. Meanwhile, Seahawk players Jon Baamonde, a junior second baseman, and Kirchner (pitcher) made Second Team honors.

Irvin Greene, chairperson of the **South Lakes Sports Hall of Fame** and Scholarship Program Committee, has announced this year's Inductees into the Sports Hall of Fame.

Established in 2006 to honor those people whose contributions helped create and sustain Seahawk pride and sportsmanship, the Hall welcomes the following:

- John Broaddus, Administrator
- Alice Gooley, Coach
- Troy Allen, Athlete
- Jerome Scott, Athlete
- Samantha Sybert, Athlete
- Gabrielle Tapscott, Athlete
- George Lynch, M.D., Physician

The Inductees will be honored at a banquet to be held at the Hidden Creek Country Club at 6 p.m. on June 6. For ticket information, contact Elizabeth Knapp. Tick-

ets are \$60. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Hall of Fame Scholarship Program.

The South Lakes High boys' basketball program is offering six, one-week camps throughout the summer for boys and girls age groups from rising 4th grade up to rising 11th grade. Each session will stress individual and team offense and defense, shooting, ball handling and rebounding, among other lessons. Free throw shooting and one-on-one competitions are also a part of the camp schedule.

Camp enrollment is limited in number; applications accepted on a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$125 per player. The camp will take place at Langston Hughes Middle School. There is online signup at: www.seahawkboosters.com/boysbasketballcamp.htm

The Herndon High baseball team concluded the regular season with a high scoring, 17-13 win over host Centreville on May 5.

With the Concorde District victory, Herndon concluded the regular season with a 7-10 overall record and a 3-9 mark in the district.

Herndon was tabbed to be the No. 5 seed at this week's district tournament. The Hornets were scheduled to play a quarterfinals round game at No. 4 Robinson on Wednesday. The winner of that playoff game will advance to the district semifinals and automatically earn a berth at next week's 16-



Baseball coach Al McCullock

team Northern Region tournament.

Herndon put together 17 hits in the win over Centreville. Herndon senior Ian McNichol led the way with two doubles and a single.

In the wild, back-and-forth game, the Hornets jumped out to a 7-1 lead before the Wildcats stormed back to take a 10-7 lead. Herndon answered with six runs to go ahead 13-10 and never lost the lead thereafter.

"It was just a good night offensively," said Herndon coach Al McCullock. "We hit the ball and scored a lot of runs."

Herndon's two other district wins this season came in home triumphs over Fairfax, 12-6, on April 18, and Robinson, 6-5, on April 25. The Hornets have lost one-run district games at Chantilly, 4-3, on April 24, and Oakton, 5-4, on April 29.

So, after starting the district schedule 0-6, with several of the losses being lopsided, Herndon has played much better over the second half of the season.

"We're pitching a lot better," said McCullock, of the area of the team that has been considered the Hornets' weakness.

"That's the key. We were always scoring a lot of runs. But we'd get behind early and couldn't catch up."

One example of that occurred on April 9 when Herndon could not completely overcome a 9-0 deficit early on at Robinson, and lost 12-9.

MCCULLOCK'S top three pitchers have been starters Davis Hall, a senior, and Nick Impellizzeri, a sophomore. Junior Jake Stewart has been the team's top reliever.

The pitching, led by those three, will have to come up big at districts in order for Herndon to garner a few upset wins.

"We're going to have to pitch good [at districts]," said the coach. "[We can win] if we can score some runs and pitch good."

Herndon has proven it can play Robinson tough with its split over two games against the Rams in the regular season. A win over Robinson on Wednesday in the playoffs will boost the Hornets into regionals next week.

"I think they're excited," said McCullock, of the start of the postseason. "They think they can win. We're excited to not be playing in the [district] play-in game. They want to win [over Robinson] and move on."

Herndon's Chris Medina, a junior outfielder, was recently named to the All-Concorde District First Team. Meanwhile, two Hornets were named to the Second Team. Those players were junior catcher/outfielder Zach Leach and senior outfielder/pitcher Allan Brownell.

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- Cockeyed
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- Bed-and-breakfast

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But the Federal payment leaves giant hurdles for Dulles Rail to overcome, not the least of which is the staggering \$489 million in "unfunded capital needs" of Washington Metro system. Though the estimate is for unfunded needs over six years, anyone who rides or uses the system regularly knows that track disrepair and aging causes slowdowns almost everyday along one or line or another.

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Metro officials have contemplated pedestrian tunnels, converting to eight car trains, increasing elevators and escalators, expanding the regions bus service and integrating street car and light rail plans to supplement Metrorail capacity, according to recent news releases.

In her letter to Gov. Tim Kaine on April 30, Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters warned the governor "as you seek to extend Metrorail through Tyson's Corner, I want to re-emphasize the importance of

upkeep and maintenance of the existing system." She said "WMATA's ability to address this issue continues to be an area of concern, and I am asking your office, WMATA and members of WMATA jurisdictions to commit to undertaking the required steps to guarantee the significant capital rehabilitation necessary for the overall system to enter and maintain a state of good repair."

