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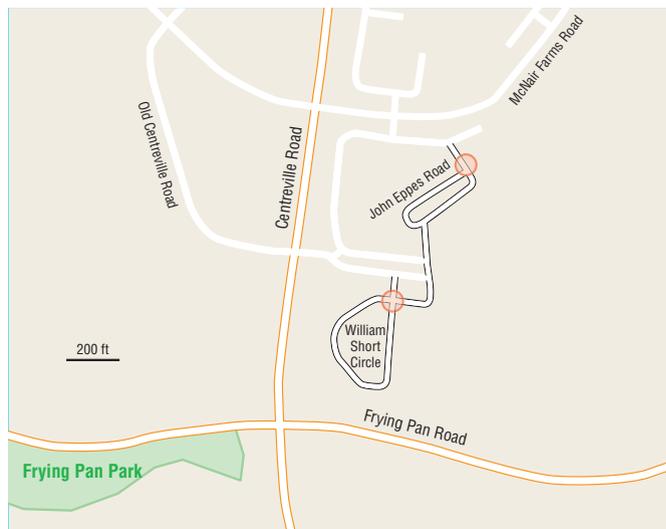
NEWS

Robberies Moments Apart

Two armed robberies occurred in Herndon, minutes apart from one another, in the 2500 blocks of John Eppes Road and William Short Circle. The robberies took place on Friday, May 23, around 2:30 a.m.

During the John Eppes Road robbery, a 25-year-old Herndon man was approached after he parked his car and started walking toward his apartment. He relinquished an undisclosed amount of money after a man pointed a gun at him and demanded money.

Several minutes later, a man approached a parked car on William Short Circle occupied by a 27-year-old Herndon woman and a 25-year-old man. The man who approached the car tapped on the window, but the woman and the man in the car did not acknowledge him. The man outside the car then opened a car door and pointed a gun at the car's occupants, demanding money from them. They did not comply and the



MAP BY LAURENCE FOONG/THE CONNECTION

Two armed robberies occurred in the 2500 blocks of John Eppes Road and William Short Circle in Herndon.

armed man fled.

No injuries were reported in either robbery and the suspect in both robberies was described as white or Hispanic, about 25 years old. He was about 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighed 130 to 150 pounds and he wore a red, hooded sweatshirt and a dark baseball cap. In the second robbery he wore a black mask.

"There is no indication that this is an

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Honoring Ultimate Sacrifice for Freedom

American Legion Post 184 commemorates Memorial Day.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Reston residents Justin Carlitti, Jr., 11, and his 7-year-old brother Chas, stood firm in their Boy Scout uniforms while saluting the American flag as the Herndon High School Junior Naval ROTC posted the colors. Their father, Justin Carlitti, wearing a matching uniform, corrected Chas's salute as the Memorial Day Observance at Chestnut Grove Cemetery in Herndon began on Monday morning.

"Americans must remember that freedom isn't free."

— Dave Kirby,
American Legion Post
184 Commander

We've been coming here for years," said Carlitti, a Reservist Marine colonel. His father, also a Marine, served in Korea. "It's important for these guys that they understand the importance of this day," he said, pointing to his two sons, as they joined close to 100 people in observing Memorial Day at Chestnut Grove Cemetery on Monday, May 26.



A veteran bugler plays taps at Monday's Memorial Day Service.

PHOTOS BY ANDREW DODSON/THE CONNECTION

"What do you say to someone who's made the ultimate sacrifice," said Dave Kirby, commander of the Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184, serving the Herndon and Reston communities. "Thank you is a start, but it seems woefully insufficient," he said.

Kirby encouraged the residents gathered at the commemoration to remember not only the servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice, but also their loved ones. "We need to be there for them, not just as members of the American Legion, but as American citizens," said Kirby. "Americans must remember that freedom isn't free," he said, and that freedom is only possible because of the soldiers' sacrifice.

"THE COST OF preserving our freedom has always been high, yet throughout our history, brave Americans have been ready to pay that price," said Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). Historic references to the Civil War and World War II highlighted his speech, and Foust also reminded the audience to remember the loved ones of the soldiers who died for their country.

Foust referred to a letter President Abraham Lincoln wrote to a mother who lost five sons in the American Civil War and to a sign on an American cemetery at Omaha Beach in Normandy in his key note speech. He said he prayed the pain of the families of the fallen American soldiers



Members of the Herndon High School Junior Naval ROTC present the colors at Monday's Memorial Day Service.

might be lessened by the gatherings that commemorate their lives and sacrifice.

"Let us remember our fallen comrades, not just today, but long after we leave here," said Kirby.

Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis said Monday morning's commemoration was representative of previous years' Memorial Day commemorations. "This has always been a big event in Herndon," said DeBenedittis. He said Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances are important to the Herndon community and one of the reasons may be its proximity to Washington and the Pentagon. He said Monday morning's observance was "a wonderful and very appropriate commemoration."

Families Remember Loved Ones

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Sandra Drew of Herndon said her daughter had been too old to attend Good Grief camp and her son had preferred his own network of friends for support when their father died in Bosnia in 1995. She, however, had taken solace in the company of "other people who were dealing with the same things I was dealing with," she said at a banquet at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center at the National Harbor Saturday evening, May 24.

"It's nice to be with other people who've had that same experience, so you don't feel left out."

— Brice Landstreet, almost 11

The dinner was part of the 14th annual National Survivor Seminar, a four-day affair sponsored by TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. Hundreds of families who had lost a loved one to military service came from across

TAPS Survivor Seminar brings together families from across the country.

the country to the Double Tree Hotel in Crystal City for the event, which spilled over into Washington, D.C. and National Harbor, Md.

Among the event's coordinators was another Northern Virginia resident, Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling, who runs a public relations company with her husband, specializing in representing nonprofits. She first contacted TAPS last October after she had gotten up to give a business presentation and "fell completely apart," she said. It was about a month after her younger brother had been killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving in Iraq, and she decided she needed some help. Her company is now contracted by TAPS, although some of her work, such as helping to manage last weekend's seminar, is done on a volunteer basis.

FOR A GOOD PART of the weekend, children and par
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PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling, left, works and volunteers for TAPS and has also found support in the organization. Sandra Drew of Herndon has missed only two Survivor Seminars since 1995 — the years her two children graduated from college.

Man Charged with Setting Fires

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department fire investigators charged a 24-year-old Herndon resident in connection with fires set on May 1. He was charged with setting fires in an occupied dwelling, in an unoccupied dwelling, involving property valued greater than \$200 and involving property valued less than \$200, resulting in three felonies and one misdemeanor.

Two fires were set in the 1700 block of Saddler Wells Drive and the 1600 block of Winterwood Court each. No injuries were reported in the fires that caused an estimated \$8,000 of damage. The suspect is being held at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

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 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.

Women's Golf Month

The Herndon Centennial Golf Course, located on Ferndale Avenue in the Town of Herndon, will host activities as part of the American Express Women's Golf Month in June. On Sunday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Herndon Centennial's staff will host a free golf clinic. Clubs will be available. On Monday, June 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., the course will host a social mixer for women golfers that will feature its PGA golf professional. Women's Golf Month is aimed at increasing the participation of women in golf. For more information call 703-471-5769.

DCRA Marks 10th Anniversary

The Dulles Corridor Rail Association will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, June 11, at the Westin Reston Heights, 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive. Virginia Governor Tim Kaine will be honored at the celebration that will start at 5:15 p.m. A \$100 contribution is suggested, with checks payable to Dulles Corridor Rail Association. Call 703-855-5068 to RSVP by June 6. For more information call 703-716-5750.

Music Under the Stars

The "Music Under the Stars" summer concert series has moved to one Saturday a month and will feature three concerts this summer. On June 21, "Scythian" will perform a range of rock styles, from traditional to Celtic. "The Fabulous Hubcaps," an oldies band, will perform and "Trout Fishing in America," a Grammy nominated family folk and storytelling group, will be featured on Aug. 16. The concerts begin at 7:30 on the Town Green, 777 Lynn Street in Herndon, and are free to the public.

Seat Belt Enforcement

The Herndon Police Department will partner with law enforcement agencies across Virginia and the United States to increase seat belt use with the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. According to the Virginia Highway Safety Office preliminary numbers, there were 1,026 fatalities on Virginia roadways in 2007, 451 of those involved no restraint use. The Herndon Police will emphasize seat belt and child seat use during the "Click It or Ticket" Mobilization, now through June 1. Special checkpoints and other special activities will be conducted during that period. For more information visit www.dmvnow.com/highwaysafety.



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Joy of the Prom Students and teachers from several Fairfax County schools enjoy the annual Day Prom at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax on May 20. The Day Prom is held for special education students so that they learn several skills and attend the proms at their schools. Participating schools were Herndon High School, Oakton High School, Centreville High School, South Lakes High School, Westfield High School, Fairfax High School and the Kilmer Center.



Verlee Bolton, Special Education Department chair at Herndon High School, dances with Zaid Raouf during the annual Day Prom.



Claudia Serrano dances with Joey Torda during the annual Day Prom. The two are students at Oakton High School. Serrano participates in the school's best buddies program.

Nearby Robberies Moments Apart

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emerging trend, it appears to be an isolated incident," said First Lieutenant Andy Hill, the assistant commander of the Fairfax County Police Department's Reston District Station. Hill said the area where the crimes occurred does not see a high rate of calls for service from the station. While the robberies are under investigation, Hill said it ap-

pears that one person was responsible for committing both crimes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, www.fairfaxcrime-solvers.org or text "TIP 187" plus the message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

— MIRZA KURSPAHIC

Facing Finance

Reality Store shows students realities of money.

BY LEAH KIEFF
THE CONNECTION

Seniors at Herndon High school got a chance Wednesday and Thursday, May 22-23, to look into the future. They participated in a "Reality Store," sponsored by Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation. This simulation helped students design and plan for the financial realities of life after high school.

"I think it's really good for seniors to get an idea for what choices and expenses they'll have," said Dan Hayden a parent of a sophomore at Herndon High and an employee of the Northwest Federal Credit Union.

The students were asked to think about where they hope to see



PHOTO BY LEAH KIEFF/THE CONNECTION

Government teacher Charleen Hibson helps student Nick Michaely with his decisions. Michaely took away from the experience: "Don't have kids."

themselves 10 years in the future and then were assigned life scenarios. These included their marital status, the number of children they had, their annual income as well as any debts. With these sce

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Mt. Pleasant Baptist Unveils Historical Marker

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Herndon held a Memorial Day celebration Sunday, May 25, on the grounds of the church's first-owned facility at 13614 Coppermine Road. The ceremony included the unveiling of a historical marker at the site, prayers, and songs with special commemoration of those who've given their lives in the country's wars.

"We could have chosen any day to unveil the marker, but it seemed very appropriate to do it in our annual Memorial Day program," said Howard Lambert, who chaired the event and is also a member of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment and a Civil War re-enactor.

"There is so much historical significance around the timing of the two — the history surrounding Memorial Day and the founding of our church," said Lambert. Lambert stated that Memorial Day, which was previously called Decoration Day, started after the Civil War ended in 1865, allowing Americans to decorate the graves of loved ones who died in battle.

With a history dating back to 1866, the church's historical marker recognizes the church as a historical establishment, which has also played a vital role within the Northern Virginia community following the Civil War and Reconstruction. The location also houses the church's cemetery and is the gravesite of one of the church's founding members, Temple Cheeks, who fought with the 22 U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War.



A flag was placed on Temple Cheeks' grave, a Civil War veteran and founding Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church member.

Starting with a very small membership in the Old Floris School building once located on Frying Pan Road, the church moved to the site in 1882. The church later moved to its second edifice in September 1982 directly across the street, remaining on Coppermine Road. The church was later moved to its present location at 2516 Squirrel Hill Road in Herndon in May 1999 under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. James Graham, Jr., who became pastor in May 1995.

Reflecting on the sacrifices made by Cheeks and others who fought and died for the country, Graham expressed his gratitude



Howard Lambert and James Wilson, Jr., remember fallen war veterans at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church's cemetery.

for their services: "I am really grateful to God for our men and women of the armed forces and their families. I thank God for all who have gone before us and have given the ultimate in service to our country.

"I know that our young men and women make major sacrifices so that we can have the freedom that we have in this country.



Pastor James Graham, Jr. and his wife the Rev. Gloria Graham during the wreath-laying ceremony.

Our church continues to support and pray for these brave men and women, and we are hoping and trusting that we will see that day when our world will be at peace."

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will be celebrating its 142-year anniversary in August and now serves a membership of over 3,000 parishioners with ministries for all ages.

TAPS Survivor Seminar Brings Families Together

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ents were separated, and the approximately 300 children and teens were broken into age groups and paired with mentors who are on active duty with the military. "By spending time with their mentors, they're rebuilding their sense of connection with the military community," said Neiberger-Miller. Also, she said, it was especially good for children who had lost their father or older brother to "have someone they can horse around with and ride on their shoulders."

The children's Good Grief camp is an attempt to help children and teens work through the pain of their loss through a variety of activities, from serious discussions to a Saturday-night party. Among the weekend's events were a wreath-laying ceremony, a National Symphony Orchestra concert, a Marine Corps Band parade and a "balloon release," during which all of the children released balloons into the sky carrying messages to the loved ones they had lost.

"It's nice to be with other people who've had that same experience, so you don't feel left out," said Brice Landstreet of Rock Hill, S.C., as he toured the monuments and military memorials on the National Mall with other 11- and 12-year-olds and their mentors Saturday afternoon. Brice said the sense of belonging was the biggest reason he had come back for his third seminar. "The

mentors are really nice and you just meet some new friends," he added.

"They're not holding in their anger. They're getting it out and talking about it and relaxing and having fun at the same time," said Brice's mentor, Duaine Martin of Fort Carson, Colo. Martin said he had come to his first Good Grief camp this year looking for a chance to give something back to the community, and he said he had enjoyed getting to know the children, "seeing them smile and trying to make them laugh."

Alicia Siebert of Jacksonville, N.C. had previously attended a TAPS camp that traveled to D.C. and Las Vegas, and she said she enjoyed seeing new sights and touring museums and monuments. "Sometimes we have to sit in circles, but we also do fun things," she said. "Circles are boring."

Her mentor, James Hamilton, who is stationed with the Army Honor Guard at Fort McNair in D.C., said he first mentored last year after his son's stepfather was killed in Iraq. "I wanted to do whatever I could," he said. "And I had to come back. I love it." When he helps to bury soldiers in Arlington Cemetery, he is not allowed to thank the families for their sacrifice, he said, noting that TAPS gives him a chance to show his appreciation.

"I get as much out of these camps as the kids do," said Hamilton. "I lost a couple of friends in the war myself." He said he would continue to mentor at the seminars "every

Online

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year that I'm able to walk or get here." Last year, he was one of two members of his company who came. This year, he convinced the company to let him bring 16 men in spite of the busy Memorial Day schedule.

Annandale resident Yolanda Acevedo said she and her two sons, now both teenagers, had been attending the annual event for the last four years. "It's very healthy for them to be here, and they enjoy it, especially the relationships with the mentors," she said, noting that spending time with active-duty members of the military was "a way to be close to their father, in a way."

Her husband, a commander in the Navy, was killed five years ago in Bahrain while serving on the Fifth Fleet, which she called the Navy's "tip of the spearhead" in the Iraq War. "He gave 20 years of his life serving his country," said Acevedo, adding that her husband was a sensitive man who loved serving in the military and horsing around with his sons. After his death, she said, she found a strong support network through TAPS, which also provides peer support groups. "We have long-lasting friendships with other families here," she said.