This warning comes at a time when transportation funding in Virginia is in critical free-fall. The Virginia Supreme Court struck down a plan for the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority to collect \$300 million in taxes a year and sell \$1.7 billion in bonds to fund projects to ease overcrowding on the regions roads.

At the same time, reduced revenues stemming from the national financial crisis has caused the Virginia Department of Transportation to cut \$1.1 billion in its primary, urban and secondary roads program and the

state's Department of Rail and Public Transportation said it will cut \$70 billion from one-time transportation funding.

The Virginia General Assembly also eliminated \$180 million in one-time transportation funding.

These cuts halt literally dozens of road projects and Virginia Railway Express needs.

The only "new" money in the Dulles Rail game would be \$1.5 billion in dedicated federal funding over ten years, but Sen. Tom Corbin, R. Okla. The Senate's earmark maven is holding it up as an unacceptable "earmark."

Gov. Kaine is expected to call for special session of the legislature and asked for increased transportation funding- read that taxes. He controls the Senate, but the House of Delegates has a Republican majority and last week Sen. Ken Cuccinelli's R-Fairfax's reaction that "Dulles Rail will drain off funds we need."

Public Library Volunteers Honored

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Mike James was honored during the 2008 Star Volunteer Awards Presentation for his work as a volunteer with at least 1,000 hours at the Reston Library.



Mike Schneck was honored during the 2008 Star Volunteer Awards Presentation for his work as a volunteer with at least 1,000 hours at the Reston Library.



Charly Karlsson was honored during the 2008 Star Volunteer Awards Presentation for exceptional service at the Reston Library.



Judy Konnert was honored during the 2008 Star Volunteer Awards Presentation for exceptional service at the Reston Library.



Helen Teachout was honored during the 2008 Star Volunteer Awards Presentation for exceptional service at the Reston Library. Teachout resides in Herndon.

HEALTH NOTES

The **Epilepsy Foundation** sponsors support groups and classes for adults diagnosed with seizure disorders, caregivers, and parents of children of all ages with seizure disorders. Free. Call Dana at 703-425-6660 or visit www.abilitiesnetwork.org. **Reston Epilepsy Group** meets the **first Tuesday** of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at North County Government Center, Hunter Mill District Supervisors Office, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive.

Spiritual Support Group. Designed for oncology patients or those dealing with major illnesses. The non-denominational support group meets in the Radiation Therapy Department in the Pavilion on the Reston Hospital Center campus, 1850 Town Center Parkway on the **first Tuesday** of the month, at 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 703-689-9325.

New Mothers Support Group. Meets the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month, at 10-11:30 a.m., in the Community Room at the Reston YMCA, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. Call 703-689-9240.

Sterling/Reston DRADA (Depression and Related Affective Disorders Association) Support Group meets the **first and third Tuesdays** of each month, 7-9 p.m., in Reston. Call Ginny at 703-966-2510.

Bereavement Support Groups. Three groups, sponsored by Haven of Northern Virginia. The **Suicide Survivors Group** meets the **first Tuesday** of every month, 7:30-9 p.m. The **Widow/Widower Support Group** meets the **first and third Thursday** of every month, 2-3:30 p.m. and the second and

fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m. Call 703-941-7000.

Lupus Support Group meets the **second and fourth Thursday** of each month, at 6:30 p.m., at Reston Hospital Medical Plaza, Suite 117, 1800 Town Center Drive, Reston. Call 703-689-9240.

The Reston NAMI Support Group. Group meets twice a month, from 7-9 p.m., at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston.

This is a National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group for family and friends of people with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder (manic depression), obsessive-compulsive disorder and anxiety disorders. Call Rhonda at 703-716-0674, or Barb at 703-715-2485.

COMMUNITY NOTES

During the school year, nutritious meals are available through the School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. However, these programs end when school ends for the summer. The Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services is participating in the **Summer Food Service Program.** Free nutritious meals will be provided to eligible children while school is out for the summer. The Summer Meals for Kids program operates at various sites throughout the County. The program will begin **June 18 ending Aug. 29.** Some sites will serve breakfast and lunch. Call 703-324-5330, TTY 711 or send an e-mail to dcrs@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Reston Festival seeks volunteer party planners and sponsors. Help plan the festival, which will take place July

12 and 13 at Reston Town Center. Energetic people of all ages are needed to brainstorm ideas and organize activities. To volunteer, send contact information to volunteer@restonfestival.com or call the Reston Festival Hotline at 703-435-7989. For more information, see www.restonfestival.com.

Belly Dance performances at La Kasbah Moroccan Restaurant, 11424 Washington Plaza, Reston, **every Wednesday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m., and every Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.** Call 703-707-0733 or visit www.lakasbahrestaurant.com.

Children's art workshops at the Reston Museum, 1629 Washington Plaza, 10 a.m.-noon **every Saturday.** Free make and take projects, themed for the seasons. Call 703-709-7700.



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