NEIBERGER-MILLER said that after she

contacted TAPS she had immediately been paired with a woman who had lost her younger brother about three years before Neiberger-Miller's brother was killed, and she found they had many of the same concerns, such as worrying about their parents. She pointed out that the suddenness of an active-duty death is devastating not only to the parents and children of the deceased. "I certainly never thought my brother would die before I would," she said. "I never thought I would have to stand there with my parents and watch them bury their son."

She said her brother, Chris, had always wanted to be a soldier and had built huge battlefields in the family's playroom with his two brothers when they were growing up in Gainesville, Fla. "Part of me thinks he would have joined the French Legion if he hadn't joined the Army," she said. His competency test results had been such that recruiters had told him he could take virtually any job he wished, and they were surprised when he said he wanted to join the infantry, said Neiberger-Miller. "But that's what he wanted. He wanted to be a soldier." She said she also remembered her brother as a lover of history, philosophy, beer and coffee, and a master of the one-liner. "He was a fascinating person," she said, adding that he had matured considerably during his military service. "I felt like I was just getting to know the person he was becoming." He was 22 when he died.

NEWS



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Herndon High School senior Joey Patchan plays a set of music at a fundraiser for the Invisible Children organization.

Acting For Others

Invisible Children open eyes of Herndon High students.

BY ANDREW DODSON
THE CONNECTION

When Herndon freshman Ashleigh Markin began fund-raising for the children in Northern Uganda, she only knew half of the story. She had yet to see the documentary.

"It's hard to think about because they're younger than us," said Markin. "It's just hard to believe."

Markin and approximately 70 other students opened their eyes last Friday, May 23, at Herndon United Methodist Church to music, face painting, and a showing of a movie documenting the lives of the abducted children by rebel soldiers in Northern Uganda known as the invisible children.

The initiative began this school year when Herndon High School theater director and advisor for school's Amnesty International club, Sarah Bever, wanted her students to choose a country to focus on for the year. Bever has experience with the Invisible Children campaign and taught in Kenya before coming to Herndon.

Activities began with club president Joey Patchan, a senior at

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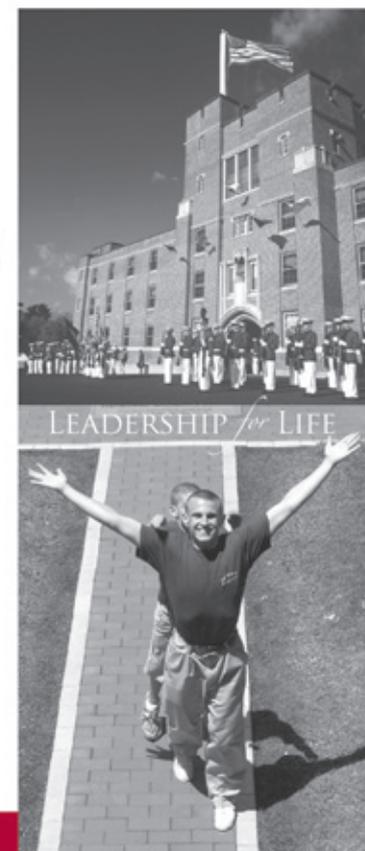
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OPINION

Silver Lining, Aptly Named

County should capitalize on rare opportunity to expand permanent affordable housing.

When affordable housing advocates around the county — and around the nation — praised Gerry Connolly and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for dedicating one penny of the real estate tax to affordable housing, it was with the expectations of big accomplishments.

The one-penny fund has in fact accomplished a great deal, protecting more than a thousand units of affordable housing. Some people have been disappointed that the fund has not so far added much new affordable housing, with very few eligible families moved off of the long waiting list.

Some supervisors have responded that the fund was intended to preserve the affordable housing stock we currently have, not add to it. But with sizeable resources — more than \$20 million a year — we should expect a steady increase in the supply of long-term affordable housing.

Now comes the “silver lining.” It’s an opportunity to use the housing downturn and the increase in foreclosures to purchase more housing units at bargain prices and to assist those on a waiting list to become first time homebuyers.

The county should not make the mistake of defining this effort too narrowly.

With more than \$20 million a year, and a likelihood of two more years of increasing foreclosures, the “silver lining” could help many qualified families waiting to become first-time

homebuyers and greatly increase the permanent stock of affordable housing. The one-penny fund can underwrite the purchase of scores — perhaps hundreds — of foreclosed condos and townhouses, turning them over to housing authorities and nonprofits to maintain as affordable housing permanently.

EDITORIALS

The language of the current proposals suggests that the county would purchase “up to 10” such homes. We’d rather see the county limit the amount that the one-penny fund spends on salaries and overhead, while it maximizes the number of families and individuals it can move into affordable housing.

This requires housing for families with children and efficiency apartments for individuals who are not homeless. It means buying housing that is in foreclosure and building some housing.

It requires courage and action, which Connolly and the Board of Supervisors have demonstrated. But they must be bold, and make their efforts really count.

As to those who say the county should not be in the business of buying private property, that’s a ridiculous argument. Were we to follow that theory, we would have no parks, no protected open space. And almost no affordable housing.

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School Board Responds on Budget

The mantra “location, location, location,” really means “schools, schools, schools.”

BY DAN STORCK, CHAIRMAN AND
PHILLIP NIEDZIELSKI-EICHNER,
BUDGET CHAIR
FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

A member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors was recently quoted as saying that whatever amount the county government transfers to the school system, “it is never enough.”

This view belies the financial pressures the School Board faces just to continue to operate an excellent school system that benefits all county residents by attracting and keeping businesses and a workforce that are the foundations of our dynamic economy and high property values.

It is true — as parents, students, and others have told the School Board in testimony, e-mails, and phone calls during the months-long

process which led to our final vote on May 22 — that many residents would prefer a school system that spends much more than we do. What parent does not want his or her child in a class of 18 students (the exception), rather than one of 25+ students (the norm)?

But Fairfax County Public Schools has prided itself for decades on its ability to provide an excellent education to a large number of children with widely differing needs at the lowest cost possible. We are nothing if not cost-effective, as any comparison of per-pupil costs with other comparable school systems in the region reveals: nearly \$1,300 less per student than Montgomery County, and over \$5,000 less per student than Falls Church City.

Our staff and the School Board work daily to achieve the best value for the taxpayer. This means that we must sustain a high-performing and highly diverse school system for the

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least amount of investment. This year, we had made \$33 million in cuts before we submitted our budget to the Board of Supervisors, including millions saved by delaying a maintenance program for an aging infrastructure.

Federal and state unfunded mandates, and a shortfall in local resources, means that we must make further cuts, not in “frills,” but in basic, ongoing costs. We will spend \$22 million, more than half the increase in school funding from the county, simply to educate the estimated 3,500 additional children who will arrive in our schools this fall. We have done much to reduce demand for commodities to offset increasing costs; buses need fuel, however, and diesel prices are up 70 percent over last year. Fixed costs (such as state pensions) cannot be cut back. Reducing employee compensation below market rates could undermine our long-range ability to attract and retain employees who make excellence possible. It has been difficult to produce a budget that does not require that we “eat our seed corn” by

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making reductions that will make it more difficult to recover momentum in future years.

EXCELLENT SCHOOL systems (like excellent companies) do not sustain their high-caliber performance by standing still, and 21st century needs are different from those of the last century. Expansion of all-day kindergarten and elementary school foreign language to a few schools was intended to signal sustained commitment to these initiatives, similar to the County's continued funding of set-asides for new affordable housing and storm water management initiatives.

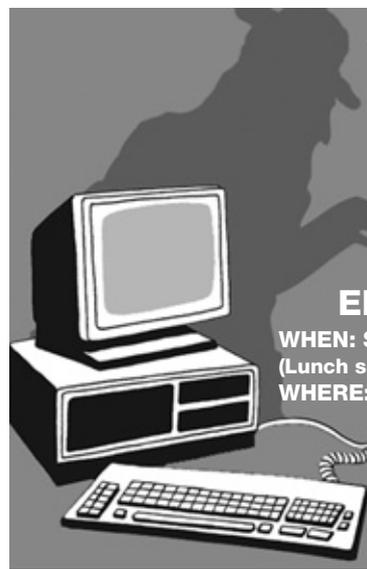
Even with advanced technology, education remains a people business. Eighty-seven percent of our budget goes to employee compensation. Significant reductions mean fewer employees or limiting compensation; next year's budget does both: reduces numbers of teachers and limits their compensation to below competitive levels. As attractive as our school system has been for the best teachers and employees, our competitive edge continues to erode as area school

systems and other employers intensify their recruitment of these same personnel.

A more rigorous management system is in place, which is strengthening performance accountability. We have much more to do; for example, we will soon conduct a top-to-bottom program review of effectiveness and cost. As bad as this year's revenue situation is, next year's looks worse, but we cannot afford to lose our winning edge. The CEO of Volkswagen of America, which recently moved its headquarters to Fairfax County, identified our school system as the number one reason for selecting our community. He said, "The school system is just perfect."

We greatly appreciate the community's support, and we value our partnership with the Board of Supervisors. Cost-effective investment that produces quality and high performance translates into college and/or jobs for students and sustained value for homeowners.

And, for forward-focused businesses, the mantra "location, location, location," really means "schools, schools, schools."



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WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Historical Meeting. The Herndon Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Herndon Depot, Old Train Depot, 717 Lynn St., Herndon. Call Carol Bruce, 703-437-7289.

The Herndon High School Orchestras, directed by Bette Gawinski, will perform contemporary and classical selections at their spring concert in the Herndon High School auditorium. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Visit www.herndonorch.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Golf. The Dulles Regional Chamber Festival Golf Tournament will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Herndon Centennial Golf Course. Call 571-323-5300.

Tot Trip. The Great County Farm Tot Trip will be from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Spend the day visiting the animal barn yard, the goat tree house, the kid corral and lil' farmers barnyard play areas. Take a hayride to the u-pick fields to pick fresh strawberries if available. Enjoy four mazes, the two-acre farm play area, the tractor tire mountain, swings, 60 foot slide, tunnels and more. Trip includes transportation in 15 passenger van, lunch, admission to farm, and berry picking. Ages 3-5. \$15 per person, children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Call 703-787-7300.

Farmers' Market. Herndon hosts a farmers' market every Thursday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. through Oct. 23 at 765 Lynn St., Herndon.

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

Wetlands at Sunset. Enjoy a leisurely stroll around the Sunrise Valley Wetland, 7-9 p.m. at 12700 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Bring a flashlight, binoculars, or any other nature detective tool with you to experience your natural surroundings. This is a great time of year to experience the diversity of nature. Fee: \$3/RA members, \$5/non-members. Call 703-435-6530 or visit www.reston.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 30

Campfire Fun. Join RA for an evening around the campfire to sing some old time favorites and make s'mores from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at WNEC Campfire Ring, Soapstone Drive, Reston. For ages 55 and up. There will be song sheets but feel free to bring requests and guitar to play along. Seating will be available or bring a chair. Space is limited to 30. Call 703-435-6530 to register.

Mother Goose Time. Interactive storytime session for parent and child at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 10:30 a.m. Birth-23 months with adult. Call

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PHOTO BY MEGHAN WILLIAMS/THE CONNECTION

The view of last year's Herndon Festival from basket 12 of the Ferris wheel: the carnival rides, midway, and Center Stage between the library and municipal center.

Herndon Festival Returns

Annual festival begins on Thursday.

The 28th Annual Herndon Festival is expected to attract almost 100,000 visitors between Thursday, May 29 and Sunday, June 1.

Live music, activities for adults and children, food and drinks, fireworks and a carnival are all part of the event that celebrates the Herndon community.

Three stages will be scattered around downtown Herndon — the Café Stage, the Municipal Center Stage and the Depot Stage — featuring music of local, regional and national acclaim. Entertainment for all ages will be presented throughout the four-day festival. The band Fastball is scheduled to close out the festival on Sunday afternoon.

While visitors come for entertainment, arts and crafts and numerous other activities, one of the reasons they stay is the food offered at the festival. More than 40 vendors applied for about 22 spots available. Decision on who gets in is made based on prior festival participation and community feedback.

This year's festival will feature fish and chips, Greek, Cajun, barbecue and other specialties. The Council for the Arts of Herndon, the Herndon Optimist Club and the Rotary Club of Herndon will serve barbecue and beer at their food tents.

The 28th Annual Herndon Festival will also feature some new activities after gaining a major sponsorship from Volkswagen of America, one of Herndon's new commercial residents. For example, the car company will have a climbing wall set up for the visitors on Saturday and Sunday.

Another craft activity the car manufacturer is providing is production of miniature Volkswagen license plates with the

company's name on the bottom, the Herndon Festival mark on the top and the personalized plate for the participating visitor.

Shuttle buses will carry the visitors from parking spaces at Worldgate Center and Herndon High School to downtown Herndon, encouraging visitors to keep away from downtown roads and not cause traffic congestion.

Festival Schedule

THURSDAY, MAY 29

6 p.m. Festival opens
6 - 10 p.m. Carnival open
6 - 9:30 p.m. Food vendors open
9:30 p.m. Fireworks Display
Sponsored by the Herndon Chamber of Commerce

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Children's Hands-on Art Area, Town Hall Lawn
Sponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 10k/5k Race Packet Pick-Up and Fitness Expo, Herndon Community Center
9:30 p.m. Fireworks Display

FRIDAY, MAY 30

5 p.m. Festival opens
5 - 11 p.m. Carnival open
5 - 10:30 p.m. Food Vendors open
6 - 9 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show opens

SUNDAY, JUNE 1

7:30 - 9 a.m. 10k/5k Races & Fitness Expo, Herndon Community Center
11 a.m. Festival Opens
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Carnival open
11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Food Vendors open
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Business Expo, Pine St/James Building Lot
Sponsored by Herndon Dulles Chamber of Commerce
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show opens
12 - 5 p.m. Children's Hands-on Art Area, Town Hall Lawn
Sponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon

SATURDAY, MAY 31

10 a.m. Festival Opens
10 a.m. - 11 p.m. Carnival open
10 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Food Vendors open
10 a.m. - 5/9 p.m. Arts & Crafts Show opens
Business Expo, Pine St/James Building Lot
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The Dreamscapes Project will perform at the Herndon Festival on the Café Stage in downtown Herndon at 4 p.m., Sunday, May 1. Call 703-435-6866.

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SATURDAY/MAY 31

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 J&B Blues Project. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com or call 703-464-5559.

Bluegrass. Jimmy Gaudreau & Moondi Klein and Bill Emerson and the Sweet Dixie Band will perform at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Call 703-435-8377.

Spring Picnic. TheHomeschoolers of Herndon Reston will hold their 1st Annual Spring Picnic from 4-7 p.m. at Frying Pan Park. Veggie burgers, hamburgers and kosher hotdogs provided. Bring beverages and a dish to pass. Come meet fellow homeschoolers and learn more about the programs and field trips in the works. Call 703-946-3382.

Concert. The Dreamscapes Project will perform at the Relay for Life at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive at 12 p.m. Donations welcome. Call 703-715-4500.

Sports. The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Sports and Camp Free Physicals Event will be from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 500 Grove St., Herndon. Call 703-481-8160 or visit www.jsfreeclinic.org.

Spinal Health Fair. The Spinal Research Foundation is hosting the first annual "We've Got Your Back" 4-mile race, 2-mile fun walk and Spinal Health Fair during National Osteoporosis Awareness Month. Shawn Springs and Reed Doughty of the Washington Redskins will serve as honorary co-chairs. The start, finish and Spinal Health Fair will be located at 1831 Wiehle Ave. in Reston. Race/walk participants can register online www.spinerf.org. Entry fees are \$25 for registration and \$30 for race day registration. Children 12 & under are free. To register for the race visit the race Web site at www.spinerf.org or email race@spinerf.org.

Jewelry and Yard Sale. Holy Cross Lutheran Church will be holding its annual church-wide "Jewelry Sale" and "Yard Sale" from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Sellers will be outside as well as inside the building. Baked goods will also be for sale. Holy Cross is located at 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Visit <http://www.holycrosslutheranchurch.net> or call the church office at 703-437-1883.

Children's Art Workshop. Free make and take projects, themed for the seasons, with artist Pat Macintyre at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza N., Reston, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. This week will be Create a fan for summer's

hottest days. Call 703-709-7700.

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

5k Walk. The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) Annual 5K Walk to Cure Diabetes will be held at the National Conference Center in Lansdowne. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Walk begins at 10 a.m. Call 202-465-4114, email nhisczak@jdrf.org or visit www.jdrfcapitol.org.

Concert. The Dreamscapes Project will perform at the Herndon Festival on the Café Stage in downtown Herndon at 4 p.m. Call 703-435-6866.

Herndon Festival 10K & 5K Races. will be from 7:30-9 a.m. Both races will take runners through historic downtown Herndon during Herndon Festival weekend. Awards are presented to the top two finishers in each age group from 10 and under to 70 and over. Refreshments for runners will be provided at the conclusion of the race. Call 703-787-7300.

TUESDAY/JUNE 3

Children's Show. The Unicycle Pirate Lady will be at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, 11-11:30 a.m. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

Ice Cream Social. Come out to the pool and enjoy some refreshing ice cream while lounging poolside at Uplands Pool, 11032 Ring Road, Reston, 2 p.m. Make sundaes. Supplies are limited. Call 703-435-6577.

Book Babies. Interactive storytime for you and your child at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 10:15 a.m. Age 13-23 months with adult. Call 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

Bike Clinic for Senior Adults. If thinking of getting back in to biking or want to brush up on current biking skills, join this workshop to be held in the conference room at Reston Association at the Reston Association Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston, 2-4 p.m. Clinic size is limited to 20. Call 703-435-6577 to register. Registration required.

Happy Birthday, Herndon. Celebrate the library's birthday at 10:30 a.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Age 2-5 with adult. Call 703-437-8855.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

Children's Show. Kid Comic Magic will be at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, 11-11:30 a.m. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

Senior Cinema at 10 a.m. at the

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Farmers' Market from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 765 Lynn St., Herndon. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Friday Night Live will be from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on the Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Love Seed Mama Jump will perform. Call 703-481-6133.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Relay for Life. The 2008 relay for life will run. The opening ceremonies will be at 5 p.m. at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Tour de Cure. The Reston Tour de Cure is a cycling event that allows both the avid and recreational cyclist to raise money for diabetes research, advocacy and educational programs. The Tour de Cure is a ride, not a race, and starts off at the Reston Town Center and travels on the W&OD Trail throughout Loudoun

County from 6 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. with a Tour de Tots at 9:30 a.m. Visit www.diabetes.org/tour.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Herndon Women's Club Installation and Banquet, 6 p.m. at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Call 703-437-3647.

Mother Goose Time. Interactive story time session for children at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 10:30 a.m. Call 703-437-8855. Birth-23 months with adult.

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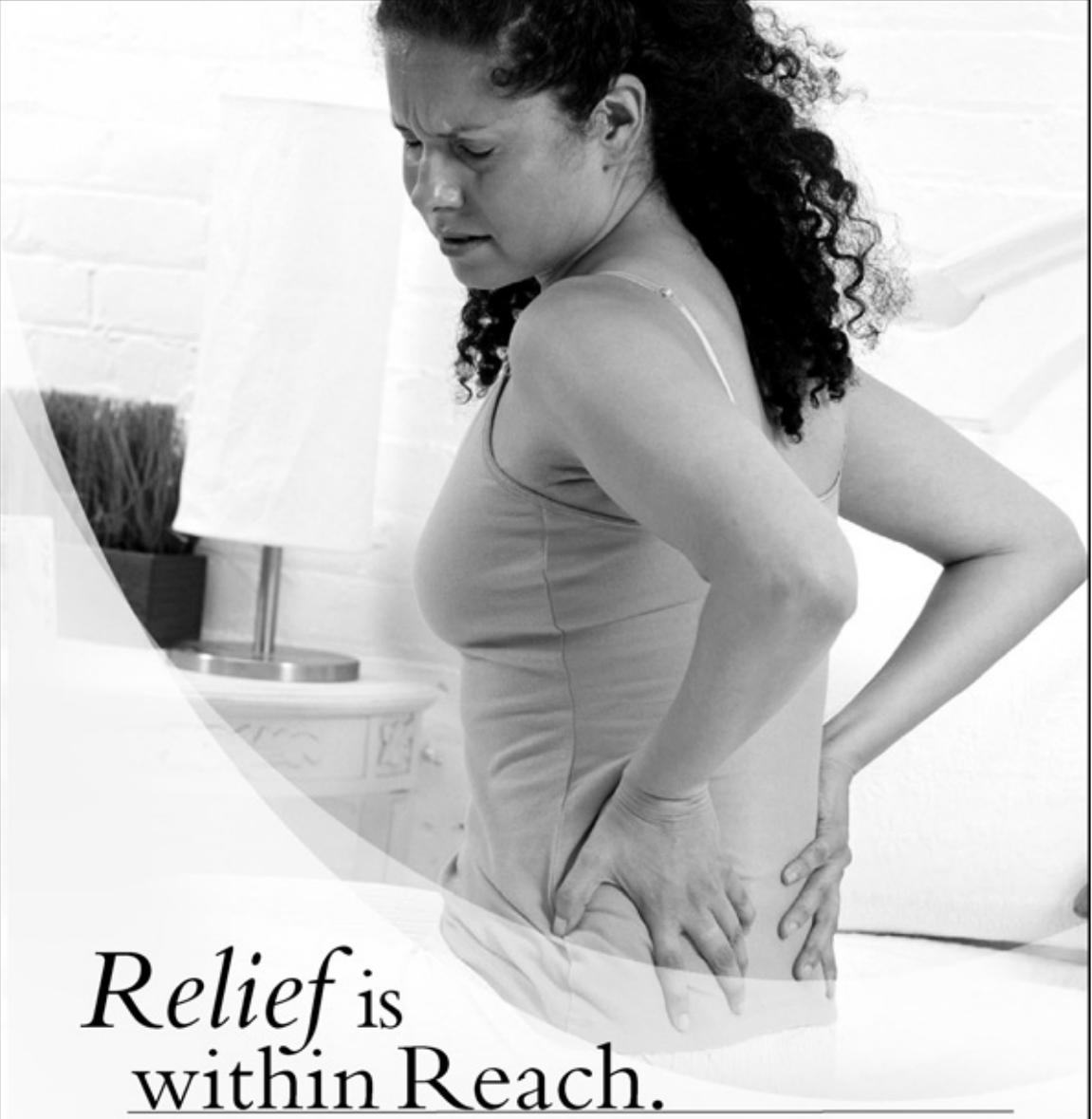
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Helping 'Invisible Children'

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Herndon High, playing an acoustic set of punk-folk music. Patchan, the main organizer of the event, became involved with Amnesty International because Bever recommended him to be in charge.

Attending American University's International School of Service in the fall, Patchan has interest in international affairs and the work with Invisible Children helped reinforce that interest. Patchan knows the effect the documentary has on viewers.

"It's a mixture of really terrifying things, yet it's inspirational," Patchan said. "Learning to deal with it as an individual person helps to encourage people to be more aware of the situation."

Patchan's mother, Julia Patchan, said her son has interest in going outside of the country.

"If that's what he wanted to do, it would be difficult," Mrs. Patchan said. "I would support him though."

Herndon High sophomore Ross Tamaccio hit the stage next, dedicating one of his songs to the children in Uganda.

"I think there are a lot of people that are being positive about it," said Tamaccio. "We can still do so much more. Everyone has so much potential."

Tamaccio viewed the documentary before the event and believes it motivates people to donate their time, talent, and money.

"I feel like it can get rid of the apathy on the situ-

Invisible Children

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ation," Tamaccio said. "People really don't think about Africa."

IN THE CHURCH GYM, a large wood board painted green with a white painting of the shape of Uganda rested on display. Throughout the evening, people painted messages and

pictures to help create more awareness of the situation.

The documentary ran for 90 minutes. After the showing, students gathered in groups to discuss their feelings on the Invisible Children's situation.

Ashleigh Markin's face appeared in awe after the documentary.

"Seeing it affects you a lot more," Markin said.

Markin said that she would visit the Web site to learn more on how to help.

It was also Herndon High freshman Caroline Malec's first viewing of the documentary.

"I want to be more involved," Malec said. "People are graduating who are in charge this year and I would like to continue it."

BEVER'S FAVORITE part of the evening was the group discussions.

"All the students really were affected in different ways," Bever said. "Some kids shut down and some were very emotional."

The event ended at 11 p.m. and raised an estimated \$749.

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Facing Finances after Graduation

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narios they then created a budget planning for transportation, clothing, entertainment and other expenses they might encounter.

"We feel [money skills] is one area that is very important, that is not covered by the academic curriculum. There is not a place where every student hears about budgeting, saving, how interest can work in your favor or against it, what a difference a style of housing makes, the importance of savings; they get these 'chance of life cards' and if they don't have savings they're in trouble. If they go into the negative numbers they may have to take a part-time job," said Linda Boyke, Career Center specialist.

Hopefully the students will take away from the experience how to "create a budget and realize there are choices in life," said Hayden.

The students learned the PYF principle: Pay yourself first, the idea of putting 10 percent into your savings right away rather than spending and then seeing what you have left. Students were cautioned about managing their money after they graduate and the importance of acquiring the skills

of creating a successful budget. Besides putting on the event, Northwest Federal Credit Union also awards a \$500 book scholarship to the winner of the Reality Store essay contest.

This month the president of the Dulles Regional Chamber, Eileen Curtis, and managing director of Northwest Federal Credit Union Foundation, Linda Rogus, were awarded the Career Connections Award by Fairfax County Public

Schools. The award was given for their sponsorship of the Reality Store. "Community partnerships — like the one we have with Northwest Federal Credit Union — are invaluable for our students. Activities such as the Reality Store provide students with important life skills and goal setting," said Herndon High School Principal Agustin Martinez.

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SCHOOLS

Brain Games at The Nysmith School

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At right, parents and students toss beanbags using multiple bags.

Herndon High Takes Part in Festival Disney

Herndon High School Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Jazz and Percussion Ensembles from Herndon took to the Walt Disney World Resort stage on April 10-11, during the fourth annual Festival Disney. During the event, the performers participated in adjudicated performances, personalized feedback clinics and a high-energy awards ceremony.

The festival series schedule includes two days of adjudicated performances, where band, choral, dance, auxiliary, jazz, and concert ensembles receive valuable written and recorded feedback from nationally recognized music educators. To conclude the event, groups are invited to the Festival Disney Awards Ceremony. All ensembles receive an exclusive Festival Disney Award, and every participant receives a Festival Disney Medal to commemorate their participation. Competing groups will vie for Best in Class and Festival Disney Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards.

Each director selects the group's classification and one of three adjudication categories when they register. The categories include Competition — where groups are rated and ranked for the top awards; Rat-



ings Only — where the ensemble is awarded a rating but not a ranking; and Comments Only — where the group receives only written and verbal feedback. Immediately following their performance, concert ensembles will participate in a feedback clinic with one of the adjudicators.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Herndon High School Orchestras, directed by Bette Gawinski, will perform contemporary and classical selections at their Spring concert on Wednesday, **May 28** at 7 p.m., in the Herndon High auditorium. Admission is free, and all are welcome. Awards received by both Symphonic and Concert orchestras this school year include receiving Superior (highest score) on all music performed at the District XII orchestra competition in March 2008. Both orchestras also participated at Festival Disney in Orlando in April 2008.

The Herndon Elementary Primary Musical, under the direction of

Dr. Becki Jones and Cara Chaapel, will be presented **June 5** at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium. The musical, entitled "Wackadoo Zoo", was written by Jill Gallina. All students in grades 1-3 will be participating. There are seven songs. The musical is a comedy centered around the plight of five groups of animals (lions, monkeys, pigs, goats, and cows) that employ a Professor of Linguistics to help them with their speech... (Lions say "Cock-a-doodle doo, etc.)

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Bulldogs End Herndon's Turnaround Season

Hornets give Stone Bridge all they can handle in region quarterfinals loss.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Herndon High's magical boys' soccer ride ended on the evening of March 22 when the Hornets fell to Stone Bridge, 1-0, in a highly contested post season match.

The Northern Region quarterfinals round game was played on the campus of Herndon High School.

Herndon, with the loss, saw its season end with a 15-2 overall record. The Hornets' lone regular season loss came to Concorde District rival Robinson. At the recent district tournament, Herndon garnered the title with a finals game win over Westfield.

At the 16-team regionals, the Hornets

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won their first game over Edison, setting them up to play Stone Bridge, one of the metropolitan area's premier teams and a 1-0 winner over West Potomac in a first round contest.

Stone Bridge entered the postseason as one of the region's teams to beat. But the Bulldogs were defeated by defending state AAA champion Jefferson in the Liberty District tournament finals. And they struggled a bit in their win over the Wolverines from West Potomac in the first round at regionals.

But the Bulldogs put together a solid all-around game against Herndon, putting the defensive clamps down on Hornet standout striker Sean Murnane and not allowing the home team to get off any real high percentage scoring chances.

The game's only goal came early in the second half when senior midfielder Nicholas Giffen got free off the left side and connected on a 20-yard crossing shot. Giffen, who has scored 11 goals this season, barely got the shot off as Murnane made a sliding attempt to thwart his attempt.

The score, which came with 34 minutes, 29 seconds remaining in the game, held up for Stone Bridge, which will next play on Wednesday, May 28 in a region semifinals affair set to take place at Yorktown High School in Arlington.

THE QUARTERFINALS round victory was



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Herndon soccer was flying high following its Concorde District title game win over Westfield.

"It's been a great turnaround year. Last year, we really didn't accomplish anything. I'm happy with what we've done this year."

—Herndon senior center midfielder Anatole Doak.

huge for the Bulldogs and assured Stone Bridge of its first trip to the region final four in coach Randy May's four seasons at the helm of the program.

Stone Bridge, in May's first season as head coach in 2005, competed in the Dulles District. That season saw the Bulldogs qualify for the Region II playoffs where they went as far as the quarterfinals.

Stone Bridge joined the Northern Region in 2006 and Stone Bridge reached the Liberty District tournament finals that year, where they lost to Langley. Last year, the Bulldogs saw their season end with a quarterfinals round region playoff loss to Westfield.

From the start of the current season, expectations were high for Stone Bridge, which had 12 seniors back in its line-up. To a man, the Bulldogs wanted to go further at regionals then they had before in May's tenure. And with the win over Herndon, the Bulldogs have accomplished that.

"We've taken another step," said May, who prior to coming to Stone Bridge led West

Springfield to three state AAA titles (2001, '02, '04). "We were a little short last year. I think today's win helped establish a level of confidence we might have lost in the [district finals loss to Jefferson] last Friday night."

HERNDON, meanwhile, re-established itself this season as one of the region's powerful forces. This was the season in which former Hornet coach Sean Lanigan, who led Herndon to three region titles between 1996 and 2000, returned to take over the program, which had experienced tough times in recent springs.

Lanigan brought his magic to the program this season. The Hornets were also boosted by the addition of Murnane, a junior who transferred to Herndon from Westfield prior to the current school year. Lanigan, with both Murnane and senior center midfielder Christian McLaughlin as the team's anchors, led the Hornets to the Concorde crown and prominence once again.

"It's been a great turnaround year," said Herndon senior center midfielder Anatole Doak. "Last year, we really didn't accomplish anything. I'm happy with what we've done this year."

Doak expressed natural disappointment of his team's loss to Stone Bridge, but credited the Bulldogs.

"It's just disappointing," he said. "You have to give credit to Stone Bridge. They played hard and they got a goal. They defended hard and kept hitting the ball forward. They have good players up top."

Coach May said his team was focused on trying to slow down Murnane, who had scored the game-winner in the final minute of play in Herndon's district finals win over Westfield.

"Sean's a class player," said May. "He's always in and around the ball. We needed two guys around him. And Christian McLaughlin in the middle of the field is a quality player."

Added Stone Bridge senior standout Ronnie Shaban, "Sean is as good as he's cracked up to be. Our defenders did really well on him. We didn't let him get behind us."

Of the game's only goal in which Giffen found the net, May credited Shaban with setting things up with a ball to sophomore forward Mike Herndon to the left. Ultimately on the sequence, Giffen got a chance with the ball on the left side of the field.

"Nick did what he's been doing all season," said May. "He had a chance [to score] and he did."

The Bulldogs had been struggling in recent games during the postseason. The loss to the Colonials in the district finals was particularly tough because Stone Bridge had out-shot Jefferson 15 to five and had six corners to Jefferson's none. But Jefferson still came away with the win.

"We missed easy chances against T.J.," said May.

Stone Bridge found itself once again against Herndon. Now, the Bulldogs are within one win of advancing to the finals and automatically garnering a state playoff seeding.

"Our intensity and whole attitude [was great]," said Shaban, of the Herndon win. "We all came out fired up."

IN ITS FIRST round game at regionals, Herndon's 4-1 victory over Edison was tempered as a result of a broken leg suffered late in the contest to senior right back Eric Meyers.

Meyers had to be carted away in an ambulance with four minutes remaining in the game as a result of the injury.

The entire team shared in the popular players' pain as hundreds of fans and supporters chanted Eric's name as he was being carted off the pitch.

In the game, Herndon came alive late to get past the visiting Eagles, members of the National District. Anatole Doak, (7 goals 6 assists on the season) was able to break through the midfield late in the first half and blast a shot from the top of the box that deflected off of an Edison defender and bounced into the net, breaking a scoreless tie. The Edison keeper had committed to dive for the original shot.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As the price of oil goes up, up, up, my ability to maintain my "normal" lifestyle (what there is of it) goes down, down, down. The collateral damage to the international, national, local and extremely local (meaning my house) economies caused by oil's continuing price escalation continues to cascade onto a multiplicity of other goods and services. Aside from all the obvious energy-related industries and products, the price of food, more so even than merely the transporting of it to market, is being felt up and down the food chain; from seeding and planting to growing to harvesting to packaging; the pressure, the pain is more than simply at the pump. And ultimately all this discomfort will be passed along to the consumer as reflected in many of the products available for sale at your local supermarket.

What are we consumers to do? Do we pay more to eat less? Or do we try, somehow, to eat more while paying less? I have chosen the latter. Who wouldn't prefer to pay less while eating more? I definitely do and so too does a co-worker of mine. And how do I know this? I know this because I was asked to do something — with her — that hurts no one, yet could help the two of us and the families we consumer advocate for, really significantly. The question asked of me was if I'd be interested in exchanging — with one another — our unused manufacturer's coupons ("Red Plum," "Smart Source," "Walassis," "PG," etc.) typically inserted into the Sunday newspapers.

As many of you know, presumably, there are dollars — and some cents — in them th'ar editions. And those dollars can be well spent, especially if they (the coupons) are for products (and to a much lesser degree, services) that one would be buying anyway, and multiples of, if you had the cash flow and/or the storage to accommodate the overflow. And since these manufacturer's coupons are usable only once, having seconds and thirds in hand could allow a consumer to buy in a more modest bulk than they might otherwise buy; without adversely affecting the family's budget disproportionately, shall we say, to all the other demands on those very same dollars.

Given the fact that such "couponing" has always been a consuming passion of mine, I was delighted to receive the offer, and flattered as well. So delighted in fact, that I neglected to tell my co-worker that I will have two complete sets of these same Sunday coupons to hand over as I already have a similar arrangement with my mother. (She really can't be bothered clipping coupons anymore. I clip them for her, however, and use them for either one of us, as the case may be. Subsequently — and quite coincidentally — I later learned that my co-worker likewise has already been exchanging coupons with her mother, too.)

And so it appears, that at the end of the day (or night) the two of us will have tripled/quadrupled our cache of coupons. All of which means that the two of us will be spending significantly less money on food/household products/pet supplies, etc., this summer/fall than we would have otherwise, thereby enabling our respective families to have a bit of extra money. And who couldn't benefit from a bit of extra money? (Other than Exxon/Mobil, Shell, Chevron, Gulf, BP, etc., that is.)

Moreover, given the recession/non recession-type lack of growth that our national/local economy is experiencing it would seem to be extremely prudent and practical planning to maintain a similar lack of growth as concerns our own personal costs of living and so our coupon exchange has begun. If the Federal Government's supply and demand, laissez-faire-type attitude with respect to the price of a barrel of crude oil persists, then I have limited other options, practically speaking, other than to coupon exchange. Nor can I worry about whether these ends will justify the means. I only know it's a means to an end.

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Through Thursday, **May 29, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** is teaming up with 15 area Uno's Chicago Grill restaurants to raise some dough to find a cure for blood cancers. To join in, people simply need to visit any of the participating Uno's (dine-in OR carry-out) and tell their server they are there to support The Leukemia & Society. Uno's will donate up to 20 percent of the check total to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services.

Dr. Chris Neibauer of **Neibauer Dental Care** has announced the grand opening of their new upscale, location in Woodland Park in Herndon.

Command Information, the premier provider of next generation network services, announced the appointment of Lieutenant General Kenneth A. Minihan (Ret.) to the company's Board of Directors.

Joseph R. Turrisi, III, president of The Turrisi Companies, LLC, is pleased to announce that **John F. McIntyre** has joined the firm as a Commercial Leasing and Property Management Associate. Mr. McIntyre has over 20 years experience in property acquisition, leasing, and property management throughout Virginia and the mid Atlantic region. Mr. McIntyre's experience is in office, flex, industrial and multi family properties.

Digicon Corporation, an IT services and solutions firm announced recently that they have moved their corporate headquarters to 510 Spring St., in Herndon to better serve the needs of their clients and to remain centrally located for staff. Digicon provides IT support services for federal, state, local government and commercial enterprise.

The Peterson Companies announced recently that three buildings on its Dulles Discovery campus in Herndon have been awarded certification by the U.S. Green Building Council under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System. In order to

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Carolina Mosquera of **Weichert, Realtors' Herndon Office**, has been recognized for achievements in March.

Leading the office in sales, listings, and total units was Mosquera. She is a member of Weichert's Chairman's Club and President's Gold Club. The latter signifying a high level of sales financed through Weichert Financial. Additionally, she speaks Spanish fluently giving her the ability to serve the diverse community.

In addition to monthly accolades, Mosquera led the Weichert region in resales and resale revenue units. The region consists of 18 offices throughout Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Weichert, Realtors' Herndon office sales associates have been recognized for achievements in February. Million Dollar Club member **Dana Durr** led the office in sales. Leading the office in listings and total volume was **Carolina Mosquera**. Mosquera is a member of Weichert's Chairman's Club and President's Gold Club. The latter signifying a high level of sales financed through Weichert Financial. In addition to monthly accolades, Mosquera led the Weichert region in resale listings. The region consists of 18 offices throughout Virginia and the District of Columbia.

In March at the **Herndon/Reston Long & Foster** office, **Virgilio Vasquez** was the group

achieve LEED certification, the 402,000 sf Dulles Discovery office complex was designed and constructed to emphasize five main areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, energy efficiency, water savings, materials selection, indoor environmental quality.

As a result, the campus buildings consume more than 20 percent less energy and 40 percent less water, provide healthier indoor work environments, and have less of an overall environmental impact than traditionally developed buildings of the same size and use. The three buildings compose the first phase of the 54-acre Dulles Discovery complex located on Route 28 near the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum. Dulles Discovery I Office Building earned LEED Silver certification while the Visitor Center and Central Plant each earned LEED Gold certification.

Eleven employees at Herndon-based **EDS** were recognized at the **2008 Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference**, held recently in Baltimore, Md. Nine employees supporting EDS' U.S. government business and two EDS employees supporting non-government business were presented Modern Day Technology Leader awards.

The Modern Day Technology Leaders Award recognizes professionals of color who are shaping the future of engineering, science and technology through outstanding performance and achievements. **William Baucom**, project manager, EDS Navy Marine Corps Intranet, received an award in the Modern Day Technology Leaders category. Seven award recipients support EDS' Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives business: **Yukia Harris**, quality assurance manager; **Robert Holder**, account executive; **Horace Jamison**, enterprise architecture-new technology manager; **Renee Jones**, software engineer manager/senior project analyst; **Nathaniel Wayne Lewis**, chief technology officer; **David Payne**, project analyst; **Reba Reddish**, technical organization manager. One award recipient is from EDS' ExcellerateHRO organization, which provides human resources consulting and business process execution to clients around the globe: **Dyke Simpson**, application data architect. Two EDS employees who support General Motors business operations also received an award: **Aaron Hart**, information specialist and **Kenneth Murray**, information security analyst.

Additionally, **Cozy Bailey**, head of business relations, EDS U.S. Government and Public Sector, was recently selected by the editorial staff of U.S. Black Engineer & Information Technology magazine as one of the "Nation's Top Blacks in Technology."

Bailey was also recognized at the conference, for his progressive leadership within EDS and for promoting access to technology.

top producer, lister, seller and the agent with the most new listings (33) with a sales volume of \$2.8 million. **Piedad Suarez** was the individual producer with a sales volume of \$1.4 million. At the **Reston Long & Foster** office, **Boofie O'Gorman** was the top producer and the top seller with a sales volume of \$5.7 million; **Margaret Hollar** was the top lister; and both **Jennifer Griffith** and **Margaret Hollar** had the most new listings (12 each).

Weichert Realtors will offer free career seminars in the following area locations. Call to confirm reservations:

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At the Herndon/Reston **Long & Foster** office, the **Virgilio Vasquez Group** was the top producer, top lister, and top seller and the agents with the most new listings (15). The **Thurman-Harper Team** was the top producing team/individual with \$1.6 million in sales volume.

Northern Virginia based real estate firm, **National Realty** had more than a sale a day in the month of March. Among the agents that have joined the firm in March are: **Jacques Thimothée**, **Keith Thompson**, **Sam Uyu**, **Chad Alhasasneh**, and **Duc Nguyen**.

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- 23 Umbrella part
- 25 Launch of 1986
- 27 What boxer #2 was
- 36 Slice of history
- 37 "— so right!"
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- 49 What boxer #2 then had to do
- 52 Late Cabinet Secretary Brown
- 53 White House souvenir
- 54 Draft org.
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- 61 Swindler's name, possibly
- 65 What the boxers and fans now do
- 68 "What a shame!"
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- 70 Say — (deny)
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 Resort style living in Fairfax County! 4BR, 3.5BA former model home w/countless upgrades & gleaming hdwds. 2-story foyer, 3-car side gar, corner lot, alarm/sound/sprinkler systems. Lots of light, walk to pool, tennis, huge deck overlooks lake! Fin W/O bsmnt w/huge windows, custom bar, full BA, exercise rm, OAKTON HS.

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 3BR, 3.5BA TH in excellent condition w/new kitchen and baths, copper pipes, heat pump, siding, windows only 2 yrs young, deck. Backs to trees, all in sought after Countryside! Won't last long!

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 5BR, 4.5BA, sf in Lowe's Island, views the Potomac! Open floor plan w/hardwoods, 2-sided FP in huge MBR, fin basement walks out to patio, deck off kitchen, 2 more fireplaces in LR & FR. Office on main level and maintenance free.

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Close to Everything!
 Beautiful 1st floor 2BR, 1BA condo in North Point! Wood floors, granite counters, 42" cherry cabinets. Patio off LR, separate dining area. Convenient to North Point & Reston Town Center!




Herndon \$389,900
Come Home!
 Beautiful and bright 3BR, 2.5BA home w/many updates inc: kitchen app, water heater, heat pump, carpet, fresh paint, gutters, garage door & opener. No HOA! Gorgeous yard w/large deck.

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Reston \$245,000
Location, Location!
 2BR, 1BA condo in the perfect location - close to shops, dining & transportation! It's so homey w/wood burning FP, patio, loads of pkg for you & your guests. New carpet & windows and all of Reston amenities.

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Leesburg \$490,000
Gorgeous Colonial!
 5BR, 3.5BA w/3 fin levels, 2 car garage, updated kit w/SS app, breakfast area opening to large deck. FR w/stone FP. Totally fin bsmnt w/ rec rm, BR & full bath.

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Ashburn \$475,000
Great Buy!
 4BR, 2.5BA, fresh paint, newer siding, roof, updated kitchen, ceramic floors, huge MBR w/sitting room & lux garden bath, deck & fenced-in yard. Located on private cul-de-sac in Ashburn Village. Walk to pools, parks, tennis courts, bike path, Sports Pavilion & shopping. Close to all major rds.

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Summer Delight!
 Beautiful stone work sets this home apart in the heart of Herndon. 4BR, 2.5BA, hdwds throughout, in-ground pool, hot tub, heated, oversized detached garage, updated windows & much more!

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Ashburn \$430,500
Has it All!
 3BR, 2.5BA gorgeous TH in Belmont CC inc 3 levels, deck, crown molding, hdwds, FP, skylight, bay window. Gour kit, fin bsmnt, great storage, 2-zone HVAC, window treatments & Belmont CC amenities in HOA.

Call Leslie 703-895-6000




Reston \$699,999
Renovated & Nestled in the Woods!
 This charming home is surrounded by prof landscaped gardens-worth well over \$100,000. 4BR, 3.5BA, fin RR w/FBA, library off MB w/FP. Monet styled MBA w/Jacuzzi & 6' picture window, walls of glass. Sunroom overlooks deck, patio & gardens! 15K towards closing costs.

Call Alicia 703-623-0463 or Aliciayo@comcast.net



Reston \$449,999
Shows Like a Model!
 4BR, 2.5.5 BA completely renovated end unit TH on oversized heavily treed lot. Updates inc: Hi eff windows, sgd throughout home, expanded MBR, ceramic tile BA's, deck w/spiral staircase, patios, counters, maple cbnts, kit appl, custom paint and so much more! Must be seen!




Sterling \$324,000
Central Park at Lowe's Island
 2BR, 2BA condo in a 55+ active adult community w/large rooms, 1 car front load garage, balcony- all on one level! The simplified life style with all the conveniences of a lovely home.

Deborah Jackson




Sterling \$160,000
Great Opportunity for First Time Buyers!
 3BR, 2.5BA, 3 lvl TH, well maintained w/newer carpet, stove, foyer & kit flooring. Basement w/full BA, den & large laundry rm. Spacious open floor plan. Large fenced deck. Great location-close to schools, shops & major rds.

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